



CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST FACTS

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The former Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests, established in the early 1930's, were officially combined into the *Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest* in February 1998. The Forest operates out of 9 District Offices and a Supervisor's Office. The Forest is also home to the Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, in operation since 1965. The Center, with its capacity of 205 students, has served over 15,000 enrollees.

Land Ownership

The Forest is comprised of just over 1.5 million acres in 11 northern Wisconsin Counties and 65 Townships. The Forest is part of the treaty-ceded areas for 11 Indian tribes that retain hunting, fishing, and gathering rights on national forest lands.

Low: 2 percent in Oneida County

High: 52 percent in Forest County

Average: 21 percent

Other Lands within NF Boundary: Over 1200 separate parcels, 3 large land owners (Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, industrial forest land) and many privately owned individual parcels.

Lands with Many Waters

Class I, II, and III Trout Streams: 1,255 miles (13 percent of the state total)

Warmwater streams: 745 miles

Lakes: 2,020; 609 larger than 10 acres Spring Ponds: 440 Wetlands: 347,000 acres

Recreation Opportunities

Water-related recreation sites: 51 campgrounds; 39 picnic areas; and 24 designated swimming beaches with 121 drinking water wells

Annual Visitors to the Chequamegon-Nicolet: 700,000 (Based on 2007 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report)

Public Access to Lakes over 10 acres: 119 boat ramps; 59 walk-in trails

Areas of Solitude:

44,000 acres in 5 Wildernesses (2.9% of the Forest); 68,100 acres in 19 non-motorized areas (4.5% of the Forest)

Non-motorized trails: 493 miles (20 ski trails; 49 hiking trails; 4 horse trails; 56 hunter walking trails; 6 bike trail loops)

One National Scenic Trail and 4 National Recreation Trails

Motorized Recreation: 9,000 miles of road; 284 miles of developed ATV trails; over 800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails

Special Forest Products: Christmas Trees, Evergreen Boughs, Floral Greenery, Firewood

A Variety of Life

Federally Threatened and Endangered Species: Fassett's Locoweed, Gray Wolf

State Threatened and Endangered Species: 20 plants and 14 animals

Rare Biological Communities: Pine Barrens (10% of state total on Forest)

Diversity: Great variety of plant and animals species because of location at intersection of northern forests, eastern forests, and Great Plains.

A Glimpse of History

Archeological Sites: Approximately 2100 known, ranging from 10,000 year old prehistoric campsites to 20th century homesteads. The Forest contains over half of the archeological sites recorded in the 15 counties of northern Wisconsin.

A Working Forest

Timber Sold/Value in 2009: 71.5 million board feet/\$4.9 Million

Timber Harvested/Value in 2009: 73.9 million board feet/\$4.6 Million

Estimated Payments to Local Governments 2009: \$2.7 million

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