

WOOD COUNTY PARKS

YOUR GUIDE TO WOOD COUNTY PARKS AND ACTIVITIES

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WELCOME

Welcome, from the Park and Forestry Department! This copy of the Wood County Park & Forestry Brochure is intended to help you enjoy your stay in the park, by providing as much information as possible about the facilities and services available in and around the park areas.

Wood County Parks Offer Variety

Wood County maintains five major parks (three of which have campgrounds), four park areas including a 400 acre ATV (all-terrain vehicle) area, and 38,000 acres of public forest land, ideal for hunting, hiking, berry picking, etc. We offer great facilities to have fun at including; facilities for family outings, picnics, boating, camping, water sports, swimming, playgrounds, hiking, fishing and hunting.

Wood County Parks Open April 29 through October 31, 2016

This year parks will open April 29th and close October 31, 2016, except for a designated camping area in Dexter County Park, which remains open through the deer gun season. Nepco County Park remains open year round with the shelter building reservable throughout the year. Park hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We invite you to use and enjoy all of the Wood County Parks and public forest lands.

Contact Us

If we have failed to provide something of particular interest to you, the park staff will try to provide you with the information you are seeking, or contact the Wood County Park & Forestry Department office at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids, 715-421-8422, or visit our website.

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CAMPING POLICY & PARK FEES

Self Registration

If you have not made a reservation in advance, you may select a campsite that is not marked as reserved. Before setting up camp, fill out a self-registration form at the fee station for the chosen site. Place the proper fee into the envelope and drop the envelope into the collection box. Place proper portion of fee envelope on vehicle dash board (lower left side). Place proper portion of fee envelope on post at campsite. If camping more than two days, please check with the camp ranger for campsite reservations (ie. Wednesday before 3:00 p.m. for a Friday date of occupancy). Proceed to set up camp at registered campsite.

Advance Reservation

If a reservation has been made, campers may proceed to set up camp on their reserved site. Campers should have confirmation information with them. Campers may occupy the site until 12:00 noon (check out time). Campsite must be cleaned and vacated by 12:00 noon. Sunday checkout time is 3:00 p.m., unless site is reserved for Sunday night.

Handicapped Campsite Reservation

Each campground will have at least one campsite designated for use by handicapped campers. Advance reservations for handicapped campsites can be made by handicapped campers only (possession of a Wisconsin disabled card or disabled license plate required). Handicapped sites that are not reserved will be held open and can be registered to non-handicapped campers for one day only with camp ranger approval after 10:00 a.m.

Group Camping Policy

Dexter Park and North Wood County Park both have an established Group Site Area. The group sites must be reserved through the office at 715-421-8422. At Dexter Park, three group camping sites have also been created, providing camping for 6-8 units together (see map for location of these sites).

DEXTER PARK GROUP SITE RESERVATION RULES

There are Three (3) group camping sites for Dexter Park, created from the area formerly known as Overflow Two.

- Initial reservations for the Group site areas must be made in advance through the office only. Additional units with that group (up to maximum allowed) will then be able to self-register at the campground.
- Area has access to vault toilets and hand pump.

Group Site 1 (GS1)

- A minimum of 4 camping units are required for registration. There must be at least 4 units on the site for the duration of the reservation.
- A maximum of 8 total camping units at any time.

Group Site 2 (GS2)

- A minimum of 3 camping units are required for registration. There must be at least 3 units on the site for the duration of the reservation.
- A maximum of 6 total camping units at any time.

Group Site 3 (GS3)

- A minimum of 4 camping units are required for registration. There must be at least 4 units on the site for the duration of the reservation.
- A maximum of 8 total camping units at any time.

NORTH WOOD COUNTY PARK GROUP SITE RESERVATION RULES

There is one group camping site at North Wood County Park. Advance reservations must be made through the office. Self-registration can be done the day of camping at the campground, provided the site is still available.

- A minimum of 2 camping units are required if self-registering on the group area the day of camping, and a minimum of 3 camping units are required if reserving in advance.
- No more than 4 mobile campers are allowed. (RV; Travel Trailer; Tent Camper)
- A maximum of 8 total camping units at any time. (mobile campers & tents)
- If reserved in advance, 3 units must be on site at all times.

Camper Storage Policy

Wood County allows storage of campers, charging \$60.00 per month, or \$15.00 per week. The following criteria applies for any camper being stored in any of the Wood County Park & Forestry campgrounds:

- Camping storage is allowed in loops 2 & 3 at Dexter Park, on Hawthorne Hill at North Park, and the first loop at South Park.
- A camping storage contract/letter must be signed by the camper and the storage fee collected for the proper amount/length of time camper will be stored prior to allowing the unit to be stored in any of the County parks.
- To allow campers to be stored, normally these campers are stored in a designated camping storage area at each park. During the Wisconsin hunting season (normally starting the second weekend of September), units would be allowed to be stored in the defined loops as described above, provided that the camping fee is collected in advance for the following weekend.



- If the camper is not returning the following week and storage is longer than one week, the unit must be moved off the site and stored at a designated area in the campground for camper storage.

FEES

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| Non-Electrical Sites..... | \$16.00 |
| Electrical Sites..... | \$21.00 |
| Water - Sewer Sites..... | \$28.00 |
| Reservation Fee..... | \$10.00 |
| Rack of Wood..... | \$5.00 |
| Ice..... | \$2.00 - \$5.00 |
| Showers..... | No Charge |
| Dump Fee for non-campers | \$6.00 |
| Camper Storage after Sept. 15 (per week) in designated storage area..... | \$15.00 |

SPECIAL RATES FOR ALL PARKS

Five (5) consecutive nights for:

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| Non-Electrical Sites..... | \$64.00 |
| Electrical Sites..... | \$84.00 |
| Water/Sewer Sites..... | \$112.00 |

CAMPGROUND RESERVATION POLICY

• Online Campsite Reservations at www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks

- The Wood County Park & Forestry Department will take reservations for camping eleven (11) months or less in advance (ie. a campground reservation for July 1-4, 2017 can be made on August 1, 2016, or any date thereafter.) 10% of the sites are designated as non-reservable.
- Reservations can be made for camping from the Memorial Day weekend thru mid-September. Camping before the Memorial Day weekend or after mid-September is on a first come, first serve basis (self-registration only).
- On-site registration for non-reserved sites begin April 29th at the campground through the park closing date, October 31st, except Dexter Park, which remains open for camping through the deer gun season.
- A \$10.00 reservation fee will be charged per reservation.
- No reservations will be made for a campsite later than 2 days prior to the initial date of occupancy (ie. Wednesday before 3:00 p.m. for a Friday date of occupancy).
- Reservations are not accepted at the campgrounds. Reservations may be made by: Telephone (with credit card only) Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in person at the office (with VISA, Mastercard, cash or check), or online at www.co.wi.us/departments/parks

Campground Policies continued on next page

Each individual campsite photo and dimensions are posted on our Facebook page per park/campground. You can view these on Facebook under photos/albums and choose whichever park you would like info for.



Campground Policies continued from page 3

- Once payment has been made for a reservation, which includes the camping fee plus the reservation fee, the person making the reservation will be issued a confirmation notice.
- The camper must bring the confirmation information (written or verbal) with them to the designated park. Late Arrival: You will not be admitted to the campground area after 10:00 p.m. without your confirmation letter. A campsite must be occupied within 24 hours of the first night (10:00 P.M.) of your reservation and no campsite may be left unoccupied for more than 24 hours to prevent reassignment of that site to another party.
- The person reserving or self-registering a campsite will be the person who is responsible for and who is named on the reservation or self-registration envelope. Each reserved campsite has a named responsible party. One person cannot be registered for more than one site on the same date.
- Reservations for weekends must be made for at least two nights. On holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day), the site must be reserved for three nights.
- Wood County reserves the right to make adjustments in assigning reserved sites.
- Any extraordinary circumstances requiring a decision regarding refunds will be made by the Park and Forestry Director or his designee.
- Maximum length of stay for a reservation or self registration is 14 consecutive days.
- Re-registering for a campsite must be completed prior to 10:00 a.m. and only if there is not a prior reservation for the site requested.
- Only one camping unit per site is allowed.

CAMPGROUND RESERVATION REFUND POLICY:

1. Once a reservation is confirmed and made, you will not be refunded the reservation fee.
2. Cancellation made less than 7 days prior to the date the site is to be occupied, you will not be refunded the reservation fee and one nights camping fee.
3. No refunds will be made for a cancellation received the day the site was to be occupied (2-day weekend and 3-day holiday weekend inclusive.)

SHELTER BUILDINGS

The Wood County Park & Forestry Department has seven shelter buildings available for rent. The shelters can be reserved one year in advance. They can be used between 8:00 a.m. and 12 Midnight, except the open shelter and Red Sands Beach Pavilion at South Wood County Park, which needs to be vacated by 10 p.m. The shelters also need to be cleaned before being vacated at 12 Midnight.

The rental fee of the shelters are as follows:

| Shelter Location | Fee | Capacity | Seating |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Dexter Park Enclosed | \$100.00 | 150 | 130-150 |
| Nepco Enclosed | \$250.00 | 250 | 150-180 |
| North Park Enclosed | \$200.00 | 250 | 150-180 |
| Powers Bluff Enclosed | \$125.00 | 150 | 130-150 |
| South Park Enclosed | \$200.00 | 250 | 150-180 |
| South Park Open | \$100.00 | 120 | 100-120 |
| Red Sands Beach Pavilion (Open) | \$150.00 | 120 | 100-120 |

For information on partial hour rates for Monday–Friday or to reserve a shelter, call the Park & Forestry office at 715-421-8422.

BOAT LAUNCH FEE

Wood County implemented a boat launch parking fee to help offset some of the costs of maintaining the county's boat launch sites.

There is a self-registration station at each boat landing in Wood County (Nepco, Wazeecha and Dexter Lake). The daily fee is \$5.00. You may purchase an annual pass at a cost of \$20.00. The annual pass is valid at all Wood County boat landings.

Please fill out a boat launch pass before launching your boat. Place money and green boat pass copy in envelope and deposit in box. Place the manila copy of your receipt on your car's dash. If you choose to purchase an annual pass, it will be mailed to you within 7 days. Annual passes may also be purchased at the Park & Forestry office.

DEXTER COUNTY PARK

Dexter County Park is located 6 miles south of Pittsville at the junction of State Hwys 80 and 54 West. The park was developed in 1962 and is located around Lake Dexter on 1,235 acres. Over 1,000 of these acres have been left wild or undeveloped land and boast abundant wildlife.

Lake Dexter is 298 acres in size and offers a variety of game fish.

Come enjoy the electrical upgrades in Loop 2 and use the new laundry facility and shower building between Loop 2 and 3, which was completed in the fall 2012. Within the campground, the James Leigh Memorial

Shelter is an open shelter available to campers. The shelter is complete with picnic tables, electric plug-ins, parking and an access path. It is available on a first come first serve basis.

Other updates have been made in Dexter Park. Thanks in part to funding by the Pittsville Lions Club, the enclosed shelter, now the Rick Zorman Memorial Shelter in memory of the Dexter Park worker who died in service in 2009, has been

completely renovated, to include new playground equipment. Dexter Park also has a beach area, handicapped fish access areas and walking trails varying in distances of 1.75, 3.75 and 5.25 miles.

Fishing

With a maximum depth of 17 feet, Dexter Lake offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities. You can catch Northern Pike, Walleye, Bass, Crappie, Perch, Bluegills and Suckers.

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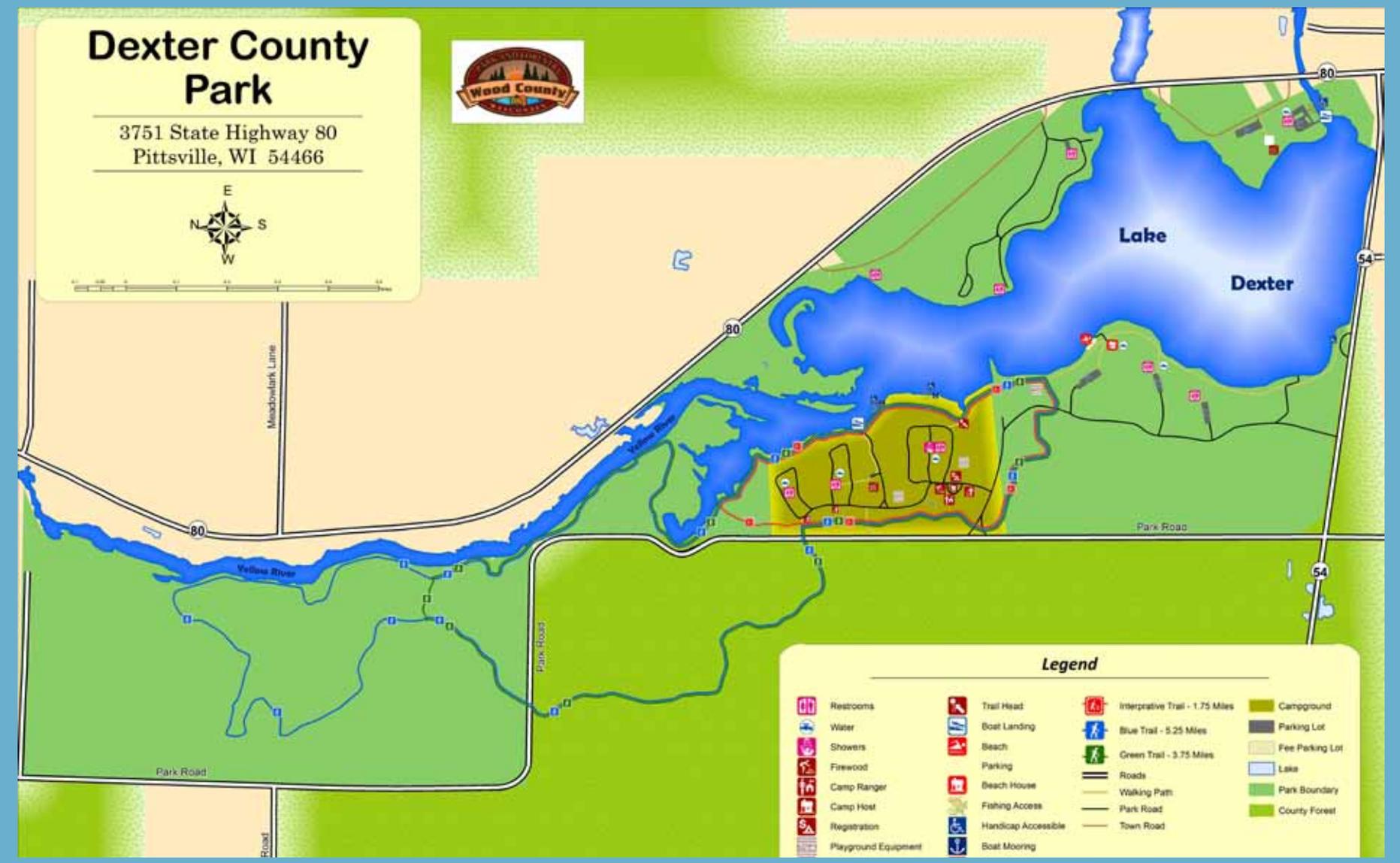
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CAMPGROUND HOSTS

Campground hosts play an essential role in providing information to campers about the park and vicinity.

In addition to answering questions of a general nature about the park and area, our hosts greet new camp-

ers, hand out literature, perform minor maintenance and assist campers as needed. Ideally, hosts are available for a minimum stay of 30 days. They stay free of charge at a campground site in exchange for providing visitor service. If you're interested in serving as a campground host, contact the Wood County Park and Forestry Office.



CAMP RANGERS

The Wood County Park & Forestry Department camp rangers are scheduled for duty in the campgrounds during peak hours.

Firewood and ice can be purchased at the camp ranger cabin during posted times. In the absence of the camp ranger, other park staff will be there to sell these items.

Holiday weekends and State Water Ski Show times can be very busy times for park employees. Please be considerate of them.

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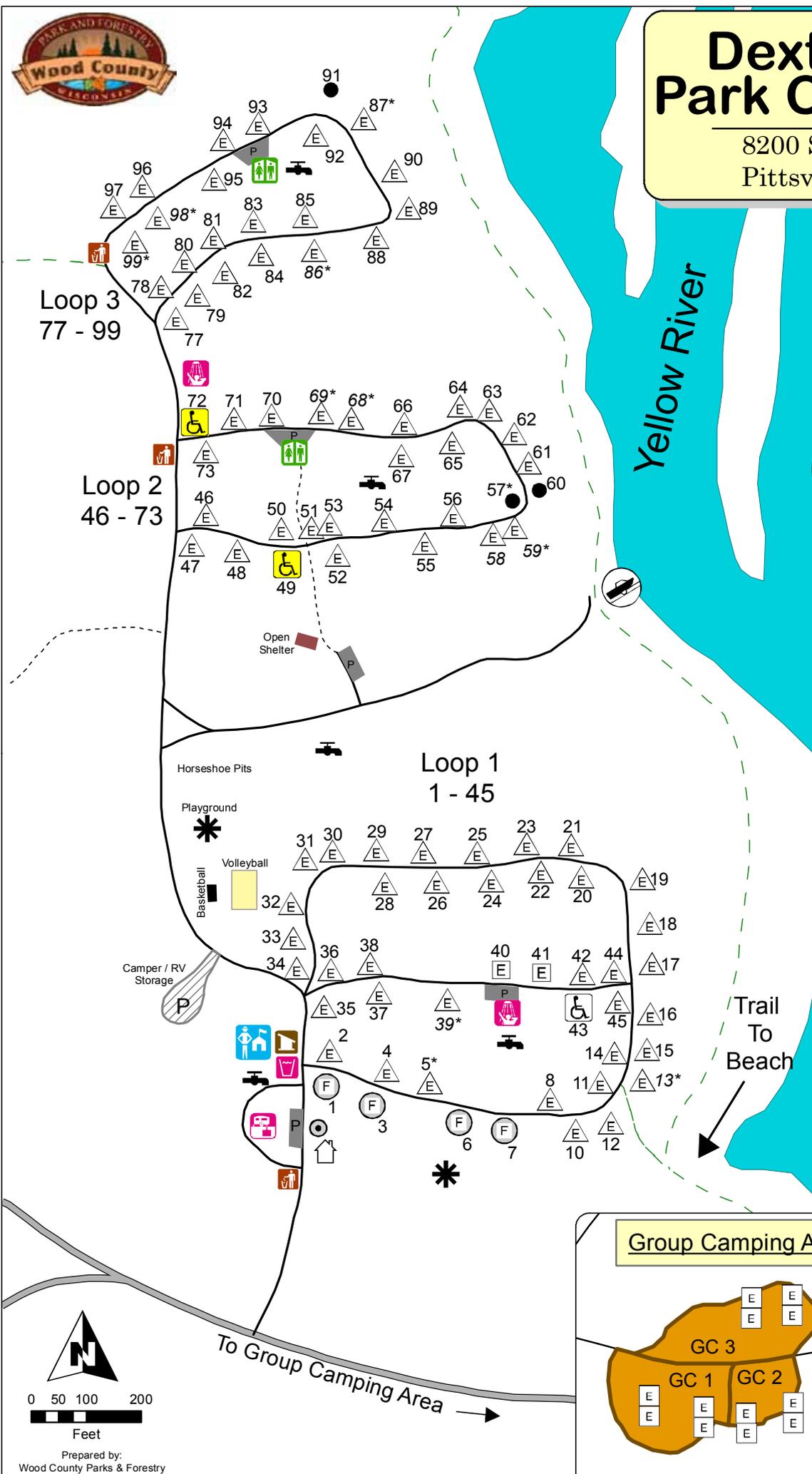
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- △ 50 Amp Electric
- ♿ Handicap/30 Amp Electric
- ♿ Handicap/50 Amp Electric
- F Full Hookup/50 Amp Sewer Water

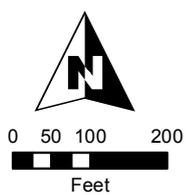
Park Facilities

- ↑ Camp Host
- 👤 Camp Ranger
- 📍 Registration station
- 🚿 Showers / Flush Toilets
- 🚽 Toilet
- ⛑ Well
- ♻️ Garbage / Recycling
- 🧊 Ice / Wood
- 🥤 Soda Machine
- 🌳 Playground Equipment
- 🗑️ Dump Station
- 🚤 Boat Launch
- 🅑 Parking Lot
- 🅑 Fee Parking Lot
- Campground Road
- - - Hiking / Ski Trail
- ⋯ Walking path

Please note: Sites marked with an * are not reservable.

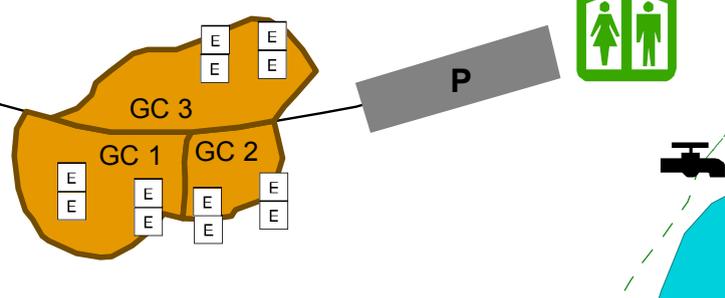
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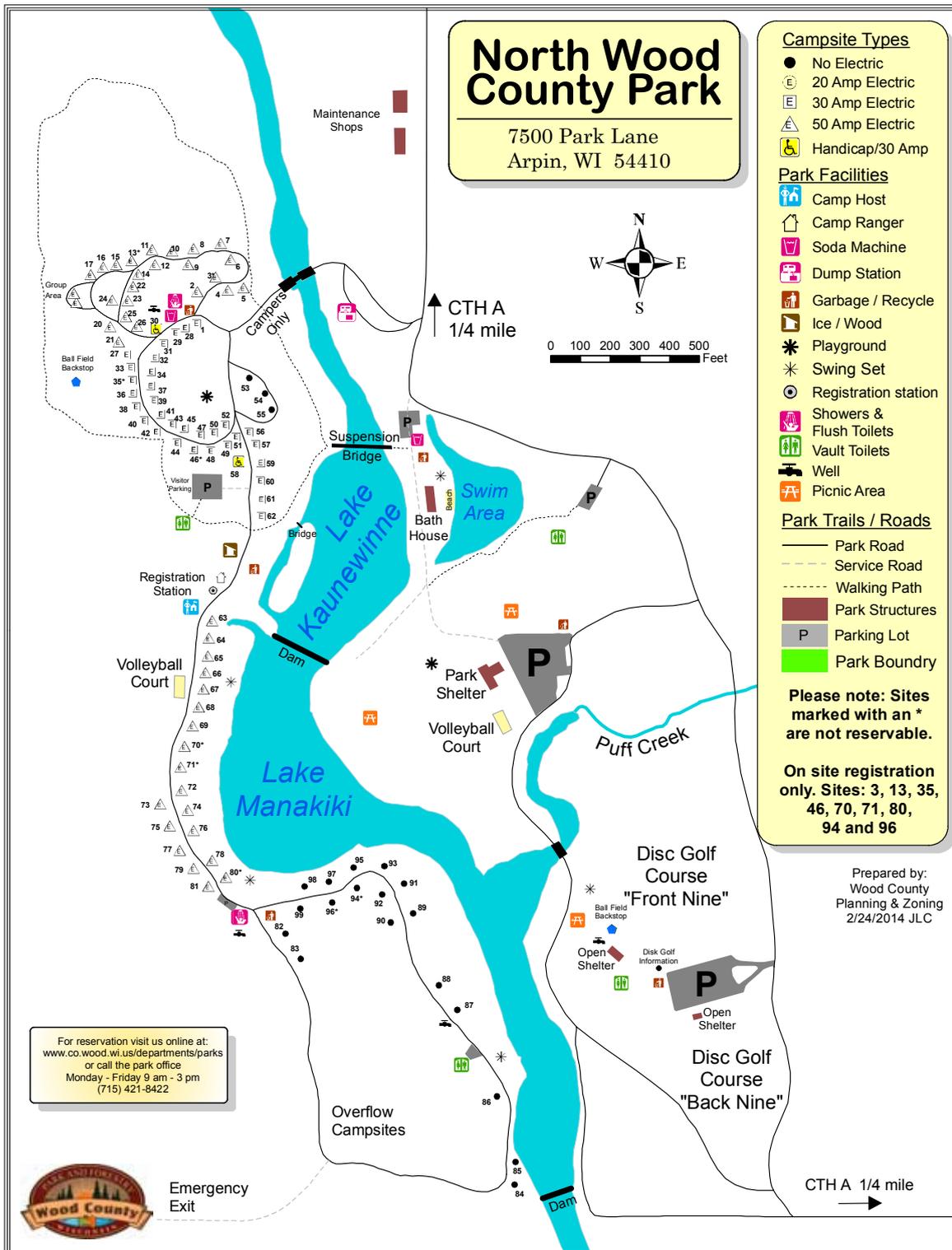


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Group Camping Area



NORTH WOOD COUNTY PARK



North Wood County Park is located 5 miles north of State Highway 73 & 80 on County Highway A.

The park is located on 172 acres on the banks of the Yellow River. Two small artificial lakes created by dams on the river and a small pine-wooded island provide scenic beauty for the entire area.

One of the main attractions of the park is the 225 foot suspension bridge over the Yellow River. Other attractions include a disc golf course, a stone shelter for rent, and a beach area.

There are 98 campsites located at North Wood County Park and 78 of these are electric. Shower facilities are available.

Fishing

Bass, Bluegills, and Suckers can be caught from the Yellow River that flows through North Wood County Park.



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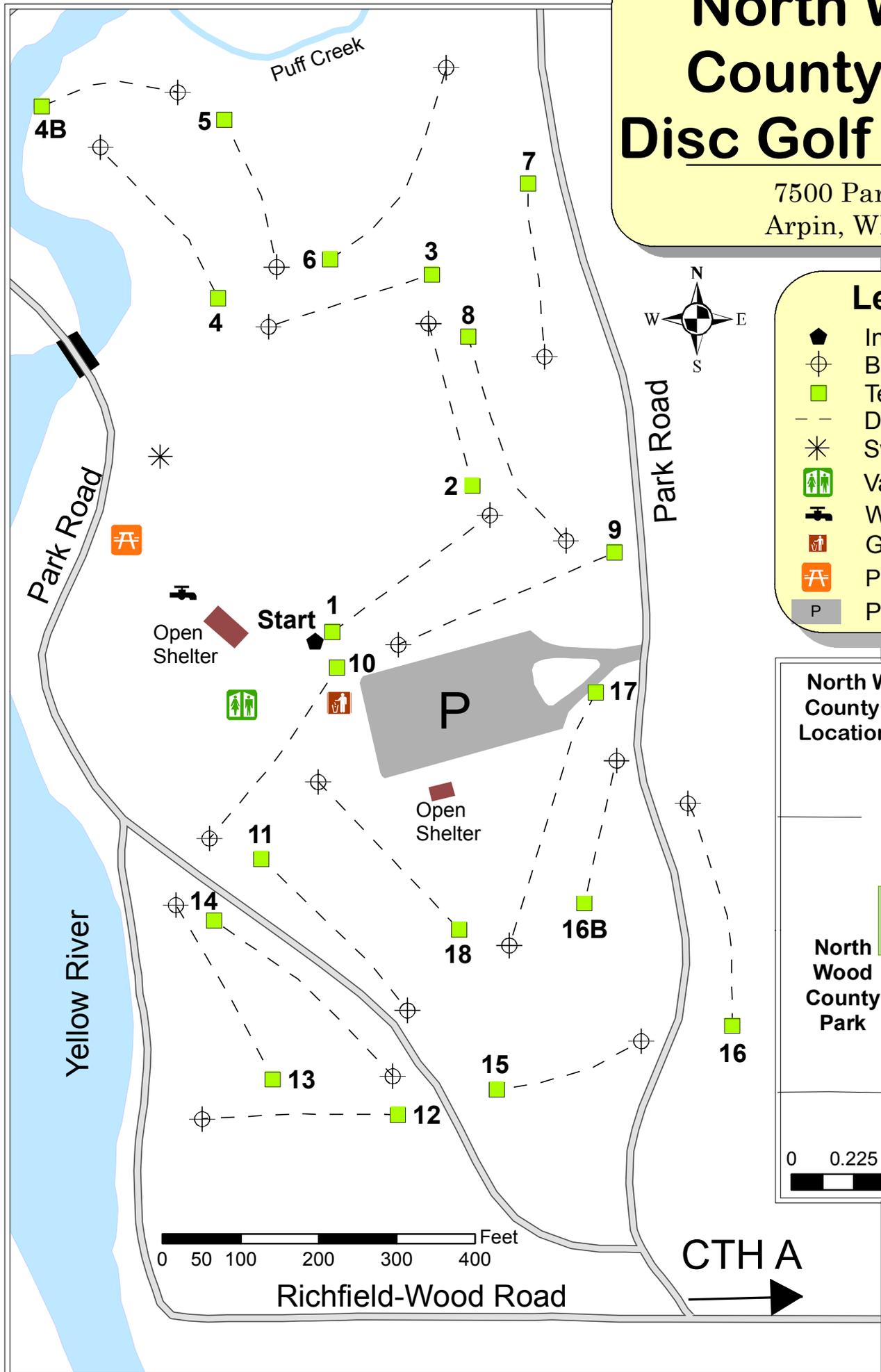
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- Picnic Area
- Parking Lot

North Wood County Park Location Map

CTH A to Marshfield 9 miles

North Wood County Park

Disc Golf Course

CTH A

CTH A to Pittsville 4 miles

0 0.225 0.45 Miles

The location map shows the park's location within Wood County, Wisconsin. It highlights the park area in green and the disc golf course in orange. It indicates the distance from CTH A to Marshfield (9 miles) and CTH A to Pittsville (4 miles). A scale bar shows distances up to 0.45 miles.



OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS:

Tips for Gearing-Up

(StatePoint)

For outdoor enthusiasts, it's always the right season to get outdoors. Whether you are mountain climbing, backpacking in the sun, or even headed to a snowy climate for some skiing, certain gear and tips can make it easier.

Skin Protection

For most outdoor adventures you won't be decked out in a bathing suit, but your exposed skin can still get burned and permanently damaged. In fact, if you will be mountain climbing or simply enjoying nature in a hilly terrain, protecting your skin from harmful UV rays becomes more important at high altitudes.

Be sure to pack a good quality sunscreen with a high SPF that protects against both UVA and UVB radiation and is water resistant. During breaks, don't forget to re-apply -- every two hours is a good guideline to follow.

Durable Gear

It's always a good idea to outfit yourself with the proper gear, when selecting a watch you should opt for something sensible and functional. A water and low temperature-resistant watch that not only tells time, but

monitors nature's elements, can keep you informed with useful information.

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Temperature Control

Being active in the outdoors means that you can quickly go from being hot to being cold. These temperature swings can make you uncomfortable. But the right clothes can do away with this concern.

For your base layer, think moisture-wicking fabrics that are breathable. You may not be able to actually control the weather, but you can look into new gear designed to help you pretend that you can. From caps to adjustable foot warmers, you can stay cool -- or warm up -- as you go.

Before heading outdoors, take the time to properly outfit yourself.



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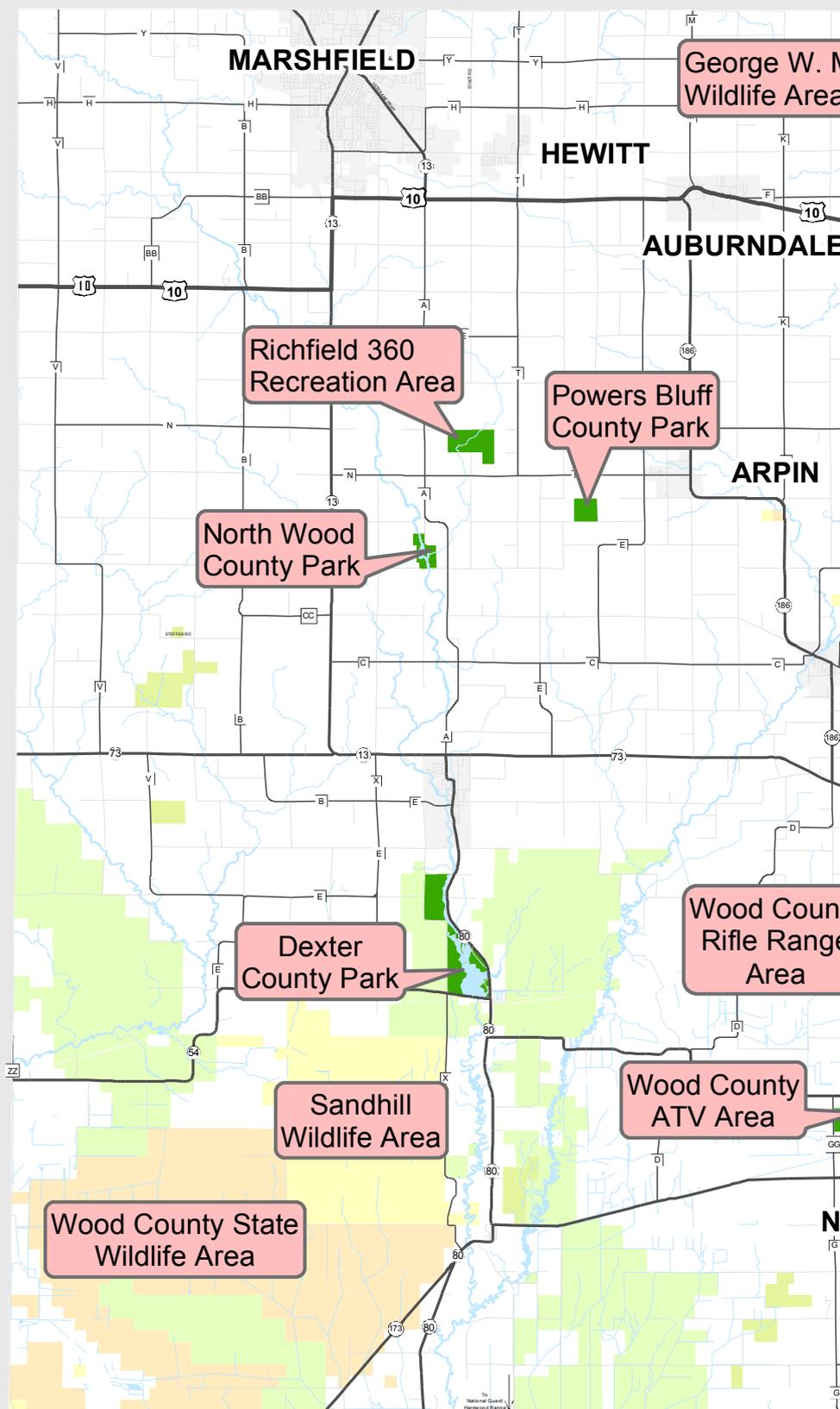
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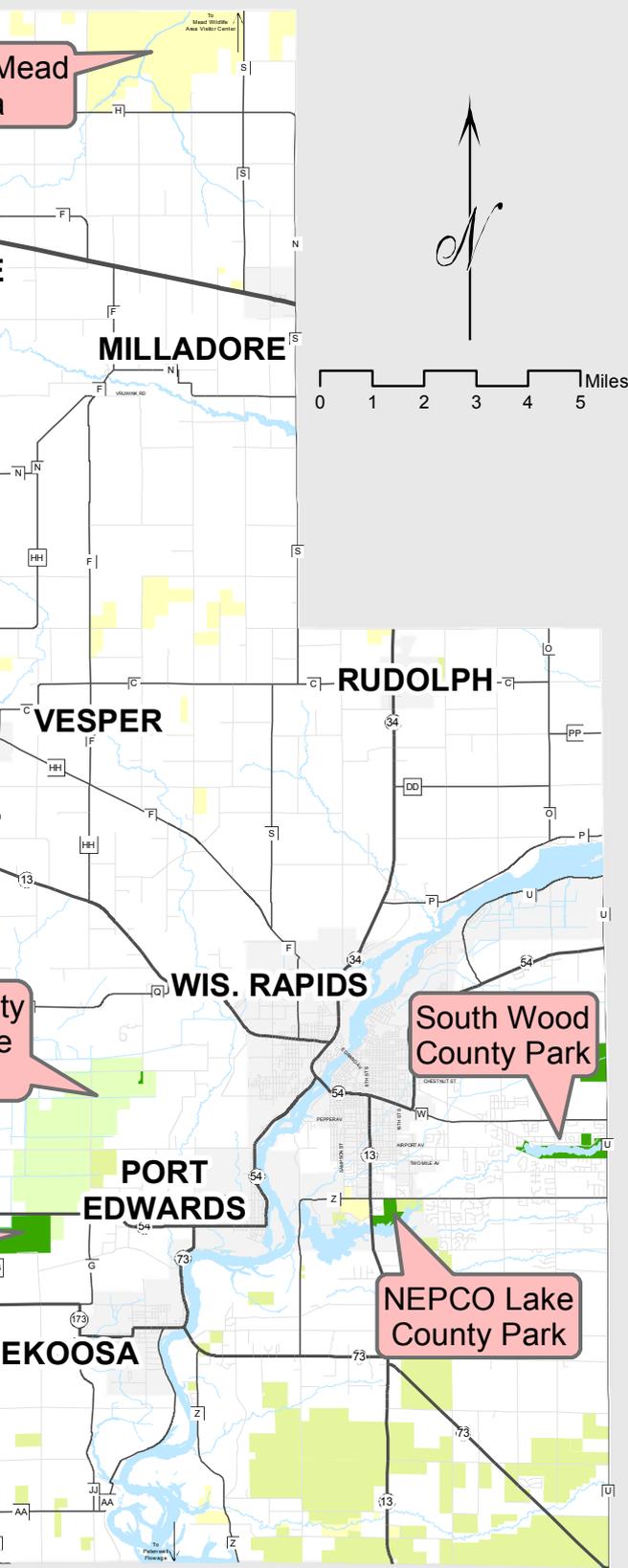


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WOOD COUNTY FOREST

Wood County has approximately 38,000 acres of public county forest. The forest is primarily in the Southwest portion of the county. Wood County forest is open for hunting, fishing, wildlife watching and most forms of non-consumptive recreation. The forest is especially popular for deer, grouse and turkey hunting, and provides opportunities to see a variety of wildlife making their home in central and northern Wisconsin.

ATVs are allowed on designated trails only. Wood County offers an ATV area which is located on STH 54 and consists of 10 miles of trail on 400 acres of county forest land.



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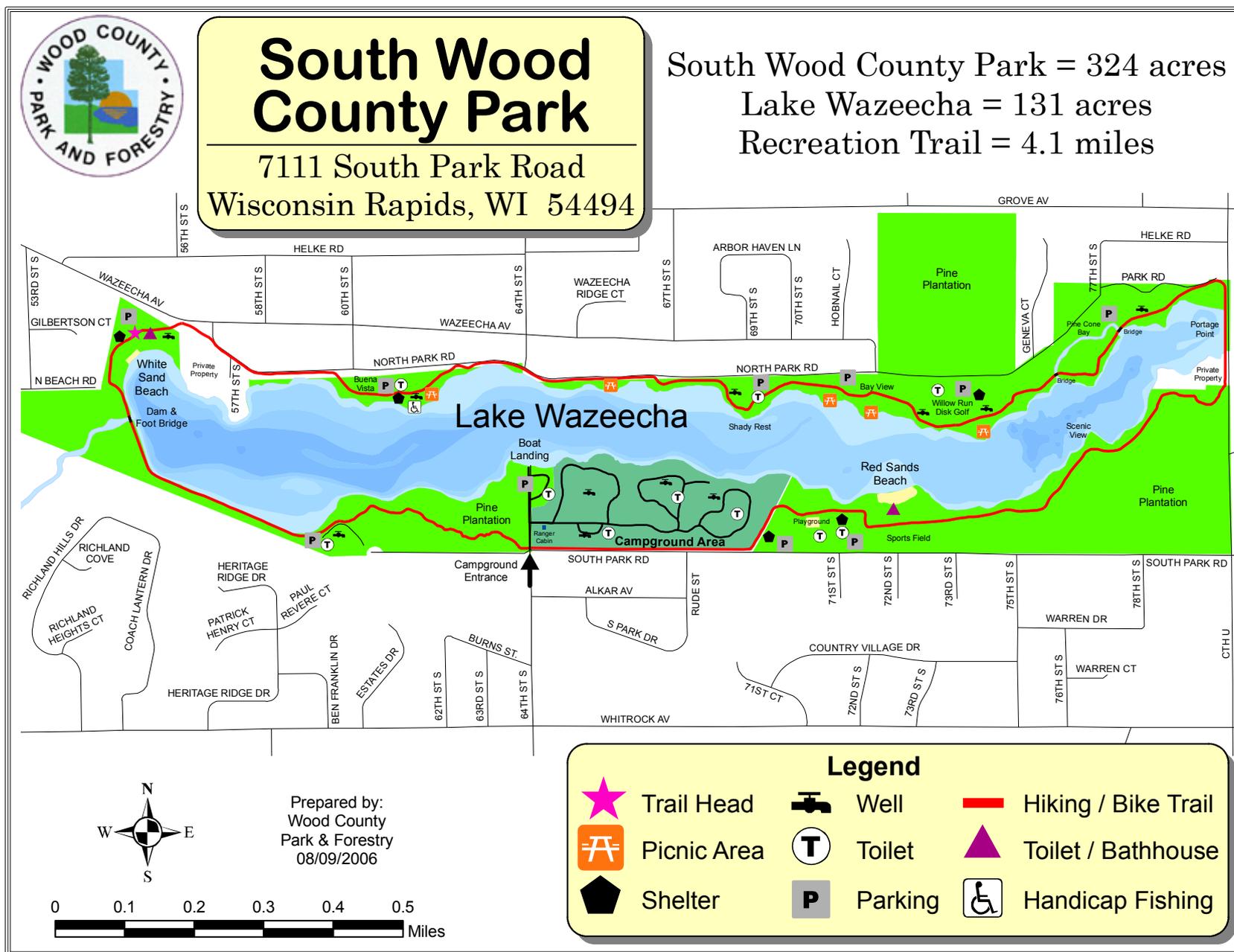
South Wood County Park is located 5¼ miles east of Wisconsin Rapids on CTH W. The park is located on 332 acres around Lake Wazeecha, which is the Indian name that means "lake of the land of the pines." The lake is 148 acres.

Camping is a popular attraction at South Wood County Park. There are 73 campsites, 61 of these are electrical which include the upgraded electrical in Loop 2

to 50 amp service.

New in 2012: Bathhouse and open shelter building at Red Sands Beach.

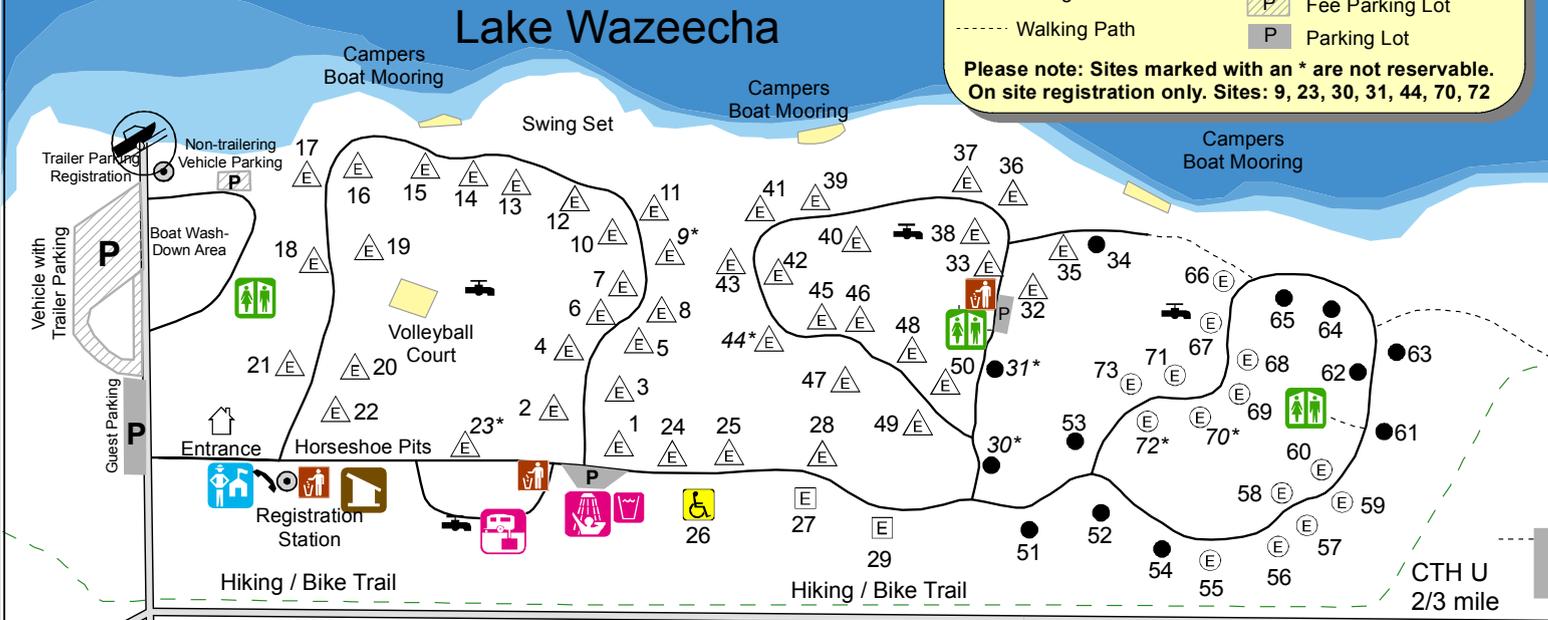
Lake Wazeecha provides boating, water skiing, and fishing. A variety of panfish, bass, and northern pike were stocked in the lake after the dredging project. Many acres of pine plantations were planted in the late thirties and are now providing much beauty, shade, and timber products to the park.



South Park Campground

6411 South Park Road
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| Campsite Types ● No Electric (E) 20 Amp Electric [E] 30 Amp Electric [E] 50 Amp Electric [E] Handicap/30 Amp Electric [H] Camp Host [R] Camp Ranger | Park Facilities [R] Registration stations [S] Showers / Flush Toilets [V] Vault Toilets [I] Ice / Wood [G] Garbage / Recycling [T] Telephone [W] Well [D] Dump Station [M] Soda Machines [B] Boat Launch [P] Fee Parking Lot [P] Parking Lot |
| Park Trails / Roads — Campground Road - - - Hiking / Bike Trail ····· Walking Path | Please note: Sites marked with an * are not reservable. On site registration only. Sites: 9, 23, 30, 31, 44, 70, 72 |



Handicap Picnic Site and Fishing Access Areas

There are two handicap fishing access sites, one at Nepco Lake and one at Lake Wazeecha. Both facilities include a parking stall, access path, covered shelter with table and picnic grill, and a concrete slab adjacent to the lake shoreline to enable easy access for fishing.

There are also two handicap fishing access sites at Dexter Lake.

Donations have been received by area Lions Clubs for the purchase of the picnic tables that are used at these handicap fishing access sites.



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SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK WILLOW RUN DISC GOLF COURSE



Disc Golf Course

A 12-basket disc golf course was added at South Wood County Park. It is located on the north side of Lake Wazeecha in the Willow Run Picnic Area. The course was constructed with help from Wisconsin Rapids area disc golfers and donations received from area businesses to purchase the disc golf pole baskets. For further information or questions, please email Steve Knoll at 2putt@2putt.org



NEPCO LAKE COUNTY PARK

Nepco Lake County Park was donated in 1977 by Nekoosa Papers, Inc. as a day use park. It is located 1 mile south of Wisconsin Rapids on STH 13 (enter on Griffith Avenue, CTH Z). The park is 125 acres and is located on the 494 acre Nepco Lake.

Nepco Lake County Park features a beach area, boat ramp, picnic area, playground, handicapped access boat dock, large enclosed shelter, and small open shelter.

Fishing

With a maximum depth of 29 feet, Nepco Lake offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities. You can catch Northern Pike, Walleye, Bass, Musky, and Bluegill.

Enclosed Shelter

There is an enclosed shelter building at Nepco Lake County Park. The shelter is available for rent year round. It has air conditioning/heating and seats up to 180 people.



WOOD COUNTY RIFLE RANGE

The Wood County Rifle Range is located 3-1/2 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids; take STH 73 to CTH Q, turn left onto Ridge Road and go 1-1/2 miles south to Marsh Road. The rifle range is open year round from sunrise to sunset. There are 8 shooting stations available and no fee is required. Because there is no range master, you must bring your own targets (cardboard only) and dispose of properly. Please observe the posted rules.



WOOD COUNTY ATV AREA

The Wood County ATV Area is located on 400 acres of county forest land with 10 miles of ATV trail. A restroom facility, playground and enclosed shelter are also available. Please follow posted rules.

The Wood County ATV Area is located 3 miles west of Port Edwards on STH 54. ATVs are not allowed on county forest land except on designated trails in the Wood County ATV Area.

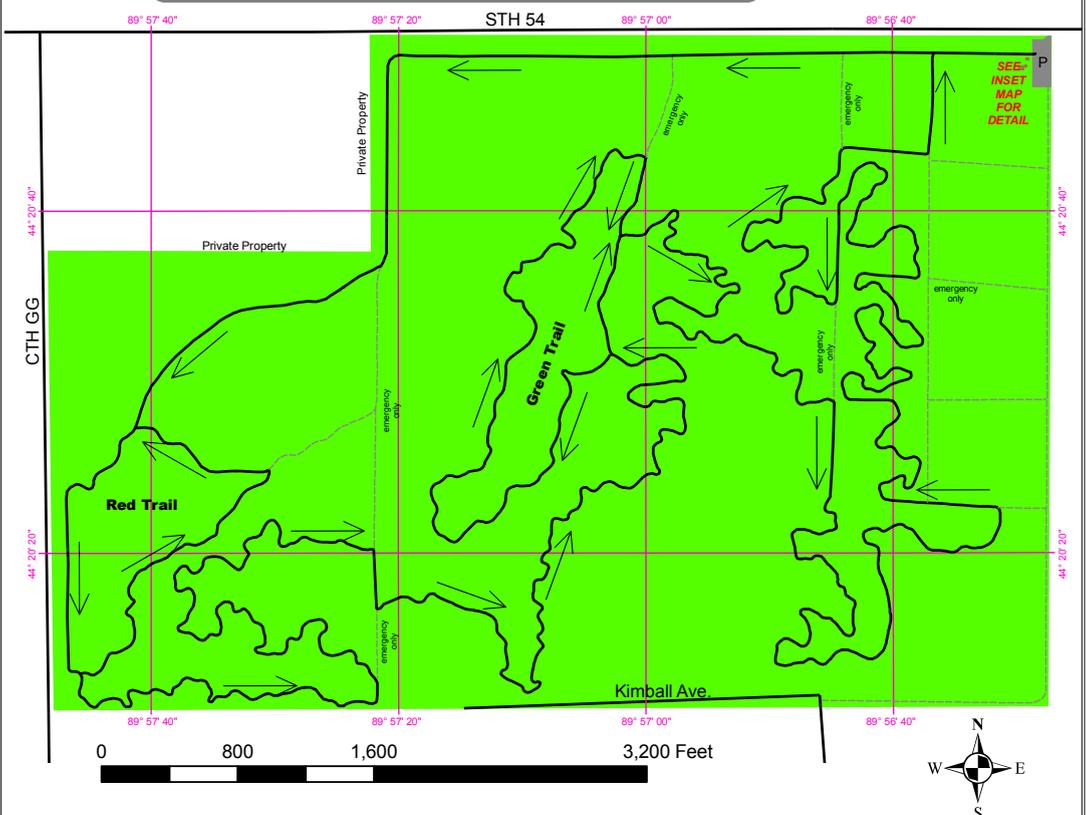
New members are always welcome to the Central Wisconsin ATV Riders Club. For information, please contact Randy Bowden, President, at 715-323-7217.



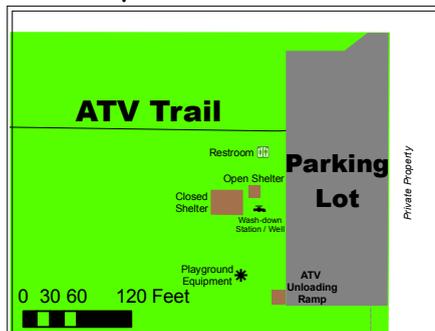
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Port Edwards, WI 54469

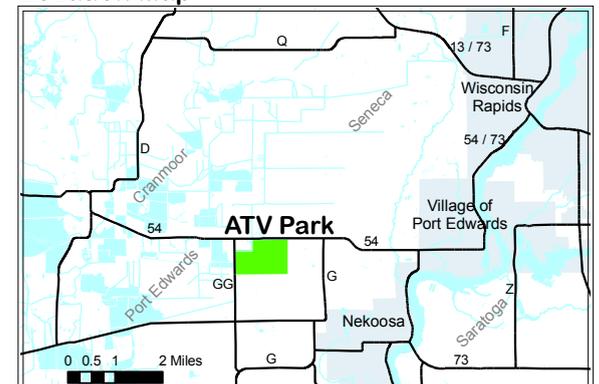
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Inset Map



Location Map



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Wood County Rifle Range Area

3.5 miles West of Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Location Map



Legend

- Information Sign
- Shooting Station
- 25 yard target
- 50 yard target
- 100 yard target
- Shooting Lane
- Path
- Parking Lot
- Local Roads
- Area Boundary
- Water

The Rifle Range is open year round from sunrise to sunset. There are eight shooting stations available. No fee is required. There is no range master so you must bring your own targets.

Cardboard Targets Only.
Please observe the posted rules.



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POWERS BLUFF PARK

The Powers Bluff Winter Sports Area is a 160 acre park located 2.5 miles southwest of Arpin; 17 miles northwest of Wisconsin Rapids; or 15 miles southeast of Marshfield. The area can be easily reached from US Hwy 10 or St Hwy 73 via County Highway E. Powers Bluff is the 13th highest point of elevation in the State of Wisconsin at 1,472 feet.

Seventy acres of Powers Bluff is a Scientific Preservation Area. There is a 1.5 mile self-guided nature trail. Indian dance rings and burial grounds are preserved and the South 80 acres of the Park has been placed in the National Register as a cultural sensitive area.

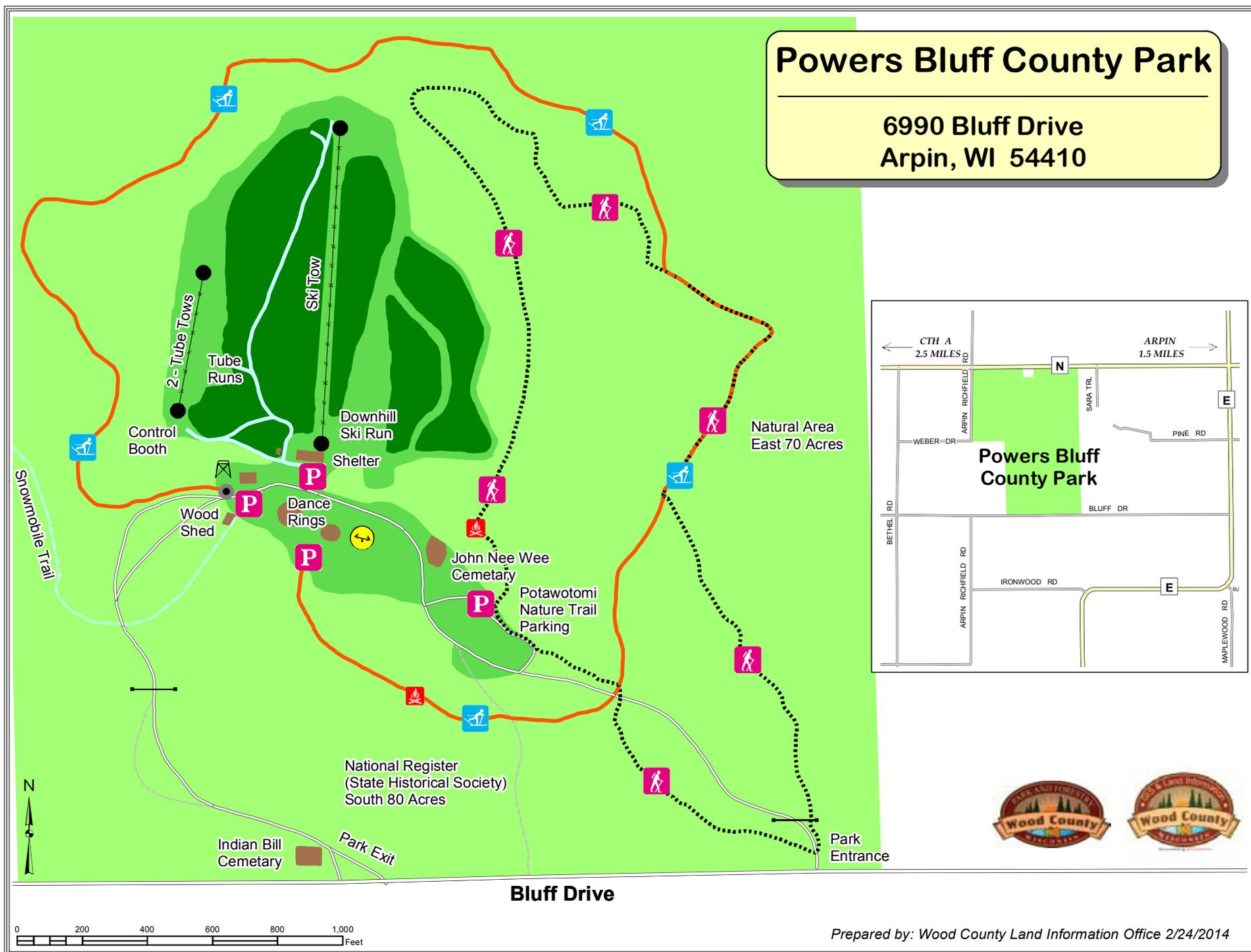
A two-story stone shelter building may be

reserved during the summer months and serves as a warming house when the ski/tube hill is open for the winter season. Winter sports include downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, tubing, snowmobile access and wooded areas for snowshoeing. Three trails are available for downhill skiing and snowboarding. The length of these trails is 1,320 ft., 1,410 ft. and 1,500 ft. The estimated vertical drop is 250 feet. The ski trails are operated by a handle tow ski lift. There are also four tube runs with two handle tow lifts. Rental equipment is available for downhill skiing and snowboarding. Also, a privately-owned food concessions stand is available.

In July of 2012, Wood County acquired 223

acres of property adjoining the northern property line of Powers Bluff County Park. This property is the future home to most of the recreational opportunities offered at Powers Bluff. Future plans include an entrance road off of County Hwy N, a parking lot, shelter building and ski trails, to name a few. Until development occurs, this area will be open for public hunting throughout the year.

If you are interested in assisting in the planning and/or development of this new property, please contact our office. The Friends of Powers Bluff is an organization committed to the preservation and development of Powers Bluff and the newly acquired property.



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RICHFIELD 360

This 360-acre parcel has 8 miles of developed hiking, cross country ski trails, wilderness camping and a parking lot with vault toilet. Featuring gently rolling lands and divided by Puff Creek, Richfield 360 is located 7 miles north of State Highway 73. This property is a part of our County Forest system.



THINGS TO DO

For full information on area events and attractions see the websites or contact Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-422-4541, www.visitmarshfieldwi.com or the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-554-4484, www.visitwisrapids.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7 - Jigsaw Run

South Wood County Park, Wisconsin Rapids, WI • Race at 10:00am
www.jigsawrun.org

June 4 - Kiwanis Youth Outdoors Day

South Wood County Park, Wisconsin Rapids, WI • 9:00am - 3:00pm
www.wrkiwanis.org

June 11-12 - Pioneer Festival

Historic Point Basse, 364 Wakley Rd, Nekoosa, WI • 10:00am - 4:00pm
www.historicpointbasse.com

June 16-19 - Cranberry

Blossom Festival

Various Wisconsin Rapids, WI locations
www.blossomfest.com

June 24-26 - Music Fest

Auburndale Park, Auburndale, WI
www.auburndaleparkassociation.org

July 21-24 - Wisconsin State

Water Ski Show

South Wood County Park on Lake Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
www.waterski.org

August 6 - Corvettes of the North

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Car Cruise starts at 6:00 pm
www.corvettesofthenorth.com

Sept 1 - 5 - Central Wisconsin

State Fair

Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI
www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com

Sept 9-11 - World Water Ski

Show Tournament

South Wood County Park-Lake Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
www.waterski.org

Sept 11 - Downtown "Grand Affair"

West Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
10:00am-4:00pm
www.wisconsinrapidschamber.com

Sept 17 - Harvest Fair, Historic Point

Basse

364 Wakely Rd, Nekoosa, WI
10:00am - 4:00pm
www.historicpointbasse.com

POINTS OF INTEREST

Museums

Alexander House, 1131 Wisconsin River Dr, Port Edwards, www.alexanderhouseonline.org - A combination art gallery and historical museum emphasizing local lumber and papermaking exhibits.

New Visions Gallery, 1000 N. Oak Ave, Marshfield, newvisionsgallery.org - Exhibits change every 6-8 weeks and feature a variety of art forms including national traveling exhibitions, significant works on loan from private and public collections, and quality regional art.

South Wood County Historical Museum, 540 Third St, Wisconsin Rapids, swch-museum.com - Discover the cultural heritage of Wisconsin Rapids and Wood County through a variety of educational displays and programs.

Upham Mansion, 212 W Third St, Marshfield, www.uphammansion.com - A restored home of former Wisconsin governor William Henry Upham. Full of vintage Victorian furniture, it now serves as a center for the North Wood County Historical Society exhibits, activities, and local history research.

Attractions

Dairy State Cheese, Hwy. 34 and C, Rudolph, 715-435-3144 - View master cheese makers from two observation windows or browse and shop for more than 100 different types of Wisconsin cheese.

George W Mead Wildlife Area, County Trunks O, C & H, between Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids, www.meadwildlife.org - Wonderful resource for all visitors, providing location to hunt, photograph wildlife, train your dog and other activities.

Glacial Lake Cranberries, 2480 County Rd D, Wisconsin Rapids, www.cranberrylink.com - Tour one of the oldest cranberry marshes in central Wisconsin with an actual grower. History, videos, cranberry gifts, and tours are offered.

Golden Sands Speedway, 10992 Hwy. 54 East, Wisconsin Rapids, www.gssraces.com - Racing every other Friday night throughout the summer. Fun for the entire family

Hardwood Air-to-Ground Weapons Range, off Hwy F, South of Babcock, 608/427-1509 - Visitors are welcome to observe activities during operating hours. The range provides training for combat aircrews by presenting realistic targets for weapons practice.

Rainbow Casino, 949 County Rd G, Nekoosa, www.rbcwin.com - features over 650 reel, progressive, and video poker slot machines

Rapids Municipal Zoo, 1911 Gaynor Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, 715-421-8240 - Animals native to Wisconsin, a petting zoo, and a playground for children of all ages are featured at this fun-filled family attraction. Open seasonally, 10-7 p.m., closed Mondays. No charge.

Rudolph Grotto Gardens and Wonder Cave, 6957 Grotto Ave., Rudolph, rudolphgrotto.org - With lush flower beds and numerous shrines, the Grotto has meandering paths, bridges and a man-made cave, with areas for meditation as well as more formal memorials and open picnic grounds.

Sandhill Wildlife Area, 1715 County Hwy X, Babcock, 715-884-2437 - Observation tours, hiking trails and a bison herd are some of the recreational activities for visitors.

Wildwood Park & Zoo, 608 W 17th St, Marshfield, ci.marshfield.wi.us/pr/zoo - Wisconsin's fourth largest zoo. Home to several different North American Animals.

Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial, Ben Hanson Park, 2nd Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, www.wsfm.org - State memorial is a tribute to firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to their communities.

Golfing

Bulls Eye Country Club, 2800 Ridgewood Trl, Wisconsin Rapids, www.bullseyecc.com

Homestead Golf Course, 3372 Hwy 13 N, Wisconsin Rapids, www.homesteadrapids.com

Lake Arrowhead Golf Courses, 1195 Apache Ln, Nekoosa, www.lakearrowheadgolf.com

Marshfield Country Club, 11426 Wren Rd, Marshfield, 800-690-4409

Ridges Golf Course, 2311 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, www.ridgesgolfcourse.com

RiverEdge Golf Course, 10191 Mill Creek Dr, Marshfield, 715-676-3900

Tri-City Golf Course, 3000 Golf Course Rd, Wisconsin Rapids, 715-423-1380

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Looking for something to do in the winter?

Come to Wood County for some fun in the snow!

Powers Bluff Winter Sports area is a 160-acre park located 2½ miles southwest of Arpin; 17 miles northwest of Wisconsin Rapids; or 15 miles southeast of Marshfield. The area can be easily reached from US Hwy. 10 or STH 73 via County Highway E. Winter sports include downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowmobile access and wooded areas for snow shoeing, and downhill tubing has been a very popular activity in the area.

Hours of operation are Saturdays & Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Powers Bluff is also open during the Christmas school vacation (closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day), weather permitting. For more information on rates, sessions and times, please call the Park & Forestry Office at 715-421-8422 or check out our web site at www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks.

Wood County has three cross-country ski trails that are groomed on a regular basis. They are located at Richfield, Nepco Lake and Powers Bluff. Fees are \$5.00 per day, \$15.00 for an annual pass and \$30.00 for an annual family pass, children 7 and under are FREE.

Snowmobiling and ice fishing are also other popular winter activities. Annual fisherees, organized snowmobile rides and ATV ice races are some of the events that occur in Wood County during the winter months.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Bicyclists:

Even though most park roads are one-way, they are narrow and well traveled. Please be alert to traffic at all times, Pull off the road to view wildlife, flowers or scenic views. Be cautious in areas of loose gravel, sand, wet leaves or other loose materials. The park roads follow the terrain and have some steep downgrades with corners and intersections. Descend these downgrades slowly, under full control and be prepared to stop quickly at all times. Keep at least two bike lengths between riders, ride single file and warn others when passing. Bike clothing (reflective for night riding) shoes, pant leg clips and helmets are recommended.

Boaters/Canoeists:

All watercraft must be equipped with a Coast Guard approved lifesaving device for each person aboard. Wearing of these devices at all times is recommended. Do not overload your craft. Be aware that sudden storms may occur. If capsized in fast

water, stay upstream of your canoe or boat and don't get caught between the swamped craft and downstream obstacles. Boaters should be aware of their wake and must stay 100' away from the swim areas.

Hikers:

Be aware that trails vary in difficulty. Not all of our trails are surfaced. Gradual climbs, descents and bridges without handrails will be encountered. Trail surfaces can become slippery when wet, leaf covered or where loose gravel may be encountered.

Designated Areas:

Designated use areas are those that are inspected and maintained by the park staff and shown on the official park map, e.g. trails, picnic areas and campgrounds. All other areas are considered non-designated. These areas are not maintained or inspected by the park staff. Visitors are encouraged to limit their activities to designated areas

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Please dispose of garbage in the proper receptacles located in the park. Recycling bins are conveniently located in the park. We ask that you use them, not only to help us reduce park costs, but out of concern for the future of the park and its natural resources.

Don't Burn Trash at Your Campsite

Did you know that burning trash like foil, plastic, cans, and even paper releases toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and particulates into the environment? These pollutants can cause serious health problems for your family and other campers.

- ✓ Short-term health effects may include irritation of the eyes, nose, throat, lungs, and skin; eye damage; and headache.
- ✓ Repeated exposure to toxins released by burning may cause developmental problems in children and can increase risk of developing cancer.
- ✓ Ashes contaminate soil and ground water, creating more environmental problems.
- ✓ Trash burning causes 40% of all forest fires.

A MESSAGE FOR DOG OWNERS



Dogs and other pets are allowed in camp areas, on roads, trails, and in other areas of the park not developed for public use. By law, pets are not allowed in picnic areas, beaches, park buildings and nature trails. Dogs must be on a leash not more than 10 feet long and be tended at all times. Dog owners please clean up after your pets. Do not leave your pet alone on a campsite. Leaving an unattended pet on a campsite can disturb or injure other campers in your absence. Keeping your pet at home may be best for your pet and increase your ability to get out and see what the park and Wood County have to offer.

PETS MUST BE ON LEASH 10' OR LESS • PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

FIREWOOD BAN

In an effort to stop the spread of invasive pests and diseases that are harmful to Wisconsin's trees and impact Wood County Tourism, the Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee adopted a firewood ban ordinance in 2016.



Emerald Ash Borer Exotic Insect Attacking Ash Trees

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a tiny, green insect native to Asia. It was introduced to the U. S. in the early 1900s in the Detroit, MI area and has since spread to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada killing more than 15 million ash trees in urban and forest settings.

For information about firewood restrictions that may affect you:

1-877-303-WOOD

or call your campground destination

For information about:

emerald ash borer:

emeraldashborer.wi.gov or 1-800-462-2803

gypsy moth:

gypsymoth.wi.gov or 1-800-642-MOTH

June is Invasive Species Awareness Month.
Visit the WI Council on Invasive Species
at www.invasivespecies.wi.gov



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WHAT IS PARK WATCH

Park Watch allows park users to report any trouble or problems they see occurring in the parks. Any problems should be reported no matter how small it seems. Some problems we have are vandalism, graffiti, people leaving trash around, and people bringing in their pets and letting them run loose. People who would like to report information can do so anonymously. There are also people, like the camp rangers and camp hosts, who will be patrolling the park at various times.

How Does It Work?

Park users who notice a problem can call:

**Wood County Dispatch
at 715-421-8700.**

When your call comes in someone will take the information from you. Once the problem is reported, we will try to put a stop to it.

VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

Fines for violating the park regulations are between \$25 and \$500. Some of the violations are:

- Leaving or dumping your trash in any of the parks.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and may not enter any public buildings, beaches, picnic grounds or playgrounds.
- Damaging or destroying public or private property (replacing a picnic table - approx. \$400, replacing a window - approx. \$150/window).
- Not paying required fees for camping & boat landings.
- Being in the parks between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- Using fireworks within the limits of any park.
- Bringing outside firewood into park.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT USE

Safe and legal operations of personal watercraft on Wood County lakes and rivers are important to everyone.

State law prohibits operation of personal watercraft within 200 feet of shoreline and 100 feet from

any other watercraft, unless operated at a slow no wake speed.

Due to the narrowness of Lake Wazeecha, operation of a personal watercraft in most all cases is illegal, unless operated at a slow no wake speed.

Wood County lakes and rivers with greater surface acreage for legal operation include Nepco Lake, Lake Dexter, Biron flowage, Nekoosa flowage, and Wisconsin Rapids flowage. Please operate your personal watercraft in a safe manner at all times. Water elevations and obstacles can change, making use hazardous in these areas. Be aware of these changing conditions when operating.

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| Wazeecha..... | 148 acres |
| Nekoosa..... | 452 acres |
| Nepco..... | 494 acres |
| Wis. Rapids | 447 acres |
| Biron | 2126 acres |
| Dexter | 312 acres |

EXOTIC SPECIES ADVISORY

Nepco Lake and Lake Wazeecha contain harmful zebra mussels and Lake Nepco also contains Eurasian watermilfoil. To help prevent the spread of harmful, exotic (non-native) plants and animals:

- Remove aquatic plants and animals from all parts of your boat, trailer and accessory equipment. Dispose of the removed material in the garbage either at the water access area or at home.
- Drain all water from your boat including your bilges, live wells and other water containers before leaving the water access area.
- DO NOT transfer water from one water body to another or release live bait into any waters.
- Wash your boat and trailer thoroughly with regular tap water when you get home. Flush water through your motor's cooling system, live wells, and other areas that hold water. (Preferably dry your boat and equipment for 3 days in a sunny location before transferring it to a new body of water.

Wisconsin Laws prohibit launching a boat or placing a trailer or boating equipment in navigable waters if it has aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.

Remember...Clean boats...Clean waters.

Contact our office to be a "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" Watercraft Inspection Volunteer.



Unlicensed motorized vehicles not allowed on Park Property.

By Park Ordinance, any motorized vehicle must be licensed to operate within Park property. The only exception to this rule is for individuals with verifiable handicap restrictions.

These people may be allowed to operate vehicles to assist mobility.



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