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By land or water, during every season, the Stevens Point Area offers abundant outdoor opportunities for recreational enthusiasts. Hit the trail, including the popular Green Circle Trail, before exploring more secluded spots, from the Ice Age Trail to the hiking paths within the region's state natural areas. On water, paddle the backwaters and sloughs of the Wisconsin River, or venture out on smaller streams and lakes for more variety.

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Conveniently located in the center of the state, the Stevens Point Area is a recreationalist playground in the heart of central Wisconsin.

In this guide you will find information about exploring the outdoors in the Stevens Point Area, including hiking, bicycling, paddling, crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding. Most of the trails in this guide are multi-use and may vary by season. Routes provided for road-biking and paddling are not a complete list, but rather a list of popular routes worth exploring. Be sure to check out the map, trail restrictions, and use fees before heading out. For more information on camping and lodging, trail conditions, and other things to do in the Stevens Point Area visit StevensPointArea.com or call 715-344-2556.

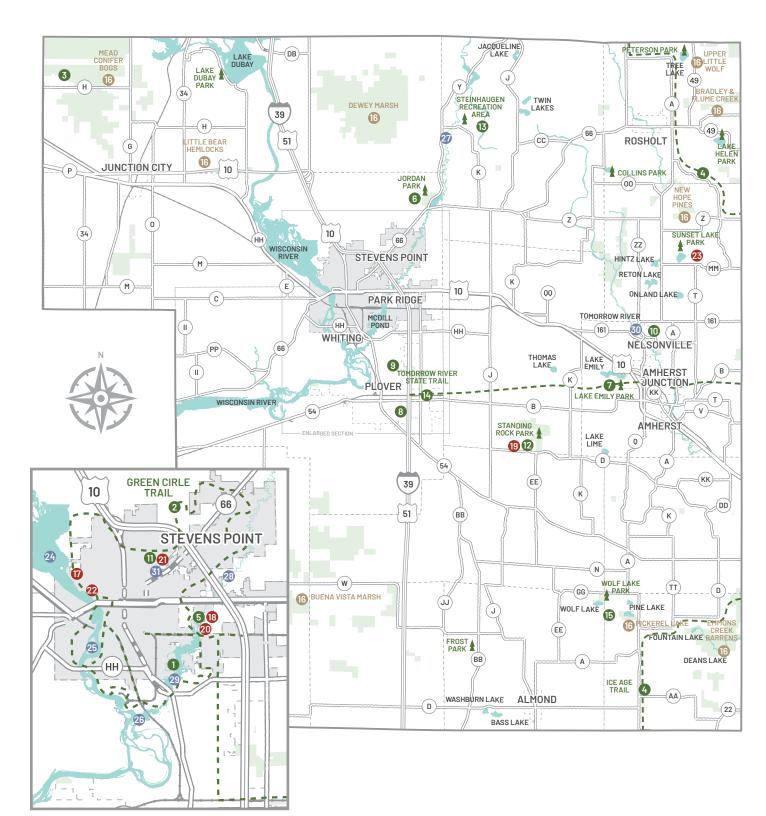
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Baymont Inn & Suites	247 Division St. N., Stevens Poir	nt 715-341-8888 BaymontInns.com	49 ROOMS 去 🎯 🔕 😒 🚍
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DuBay County Park	4501 Cty. Rd. E, Junction City	715-346-1433 Co.Portage.WI.US	31 SITES 317 💼 🖻 🕞 🗙
Hartman Creek State Park	N2480 Hartman Creek Rd., Waupaca	715-258-2372 DNR.WI.gov	101 SITES 237 🛆 🏟 🕩 🕞 🗙
Jordan County Park	1903 Cty. Hwy. Y, Stevens Point	715-346-1433 Co.Portage.WI.US	25 SITES 227 🛆 💼 🗈 🛠
Lake DuBay Shores	203040 DuBay Dr., Mosinee	715-457-2484 DuBayShores.com	150 SITES (12074) 🔿 🗊 🖨 🕼 🛠
Lake Emily County Park	3961 Park Dr., Amherst Junction	715-346-1433 Co.Portage.WI.US	72 SITES 66 🗲 \land 🍙 🖪 (P) 🖈
Oasis Campground & Waterpark	N4398 Elizabeth Ln., Hancock	715-249-3322 OasisHancock.com	166 SITES 166 🕫 🌢 🏟 🕩 🍪 🖈
River's Edge Campground	3266 Campsite Dr., Stevens Point	715-344-8058 RiversEdgeWisconsin.com	290 SITES (192 🖌 🛆 🏟 🕞 🚱 🖈
Wild West Campground & Corral	9495 Hwy. 54, Amherst	715-824-5112 WildWestCampground.com	54 SITES 5470 🌢 💼 🗈 🛠 🔊

LODGING KEY

- ★ Airport Shuttle (Additional Fee May Apply)
- 🚔 Taxi Service
- Free Parking
- **a** Free Wifi

- 😹 Pool Access
- 牙 Lake or River Access
- 🖌 Fitness Center
- 📽 Pet Friendly (Additional Fee May Apply)
- 🍟 Free Breakfast
- Restaurant On-Site

- ★ Playground Area
- 🔺 Tent Area
- **m** Dump Station

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- ✓ Electric Sites
- Water Sites

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ERICKSON NATURAL AREA/ KOZICZKOWSKI PARK

3433 Minnesota Ave. Stevens Point, WI 54481

Tucked along the shores of McDill Pond in Koziczkowski Park, is the 5.5 acre Godfrey & Maybelle Erickson Natural Area. The park, known for birding with more than 170 species documented, has a .5 mile trail. The trail, consisting of wood chips winding along the shore of McDill Pond, and through a variety of habitats, is part of the Green Circle Birding Trail. Parking is available on the north side of Koziczkowski Park, off of Minnesota Ave. or Della St.



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GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL & SPURS

The Green Circle Trail offers 27 miles of scenic hiking and biking that loops through the Stevens Point Area and connects with more than 45 miles of additional trail. The main loop of the Green Circle consists of 12 trail segments, winding through forests, wetlands, and along rivers. The official trailhead at the Schmeeckle Reserve is an ideal starting point, with free parking, year-round restrooms, bicycle repair station, water filling station, maps, and picnic shelter.

UNIVERSITY TRAIL

Length: 2.5 miles

Surface: Crushed granite trails and boardwalks(through Schmeeckle), and paved roads

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, no pets (use alternate route along North Point Dr.)

Parking: Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center (west), Wilshire Dr. parking lot (east)

MOSES CREEK TRAIL

Length: 2.4 miles

Surface: Crushed granite, boardwalks

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Wilshire Dr. parking lot (west) or Hwy. 66 Plover River Trail parking lot (east)

PLOVER RIVER TRAIL

Length: 3.6 miles Surface: Crushed granite trail Activities: Hiking, jogging, pets, biking, cross-country skiing Parking: Lot on Hwy. 66 (north), end of Hofmeister Dr. (south) The University Trail spans from the Business 51/Division Street roundabout (west) to the Moses Creek parking lot off of Wilshire Dr. (northeast). The west portion of the trail meanders through Schmeeckle Reserve, a natural area owned by UW-Stevens Point. The east portion follows Wilshire Dr. to the north.

The Moses Creek Trail features the longest boardwalk on the Green Circle (nearly 1/2 mile). The trail spans from the parking area along Wilshire Dr. (west) to Highway 66 crossing (east). The trail meanders through wet woodlands and over pristine sedge meadows, providing ample wildlife watching opportunities.

The scenic Plover River Trail spans from the Highway 66 crossing (north) to Hofmeister Dr. (south). The diverse woodlands, towering trees, flowing water, and ample wildlife viewing make this trail a favorite.

TRAIL ROUTES

IVERSON PARK TRAIL

Length: 2.7 miles

Surface: Crushed granite (through park) and paved roads

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: End of Hofmeister Dr. (north), Iverson Park (middle), Patch St. (south)

HEARTLAND

Length: 2.6 miles Surface: Asphalt paved trail Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

MCDILL TRAIL

Length: 1.4 miles Surface: Crushed granite and paved roads Activities: Hiking, jogging,

biking, pets **Parking:** Patch St. (north), Whiting Park (south)

HOOVER ROAD TRAIL SPUR

Length: 4.5 miles

Surface: Asphalt paved trail

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking. Pets allowed only on the trail spur, not in Plover parks.

Parking: Little Plover River Park (middle), Worzella Pines and Lake Pacawa Parks The Iverson Park Trail travels through one of the oldest and largest city parks in Stevens Point. It spans from Hofmeister Dr. (north), travels over I-39, follows quiet residential roads, crosses over Hwy. 66, meanders through Iverson Park, ducks under a train bridge, and ends on Patch St. (south).

The Heartland Trail Spur is a

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McDill Trail segments.

access the trail at the inter-

The McDill Trail spans from

Patch St. (north) and ends at

the County HH intersection

(south). Excellent waterfowl

provided along the McDill Pond.

Much of the trail runs through

The Hoover Road Trail Spur is

a popular spur that connects

Stevens Point (north) with the Village of Plover (south). The

trail spur is accessed via a short

crushed granite connector path

from the Whiting Crossing Trail

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WHITING CROSSING TRAIL

Length: 2.1 miles Surface: Crushed granite and paved roads

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Whiting Park (northwest)

PAPER MILL TRAIL

Length: 1.5 miles Surface: Crushed granite

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Whiting Park/Cedar St. (east), parking area on Sherman Ave. (west)

SCHRADER CONNECTION

Length: 1.7 miles

Surface: Hard-packed crushed granite trail

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Access via Paper Mill or River Pines parking areas

The Whiting Crossing Trail is accessed at the intersection of the McDill Trail on the east, and the Paper Mill Trail on the west. The eastern portion of the trail winds through the scenic Mainland Meadows, part of the Village of Whiting well field. The western portion travels through Upper Whiting Park, with views of the Whiting dam, an abundance of year-round waterfowl, and Indian mounds.

The Paper Mill Trail spans from the edge of Upper Whiting Park (west) at the Plover River bridge to a parking area along Sherman Ave. The trail meanders through former paper mill land along the Plover and Wisconsin rivers.

The Schrader Connection connects to the Paper Mill Trail (south) and with Bliss Avenue, just one block from the River Pines Trail (north). The trail is named after Tom Schrader, former Director of the Stevens Point Parks, Recreation, and Forestry department, who worked to establish the trail in 2019 and is one of the founders of the Green Circle.



TRAIL ROUTES

RIVER PINES

Length: 3.7 miles

Surface: Crushed granite trail (along river), paved roads, sidewalks

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Parking area on Sherman Ave. (south), downtown (north)

WESTSIDE LOOP

Length: 2.4 miles

Surface: Crushed granite trails and sidewalks

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Parking area along County HH (south), downtown (north)

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Length: 1.2 miles Surface: Asphalt paved trail Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Bukolt Park (north), downtown (south)

STAGECOACH TRAIL

Length: 2.2 miles Surface: Paved roads Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Bukolt Park (west), Zenoff Park (east) The River Pines Trail extends from Sherman Ave. in the south to the Highway 66 bridge over the Wisconsin River in the north. The majority of the trail meanders through natural forest as it follows the Wisconsin River shoreline. This scenic portion of the trail offers views of rocky outcroppings, islands, large white pine and oak trees, and incredible sunsets.

The Westside Loop spans from the Highway 66 river crossing in the north (Riverfront Trail) to the County HH river crossing in the south (River Pines Trail). The northern portion of the trail offers excellent views of historic downtown Stevens Point and the dam.

The popular Riverfront Trail spans from Bukolt Park in the

in the south. It travels along

the shore of the Wisconsin

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The Stagecoach Trail spans from Bukolt Park (southwest) to

Zenoff Park (east) along quiet neighborhood roadways. It also

provides stunning views of the

Wisconsin River, Old Wausau

Road has extended shoulders

River through Bukolt and

easy access to downtown

Stevens Point.

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north to the Highway 66 bridge



SCULPTURE PARK TRAIL SPUR

Length: 0.5 miles

Surface: Crushed granite and woodchips

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

Parking: Zenoff Park (north), Along North Second St. (west) Explore beautiful sculptural works along the scenic .5 mile trail. Leisurely stroll through towering pines to discover a unique connection between nature and art. Sitting on 20 acres and connected to the Brickyard Trail, the Stevens Point Sculpture Park features artwork from local, regional, and national artists.

BRICKYARD TRAIL

Length: 1.2 miles

Surface: Crushed granite, some sidewalk

Activities: Hiking, jogging, biking, pets

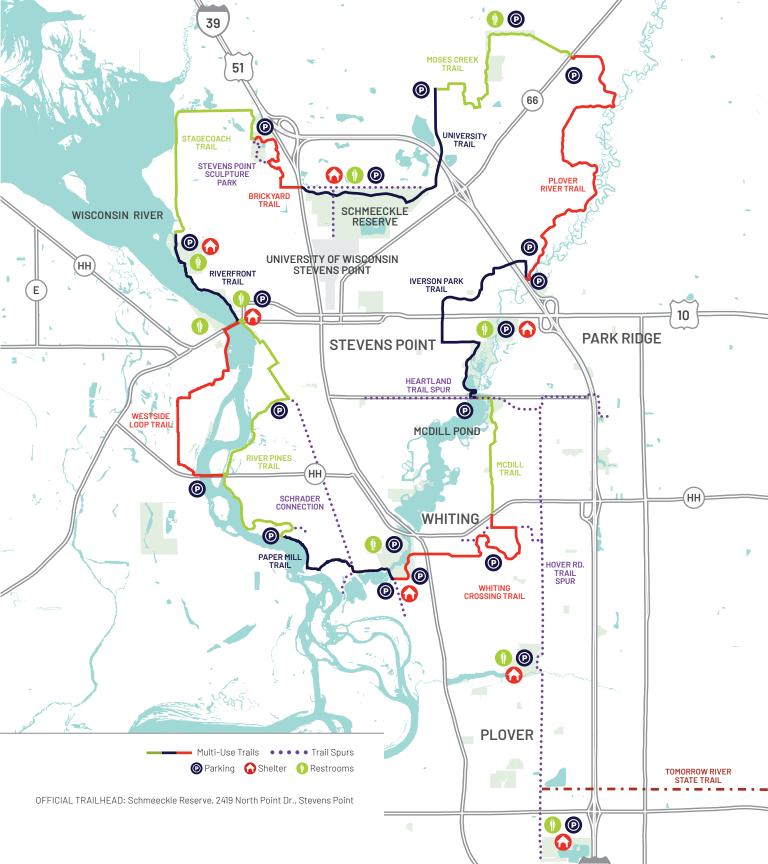
Parking: Zenoff Park (west), Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center (east) The Brickyard Trail spans from Zenoff Park (west) to the edge of Schmeeckle Reserve (east). It travels through a forested area, following a small stream past meadows. The Brickyard Trail provides access to the Stevens Point Sculpture Park.

What do you like most about The Green Circle?

Let us know what you think, share your stories with us on **FACEBOOK.**



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GEORGE W. MEAD WILDLIFE AREA

201517 County Rd. S, Milladore, WI 54454

The George W. Mead Wildlife Area, a public property managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, offers over 80 miles of trails that explore portions of the expansive 33,000 acres. Observe nesting great blue herons and cormorants in the rookery. Three walking trails are accessible from the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center. The Audubon Prairie Nature Trail is a tranquil .5 mile walking trail through grassland habitat and native prairies. The new Ephemeral Trail and Boardwalk is a nice 2 mile hike along native prairies, past Dragonfly Pond and through a forest habitat. The easiest trail is the Turkey Foot Trail at .25 mile; it meanders over a wooden bridge and through a tall grass prairie habitat. The Smokey Hill Watchable Wildlife and Historic Site located just off of Smokey Hill Road is an excellent place to explore the wildlife area. Walking trails in this location run along Rice Lake and the Little Eau Pleine River and includes the Rice Lake Refuge.

Travel west from Stevens Point on Highway 10 West. Take Highway S North to enter the wildlife area.





but must be on a leash between April 15 - July 31.

Hiking Trails
 Multi-Use Trails (XC Skiing)
 Parking
 Shelter
 Restrooms

ICE AGE TRAIL

Eastern Portage County is known for its rolling hills, remnants from the glaciers in the area. Relive the past by hiking the trail once shaped by glaciers on the Ice Age Trail.

If the conditions are right, try snowshoeing the Ice Age Trail. Portions of this 1,000 mile footpath travel through eastern Portage County, linking history, cultures and geological features.

NEW HOPE-IOLA SKI HILL SEGMENT

10651 County Rd. Z, Amherst Junction, WI 54407 Length: 5.6 miles

To access this 5 mile segment, park off of Highway Z, just east of Sunset Lake Road. From Stevens Point, take Highway 66 East, to County Road Z, parking will be on the right.

EMMONS CREEK & HARTMAN CREEK SEGMENTS

9588 Stratton Lake Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981 Length: 8.2 miles

Begin near the Emmons Creek State Fishery, located in southeastern Portage County. Parking is available near Stratton Lake Road in the Fishery. From Stevens Point, take I-39 South to Highway 54 West. Then, continue south on County D, which becomes Stratton Lake Road, parking will be on the right.

For additional information on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and maps specific to these segments, visit: IceAgeTrail.org/volunteer/ chapters/portage-waupaca-county

---- Ice Age Trail Connecting Routes (Road Walk)

- • - • Multi-Use Trails (Hiking & Biking)

•••• New Hope-Iola Ski Hill Segment

••••• Skunk & Foster Lakes Segment

••••• Waupaca River Segment

••••• Emmons & Hartman Creek Segments

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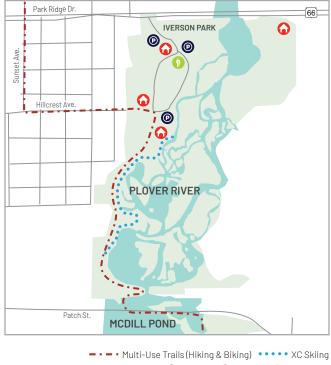
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IVERSON PARK

4601 WI-66, Stevens Point, WI 54481

The Iverson Park Trail, a segment of the Green Circle Trail, is a 2.7 mile trail that travels through one of the oldest and largest parks in Stevens Point. The trail, consisting of crushed granite in the park with some paved roads, winds through quiet neighborhoods and along the Plover River. On the bank of the Highway 66 entrance, notice the words "City of Wonderful Water", near the public swimming beach. Iverson Park offers paddling along the picturesque Plover River.

While part of the trails that wind through lverson are part of the Green Circle, there are additional trails to explore within the park. lverson is one of the city's largest parks, and it is home to plenty of winter activities from sledding, tobogganing, ice-skating, skiing and snowshoeing, when conditions exist.



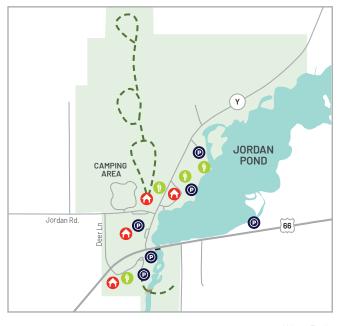
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JORDAN PARK

5800 Jordan Rd., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Jordan Park is located 2 miles northeast of Stevens Point. The Jordan Park Nature Trail is a non-surface trail, and cuts through the woods winding through pines, wetlands and an oak and maple forest. The park spans 271 acres and offers camping, large picnic area, lodge, open pavilion, playground, nature center, swimming beach and baseball field.









LAKE EMILY PARK

3961 Park Dr., Amherst Junction, WI 54407

Located just east of Stevens Point, on Highway 10, Lake Emily County Park is a great spot for hiking. Several nature trails cut through the 143 acre park, which includes one of Portage County's largest lakes. Running just to the south of the park is the Tomorrow River State Trail. Lake Emily County Park also offers camping, swimming, picnic areas, playground and excellent fishing.



LAKE PACAWA PARK

1831 Maple Dr, Plover, WI 54467

Located in the Village of Plover, just south of Highway B, Lake Pacawa Park is a community and recreational hub. The park, which hosts events throughout the year, is home to 23-acre Lake Pacawa as well as 2 miles of multi-use trails. The majority of the trails and park features are designed to be ADA/wheelchair accessible for patrons of all ages and abilities.

Along the trails within the park you'll also find the Wisconsin Korean War Memorial and the Sentry Curling Center. Several new features have been added to enhance the recreational offerings, including the new improved trail system, splash-pad, fishing piers and canoe/kayak launch, shelter, and bandshell.



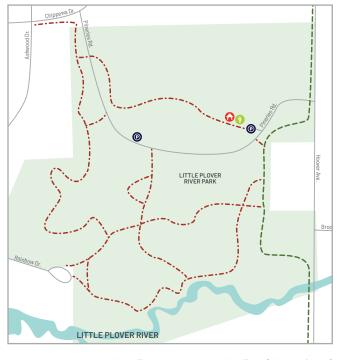


Fishing Pier 🛛 Canoe/Kayak Launch

LITTLE PLOVER RIVER PARK

1501 Hoover Ave., Plover, WI 54467

Winding through the 52-acre park, Little Plover River Park offers 1.2 miles of trail, and provides access to the Hoover Trail Spur of the Green Circle Trail. The trail consists of both woodchip paths and paved pedestrian walkways and allows year-round recreation, from hiking to cross-country skiing.

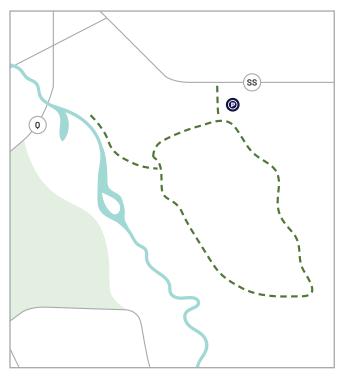




NELSONVILLE COMMUNITY SANCTUARY

9539 County Rd. SS, Nelsonville, WI 54458

This 33-acre property, with a main trail consisting of roughly .75 miles, is open year-round. Designated for silent sports including hiking, bird watching, and snowshoeing, the trail consists of wood chips, mowed grass, and a short boardwalk. While dogs are allowed, biking is not (to help prevent trail erosion). All trail users are encouraged to stay on the trail, marked with signs and blue markers (on the trees). Parking is available along the road on Cty Hwy SS, near the entrance.



Hiking Trails
 Parking

SCHMEECKLE RESERVE

2419 North Point Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Schmeeckle Reserve, a 280 acre natural area on the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point campus, offers 5 miles of trails, in addition to serving as the headquarters for the Green Circle. The Trail of Reflections is roughly a .5 mile trail, that is wheelchair accessible. The trail, which includes a reflection pond and a tree house, is a great place for wildlife viewing. Three of the most popular trail segments to explore in the reserve include the Lake Loop Trail, University Trail, and Berard Oaks Savanna.

LAKE LOOP TRAIL

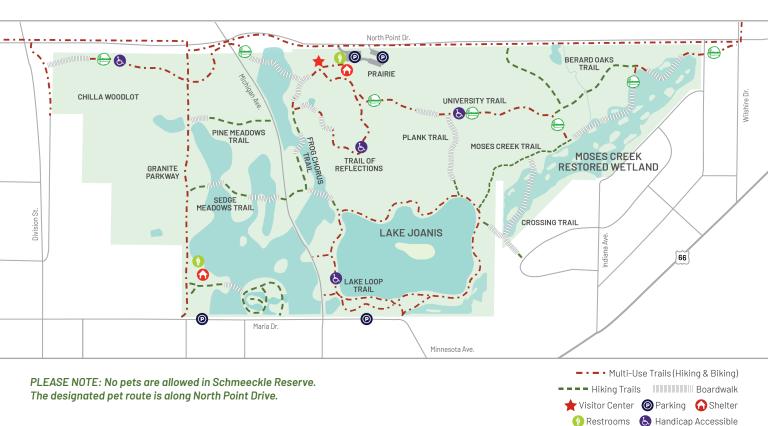
The Lake Loop Trail is an easy 1-mile trail which loops around the 24-acre Lake Joanis. The route is handicap accessible and offers wildlife viewing, benches, and a fishing pier.

BERARD OAKS SAVANNA

The Berard Oaks Savanna is an easy .5 mile walk from the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center. The trail explores a restored oak savanna great for watching deer and other wildlife.

UNIVERSITY TRAIL

A segment of the Green Circle Trail, the University Trail is a 1.5 mile trail with a diverse habitat of forest, prairie, wetlands and an oak savanna. The trail is designed for bikers, hikers and joggers.



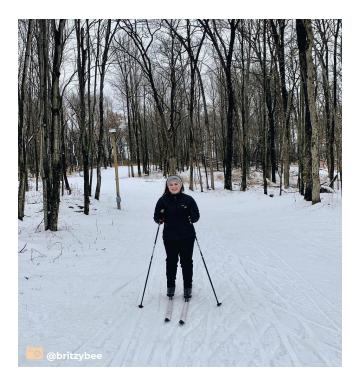
STANDING ROCKS PARK

7695 Standing Rocks Rd., Stevens Point, WI 54482

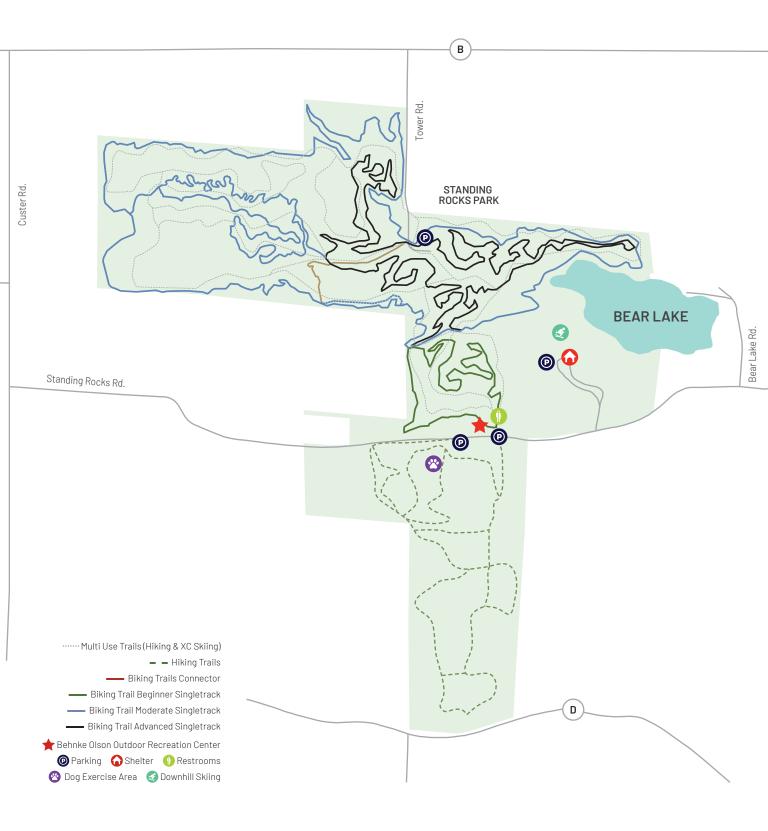
Standing Rocks County Park, located in eastern Portage County, offers just over 13 miles of mountain bike single-track trails for beginners to expert cyclists. Parking is available off of Tower Road and Standing Rocks Road, to access the trails. Trails are closed when wet conditions exist. A daily or seasonal trail fee is necessary.

The cross-country ski trails at Standing Rocks County Park are marked for varying skill levels from beginner to advanced. The Green Trail is an easy 1.8 mile groomed trail, that is mostly flat. The Red Trail is an intermediate 4.9 mile groomed trail, with many hills. The Blue Trail is an expert 7.9 mile groomed trail, that has many steep hills. Weather permitting, the ski lodge is open weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The park also offers downhill skiing, a cross-country running course, a 33-hole disc golf course, and a year-round dog exercise area. Parking is available off of Standing Rocks Road, to access the trails.

Call 715-346-1433 for snow and trail conditions.



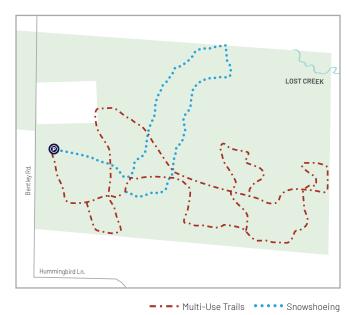




STEINHAUGEN RECREATION AREA

3485 Bentley Rd., Custer, WI 54423

Located in eastern Portage County, north of Jordan Park, you'll find the newest Portage County park. Steinhaugen is a 270-acre managed forest and nature preserve in the Town of Sharon. Prior to being acquired as a Portage County park, the property was used by UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources. Steinhaugen is available for a variety of silent sports throughout the year, including hiking or snowshoeing when conditions exist. The land offers 4 miles of trails for hiking with 1.5 miles available for snowshoeing. Parking is available off of Bentley Road.



Parking



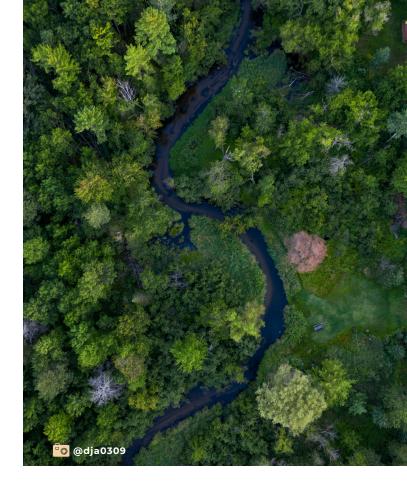
TOMORROW RIVER STATE TRAIL

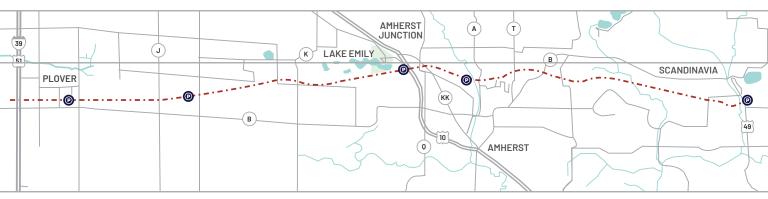
4373 Custer Rd., Stevens Point, WI 54482

Explore the Tomorrow River State Trail, from the Plover trail head, just north of Highway B along Hoover Ave. The 28 mile trail, once a railroad bed, cuts through the rural landscape of eastern Portage County, linking Plover to the Village of Manawa in Waupaca County. Outdoor recreational enthusiasts can use the crushed limestone, throughout the year for snowmobiling, dog-sledding, and cross-country skiing in the winter to hiking, biking and horseback riding for the rest of the year. Trail passes are required.

Trailheads are located off Twin Towers Road in Plover, Amherst Junction, Cate Park in Amherst, and at the State Highway 49 overpass in Scandinavia. All Portage County trailhead parking areas accommodate horse trailers, as does a parking lot on Custer Road. Additional parking and restrooms are available at Lake Emily County Park.

The Green Circle Trail's Hoover Spur connects to the trail at the Hoover Road, just north of County Hwy B in Plover.





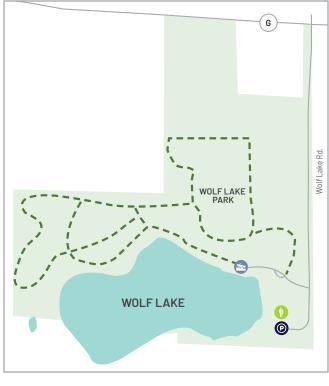
Multi-Use Trails
 (Hiking, Biking, XC Skiing, Horseback Riding, Dog Sledding, Snowmobiling)
 Parking

WOLF LAKE PARK

7687 Wolfe Lake Rd., Almond, WI 54909

This 137 acre park/recreation area is located on Wolf Lake, 4 miles northeast of the Village of Almond. The area is completely undeveloped but has a boat ramp, fishing area and picnic area. Approximately 2 miles of wooded hiking trails exist.

From Plover, take Highway 54 East turning onto County Highway EE heading south. Continue on County Highway EE, until intersecting with County Highway GG. Stay on County Highway GG until taking a right on to Wolf Lake Road. The park will be on your right.







BUENA VISTA GRASSLANDS

4798 130th South St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

The Buena Vista Prairie Chicken Meadow is a part of Buena Vista Marsh, a large outwash plain and former glacial lake bed. The land has since been altered by drainage, agricultural use, and wildfires, and its topography has been altered by fire and wind erosion. The site is dominated by bluegrass and is managed as open grassland for prairie chickens.

From the intersection of State Hwy 54 and County Hwy F, west of Plover, go south on County Hwy. F 6 miles, then east on Griffith Ave. .75 mile to the southern boundary of the natural area.

NEW HOPE PINES

2024 Sunset Lake Rd., Amherst Junction, WI 54407

New Hope Pines features one of the largest northern dry-mesic forests in central Wisconsin and is reminiscent of the vast "pineries" found in this region prior to settlement. The site lies on steep, irregular topography in ground moraine - a legacy of the last glacier.

From the intersection of State Highway 66 and County Highway A just east of Rosholt, go south on A 1.5 miles, then east and south on County Highway T 1.3 miles, then south on Sunset Lake Road 1.5 miles to the parking area.

DEWEY MARSH

4099 N. Haymeadow Dr., Mosinee, WI 54455

Dewey Marsh contains a large expanse of northern sedge meadow. Rocks are exposed in many areas and there is little peat formation under the sedge mat. Large areas of peat and several acres were destroyed in a large fire in 1976.

From the intersection of I-39 and Business Highway 51 on the north end of Stevens Point, go north on I-39 about 9.1 miles, then east on County DB 1.9 miles, then south on County Highway X.7 mile, then east on Oakwood Dr. 2.7 miles, then south on Hay Meadow Dr. .8 mile to the southwest corner of the site. Park along the road.

PICKEREL LAKE

9301 Pickerel Lake Dr., Almond, WI 54909

Pickerel Lake is a hard-water seepage lake with a fluctuating shoreline that provides ideal conditions for plants by flooding out competing plants and killing trees when water is high and provides habitat when water is low. Due to dense blooms of algae in summer, oxygen depletion and corresponding fish kills are not uncommon. Scattered throughout the oaks are small patches with prairie species, indicating this area was once a savanna.

From the intersection of County Highways A, J, and D in the city of Almond in south central Portage County, go east on County D 4.5 miles, then turn north on D 4 miles to an access road which is next to a town hall.

EMMONS CREEK BARRENS

11121 6th Ave., Waupaca, WI 54981

Located on a sandy glacial outwash, Emmons Creek Barrens supports an oak savanna with scattered bur and white oaks. Patches of wild lupine provide a habitat for the federally endangered karner blue butterfly. One portion is within the State Park, the other within the Fishery and Wildlife Area.

From the junction of Highways 10 and 54 in Waupaca, go west on 54 4.5 miles, then south on Hartman Creek Road to the State Park office and get a park map. Continue south on Hartman Creek Road, then go west on W. Windfeldt Lane to one of two parking areas.



MEAD CONIFER BOGS

2158 Cty. Hwy. S, Junction City, WI 54443

Mead Conifer Bogs are extensive areas containing northern wet forest dominated by black spruce that is gradually replaced by larger tamaracks. The groundcover is a firm carpet of sphagnum moss dominated by leather-leaf and cotton-grass. Poison sumac is present.

From the junction of Highway HH West and S in Milladore, go north on S 6.2 miles to the Wildlife Management Area Headquarters. Get a map and directions to the sites. Three parking areas provide access.

UPPER LITTLE WOLF

10480 Wigwam Rd., Rosholt, WI 54473

Upper Little Wolf features a cold-water stream surrounded by a northern mesic forest comprised of hemlock hardwoods. Within this area, the Little Wolf River is very scenic with gravel and rubble as the bottom materials. Scattered vegetation along the stream allows for good fishing.

From Rosholt, go east on Highway 66 1.8 miles, then north on Highway 49 3.6 miles, then east on Wigwam Road .3 miles to a parking area north of the road.



BRADLEY CREEK SWAMP CONIFERS

3803 Hill Rd., Rosholt, WI 54407

Bradley Creek Swamp Conifers features a spring-fed trout stream and a tributary to the Little Wolf River. A dense canopy lines and shades an understory of herbs and forbs. The creek is considered a Class I trout stream for its entire 6 mile length and contains a bottom of silt-covered sand, gravel, and rubble.

From Rosholt, go south on Highway 49 2.3 miles, then northeast on Stony Hill Road (formerly County NN) 1.75 miles, then north on Hill Road .65 miles. Park and walk northeast to the creek.

FLUME CREEK CEDARS

3300 Linden Rd., Amherst Junction, WI 54407

Flume Creek Cedars features a hard-water trout stream with a moderate flow and high scenic value. The sand and rubblebottom stream flows through a large, dense white cedar and balsam fir swamp. The creek originates in Marathon County and flows through the northeastern corner of Portage County and into the Little Wolf River.

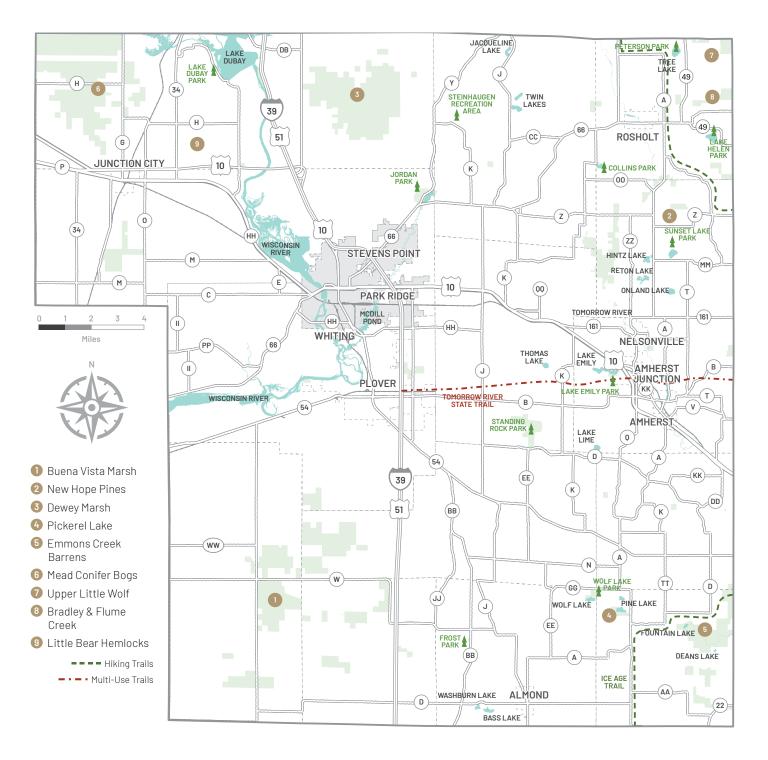
Go south on Highway 49 2.5 miles, then south on Lakeview Road 1.3 miles, then south on Linden Road almost .6 miles to the creek crossing. Follow the creek .4 miles east into the site.

LITTLE BEAR HEMLOCKS

3273 Elm Ln., Junction City, WI 54443

Located just west of the Mead Wildlife Area, Little Bear Hemlocks is one of four isolated woodlots. Little Bear Hemlocks is an excellent teaching and research site to study the effects of management of a once vast forest.

From the intersection of County G and US HH West in Junction City, go east on Hwy 10 for 2.4-miles, then north on State Hwy 34 for 1-mile, the parking area is not marked and sits about 200 feet north of Elm Road on Highway 34. The site lies north of Elm road. Hunting is not allowed.



OLD WAUSAU ROAD

100 Bukolt Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Begin in the parking lot of Bukolt Park in Stevens Point. Ride north through the park, turn left (north) on Old Wausau Road and continue 2.5 miles on Old Wausau Road, turn left on Casimir Road, continue 2.4 miles on Casimir, turn right on Granite Ridge, continue .6 miles on Granite Ridge to Sawmill Road/County Road X. At this point you can choose to continue 4.7 miles on Granite Ridge to your starting point at Bukolt Park via Old Wausau Road. For a longer loop, turn left on Sawmill Road/County Road X, continue 1.3 miles on Sawmill/County Hwy X, turn right on Second Dr., continue 4.4 miles on Second Dr., turn right on North Point Dr., continue .7 miles and turn left on Old Wausau Road, continue .8 miles on Old Wausau Road until you reach the entrance of Bukolt Park. Relatively rolling gentle hills make this a very scenic ride. Longer Loop 12.7 miles. Short Loop 10.2 miles.

LAKE EMILY LOOP

4201 US Hwy. 10, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Begin in the south parking lot of Iverson Park in Stevens Point, at the Hillcrest Dr. entrance. Follow the Green Circle Trail/Hillcrest Dr. up the hill out of the park. Take an immediate right at Sunrise Ave., continue .2 miles on Sunrise Ave., turn right on Highway 66 east, continue 1.1 miles on Hwy 66, turn right on Old Hwy 18, continue 5.2 miles on Old Hwy 18, turn right on Custer Road, continue 1.8 miles on Custer Road, turn left on 5th St., continue 2 miles on 5th St., turn right on Smokey Road, continue .4 miles on Smokey Road, turn left on Lake Thomas Road, Lake Thomas Road becomes County Hwy K, continue 1 mile on Lake Thomas Road/Hwy K east, turn right on Town Line Road, continue .9 miles on Town Line Road, turn left on Ward Road, continue 1 mile on Ward Road, turn left on Lake Emily Road, continue 1.2 miles on Lake Emily Road, turn left on Lake Road, continue .3 miles on Lake Road, turn left on Old Hwy 18, continue 5.5 miles on Old Hwy 18 which becomes 6th St., turn right on Custer Road, continue .8 miles on Custer Road, turn left on Old Hwy 18, continue 5.2 miles on Old Hwy 18, turn left on Hwy 10 east, continue .8 miles back to Iverson Park.

INSIDER TIP: Lake Emily County Park, Tomorrow River State Trail

STANDING ROCKS LOOP

7695 Standing Rocks Rd., Stevens Point, WI 5448

Begin at Standing Rocks County Park. Head east on Standing Rocks Road for 1.3 miles and turn left on Custer Road for 1.7 miles. Turn right on Wiczek Road for .5 miles. Turn left on Precourt Road for .5 miles, then turn right onto Old Amish Road (Cty Rd JJ) for 1.3 miles. Continue to Shady Drive and turn left for an additional 2.8 miles, before turning left onto Guth Road for .5 miles. Turn right on Eckles Road for .8 miles, and then left on to Cty Rd N for .8 miles followed by a right onto Cty Rd J for 1 mile. Turn left on Patterson Lake Road for another 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Cty Rd EE for .4 miles, then left on Cty Rd GG for 3 miles, before continuing straight on Ctv Rd A for .5 miles. Turn left onto Oakdale Dr. for 1.7 miles followed by a left onto Cty Rd TT for 2.3 miles. Turn right on Buelow Rd for 1.7 miles and turn left to follow Buelow Rd. Turn left on Cty Rd D for 1.3 miles, and another left to continue on Cty Rd D for another 1.8 miles. Keep right on Cty Rd T for .4 miles, before turning left on Morgan Rd for 1.9 miles. Keep left to follow River Rd for .4 miles, before turning right on Cty Rd A for 1.3 miles. Turn left on Washington St. as you head into Amherst, for .6 miles, followed by a left onto South Main St. for another 1.4 miles. Turn left onto Cty Rd Q for .3 miles, followed by a right onto Fountain Ground Road for 1.6 miles. Keep right on Fountain Grove Rd, which becomes Standing Rocks Road and will lead you back to your starting point. Approximately 37.2 miles.

INSIDER TIP: Central Waters Brewery, Downtown Amherst



POINT TO POLONIA

4201 US Hwy. 10, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Begin in the south parking lot of Iverson Park in Stevens Point, at the Hillcrest Dr. entrance. Follow the Green Circle Trail/Hillcrest Dr. up the hill out of the park. Take an immediate right on Sunrise Ave., continue .2 miles on Sunrise Ave., turn right on Highway 66 east, continue 1.7 miles on Hwy 66 which becomes Hwy 10 east, turn left on Brilowski Road/County Hwy R, continue northeast 8.1 miles on Brilowski Road which becomes Rainbow Dr., then 9th St., before continuing straight on to County Hwy K. Follow County Hwy K to the left into Polonia. Reverse your trip to Iverson Park and you'll have traveled approximately 20 miles through relatively flat but interesting farmland. Beginner and intermediate riders will love the challenge.

INSIDER TIP: Polonia Café, Polish Heritage Trail

WETLANDS

2419 North Point Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Begin at the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center. Start your adventure by taking a left out of the parking lot on North Point Dr., continue .3 miles on North Point Dr., turn right on Michigan Ave. which turns into Reserve St., continue 2.5 miles to Jordan Road, turn right on Jordan Road, continue 3.4 miles to County Hwy Y, turn left on County Hwy Y, continue 3.7 miles on County Hwy Y, turn right on County Hwy K, continue .8 miles on County Hwy K, turn left on Bentley Road, continue 6.2 miles on Bentley Road which becomes Birch Road, turn left on County Hwy C, continue 9.7 miles on County Hwy C, take a left on County Hwy DB, continue 3.7 miles on DB, turn right on Sunset Dr., continue 6.9 miles on Sunset which turns into Second Dr., turn left on Evergreen Dr., continue 1.3 miles on Evergreen Dr., turn right on Reserve Dr., continue 3.3 miles on Reserve Dr. which turns into Michigan Ave., turn left on North Point Dr. back to the Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center. Approximately 41.3 miles.

INSIDER TIP: Mullins Cheese, Lake DuBay, Tiki Beach



WEST LOOP

1100 Crosby Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Begin at Pfiffner Pioneer Park in downtown Stevens Point. Park in the City parking lot at the corner of Crosby Ave. and Water St. From the parking lot, begin your journey by heading west/turn right on Hwy 66 West, continue .4 miles on Hwy 66 cross the Wisconsin River bridge, turn left on West River Dr.; continue 7.4 miles on West River Dr. which turns into Mill Creek Dr.; continue 1 mile on Mill Creek Dr., cross over the highway staying on Mill Creek Dr., turn left on County Hwy PP, continue 4.7 miles on County Hwy PP, turn left on O, continue 1 mile on County Hwy O, turn right on Co Hwy DD, continue 1 mile on County Hwy DD, turn right on 2nd Ave., continue 2 miles on 2nd Ave., turn left on Hwy C, continue 3.8 miles on County Hwy C, turn right on Hwy S/Bella Rd, continue 2.1 miles on County Hwy S, turn right on M, continue 4.9 miles on County Hwy M to Hwy O, turn left to follow O/M, turn right to follow M. Continue 5.5 miles on County Hwy M to Hwy HH (Old Hwy 10), take a right on Hwy HH for 2.5 miles and continue onto W Clark St. for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Water St. for 0.1 miles and then take a quick left onto Crosby Ave. and you will be back to your parking spot in Stevens Point. For intermediate to advanced riders. Approximately 43.8 miles.

INSIDER TIP: Rusty's Backwater Saloon, Rudolph Grotto and Dairy State Cheese

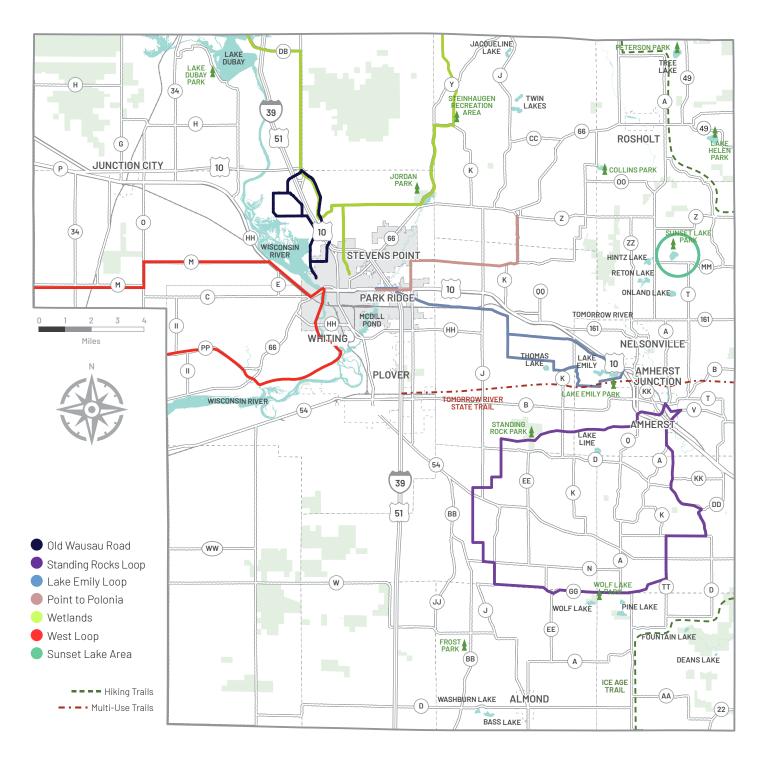
SUNSET LAKE AND AREA

1092 Sunset Lake Rd., Amherst Junction, WI 54407

Begin in the parking lot of Sunset Lake County Park. The country roads surrounding Sunset Park are lightly traveled and offer a wide variety of terrain. Explore the gentle hills and scenic roadside, and circle back to your starting point.

INSIDER TIP: After your ride is done take a dip in the crystal clear, glacier formed lake. Sunset Lake is also a great place for a picnic.





WISCONSIN RIVER

1516-1826 Old U.S. 10, Junction City, WI 54443

Skill Level: Beginner Class Difficulty: Quietwater Put-In/Take-Out: Old U.S. 10 boat launch/Bukolt Park Time Needed: 2-3 hours Miles Paddled: 4.5 miles

This route is best as a point-to-point, given the flow of current, especially in the main channel. Park one vehicle at Bukolt Park. Then take Highway HH West out of Stevens Point (approximately 4 miles) and you will find the Old Hwy 10 boat landing on the right side of the road (A). Put in here and head towards Stevens Point (E).

As you proceed downstream, the islands to your left are surrounded and interconnected by channels. The adventurous paddler may wish to poke around the islands, spend some time fishing or bird watching. All of the side channels open into the Stevens Point Flowage and back to the main channel. Go under the power lines and take out at the boat landing near the swimming beach in Bukolt Park (B), on the left.

FUN FACT: The Wisconsin River is known as the "hardest working river in the nation" because of the hydropower that is used in papermills and in the hydroelectric plants.

Looking to rent a boat, kayak or other outdoor gear?

Scan here for local options.





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WISCONSIN RIVER HIGHLIGHTS

- **A.** Need a break? Maple Island Beach is a popular stop for boaters looking to play in the water or relax with friends.
- B. Bukolt Park spans 56 acres in the city limits of Stevens Point and offers plenty of picnic areas, playground equipment, swimming beach, boat landing and restrooms. If you plan it right you can take in an American Legion Baseball game. In 1936 this park was named after John J Bukolt, an inventor and industrialist.
- C. Mead Park is situated on 16 acres along the shore of the Wisconsin River. Situated within the park is a K.A.S.H. Playground, a 9-hole disc golf course, swimming beach, picnic areas, restrooms, lit tennis and volleyball courts and horseshoe pits. The park was named after George W. Mead, who worked for Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company who deeded the land to the city in 1946.
- D. Pfiffner Pioneer Park covers 10 acres in downtown Stevens Point. The park offers a boat landing, picnic areas, restrooms and playground. In the summer you will find regular entertainment on the band shell stage. At the southernmost tip of the park, you'll encounter the Riverfront Arts Center. A bit of history: In the park you'll find the George Stevens Rock near the Riverfront Arts Center. This rock recognizes George Stevens who came to the area in 1839, when he bought a log shack as a place to store his supplies for operations elsewhere. People going downstream could see his shack on a point sticking out in the river. Our town eventually became named Stevens Point, named after a person who simply stored his belongings in a log shack and wasn't here very long.
- E. Downtown Stevens Point is just one block east of Pfiffner Pioneer Park and offers a variety of specialty shops, dining and attractions. The downtown area also has several murals that pay homage to the rich history of Stevens Point.



😒 Boat Landing

Visitors to the Wisconsin River need to be aware of both large and small low head dams, both are very dangerous to paddlers. Paddlers should also beware of motorboat traffic on all sections of the Wisconsin River.

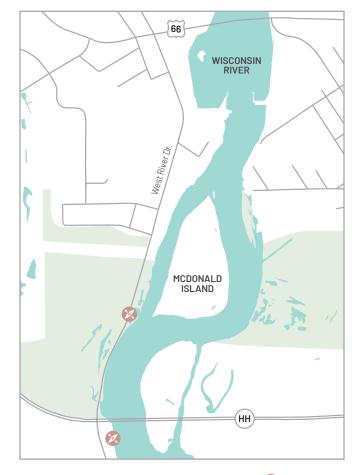
MCDONALD ISLAND

2148 W. River Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Skill Level: Beginner Class Difficulty: Quietwater Put-In/Take-Out: River Dr. Time Needed: 1-2 hours Miles Paddled: 1.5 miles

McDonald Island is a great 1-2 hour paddling loop. To access the Wisconsin River/McDonald Island take Business 51 South to Hwy 66 West. Continue on Hwy 66 through downtown Stevens Point and go over the Wisconsin River. Take a left on West River Dr. after you cross the Clark St. bridge. Travel 1 mile until you see a boat landing on the left. Park your car in the driveway area on the left; unload your gear and paddle across the Wisconsin River to McDonald Island. Alternate access is just south of the Highway HH bridge, off River Drive.

The 34 acre island features a wide diversity of wildlife species due to its proximity to the mainland and the high diversity of the forest types. Whitetail deer and gray squirrels are commonly seen. A wide variety of songbirds can be heard and seen feeding and nesting throughout the oak and maple forests. The island is a haven for wildlife within the city limits of Stevens Point. Consolidated Water, Power and Paper Company sold the Island to the McDonald family in the early 1900's. The family farmed a 20 acre section of the Island from the 1930's through the mid-1950's. At that time, crossing the river was accomplished on a small rocky bar from the west bank of the river to the north end of the Island. The water level is much higher today, so the Island is only accessible by boat. In 1969 the McDonald Family donated the property to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resource program.



🐼 Paddling Access

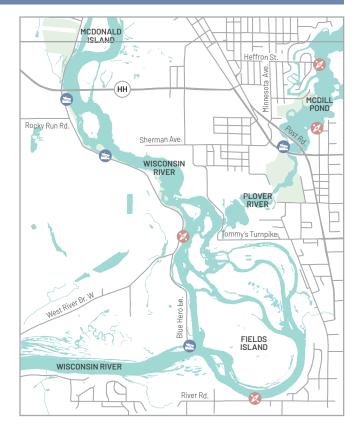


BLUE HERON LOOP

3066 Blue Heron Ln., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Skill Level: Intermediate Class Difficulty: Small rapids and quietwater Put-In/Take-Out: Blue Heron Ln. boat launch Time Needed: 2-3 hours Miles Paddled: 3-7.5 miles

The Blue Heron Island loop offers paddlers options ranging from 3.25 to 7.5 miles. To get to the Blue Heron Boat Landing, take Business 51 south to Hwy 66 west. Continue on Hwy 66 over the Wisconsin River/Clark St. Bridge, turn left on West River Dr. and continue south for 4 miles. When the road turns to the right, towards the Wisconsin River Golf Course, continue straight to Blue Heron Lane. Follow this dirt road to the boat landing and park your car. From the boat landing paddle across the River (east) to the Blue Heron Island. This private island offers magnificent views of wildlife and diverse forest types. Several islands create a labyrinth of side channels for intrepid paddlers to explore, in addition to Blue Heron Island itself.



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UPPER PLOVER RIVER

8500 Jordan Rd., Stevens Point, WI 54482

Skill Level: Beginner Class Difficulty: Quietwater with some riffles and two Class I rapids ledges Put-In/Take-Out: Bently Rd./Jordan Pond boat launch Time Needed: 3-4 hours Miles Paddled: 8 miles

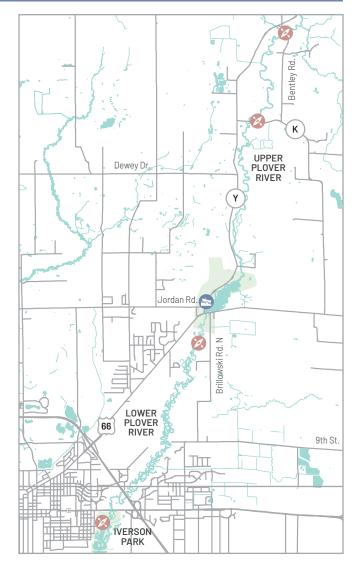
Park one car at the Jordan Park east parking lot situated off Hwy Y. Travel north on Hwy Y to Bentley Road, turn right on Bentley Road, park and unload along Bentley Road where the road intersects with the Plover River on the right. During this nearly 8 mile quiet journey abundant wildlife may be revealed. This stretch of the river generally has a slow moving current, but be careful of the site of the former Christensen's dam and in a short boulder garden just downstream, where paddlers will encounter brief but rocky rapids.

LOWER PLOVER RIVER

5770 Hwy. 66, Stevens Point, WI 54482

Skill Level: Intermediate Class Difficulty: Moving water with a lot of meandering around obstructions Put-In/Take-Out: Jordan Park below the dam/ Iverson Park beach Time Needed: 3 hours Miles Paddled: 7.75 miles

Park one car in Iverson Park off Hwy 66 in Stevens Point. Then travel Highway 66 east to Jordan Park. Begin this route at the canoe ramp on the south side of Hwy 66 in Jordan Park (handicap accessible dock is available). The route will meander through generally flat water, and is an excellent trip for bird watchers in June and July. Because of the wooded landscapes on either side of the river, it is an excellent way to view fall colors in the area. Once you have reached Iverson Park, enjoy a dip in the water near the swimming beach, or walk on a short segment on the Green Circle Trail that makes its way through the park.



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INSIDER TIP: Want to grab a bite to eat? Try Hilltop Pub & Grill, just east of Iverson Park.

MCDILL POND

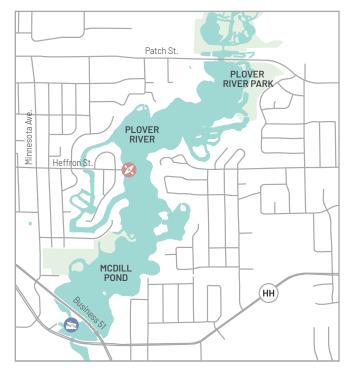
3499 Heffron St., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Skill Level: Beginner Class Difficulty: Quietwater Put-In/Take-Out: Heffron St. or Business 51 boat ramp Time Needed: 2-3 hours Miles Paddled: 2-5 miles

Two boat landings are available; Business 51 adjacent to the bridge and the end of Heffron St. Put in points are also available at Kozcizkowski Park. Kozcizkowski Park has a small beach and hiking trails. Explore the island next to the beach to observe turtles. If paddling under the bridge, look for many cliff swallow nests.

Adjacent to the park is the Godfrey and Maybelle Erickson Audubon Wildlife area with many bluebird nesting boxes. The power lines crossing McDill in the middle have Osprey nests on top; binoculars allow you to see nestlings in early spring. On the east shore of the power lines is a small opening to Spring Slough which contains the most aquatic plant diversity in the county and is home to a DNR weevil study. On the west shore of the power poles is Oriole Island. Both sides are good stops for wildlife observations. Further north on the west shore are the openings to the North and South Channel. The channels continue through the culvert going under the road, canoes or kayaks will fit through the culvert. On the north side of McDill as it bends around the curve, paddlers can explore a spooky island and an old abandoned shack. On the northern most stretch of McDill before Patch St the water deepens in the middle to 16' due to a sand trap dredge, and on the sides are shallow flats used for spawning that are frequented by a variety of birds and have a variety of plant diversity. Allow 2-3 hours for this trip. McDill offers flat water paddling, but can become choppy on the main body during windy days.

CAUTION: Stay away from the dam by the Business 51 landing, do not go near it.



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TOMORROW RIVER

3190 County Rd. Q, Nelsonville, WI 54458

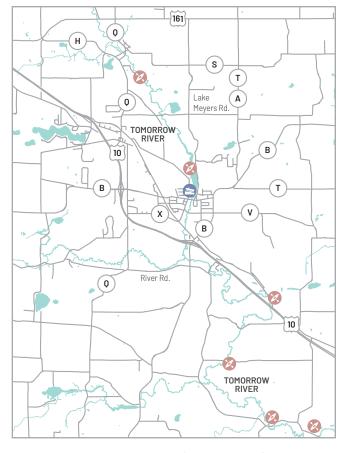
Skill Level: Intermediate

Class Difficulty: Quietwater with riffles and some Class I rapids Put-In/Take-Out: County Q in Nelsonville/Downtown Amherst, Buchholz Rd., County DD, or Cobbtown Rd. Time Needed: 3-6 hours Miles Paddled: 4-16 miles

Begin your adventure in Nelsonville, where the water is cold and crystal clear, and the bottom is sandy. The Tomorrow is a renowned trout stream. This stretch is very narrow and can be tricky for canoes. Stop to view the historic Rising Star Mill, one of four historical sites maintained by the Portage County Historical Society. The mill is open for special events throughout the year. This segment meanders through woods and fields. Four miles downstream in the Village of Amherst, be sure to follow the "portage" signs to avoid the dam. Once you reach Amherst, stop for a stroll and lunch in the downtown district, complete with shops, restaurants, and the Central Waters brewery and taproom.

Continue on the Tomorrow River, suggested take-outs are at Highway T or Highway DD. Please note: during high water, submerged logs and swirling water can cause problems. During low water, rocks and shallows will be present. But at medium levels paddlers will revel in boulder gardens, rolling hills, and towering pine trees — all hallmarks of central Wisconsin.





😂 Boat Landing 🛛 🔯 Paddling Access

Many other waterways offer recreational opportunities throughout Portage County such as: Lake DuBay, Adams Lake, Collins Lake, Lake Emily, Jordan Pond, Sunset Lake, Lake Thomas, The Little Wolf River, and Mill Creek.

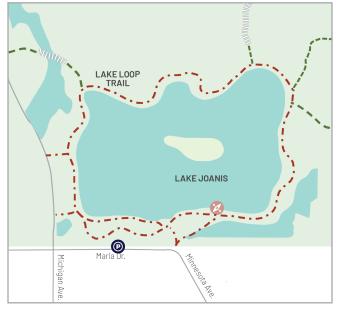
LAKE JOANIS (SCHMEECKLE RESERVE)

2500 Maria Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Skill Level: Beginner Class Difficulty: Flatwater Put-In/Take-Out: Accesible crushed granite path off Maria Dr. Time Needed: 1-2 hours

Miles Paddled: 1 mile

Lake Joanis is a great spot for beginner paddlers. The lake is open for paddlers but swimming and paddle boarding are not allowed. You can easily park a car on Maria Dr. to the south and walk a short distance to the canoe/kayak launch. Paddle around the lake for a short trip or stay all day. Lake Joanis is surrounded by trees that block the wind and with no motorboat traffic, the lake is small and safe for children to try out kayaking for the first time. Schmeeckle Reserve offers canoe and kayak rentals. Stop in the Visitor Center on the northside of the reserve to learn more.



Multi-Use Trails(Hiking & Biking)
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