

Snow Terrain Park

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Since purchasing the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in 2018, the Lodge leadership has been working to operate year-round. In March 2020, it was announced that the Lodge would have winter operations, and be a year-round operation.

During the summer of 2020, as Keweenaw Mountain Lodge leadership explored the winter outdoor activities for year-round operations, research was done on the snow terrain park that was operated by the county at the Lodge during the winters of 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. In mapping out the existing snow terrain park, it showed that part of the snow terrain park was on the property that was sold in 2018 and part of it was on county property.

So in August 2020, the Lodge approached Keweenaw County to revitalize the snow terrain park in the same area where it operated during the winters of 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. With the original snow terrain park partly on Lodge property and partly on county property, the Lodge requested to have an easement put in place in order to operate the snow terrain park starting in the 2020-2021 winter. This proposal is provided below:

- [KML Snow Terrain Park – Conceptual Plan](#) (*initial proposal that was presented at the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioner's meeting on August 19, 2020*)

PROPOSED FUTURE

It is proposed to revitalize the terrain park to create an additional outdoor winter activity in the Keweenaw [name of terrain park yet to be determined]. The same location of the original terrain park will be used. The length of the terrain park would be 350-400 feet.

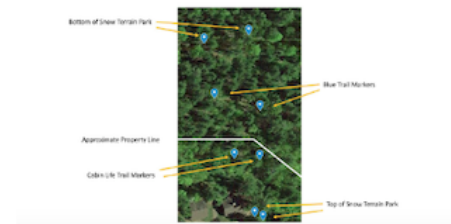
With the sale of the Lodge by the county in 2018, part of the original terrain park is on Lodge property, and part of the terrain park is on property that the county did not sell with the Lodge transaction. Thus, the proposed terrain park would be on both private and public property.

LOCATION

- The terrain park is located behind cabins 23 and 24 of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge (14252 US Hwy 41, Copper Harbor, MI 44918), starting on Lodge property and extending onto county property.



The map below indicates the outline of the terrain park and the location of the trees that have lights on them. The acreage of the terrain park is approximately 0.55 acres. A line on the map roughly indicates the property line separation between property owned by Keweenaw County and property owned by Keweenaw Resort, LLC.



February 2010, Snowboarders using the snow terrain park



February 2011, Video of the snowboarders using the terrain park (from YouTube)



The land is currently unused during the winter time. During the summer time, there are two trails on the property, Blue Trail and Cabin Life, which are maintained by the Copper Harbor Trails Club.

The snow terrain park is only one piece of the many winter outdoor activities that are currently in place and envisioned in the Keweenaw.

- Cross-country skiing (10k of trails in Copper Harbor, the tracks of Seashellwood & Michigan Tech exist)
- Downhill skiing (Mt. Bohemia)
- Fat tire (bikes)
- Snowmobiling

The county commissioners examined the proposal during multiple meetings in August and September. After review and discussion, it was decided that the county would like to sell the property, as they did not want to have the liability of the snow terrain park along with the liability that goes along with the mountain biking trails on the entire property the county owned adjacent to the Lodge. The Lodge was a willing buyer for the adjacent property (~380 acres). Until the property purchase is finalized, the snow terrain park is on hold.

[[Learn more about the property purchase](#)]