

Other Recreation Access

From the Great Lakes' shoreline to the magnificent forests of the north and the rolling hills and valleys of the southwest, Wisconsin's natural environment is diverse. Blessed with miles of rivers, lakes, forests and trails, our state is a great place to spend time outdoors.

Wisconsin residents and visitors alike appreciate the natural beauty and recreation opportunities that Wisconsin offers, pumping close to \$12 billion in tourism-related sales into the economy in 2005 alone.

With population and housing development increasing and more people vacationing in Wisconsin, however, pressures on Wisconsin's natural and recreational resources continue to grow and there are not always adequate recreational lands and facilities to meet the demands of residents and visitors.

The Stewardship Fund has been a key partner in providing access to lands and waters for many types of recreational activities including biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, canoeing, and bird and wildlife watching:

- 461,217 acres of land protected by the Stewardship Fund are open for some kind of recreation;
- 872 miles of trails have been added to the State Trail System;
- Parks and State Forests have added or redeveloped 295 miles of walking trails, 86 miles of horse trails, 300 miles of bike trails, and 80 miles of ATV trails;
- 11,900 acres have been acquired for the Ice Age Trail, providing almost 70 additional miles of trail;
- 606 acres have been acquired for the North Country Trail, providing another 9 miles of trail.



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