

**WOOD COUNTY, WI  
FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN  
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RECREATION**

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## **900 RECREATION**

Recreation is an integral part of the management of the Wood County Forest and recreation use is referenced in most of the previous chapters. Due to the tremendous growth in recreational demands over the duration of the last planning period, this Plan recognizes the importance of more intensive recreational planning and emphasizes its importance with a separate chapter.

## **905 PLANNING**

In addition to this Plan, the Wood County Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Plan also guides the recreation program in Wood County Forest. This plan is revised every five years and is made part of this Plan. The Wood County Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Plan includes, but is not limited to, activities in the County Forest. It incorporates snowmobile and ATV plans, campgrounds, parks and boat landings, recreational maintenance and development plans and other recreation surveys and reports.

The Wood County Parks, Recreation, & Open Spaces Plan, Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), public input, and other local or regional planning documents will be used as resources in recreational planning and development efforts. The responsibility for recreational planning, development and maintenance in the County Forest will rest with the Highway, Infrastructure, and Recreation (HIRC) Committee.

## **910 AUTHORITY**

The Wood County Code of Ordinances including: #500 Forestry, #600 Parks, # 235 Snowmobile, and s.28.11 Wis. Stats, authorize the Wood County HIRC Committee to provide recreational opportunities for the public. This authority is further recognized in the mission statement for the County Forest Plan (Chapter 100), which specifically identifies outdoor recreational opportunities. This mission statement also charges the Committee to conduct activities in a manner that prevents or minimizes environmental damage.

Maps of the recreational facilities managed through the Wood County Parks and Forest programs are appended or referenced in Chapter 1000.

## **915 ENTRANCE AND USER FEES**

The Committee is empowered and shall have responsibility for establishing entrance, camping and other user fees on recreational facilities maintained by the County Parks and Forest programs. Camping, entrance or other fees shall be comparable to fees charged by similar private facilities and/or other adjacent counties, and are subject to periodic change by the Committee. Fees, where appropriate, will be utilized to assist in the maintenance of recreational facilities.

## **920 RECREATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

It is permissible for the Committee to contract with clubs or individuals to provide for recreational maintenance or services to the public. As part of the Plan, the County contracts or has Agreements for the following services:

1. Snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance
2. ATV trail grading and maintenance

3. Shooting Range maintenance (Wood County Rifle and Pistol Club).
4. Others as needs arise in the future

## **925 RECREATIONAL USE PERMITS FOR ORGANIZED EVENTS**

Any event in the Forest, which is advertised to the public, for which a fee is charged, or is otherwise, organized as an event, requires a permit or authorization by the Committee. Permits may be issued by the Committee provided the use is consistent with management activities and will not cause resource damage. Appropriate levels of event liability insurance is required

## **930 UNDESIGNATED RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FOREST**

Undesignated recreation / extensive (informal) County Forest uses includes those informal activities for which the County generally does not provide a facility or service, and shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, hunting, trapping, fishing, picnicking, snowshoeing, horse- back riding, biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, photography and nature study. Such uses do not require a permit but must be conducted according to the provisions of County Ordinances. The Forest Administrator and the Committee shall periodically review such uses and work to enact ordinances as necessary to protect from resource damage.

### **930.1 HUNTING**

The entire County Forest is open for regulated hunting, with the exception of areas developed for high public use, including: Dexter Park, boat landings, ATV Intensive Use Area parking lot and facilities, shooting ranges and associated parking lots.

The Wood County Code of Ordinances, Primarily #500 Forestry and #600 Parks regulates activities relating to hunting. Refer to Chapter 1000 for a full text of the Ordinances. In general, the following activities are regulated in county forest and park properties: stands, blinds, motorized access, camping, use of developed facilities, etc.

The following restrictions apply to the use of blinds:

1. Elevated Blinds – No person shall construct, or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device, except that portable stands may be used provided they are completely removed each day by the close of hunting hours, and provided such devices do no damage to trees, in/on which they are placed, or to other county property.
2. Ground Blinds – No person may construct, occupy, or use any ground blind unless the following conditions are met: (a) The blind shall be either prefabricated and easily portable by one person, or shall be constructed of natural materials found lying dead and down in the immediate area, and cause no damage to trees or other County property. (b) The total area enclosed shall be no more than 36 square feet. (c) The blind is to be constructed and placed in a manner that will not interfere with the movement of authorized vehicles or equipment, and will blend in with the surrounding area. (d) All objects that are not found naturally within the immediate area shall be removed from the blind each day at the close of hunting hours.

3. The use of nails, lag screws, screw steps, or other damaging devices is not permitted. No permanent type structures shall be permitted. No live vegetation may be cut or removed to create shooting lanes or for other purposes. Refer to Chapter 1000 for the Forestry Ordinance and reference to hunting blinds and tree stands.

#### 930.2 **FISHING**

All lakes and streams within the forest are available for fishing unless otherwise listed in state regulations.

#### 930.3 **PICNICKING / DAY USE**

Picnicking and other day uses, outside of established facilities is allowed. The Wood County Code of Ordinances also regulates day use. In general, the following activities are regulated:

1. All litter, trash or rubbish must be removed
2. Cutting or harvesting vegetation is not permitted
3. Fires may not be left unattended unless the ground is 100% snow covered
4. All access roads, whether open or gated, must not be blocked.

Violators will be subject to fines for littering and property damage.

#### 930.4 **CAMPING**

Primitive camping in non-designated areas of the County Forest is permitted as long as the following rules are observed.

- (1) No littering or site destruction will be tolerated.
- (2) Firewood must be cut in designated firewood areas only. A permit to cut firewood must be obtained from the Park and Forestry office.
- (3) Maximum camping period at a particular location is 14 consecutive days.
- (4) Natural vegetation and terrain may not be damaged or altered in any way, except for the construction of an adequate fire ring. Fasteners such as nails, screws or bolts may not be attached to trees.
- (5) Manufactured materials (lumber, concrete, plastics, etc.) may not be left on the site when it is vacated. No trees or other vegetation, either native or exotic, may be planted on the site.
- (6) Camping is not permitted in areas adjacent to existing County Park camping facilities, developed recreational areas, and in areas posted “no camping allowed”.

Written permits for primitive, dispersed camping are not required if duration of camping is within the 14 day limit. Camping periods exceeding the 14 day limit require a special use permit and approval by the Wood County Forest Administrator.

### 930.5 **MOTORIZED TRAVEL**

The Wood County Forestry Ordinance regulates motorized uses in the County Forest (see Chapter 1000 for reference in the Forestry Ordinance #500). In general the following regulations apply to motorized travel outside of a developed recreational trail system.

1. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle on a forest road or trail designated closed with a gate, earthen berm, sign, or other closure.
2. Off road, motorized travel is prohibited unless the individual has obtained a Disabled Access Permit or is otherwise permitted (e.g. special use permit, firewood permit, and contract).

### 930.6 **OTHER DISPERSED RECREATION USES**

- Firewood cutting – Wood County Forest manages a public firewood cutting program intended primarily as a recreational opportunity. A permit is required and it allows permit holders to cut up to four full cords from designated firewood cutting areas. These areas and cutting directions are depicted on maps available from the Parks, and Forestry office. Firewood areas change over time and are available to all holders of valid firewood cutting permits. See Chapter 1000 for an example of the firewood cutting permit.
- Other Uses - The Committee may consider other special uses of the County Forest. These may include, but are not limited to: research, independent study, and scientific areas. Regulations governing these uses will be developed on an individual basis. Other uses of the County Forest are permitted provided they are not specifically addressed in the County Code of Ordinances. Mountain Biking, Horseback riding, and other non-motorized uses are currently not regulated. The County Board may, at any time, enact ordinances to protect the forest should damage, user conflicts, etc. begin to occur and necessitate further regulation.

### 935 **DESIGNATED RECREATION AREAS/USES**

Designated/intensive use recreation includes those uses for which the County provides a trail or facility. The Wood County Forest has developed sites and areas to accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other recreation activities that are not compatible with the intent of the developed facilities.

The Committee and Parks and Forestry Department has noted a marked increase in demand for recreation facilities. Wood County may attempt to develop additional facilities and will maintain its currently developed facilities.

### 935.1 **CAMPGROUNDS**

#### 935.1.1 Dexter Park

Dexter Park is located at 8220 State Highway 54, Dexterville, WI, adjacent to the intersection of State Highway 80 and Highway 54 West. The park facilities include 99 campsites, group camping/overflow sites, 10 ATV

campsites, electricity, showers, flush toilets, pit toilets, beach, fishing piers, boat landings, dump station, fish cleaning station, playground, volleyball court, firewood sales, grills and picnic tables for day use, hiking trail, and a nature trail. Camping facilities and boat launch require user fees.

### 935.2 **ATV INTENSIVE USE AREA**

The Wood County ATV Intensive Use Area is located at 4415 State Highway 54, in Port Edwards, WI. This facility encompasses approximately 520 acres and contains roughly 10 miles of looping ATV trails of varying difficulty. The water table in the area is quite high, topography is fairly flat, and drainage is poor. These factors, along with seasonally wet conditions, make these trails very wet, muddy, and challenging at times. The intensive use area is actively managed for timber and hunting is also allowed. ATV use is not allowed during the regular 9-day gun deer season. Features developed at this location include:

- Trailhead for Snowmobile and ATV trail system
- Enclosed shelter building
- Open shelter
- Vault toilets
- Paved parking lot
- ATV wash station
- Loading/unloading ramp
- Grills
- Picnic area
- Playground

### 935.3 **RICHFIELD 360**

The Richfield 360 is located at 8183 Heggelund Lane, Marshfield, WI. This portion of the Wood County Forest is the northernmost parcel and contains approximately 8 miles of multi-use trails on gently rolling topography. These trails are primarily maintained for cross-country skiing in winter and for hiking the remainder of the year. Winter groomed trails may also be used for snowshoeing and fat tire biking. People are required to purchase a trail pass when using winter groomed trails and other uses of groomed trails are not permitted. These rules apply only to groomed trails and other uses are allowed on the rest of the property and no pass is required. Additionally, the county snowmobile trail runs through the southern portion of the 360. This area is actively managed for timber and hunting is allowed. Horseback riding is also popular within this parcel due to its rolling topography and proximity to Puff Creek.

Features developed at this location include:

- Ski/hiking trails (8 miles)
- Parking Area
- Trailhead
- Vault Toilet

#### 935.4 **PICNIC / DAY USE AREAS**

See Dexter Park, ATV Intensive Use Area, and Richfield 360 mentioned previously.

#### 935.5 **SWIMMING AREAS / BEACHES**

See Dexter Park mentioned previously.

#### 935.6 **BOAT LANDINGS**

A few locations with have been developed and/or maintained for water access. There are two boat landings located within Dexter Park which provide access to Lake Dexter and the Yellow River. These include a parking lot, surfaced approach to the water (boat landing), and appropriate signage. One is located within the Dexter Park campground, on the west side of Lake Dexter, and is for use by registered campers. The other landing is located on the east side of the lake and is available for public use. These are provided for public access to waters for recreational purposes and are shown on the recreation map in Chapter 1000. Water access is also addressed in Chapter 700. These landings are not to be considered boat-mooring sites.

Aside from the boat landings located within Dexter Park, there are also several locations within Dexter Park, close to park roads, suitable for canoe and Kayak launching. These sites are not formally designated

The following public boat access sites have been developed in the Wood County Forest and are open to public use:

##### 935.6.1 Public Boat Access Sites Maintained by Wood County Forest

- 1) Dexter Park Campground Boat Landing
- 2) Dexter Park Public Boat Landing

##### 935.6.2 Undeveloped Water/Ice Access Points

Other undeveloped water access points for canoes, kayaks and boats currently exist in the Wood County Forest. These are used routinely to hand launch boats or canoes but have not been developed for boat trailer launching. These sites may be mowed occasionally and small parking areas may exist. However, they are not routinely maintained and may be closed if erosion damage becomes severe. Furthermore, one ice access location exists in Dexter Park on the east side of Lake Dexter for access to winter activities on the lake. All new sites for developed water access must be reviewed and approved by the Committee.

#### 935.7 **WAYSIDES**

There is one wayside available for day use on the north side of HWY 54 adjacent to Lake Dexter, within Dexter Park. This site includes picnic tables, small open shelter, and a small fishing platform.



## 935.8 **SHOOTING RANGES**

Ranges that allow for public use of rifle, bow, pistol, etc. are permitted in county forest lands. If the range is operated by an organization other than the county, a written land use agreement, including proof of insurance, will be required. A provision for use by the public will be included in the agreement.

There are two developed ranges in the Wood County Forest. The “Wood County Rifle Range Area” is located at 3705 Marsh Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. It is approximately 3 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids in section 16, T.22N. – R.5E., Seneca Township. This property is not entered under the special use portion of the County Forest Law but is managed as a public shooting range. The “Wood County Rifle and Pistol Club Range” is also located approximately 3 miles west of Wisconsin Rapids in W1/2W1/2SW1/4 section 21, T.22N. – R.5E., Seneca Township. Wood County has entered into an agreement with the Wood County Rifle and Pistol Club allowing the club to construct and maintain a rifle and pistol range. This range has several shooting stations, and is somewhat unique in that it offers shooters the opportunity to shoot up to 600 yards. According to the agreement, the club agrees that the range is to be used for a public rifle and pistol range. The club is responsible for establishing reasonable rules and regulations for use of the range by members of the public

## 940 **DESIGNATED RECREATION TRAILS**

Designated recreation trails are those for which the County provides a designated trail and/or facility. The County currently provides trail systems that accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other activities on these trails that are not compatible with the intent of the development.

Whenever possible, multiple uses of various trail systems are encouraged and are subject to policy review of the Committee. Wherever possible, attempts will be made to avoid user conflicts. Recreational users, however, will frequently encounter forest management activities instrumental to the existence and future of the County Forest. Trail systems are identified in Chapter 1000.

### 940.1 **NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS**

The Wood County Forest is a multiple use forest. Non-motorized recreation trails are a legitimate use of the forest. Design and maintenance of these trails may highlight natural features present in the Forest, should minimize damage, and reduce user conflict. Trail use and development must be compatible and sustainable with the characteristics of the landscape.

It is the policy of the Committee to manage non-motorized recreation trails in the County Forest.

#### 940.1.1 Hiking Trails

Richfield 360 Trails: These trails are considered multi-use, non-motorized trails, open to year-round use. These trails are primarily maintained for cross-country skiing in winter and for hiking the remainder of the year. Winter groomed trails may also be used for snowshoeing and fat tire biking. People are required to purchase a

trail pass when using winter groomed trails and other uses of groomed trails are not permitted. Other uses such as fat tire biking, horse riding, etc. are also allowed on trails other times of the year and/or when trails are not groomed.

Dexter Park Walking Trails/Nature Trail: These trails are considered multi-use, non-motorized trails, open to year-round use. These trails are not groomed for cross country skiing, nor is a trail pass required.

#### 940.1.2 Mountain Bike/Fat Tire/Bicycle Trails

There is currently a volunteer effort to establish a fat tire bike trail within the South Bluff Block of the Wood County Forest. This effort is in its beginning stages. A map of the area is located in Chapter 1000. It is likely that a formalized relationship/agreement(s) will be developed in the future as this recreational opportunity grows. The HIRC Committee will be responsible for approving policies and rules pertaining to this occurrence. These policies and agreements will be added to this 15-year plan as amendments as necessary.

#### 940.1.3 Equestrian Trails

There are no designated equestrian trails located in the Wood County Forest at this time. However, all portions of the Wood County Forest are open to horseback riding except within developed areas of Dexter Park, Ski trails at the Richfield 360 parcel when groomed in winter, or locations marked with signs closing an area. Any organized event, whether for profit or not, requires a special use permit.

#### 940.1.4 Ski Trails

See previous reference to Richfield 360.

### 940.2 **MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS**

#### 940.2.1 Designated Snowmobile Trails

Designated snowmobile trails are those recognized by the HIRC Committee as the official trails within the County. The Wood County Parks and Forestry Department manages the snowmobile trail system in Wood County. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs.

Wood County Ordinance #235 “Snowmobile Ordinance” regulates snowmobile trails. See appendix for Ordinance #235.

All groomed snowmobile trails are closed to all cars, trucks, ATV’s, and other motorized vehicles from seasonal opening through closing (approximately December 1 through March 31 depending on ground and snow conditions) unless the County authorizes vehicle use. Snowmobile trails may be used for access to timber sales in the County Forest. When vehicle use is authorized, the following use conditions apply:

- Contractors will be required to maintain the trail in a safe and snow covered condition.

- The trail must be kept free of debris and left in good condition. Slash along the trail must be pulled back at least 10 feet behind the snow bank or groomed trail area.
- Decking of forest products or loading of trucks on snowmobile trails is to be avoided as much as possible. However there may be situations where there are no other options. In these instances clubs will be contacted and appropriate signage will be installed.

DNR's Trail Signing Handbook will be used as the guide for posting standardized signs and will assist in promoting uniformity for trail signing throughout the county. Only trail signs that provide information for safety, regulations, or trail directions will be permitted. Private and business signs are not authorized in the Forest. All trail signs must be mounted on wooden or metal posts.

Wood County recognizes the following categories of snowmobile trail:

#### 940.2.1.1 Trail Types

State Funded Trails – these are state approved and funded trail miles on designated trails that are part of a statewide network of trail systems. Snowmobile registration fees and gas tax allotments fund grants that support maintenance, rehabilitation and development of these trails. There are approximately 265.9 miles of funded trails in Wood County, with approximately 25 miles in county forest Lands.

Unfunded Trails – these are segments of trail that meet the eligibility requirements for a funded trail system but have not been included in the grant system due to restrictions on available funding. There are approximately 10 miles of unfunded trails in Wood County, with 0 miles in county forest lands. It is recommended that the county continue to apply for grants to include these in the funded system.

Local/Club Trails – these are trails that are not funded by State maintenance grants and may or may not be groomed by local clubs. These trails may not meet eligibility requirements of a funded trail and may dead end at local businesses. There are 0 miles of club trails in Wood County, with 0 miles in county forest lands.

#### 940.2.1.2 Trail Maintenance

Wood County contracts with the following snowmobile clubs for trail maintenance/grooming of the funded snowmobile trail system:

- Auburndale Nite Owls
- Bakerville Sno Rovers
- Kellner Knights
- Pittsville Yellow River Riders
- Rudolph River Rovers

- Sunset Drifters
- Vesper Snow Drifters

The County periodically assists with mowing, grading or other trail maintenance projects as needed.

The County shall inspect and monitor bridges and other infrastructure on the trail system and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace or rehabilitate as needed.

#### 940.2.2 Designated ATV Trails

Designated ATV Trails are those recognized by the Committee as official trails within the County. These may lie on County, private, or other agency lands. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs. The County contracts with the following snowmobile/ATV club(s) for trail maintenance:

- Central Wisconsin ATV Riders Club

Wood County has recently expanded its focus and efforts towards accommodating ATV/UTV use within the county. Most Townships have opened their roads to ATV use and have designated them as “routes”. Additionally, portions of Wood County highways have been opened to ATV travel with the intention of connecting routes and trails within the county to facilitate safe cross-county ATV travel as well as connecting to other county’s ATV routes and trails. For years the only ATV trails within the Wood County Forest were the trails contained in the ATV Intensive Use Area (approximately 10 miles). However, Wood County has recently added approximately 5.1 miles of ATV trails in county forest lands in the past couple years. Additionally Wood County is currently planning, and in the process of developing more trails within the Wood County Forest.

There are numerous types of designated ATV/UTV trails managed by Wisconsin counties. Currently Wood County manages some of these trail types. Other types are mentioned as there may be future potential for their use in the Wood County Forest. Wood County ATV trails are further identified in Chapter 1000.

##### 940.2.2.1 Trail Types

The county recognizes several different classifications of ATV trail.

1. Funded Winter ATV Trails –Currently there are no miles of winter funded ATV trail managed by Wood County, with no miles in county forestlands.
2. Funded Summer ATV Trails – these are trail systems funded for summer use. These trails are open seasonally. Currently there are 5.1 miles of summer use ATV trails managed by Wood County and they are all in the Wood County Forest.
3. Funded Year Round Trails - these are trail systems funded for both winter and summer use. There are approximately 10 miles of year round funded ATV/UTV trails managed by Wood County, all in the County Forest in the ATV Intensive Use Area.

4. Funded UTV Trails – UTV's, or side by sides, can be allowed on ATV trail systems. Wood County allows for UTV's on 15.1 miles of the trail system within the County.

5. Funded Troute/Hybrid Trails – The ATV/UTV program does not allow for full maintenance funding on ATV/UTV trails that are open to highway traffic (cars, trucks, etc.) ATV trails with this dual use that were maintained and funded prior to August 1, 2012 are still funded at 100% of the annual per mile maintenance rate. Trails funded after August 1, 2012 allow for partial funding under the following categories:

Wood County currently has no Troute/Hybrid Trails

5a. County Forest Gas Tax Roads – these are gas tax roads used as a connector to trails or services and are funded at a rate determined by the full per mile funding rate, less gas tax funding rate, not to exceed 50% of the full maintenance funding rate. Wood County maintains 0 miles of County Forest Road Troutes.

5b. Hybrid Trails – these are trails designated as ATV trails, opened after August 1, 2012, that also permit highway vehicle traffic. These are funded at 50% of the annual maintenance funding rate. Wood County maintains 0 miles of Hybrid/Troute trails.

5c. Club Trails – These are trails not funded under the state ATV program. In some cases these are trails that are maintained and may be added as a funded trail at a future date. Wood County recognizes 0 miles of club trails.

#### 940.2.2.2 ATV Trail Maintenance

For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion.

ATV trail maintenance within the ATV Intensive Use Area is shared by Wood County Parks and Forestry staff and The Central Wisconsin ATV Riders Club. Wisconsin DNR fire personnel and machinery have also contributed to the maintenance and improvement of these trails from time to time. Other ATV trails within the Wood County Forest are currently maintained by Wood County Forestry personnel. It is quite possible as the ATV program evolves in Wood County, that other clubs may come on line and maintenance of trails will evolve as well.

The County shall inspect and monitor trails, bridges and other infrastructure and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace improvements or rehabilitate trail surfaces or bridges as needed.

#### 940.2.2.3 Future ATV Trails

The use and popularity of ATV's and UTV's increased dramatically over the period of the 2006-2020 County Forest Plan. Increased usage of trail systems proved a tremendous need for much higher levels of trail maintenance in order to manage environmental damages.

Future ATV trail developments within the Wood County Forest shall be directed by the Wood County Forest Administrator pending approval of the HIRC Committee. Any future ATV trail developments should incorporate considerations for impact on other users and user groups; how future trail systems will be maintained; possible sources of funding; impact on forest operations; impact on the natural resources such as wildlife, habitat, soils, etc.

It is critical that trail layout and design is done in such a way as to prevent erosion and soil loss. Trails must be developed to be sustainable. For the purpose of this plan, sustainability is defined as follows:

**Sustainability**– For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion. Trails should be built with a slight crown and appropriate ditching to allow for adequate and proper water dispersal.

To this end, the construction and development of new ATV trails should be built to comply with the **WCFA ATV/ORV (Off Road Vehicle) Trail Standards**, which are currently under development. Once an acceptable, comprehensive set of trail standards is developed, they may be adopted by Wood County Parks and Forestry Department, and shall be appended to this Plan.

#### 940.2.3 Designated Motorcycle Trails

There currently are no trails specifically designated for motorcycles in the Wood County Forest.

#### 940.2.4 Other Designated Motor Vehicle Trails

There currently are no trails specifically designated for other motor vehicles in the Wood County Forest.

## **945 RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS**

### **945.1 RECREATION AREA FUNDING**

Funding for recreation areas is generally fee based. Additionally, the department makes use of outdoor recreation grant opportunities administered by WDNR, (i.e. Stewardship, ADLP, LWCF, RBF) whenever possible.

### **945.2 RECREATION TRAIL FUNDING**

#### **945.2.1 Non-motorized trail systems**

At this time, there is very limited access to grant funds that will assist with non-motorized recreational trail maintenance. One source that is available is RTP (Recreational Trails Program) administered by WDNR. Aside from this program, the County primarily relies on trail passes, volunteers, and Parks and Forestry budget to build and maintain these trails.

#### **945.2.2 Motorized trail systems**

There are several grant programs available to offset motorized trail system costs. Wood County currently utilizes the following funding sources:

1. Snowmobile Maintenance - \$300/mile
2. Snowmobile Trail/Bridge Development& Rehab – 100% funded
3. ATV & UTV Summer Maintenance - \$800/mile
4. ATV Rehabilitation - 100% grants
5. ATV Development - 100% grants