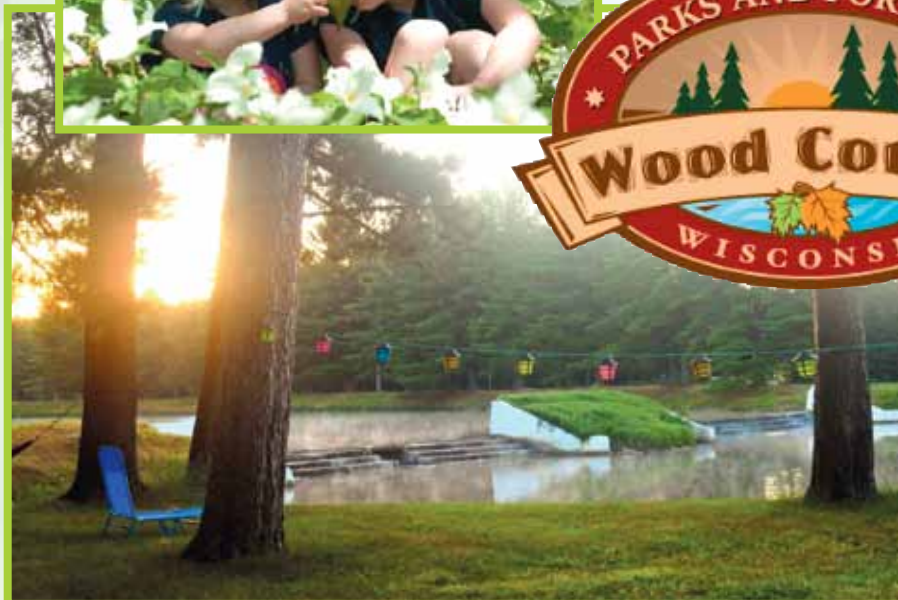


# WOOD COUNTY PARKS

YOUR GUIDE TO WOOD COUNTY PARKS AND ACTIVITIES

2019

**FREE**



## 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) intensive use 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, swim-

ming, playgrounds, hiking, fishing, hunting, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, biking and disc golf.

## WOOD COUNTY PARKS OPEN MAY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019

This year parks will open May 1st and close October 31, 2019, except for a designated camping area in Dexter County Park, which remains open through the deer gun season. Nepco County Park as well as the ATV Intensive Use Area Park remain open year-round with the shelter buildings 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 DEPARTMENT

111 W. Jackson St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 • Phone: (715) 421-8422 • Email: [parks@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:parks@co.wood.wi.us).

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION



FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

	ATV Trail/Route System	Dexter County Park	Nepco County Park	North Wood County Park	Powers Bluff	South Wood County Park	Richfield 360	ATV Intensive Use Area	County Forest
ATV Trails/Routes	✓								✓
Berry Picking		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Bird / Wildlife Observation		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boat Landing Ramp		✓	✓			✓			
Boat Wash Down Station		✓				✓			
Camping	✓	✓		✓		✓			
Canoeing		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Disabled Accessible Hunting Blinds									✓
Disk Golf				✓		✓			
Downhill Skiing					✓				
Dump Station		✓		✓		✓			
Electricity		✓		✓		✓			
Enclosed Shelter		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Fireplaces / Grills		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Fish Cleaning Station		✓							
Fishing		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Hunting		✓							✓
Nature / Hiking Trail		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Open Shelter			✓			✓			
Picnicking		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Playground Equipment		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Showers		✓		✓		✓			
Snow Shoeing			✓		✓		✓		✓
Snow Tubing					✓				
Snowmobiling		✓				✓			✓
Swimming		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Toilets		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Trapping									✓
Water Skiing			✓			✓			
Wells		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Wilderness Camping							✓		✓
Wood / Ice		✓		✓		✓			
X-Country Skiing			✓		✓		✓		✓

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 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 ILLNESS OR INJURY:	
Marshfield Clinic	St. Joseph's Hospital
1000 N. Oak Ave., Marshfield 715-387-5511	611 St. Joseph Ave., Marshfield 715-387-7676 Ambulance: Phone 9-1-1

OUTSIDE FIREWOOD NOT ALLOWED

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2016

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 Parks  
and Forestry Department

[www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Parks/](http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Parks/)



OR:



## 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. 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 ACCESSIBLE CAMP SITES

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 SITES

There are group sites at both Dexter and North Park campgrounds. Please see below for information on policies and how to go about reserving.

#### General Policy Information for Group Sites

1. One individual can make and pay for the reservation under their name.
2. Online registration is now available for group sites! You may also make a reservation by calling us at 715-421-8422 or stopping in at the parks office at 111 W. Jackson St., WI Rapids, WI 54495 from 8am-4pm, M-F.
3. Self-registration can be done the day of camping at the campground, provided the site is still available. Check with the Ranger to be sure there are no reservations.
4. If you are going to reserve the site, a minimum two night (as well as a 3 night minimum on a holiday weekend) reservation is required. One night stays can be done at the self-registration station.
5. All campers are responsible for following camping regulations. The individual making the reservation will be held responsible for any violations that may occur.
6. Any violations resulting in evictions can result in the whole group being evicted from the campground.

#### There is one (1) group camping site at North Wood County Park.

- As of January, 2019, the cost to reserve this site is \$120 per night plus a \$10 reservation fee.
- 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).
- There are (2) electrical pedestals available with (2) 20-amp; (1) 30-amp; and (1) 50-amp outlet each for a total of 8 outlets.
- (6) Picnic tables are available for your use.
- One fire ring is available.
- Only 6 vehicles are allowed at any time and all other vehicles are to be parked in the Visitor Parking lot located north of the Ranger's Cabin.

#### There are three (3) group camping sites at Dexter Park Campground.

- As of January, 2019, the costs to reserve the sites are as follows: GS1 and GS3 are \$150 per night plus a \$10 reservation fee. No more than 8 total camping units at any time. There are 4 picnic tables.
- GS2 is \$120 per night plus a \$10 reservation fee. No more than 6 total camping units at any time. There are 3 picnic tables.
- Each site has two electric pedestals, each pedestal having (2) 20-amp and (2) 30-amp outlets for a total of 8 outlets per site.
- A separate parking lot is available to minimize vehicles in camp site area. All vehicles must be parked on designated site or in available parking lot. No vehicles may be parked on entrance road or outside of registered campsites.
- Each area will have one large, permanent fire ring. All sites are flat grassy areas. No designated camp pads and have access to vault toilets and a hand pump.

### 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.
- Your camper must be stored off-site in a designated storage area. If you will be occupying the site off and on during your paid storage time, your camper may be placed on a non-reservable site. During those times, you must pay the nightly fee on the day and/or night you occupy the site. See the Camp Range to discuss camper storage.

### FEES

All fees listed below do not include the standard \$10 reservation fee.

Non-Electrical Sites.....	\$18
Reservation Fee.....	\$10
Electrical Sites.....	\$23
Water - Sewer Sites.....	\$33
Waterfront Sites - Non-Electric.....	\$21
Waterfront Sites - Electric.....	\$26

#### Waterfront Sites:

North Park - 63, 64, 65, 66, 67  
Dexter Park - 87 & 90  
South Park - 13, 14, 15, 36, 37, 39, 41, 65

#### (OS) Off-Season Rates: Spring & Fall:

(Opening day to May 19th & October 1 to Close)

(OS) Non-Electric .....	\$15
(OS) Electric.....	\$20
(OS) Sewer & Water (Dexter Only) .....	\$30
Rack of Wood.....	\$6
Ice.....	\$3 - \$6
Shower Fee for Non-Campers.....	\$1
Dump Fee for Non-Campers .....	\$7
Camper Storage / Weekly.....	\$15
Camper Storage / Monthly.....	\$60
Violations .....	\$50
<b>Disc Golf: Daily \$4 ■ Camper Daily \$2 ■ Annual \$20</b>	

**General Park User Fee:** \$50 for those that wish to reserve open spaces in the park (e.g. weddings, work events, etc.), outside of the normal shelter fee areas. Each additional picnic table that is requested is \$10.

**State Water Ski Show Reservation Policy** at South Park effective July 1, 2019 for 2020 reservations. Reservations must be made for 7-nights, no exceptions, Monday-Monday, with the following fees (waterfront sites or not):

**Reserved Sites:** Electric: \$200+\$10 Res. Fee  
Non-Electric: \$170+\$10 Res. Fee  
**Non-Reservable Sites:** Electric: \$26/night  
Non-Electric: \$21/night

No changes, cancellations or refunds will be allowed. If you wish to camp before or after those dates, a separate reservation will need to be made for those days. There is no "occupancy policy" during this time.

## CAMPGROUND RESERVATION POLICY

**Online Campsite Reservations at**  
[www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/parks](http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/parks)

- Reservations can be made twelve (12) months or less in advance (i.e. a campground reservation for July 1-4, 2020, can be made on July 1, 2019, or any date after July 1). In the campground, 10% of the sites are designated as non-reservable.

• **New!** Reservations can be made for camping from the day we open until the day we close!

• On-site registration for non-reserved sites begin May 1st at the campground through the park closing date, October 31, except at Dexter Park, which remains open for camping through the deer gun season.

**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.

- A \$10 reservation fee will be charged per site being reserved.
- No reservations will be made for a campsite later than 7 days prior to the initial date of occupancy (ie. Friday until midnight for a Friday date of occupancy).
- Reservations are not accepted at the campgrounds. Reservations may be made online 24/7 at our website <https://reservations.co.wood.wi.us/>. Or, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. by calling 715-421-8422 (VISA or MasterCard credit) or in person at the office (VISA, MasterCard, cash or check).
- 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. this policy does not apply during State Water Ski week.
- 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 adjustments 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 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. 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 18 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

The Wood County Parks & Forestry Department has nine shelter buildings available for rent. The shelters can be reserved one year in advance. The enclosed shelters can be used between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Midnight (ATV Shelter until 10:00 p.m.). The open shelter at Dexter Campground, the Red Sands Beach Pavilion and open shelter at South Wood County Park can be used between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. All shelters must be cleaned and vacated by the posted time of either 10:00 p.m. or 12:00 Midnight. It is recommended you end your event one hour prior to allow time to clean-up.

For information on partial hour shelter rates for

## CAMPGROUND RESERVATION REFUND POLICY

Rules for full details and policies.

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

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](mailto: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!



Nepco Enclosed Shelter

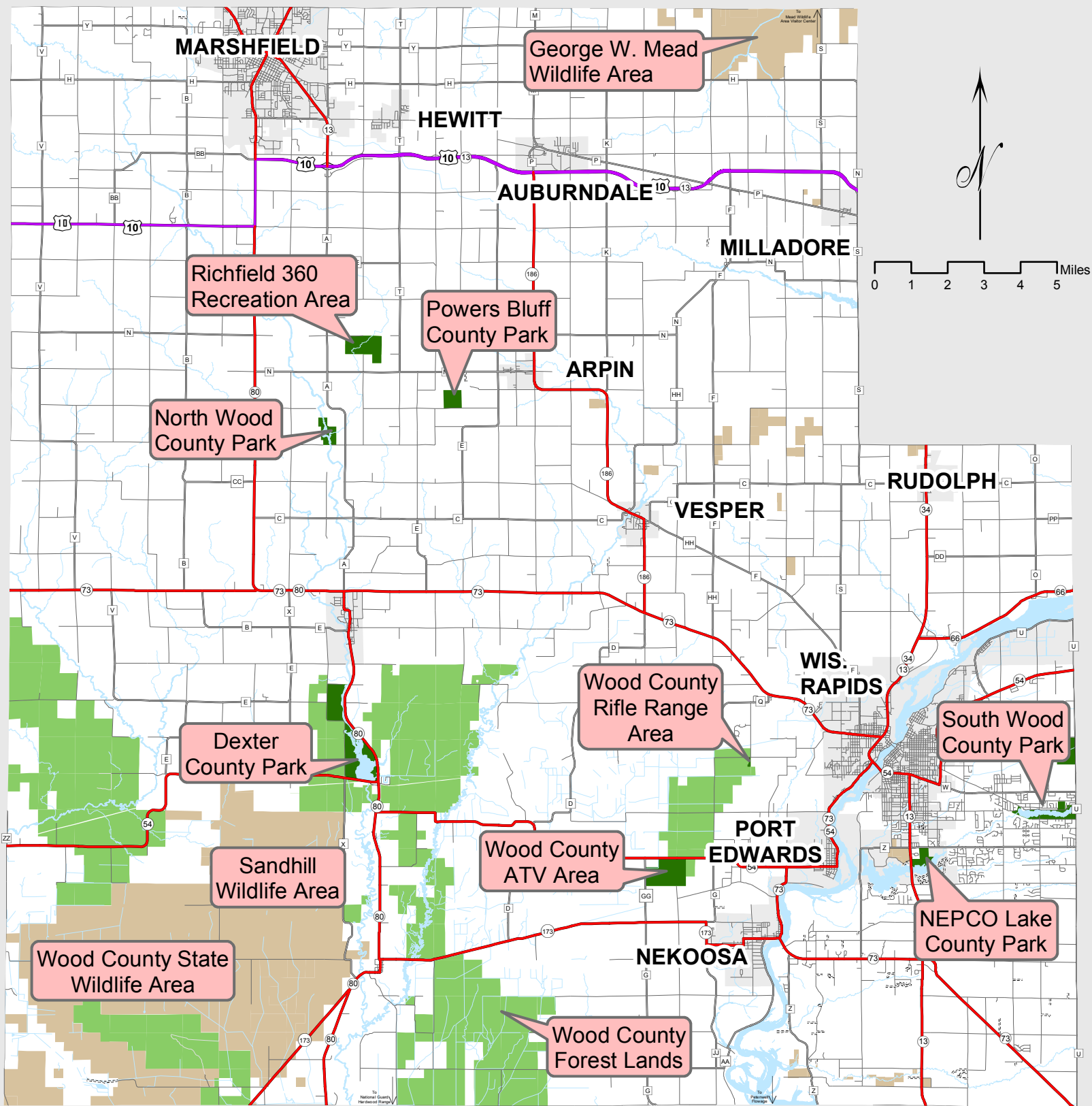
### The rental fee of the shelters are as follows:

Shelter Location	Daily Fee	Holiday Rate	Capacity	Seating
Dexter Park Enclosed	\$100.00	\$150.00	150	130-150
Nepco Enclosed	\$250.00	\$300.00	250	150-180
North Park Enclosed	\$200.00	\$250.00	250	150-180
Powers Bluff Enclosed	\$125.00	\$175.00	150	130-150
South Park Enclosed	\$200.00	\$250.00	250	150-180
South Park Open	\$100.00	\$125.00	120	100-120
Red Sands Beach Pavilion (Open)	\$150.00	\$200.00	120	100-120
Dexter Park Campground Open Shelter (Campers Only)	\$50.00	\$75.00	75	60-70
ATV Intensive Use Area Enclosed Shelter	\$75.00	\$100.00	100	70-80

# Parks and Recreation Areas



## Wood County, Wisconsin



# 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 or by reservation.

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, fishing 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.

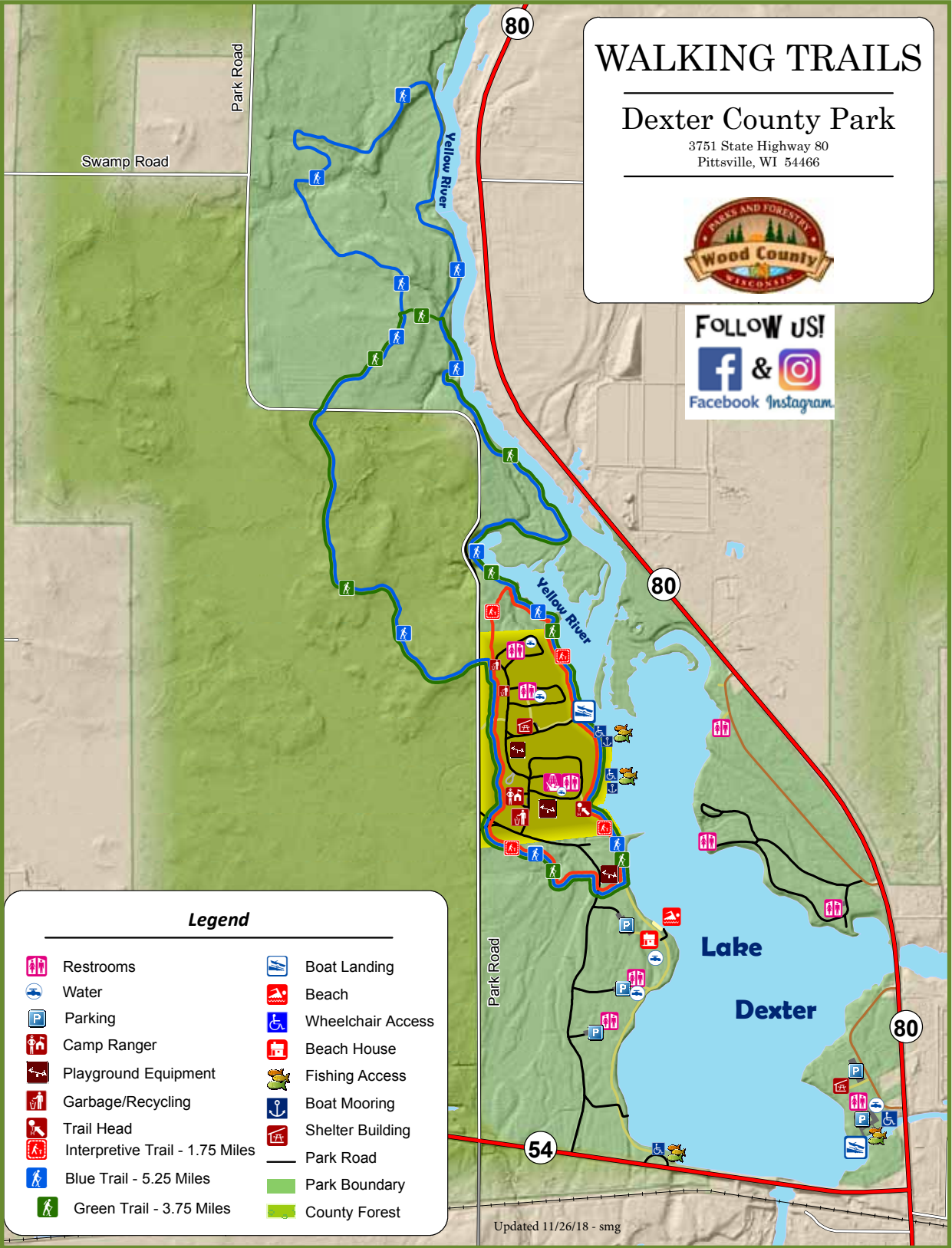


## CAMP RANGERS

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.





## Dexter Park Campground

8220 State Highway 54  
Pittsville, WI 54466

Individual pictures and dimensions of each campsite can be found on our Facebook page. Click on "Photos" and then "Albums".

### Campsite Types

- No Electric
- E 30 Amp Electric
- △ 50 Amp Electric
- ♿ Accessible 30 Electric
- ♿ Accessible 50 Electric
- F Full Hookup/50 Amp Sewer Water
- W Waterfront Sites

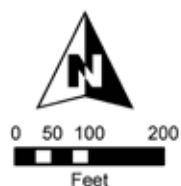
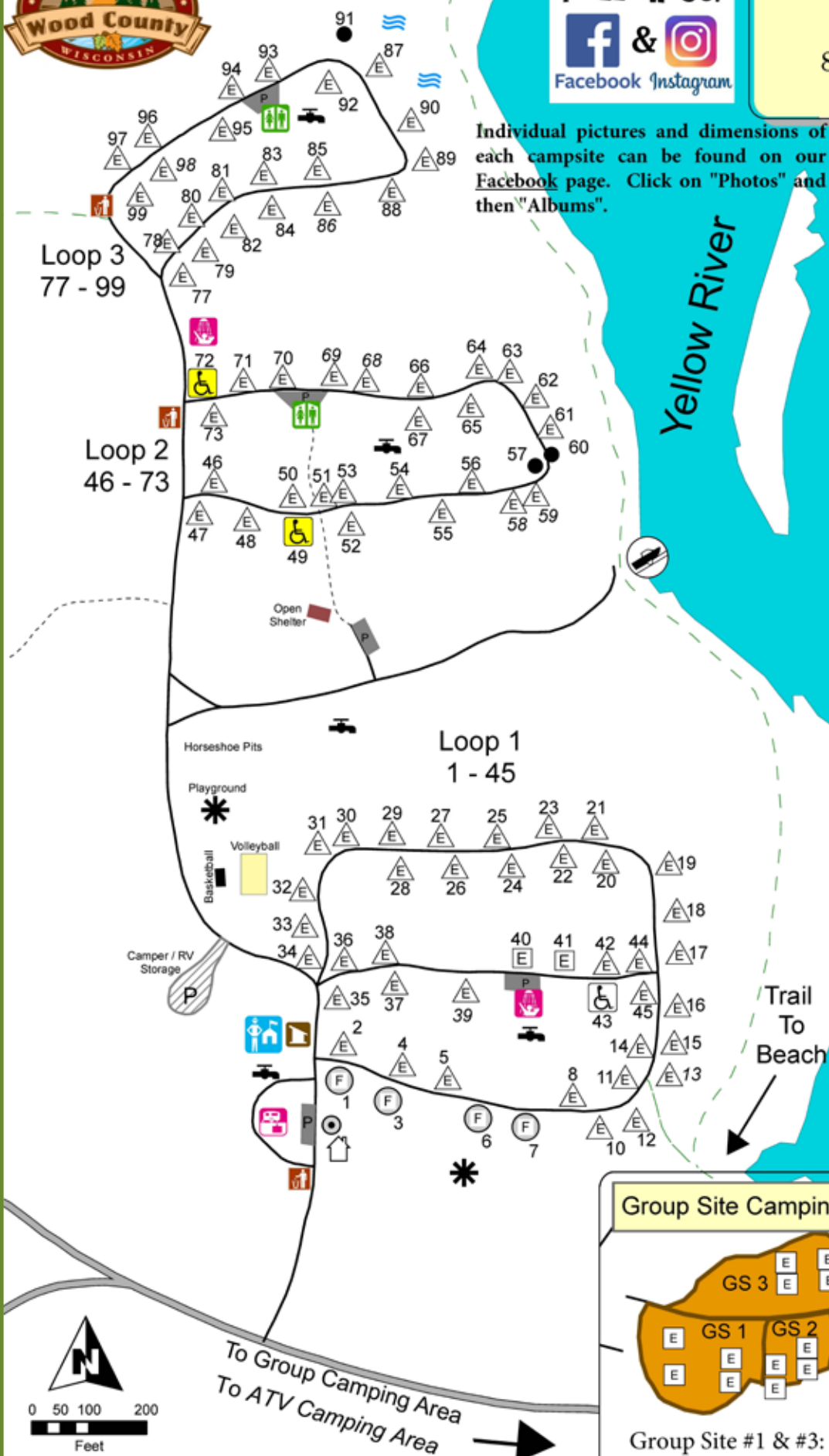
### Park Facilities

- 🏠 Camp Host
- 👤 Camp Ranger
- 📍 Registration Station
- 🚿 Showers / Flush Toilets
- 🚻 Toilet
- ⛑ Well
- ♻ Garbage / Recycling
- 🔥 Ice / Wood
- ⚙ Playground Equipment
- 🗑 Dump Station
- 🚤 Boat Launch

- Parking Lot
- ▨ Fee Parking Lot
- Campground Road
- - - Hiking / Ski Trail
- ⋯ Walking path

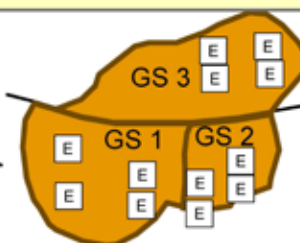
**On site registration  
(NON-RESERVABLE) only sites:**  
**5, 10, 57, 58, 68, 78, 83, 99**

For reservations visit us online at:  
[www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks](http://www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks)  
Check us out on Facebook, email us at  
[parks@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:parks@co.wood.wi.us), or call the park  
office Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm  
(715) 421-8422



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### Group Site Camping Area



Group Site #1 & #3: \$150/night + \$10 Reservation Fee  
Group Site #2: \$120/night + \$10 Reservation Fee

**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 [parcs@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:parcs@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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**Alpine Village in Rome • Like us on Facebook**

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## FOLLOW US!



Facebook Instagram

Group Area is \$120/night +  
\$10 Reservation Fee

Individual pictures and dimensions of each campsite can be found on our Facebook page under "Photos" and then "Albums".

# North Park Campground

7500 Park Lane  
Arpin, WI 54410

Maintenance  
Shops



0 100 200 300 400 500  
Feet

CTHA  
1/4 mile



## Campsite Types

- No Electric
- Ⓔ 20 Amp Electric
- Ⓔ 30 Amp Electric
- Ⓔ 50 Amp Electric
- ♿ Accessible/30 Amp
- 🌊 Waterfront Sites  
63, 64, 65, 66, 67

## Park Facilities

- 👤 Camp Host
- 🏠 Camp Ranger
- 🗑️ Dump Station
- ♻️ Garbage / Recycle
- 🧊 Ice / Wood
- 🎡 Playground
- 🎡 Swing Set
- 📍 Registration station
- 🚿 Showers & Flush Toilets
- 🚻 Vault Toilets
- 🚰 Well
- 🍷 Picnic Area

## Park Trails / Roads

- Park Road
- - - Service Road
- - - Walking Path
- Park Structures
- Parking Lot
- Park Boundry

On site registration  
(NON-RESERVABLE)  
only sites:  
35, 42, 46, 51, 53, 55, 94, 96

Prepared by: Wood  
County Planning &  
Zoning.

Updated on 1/15/2019 - SMG

For reservations visit us online at:  
[www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks](http://www.co.wood.wi.us/departments/parks),  
check us out on Facebook, email us at  
[parks@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:parks@co.wood.wi.us), or call the parks  
office Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm  
(715) 421-8422



Emergency  
Exit

CTHA 1/4 mile



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.

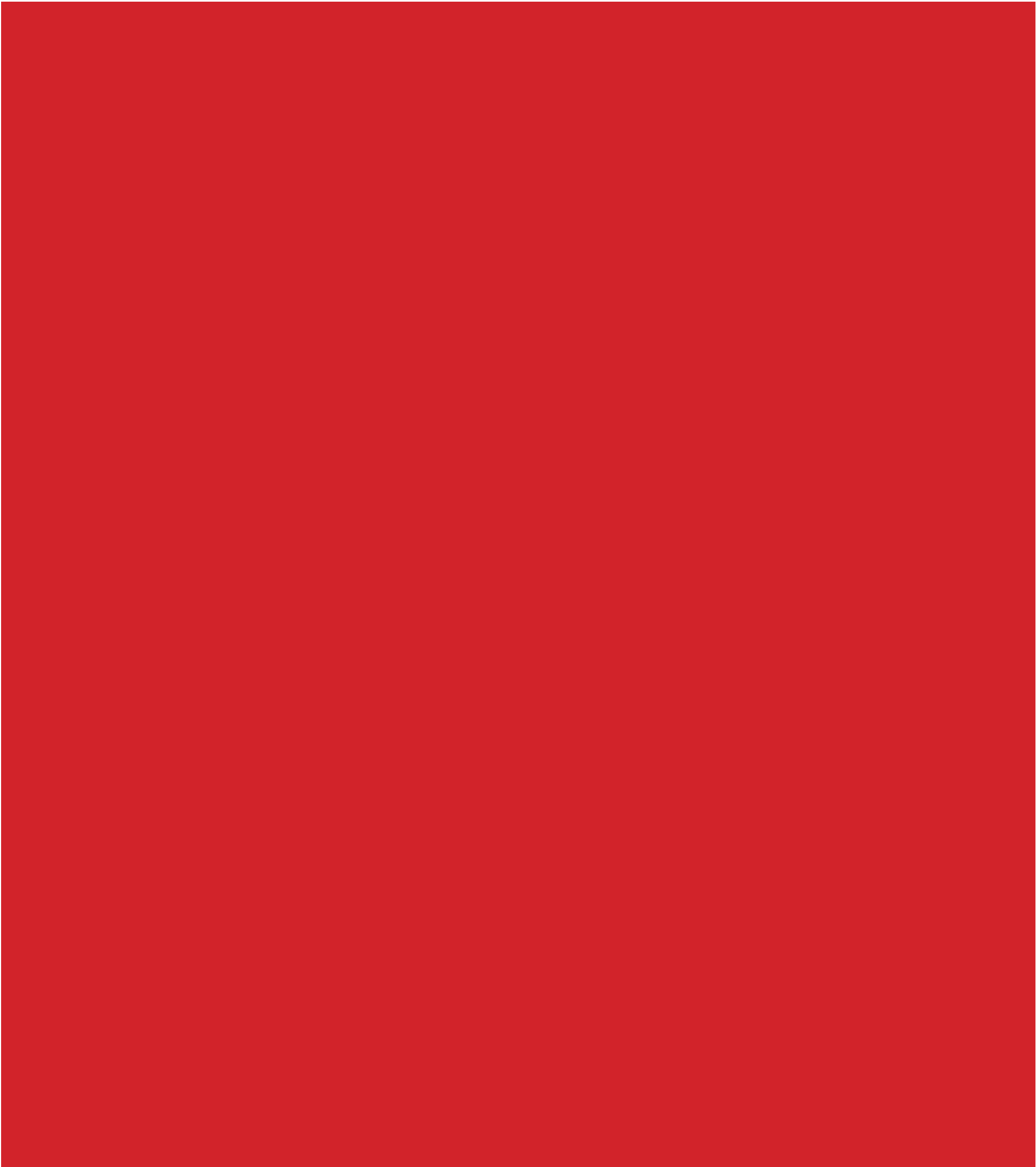
**DISC GOLF FEES:**

Daily \$4 • Camper Daily \$2 • Annual \$20



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



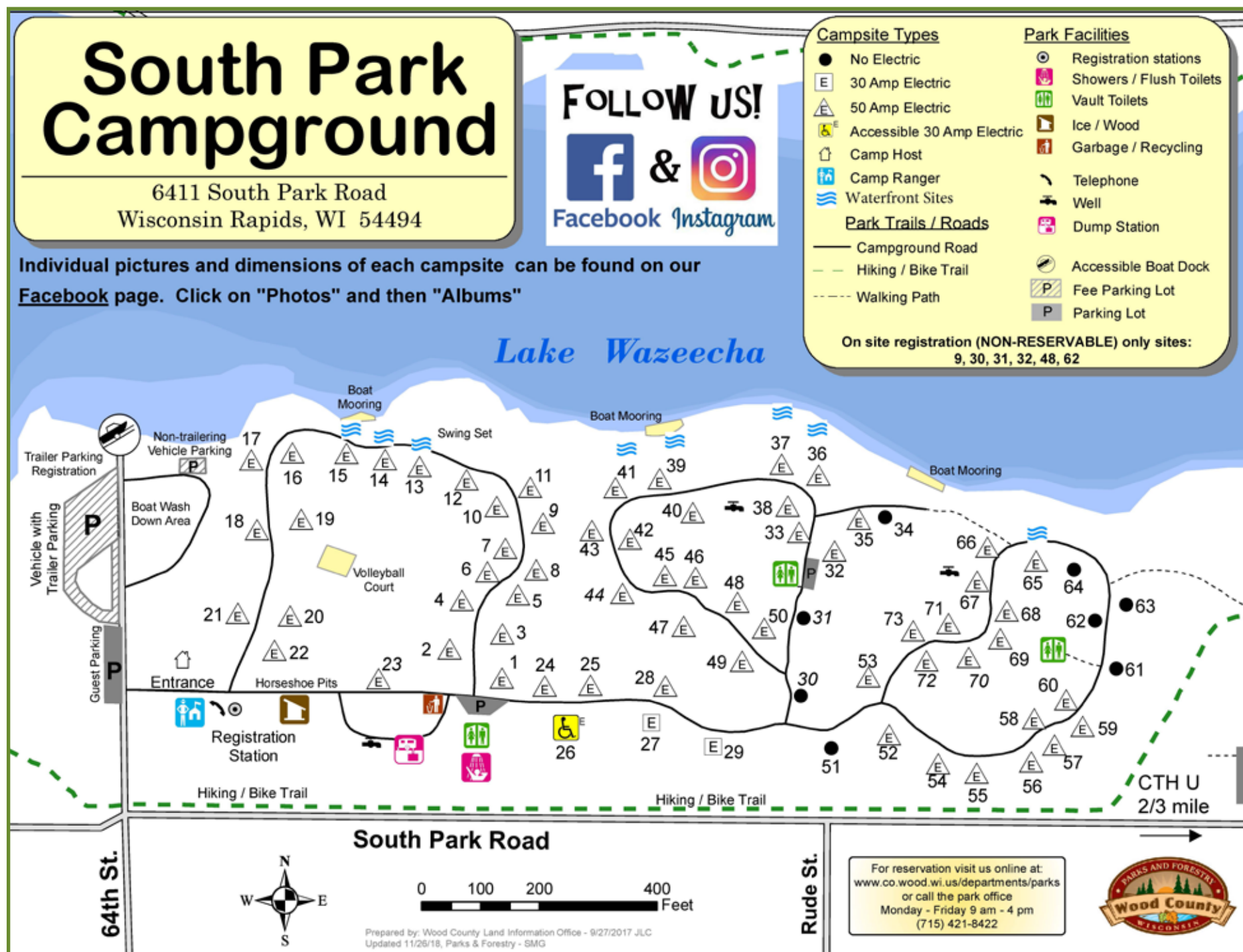


## SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK

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, 65 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.

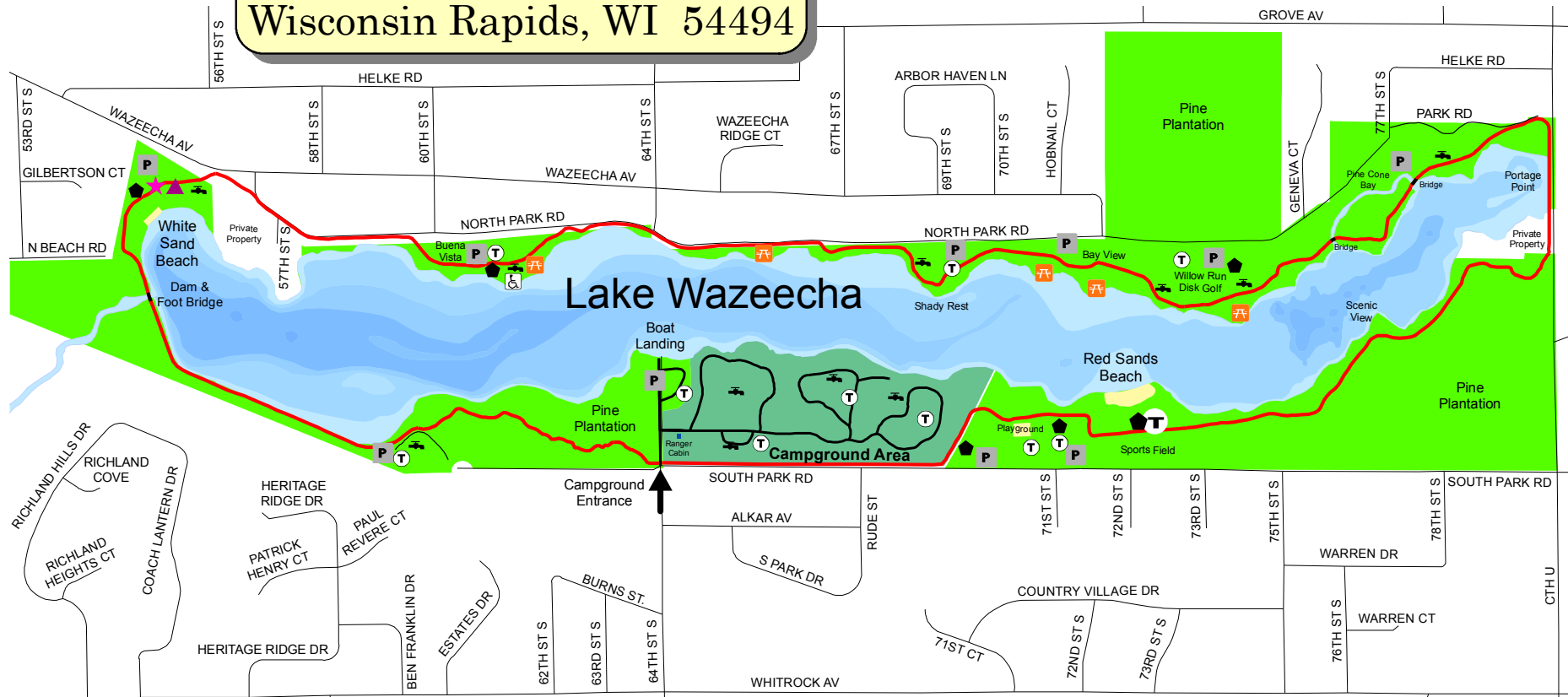


SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK



**Hiking & Biking Trails**  
**South Wood County Park**  
  
7111 South Park Road  
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South Wood County Park = 324 acres  
Lake Wazeecha = 131 acres  
Recreation Trail = 4.1 miles



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Wood County  
Parks & Forestry  
11/26/2018

**Legend**

	Trail Head		Well		Hiking / Bike Trail
	Picnic Area		Toilet		Accessible Fishing
	Shelter		Parking		

PICNIC SITE AND FISHING ACCESS AREAS  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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.





# SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK

## WILLOW RUN DISC GOLF COURSE





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NORTH PARK ROAD

Willow Run Parking Lot

Lake Wazeecha

Disc Golf

Legend

- Basket
- Tee
- Shelter
- Restrooms
- Disc Golf Fairway
- Hiking / Biking Trail
- Walking path

Prepared by: Wood County Land Information Office 2/24/2014

Updated 3/20/2018 by Parks & Forestry





### 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](mailto:2putt@2putt.org)

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## 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.



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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:**

PHASE 1	Est. Cost
Multi-use shelter trail head building .....	\$560,000
Entrance road and parking lot.....	\$345,000
Fishing Pond & Ice Skating Rink.....	\$30,000
Playground, benches, tables & grills .....	\$70,000

PHASE 2	
Snowmaking & Lighting Equip. for the tubing & ski hill .....	\$625,000

PHASE 3	
Park maintenance shop relocation & extend the entrance road .....	\$331,000

PHASE 4	
Multi-use shelter bldg. / parking lot.....	\$2,105,000

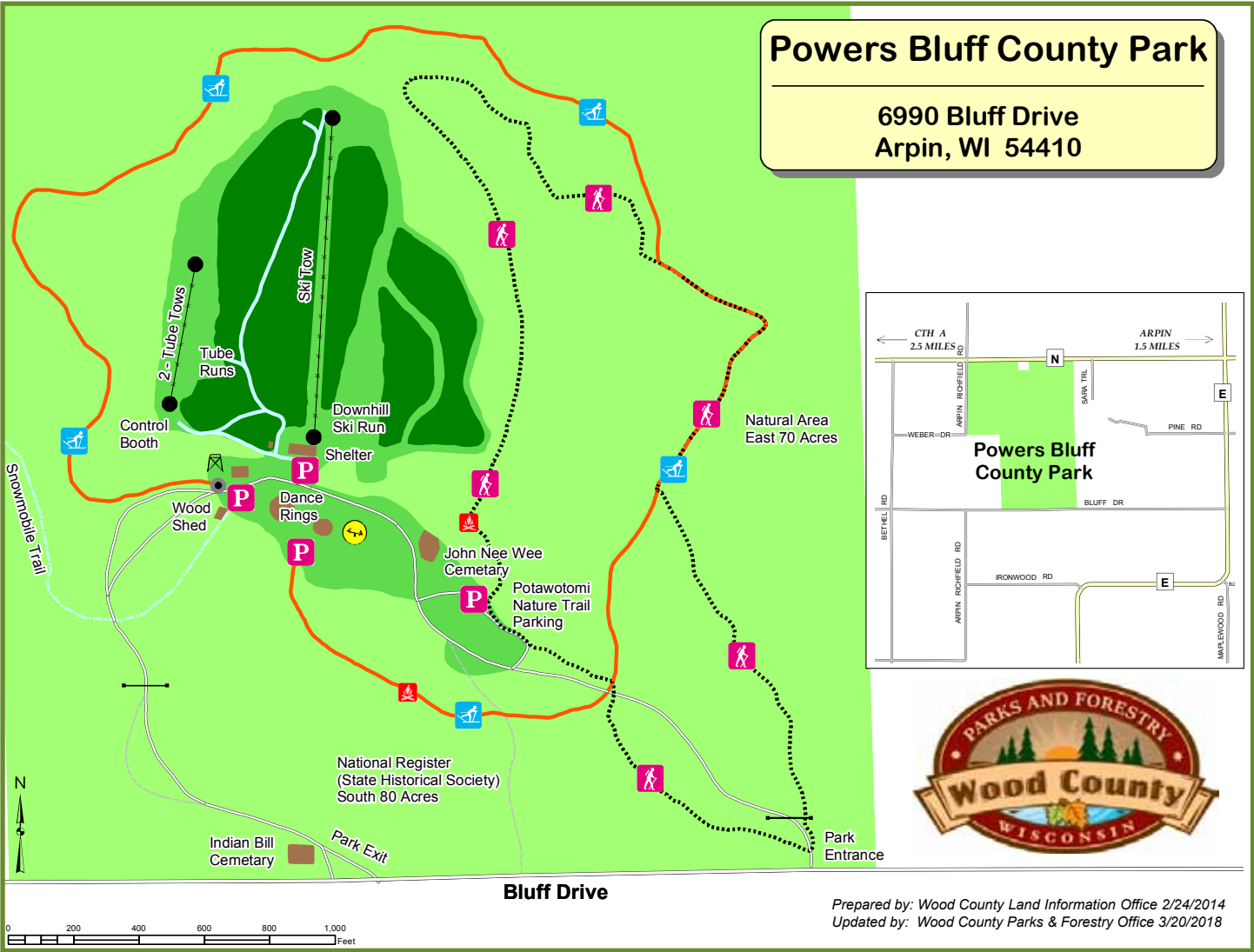
Other funding sources will include WI DNR grants, and other non-profit grants.

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

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.

Thank You!



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

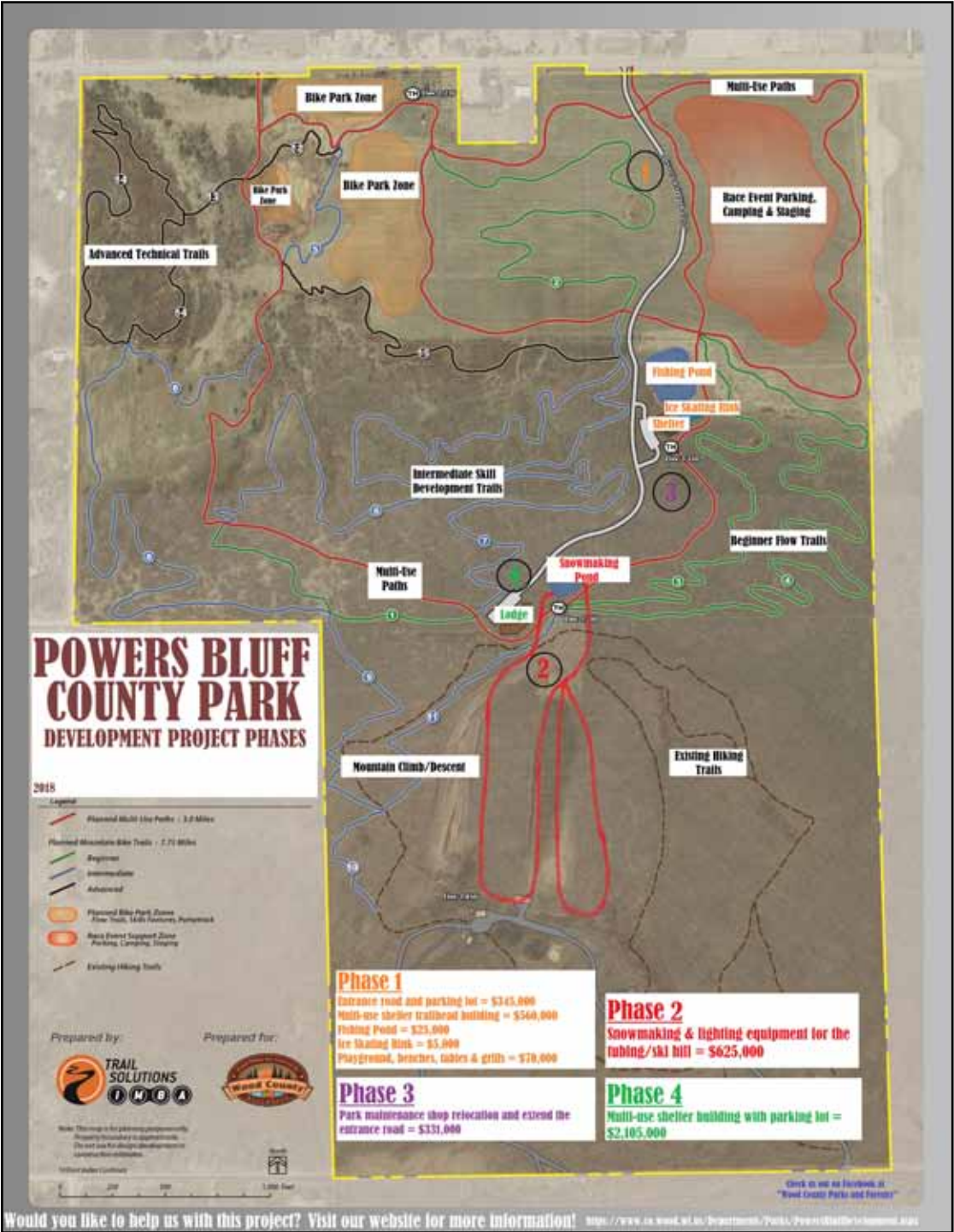
POWERS BLUFF PARK



Bear's Tooth Mushroom  
at Powers Bluff

Wood County is very excited to begin the Powers Bluff Development Project. In 2018, Wood County staff cleared 2 ½ miles of multiuse trail, which will be used by hikers, bikers and cross country skiers. Currently, the trail surface is natural grass and soil. Future surfacing will be gravel. In addition, there is over seven miles of single track bike trails planned to be built over the next few years. These trails will be built by county staff, volunteers and possibly contractors.

In addition to the trail construction, Wood County is looking to make additional park improvements as outlined below. This development will be funded using county resources, private donations and outdoor recreation grants. For more information regarding this project or to make a donation, please contact the Wood County Parks & Forestry Department at 715-421-8422 or parks@co.wood.wi.us.



<b>Phase 1</b>	
1,800 linear ft. entrance road .....	\$270,000
80 stall parking lot .....	\$75,000
3,000 sq. ft. trail head shelter building .....	\$450,000
Building site work .....	\$30,000
Utilities .....	\$50,000
Building design/engineering .....	\$30,000
Fishing pond construction .....	\$25,000
Ice skating rink .....	\$5,000
Playground and site amenities.....	\$70,000
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Phase 2</b>	
Extend 3 phase electric to base of hill .....	\$50,000
Dig pond for snow making.....	\$25,000
Install snow making equipment.....	\$450,000
Install lights on tubing/skiing hills .....	\$100,000
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>
<b>Phase 3</b>	
Extend entrance road to base of tube/ski hill.....	\$181,000
Relocated maintenance shop to base of hill.....	\$150,000
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$331,000</b>
<b>Phase 4</b>	
Construct shelter building at base of hill .....	\$1,700,000
Construct 15 stall parking lot.....	\$405,000
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$2,105,000</b>
<b>Grand Total: .....</b>	<b>\$4,061,000</b>

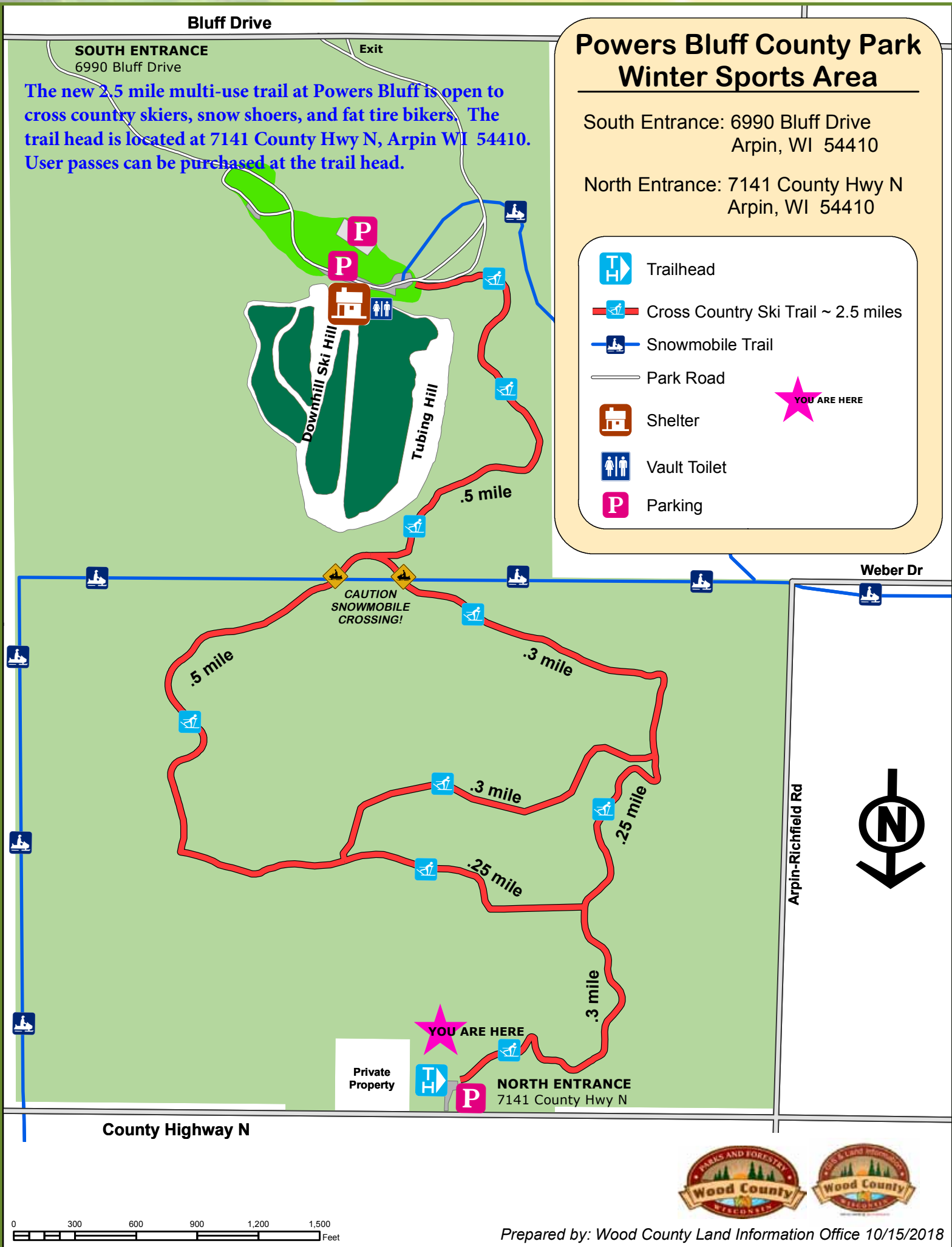
DONATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in the Powers Bluff Development Project. 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 in to protect it for future generations of Wood county residents so they may enjoy the park for years to come.

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## RICHFIELD 360



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## THINGS TO DO IN WOOD COUNTY • CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY 4

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

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CAMPGROUNDS IN MAY!**

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### JUNE 1

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

### JUNE 8-9

**Pioneer Festival**, Historic Point Basse,  
364 Wakley Rd, Nekoosa. 10:00am – 4:00pm  
historicpointbasse.com.  
Take Out 715-423-3120

### JUNE 20-23

**Cranberry Blossom Festival**, Various  
Wisconsin Rapids locations.

### JUNE 21

**Dairy & Berry breakfast!** Blossomfest.com

### JUNE 21-23

**Music Fest**, Auburndale Park, Auburndale.  
auburndaleparkassociation.org

### JULY 15

**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 18-21

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

### AUGUST 3

**Corvettes of the North**, Wisconsin Rapids.  
Car Cruise starts at 4pm.  
corvettesofthenorth.com

### AUGUST 20-25

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

### SEPTEMBER 8

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

### SEPTEMBER 14

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

### SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 19

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

### OCTOBER 13-14

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

### OCTOBER 5-6

**Nekoosa Pumpkin Fest**  
nekoosagiantpumpkinfest.com

**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.**

## 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.



## 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.

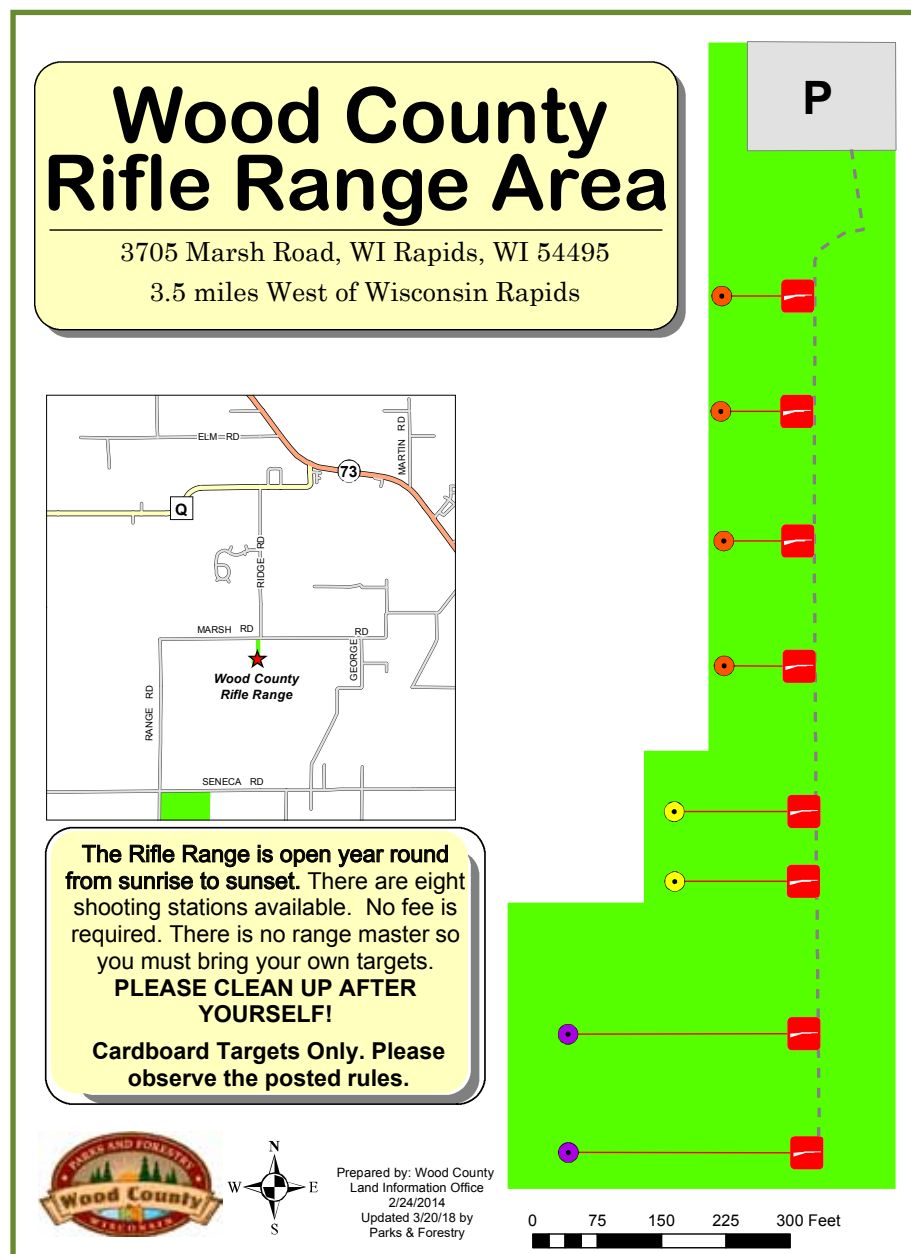
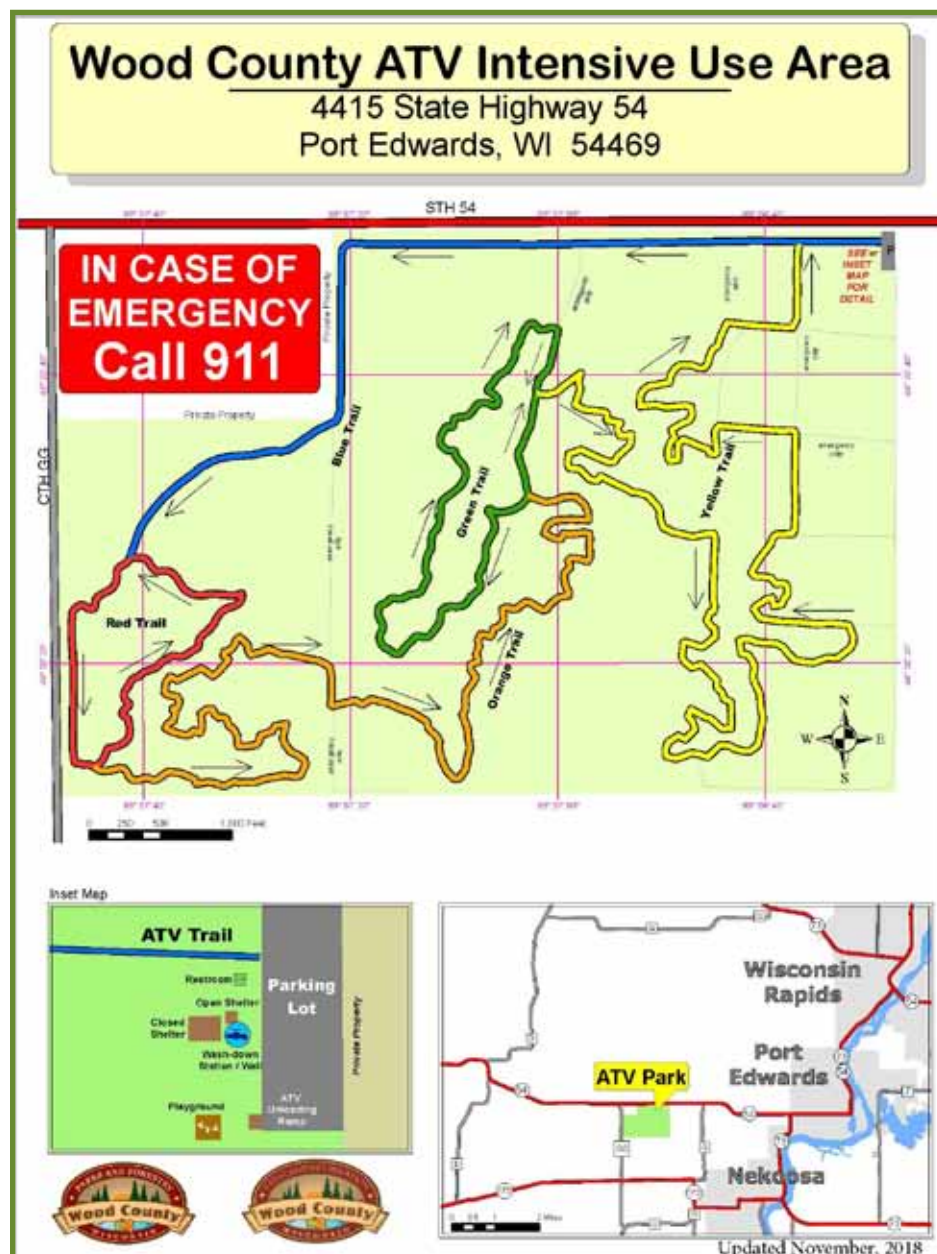
The Wood County ATV Area is located 3 miles west of Port Edwards on STH 54. ATVs are not allowed on county forest land except on designated trails in the Wood County ATV Area.

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



## 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.



## 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 life-saving 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**

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## 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 \$50 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.....	148 acres
Nekoosa.....	452 acres
Nepco.....	494 acres
Wis. Rapids .....	447 acres
Biron .....	2,126 acres
Dexter .....	312 acres

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT USE

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.

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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.



## NO MOTORIZED SCOOTERS



**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 disability restrictions. These people may be allowed to operate vehicles to assist mobility.

## 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](http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov)  
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