

Stevens Twin Sinks (Sinkholes) And Mystery Valley (Earthcracks)

It is a drive of about 20 minutes NW of Alpena to get to the Stevens Twin Sinks in the Thunder Bay Karst Preserve. These sinks are open to the public and owned by the Michigan Karst Conservancy (www.michigankarst.org).



There is a small parking lot at the Stevens Twin Sinks site. You should at least walk the narrow path between the two sinks (see picture to the left) it will take about 15 minutes. While the path does go around both sinks (but NOT down into them), the view into the sinks is limited. A third sink, Bruski Sink, is located across the road from the entrance to Stevens Twin Sinks. Bruski sink is undeveloped.

The Mystery Valley site is about 10 minutes north. Parking is very limited at the entrance to Mystery Valley. Definitely hike the Earth Crack Trail (~1½ hr). This path is well-marked and while not on flat ground, is an easy hike (see picture to the right). The path into the lakebed and to the swallow hole is a longer, more difficult hike and is often ‘moist’ (aka wet). If the lake has drained completely, the long hike to the swallow hole can be worth the effort. Collecting is not allowed at either site without pre-approval from MKC.



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- Mystery Valley, click [HERE](#)