

## ***ECOLOGICAL REFERENCE AREAS***



Ecological Reference Areas are special areas of the Chequamegon-Nicolet with unique or ecologically significant features and hard-to-find plant and animal species. Very little active management takes place in these sites. These areas represent outstanding examples of Wisconsin's native landscape of natural communities and significant geological formations. These sites are valuable for research and educational use, the preservation of genetic and biological diversity and for providing benchmarks for determining the impact of use on managed lands.

On the CNNF, these places have been given a special designation as [Research Natural Area](#) or Special Management Area. They are also co-designed by the State of Wisconsin as [State Natural Areas](#). Maps and descriptions of these special places can be found at the SNA website where they can be located [by name](#) or [by county](#).

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