

11. Lower Tischer Creek Route



View from Lakewalk bridge near 34th, photo spot #1

Highlights: Glensheen Mansion, the 34th Ave. bridge, the Congdon Park canyon are all incredible places to explore and have fun.

Parking and Directions: At the eastern end of I35 take the 26th Ave. Exit and turn head up the hill. Turn right just past the Holiday gas station and go to the end of the alley. There you will find the **parking lot for the Duluth Lakewalk**. Head down the hill and keep to left trail heading east.

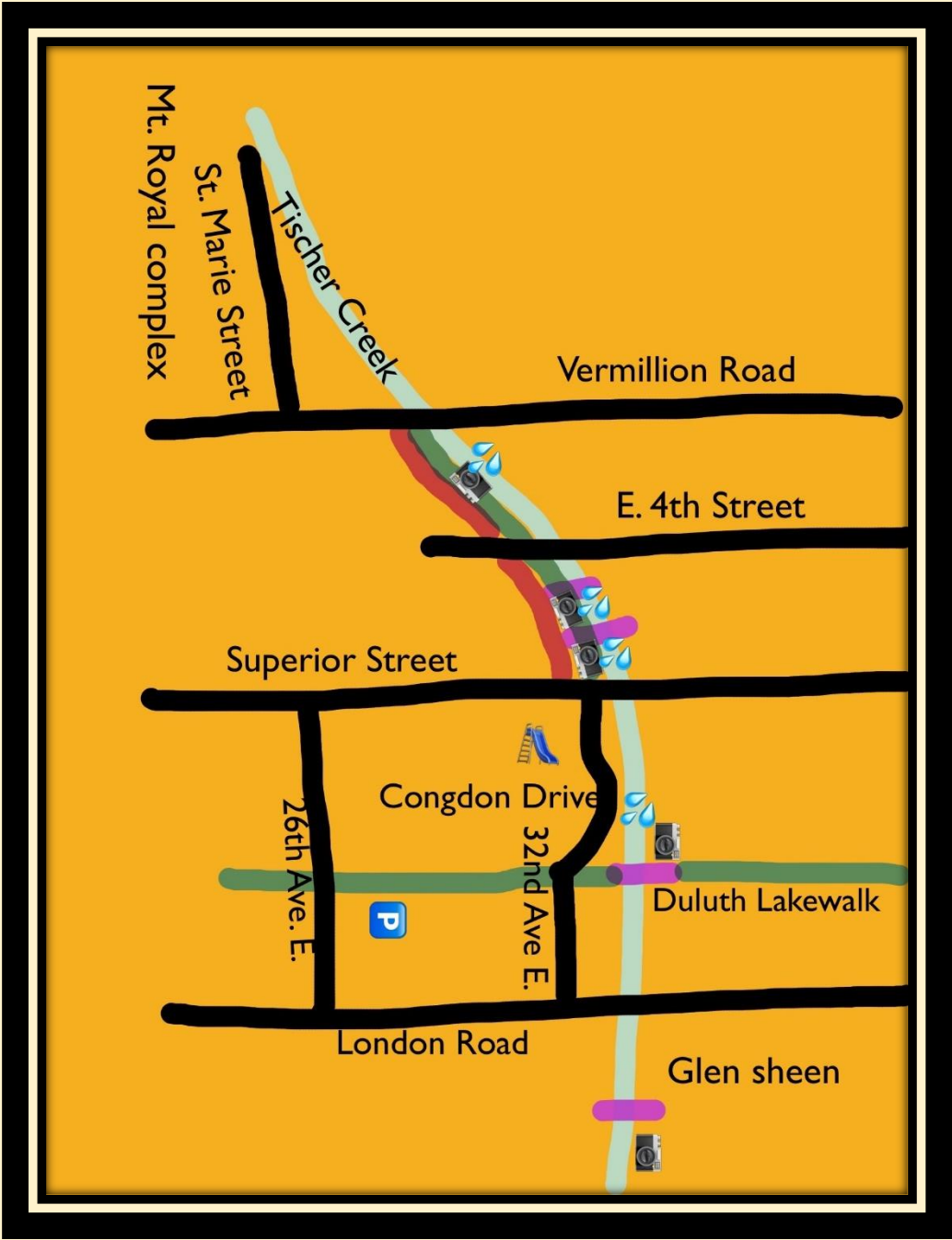
Distance: 3.5 miles Out and Back

Difficulty: easy

Recommended for: all hikers



Lakewalk sign 26th Ave. E.



The Route:

Mile 1: You head down the Lakewalk trail stay to your left with the RR tracks on your right. The trail soon enters a wooded area and you will need to cross a street. About a half-mile in you come to 34th street. Once you cross 34th St. you will see a **large bridge** that crosses **Tischer Creek**. There are great views both sides of the bridge. **This is photo spot #1**. After taking photos on the bridge, **head back to 34th** and **head north up the sidewalk**. You will come to **Superior St.** and check out the **views on the Superior St. bridge on both sides of the street**. **Head to the left side of the upper side of Superior St.** where you will find a set of rock stairs heading down to the creek. Once down you will be in a different land all together. You will be in a red rock canyon with a set of bridges crossing over Tischer Creek. After the bridges you will see a long waterfall coming down the hill. **This is photo spot #2**. At the bottom of the waterfall to your left is another set of rock stairs heading out of the canyon. Follow the trail up the hill until you see a large platform rock with a path leading down to it. **This is photo spot #3**. Continue up the hill crossing 4th St. into a beautiful wooded area with small waterfalls and pools. Just before you get to **Vermillion Road**, a path leads to the right up through huge pine trees and another great photo spot. **This is photo spot #4**.

Mile 2: Once up on Vermillion Road check out the bridge to your right for more views of the creek. Head up the sidewalk crossing Vermillion and then Wallace Ave. **Go up St. Marie street** to the Mount Royal complex which includes **Bulldog Pizza and Grill** [Bulldog Pizza & Grill \(bulldogpizzaandgrill.com\)](http://bulldogpizzaandgrill.com) , **Chilly Billys** <https://www.chillybillys.com/> as well as a coffee shop and bakery at **Mt. Royal Fine Foods** grocery store. [Home - Mount Royal Market](#) If you are careful check out the creek side of St. Marie with its bridges and interesting homes.

Mile 3&4: When returning to the parking lot, you can take **the paved bike trail from Vermillion Road to Superior St.** The bike trail is a straight downhill through the tall pines.

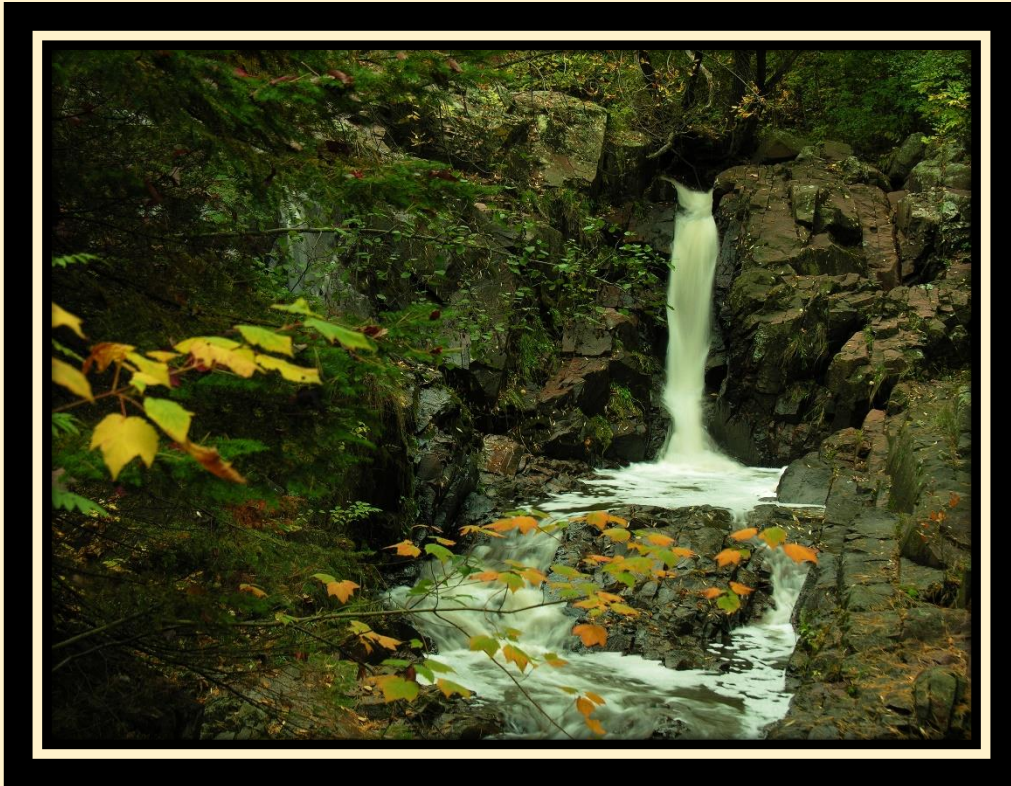
Extended Route: Before or after heading east on the Lakewalk take the path heading south towards the lake. **Go through the R.R. Tunnel** under London Road and turn left. Follow the **sidewalk along London Road to the entrance to Glensheen Mansion** and follow the signs for the information house at the south end of the parking lot. You will need **to pay five dollars** for entry to the Mansion Gardens and outside property. This will add up to 2 miles to your hike. **Also see the description of Glensheen under Family Friendly.**

Family Friendly Route: there are two choices for a family friendly hike. Hike the first part of the trail including the bridge over Tischer Creek at 34th Ave. E. But just before getting to Superior Street, head left to the **Congdon School playground**. The other choice is to head

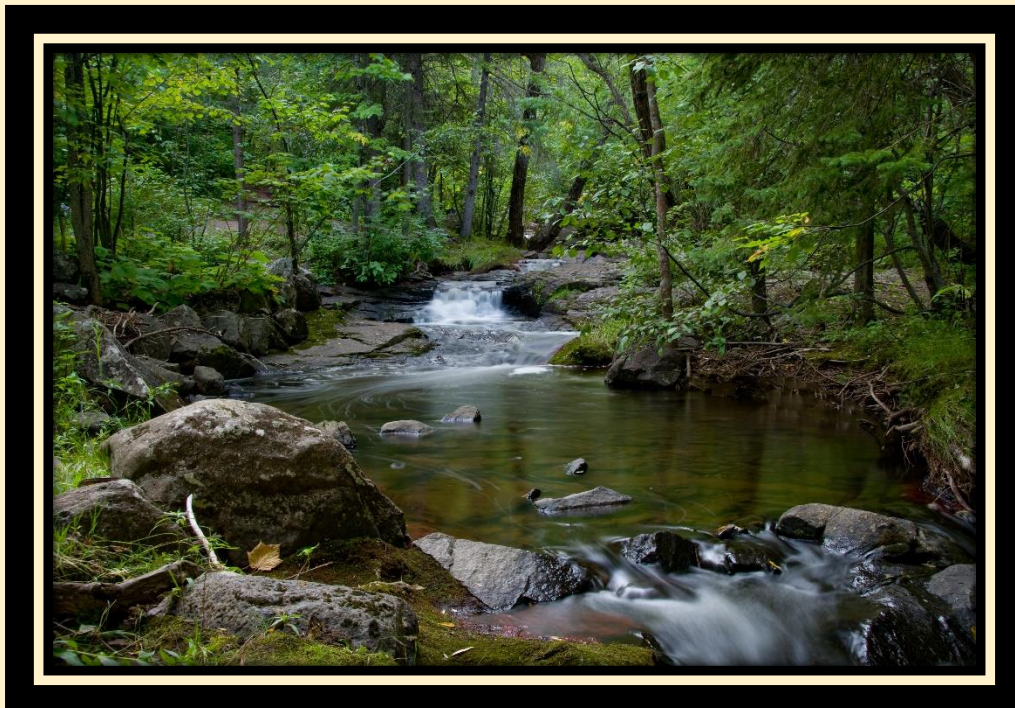
down to the right path from the parking lot and head to the **RR Tunnel** and **Glensheen Mansion**. In the summer Glensheen offers coffee and donuts in the morning or Love ice cream in the afternoon. Wednesday evenings there is live music on the shore with food trucks, craft beer and wine for sale. Kids love exploring the beach area and grounds. Glensheen also has a scavenger hunt inside the Mansion using books sold for \$2.



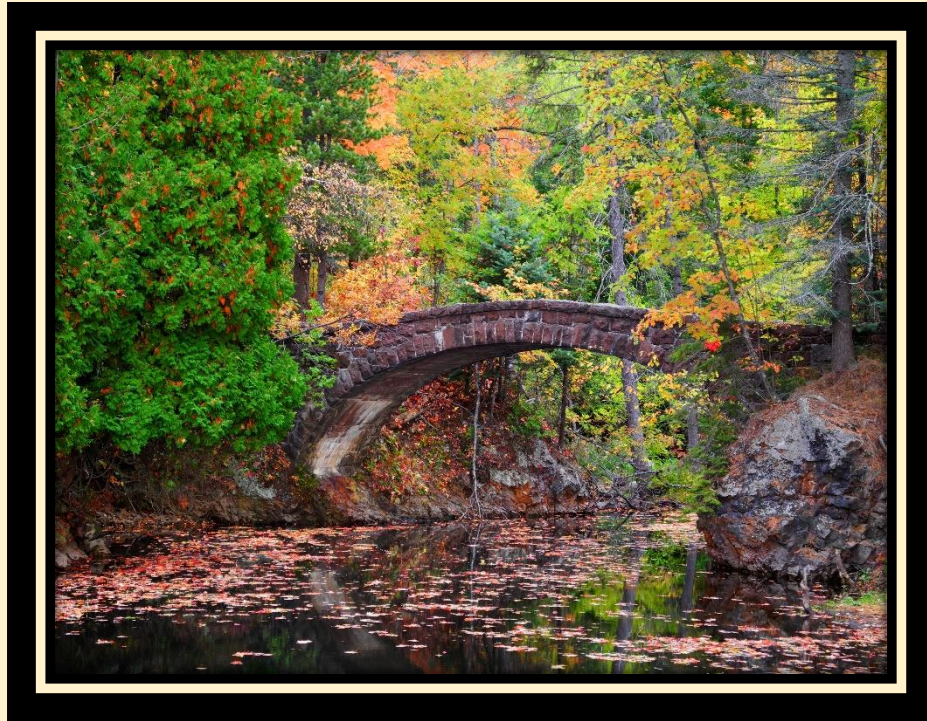
View looking up the large waterfall after the two bridges in the canyon, photo spot #2



View from large rock outcrop up stream, photo spot #3



View from trail just above 4th Street, photo spot #4



View of Glensheen stone bridge, photo spot #5

After the hike:

This trail has so many options for fun and exploration by any age hiker. Not to mention many spots for great photos any time of the year. Many places for food and a craft beer, such as [Bulldog Pizza & Grill \(bulldogpizzaandgrill.com\)](http://bulldogpizzaandgrill.com), [Vanilla Bean Restaurant - Two Harbors & Duluth \(thevanillabean.com\)](http://thevanillabean.com), [Black Woods Grill & Bar, Duluth, Minnesota Restaurant](#). Add to that list [Home - Mount Royal Market](#) and [Glensheen Mansion | Historic Congdon Estate | Open Weekends](#)

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