

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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RECREATION

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900 RECREATION

Recreation is an integral part of the management of the Sawyer County Forest and recreation uses are referenced in most of the previous chapters. Due to the tremendous growth in recreational demands over the duration of the last planning period, this Plan recognizes the importance of more intensive recreational planning and emphasizes its importance with a separate chapter.

905 PLANNING

In addition to this Plan, the Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan also guides the recreation program. This plan is revised every five years and is made part of this Plan. The Sawyer County Outdoor recreation Plan includes, but is not limited to, activities on the County Forest. It incorporates snowmobile and ATV plans, campgrounds, parks and boat landings, recreational maintenance and development plans and other recreation surveys and reports.

The Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), public input, and other local or regional planning documents will be used as resources in recreational planning and development efforts. The responsibility for recreational planning, development and maintenance on the County Forest will rest with the Committee.

910 AUTHORITY

The Sawyer County Owned Land Ordinance and s.28.11 Wis. Stats, authorize the Sawyer County Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee to provide recreational opportunities for the public. This authority is further recognized in the mission statement for the County Forest Plan (Chapter 100), which specifically identifies outdoor recreational opportunities. This mission statement also charges the Committee to conduct activities in a manner that prevents or minimizes environmental damage.

Maps of the recreational facilities managed through the Sawyer County Forest program are appended or referenced in Chapter 1000.

915 ENTRANCE AND USER FEES

The Committee is empowered and shall have responsibility for establishing entrance, camping and other user fees on recreational facilities maintained by the County Forest. Camping, entrance or other fees shall be comparable to fees charged by adjacent counties or similar private facilities and are subject to periodic change by the Committee. Fees, where appropriate, will be utilized to assist in the maintenance of recreational facilities.

920 RECREATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

It is permissible for the Committee to contract with clubs or individuals to provide for recreational maintenance or services to the public. As part of the Plan, the County contracts or has Memorandum of Understanding agreements for the following services

1. Snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance
2. ATV trail grading and maintenance
3. Birkebeiner trail grooming and maintenance.
4. Mountain Bike trail maintenance.

925 RECREATIONAL USE PERMITS FOR ORGANIZED EVENTS

Any event on the Forest which is advertised to the public, for which a fee is charged, or is otherwise organized as an event, requires a permit or authorization by the Committee. Permits may be issued by the Committee provided the use is consistent with management activities and will not cause resource damage. Appropriate levels of event liability insurance is required.

930 UNDESIGNATED RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FOREST

Undesignated recreation includes those informal activities for which the County Generally does not provide a facility or service. These uses include activities such as hunting, fishing, biking, hiking and others. These uses do not require a permit but must be conducted in compliance with ordinance. The Forest Administrator and the

Committee shall periodically review such uses and enact ordinances as necessary to protect from resource damage.

930.1 HUNTING

The entire County Forest is open for regulated hunting, with the exception of areas developed for high public use.

The Sawyer County Code of Ordinances regulates activities relating to hunting. Refer to Chapter 1000 for a full text of the Ordinance. In general, the following activities are regulated:

Temporary hunting stands/blinds are permissible but must not be erected before September 1 and must be removed from the county forest no later than December 31 each year. This includes elevated stands and ground blinds. The use of nails, lag screws, screw steps, or other damaging devices in trees is not permissible. No permanent type structures shall be permitted.

The placement of trail cameras, tree stands, climbing sticks, or ground blinds unattended overnight is authorized only if the equipment bears the name, address, and the WDNR issued customer number of the owner/operator. This identification must be permanently attached or engraved to the outside of the equipment so it is clearly visible without the need to move or adjust the equipment. Cameras may not cause damage to any natural vegetation. Placement of any equipment on Sawyer County Forest lands is done at the owner's own risk. Sawyer County will not be responsible for theft or damage to any equipment on Sawyer County Forest lands.

930.2 FISHING

All lakes and streams within the forest are available for fishing unless otherwise listed in state regulations.

930.3 PICNICKING / DAY USE

Picnicking and other day uses, outside of established facilities is allowed. The Sawyer County Code of Ordinances also regulates day use. In general, the following activities are regulated:

1. All litter, trash or rubbish must be removed
2. Cutting or harvesting vegetation is not permitted
3. Fires may not be left unattended unless the ground is 100% snow covered

930.4 CAMPING

Dispersed camping is allowed by permit on the County Forest. The following regulations have been developed to protect the camper and the forest resource.

Camping with a tent, camper trailer, mobile camper or other lesser camping shelters is allowed under the following conditions:

- A valid permit issued by Sawyer County for the camping site. Permit must be displayed on the outside of the camping shelter and be readily visible.
- Maximum permit period is ten (10) consecutive days. The camping shelter must be occupied daily and may not be vacated or stored on the site.
- No camping within 100 feet of a state, county, or township road.
- No camping is allowed within ¼ mile of any day-use area, boat landings, or any designated recreational trail.
- The Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee may establish the permit fee and other camping regulations.

930.5 MOTORIZED TRAVEL

The Sawyer County Code of Ordinances and road and access plan regulates motorized uses on the County Forest. The full text of these regulations is included in Chapter 700. In general, the following regulations apply to motorized travel outside of a developed recreational trail system.

1. No off-road (cross-country) vehicle use is allowed.
2. No motorized vehicles are allowed on road or trails with earthen berms, piled logging debris, gates or signs, even if signs are missing and berms damaged.

3. No two-wheeled motorized vehicles are allowed on the Forest except state licensed motorcycles on roads classified as open access or as limited open access.
4. No motor vehicle use is allowed from April 1st to May 15th (Spring Closure)

930.6 OTHER USES

Other uses of the County Forest are permitted provided they are not specifically addressed with the County Code of Ordinances. The County Board may, at any time, enact ordinances to protect the forest should damage begin to occur.

935 DESIGNATED RECREATION AREAS/USES

Designated recreation includes those uses for which the County provides a trail or facility. The Sawyer County Forest has developed sites and areas to accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other recreation activities that are not compatible with the intent of the developed facilities.

The Committee and Forestry Department has noted a marked increase in demand for recreation facilities. Sawyer County may attempt to develop additional facilities and will maintain its currently developed facilities.

935.1 CAMPGROUNDS

Sawyer County has no campgrounds.

935.2 PICNIC / DAY USE AREAS

A developed picnic area is open to the public located at:

Hatchery Creek Park, includes pavilion area, picnic tables, grills and pit toilets.

935.3 SWIMMING AREAS / BEACHES

Sawyer County has no designated swimming areas.

935.4 BOAT LANDINGS

As a result of the wide distribution of lakes, streams, rivers, and other surface waters on the Forest, water access may be planned, developed, or restricted as a component of the

overall Forest access management plan. Several boat landings, canoe landings, and adjacent roads currently provide water access on the Forest primarily for recreational activities. In addition, these water access points also provide water supply points for fire apparatus working to suppress forest fires or nearby structural fires.

The existing water access points will be maintained to provide a place to launch a small fishing boat or canoe. Not all watercraft will be able to use these access points. These landings are built for public use and not for private boat mooring sites. Mooring or storing boats for longer than 24 hours is prohibited.

The following public boat access sites have been developed on the Sawyer County Forest and are open to public use:

935.4.1 Public Boat Access Sites Maintained by Sawyer County Forestry

- Nelson Lake Tag Alder Landing (developed) Maintained in cooperation with Town of Lenroot.
- Green Lake (undeveloped)
- Weirgor Lake (undeveloped)
- Nelson Lake Wayside Landing (developed, County special use lands maintained in cooperation with Town of Lenroot)
- Eagles Landing, Namekagon River (walk in landing, County special use lands)

935.4.2 Undeveloped Water Access Points

Other undeveloped water access points for canoes and boats currently exist on the Forest. These are used routinely to hand launch boats or canoes but have not been developed for boat trailer launching. These sites are not routinely maintained and may be closed if erosion damage becomes severe. All new sites for developed water access must be reviewed and approved by the Committee.

935.5 RIFLE RANGE

Sawyer County has no official shooting ranges for firearms on the Forest. It is not uncommon for the public to use existing gravel/borrow pits located on the Forest for shooting of firearms.

935.6 “Double OO” Trailhead Building and Fitness Park.

The “Double OO” trailhead facility offers parking and trailhead building for access point for the Birkebeiner Trail as well as single track mountain bike trails. A fitness park is located at this facility as well. Building and associated area is managed in cooperation with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF) through a M.O.U. and associated Ground Lease for the defined area at the trailhead.

940 DESIGNATED RECREATION TRAILS

Designated recreation trails are those for which the County provides a designated trail and/or facility. The County currently provides trail systems that accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other activities on these trails that are not compatible with the intent of the development.

Whenever possible, multiple uses of various trail systems are encouraged and are subject to policy review of the Committee. Wherever possible, attempts will be made to avoid user conflicts. Recreational users, however, will frequently encounter forest management activities instrumental to the existence and future of the County Forest. Trail systems are identified in Chapter 1000.

940.1 NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

The Sawyer County Forest is a multiple use forest. Non-motorized recreation trails are a legitimate use of the forest. Design and maintenance of these trails may highlight natural features present on the Forest, should minimize damage, and reduce user conflict. Trail use and development must be compatible and sustainable with the characteristics of the landscape.

It is the policy of the Committee to manage non-motorized recreation trails on the County Forest.

940.1.1 Hiking Trails

940.1.1.1 Green Lake Hiking Trail, open for hiking year round

All other developed trails and trail systems are open to use by hikers with the exception of ski trails when they are groomed.

940.1.2 Mountain Bike/Fat Tire/Bicycle Trails

Single Track mountain bike trails

Mountain bike trails

Seeley Hills Mountain Bike Trails

Fat Bike Trails (winter use)

All trails and roads are open for recreational bicycle use, except Hunter/Walking Trails which are closed from September 15th through December 31st of each year. Off-trail mountain bike use is not permitted.

Allowable Uses for Single Track Trails: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, hunting, etc.

Restricted Uses for Single Track Trails: motorized vehicle, horseback riding.

940.1.3 Equestrian Trails

Sawyer County currently has no designated trails for horseback riding. All trails and roads within the County Forest are open for horseback riding with the exception of designated cross-country ski trails and single-track bicycle trails. Off-trail horseback riding is not permitted. Horseback riding may be further restricted, by amendment to the Sawyer County Owned Land Ordinance, if erosion and other environmental damage begins to occur.

940.1.4 Ski Trails

American Birkebeiner Ski Trail

Hatchery Creek Park Trails

Seeley Hills Trails

NOTE: Dogs are not permitted on the Birkie Trails or Hatchery Creek Trails once the trails are snow covered and groomed.

Allowable Uses: Cross-country skiing, biking, hiking, hunting, berry picking, etc.

Restricted Uses: Ski-jouring, dog sledding, horseback riding, motorized vehicle use.

940.1.5 Future non-motorized trail systems

The development of additional non-motorized trail systems will include careful consideration of public demand, analysis of user conflicts and potential damage to the natural resource. Trail system development should comply with the Outdoor Recreation Plan goals and be referenced in SCORP or other regional planning documents.

Non-motorized trail systems generally are not supported by statewide grant programs. The County may require proof of an organized club, or user group, with the ability to assist with maintenance and support of the trail and associated facilities. Appropriate trail passes, or other user fees, may be implemented as indicated in Section 905.

940.2 MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

940.2.1 Designated Snowmobile Trails

Designated snowmobile trails are those recognized by the Committee as the official trails within the County. The Forestry Department manages the snowmobile trail system in Sawyer County. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs. The County contracts with the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliances for trail maintenance:

The Sawyer County Code and the Road and Access Plan regulate snowmobile trails. A summary of rules and regulations relating to snowmobile trails is as follows:

- a. Snowmobile trails are closed to vehicles over 900 pounds once trails are groomed.
- b. Snowmobiles must be registered.
- c. Snowmobile trails used for logging access during snowmobile season will be posted with signs warning users of activity. When authorized, contractors must maintain the trail in a safe, useable condition, free from debris and equipment, and the trail must not be plowed to bare ground during the snowmobile season. If deemed necessary by the Forest Administrator, trails may be re-routed during timber sale activity to prevent safety issues for the trail users.
- d. UTV's are not permitted on groomed snowmobile trails when trails are groomed.
- e. Sawyer County does not officially open or close the snowmobile trail system. Trail use is at your own risk.

Sawyer County recognizes the following categories of snowmobile trail:

940.2.1.1 Trail Types

The County recognizes several different classifications of snowmobile trail:

State Funded Trails – these are state approved and funded trail miles on designated trails that are part of a statewide network of trail systems. Snowmobile registration fees and gas tax allotments fund grants that support maintenance, rehabilitation and development of these trails. There are approximately 383.68 miles of funded trails in Sawyer County, with approximately 68.6 miles on County Forest Lands.

Unfunded Trails – these are segments of trail that meet the eligibility requirements for a funded trail system but have not been included in the grant system due to restrictions on available funding. It is recommended that the county continues to apply for grants to include these in the funded system.

Local/Club Trails – these are trails that are not funded by State maintenance grants and may or may not be groomed by local clubs. These trails may not meet eligibility requirements of a funded trail and may dead end at local businesses.

940.2.1.2 Trail Maintenance

Sawyer County contracts with the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance for the maintenance of the snowmobile trail system. The Alliance is responsible for the brushing, signing, and grooming of the trails. The County assists with the development of trails by preparing development plans, and bidding out and administering trail and bridge construction and rehabilitation projects. The County is the trail sponsor for funded trails and administers maintenance grant funds to the Alliance to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the above activities.

The County shall inspect and monitor bridges and other infrastructure on the trail system and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace or rehabilitate as needed.

940.2.1.3 Future Snowmobile Trails

The Committee shall have jurisdiction over any trail development proposals. It is recommended that future trails be considered only after careful consideration of costs, benefits and impacts and as part of a larger planning effort.

Proposals to relocate trails or to make adjustments to the existing trail system will be encouraged where there are concerns of public safety or environmental damage. Unfunded and club trails should be evaluated for maintenance funding application.

940.2.2 Designated ATV Trails

Designated ATV Trails are those recognized by the Committee as official trails within the County. These may lie on County, private, or other agency lands. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local

clubs. The County contracts with the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliances for trail maintenance:

There are numerous types of designated ATV trail managed by Sawyer County. These trails are further identified in the appendix.

940.2.2.1 Trail Types

The County recognizes several different classifications of ATV trail. Maps are appended for reference.

1. Funded Winter ATV Trails – A majority of state funded snowmobile trails on the County Forest are also designated and funded as winter use ATV trails. There are approximately 149.8 miles of winter funded ATV trail managed by Sawyer County, with 50 miles on County Forest lands.

2. Funded Summer ATV Trails – these are trail systems funded for only summer. These trails are open from May 15th – April 1st. There are approximately 149 miles of summer use ATV trails managed by the County with 50 miles on the County Forest.

4. Funded UTV Trails – UTV’s, or side by sides, can be allowed on ATV trail systems. Sawyer County allows for UTV’s on 149 miles of the summer ATV trail system within the County.

5. Funded Troute/Hybrid Trails – The ATV/UTV program does not allow for full maintenance funding on ATV/UTV trails that are open to highway traffic (cars, trucks, etc.) ATV trails with this dual use that were maintained and funded prior to August 1, 2012 are still funded at 100% of the annual per mile maintenance rate. Trails funded after August 1, 2012 allow for partial funding under the following categories:

5a. County Forest Gas Tax Roads – these are gas tax roads used as a connector to trails or services and are funded at a rate determined by the full per mile funding rate, less gas tax funding rate, not to exceed 50% of the full maintenance funding rate. Sawyer County has no County Forest gas tax roads or Troutes.

5b. Hybrid Trails – these are trails designated as ATV trails, opened after August 1, 2012, that also permit highway vehicle traffic. These are funded at 50% of the annual maintenance funding rate. Sawyer County has no Hybrid/Troute trails.

5c. Club Trails – These are trails not funded under the state ATV program. In some cases, these are trails that are maintained and may be added as a funded trail at a future date.

5d. Tuscobia State Trail – Sawyer County has a MOU in place with the WDNR for the maintenance, repair and operation of the approximately 50 miles of the Tuscobia State Trail within Sawyer County. Trail funding is including in the annual maintenance funding applied for by the County for snowmobile, ATV, and UTV. The Tuscobia is also eligible for rehabilitation and trail development grants through the WDNR.

940.2.2.2 ATV Trail Maintenance

For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion.

Sawyer County contracts with the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance for the maintenance of the ATV trail system. The Alliance is responsible for the brushing, signing, and grading of the trails. The County assists with the development of trails by preparing development plans, and bidding out and administering trail and bridge construction and rehabilitation projects. The County is the trail sponsor for funded trails and administers maintenance grant funds to the Alliance to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the above activities.

The County shall inspect and monitor trail conditions, bridges and other infrastructure on the trail system and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace or rehabilitate trail surfaces or bridges as needed.

940.2.2.3 Future ATV Trails

The use and popularity of ATV's and UTV's increased dramatically over the period of the 2006-2020 County Forest Plan. Increased usage of trail systems proved a tremendous need for much higher levels of trail maintenance in order to manage environmental damages.

Adding ATV trails should be done as part of larger planning effort that incorporates considerations for impact on other users and user groups; how future trail systems will be maintained; and impact on the natural resources. New ATV trail systems will only be considered with the following framework:

Insert County specific plans/goals such as: (or insert ATV Master Plan language if available)

- “Trails should be designed and planned to connect communities”
- “Loop trails will be discouraged unless part of a larger trail system that connects communities”
- “Dead end trails will not be sanctioned as part of the County ATV trail system”
- “Intensive use areas will not be permitted, (or are recommended)”

- “New trails will only be allowed if they fit within an ATV plan established by the Committee”
- “Trails will only be considered on suitable soils and in appropriate locations

It is critical that trail layout and design is done in such a way as to prevent erosion and soil loss. Trails must be developed to sustainably. For the purpose of this plan, sustainability is defined as follows:

Sustainability – For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion. Trails should be built with a slight crown and appropriate ditching to allow for adequate and proper water dispersal.

To this end, the construction and development of new ATV trails are to comply with the **WCFA ATV/ORV Trail Standards**, which is appended to this Plan.

940.2.3 Designated Motorcycle Trails

Sawyer County currently does not have any designated Off-Road Motorcycle Trails. Off road motorcycles are not permitted on funded ATV/UTV trails unless they are street licensed.

940.2.4 Other Designated Motor Vehicle Trails

Sawyer County currently does not have any trails specifically designed for other motor vehicle use.

940.3 RECREATION TRAIL PERMITS

940.3.1 Storm Water Discharge

In general, any trail construction or rehabilitation activities that disturb one acre or more of land will require a Storm Water Discharge Permit. There have been instances of inconsistent application of permit requirements statewide. In order to further define the County's understanding and implementation of permit requirements, the following current acceptable process will be used for determining when a permit is needed.

- The 1-acre threshold will be determined by measuring/estimated new disturbance or disturbance of previously grassed surfaces.
- Periodic grading of impervious or non-grassed trail surfaces is not considered disturbance.
- Restoration of water filtration/diversion devices, such as sediment traps or catch basins is considered maintenance and not disturbance
- Reconstruction of previously grassed ditch lines as part of trail rehabilitation is considered disturbance.

940.3.2 Chapter 30

Permits are required for bridges or culvert crossings of navigable waterways. These permits will either be classified as general or individual depending on specific site conditions. These permits are not required for culvert or bridge crossings of non-navigable or intermittent streams, nor are they required to install a clear span bridge over wetlands.

940.3.3 Wetland Fill

Permits are required at any time that fill is placed in a wetland. Permits are available to fill small wetlands for recreation trail purposes. Wetland fill must be less than 10,000 square feet and the permit does not require wetland mitigation. Clear span bridge and boardwalks placed on pilings generally do not require a wetland fill permit. Puncheon style bridges do require a permit.

945 RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS

945.1 RECREATION AREA FUNDING

Funding for recreation areas is generally fee based *insert other funding mechanisms*. Aid for Development of Local Parks (ADLP) funding is available for facility development or enhancement but there is normally a very high level of completion for these funds.

945.2 RECREATION TRAIL FUNDING

945.2.1 Non-motorized trail systems

At this time, there is very limited access to any grant funds that will assist with non-motorized recreational trail maintenance. The County relies on the agreements with individual organizations to provide maintenance funding. The funding mechanisms are outlined within those MOU's and agreements.

945.2.2 Motorized trail systems

There are numerous grant programs available to offset motorized trail system costs.

Sawyer County utilizes the following funding sources:

1. Snowmobile Maintenance - \$300/mile
2. ATV Summer Maintenance - \$600/mile
3. ATV Winter Maintenance - \$100/mile
4. UTV Maintenance - \$100/mile
5. ATV Rehabilitation - 100% grants
6. ATV Development - 100% grants

950 PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RECREATION PROGRAM

Recommended changes to enhance or improve the recreation program on the Sawyer County Forest can be found in the Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan, which can also be found in chapter 1000.