OUTDOOR RECREAT

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T1: Beaver Brook Trail & Wildlife Area 6.4 miles Located on a 1,964 acre wildlife area, Beaver Brook of-



Dogs are welcome on a leash.

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fers excellent hiking and skiing options. Dogs are wel-

come on a leash and the ski trails are groomed classic. In addition, back-country snowshoeing is also offered in the wildlife area. An artesian well is located north of County B (between 53 and 253).

College Street/Spooner City Park Trail

6 miles - Directly located in the City of Spooner, the College Street/City Park trails offer a variety of trails for recreational use. There are 7 km of ski trails and they are groomed for skate and classic. A portion of the trail is lit in the evening. The winter fat bike trails are not groomed, but are usually well packed by snowshoers; during the summer, the 6 miles of bike trails offer both technical single track and spacious double track riding.

T3: Dugan Run Horse Trails 32 miles - Located between Spooner and Stone Lake on Highway 70, the Dugan Run system provides a peaceful horseback riding experience for horse enthusiasts. Camping is located on site, as well as plentiful parking for your horse trailer.

T4: Heartwood Trails 16 miles - Located at Heartwood Conference Center & Retreat, these trails are situated on 700 acres and offer miles of scenic mountain bike, fat bike, cross country ski, snowshoe and hiking opportunities. Lodging is available on site. Please note there is a trail use fee, so please check in at registration prior

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to using the trails.

T5: Hunt Hill Trails Northwest of Long Lake, you'll find 13 incredible miles of hiking and snowshoeing opportunities. Trail lengths range from ½ mile to 3 miles where you'll explore old growth and cutover forest, meadow, glacial lakes, tamarack bogs and marshland.

T6: Ice Age Trail-Grassy Lake 7.2 miles - Located just off Highway 63, south of Shell Lake, the Grassy Lake segment of the Ice Age Trail offers a primitive hik-

ing trail for those looking to get off the beaten path.

T7: Nordic Woods Trail 9 miles - Located just Southwest of Stone Lake, Nordic Woods offers an excellent ß ski trail, groomed for classic skiing, on Washburn County Forest Land. During the summer, the trails welcome hikers looking to explore a guiet area of

T8: Stone Lake Community Wetland Park Trail 17.4 acres - Located in downtown Stone Lake, these trails offer a beautiful hike through a wetland area and pristine Northwoods scenery. Dogs are welcome on a leash and there is a beautiful pergola nestled along the trail, offering the perfect place to take a rest during your hike.

T9: Totogatic Trail 5 miles - Located 2 miles North of Minong on Highway 53, these trails are groomed for

classic skiing during the winter months. During the spring, summer and fall, enjoy some hiking or bicycling on these great trails.

T10: Trego Lake Trail 3.5 miles - Managed by the National Park Service, the Trego Lake trail is located 2 miles West of Highway 53 on River Road. The trail has multiple loops that wind through scenic property along the Trego Flowage, part of the Namekagon River: Wisconsin's Moving National Park. Dogs are welcome on this trail with a leash.

T11: Trego Nature Trail 3.5 miles - Managed by the National Park Service, the Trego Nature trail is located 1 mile East of Highway 53 on Highway 63. This scenic trail offers great views of the Northwoods scenery and is part of the Namekagon River: Wisconsin's Moving National Park. Dogs are welcome on this trail with a leash.

T12: Tuscobia Trail 65 miles - The Tuscobia runs from Rice Lake, through Washburn and Sawyer Counties, ultimately ending up in Park Falls. This multi-use trail welcomes a variety of recreational opportunities. The trail surface of the Tuscobia varies between grass, dirt,

Beaver Brook

Boyle Brook

Crystal Brook

Dago Creek

Earl Creek

Fivemile Creek

Godfrey Creek

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Boyle Brook Spring

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T13: Wild Rivers State Trail 96 miles - Beginning in Rice Lake and ultimately ending in Superior, the Wild

Rivers State Trail runs North/South through Washburn County and offers trailheads in Sarona, Spooner, Trego and Minong. This multi-use trail welcomes a variety of recreational opportunities and has a gravel surface.

T14: Wildcat Mountain Bike Trail 20 miles

🔈 Located 3 miles East of Highway 53 on Highway 70, the Wildcat trail offers incredible mountain bike and fat bike riding opportunities. In winter, the fat bike trails are groomed and offer

a great riding experience on the Washburn County Forest Land. During the summer, the mountain bike trails offer a variety of riding experiences including single and double track, with a few technical spots thrown in the mix.

> For trail locations, please see reverse side for the map

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Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and The Great Outdoors

Washburn County owns and manages 150,000 acres of County Forest Land open for the public to use to engage in any legal hunting, fishing and trapping activity. These lands are sustainably managed for forest health and to provide forest products. These lands provide a wide variety of upland and wetland habitats that support both game and non-game species.

Deer and bear are abundant on these lands and large blocks of forest provide plenty of hunting opportunities. Deer numbers tend to vary across the county with higher populations in the south and lower populations in the big blocks of timber in the northern portion of the county. Despite lower deer numbers in the north, lower hunter densities in larger tracts of land can offer trophy hunting opportunities.

These lands also provide for small game opportunities. 50,000 acres of differing age classes of aspen make this area a destination for grouse hunters. Washburn County manages two grouse management units with a goal of maximizing age class diversity in grouse habitat. Woodcock, squirrels and other small game are also abundant. Numerous small lakes, streams, and beaver ponds give opportunities for those seeking waterfowl.

There are over 200 lakes, larger than 10 acres, either completely within or abutting County Forest Lands. These lands also include frontage on the Namekagon and Totogatic Rivers. Anglers can find nearly every species of game fish in the lakes, streams and rivers on the Washburn County Forest land. Of particular note are stocked trout ponds in the Birchwood area. Fisherman can find access to lakes varying from concrete boat ramps to primitive carry in launch points.

Trapping

Our lakes, rivers and wetlands offer lots of areas for trappers. All legal trapping methods are permitted and Washburn County only restricts trapping around highly developed areas, such as campgrounds. For those seeking beaver trapping opportunities, Washburn County will issue permits to use a motor vehicle in closed areas to trap nuisance beaver.

Camping

Washburn County manages Totogatic Park, Sawmill Park and the Dugan Run Horse Trailheads, all offering camping opportunities with larger campers and RVs. For those seeking to camp in the field, Washburn County Ordinances allow dispersed camping permits. Camping, with a tent or lesser facility, are permitted year round. Hunters may camp with a larger unit, such as a camper or RV only during the regular 9 day gun season. Dispersed camping permits are available online or by contacting the Washburn County Forestry office.

Regulations

Deer stands are permitted on Washburn County Forest lands provided they do not damage the tree. Nails or screw in tree steps are not permitted. Hunters may leave a stand overnight, for up to 9 consecutive days, provided the stand is clearly labeled with the users name and address or DNR customer ID number.

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open to motorized uses, closed to motorized uses, or open only on designated trails. Cross country travel is prohibited Generally, a trail is open for motorized use unless it is desig nated as closed with a gate, earthen berm, or signed as closed. Disability permits are available, allowing for travel on specific

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NAMEKAGON RIVER:

Wisconsin's Moving National Park A 99.5

mile long river which is a tributary to the St. Croix River and

is protected under the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The

Namekagon Visitor Center is operated by the National Park

Service. Most of the Namekagon portion of the riverway is

muskrat, beaver, turtles and blue herons. Osprey and bald

entirely undeveloped, offering kayakers/canoeists a genuine

wilderness experience. The riverbanks are abundant with deer,

eagles are also seen. Canoeing, kayaking and tubing are great

ways to experience the beauty of this scenic river. The river is

classified as Class I-II rapids. There are numerous campsites

along the river, some of which are only accessible by water

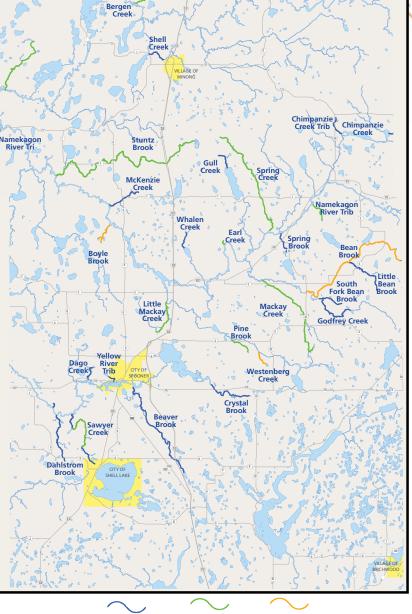
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Namekagon River Map 2: Hayward to Trego

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Namekagon River

Wisconsin's Moving National Park

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YELLOW RIVER: The Yellow River was called

bright yellow sand on the bottom of Yellow Lake through

which it flows. The Yellow River offers stream and lake

the "River Juane" by early French explorers because of the

canoeing with a slow to moderate current and slow gentle

rapids. Access is available at numerous road crossings and

public landings. There is excellent fly fishing, canoeing or

Lake in Washburn County, through Burnett County, which

along the Yellow River; most common is the whitetail deer

kayaking on the Yellow River as it flows out of Spooner

then meets the St Croix in Danbury. Wildlife is abundant

and numerous varieties of waterfowl.

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Class I

High quality trout waters that have sufficient natural reproduction to sustain populations of wild trout, at or near carry capacity. Consequently, streams in this category require no stocking of hatchery trout. These streams or stream sections are often small and may contain small or slow-growing trout, especially in the headwaters. There are 5,400 miles of Class I trout streams in Wisconsin and they comprise 41% of Wisconsin's total trout stream mileage.

Class II

Streams in this classification may have some natural reproduction, but not enough to utilize available food and space. Therefore, stocking is required to maintain a desirable sport fishery. These streams have good survival and carryover of adult trout, often producing some fish larger than average size. There are 5,911.6 miles of Class 2 trout streams in Wisconsin and they comprise 45% of Wisconsin's total trout

stream mileage. Class III

These waters are marginal trout habitat with no natural reproduction occurring. They require annual stocking of trout to provide trout fishing. Generally, there is no carryover of trout from one year to the next. There are 1,864 miles of Class 3 trout streams in Wisconsin and they comprise 14% of Wisconsin's total trout stream

TOTOGATIC RIVER: The Totogatic, dedicated

in 2009 as a Wild River, is a beautiful, undeveloped river

crossing the northern portion of Washburn County. The

Totogatic River flows from Bayfield County all the way to

Burnett County where it meets up with the Namekagon Riv-

er, a tributary of the St. Croix River. Most of the river is wild

and kayak enthusiasts. However some areas are dangerous

and not recommended for paddling and you should check

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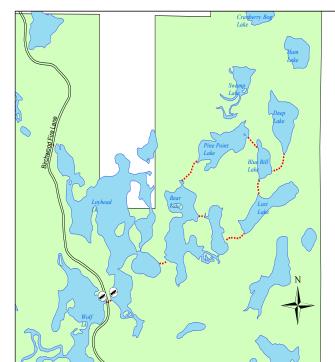
Canoe Portage Trails

Washburn County Forest Sawmill Canoe Portage Trail



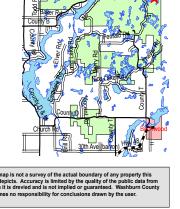
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Washburn County Forest Loyhead Canoe Portage Trail



Boat Landing **Public Roads** - - · County Forest Roa --- County Highwa ---- Municipal Stree State Highwa Township Road ····· Portage Trails

County Forest



Washburn County has two primitive canoe routes within the Birchwood canoe unit, six miles north of Birchwood

BIRCHWOOD CANOE TRAILS:

a primitive area with little to no development and provide a unique opportunity for a quiet, back country experience The canoe route areas lie within heavily forested rolling topography with a high density of small glacial lakes. These lakes are

land locked deep soft water lakes with steep banks and wooded shores Bass and Panfish are abundant. A canoe portage and trail system has been marked to guide canoeists.

SAWMILL LAKE PRIMITIVE CANOE ROUTE:

This canoe route begins at the Sawmill Lake campground. The portage trail accesses 9 separate lakes, with most portages less than 100 yards. The lakes along this route are relatively deep, with maximum depths of up to 40 feet. Bass and Panfish are abundant, however many of these lakes are prone to winterkill. Of particular interest is the presence of Green Sunfish

LOYHEAD LAKE PRIMITIVE CANOE ROUTE:

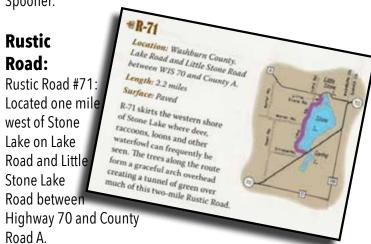
This canoe route is located 7 miles north of Birchwood The route begins at Loyhead Lake at the boat landing on the Birchwood Fire Lane. The portage trail accesses 7 separate lakes with most portages less than 200 yards.

Driving Tours



Washburn County Driving Routes: Washburn County offers four recommended driving routes for

those looking to get out and explore the beautiful countryside. The Washburn County Driving Routes brochure highlights four routes suitable for car or motorcycle travel. The routes range from 39 to 61 miles and pass through the beautiful forests of Northwest Wisconsin, around sparkling lakes and into the heart of some great small towns. For a brochure, visit www.washburncounty.org or stop into the Washburn County Visitor Center at 122 N. River Street in Spooner.



Take this beautiful ride that skirts the Western shore of Stone Lake where deer, raccoons, loons and other waterfowl are often present. The trees along the route form a graceful arch overhead creating a tunnel of green over much of this two mile rustic road.



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