



Hunting Information



CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

HEADQUARTERS

RHINELANDER, WI

Hunting is a tradition and part of our heritage. To ensure every hunter has an opportunity to enjoy a traditional hunting experience, certain acceptable practices must be followed. This is in addition to following the state hunting regulations while in the National Forest.

TRAVEL/PARKING

- Cross country use by any motorized vehicle (ie. ATV's, 4X4 vehicles, snowmobiles, etc.) is prohibited on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Travel is authorized only on designated open roads and trails on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Obtain a current year MVUM to review restrictions and view where motorized use ends as it will not be signed closed. Copies of these maps are available at all USDA Forest Service Offices.
- It is prohibited to take any motorized vehicle behind a berm, gate, rock, barrier post, or other closure device within the National Forest. highway legal vehicles are not allowed on designated ATV and snowmobile trails.
- It is your responsibility to know which connecting routes to the National Forest road system are designated for ATV, UTV and snowmobile use.
- Please park your vehicle and/or camper safely off the road to allow for driver visibility (a 30 feet right of way for parking is allowed if it is done without causing any resource damage). Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail, or gate is prohibited.
- Operation of a motor vehicle within any active timber sale area is prohibited and dangerous.

Take the opportunity this hunting season to ensure the roads you use to access national forest system lands are on the MVUM. The MVUM is updated annually. If you have questions visit any ranger district office or our website and click on "Maps and Publications" to find the latest MVUM map.

You can download and install the Avenza app to view the most up to date Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest's MVUM on your smart phone or tablet device. Just like the MVUM, the electronic maps identify the roads, trails, and areas designated for public motor vehicle use on national forest lands. Best of all, it lets you know exactly where you are while traveling on the National Forest.

BLINDS/TREE STANDS

- To cut or damage any live tree is prohibited (ie. to create shooting lanes, place a tree stand or blind).
- Cutting, trimming, or removing brush larger than 1 inch in diameter is prohibited. Pruning extensive amounts of live tree branches may constitute tree damage, be cautious and use discretion.
- Blinds can be constructed with natural dead materials gathered from the immediate area or with artificial materials. The use of any nails, wires, screws, or other harming metal objects to fasten camouflage, blinds, or stands to a tree is prohibited.
- The State of Wisconsin hunting regulations state there must be a display of a minimum of 144 square inches of material, that is a solid blaze orange to be visible from all directions around the blind during any gun or muzzleloader deer season whether occupied or not. Waterfowl hunting blinds are an exception. Learn more at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/regulations.html>
- The State of Wisconsin hunting regulations state that if leaving hunting equipment (portable devices such as tree stands, ground blinds and trail cameras) unoccupied, the owner's Wisconsin DNR customer ID number or name and address in a manner visible and legible to person on the ground, near the entrance of the ground blind or camera.

- Portable tree stands may be put up starting one week before the hunting season. All portable hunting equipment must be removed prior to January 31. Any stands or blinds left after the hunting season will be considered abandoned property by law enforcement and removed.
- Please leave all areas where a blind was constructed looking natural at the end of any hunting season.
- Personal property cannot be used to reserve a hunting spot on National Forest lands. Be a responsible and ethical hunter. Each year many complaints are received for stolen property.
- Locking deer stands and cameras on Forest Service land is allowed as long as no damage is done.

CAMPING

- Discharging a firearm on or across a national forest system road, within 150 yards of a Forest Service campground, building, or other developed recreation site; such as, boat launches/landings, picnic areas, or any other occupied areas is prohibited.
- Camping in non-developed recreation sites is permitted for a maximum of 21 consecutive days. After 21 days it is required to move all belongings not less than 1 mile away and for not less than 7 days. Please be respectful to other campers and common areas. Follow MVUM guidelines for use and parking (30 feet from the edge of any road surface when it is safe to do so without damage to national forest system (NFS) resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or a Forest Supervisors Closure Order). Do not reserve or block access roads or trails for other hunters.
- A firewood closure order prohibits the possession, storage, or transport of any firewood that originates from more than 25 miles from your campsite. Firewood certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Transportation and Consumer Protection can originate from more than 25 miles from the national forest destination. Both certified firewood and Kiln-dried, untreated/unpainted/unstained/construction/dimensional lumber that is free of any metal or foreign substance is approved. Pallet boards are not approved.
- You may collect dead and down wood for your immediate campsite use without a firewood permit, but do not collect more than you will use during your visit.

Fire destroys all resources - *Please be careful!* Do not leave campfires unattended, that includes smoldering fires. Completely extinguish your campfire before leaving your camp unattended.

Practice "Leave No Trace." Please keep your campsite and toilet facilities 200 feet away from any streams, lakes, or wetland areas and at least 150 feet from any trail system. Pack out what you pack in and dispose of it properly.

Need more information? Go to: www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf on the web or contact:

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