

WELCOME

Welcome, from the Parks & Forestry Department! This copy of the Wood County Parks & 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; family outings, picnics, boating, camping, water sports, swimming, playgrounds, hiking, fishing, hunting, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, biking and disc golf.

Wood County Parks Open April 28 through October 31, 2017

This year parks will open April 28th and close November 1st, 2017, 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 this publication has failed to provide something of particular interest to you, please contact the Wood County Parks & Forestry office in Wisconsin Rapids at 715-421-8422; email us at parks @co.wood.wi.us, or visit our website or Facebook page and we will do our best to provide you with the information you are seeking.



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Disturbances

To report a disturbance, contact the park ranger at the campground or the Wood County Sheriff's Department at 715-421-8700.

Severe Weather Information

In the event of high winds or severe weather, the bathroom buildings serve as emergency shelter.

Tune to a local radio station	on for local weather	warnings and forecasts.
Wisconsin Rapids:	WFHR AM 1320.	WGLX FM 103.3
Marshfield:	WLJY FM 96.7	WDLB AM 1450

Please refer to bulletin board in park for more detailed severe weather information.

SOUTH PARK & DEXTER PARK ILLNESS OR INJURY:				
Aspirus Doctors' Clinic	Aspirus Riverview Hospital			
2031 Peach St, Wis. Rapids 715-423-0122	410 Dewey Street, Wis. Rapids 715-422-7750 Ambulance: Phone 9-1-1			
NORTH PARK ILL	NESS OR INJURY:			
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Wood County Park Ordinance Chapter 600 .07

C. Unlawful Firewood. It shall be unlawful for park users to bring outside firewood into any Wood County Park facility, shelter, land or area. Untreated, clean, and fully debarked dimensional lumber may be brought in for burning. Down and dead wood may also be gathered inside the park for burning. Chainsaws are not allowed to be used for this purpose. Wood County shall have firewood available, for purchase, at each of its designated campgrounds.

Thank you for helping us preserve the beauty of our Wood County Parks. We realize this is not an easy change for many campers. However, this is necessary in order to control what firewood enters our park areas. Hopefully, this step will reduce the chances of current and future insects and diseases from killing our trees.

Thank you for your cooperation. - Wood County Park and Forestry Department

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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, then check-out is 12, noon. If you would like to stay an additional night, talk with the Park Ranger or call the Park office to find out if it is reserved.

Reservations for Disability Campsites

Each campground has at least one campsite designated for use by campers with a disability. Reservations for these campsites can be made by disabled campers only (possession of a Wisconsin disabled card or license plate required). Disabled campsites that are not reserved by 10:00 am can be registered to non-disabled campers for one day only with camp ranger approval after 10:00 am.

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 selfregistering 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 Parks & 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

	clude the standard
\$10 reservation fee.	
Non-Electrical Sites	\$18.00
Electrical Sites	\$23.00
Water - Sewer Sites	\$30.00
Reservation Fee	\$10.00
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Showers	
Showers	No Charge
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Showers Dump Fee for non-campers	No Charge
Showers Dump Fee for non-campers Camper Storage after Sept. 15 in designated storage area	No Charge \$7.00
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SPECIAL RATES FOR ALL PARKS

Five (5) consecutive nights for:	
Non-Electrical Sites	\$72.00
Electrical Sites	\$92.00
Water/Sewer Sites	\$120.00



Online Campsite Reservations at www.

co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks

The Wood County Parks & Forestry Department will take reservations for camping eleven (11) months or less in advance (i.e. a campground reservation for July 1-4, 2018, can be made on August 1, 2017, or any date after August 1). 10% of the sites are designated as non-reservable. Reservations can be made for camping from the Memorial Day weekend thru the Labor Day weekend. 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 28th at the campground through the park closing date, October 31, except at Dexter Park, which remains open for camping through the deer gun season.
- Ā \$10 reservation fee will be charged per site being reserved.
- 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 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. by calling 715-421-8422 (with a VISA or MasterCard credit card only) or in person at the office (with VISA, MasterCard, cash or check).

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.

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- Once full payment has been made for a reservation, the person making the reservation will be issued a confirmation letter via e-mail or regular mail containing the camping regulations and reservation information. All campsites, reserved or self-registered, must be paid before occupying the campsite.
- 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.
- During the period from Memorial Day through mid-September, a campsite must be occupied within 24 hours of the first night (10:00 p.m.) of your reservation. 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 must be 18 YEARS OF AGE or older, and 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 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 unless noted otherwise on the Wood County website.
- · Wood County reserves the right to make adjust-

ments in assigning reserved sites or cancelling reservations which are for more than the designated 14 days in the same site. If you are reserving a wheelchair accessible site, you may be asked to verify that you currently hold a state issued disabled parking permit.

- Any extraordinary circumstances requiring a decision regarding refunds will be made by the Park Administrator or his designee.
- Maximum length of stay for a reservation or selfregistration 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. If self-registering for more than two (2) days, confirm with the Camp Ranger there are no reservations for that specific site.
- Only one (1) camping unit and one (1) family unit will be permitted on each campsite, unless there are children under 1 then a small tent can be put on the same site.
- An additional non-refundable reservation charge may apply for each reservation change.

GROUP SITE RESERVATION RULES

Dexter Park and North Wood County Park both have an established Group Site Area. Please refer to the Dexter Park Group Site Reservation Rules or the North Wood County Park Group Site Reservation Rules for full details and policies.

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, 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.)

BOAT LAUNCH FEE

Wood County implemented a boat launch parking fee to help offset 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 7-10 days. The annual pass is valid at all three of our Wood County boat landings.

SHELTER BUILDINGS

The Wood County Parks & 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.

For information on partial hour shelter rates for Monday-Friday or to reserve a shelter, call the Parks & Forestry office at 715-421-8422, or e-mail us at parks@co.wood.wi.us or message us from our Facebook page. COMING SOON! We are currently in the process of setting up an online shelter reservation system. Watch for more details in the near future!

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\$250.00	250	150-180		
\$200.00	250	150-180		
\$125.00	150	130-150		
\$200.00	250	150-180		
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Meetings are held at McMillan Library the 2nd Wednesday of: Sept., Dec., Feb., and April, at 6 PM.

For information, call **Brenda** at **715-325-7202**.

Pregnant and need help? Call **1-800-712- HELP** or go to: **123GiveLife.com**

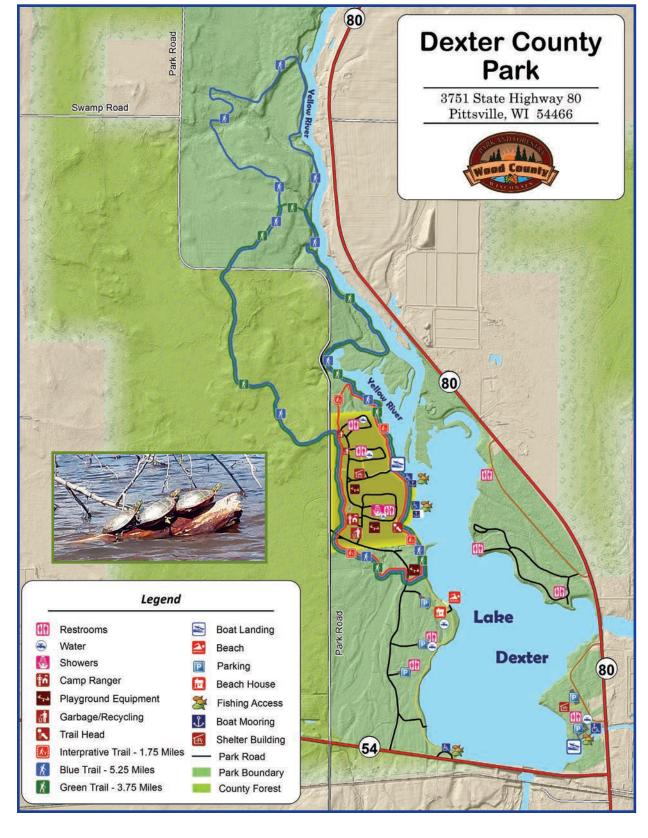
DEXTER COUNTY PARK

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, refrigerator, 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, fish-



ing access for persons with disabilities 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.

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 campers, 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 Parks and Forestry Office.



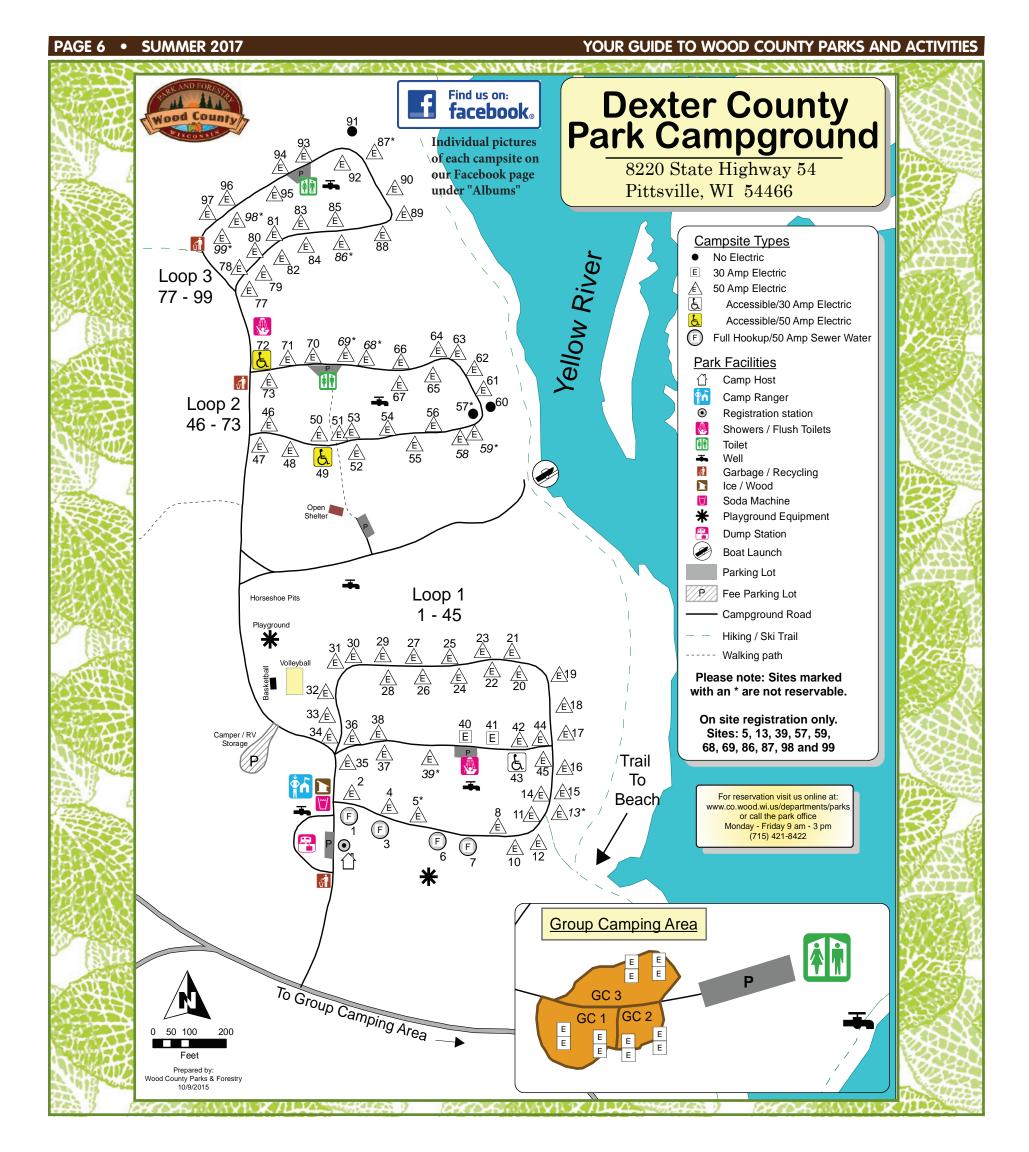
CAMP RANGERS

The Wood County Parks & 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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OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS: ips 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 moni-

tors nature's elements, can keep vou informed with useful information.

For example, the latest watch in the Pro Trek series, the PRW3000-1, uses atomic timekeeping technology and features Triple Sensor Technology, this means it has an altimeter, barometer and thermometer and a digital compass with bearing memory. And because it's solar-powered, you can be eco-friendly on your outdoor excursions.

More information about durable, outdoor watches can be found at www. ProTrek.Casio.com.

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 moisturewicking 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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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.

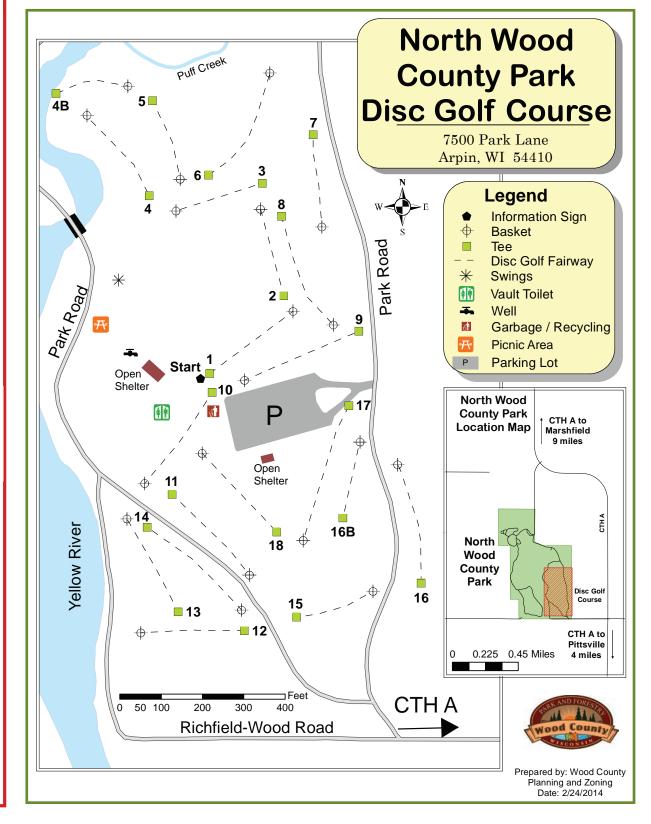
One of the main attractions of the park is the 225 foot suspension bridge over the Yellow River. Other attractions include a disc golf course, a stone shelter for rent, and a beach area.

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.



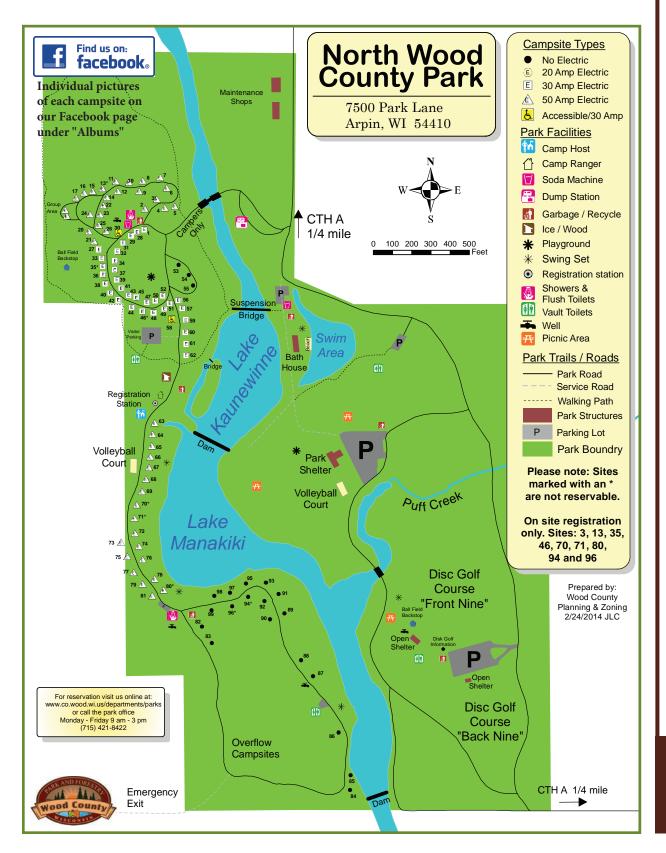


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WATCH FOR PUBLIC NOTICE - INVITATION FOR BIDS -TIMBER FOR SALE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

Usually twice per year, sealed bids are received under the procedures of § 28.11 (6)(b) of Wisconsin Statutes at the Parks and Forestry Department Office, 111 W. Jackson St., WI Rapids, WI 54495 or hand delivered. When a timber sale is announced, specific information on sales, maps of the cutting areas, bid forms, cutting requirements, contract specifications, forestry policies and public participation may be obtained by contacting the Wood County Parks and Forestry Department by calling (715) 421-8422 or e-mail at parks@co.wood.wi.us.

The Highway Infrastructure and Recreation Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids when in the best interest of Wood County.





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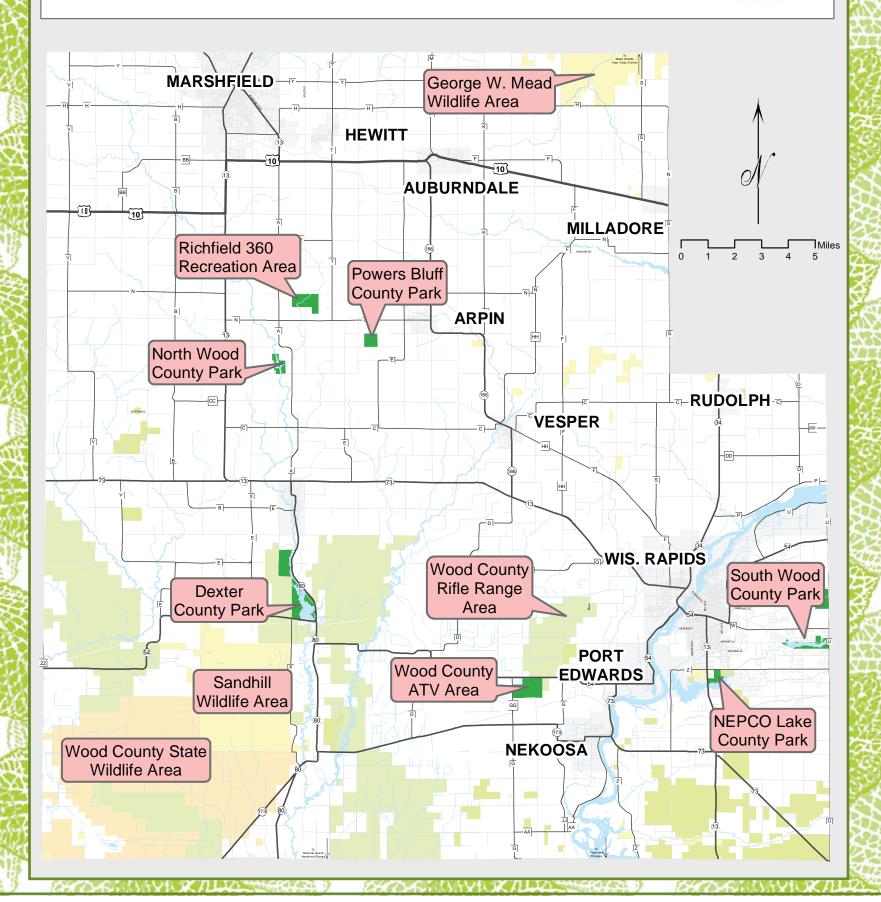
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PARK AND RECREATION AREAS



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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

South Wood County Park is located 5¹/₄ 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.

RV SALES & SERVICE

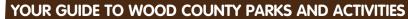
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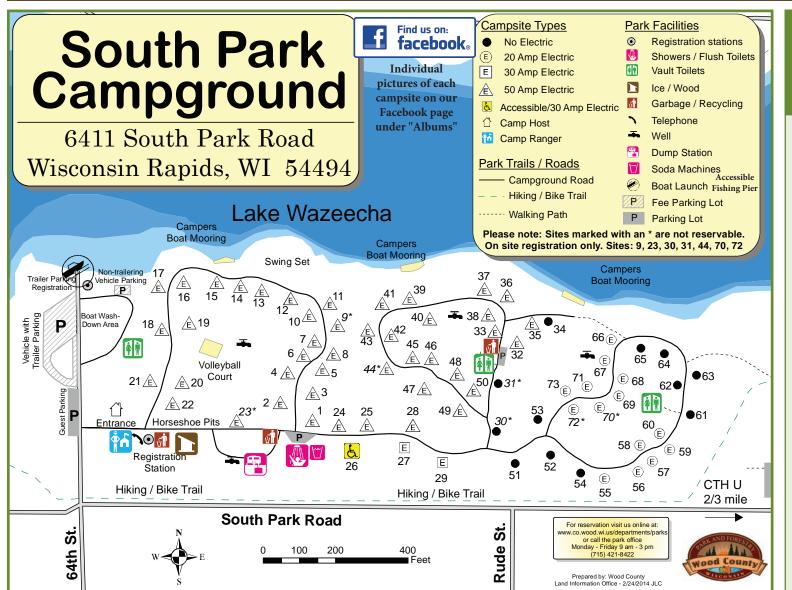
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SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK



PICNIC SITE AND FISHING ACCESS **AREAS FOR PERSONS WITH** DISABILITIES

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There are two disabled 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 disabled 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 disabled fishing access sites.



Summer Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. Noon-4pm

SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK



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, disabled access boat dock, large enclosed shelter, and small open shelter.

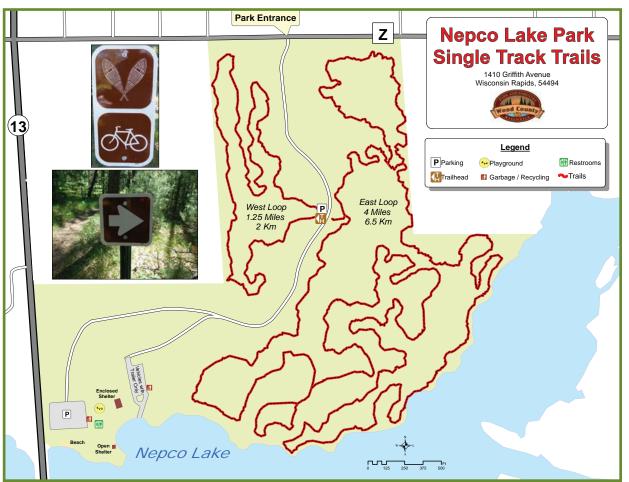
Fishing

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.





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



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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.



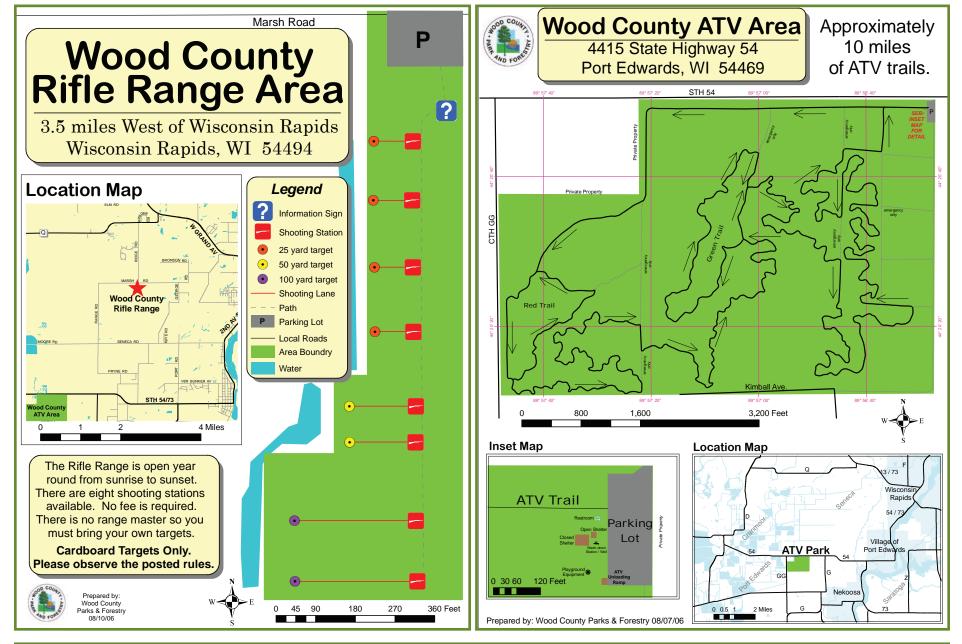
WOOD COUNTY ATV AREA

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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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. Your donation is greatly appreciated, and will assist Wood County in following through with the Long Range Master Plan's mission: Powers Bluff County Park is a unique natural, cultural and recreational resource. The long-term vision is to protect it for future generations of Wood County residents so they may enjoy the park for years to come.

Your donation will go towards the following development projects:

Multi-use shelter building
 Entrance road and 150 stall parking lot

- Snow Making equipment	\$350,000
- Ski/tube hill lighting	\$75,000
Wood County will also be investir	ng
in the following improvements to the	park:
- Trail construction and signage	\$5,000
- 3 acre recreation pond	\$30,000
- Playground equip.	\$50,000
- Remove maintenance shop from top of hill	
and replace with new shop at base of hill	\$125,000
- Ice skating rink	\$5,000
- Sledding Hill	\$2,000
Other funding sources will include WI DN	R grants, and
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\$825,000 other non-profit grants.

HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION TO THE POWERS BLUFF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT?

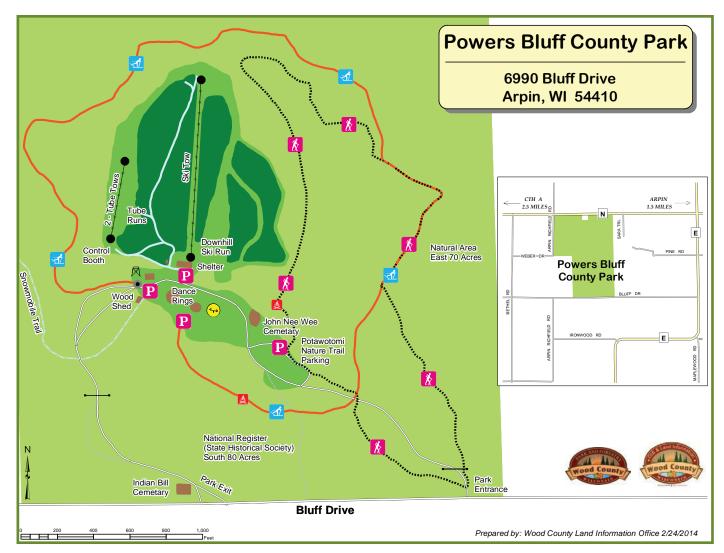
Est. Cost

\$3,100,000

Donations can be received via our website at: https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments /Parks/PowersBluffDevelopment.aspx



Here you can either download the "Donor Form" and send it in or stop at the office, or you can follow the PayPal link to make your donation with a Visa or Mastercard.



Contact our office if you would like more information on this organization: 715-421-8422 or parks@co.wood.wi.us.

POWERS BLUFF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Preserving the Past Planning for the Future

In 2003, the Wood County Parks & Forestry Department began developing a Long Range Master Plan for Powers Bluff County Park. The plan's Mission Statement is as follows: Powers Bluff County Park is a unique natural, cultural, and recreational resource. The long-term vision is to protect it for future generations of Wood County residents so they may enjoy the park for years to come.

The following groups assisted in the development of the master plan: Friends of Powers Bluff, Ho-Chunk Nation, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Wood County Parks and Forestry Committee, and several interested individuals from the public.

The plan was finalized and approved by the Wood County Board of Supervisors in 2005. The main recommendation from the plan was for Wood County to acquire adjoining property north of the existing 160 acre park. The purpose was to separate the different user groups in order to protect the cultural and environmentally sensitive areas of the park, while still having the ability to develop the outdoor recreation opportunities the area provides.

In 2012, Wood County acquired 223 acres of property north of the existing park. In 2016 the Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee instructed the Park and Forestry Department to begin soliciting donations and applying for grants for the preservation and development of the park. This brochure depicts the park once all of the development projects are completed.

The information provided in this brochure reflects how Powers Bluff County Park will operate upon completion of the preservation and development plan.

Environmental Resource Preservation

At 1,472' above sea level, Powers Bluff is the tallest point in Wood County and sits on top of a 300' high monadnock – an isolated remnant hill made of erosion resistant quartzite. Its unique flora, fauna and geologic features have been studied, recorded and are appreciated by many people.

The southeastern 70 acres of the park make up the Powers Bluff Maple Woods State Natural Area. A 1.5 mile nature trail loops through the wooded area and provides breathtaking scenery throughout the year. A nature guide booklet is available to assist in iden-



tifying the unique plant species. The Environmental Education learning room, located in the multi-use shelter building, serves as a remote learning center for many area school groups.

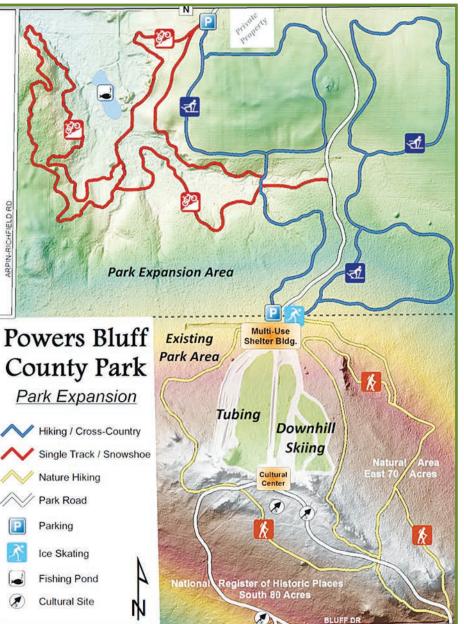
Cultural Resource Preservation

Powers Bluff/Skunk Hill (Tah-qua-kik) was the home of a unique settlement of landless Prairie Band Potawatomi, Ho Chunk, Ojibway and Menominee from 1905 to 1930. Its worth as a cultural resource in Wood County was memo-rialized in 2002 when the National Park Service placed the southern 80 acres

on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1.5 mile interpretive trail helps tell the story of this time in history. The stone shelter building, on top of the bluff, is also used occasionally as a cultural learning center.

Recreational Opportunities Powers Bluff is the destination for

Powers Bluff is the destination for many outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Year-round opportunities include: 7 miles of single track bike/snowshoe trail, 5 miles of hiking/cross country ski trail, snow tubing, downhill skiing/snowboarding, ice skating, sledding, and fishing in a 3 acre recreation pond.



Multi-use shelter building

This year-round shelter building is the main attraction for many events that occur in the park. The shelter is made up of 4 different areas: the atrium, events room/winter warming area, meeting room/environmental education learning room, and the lower level.

Atrium

This is an open air shelter area and is available to all park users, unless reserved, throughout the year. This area has tables for picnics, restrooms, drinking fountain, access to concessions, and a gas firepit to enjoy during colder temperatures. This area can also be reserved for many different types of events and can seat approximately 70 people.

Events room

This large hall is used as a warming/eating area during open times of the winter sports season. Outside of this time, the hall is available to groups that reserve it. The hall has access to concessions, a kitchen designed for catered events, and restrooms. The hall also has a small stage and portable bar. This room seats up to 300 people and is great for weddings, family reunions, outdoor sporting events and class reunions.

Meeting room/ Environmental Education learning room

This room is designed as a classroom and is ideal for environmental learning due to the close proximity to the State Natural Area. This room can also be reserved for other events throughout the year, including during the winter sports season. The room can seat 70 people.

Lower level

The lower level is only open during the winter sports season. There is an



e season. There is an equipment rental area (downhill and cross country skis, snowboards, sleds, snowshoes, ice skates), lockers, first aid room, and a restroom.



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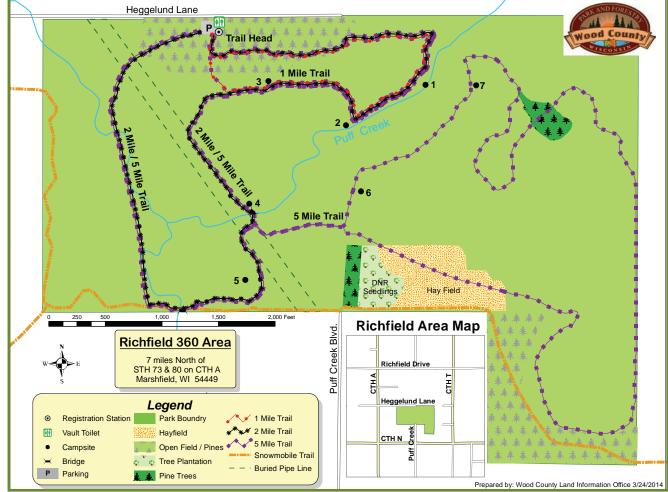
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RICHFIELD 360



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 IN WOOD COUNTY

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6

Jigsaw Run, South Wood County Park, Wisconsin Rapids, Race at 10:00am *jigsawrun.org*

June 3

Kiwanis Youth Outdoors Day, South Wood County Park, Wisconsin Rapids. 9:00am – 3:00pm. *wrkiwanis.org*

June 10-11

Pioneer Festival, Historic Point Basse, 364 Wakley Rd, Nekoosa.

10:00am – 4:00pm *historicpointbasse.com.* Take Out 715-423-3120

June 15-18

Cranberry Blossom Festival, Various Wisconsin Rapids locations.

June 16

Dairy & Berry breakfast! Blossomfest.com

June 23-25

Music Fest, Auburndale Park, Auburndale. auburndaleparkassociation.org

July 17

Kids From Wisconsin in Wisconsin Rapids. This revue is produced in collaboration with some of this country's best writers, arrangers, and choreographers. *Travelwisconsin.com*

July 20-23

Wisconsin State Water Ski Show, South Wood County Park on Lake Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids. *waterski.org*

August 5

Corvettes of the North, Wisconsin Rapids. Car Cruise starts at 4:00 pm corvettesof thenorth.com

Aug 30-Sep 4

Central Wisconsin State Fair, Fairgrounds, Marshfield. *centralwisconsinstatefair.com*

Sept 10

Downtown "Grand Affair", West Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, 10:00am-4:00pm wisconsinrapidschamber.com

Sept 16

Harvest Fair, Historic Point Basse, 364 Wakely Rd, Nekoosa, WI 10:00am – 4:00pm *historicpointbasse.com*

Sept 18-Oct 21

Cranberry Harvest Tours. Glacial Lake Cranberries, 2480 County Road D, Wisconsin Rapids. 715-887-2095. *Travelwisconsin.com*

Sept 29-Oct 1

Historical Encampment, Historic Point Basse, 364 Wakely Rd., Nekoosa. *Historicpointbasse.com*

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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 and leaf covered and 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

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

EMERALD ASH BORER EXOTIC INSECT ATTACKING ASH TREES

The emerald ash borer 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.

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.





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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.

Wazeecha	
Nekoosa	
Nepco	





Nepco Lake and Lake Wazeecha contain harmful zebra mussels. Nepco Lake 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.



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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, skin, eye damage and headaches.
- ✓ 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.



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.

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



