

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION IN WISCONSIN

Recreation — Wisconsin's recreational assets include more than 14,000 lakes, 2,000 miles of trout streams, almost 6,000 state-owned campsites, and 6 million acres of hunting land. Wisconsin currently operates 43 state parks, 12 state forests, and 5 recreation areas. The parks range in size from Devil's Lake with 9,117 acres to Heritage Hill with 55 acres. The largest single state recreational facility is the Northern Highland-American Legion Forest with 222,808 acres. A total of 25 state trails are open to the public, covering more than 750 miles.

Visitors to Wisconsin's state parks, forests, trails, and recreation areas numbered more than 16.5 million in 2000.

Hunting and fishing are major recreational activities. Recently, approximately 48 million fish and 3 million game animals of various species have been taken annually. Nearly 565,000 boats were registered in 1999, and 174,371 annual and 294,617 daily vehicle admission stickers were sold at the parks that year.

Land Acquisition — From 1961 through 1992, the Outdoor Recreation Act Program (ORAP) acquired 586,378 acres for the state's conservation and recreation programs at a cost of almost \$175 million. Since 1989, when the legislature created the current Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program, the stewardship fund has spent over \$144 million to acquire an additional 172,000 acres.

Natural Resources Funding and Expenditures — The Department of Natural Resources spent almost \$480 million dollars on conservation and recreation programs in fiscal year 1999-2000. Half of its funding came from the state's general fund and the other half from a variety of 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

| Catch and Harvest Data for Wisconsin Fish, 1999-2000 ¹ | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Catch | Harvest | | Catch | Harvest |
| Panfish (bluegill, perch, crappie, sunfishes) | 41,229,000 | 1,723,000 | Walleye | 2,239,000 | 594,000 |
| Bass (largemouth and smallmouth) | 1,373,000 | 49,000 | Muskellunge | 200,000 | 4,300 |
| Northern Pike | 2,252,000 | 315,000 | Great Lakes trout | 215,000 | 169,000 |
| | | | Great Lakes salmon | 316,000 | 237,000 |
| Harvest Indicators, 2000 | | | | | |
| Wild turkey | | 49,874 | Raccoon (1999) | | 105,480 |
| Pheasant | | 220,416 | Red fox (1999) | | 5,477 |
| Ruffed grouse | | 764,537 | Gray fox (1999) | | 1,321 |
| Gray partridge | | 4,695 | Coyotes (1999) | | 2,042 |
| Bobwhite quail | | 2,553 | Deer (with guns) | | 528,003 |
| Woodcock | | 71,083 | Deer (with bows) | | 86,435 |
| Squirrels | | 653,917 | Bear | | 3,097 |
| Cottontail rabbit | | 250,727 | Ducks ² | | 368,200 |
| Snowshoe hare | | 61,858 | Canada geese ² | | 95,000 |
| Furbearer Harvest, 1999 | | | | | |
| Muskrats | | 324,881 | Bobcat | | 61 |
| Mink | | 22,619 | Opossum | | 24,792 |
| Beaver | | 19,160 | Skunk | | 8,863 |
| River otter | | 1,530 | Fisher | | 496 |
| Total value of all pelts purchased by licensed Wisconsin fur buyers | | | | | \$4,302,668 |
| Fish and Wildlife Stocked | | | | | |
| Wild pheasants (Iowa strain) released at 6 sites (2000) | | | | | 2,607 |
| Game farm pheasants released (2000) | | | | | 54,800 |
| Warmwater fish, produced and distributed (annual average) | | | | | 6,832,000 |
| Warmwater fish fry, produced and distributed (annual average) | | | | | 55,054,000 |
| Coldwater fish (annual average) | | | | | 6,779,000 |

¹Harvest is the actual number of fish caught and kept; catch is the estimate of all fish caught, including those released.

²Harvest data from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1999.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2001.

**FISH AND GAME LICENSES AND RECREATION PERMITS
Number Issued, 1994 – 1999**

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Boats registered | 531,686 | 540,349 | 540,835 | 543,034 | 559,321 | 564,312 |
| Snowmobiles registered | 180,772 | 191,082 | 202,061 | 205,772 | 205,772 | 214,611 |
| All terrain vehicles registered | 72,567 | 80,883 | 79,245 | 87,103 | 89,580 | 97,420 |
| Annual park admission stickers for motor vehicles | 190,150 | 199,394 | 177,845 | 181,948 | 176,951 | 174,371 |
| Daily park admission for motor vehicles | 343,797 | 341,527 | 314,215 | 306,081 | 271,147 | 294,617 |
| Deer hunting and license tags including nonresident | 530,547 | 541,197 | 528,502 | 526,845 | 522,522 | 528,760 |
| Small game hunting license tags including nonresident | 139,642 | 139,865 | 138,729 | 140,777 | 150,990 | 152,777 |
| Resident annual fishing licenses | 558,331 | 521,199 | 509,374 | 505,441 | 518,583 | 511,912 |
| Resident husband and wife fishing licenses | 123,948 | 122,641 | 118,951 | 118,110 | 117,782 | 104,494 |
| Resident senior/junior fishing licenses | 20,239 | 56,317 | 65,540 | 71,883 | 75,275 | 88,885 |
| Nonresident annual fishing licenses | 107,846 | 106,086 | 105,578 | 98,936 | 99,525 | 101,755 |
| Nonresident family annual fishing licenses | 31,603 | 30,727 | 30,348 | 31,204 | 31,224 | 31,017 |
| 15-day nonresident family fishing licenses | 18,888 | 18,124 | 17,357 | 19,885 | 19,645 | 20,808 |
| 15-day nonresident fishing licenses | 35,327 | 33,902 | 33,975 | 33,977 | 34,977 | 32,179 |
| 4-day nonresident fishing licenses | 145,321 | 139,261 | 137,253 | 131,082 | 129,230 | 120,884 |
| Resident sports licenses | 115,663 | 108,820 | 104,655 | 95,048 | 91,135 | 94,062 |
| Resident archer's licenses | 202,777 | 203,981 | 186,338 | 181,645 | 179,760 | 177,661 |
| Nonresident archer's licenses | 5,354 | 5,517 | 5,862 | 6,143 | 6,666 | 7,573 |
| Guide licenses | 947 | 1,003 | 1,009 | 1,053 | 1,515 | 915 |
| Conservation patron licenses | 24,566 | 34,927 | 43,915 | 50,040 | 53,874 | 67,167 |

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2001.

WISCONSIN STATE FORESTS, PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION AREAS

| Name | Location ¹ | Dominant Features | Established | Acres | Number of visitors ² | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | 1980 | 1990 | 1995 | 1999 | 2000 |
| NORTHERN FORESTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Black River | SE of Black River Falls US 12, STH 27 & 54 | Abundance of wildlife and scenery | 1957 | 66,981 | 288,300 | 238,311 | 195,579 | 144,479 | 97,576 |
| Brule River | S of Brule, STH 27 | Excellent fishing and canoeing | 1907 | 40,730 | 54,639 | 141,113 | 125,339 | 173,046 | 174,351 |
| Flambeau River | 23 mi. W of Phillips CTH W | Outstanding canoeing river | 1931 | 90,147 | 103,995 | 154,685 | 162,665 | 178,271 | 177,241 |
| Governor Knowles | 1 mi. W of Grantsburg STH 70 | River scenery | 1970 | 19,732 | 15,505 | 73,755 | 89,714 | 104,005 | 121,092 |
| Northern Highland-American Legion | SE Iron, WC Vilas, NC Oneida Counties | Scenic lakes and forests | 1925 | 222,808 | 1,315,690 | 1,796,734 | 2,050,151 | 1,837,540 | 2,024,498 |
| TOTAL | | | | 440,398 | 1,778,129 | 2,404,598 | 2,623,448 | 2,437,341 | 2,594,758 |
| SOUTHERN FORESTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Havenwoods | Milwaukee, N. Hopkins St. | A nature preserve in the city | 1978 | 237 | — | 55,961 | 60,461 | 55,900 | 49,581 |
| Kettle Moraine North | N of Kewaskum, STH 45, 23 & 67 | Glacial formations | 1936 | 29,268 | 668,601 | 613,657 | 921,634 | 929,408 | 620,903 |
| Kettle Moraine South | Whitewater US 12, STH 59/67 | Glacial topography | 1936 | 20,399 | 1,290,848 | 1,270,800 | 1,225,384 | 1,158,053 | 1,230,519 |
| Lapham Peak | S of Delafield, CTH C | Highest point in co., glacial formations | 1985 | 1,006 | — | — | 200,033 | 212,013 | 232,911 |
| Loew Lake | 10 mi. W of Menomonee Falls CTH Q | Kettle lake, glacial valley | 1987 | 1,086 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pike Lake | 2 mi. E of Hartford STH 60 | Glacial lake | 1960 | 678 | 196,253 | 187,804 | 154,890 | 174,045 | 156,325 |
| Point Beach | 4 mi. N of Two Rivers STH 42 | Sand beach, natural history | 1938 | 2,903 | 242,746 | 242,615 | 360,119 | 402,927 | 407,066 |
| TOTAL | | | | 55,577 | 2,398,448 | 2,370,837 | 2,922,521 | 2,932,346 | 2,697,305 |
| STATE PARKS | | | | | | | | | |
| Amnicon Falls | 10 mi. SE of Superior US 2 | Scenic waterfalls, covered bridge | 1961 | 825 | 57,850 | 47,495 | 74,389 | 84,234 | 84,773 |
| Aztalan | 4 mi. E of Lake Mills CTH Q | Ancient Native American village | 1947 | 172 | 77,302 | 15,935 | 49,150 | 64,380 | 60,565 |
| Big Bay | On Madeline Island in Lake Superior | Sand beach, natural history | 1963 | 2,418 | 47,191 | 72,053 | 125,772 | 127,450 | 108,365 |
| Big Foot Beach | 1 mi. S of Lake Geneva STH 12 & 120 | A beach park | 1949 | 271 | 130,074 | 172,679 | 161,457 | 178,612 | 177,963 |
| Blue Mound | 1 mi. NW of Blue Mounds STH 18 & 151 | Highest point in southern Wisconsin | 1959 | 1,153 | 126,869 | 163,283 | 157,349 | 133,535 | 154,128 |
| Brunet Island | 1 mi. NW of Cornell | River island park | 1936 | 1,225 | 119,114 | 216,619 | 244,720 | 178,941 | 178,962 |
| Buckhorn | 13 mi. N of Mauston STH 58, CTH G | River scenery | 1971 | 6,990 | 30,000 | 58,517 | 84,549 | 109,937 | 107,590 |
| Copper Culture ³ | W of Oconto STH 22 | Archaeological site | 1959 | 42 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Copper Falls | 4 mi. N of Mellen STH 13 & 169 | River gorge, waterfalls | 1929 | 2,676 | 100,458 | 120,038 | 140,773 | 117,493 | 125,080 |
| Council Grounds | 1 mi. NW of Merrill STH 107 | River scenery | 1938 | 503 | 154,919 | 207,720 | 205,806 | 210,985 | 213,411 |
| Devil's Lake | 3 mi. S of Baraboo STH 123 | Bluffs, mountain scenery | 1911 | 9,117 | 1,107,259 | 1,118,901 | 1,117,887 | 1,481,815 | 1,317,275 |
| Governor Dodge | 3 mi. N of Dodgeville STH 23 | Rocky promontories | 1948 | 5,029 | 408,054 | 336,889 | 417,934 | 484,219 | 407,629 |
| Governor Nelson | 5 mi. E of Middleton CTH M | Wooded lakeshore, Indian effigy mounds | 1975 | 422 | — | 146,451 | 183,830 | 311,638 | 218,017 |
| Harrington Beach | 10 mi. N of Port Washington I 43, CTH D | Lake Michigan shoreline | 1966 | 637 | 56,321 | 95,094 | 115,064 | 117,594 | 114,912 |
| Hartman Creek | 6 mi. W of Waupaca STH 54 | Lake scenery, pine plantation | 1962 | 1,417 | 148,816 | 222,928 | 224,388 | 237,220 | 239,539 |
| Heritage Hill | S Green Bay STH 57 | Restored early American buildings | 1973 | 55 | 45,673 | 55,813 | NA | 35,623 | 36,546 |
| High Cliff | 9 mi. E of Menasha STH 114 | Wooded bluffs, Lake Winnebago | 1954 | 1,147 | 510,235 | 602,217 | 687,235 | 741,588 | 820,560 |
| Interstate | St. Croix Falls US 8 | River gorge, rocky bluffs, glacial features | 1900 | 1,330 | 339,700 | 230,215 | 320,649 | 371,001 | 354,715 |
| Kinnickinnic | 6 mi. W of River Falls CTH F | River scenery | 1972 | 1,239 | — | 101,265 | 211,800 | 239,100 | 207,900 |
| Kohler-Andrae | 4 mi. S of Sheboygan STH 141 | Lake Michigan sand dunes | 1928 | 924 | 220,861 | 298,858 | 330,471 | 363,936 | 378,483 |
| Lake Kegonsa | 3 mi. N of Stoughton CTH N | Prairie and lakeshore | 1962 | 343 | 175,298 | 262,141 | 180,218 | 195,063 | 187,782 |
| Lake Wisconsin | 5 mi. NE of Chippewa Falls STH 29 CTH K & O | Lake scenery | 1962 | 1,062 | 205,968 | 122,246 | 118,707 | 111,121 | 108,222 |
| Merrick | 1 mi. N of Fountain City STH 35 | Mississippi River, birds | 1932 | 297 | 119,151 | 93,212 | 81,024 | 75,025 | 101,609 |
| Mill Bluff | 4 mi. W of Camp Douglas US 12 & 16 | Rocky bluffs | 1936 | 1,258 | 66,549 | 22,259 | 30,350 | 23,625 | 49,541 |
| Mirror Lake | 1 mi. S of Lake Delton | Lake scenery | 1962 | 2,167 | 220,774 | 231,167 | 260,113 | 301,403 | 341,452 |
| Natural Bridge | 15 mi. NW of Sauk City CTH C | Natural rock bridge | 1972 | 530 | 30,545 | 15,373 | 27,314 | 62,026 | 57,454 |
| Nelson Dewey | 1 mi. N of Cassville CTH VV | Home of first governor, river bluffs | 1935 | 756 | 45,169 | 66,177 | 43,722 | 40,664 | 102,581 |
| New Glarus Woods | 1 mi. S of New Glarus STH 69 & CTH NN | Wooded valleys, natural oak woods | 1934 | 411 | 16,196 | 8,698 | 27,711 | 42,981 | 48,276 |
| Newport | 2 mi. SE of Gill's Rock STH 42 | Lake scenery, forests | 1964 | 2,373 | 119,108 | 142,217 | 204,466 | 177,082 | 177,194 |
| Pattison | 10 mi. S of Superior STH 35 | Highest waterfall in Wisconsin | 1920 | 1,436 | 124,183 | 137,066 | 140,583 | 147,100 | 167,221 |
| Peninsula | N of Fish Creek STH 42 | Green Bay, limestone bluffs | 1910 | 3,775 | 1,239,543 | 839,437 | 944,655 | 1,068,588 | 1,105,651 |
| Perrot | 1 mi. N of Trempealeau STH 35 | River scenery, wooded bluffs | 1918 | 1,270 | 262,609 | 328,243 | 309,449 | 274,256 | 208,537 |

WISCONSIN STATE FORESTS, PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION AREAS—Continued

| Name | Location ¹ | Dominant Features | Established | Acres | Number of visitors ² | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | 1980 | 1990 | 1995 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Potawatomi | 2 mi. NW of Sturgeon Bay STH 42 | Limestone bluffs | 1928 | 1,225 | 215,333 | 192,928 | 233,139 | 255,116 | 228,909 |
| Rib Mountain | 4 mi. SW of Wausau CTH N | State's third highest location, views | 1927 | 1,172 | 199,224 | 157,602 | 214,205 | 200,543 | 208,670 |
| Roche-A-Cri | 2 mi N of Friendship STH 13 | Woodlands, 300-ft.-high rock outcropping | 1948 | 604 | 35,145 | 38,668 | 93,569 | 66,552 | 72,232 |
| Rock Island ³ | Ferry (no vehicles) from Washington Island | Island scenery, historic stone buildings | 1965 | 912 | 29,489 | 12,946 | 16,201 | 17,435 | 16,998 |
| Rocky Arbor | 1 mi. NW of Wisconsin Dells US 12 | Rocky ledges, wooded valleys | 1932 | 225 | 73,648 | 55,528 | 66,117 | 58,618 | 57,545 |
| Tower Hill | 3 mi. S of Spring Green STH 23 & CTH C | Historic shot tower, panoramic views | 1922 | 77 | 31,202 | 49,114 | 61,492 | 57,869 | 51,031 |
| Whitefish Dunes | 10 mi. NE of Sturgeon Bay STH 57 | Lake Michigan, sand dunes | 1967 | 863 | 49,988 | 157,532 | 264,523 | 182,718 | 189,778 |
| Wildcat Mountain | 3 mi. S of Ontario STH 35 | Bluff lands, Kickapoo River | 1948 | 3,603 | 129,414 | 130,800 | 150,200 | 162,400 | 173,100 |
| Willow River | NE of Hudson CTH A | River scenery, waterfalls, lake | 1967 | 2,891 | 214,145 | 293,559 | 231,118 | 294,533 | 354,470 |
| Wyalusing | 12 mi. S of Prairie du Chien US 18 & CTH C&X | Jct. of Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers | 1917 | 2,628 | 148,571 | 185,102 | 184,116 | 180,146 | 173,439 |
| Yellowstone Lake | 7 mi. NW of Argyle CTH N | Lake scenery, wooded valleys | 1970 | 885 | 344,563 | 255,614 | 228,551 | 258,510 | 260,981 |
| TOTAL | | | | 68,355 | 7,776,511 | 8,080,599 | 8,964,766 | 9,842,675 | 9,749,086 |
| STATE TRAILS³ | | | | | | | | | |
| "400" | Reedsburg STH 23/33 to Elroy STH 80/82 | 23 miles of trail, bluffs | 1988 | 413 | — | — | 24,494 | 34,925 | 35,125 |
| Ahnapee ⁴ | Sturgeon Bay STH42/57 to E of Luxemburg CTH A | 18.6 miles of trail, river scenery | 1970 | 353 | 13,858 | 3,896 | — | — | — |
| Bearskin-Hiawatha | Minoqua to CH K & Heafford Jct. to Tomahawk | 24.6 miles of trail, forests | 1973 | 516 | 22,341 | 30,840 | 39,835 | NA | 6,950 |
| Buffalo River | Fairchild to Mondovi, US 10 | 36.4 miles of trail, rural scenery | 1976 | 424 | — | 31,580 | 28,960 | 31,520 | 39,280 |
| Chippewa River | Eau Claire SW to Red Cedar Trail, STH 85 | 20 miles of trail, river scenery | 1990 | 273 | — | — | 171,899 | 177,334 | 334,607 |
| Elroy-Sparta | Elroy STH 80/82 to Sparta STH 71 | 32.5 miles of trail, hills, valleys, tunnels | 1965 | 639 | 44,877 | 46,500 | 59,250 | 61,650 | 60,075 |
| Gandy Dancer ⁴ | St. Croix Falls US 8 to S of Superior CTH C | 66 miles of trail, forests, connects to MN | 1989 | 809 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Glacial Drumlin | Waukesha CTH X to Cottage Grove CTH N | 49 miles of trail, Ice Age features, views | 1984 | 651 | — | 39,626 | 109,239 | 147,381 | 157,569 |
| Great River | Onalaska US53 to NW Trempealeau STH35/54 | 24 miles of trail, river and bluffs | 1986 | 256 | — | 40,000 | 23,200 | 61,295 | 65,572 |
| Green Circle ⁴ | Circles Stevens Point area | River scenery | 1992 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hillsborg ⁴ | Union Center to Hillsboro, STH 33/80/82 | 4.3 miles of trail, rural scenery | 1988 | 66 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ice Age ⁵ | Sturgeon Bay to St. Croix Falls | Moraines and other glacial features | 1988 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| La Crosse River | Sparta STH 16 to NE of La Crosse | 24.5 miles of trail, broad river valley | 1978 | 360 | — | 20,000 | 27,750 | 35,425 | 37,150 |
| Military Ridge | Verona US 18/151 to Dodgeville STH 23 | 39.9 miles of trail, most on crest of ridge | 1981 | 515 | — | 41,447 | 60,073 | 61,920 | 67,224 |
| Mountain-Bay ⁴ | Wausau CTH SS to Green Bay CTH HS | 80.5 miles of trail, varied landscape | 1993 | 1,062 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Old Abe | NE of Chippewa Falls CTH S - Cornell STH27/64 | 17 miles of trail, Chippewa River | 1990 | 255 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pecatonica ⁴ | Belmont E to Calamine, CTH G | 10 miles of trail, stream | 1974 | 212 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Red Cedar | Menomonie STH 29 S to Chippewa River Trail | 14.5 miles of trail, river, and bluffs | 1973 | 427 | — | 24,545 | 38,490 | 43,910 | 47,760 |
| Saunders ⁴ | S of Superior CTH C SW to MN border | 8.4 miles of trail, wet woods | 1991 | 207 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sugar River | New Glarus STH 39/69 to Brodhead STH 11 | 23.5 miles of trail, farms, prairies, woods | 1972 | 265 | 36,851 | 36,050 | 42,275 | 43,808 | 45,362 |
| Tomorrow River ⁴ | Plover to Portage-Waupaca County line | 15 miles of trail, glacial terrain | 1996 | 211 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tusconia | Park Falls CTH B to Rice Lake CTH SS | 74 miles of trail, forests | 1966 | 836 | 26,091 | 19,150 | 45,250 | 37,950 | 44,150 |
| Wild Goose ⁴ | Fond du Lac US 41/151 to STH 60 S of Juneau | 32 miles of trail, Horicon Marsh | 1986 | 411 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Wild Rivers ⁴ | Soton Springs CTH A to Rice Lake | 63.5 miles of trail, woods | 1993 | 789 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Wiouwash ⁴ | Oshkosh-Hortonville, Split Rock-Aniwa | 51.6 miles of trail, prairies, and woods | 1992 | 228 | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | | | | 10,178 | 144,018 | 292,187 | 670,715 | 737,118 | 875,252 |
| RECREATION AREAS | | | | | | | | | |
| Bong | 8 mi. SE of Burlington STH 142 | Small lakes, open space, varied recreation | 1963 | 4,537 | 21,250 | 278,264 | 544,090 | 500,120 | 462,274 |
| Browtown-Cadiz Springs | 6 mi. W of Monroe STH 11 | Spring-fed lakes | 1970 | 644 | 76,023 | 51,637 | 97,379 | 97,499 | 99,191 |
| Chippewa Moraine | 6 mi. E of New Auburn CTH M | Kettle lakes, other glacial features | 1974 | 3,063 | — | — | 12,125 | 16,419 | 17,737 |
| Fischer Creek ⁴ | 12 mi. N of Two Rivers STH 42 | Lake Michigan shoreline | 1991 | 124 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hoffman Hills | 8 mi. NE of Menomonie CTH B or E | Wooded hills | 1980 | 707 | — | 18,275 | 23,330 | 29,350 | 32,460 |
| TOTAL | | | | 9,075 | 97,273 | 348,176 | 676,924 | 643,388 | 611,662 |

¹Abbreviations: US – U.S. highway; STH – state trunk highway; CTH – county trunk highway; NA – not available. ²Estimates for state forests and parks derived by multiplying the number of cars by 3.5 (average number of persons per car). ³Not accessible by vehicle. ⁴Operated locally or by county; no attendance information available. ⁵Various owners and operators (National Scenic Trail).

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, departmental data, April 2001.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SOURCES OF FUNDING
Fiscal Years 1997-98 – 1999-2000 (In Thousands)

| Source of Funding | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Segregated funds | | | |
| All-terrain vehicle registration fees | \$1,014 | \$1,116 | \$816 |
| Boat registration fees | 3,469 | 3,835 | 4,599 |
| Dry cleaner fund | 27 | 82 | 105 |
| Endangered resources voluntary payments | 1,000 | 1,228 | 1,269 |
| Environmental improvement fund | 1,425 | 1,351 | 1,241 |
| Environmental management account | 11,752 | 11,014 | 13,935 |
| Federal aids | 21,769 | 24,479 | 27,236 |
| Fishing, hunting licenses and permits | 48,003 | 51,240 | 54,624 |
| Forestry mill tax | 56,661 | 60,656 | 59,969 |
| Gifts and donations | 667 | 559 | 105 |
| Great Lakes trout stamp | 1,058 | 1,093 | 1,490 |
| Heritage State Parks and Forests Trust Fund | 80 | 67 | 114 |
| Motorcycle account | 84 | 125 | 97 |
| Nonpoint source account | 11,155 | 5,364 | 5,733 |
| Park stickers and fees | 8,325 | 9,224 | 10,864 |
| Petroleum storage environmental cleanup fund | 4,272 | 4,581 | 4,225 |
| Pheasant restoration fund | 398 | 379 | 350 |
| Program revenue | 11,884 | 13,493 | 20,466 |
| Recycling fund | 29,087 | 30,042 | 32,531 |
| Snowmobile registration fees | 5,631 | 6,531 | 3,281 |
| Trout stamp | 1,246 | 1,594 | 1,131 |
| Waste management fund | 27 | 4 | 58 |
| Water resources account | 7,951 | 9,171 | 12,548 |
| Waterfowl stamp | 275 | 365 | 368 |
| Wild turkey restoration fund | 207 | 285 | 316 |
| Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine | 729 | 754 | 1,456 |
| TOTAL | \$228,195 | \$238,625 | \$258,928 |
| General funds | | | |
| General purpose revenue | \$161,316 | \$158,408 | \$169,765 |
| Program revenues | 15,676 | 16,840 | 18,473 |
| Program revenue – services | 6,883 | 9,021 | 10,629 |
| Federal aids | 16,758 | 19,233 | 22,160 |
| TOTAL | \$200,633 | \$203,503 | \$221,027 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$428,828 | \$442,128 | \$479,995 |

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2001.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Years 1997-98 – 1999-2000
(In Thousands)

| Program | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Land Management | \$66,535* | \$71,010* | \$76,349* |
| Wildlife management | 11,890 | 12,443 | 14,096 |
| Forestry | 27,242 | 28,883 | 30,758 |
| Southern Forests | 3,375 | 3,761 | 3,947 |
| Parks | 12,077 | 13,311 | 13,862 |
| Endangered resources | 2,284 | 2,357 | 2,542 |
| Facilities and lands | 6,005 | 6,336 | 6,755 |
| Lands program management | 3,662 | 3,919 | 4,390 |
| Air and Waste Management | \$33,251* | \$34,766* | \$36,791* |
| Air management | 13,145 | 14,742 | 13,586 |
| Remediation and redevelopment | 10,733 | 11,237 | 15,325 |
| Waste management | 8,666 | 8,045 | 7,186 |
| Air/waste program management | 708 | 742 | 694 |
| Enforcement and Science | \$27,828 | \$30,841 | \$33,205 |
| Water Management | \$51,878* | \$55,463* | \$59,580* |
| Fisheries management and habitat protection | 20,800 | 22,817 | \$24,585 |
| Watershed management | 17,622 | 18,029 | 20,128 |
| Drinking and groundwater | 8,210 | 9,273 | 9,250 |
| Water integration team | 641 | 725 | 691 |
| Mississippi/Lower St. Croix team | 1,095 | 1,166 | 1,134 |
| Water program management | 3,510 | 3,453 | 3,790 |
| Conservation Aids | \$24,724* | \$26,889* | \$34,921* |
| Fish and wildlife aids | 623 | 827 | 763 |
| Forestry aids | 6,927 | 7,773 | 10,457 |
| Recreational aids | 9,397 | 10,878 | 16,257 |
| Aids in lieu of taxes | 2,976 | 3,449 | 3,618 |
| Enforcement aids | 1,360 | 1,471 | 1,383 |
| Wildlife damage aids | 3,442 | 2,492 | 2,442 |
| Environmental Aids | \$39,221* | \$41,351* | \$45,110* |
| Water quality aids | 10,494 | 12,388 | 10,521 |
| Solid and hazard waste aids | 27,370 | 28,145 | 32,374 |
| Environmental aids | 822 | 501 | 1,763 |
| Environmental planning aids | 535 | 317 | 452 |
| Debt Service | \$122,140* | \$108,999* | \$116,944* |
| Resource | 18,223 | 18,887 | 21,894 |
| Environmental | 1,288 | 1,251 | 1,499 |
| Water quality | 101,145 | 87,363 | 91,810 |
| Administrative facility | 1,484 | 1,498 | 1,741 |
| Acquisition and Development | \$5,721* | \$6,919* | \$7,017* |
| Wildlife | 630 | 1,161 | 439 |
| Fish | 1,115 | 1,011 | 922 |
| Forestry | 919 | 588 | 487 |
| Southern Forests | 39 | 265 | 173 |
| Parks | 870 | 1,080 | 1,141 |
| Endangered resources | 55 | 506 | -260 |
| Facilities and lands | 1,723 | 1,941 | 3,812 |
| CAER (Customer Assistance and External Relations) | 275 | 310 | 277 |
| Law enforcement | 20 | — | — |
| Mississippi/Lower St. Croix | 75 | 58 | 26 |
| Administration and Technology | \$40,798* | \$47,333* | \$47,777* |
| Administration | 1,276 | 1,251 | 1,396 |
| Administrative and Field Services | 6,140 | 6,479 | 6,887 |
| Enterprise and Technology | 10,091 | 12,032 | 12,550 |
| Finance | 6,081 | 6,613 | 6,416 |
| Personnel and Human Services | 2,073 | 2,096 | 2,329 |
| Legal Services | 2,168 | 2,252 | 2,520 |
| Management and Budget | 741 | 785 | 691 |
| Facility Rental | 4,659 | 5,037 | 5,550 |
| Non-budget Accounts | 7,570 | 10,789 | 9,438 |
| Customer Assistance and External Relations (CAER) | \$16,733* | \$18,558* | \$22,261* |
| Communication and Education Strategy | 3,041 | 3,363 | 3,768 |
| Community Financial Assistance | 3,842 | 3,633 | 4,002 |
| Cooperative Environmental Assistance | 966 | 1,085 | 1,377 |
| Customer Service and Licensing | 7,176 | 8,767 | 11,331 |
| CAER Program Management | 1,708 | 1,710 | 1,783 |
| TOTAL | \$428,829 | \$442,128 | \$479,955 |

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

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2001.

NATURAL RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITIONS
Fiscal Years 1982-1983 – 1999-2000

| Fiscal Year | Fisheries Mgmt. | Northern Forests | Parks | Natural Areas | Southern Forests | Wildlife Mgmt. | Rivers and Resource Areas | Others | Total |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ACRES ACQUIRED | | | | | | | | | |
| OUTDOOR RECREATION ACT PROGRAM (ORAP) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1982-83 | 2,408 | 2,184 | 1,127 | 4,186 | 189 | 6,388 | 197 | 186 | 16,866 |
| 1983-84 | 2,202 | 4,950 | 1,139 | 326 | 126 | 4,050 | 261 | 11 | 13,066 |
| 1984-85 | 3,237 | 4,275 | 857 | 321 | 614 | 5,116 | 456 | — | 14,876 |
| 1985-86 | 2,692 | 3,030 | 1,050 | 505 | 290 | 4,717 | 104 | 297 | 12,685 |
| 1986-87 | 2,195 | 874 | 713 | 1,968 | 523 | 2,940 | 184 | 1 | 9,399 |
| 1987-88 | 1,328 | 918 | 439 | 1,543 | 727 | 1,932 | 37 | 69 | 6,993 |
| 1988-89 | 1,734 | 979 | 7,675 | 796 | 61 | 8,556 | 967 | 80 | 20,848 |
| 1989-90 | 2,137 | 972 | 724 | 901 | 283 | 4,269 | 2,501 | — | 11,787 |
| 1990-91 | 278 | 245 | 4,038 | 2,926 | 272 | 773 | 560 | — | 9,091 |
| 1991-92 | 51 | — | — | 280 | — | — | 39 | — | 370 |
| TOTAL (since 1961) | 70,456 | 105,829 | 67,617 | 17,971 | 24,132 | 235,697 | 29,539 | 4,575 | 555,816 |
| WARREN KNOWLES-GAYLORD NELSON STEWARDSHIP FUND | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 999 | 684 | 1,407 | 1,569 | 1,295 | 5,257 | 7,262 | 52 | 18,524 |
| 1991-92 | 1,563 | 791 | 373 | 2,095 | 156 | 3,912 | 15,195 | 164 | 24,250 |
| 1992-93 | 1,240 | 721 | 624 | 2,502 | 298 | 4,635 | 4,307 | 189 | 14,517 |
| 1993-94 | 2,440 | 355 | 1,754 | 1,477 | 306 | 2,752 | 2,965 | 434 | 12,483 |
| 1994-95 | 7,891 | 371 | 284 | 1,901 | 370 | 4,288 | 762 | 377 | 16,246 |
| 1995-96 | 2,070 | 915 | 1,206 | 5,150 | 395 | 2,980 | 1,675 | 375 | 14,766 |
| 1996-97 | 1,230 | 213 | 880 | 140 | 160 | 2,180 | 2,025 | 125 | 6,953 |
| 1997-98 | 925 | 275 | 108 | 1,080 | 80 | 3,740 | 9,770 | 245 | 16,223 |
| 1998-99 | 495 | 815 | 636 | 1,872 | 512 | 1,897 | 533 | 40 | 6,800 |
| 1999-00 | 2,409 | 495 | 3,088 | 3,320 | 108 | 14,682 | 17,396 | 21 | 41,519 |
| TOTAL | 21,262 | 5,635 | 10,360 | 21,106 | 3,680 | 46,323 | 61,890 | 2,022 | 172,281 |
| COST TO ACQUIRE (in thousands) | | | | | | | | | |
| OUTDOOR RECREATION ACT PROGRAM (ORAP) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1982-83 | \$2,142 | \$1,307 | \$1,526 | \$1,187 | \$314 | \$3,584 | \$273 | \$15 | \$10,348 |
| 1983-84 | 1,875 | 2,308 | 1,457 | 233 | 239 | 2,564 | 337 | 1 | 9,014 |
| 1984-85 | 2,032 | 1,766 | 1,076 | 187 | 1,548 | 2,888 | 470 | — | 9,968 |
| 1985-86 | 1,788 | 1,878 | 1,680 | 291 | 924 | 2,790 | 132 | 16 | 9,500 |
| 1986-87 | 1,472 | 645 | 830 | 1,215 | 580 | 1,526 | 253 | 3 | 6,524 |
| 1987-88 | 917 | 489 | 689 | 642 | 1,412 | 666 | 34 | — | 4,849 |
| 1988-89 | 1,005 | 405 | 7,901 | 554 | 87 | 1,485 | 388 | 123 | 11,947 |
| 1989-90 | 1,810 | 405 | 735 | 610 | 490 | 1,880 | 2,208 | — | 8,138 |
| 1990-91 | 112 | 97 | 1,890 | 656 | 222 | 338 | 317 | — | 3,632 |
| 1991-92 | 17 | — | 1 | 336 | — | — | 24 | — | 377 |
| TOTAL (since 1961) | \$28,894 | \$24,833 | \$42,839 | \$8,268 | \$14,233 | \$42,619 | \$9,093 | \$401 | \$171,180 |
| WARREN KNOWLES-GAYLORD NELSON STEWARDSHIP FUND | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | \$1,157 | \$288 | \$369 | \$1,477 | \$1,453 | \$2,688 | \$3,982 | \$1,550 | \$12,964 |
| 1991-92 | 1,301 | 416 | 467 | 845 | 398 | 2,829 | 5,569 | — | 11,825 |
| 1992-93 | 1,066 | 547 | 566 | 1,473 | 249 | 1,616 | 1,972 | 5 | 7,494 |
| 1993-94 | 1,847 | 178 | 898 | 725 | 793 | 2,035 | 1,718 | — | 8,194 |
| 1994-95 | 3,328 | 640 | 764 | 3,422 | 1,315 | 3,655 | 1,138 | 1 | 14,263 |
| 1995-96 | 2,337 | 542 | 2,758 | 3,100 | 1,035 | 2,594 | 1,290 | 42 | 13,698 |
| 1996-97 | 1,490 | 377 | 1,160 | 588 | 617 | 1,994 | 1,439 | 14 | 7,679 |
| 1997-98 | 1,127 | 136 | 362 | 2,067 | 293 | 4,136 | 11,021 | 1,162 | 20,304 |
| 1998-99 | 1,175 | 942 | 1,548 | 1,005 | 1,170 | 3,154 | 468 | 3,400 | 12,862 |
| 1999-00 | 2,176 | 549 | 2,578 | 3,465 | 402 | 12,453 | 13,712 | — | 35,335 |
| TOTAL | \$17,004 | \$4,615 | \$11,470 | \$18,167 | \$7,725 | \$37,154 | \$42,309 | \$6,174 | \$144,618 |

Note: In addition, easements for 52,977 acres have been acquired since 1961 at a cost of \$11,202,416. Easements on 1,017 acres were acquired in 1999-2000 at a cost of \$1,174,920.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Facilities and Lands, departmental data, March 2001.

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LAND IN WISCONSIN
Acres By Ownership, December 31, 2000

| County ¹ | Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources | | | | | County Parks and Forests ³ | Total |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Federal Government ² | Forests and Wild Rivers | Natural and Park Areas | Fisheries and Wildlife | Total DNR | | |
| Adams | 344 | — | 5,291 | 8,741 | 14,032 | 813 | 15,189 |
| Ashland | 216,763 | 756 | 5,191 | 6,784 | 12,731 | 43,041 | 272,535 |
| Barron | — | 60 | 346 | 6,121 | 6,526 | 16,468 | 22,994 |
| Bayfield | 278,059 | 49 | 9,527 | 9,838 | 19,415 | 169,353 | 466,827 |
| Brown | — | — | 305 | 2,117 | 2,422 | 5,807 | 8,229 |
| Buffalo | 9,374 | — | 337 | 12,508 | 12,845 | 5,535 | 22,754 |
| Burnett | — | 14,979 | 410 | 54,350 | 69,739 | 108,918 | 178,657 |
| Calumet | — | — | 1,072 | 9,536 | 10,608 | 1,131 | 11,739 |
| Chippewa | — | — | 6,169 | 3,332 | 9,501 | 33,416 | 42,916 |
| Clark | — | 224 | — | 266 | 490 | 133,660 | 134,150 |
| Columbia | 2,846 | 19 | 473 | 20,153 | 20,645 | 815 | 24,306 |
| Crawford | 15,269 | 5,447 | 1,800 | 3,571 | 10,871 | 579 | 26,665 |
| Dane | 1,442 | 3,895 | 1,944 | 13,805 | 19,644 | 3,205 | 24,291 |
| Dodge | 20,918 | — | 281 | 23,095 | 23,376 | 1,131 | 45,425 |
| Door | 29 | — | 9,789 | 3,416 | 13,205 | 1,281 | 14,515 |
| Douglas | — | 40,907 | 3,927 | 7,598 | 52,433 | 270,813 | 323,245 |
| Dunn | 1,022 | — | 1,800 | 10,993 | 12,793 | 5,183 | 14,998 |
| Eau Claire | — | — | 150 | 2,468 | 2,618 | 54,714 | 57,332 |
| Florence | 85,028 | 5,275 | 4,671 | 42 | 9,989 | 39,973 | 134,990 |
| Fond du Lac | 1,706 | 10,689 | 360 | 13,086 | 24,134 | 1,691 | 27,531 |
| Forest | 344,008 | 25 | 59 | 3,625 | 3,709 | 30,877 | 378,594 |
| Grant | 6,469 | 13,521 | 3,860 | 244 | 17,624 | 1,070 | 25,163 |
| Green | — | — | 1,322 | 3,632 | 4,954 | 487 | 5,441 |
| Green Lake | — | — | 312 | 17,552 | 17,864 | 747 | 18,611 |
| Iowa | — | 8,114 | 6,720 | 3,883 | 18,716 | 381 | 19,997 |
| Iron | — | 60,658 | 2,125 | 11,700 | 74,483 | 182,015 | 256,498 |
| Jackson | 1,697 | 66,826 | 562 | 7,509 | 74,877 | 122,868 | 199,462 |
| Jefferson | 250 | 3,553 | 510 | 10,727 | 14,789 | 661 | 15,700 |
| Juneau | 79,831 | — | 4,166 | 5,763 | 9,929 | 16,240 | 106,000 |
| Kenosha | — | — | 4,802 | 1,942 | 6,744 | 2,700 | 9,444 |
| Kewaunee | — | — | 194 | 2,428 | 2,621 | 273 | 2,894 |
| La Crosse | 12,192 | 2,972 | 368 | 3,765 | 7,105 | 3,096 | 22,394 |
| Lafayette | — | — | 1,500 | 4,048 | 5,548 | 278 | 5,826 |
| Langlade | 32,727 | 3 | 16,009 | 16,009 | 16,142 | 131,654 | 180,523 |
| Lincoln | — | 1,881 | 2,904 | 6,238 | 11,023 | 102,664 | 113,687 |
| Manitowoc | 120 | 2,903 | 148 | 6,233 | 9,284 | 1,052 | 10,456 |
| Marathon | — | 356 | 1,369 | 23,117 | 24,842 | 34,149 | 58,991 |
| Marquette | — | 6,413 | 1,883 | 9,673 | 17,969 | 238,730 | 256,700 |
| Marquette | 1,185 | — | 809 | 10,202 | 11,011 | 359 | 12,555 |
| Milwaukee | — | 237 | 4 | — | 240 | 16,359 | 16,599 |
| Monroe | 15,529 | — | 1,466 | 3,521 | 4,987 | 7,317 | 27,833 |
| Oconto | 141,498 | — | 863 | 5,097 | 5,960 | 44,974 | 192,433 |
| Oneida | 11,184 | 71,023 | 2,863 | 10,005 | 83,923 | 105,227 | 200,333 |
| Ozaukee | 35 | — | 943 | 7,642 | 8,586 | 2,631 | 11,252 |
| Pepin | 536 | — | 2,294 | 164 | 2,458 | 1,243 | 4,237 |
| Pierce | — | — | 1,184 | 3,269 | 4,453 | — | 4,696 |
| Pierce | — | — | 2,509 | 1,350 | 3,859 | 1,223 | 5,082 |
| Polk | 1,085 | 4,874 | 1,727 | 12,848 | 19,450 | 21,799 | 42,333 |
| Portage | — | — | 1,189 | 27,075 | 28,265 | 3,349 | 31,614 |
| Price | 151,317 | 9,066 | 265 | 9,892 | 19,223 | 103,403 | 273,943 |
| Racine | — | — | — | 3,059 | 3,059 | 5,484 | 8,543 |
| Richland | — | 6,134 | — | 1,321 | 7,455 | 98 | 7,553 |
| Rock | 297 | — | 157 | 6,701 | 6,859 | 3,188 | 10,344 |
| Rusk | — | 15,171 | 115 | 3,273 | 18,559 | 91,382 | 109,941 |
| St. Croix | 4,954 | — | 3,654 | 6,214 | 9,868 | 1,498 | 16,320 |
| Sauk | — | — | 14,370 | 4,163 | 23,018 | 2,534 | 25,552 |
| Sawyer | 126,686 | 71,814 | 728 | 9,115 | 81,657 | 117,927 | 326,270 |
| Shawano | 108 | — | 1,069 | 13,832 | 14,901 | 1,159 | 16,167 |
| Sheboygan | 302 | 15,794 | 931 | 3,561 | 20,286 | 8,688 | 29,276 |
| Taylor | 123,952 | — | 1 | 7,684 | 7,684 | 18,534 | 150,170 |
| Trempealeau | 4,207 | 58 | 1,618 | 4,708 | 6,384 | 362 | 10,953 |
| Vernon | 6,863 | 52 | 4,730 | 1,438 | 6,220 | 1,538 | 14,621 |
| Vilas | 54,536 | 138,868 | 727 | 9,417 | 149,019 | 49,054 | 252,602 |
| Walworth | — | 6,519 | 1,019 | 4,176 | 11,714 | 766 | 12,480 |
| Washburn | — | 155 | 859 | 5,065 | 6,079 | 149,585 | 155,664 |
| Washington | — | 4,548 | 8 | 6,693 | 11,248 | 1,524 | 12,772 |
| Waukesha | — | 11,411 | 592 | 4,937 | 16,939 | 9,05 | 26,844 |
| Waupaca | — | — | 1,606 | 6,757 | 8,358 | 1,980 | 9,293 |
| Waushara | 232 | — | 352 | 16,719 | 17,071 | 1,990 | 19,293 |
| Winnebago | 2,118 | — | 71 | 8,497 | 8,568 | 1,784 | 12,470 |
| Wood | 2,312 | 173 | 22 | 14,503 | 14,698 | 59,949 | 76,959 |
| STATE | 1,759,030 | 609,907 | 135,553 | 582,801 | 1,328,257 | 2,594,625 | 5,681,910 |

¹Land in Menominee County that is not privately owned is held by the Menominee Nation.
²Federal lands include national parks, national forests, and lands controlled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
³Includes lands designated as public areas and trust lands not listed separately.
 Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, departmental data, March 2001.