

**HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION IN WISCONSIN**

**Recreation** — Wisconsin currently operates 49 state parks, 14 state forests, and 8 recreation areas. The parks range in size from Devil's Lake with 10,200 acres to Lakeshore with 22 acres. The largest single state recreational facility is the Northern Highland-American Legion Forest with 223,283 acres. A total of 36 state trails are open to the public.

Visitors to Wisconsin's state parks, forests, trails, and recreation areas numbered 15.5 million in 2014.

Hunting and fishing are major recreational activities. In recent years, approximately 33 million fish and 1.6 million game animals of various species have been harvested annually. Over 707,000 resident annual fishing licenses were sold in 2013. In addition, resident husband and wife fishing licenses totaled nearly 217,000, and nonresident fishing licenses totaled approximately 107,700. Over 614,000 boats were registered in 2013.

**Land Acquisition** — Three land acquisition programs have been established to acquire land for recreational purposes. From 1961 through 1992, the Outdoor Recreation Act Program (ORAP) acquired 555,816 acres for the state's conservation and recreation programs at a cost of almost \$172 million. From fiscal year 1990, when the legislature created the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program, through fiscal year 1999, the stewardship fund spent over \$124 million to acquire an additional 167,000 acres. From fiscal years 2000 through 2014, the Stewardship 2000 Fund acquired over 639,000 acres and spent nearly \$574 million.

**Natural Resources Funding and Expenditures** — The Department of Natural Resources spent over \$566 million on conservation and recreation programs in fiscal year 2013-14, up from \$540 million in fiscal year 2012-13. Funding comes from the state's general fund and segregated funds, including registration and licensing fees, park stickers, and federal aids.

The following tables present selected data. Consult footnoted sources for more detailed information about conservation and recreation.

## FISH AND GAME HARVESTED AND STOCKED, 2013-2014

Catch and Harvest Data for Wisconsin Fish <sup>1</sup>			
	Catch		Harvest
	88,000,000		33,000,000
All fish species . . . . .			
Great Lakes trout . . . . .			144,835
Great Lakes salmon . . . . .			185,163
Harvest Indicators			
	Harvest		Harvest
Wild Turkey . . . . .	46,448	Raccoon <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	147,197
Pheasant <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	194,397	Red fox <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	9,932
Ruffed grouse <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	256,997	Gray fox <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	5,712
Gray partridge <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	127	Coyotes <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	39,490
Bobwhite quail <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	63	Deer (with guns) . . . . .	255,003
Woodcock <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	77,061	Deer (with bows) . . . . .	87,628
Squirrels <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	327,398	Bear . . . . .	3,952
Cottontail rabbit <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	129,830	Ducks <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	455,700 <sup>4</sup>
Snowshoe hare <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	16,110	Canada geese . . . . .	64,190
Doves <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	72,800 <sup>4</sup>		
Furbearer Harvest			
Muskrats <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	224,194	Bobcat . . . . .	226
Mink <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	12,863	Opossum <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	25,825
Beaver <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	25,544	Skunk <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	9,961
River otter . . . . .	907	Fisher . . . . .	822
Total value of all pelts purchased by licensed Wisconsin fur buyers . . . . .			\$6,801,664
Fish and Wildlife Stocked			
Game farm pheasants released . . . . .			76,740
Warmwater fish, produced and distributed (includes fry) . . . . .			8,804,149
Coldwater fish . . . . .			3,776,448

<sup>1</sup>Harvest is the actual number of fish caught and kept; catch is the estimate of all fish caught, including those released. All fish species estimated from mail survey conducted in 2006. Great Lakes totals estimated by on-site creel surveys in 2014.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates based on hunter surveys.

<sup>3</sup>Harvest data from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management. Data is for the 2014 hunting season.

<sup>4</sup>Data is from federal harvest surveys and are still preliminary.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015.

## FISH AND GAME LICENSES AND RECREATION PERMITS Number Issued, 2008 – 2013

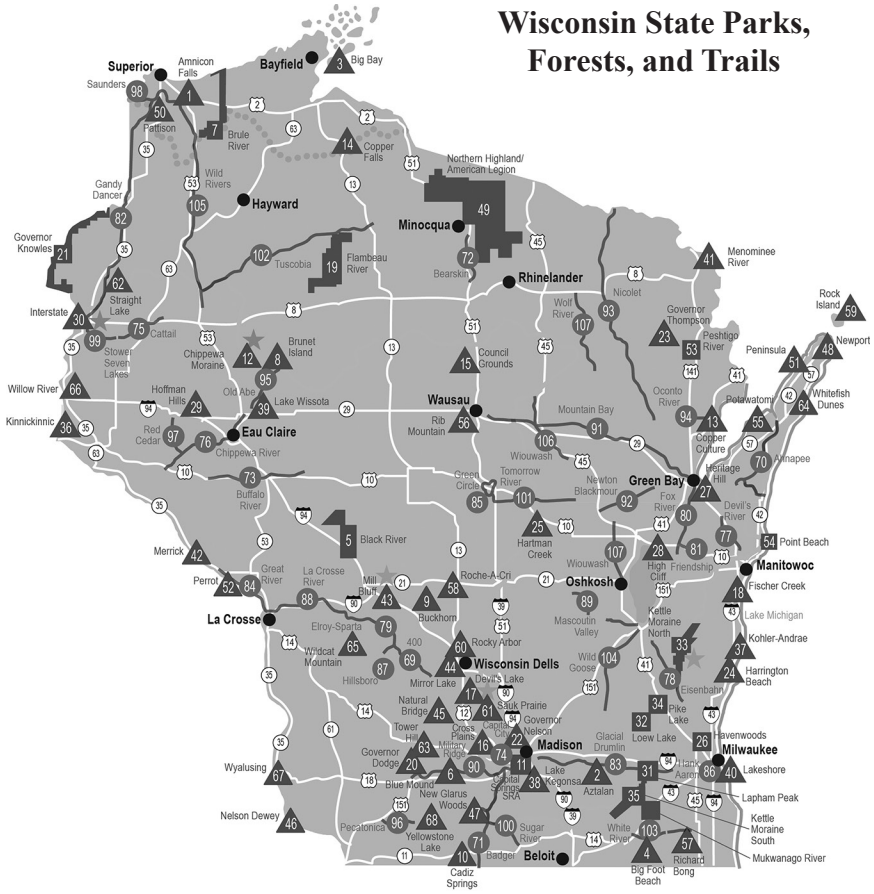
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Boats registered . . . . .	634,779	627,263	616,175	629,886	623,136	614,452
Snowmobiles registered . . . . .	224,539	228,081	235,374	218,736	224,716	236,248
All terrain vehicles registered . . . . .	218,539	277,279	279,263	307,582	299,607	298,857
Gun deer hunting and license tags including nonresident <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	514,156	519,236	511,651	515,511	530,685	530,256
Small game hunting license tags including nonresident <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	133,443	129,262	132,510	128,770	137,614	135,310
Spring turkey licenses including nonresident <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	104,751	112,797	110,155	106,151	104,648	106,082
Fall turkey licenses including nonresident <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	26,811	24,032	21,577	19,067	20,235	18,455
Resident annual fishing licenses <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	665,027	708,003	688,046	664,987	702,409	707,285
Resident husband and wife fishing licenses . . . . .	226,519	238,523	233,526	228,747	226,367	216,920
1-day resident fishing licenses . . . . .	—	—	—	11,818	8,289	7,591
Nonresident annual fishing licenses . . . . .	88,798	94,075	90,879	82,361	104,691	107,777
Nonresident family annual fishing licenses . . . . .	67,568	72,190	69,789	66,416	66,589	64,298
15-day nonresident family fishing licenses . . . . .	36,809	37,253	36,216	32,794	32,582	31,907
15-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	34,705	36,085	34,631	32,988	24,179	24,185
4-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	96,513	99,534	94,805	65,445	56,990	55,562
1-day nonresident fishing licenses . . . . .	—	—	—	58,130	58,330	59,552
Resident sports licenses . . . . .	69,113	63,953	58,943	56,790	55,380	53,982
Nonresident sports licenses . . . . .	3,847	3,825	3,667	3,684	3,772	3,879
2-day Great Lakes fishing licenses . . . . .	48,670	48,953	43,967	39,780	42,933	38,936
Resident archer's licenses <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	195,333	196,793	197,598	200,695	209,398	209,896
Nonresident archer's licenses <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	8,913	8,816	8,654	8,858	9,478	9,946
Guide licenses (residents only) . . . . .	1,355	1,477	1,458	1,454	1,436	1,387
Conservation patron licenses . . . . .	55,159	50,752	46,837	44,952	44,049	45,585
Nonresident patron licenses . . . . .	937	1,005	925	921	935	953

<sup>1</sup>Includes 10- and 11-year-old mentored licenses.





<sup>2</sup>Includes senior and junior fishing licenses.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015.

## Wisconsin State Parks, Forests, and Trails



**Legend**

-  State Parks & Recreation Areas
-  State Forests
-  State Trails
-  Ice Age National Scientific Reserve Unit
-  Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail
-  North Country National Scenic and State Trail

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015. Map provided by Wisconsin Department of Tourism. For park updates, see [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/).

WISCONSIN STATE FORESTS, PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION AREAS

Name	Location	Dominant Features	Established	Acres	Number of Visitors <sup>1</sup>				
					2000	2012	2013	2014	
<b>NORTHERN FORESTS<sup>2</sup></b>									
Black River	SE of Black River Falls US 12, STH 27 & 54	Abundance of wildlife and scenery	1957	67,070	195,579	23,611	12,603	16,997	16,712
Brule River	S of Brule STH 27	Excellent fishing and canoeing	1907	40,882	125,339	9,945	8,480	8,148	8,204
Flambeau River	23 mi. W of Phillips CTH W	Outstanding canoeing river	1931	90,147	162,665	20,091	4,368	2,436	3,376
Governor Knowles	1 mi. W of Grantsburg STH 70	River scenery	1970	19,753	89,714	20,219	2,836	3,212	4,304
Northern Highland									
American Legion	SE Iron, WC Vilas, NC Oneida Counties	Scenic lakes and forests	1925	223,283	2,050,151	53,737	193,428	188,904	184,541
Peshigo River	5 mi. W of Crivitz, N of CTH W	Diverse natural communities and rivers	2001	9,200	NA	NA	1,180	1,936	2,308
<b>TOTAL</b>				450,335	2,623,448	127,603	222,895	221,633	219,445
<b>SOUTHERN FORESTS</b>									
Havenwoods	Milwaukee, N, Hopkins St.	A nature preserve in the city	1978	237	49,581	51,774	40,619	40,701	41,776
Kettle Moraine North	N of Kewaskum STH 65, 23 & 67	Glacial formations	1936	29,498	620,903	700,774	610,961	584,517	594,186
Kettle Moraine South	Whitewater USH 12, STH 59/67	Glacial topography	1936	21,241	1,230,519	805,340	1,294,945	1,175,842	1,209,154
Lapham Peak	S of Delafield, CTH C	Highest point in county, glacial formations	1985	1,006	250,681	261,930	345,236	391,943	452,137
Loew Lake	10 mi. W of Menomonone Falls CTH Q	Kettle lake, glacial valley	1987	1,086	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mukwonago River	5 mi. W of Mukwonago	Glacial topography, lake	2015	970	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pike Lake	2 mi. E of Hartford STH 60	Glacial lake	1960	678	156,325	201,217	233,889	263,505	390,020
Point Beach	4 mi. N of Two Rivers STH 42	Sand beach, natural history	1938	2,903	407,066	406,800	390,760	388,790	379,160
<b>TOTAL</b>				57,618	2,715,075	2,427,835	2,916,410	2,843,298	3,066,433
<b>STATE PARKS</b>									
Amnicon Falls	10 mi. SE of Superior USH 2	Scenic waterfalls, covered bridge	1961	825	84,773	86,680	86,100	86,128	84,196
Aztalan	4 mi. E of Lake Mills CTH Q	Ancient Native American village	1947	172	60,565	59,695	44,000	38,753	101,764
Belmont Mound <sup>3</sup>	2 mi. N of Belmont CTH G & B	Wide vista from hilltop tower	1961	254	8,484	40,607	NA	NA	NA
Big Bay	On Madeline Island in Lake Superior	Sand beach, natural history	1963	2,418	108,365	129,435	159,969	169,295	152,074
Big Foot Beach	1 mi. S of Lake Geneva STH 12 & 120	A beach park	1949	271	177,963	178,567	177,429	167,185	170,417
Blue Mound	1 mi. NW of Blue Mounds STH 18 & 151	Highest point in southern Wisconsin	1959	1,153	154,128	153,202	148,722	151,985	182,108
Brunet Island	Northwest of Cornell	River island park	1936	1,225	178,962	161,150	154,837	131,400	137,787
Buckhorn	13 mi. W of Mauston STH 58, CTH G	River scenery	1971	2,637	107,590	127,735	142,422	143,356	140,250
Capital Springs	5 mi. SE of Madison on Lake Farm Rd.	Shoreline and trails	2000	323	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Copper Culture <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mi. W of Oomto on N River Rd.	Archaeological site	1959	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Copper Falls	4 mi. N of Mellen STH 13 & 169	River gorge, waterfalls	1929	2,716	125,080	145,087	139,631	164,644	181,872
Council Grounds	1 mi. NW of Merrill STH 107	River scenery	1938	509	213,411	221,033	193,088	157,881	125,787
Devil's Lake	3 mi. S of Bambo STH 123	Bluffs, mountain scenery	1911	10,200	1,317,275	1,207,001	2,236,888	1,909,667	2,059,027
Governor Dodge	3 mi. N of Dodgeville STH 23	Rocky promontories	1948	5,149	407,629	442,856	521,527	504,045	470,953
Governor Nelson	5 mi. E of Middleton CTH M	Wooded lakeshore, Native American effigy mounds	1975	422	218,015	184,961	189,185	182,272	185,087
Governor Thompson	25 miles NW of Crivitz	Lakeshore and trout streams	2000	2,450	NA	NA	55,700	153,319	67,835
Harrington Beach	10 mi. N of Port Washington 143, CTH D	Lake Michigan shoreline	1966	637	114,912	140,769	176,941	171,665	153,084
Harrison Creek	6 mi. W of Waupaca STH 54	Lake scenery, pine plantation	1962	1,417	239,539	143,575	132,118	340,499	398,797
Heritage Hill <sup>3</sup>	S Green Bay STH 57	Restored early American buildings	1973	35	36,528	NA	NA	NA	NA
High Cliff	9 mi. E of Menasha STH 114	Wooded bluffs, Lake Winnebago	1954	1,145	820,560	830,080	456,380	409,250	419,650
Interstate	St. Croix Falls USH 8	River gorge, rocky bluffs, glacial features	1900	1,330	354,715	270,995	292,876	251,850	291,664
Kinnickinnic	6 mi. W of River Falls CTH F	River scenery	1972	2,239	207,900	217,600	171,200	197,900	96,750
Koller-Andrae	4 mi. S of Sheboygan CTH 141	Lake Michigan sand dunes	1928	1,848	378,483	417,568	418,373	397,054	393,331
Lake Kegonsa	3 mi. N of Stoughton CTH N	Prairie and lakeshore	1962	343	187,782	189,639	196,457	185,506	177,540

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Name	Location	Dominant Features	Established	Acres	Number of Visitors <sup>1</sup>						
					2000	2005	2012	2013	2014		
Lake Wisconsin	5 mi. NE of Chippewa Falls STH 29, CTH K & O	Urban oasis, marina, Lake Michigan shoreline	1962	1,062	108,222	102,032	106,505	110,543	109,365		
Lakeshore	Milwaukee, N. Harbor Dr.	Several miles of Menominee River	1998	22	NA	NA	112,880	226,383	242,795		
Menominee River	NE Marinette County, SE of Niagara	shoreline	2010	4,676	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Merrick	1 mi. N of Fountain City STH 35	Mississippi River, birds	1932	322	101,609	83,346	85,759	77,974	70,608		
Mill Bluff	4 mi. W of Camp Douglas STH 12/16	Rocky bluffs	1936	1,337	49,541	54,854	58,678	61,183	26,888		
Mirror Lake	1 mi. S of Lake Delton	Lake scenery	1962	2,200	341,452	326,198	353,017	297,625	262,348		
Natural Bridge	15 mi. NW of Sauk City CTH C	Natural rock bridge	1972	530	57,454	30,600	24,772	14,777	17,604		
Nelson Dewey	1 mi. N of Cassville CTH VV	Home of first governor, river bluffs	1935	756	51,456	39,541	38,857	34,570	62,009		
New Glarus Woods	1 mi. S of New Glarus STH 69 & CTH NN	Wooded valleys, natural oak woods	1934	415	48,276	177,322	51,535	36,244	89,824		
Newport	2 mi. SE of Gills Rock STH 42	Lake scenery, forests	1964	2,373	177,194	153,986	136,914	134,570	137,365		
Pattison	10 mi. S of Superior STH 35	Highest waterfall in Wisconsin	1920	1,436	167,221	184,579	196,715	189,986	148,439		
Peninsula	N of Fish Creek STH 42	Green Bay, limestone bluffs	1910	3,777	1,055,651	1,018,868	1,145,943	1,113,924	1,162,753		
Perrin	1 mi. N of Trempealeau STH 35	River scenery, wooded bluffs	1918	1,270	208,537	269,061	324,777	333,503	314,711		
Potawatomi	2 mi. NW of Sturgeon Bay STH 42	Limestone bluffs	1928	1,221	228,909	201,379	200,205	197,669	200,205		
Rib Mountain	4 mi. SW of Waussau CTH N	State's 4th highest place, spectacular views	1927	1,503	208,670	234,685	294,720	322,018	345,096		
Roche-A-Cri	2 mi. N of Friendship STH 13	Woodlands, 300-foot-high rock outcropping	1948	492	72,232	110,884	46,165	70,450	74,780		
Rock Island	Ferry (no vehicles) from Washington Island	Island scenery, historic stone buildings	1965	912	16,998	15,811	25,930	74,097	58,074		
Rocky Arbor	1 mi. NW of Wisconsin Dells USH 12	Rocky ledges, wooded valleys	1932	244	57,545	65,674	72,015	73,211	72,098		
Straight Lake	5 mi. NE of Luck via SH 35 & 270th Ave.	Wooded wilderness and lake	2002	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Tower Hill	3 mi. S of Spring Green STH 23 & CTH C	Historic shot tower, panoramic views	1922	77	51,031	76,226	12,621	21,732	22,842		
Whitefish Dunes	10 mi. NE of Sturgeon Bay STH 57	Lake Michigan, sand dunes	1967	864	189,778	167,092	208,427	201,377	180,004		
Wildcat Mountain	3 mi. S of Ontario STH 33	Bluff lands, Kickapoo River	1948	3,628	173,100	186,994	211,957	248,621	138,251		
Willow River	NE of Hudson CTH A	River scenery, waterfalls, lake	1967	2,854	354,470	347,691	575,050	646,443	721,480		
Wyalusing	12 mi. S of Prairie du Chien USH 18 & CTH C	Junction of Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers	1917	2,628	173,439	180,429	239,726	288,198	131,428		
Yellowstone Lake	7 mi. NW of Argyle CTH N	Lake	1970	890	260,981	275,163	291,133	244,637	238,629		
TOTAL				74,266	9,706,425	9,650,650	10,908,144	10,835,391	10,817,569		
<b>STATE RECREATION AREAS</b>											
Richard Bong	8 mi. SE of Burlington STH 142	Small lakes, open space, varied recreation	1963	4,537	462,274	220,045	337,612	312,005	300,696		
Brownstown-Cadiz Springs	6 mi. W of Monroe STH 11	Spring-fed lakes	1970	644	99,191	44,833	52,737	29,625	114,219		
Capital Springs	3101 Lake Farm Rd. 1 mi. W of Madison	Lake, hiking, varied recreation	2000	2,576	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Chippewa Moraine Ice Age	6 mi. E of New Auburn CTH M	Kettle lakes, other glacial features	1974	3,224	17,737	24,984	24,535	20,710	20,275		
Fenley	2 mi. W of Kielser, Grant Cv.	Bluffs, Mississippi River overlook	1985	287	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Fisher Creek <sup>2</sup>	1 mi. N of Cleveland on Lakeshore Rd.	Lake Michigan shoreline, scenic bluffs	1991	124	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Hofman Hills	8 mi. NE of Menomonee CTH B or E	Wooded hills	1980	707	32,460	32,880	36,460	42,740	44,900		
Sauk Prairie	9 mi. N of Sauk City	Open prairie and wooded hills	2014	3,385	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
TOTAL				15,483	611,662	322,742	451,344	405,080	480,090		
<b>STATE TRAILS<sup>4</sup></b>											
400'	Reedsburg STH 23/33 to Elroy STH 80/82	22 miles of trail, bluffs	1988	441	35,125	43,470	42,395	44,955	45,900		
Ahnapee <sup>5</sup>	Sturgeon Bay STH 42/57 to E of Luxemburg CTH A	18.6-mile trail, river scenery	1970	571	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Badger	Madison to Freeport, IL STH 69	40 miles of trail, former railroad grade	2000	534	NA	NA	NA	215,963	207,183		
Bearskin-Hiawatha	Mimocqua to CH K & Hearford Jct. to Tomahawk	24.6 miles of trail, forests	1973	787	115,200	136,500	103,000	92,750	89,932		

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					2000	2005	2012	2013	2014	
Buffalo River	Farechild to Dondy Rd 10	36.4 miles of trail, rural scenery	1976	556	39,280	38,307	38,307	38,307	38,307	
Capital City	Madison; Dempsey Rd to USH 18/151 Frontage Rd	Asphalt path through woods, fields, and city	2001	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Cattail <sup>2</sup>	Amery SH 46 to Almena CTH P	17.8-mi. trail through forests, farms, wetlands	1999	405	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Chippewa River	Eau Claire SW to Red Cedar Trail STH 85	20 miles of trail, river scenery	1990	387	334,607	109,240	47,025	38,150	42,150	
Elroy-Sparta	Elroy STH 80/82 to Sparta STH 71	32.5 miles of trail, hills, valleys, tunnels	1965	674	60,075	59,495	56,755	56,670	58,530	
Fox River <sup>3</sup>	Trailhead at Porlier and Adams Streets, Green Bay	Fox River bridge, 1.4-mi. trail along river	1991	298	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Friendship <sup>3</sup>	Brillion – Forest Junction parallel to USH 10	6 miles of trail past farms and woods	2000	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gandy Dancer <sup>3</sup>	St. Croix Falls USH 8 to S of Superior CTH C	66 miles of trail, forests, connects to MN	1989	810	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Glacial Drumlin	Waukesha CTH X to NE of Jefferson CTH Y	49 miles of trail, views of Ice Age features	1984	930	177,939	234,248	259,953	187,078	168,103	
Great River	Onalaska USH 53 to NW of Trempealeau STH 35/54	24 miles of trail, Mississippi River, bluffs	1986	304	65,572	58,849	65,809	68,322	61,145	
Green Circle <sup>3</sup>	Circles Stevens Point area	River scenery	1992	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Hank Aaron	Milwaukee, Menomonee River Valley	Menomonee River Valley	1996	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Hillsboro	Union Center to Hillsboro STH 33/80/82	4.2 miles of trail, rural scenery	1988	66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Ice Age Trail <sup>4</sup>	Sturgeon Bay to St. Croix Falls	Moraines and other glacial features	1988	5,097	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
La Crosse River	Sparta STH 16 to NE of La Crosse	24.5-mile trail, broad river valley	1978	396	37,150	45,695	46,775	47,845	48,085	
Mascoutin Valley <sup>5</sup>	Ripon to Berlin STH 49	19-mi. trail, farms, woods, and wetlands	1996	45	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Military Ridge	Madison USH 18/151 to Dodgeville STH 23	39.6 miles of trail, most on crest of ridge	1981	635	67,224	115,797	108,039	102,941	99,094	
Mountain-Bay <sup>6</sup>	Wausau CTH SS to Green Bay CTH HS	80.5-mile trail, varied landscape	1993	1,083	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Nicolet <sup>7</sup>	Gillett to Townsend STH 32	Forests, streams	1999	1,171	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
North Country <sup>8</sup>	Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron Counties	Footpath across Northern Wisconsin	2000	546	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Oconto River <sup>9</sup>	Oconto US 41 to Stiles Junction US 141	8-mi. trail along Oconto River	1997	91	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Old Abe <sup>10</sup>	NE of Chippewa Falls CTH S to Cornell STH 27/64	17-mile trail, Chippewa River	1990	243	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Pecatonica <sup>1</sup>	Belmont E to Calamine CTH G	10 miles of trail, stream	1974	242	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Red Cedar	Menomonee STH 29 S to Chippewa River Trail	14.5 miles of trail, river, bluffs	1973	822	45,760	53,380	52,480	52,070	50,545	
Saunders <sup>1</sup>	S of Superior CTH C SW to MN border	8.4 miles of trail, wet woods	1991	207	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Sugar River	New Glarus STH 39/69 to Brodhead STH 11	23.5 miles of trail, farms, prairies, woods	1972	302	45,362	67,812	30,170	51,937	67,549	
Tomorrow River <sup>1</sup>	Plover to Amherst Junction	15 miles of trail, glacial terrain	1996	389	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Tussockia	Park Falls CTH B to Rice Lake CTH SS	74 miles of trail, forests	1966	1,393	44,150	46,783	12,747	36,724	38,132	
White River <sup>1</sup>	Elkhorn CTH H to Racine Cty. Spring Valley Rd.	10-mile trail, farmlands and historic town	1999	247	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Wild Goose <sup>1</sup>	Fond du Lac USH 41/151 to STH 60 S of Juneau	32 miles of trail, Horicon Marsh	1986	418	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Wild Rivers <sup>1</sup>	Solon Springs CTH A to Rice Lake	63.5 miles of trail, woods	1993	1,139	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Winnesh <sup>1</sup>	Oshkosh-Hortonville, Split Rock-Aniwa	51.6 miles of trail, prairies, woods	1992	283	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
TOTAL				21,579	1,067,444	1,009,576	1,079,418	1,024,932	968,020	

Abbreviations: USH – U.S. highway; STH – state trunk highway; CTH – county trunk highway; NA – not available.

<sup>1</sup>Visitor numbers are estimates.

<sup>2</sup>Northern Forests figures for 2005-present are camping attendance only, not day-use visitors.

<sup>3</sup>Operated locally or by county; no attendance information available.

<sup>4</sup>Not accessible by vehicle.

<sup>5</sup>Various owners and operators (National Scenic Trails)

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, departmental data, June 2015.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SOURCES OF FUNDING**  
**Fiscal Years 2008-09 – 2013-14**  
**(In Thousands)**

Source of Funding	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
<b>Segregated funds</b>						
All-terrain vehicle registration fees . . . . .	\$4,683	\$4,461	\$3,979	\$4,286	\$3,849	\$2,876
Boat registration fees . . . . .	6,032	5,775	5,525	5,645	5,672	5,002
Dry cleaner fund . . . . .	1,082	3,352	2,016	1,582	1,533	1,894
Endangered resources voluntary payments . . . . .	1,205	1,700	886	811	578	889
Environmental improvement fund . . . . .	2,151	1,227	1,873	959	891	910
Environmental management account . . . . .	16,052	16,994	24,707	42,320	47,192	48,451
Federal aids . . . . .	59,346	49,715	61,609	53,483	54,517	55,352
Fishing, hunting licenses and permits . . . . .	72,287	66,814	68,168	65,057	69,039	68,564
Forestry mill tax . . . . .	99,915	103,138	99,341	94,462	95,023	100,288
Gifts and donations . . . . .	327	448	390	543	557	690
Heritage State Parks and Forests Trust Fund . . . . .	—	—	—	—	61	46
Nonpoint source account . . . . .	4,336	7,258	11,241	13,046	15,752	14,538
Park stickers and fees . . . . .	13,581	13,837	13,997	16,057	13,077	14,420
Petroleum storage environmental cleanup fund . . . . .	5,294	5,147	5,223	5,722	5,368	10,570
Program revenue . . . . .	32,201	31,951	31,400	31,006	28,010	29,061
Recycling fund . . . . .	31,988	31,992	21,214	—	—	1
Snowmobile registration fees . . . . .	3,953	4,108	4,172	3,570	2,913	2,840
Waste management fund . . . . .	9	—	—	—	37	347
Water resources account . . . . .	12,741	12,371	12,553	12,606	11,943	12,370
Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine . . . . .	833	865	746	663	645	799
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$368,015</b>	<b>\$361,153</b>	<b>\$369,039</b>	<b>\$351,820</b>	<b>\$356,657</b>	<b>\$369,909</b>
<b>General funds</b>						
General purpose revenue . . . . .	\$143,755	\$51,401	\$67,305	\$52,616	\$119,650	\$130,130
Program revenues . . . . .	21,536	20,516	19,926	18,161	19,568	22,470
Program revenue – services . . . . .	12,442	12,055	13,340	10,934	10,293	11,327
Federal aids . . . . .	26,753	29,081	30,624	33,978	34,203	32,236
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$204,486</b>	<b>\$113,052</b>	<b>\$131,194</b>	<b>\$115,690</b>	<b>\$183,714</b>	<b>\$196,163</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$572,501</b>	<b>\$474,205</b>	<b>\$500,234</b>	<b>\$467,510</b>	<b>\$540,370</b>	<b>\$566,072</b>

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXPENDITURES**  
**Fiscal Years 2008-09 – 2013-14**  
**(In Thousands)**

Program	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
<b>Land Management</b>	<b>\$117,588*</b>	<b>\$113,693*</b>	<b>\$115,341*</b>	<b>\$114,012*</b>	<b>\$109,071*</b>	<b>\$117,501*</b>
Wildlife management	21,927	20,244	21,006	21,595	20,684	20,759
Forestry	55,552	53,117	53,448	51,928	50,027	56,796
Southern forests	5,740	5,594	5,826	5,834	5,611	5,597
Parks	17,865	18,372	17,654	18,155	17,589	18,345
Endangered resources	5,005	5,287	5,905	5,941	4,940	4,650
Facilities and lands	10,412	10,107	10,376	9,596	9,062	10,205
Lands program management	1,087	971	1,126	962	1,157	1,149
<b>Air and Waste Management</b>	<b>\$36,296*</b>	<b>\$37,889*</b>	<b>\$40,110*</b>	<b>\$35,990*</b>	<b>\$34,396*</b>	<b>\$38,850*</b>
Air management	16,114	17,195	16,426	14,712	13,863	14,622
Cooperative environmental assistance	917	827	853	828	783	3,393
Remediation and redevelopment	10,866	11,675	14,374	12,126	11,761	11,411
Waste management	7,182	7,347	7,444	7,330	7,070	8,251
Air/waste program management	1,217	845	1,014	992	919	1,173
<b>Enforcement and Science</b>	<b>\$43,769*</b>	<b>\$44,003*</b>	<b>\$46,824*</b>	<b>\$45,068*</b>	<b>\$45,067*</b>	<b>\$42,197*</b>
Law enforcement	32,090	32,465	33,453	31,326	32,066	31,809
Integrated science services	10,684	10,759	12,490	12,785	12,112	9,548
Enforcement/science program management	995	779	882	957	888	841
<b>Water Management</b>	<b>\$76,488*</b>	<b>\$72,424*</b>	<b>\$75,515*</b>	<b>\$76,876*</b>	<b>\$81,553*</b>	<b>\$77,709*</b>
Fisheries management and habitat protection	26,409	24,116	26,523	25,619	25,377	25,143
Watershed management	36,145	35,201	35,511	37,888	13,678	13,834
Drinking and groundwater	12,159	12,011	12,314	12,304	12,683	12,553
Water quality	—	—	—	—	28,601	24,840
Water program management	1,734	1,096	1,168	1,065	1,215	1,339
<b>Conservation Aids</b>	<b>\$45,574*</b>	<b>\$43,284*</b>	<b>\$42,323*</b>	<b>\$42,044*</b>	<b>\$43,483*</b>	<b>\$42,408*</b>
Fish and wildlife aids	811	702	570	989	2,147	1,274
Forestry aids	11,214	10,522	10,640	9,205	10,675	9,440
Recreational aids	15,992	13,576	12,533	12,506	10,674	10,867
Aids in lieu of taxes	12,362	13,767	13,783	14,369	14,723	15,583
Enforcement aids	2,166	2,277	2,277	2,277	2,199	2,277
Wildlife damage aids	3,030	2,441	2,520	2,697	3,063	2,966
<b>Environmental Aids</b>	<b>\$42,018*</b>	<b>\$42,978*</b>	<b>\$31,890*</b>	<b>\$32,350*</b>	<b>\$31,213*</b>	<b>\$34,112*</b>
Water quality aids	5,610	5,728	6,112	6,551	6,561	6,966
Solid and hazard waste aids	32,219	31,476	21,401	22,526	20,844	20,803
Environmental aids	1,022	3,355	2,439	1,761	1,564	7,238
Environmental planning aids	441	210	287	283	211	191
Nonpoint aids	2,727	2,209	1,651	1,229	2,034	(1,085)
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$127,252*</b>	<b>\$45,268*</b>	<b>\$70,456*</b>	<b>\$52,963*</b>	<b>\$123,492*</b>	<b>\$136,139*</b>
Resource	51,566	26,205	34,012	27,725	80,338	89,515
Environmental	3,698	4,250	3,957	4,376	4,827	4,833
Water quality	67,581	10,011	27,240	15,585	32,083	35,330
Administrative facility	4,407	4,802	5,248	5,276	6,244	6,461
<b>Acquisition and Development</b>	<b>\$18,915*</b>	<b>\$9,107*</b>	<b>\$13,519*</b>	<b>\$8,128*</b>	<b>\$8,696*</b>	<b>\$11,218*</b>
Wildlife	559	1,270	1,466	644	545	1,013
Fish	6,219	1,980	1,203	481	507	559
Forestry	5,465	1,411	4,612	818	2,930	3,650
Southern forests	202	182	167	234	214	21
Parks	3,864	1,312	1,487	1,229	1,462	2,475
Endangered resources	1,369	1,464	2,753	1,482	820	1,742
Facilities and lands	1,216	1,467	1,819	3,237	2,176	1,455
CAES (Customer and Employee Services)	6	9	—	1	5	—
Water resources	15	13	13	2	—	2
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$20,547*</b>	<b>\$23,273*</b>	<b>\$23,279*</b>	<b>\$21,286*</b>	<b>\$23,394*</b>	<b>\$24,857*</b>
Administration	1,261	1,266	1,386	1,464	1,603	1,727
Legal services	2,241	2,147	2,182	2,029	2,231	2,389
Management and budget	520	422	395	502	510	528
Facility rental	5,515	7,036	7,144	7,149	7,128	7,218
Nonbudget accounts	11,011	12,402	12,173	10,142	11,922	12,993
<b>Customer and Employee Relations (CAER)</b>	<b>\$44,093*</b>	<b>\$42,285*</b>	<b>\$40,975*</b>	<b>\$38,795*</b>	<b>\$39,914*</b>	<b>\$41,079*</b>
Enterprise and technology/technology services	9,000	7,735	8,816	7,699	8,237	8,426
Finance	5,907	5,884	6,141	6,193	5,989	6,616
Human resources	4,268	3,889	3,767	3,873	4,076	4,134
Communication and education strategy	3,742	4,034	3,231	1,519	1,523	1,823
Community financial assistance	5,234	5,754	5,348	5,308	5,723	5,915
Customer service and licensing	12,711	11,950	10,705	11,327	11,341	11,128
CAER program management	3,230	3,038	2,967	2,877	3,023	3,036
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$572,501</b>	<b>\$474,205</b>	<b>\$500,234</b>	<b>\$467,510</b>	<b>\$540,279</b>	<b>\$566,070</b>

\*Total of detail immediately following. Totals do not add due to rounding.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015.



**NATURAL RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITIONS**  
**Fiscal Years 1990 – 2014\***

Fiscal Year	Fisheries Mgmt.	Northern Forests	Parks	Natural Areas	Southern Forests	Wildlife Mgmt.	Wild Rivers	Other	Total
<b>ACRES ACQUIRED</b>									
<b>WARREN KNOWLES-GAYLORD NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b>									
1990	2,333	975	683	1,278	283	4,269	2,490	10	12,311
1991	1,671	930	1,352	4,745	1,567	5,997	11,832	61	28,155
1992	1,787	791	362	3,176	157	3,940	15,067	226	25,506
1993	1,475	721	624	3,166	298	5,160	4,328	245	16,018
1994	2,879	396	1,820	3,288	306	3,137	3,191	563	15,580
1995	8,093	373	271	1,985	370	5,052	835	633	17,612
1996	2,344	977	1,248	5,830	398	3,566	2,012	368	16,743
1997	1,548	213	884	2,038	161	2,929	2,003	332	10,110
1998	1,133	278	107	1,467	81	4,045	9,944	317	17,372
1999	600	815	641	1,904	513	2,501	775	209	7,957
<b>STEWARDSHIP 2000 PROGRAM</b>									
2000	2,808	496	3,705	3,301	110	11,800	16,135	136	38,489
2001	2,773	149	4,295	1,063	194	5,191	3,558	683	17,905
2002	1,595	5,525	1,349	3,174	208	4,997	607	258	17,713
2003	1,880	35,464	2,029	5,801	0	3,765	2,406	86	51,432
2004	1,177	4,132	3,060	1,747	159	7,513	2,132	156	20,076
2005	2,308	6,578	3,842	7,477	475	5,385	10,692	329	37,086
2006	957	18,799	1,823	2,592	103	6,022	767	414	31,476
2007	982	45,075	713	2,948	171	3,247	8,793	192	62,121
2008	915	8,722	1,641	2,288	12	6,515	2,589	454	23,136
2009	837	7,943	1,876	1,844	1,024	2,150	1,867	358	17,899
2010	785	8,547	1,000	3,498	37	3,767	818	73	18,525
2011	1,786	27,070	3,525	5,845	297	5,560	2,729	5	46,818
2012	587	10,866	619	1,804	0	892	184	7	14,958
2013	1,430	48,989	891	2,697	247	3,046	437	157	57,894
2014	87	10,283	204	1,346	144	4,267	147	283	16,761
TOTAL	44,770	245,107	38,566	76,301	7,314	114,714	106,338	6,554	639,654
<b>COST TO ACQUIRE (in thousands)</b>									
<b>WARREN KNOWLES-GAYLORD NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b>									
1990	\$1,951	\$395	\$727	\$610	\$490	\$1,880	\$2,216	\$1	\$8,269
1991	1,498	385	384	2,133	1,675	3,027	6,245	1,557	16,902
1992	1,530	416	461	1,195	398	2,735	5,537	48	12,320
1993	1,359	547	547	1,473	249	1,636	1,950	31	7,791
1994	2,315	178	902	724	793	2,118	1,843	148	9,021
1995	3,688	640	762	3,472	1,315	3,872	1,120	219	15,087
1996	2,596	542	2,758	3,108	1,036	2,832	1,413	441	14,726
1997	1,757	378	1,168	589	617	2,439	1,321	80	8,349
1998	1,513	137	337	2,077	293	4,331	11,005	1,307	21,001
1999	1,534	941	1,548	1,075	1,170	3,693	580	336	10,878
<b>STEWARDSHIP 2000 PROGRAM</b>									
2000	\$2,861	\$550	\$2,734	\$3,472	\$403	\$9,061	\$12,633	\$352	\$32,066
2001	5,247	533	8,605	2,156	873	4,251	739	420	22,824
2002	4,156	13,575	3,244	2,955	1,105	5,635	1,095	3,822	35,587
2003	3,976	7,680	4,105	3,603	0	3,908	3,807	117	27,196
2004	3,054	13,474	5,727	2,770	579	8,490	4,629	130	38,853
2005	5,034	2,418	16,693	4,993	3,050	8,164	3,591	401	44,345
2006	3,919	9,852	3,247	3,642	1,220	5,574	1,526	81	29,061
2007	3,529	20,147	6,760	4,039	1,081	7,227	15,864	254	58,901
2008	2,529	8,734	3,222	3,004	246	10,016	5,777	135	33,663
2009	2,236	6,534	8,069	1,849	11,325	4,250	3,729	128	38,122
2010	2,232	5,867	2,881	5,448	272	6,693	2,119	122	25,635
2011	4,277	12,974	4,762	7,153	2,023	10,144	5,416	35	46,782
2012	1,657	7,426	2,605	1,836	0	2,736	369	0	16,628
2013	1,660	17,412	3,955	900	796	5,333	490	0	30,547
2014	249	6,997	572	967	742	5,630	410	73	15,640
TOTAL	\$64,448	\$114,323	\$82,248	\$63,376	\$30,213	\$114,711	\$94,524	\$10,165	\$574,008

\*The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program replaced the Outdoor Recreation Act Program (ORAP) in 1990. Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Facilities and Lands, departmental data, June 2015.

## CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LAND IN WISCONSIN

### Acres By Ownership

County	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – 2015							U.S. Forest Service	Total	
	Forests	Wild Rivers	Natural Areas	Parks	Fisheries	Wildlife	Other	Total DNR 2014 <sup>1</sup>		
Adams	9,088	—	7,577	492	1,530	7,511	509	26,709	—	26,709
Ashland	756	—	324	5,998	210	7,802	120	15,211	181,646	196,857
Barron	60	—	—	343	1,185	5,170	7	6,764	—	6,764
Bayfield	2,693	—	12,691	—	12,536	952	172	29,044	272,832	301,876
Brown	—	—	170	511	416	2,385	12	3,494	—	3,494
Buffalo	—	—	417	399	22	13,166	—	14,003	—	14,003
Burnett	15,746	—	—	251	3,941	52,737	181	72,856	—	72,856
Calumet	—	—	42	1,277	14	10,568	—	11,901	—	11,901
Chippewa	—	—	897	7,445	1,919	3,278	5	13,543	—	13,543
Clark	224	—	—	—	163	175	—	561	—	561
Columbia	—	123	598	693	1,783	19,469	1	22,667	—	22,667
Crawford	—	8,012	3,913	—	1,028	3,589	1	16,543	—	16,543
Dane	—	4,662	1,130	2,689	5,291	10,608	4	24,384	40	24,424
Dodge	—	—	—	223	654	23,211	65	24,153	—	24,153
Door	—	—	4,367	9,406	245	3,466	13	17,497	—	17,497
Douglas	80,908	129	4,119	4,119	7,225	1,014	248	93,945	—	93,945
Dunn	—	—	2,427	1,278	1,056	11,635	—	16,396	—	16,396
Eau Claire	—	—	588	146	475	2,103	7	3,320	—	3,320
Florence	5	47,813	8,987	177	123	40	5	57,149	85,269	142,418
Fond du Lac	—	—	99	11,107	51	14,122	—	25,379	—	25,379
Forest	18,603	6,207	120	635	269	3,187	1	29,021	344,029	373,050
Grant	623	14,038	633	3,410	1,622	—	275	20,600	—	20,600
Green	—	—	230	1,327	127	3,678	—	5,362	—	5,362
Green Lake	—	—	547	—	753	17,544	—	18,844	—	18,844
Iowa	85	10,546	720	6,601	2,585	2,397	146	23,080	—	23,080
Linn	33,401	35,643	7,231	—	1	10,774	52	87,102	—	87,102
Jackson	68,227	—	605	113	4,740	3,253	44	76,983	—	76,983
Jefferson	—	—	118	4,430	173	16,093	—	20,814	—	20,814
Juneau	—	—	1,484	5,447	542	5,140	41	12,654	—	12,654
Kenosha	—	—	482	4,534	192	2,085	—	7,293	—	7,293
Kewaunee	—	—	—	495	26	2,728	—	3,249	—	3,249
La Crosse	2,992	127	61	372	629	3,808	—	7,989	—	7,989
Lafayette	—	—	233	1,418	725	4,048	—	6,424	—	6,424
Langlade	18,515	—	406	304	14,002	2,831	127	36,184	32,763	68,947
Lincoln	20,149	2,425	80	2,831	3,113	4,641	113	33,351	—	33,351
Manitowoc	—	—	296	3,344	11	6,263	—	9,913	—	9,913
Marathon	1,724	—	—	3,008	2,528	22,856	1	30,118	—	30,118
Marinette	24,929	8,614	1,956	5,725	1,722	8,878	697	52,522	—	52,522
Marquette	—	—	1,746	—	4,498	7,075	2	13,321	—	13,321
Menominee <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	58	4	61	—	61
Milwaukee	—	—	—	394	—	361	5	760	—	760
Monroe	—	—	114	1,607	4,081	4,482	48	10,331	—	10,331
Oconto	632	—	270	772	1,117	7,770	40	10,602	140,781	151,383
Oneida	69,205	23,152	8,252	584	717	8,177	40	110,126	11,209	121,335
Outagamie	—	—	1,503	327	331	570	—	2,731	—	2,731
Ozaukee	—	—	1,720	714	90	3,714	—	6,239	—	6,239
Pepin	—	—	1,946	—	31	1,226	883	4,086	—	4,086
Pierce	—	—	410	1,445	812	12,931	30	15,628	—	15,628
Polk	5,584	—	878	4,188	1,924	28,015	205	40,795	—	40,795
Portage	—	—	365	838	5,358	9,771	18	16,350	—	16,350
Price	9,287	—	—	263	321	3,316	—	13,186	150,165	163,351
Racine	—	—	10	99	632	—	—	741	—	741
Richland	—	6,957	53	—	2,453	8,081	112	17,656	—	17,656
Rock	—	—	484	1	339	2,988	106	3,918	—	3,918
Rusk	15,289	—	40	—	446	3,907	1,092	20,774	—	20,774
St. Croix	—	5,883	5,566	17,840	1,435	6,678	287	37,689	—	37,689
Sauk	84,056	14,181	6,444	6,538	2,535	14,324	52	116,151	—	116,151
Sawyer	—	—	231	957	328	2,611	7	4,134	126,626	130,760
Shawano	—	—	128	17,078	2,087	6,729	673	26,694	—	26,694
Sheboygan	—	—	138	2,953	1,129	8,788	1	13,009	—	13,009
Taylor	—	—	249	17	275	4,357	—	4,898	123,879	128,777
Trempealeau	58	—	—	1,612	1,140	221	877	3,908	—	3,908
Vernon	52	—	453	3,785	2,201	7,163	2	13,656	—	13,656
Vilas	143,616	—	3,829	—	369	5,622	—	153,436	54,512	207,948
Walworth	—	—	1,939	8,147	721	3,363	114	14,284	—	14,284
Washburn	8,653	2,265	442	501	3,575	6,928	—	22,362	—	22,362
Washington	199	—	—	5,820	378	6,828	—	13,225	—	13,225
Waukesha	—	—	302	12,784	295	3,345	87	16,813	—	16,813
Waupaca	—	—	806	1,284	5,395	5,442	32	12,959	—	12,959
Waushara	—	—	802	850	12,704	11,056	69	25,481	—	25,481
Winnebago	—	—	132	2	198	15,195	22	15,549	—	15,549
Wood	173	—	14	—	513	15,372	—	16,072	—	16,072
STATE	635,530	190,775	92,900	176,066	132,052	539,668	7,656	1,774,646	1,523,751	3,298,397

<sup>1</sup>Federal lands controlled by the U.S. Forest Service as of September 30, 2014.

<sup>2</sup>Land in Menominee County that is not privately owned is held by the Menominee Nation.

Sources: U.S. Forest Service, "Land Areas of the National Forest System as of September 30, 2014", November 2014; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, June 2015.