

Hunting and Fishing Access

Wisconsin has a long tradition of hunting and fishing, passed on from generation to generation. It's an important part of our history, culture and economy.

Hunters and anglers contribute more than \$1 billion to the economy each year in sales of food, lodging, transportation, equipment and licenses.

With the increase in population and fragmentation of land due to an increase in urban/suburban development and the parcelization of large tracts of northern forests, the lands and waters available for hunting and fishing are decreasing.

The Stewardship Fund has been an important partner in helping to maintain and provide lands and waters for hunting and fishing:

- Of the 477,295 acres protected by the Stewardship Fund, 437,738 acres (almost 92 percent) are open to hunting;
- Hundreds of miles of rivers and streams including stretches of the Pine, Popple, Peshtigo and Lower Wisconsin rivers, Turtle-Flambeau and Willow flowages, and several high-quality trout streams have been conserved for fishing, boating, canoeing and wildlife habitat;

- 24,100 acres of Nature Conservancy land in 15 counties is open to hunting (95 percent of all land owned by the Conservancy in Wisconsin); all Conservancy lands purchased in fee with Stewardship Fund dollars are open for hunting;
- Most recently, a unique partnership among the State, The Nature Conservancy and a timber partner protected 64,600 acres for all types of hunting and other access at the Wild Rivers Legacy Forest.

