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# ABOUT US

## FOREST COUNTY HISTORY



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Before the Civil War, Forest County was primarily inhabited by the Chippewa and other Native Americans and was visited by traveling fur traders and trappers, most of whom were of French descent or mixed French and Indian heritage. During the 1860s, the federal government started construction of what is known as the Military Road. This road connected Green Bay and Fort Wilkins at Copper Harbor on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Previously, rivers had served as the highways to this section of northeastern Wisconsin.

Military Road made travel through Forest County easier, but marketing of its principal resource, hardwood timber, had to wait for improved markets and rail service to transport the lumber. Unlike the pine that was logged elsewhere, the heavier hardwood logs would not float in the rivers to sawmills downstate.

The Soo Line Railroad bisected Forest County in 1887 and provided rail service to areas adjacent to Argonne, Cavour, and Armstrong Creek, but it was still not profitable to move logs by horse-drawn sleigh for any distance to a railhead. Eventually, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, lured by land holdings given to them by the government, pushed rail service into the county. It created a north-south line on the eastern side of the county in the 1890s with a spur into Crandon just after the turn of the century. Sawmills sprang up like mushrooms after a rainfall and lumber was shipped to build America's cities. By the 1930s, the timber supply waned and the Great Depression shut down most of the big mills. It was then that residents of what came to be called the "cutover lands" realized the value of the many lakes and miles of streams located in Forest County. The tourist trade joined logging and saw milling as part of the economic mainstay of the North, and it remains so today.



# PROFILE

## Size: 1,014.1 square miles

- Public Lands - 59%
- Private Lands - 84% forested,
- 5% agricultural usage
- 824 lakes, sixth highest number of lakes in the state

## Population (2020 Census): 9,179

## Median Age: 44.1 years

## Top 10 Employers After Largest

### Economic Sector:

- Forest County Potawatomi Community, 500-999 employees
- School District of Crandon, 100-249 employees
- County of Forest 100-249 employees
- Sokaogon Gaming Enterprises Corp., 100-249 employees
- WD Flooring, 100-249 employees
- Hometown Trolley, 50-99 employees
- J. Schaefer Ent., 50-99 employees
- School District of Wabeno Area, 50-99 employees

- USDA Forest Service, 50-99 employees
- Bay at Nu-Roc Health and Rehabilitation Center, 50-99 employees

## Total Number of Homes (2010 Census): 8,970

- Percent for seasonal, recreational or occasional use: 53%
- Median value owner-occupied housing (2005-2009 ACS est.) \$120,619.00

## Largest Economic Sectors:

- Forestry, tourism, government and Native American enterprises

## Educational Facilities:

- Enrollment as of 2017 school year
- K-12 (Crandon School District - approx 890)
- Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District - approx 141

- Laona School District - approx 231
- Wabeno School District - approx 465
- Nicolet Area Technical College, Rhinelander
- University of Wisconsin - Extension Office, Courthouse, Crandon

## Medical Facilities

- Aspirus at Crandon,
- Crandon Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Center, Crandon
- Connor Human Restoration, Crandon
- Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center, Crandon
- Health in Motion, Crandon
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community Health Clinic, Mole Lake

## Dental Facilities

- Forest County Potawatomi Health
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community Health Clinic, Mole Lake

## Nursing Homes

- Bay at Nu-Roc Health and Rehabilitation Center, Laona
- Maplewood Villa, Armstrong Creek

## Community Facilities

- Post Offices - Argonne, Crandon, Laona, Wabeno, Armstrong Creek
- Newspaper - The Forest Republican (weekly) and Potawatomi Traveling Times (twice monthly)
- Public Libraries - Crandon, Laona, Wabeno
- Airport - 2 miles south of Crandon (3,500 ft year-round lighted runway and 25 miles west of Crandon - Rhinelander Airport)

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We would like to Thank You and Welcome you to Forest County! Visit Forest County would like to share all the exciting things that this beautiful county offers.

From the beauty of our forests, lakes and rivers to our wonderful communities, we are truly blessed. We aim to be welcoming to everyone and showcase the customer service all so richly desire. When planning your weekend getaways, summer vacations or looking for a place to retire or start your new family, look no further than Forest County! "Take a Breath" isn't just a slogan, it is a way of life!

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# 2026 Events

Follow Visit Forest County for the most recent events happening in our County!

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## January

- 1** Nu Roc Health and Rehabilitation Center, Nu Roc Ln, Laona
- 3** Laona Lions Club Predator Hunt, Senolihn's Bar, Laona

## February

- 7** LMT 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vintage Snowmobile & Groomer Show, Crandon International Raceway
- 7** Hiles Fisheree, Hiles Town Hall
- 7** Winter Fishing Derby, @ Long Lake
- 7** Mardi Gras Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ Pack Em Inn & The Night Owl
- 13** Legion Fish Fry, @ 110 W Madison Street 3:30-6:30pm
- 14** Friends of Forest County K9 Unit Valentines Dinner & Raffles, @ Crandon Community Building
- 20** Fish Fry, @ Hiles Town Hall, 4-6pm
- 21** Customer Appreciation Party w/ Live Entertainment, @The Night Owl Club
- 25** Northwoods Women's Leadership Conference, @ Mole Lake Event Center
- 28** Fisheree -Laona Fire Department, @ Silver Lake Beach Pavilion Laona

## March

- 7** Diva Dance Showcase, @ Potawatomi Community Center
- 6 - VisitForestCounty.com

## April

- 13** Legion Fish Fry, @ 110 W Madison Street 3:30-6:30pm
- 21** St Patty's Party @ Pack Em Inn
- 21** St Patty's Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 28** Crandon Police K9 Raffle Fundraiser, @ The Night Owl

## May

- 1** Distribution of Poppies, @ Schaefer's May 1st-24th
- 1** Season Opener, @ Holly Wood Hill Campground & Crandon Saloon
- 2** Ken-Ducky Derby Duck Race, @ Jake's Bar-Laona
- 2** Forest County Ties That Bind Us Kentucky Derby Fundraiser, @ Pack Em Inn
- 2** Bear 100 Gravel Bike Ride, @ Laona
- 2** Kentucky Derby After Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 5** Open Trap Shoot, @ Shooting Range in Crandon
- 5** MMIP Awareness Walk & Event, @ Potawatomi Community Center
- 8** Legion Fish Fry, @ 110 W Madison St. 3:30-6:30pm
- 9** Mother's Day Weekend Arts & Crafts Fair, @ Mole Lake Casino Lodge Event Center
- 12** Crandon Farmers & Makers Market 2026 Opening Day @ Forest County Courthouse Lawn
- 16** Spring Kickoff Ride, @ Potawatomi Carter Casino starts at 9am
- 24** Painting Class in the Woods, 262-378-9183 to reserve your spot!
- 24** Annual Cornhole Tournament, @Northwoods Inn-Pickerel starts @ 3pm
- 24** Laona Lions Club Trap Shoot, @ Padus Gun Club

## June

- 25** Laona Beautifying Committee Memorial Day Luncheon, @ Laona Community Building
- 25** Distribution of Poppies, @ Veterans Memorial Park
- 25** Memorial Day Events, @ 11am Hiles Mill Pond/ 12pm Crandon Veterans Memorial Park
- 29** Farmer/Makers Market (Every Friday Memorial Day to Labor Day, @ Laona Town Hall- 10am-2pm)
- 2** League Trap Shoot Starts, @ Shooting Range In Crandon
- 3** Public Walking Tours (Every Wednesday @ 1pm), 3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona
- 3** Crandon Water Shows First Show of the Year, @ Waters Edge Lodge starts at 6:30pm
- 7** Sunday Fun Day Outdoor Market Vendor Show, @ Holly Wood Hill Campground & Crandon Saloon
- 12** Rock the Block, @ Centennial Park -Laona 4pm-10pm
- 12** Legion Fish Fry, @ 110 W Madison Street 3:30-6:30pm
- 13** Laona Quarterback Club Golf Outing, @ Nicolet Golf Course, Laona
- 19** Spring Brush Run Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 19** 33rd Forest County Potawatomi Crandon Brush Run, @ Crandon International Raceway 19th-21st
- 20** Father's Day Memorial Ride, @ Trailside Hideaway Campground
- 20** Bull Riding Night at the Saloon, @ Holly Wood Hill Campground & Crandon Saloon
- 20** Spring Brush Run Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 21** 3rd Annual Rad Dad Car Show, @ Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter
- 21** Spring Brush Run Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 25** Live Music on the Porch, @ Crandon Museum-5:30-6:30pm
- 27** Popple River Centennial, @ Popple River Town Hall & Haen's Popple River Brew Pub

## July

- 3** Celebrate America 2026 Expedition-tickets available at the door, @ Northwoods Inn-Pickerel-4:30pm
- 3** Steve's Freedom Fiesta w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
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- 3** Steve's Freedom Fiesta w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club
- 4** 4th of July Parade, @ Long Lake
- 4** 4th of July Celebration - Main Street in Crandon @ 12
- 4** 4th of July Parade, @ Laona- Parade at 2pm- Fireworks at Dusk
- 4** 4th of July Celebration @ Mole Lake Casino Lodge Event Center
- 4** 4th of July Party w/ Live Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club
- 4** 4th of July Party @ Pack Em Inn Bar
- 4** 4th of July Back Yard BBQ & Live Music @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill @ 12
- 10** Legion Fish Fry @ 110 W Madison St-3:30-6:30pm
- 16** Live Music on the Porch @ Crandon Museum 5:30 - 6:30pm
- 17** Rock the Block @ Centennial Park-Laona 4-10pm



Photo courtesy of Mickey Cleereman



**18** Wabeno Art and Music Fest & Street Market @ Wabeno Band Shell

**18** Trap Shoot @ New Trap Range in Hiles-@ 9am

**19** Pickerel Family Fest- @ Downtown Pickerel- 11am-4pm

**24** Visit Forest County Shank Golf Outing @ Nicolet Country Club

**25** Crantucky Days, @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**25** Kentuck Days - Courthouse Square 9am-2pm

**25** Crandon Mainstreet Music Festival & Backyard BBQ, @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**25** Kentuck Day Car Show - Weber Hill/ Packard Funeral Home 9am-2pm

**31** Rock the Block, @ Centennial Park, Laona- 4-10pm

**31** Great Northwoods Music Festival, @ Hiles Trailhead Pub

## August

**1** Great Northwoods Music Festival, @ Hiles Trailhead Pub

**1** Laona Lions Club 106 Annual Community Soup, @ Silver Lake Beach Pavilion

**1** Hacker After Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club

**6** Live Music on the Porch, @ Crandon Museum 5:30-6:30pm

**7** Wabeno "Not in the Street" Street Dance, @ Wabeno Firefighters Ground

**7** Hosting of Tdubs Motorcycle Ride, @ Holly Wood Hill Campground & Crandon Saloon

**8** Argonne Days, @ Town of Argonne Pavilion

**8** Alumni Ski Show, @ Waters Edge Lodge at 6:30pm

**13** Summer Concert Series (August 13-16), @ Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter

**14** Legion Fish Fry @ 110 W Madison St-3:30-6:30pm

**15** Laona VFW Corn Boil @ Silver Lake Beach Pavilion

**15** Summer Fishing Derby @ Long Lake

**21** Forest County Fair @ Forest County Fairgrounds, Crandon

**22** Footstock World Figure Eight Endurance Barefoot Championships @ Peshtigo Lake

**22** Picnic @ Mill Pond in Hiles from 11am-5pm

**22** Forest County Fair @ Forest County Fairgrounds, Crandon

**23** Forest County Fair @ Forest County Fairgrounds, Crandon World Championship Parade

**28** Back Yard BBQ & Live Music @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**29** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forest County Veterans Poker Ride @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**29** Fire Department Picnic & Open House Fundraiser @ Newald Fire Department

## September

**3** 57<sup>th</sup> Polaris Crandon World Championships @ Crandon International Raceway Sep. 3rd-6th

**3** Fall Brush Run Party w/ Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club

**4** World Championship Mainstreet Backyard BBQ & Live Music @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**4** Breakfast at Brush Run Parade @ Intersection of Lake Ave and Madison St.

**4** Fall Brush Run Party, @ Pack Em Inn Bar

**4** Fall Run Party w/ Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club

**4** Labor Day Parade, @ Main Street In Crandon at 12pm

**5** Fall Brush Run Party w/ Live Entertainment, @ The Night Owl Club

**11** Legion Fish Fry @ 110 W Madison St-3:30-6:30pm

**19** Northwoods Oktoberfest @ Newald Community Center

**19** Eric Swanson Memorial Golf Outing After Party @ The Night Owl Club

**19** Sunday Funday Outdoor Market Fall Edition @ Holly Wood Hills Campground & Crandon Saloon

## October

**3** Hibernator Gravel Bike Ride @ Laona

End of Season Poker Run

**3** Party @ Holly Wood Hills Campground & Crandon Saloon - 11am-4pm

**3** Legion Fish Fry @ 110 W Madison St- 3:30-6:30pm

**10** Fall Fun @ the Farm @ 3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona

**10** Hobo Rise- Collecting Soup for Food Pantry @ Trailside Hideaway Campground

**17** Fall Fun @ The Farm @ 3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona

**24** Fall Fun @ The Farm @ 3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona

**24** Makers Market @ Mole Lake Casino Lodge Event Center

**30** Fish Fry @ Hiles Town Hall

**30** Trunk or Treat & Polka @ Hiles Town Hall 4-6:30pm

**31** Halloween Costume Party @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**31** Halloween Party @ Pack Em Inn Bar

**31** Halloween Party w/ Live Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club

**31** Halloween Spooky Walk @ Laona School Forest (6pm to 8pm)

## November

**13** Legion Fish Fry @ 110 W Madison St. 3:30-6:30pm

**20** Ladies Night Out Party w/ Live Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club

**20** Ladies/Guys Night Out Party @ Pack Em Inn Bar

**20** St. Joseph 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Market @ St. Joseph Parish Hall

**25** Friendsgiving Party w/ Live Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club

**28** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair @ The Night Owl Club

**29** Laona Beautifying Committee 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting @ Laona Town Hall (5pm-6:30pm)

## December

**4** Festival of Trees @ Mole Lake Casino Lodge Event Center

Forest County Christmas

**4** Parade @ Main Street in Crandon

Christmas on Mainstreet/Pictures w/ Santa @ Smokin' J's Smokehouse Bar/Grill

**5** Christmas Party -4pm Cocktails-Santa Dinner @5pm @ Hiles Town Hall

**5** Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Open House @ 3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona

**31** New Years Eve Party @ Pack Em Inn Bar

**31** New Years Eve Party w/ Live Entertainment @ The Night Owl Club

## Weekly Events

June/August  
Wednesday 6:30pm  
Crandon Water Shows  
Water's Edge Lodge  
Lake Lucerne, Crandon

July  
Monday & Wednesday  
6:30pm  
Crandon Water Shows  
Water's Edge Lodge  
Lake Lucerne, Crandon

May - September  
Tuesday's 9am-1pm  
Crandon Farmers & Makers Market, Crandon  
Courthouse Lawn

May - September  
Friday's 10am - 2pm  
Laona Farmers Market, Laona  
Town Hall Parking Lot

June - October  
Wednesday's at 1pm  
Public Walking Tours  
3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona

Wednesday's 8am - 10am  
Coffee at the American Legion  
Post 94  
110 W Madison St, Crandon

Monday's 8am-10am  
Hiles Service Club Coffee with Friends  
Hiles Town Museum, Hiles



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# 2026 MARK YOUR CALENDAR



90+ VENDORS  
FOOD & FUN

**KENTUCK DAY  
FESTIVAL  
VENDOR  
SHOW  
SATURDAY  
JULY 25**

**FOREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
LAWN  
9AM - 2PM**

**MUSIC BY  
DAN FLANNERY**



**KENTUCK  
CAR SHOW  
SATURDAY  
JULY 25**

PRIZES  
AWARDED  
TO TOP 3  
VEHICLES

**WEBER-HILL PACKARD FUNERAL HOME  
302 S LAKE AVE, CRANDON WI  
9AM - 2PM**

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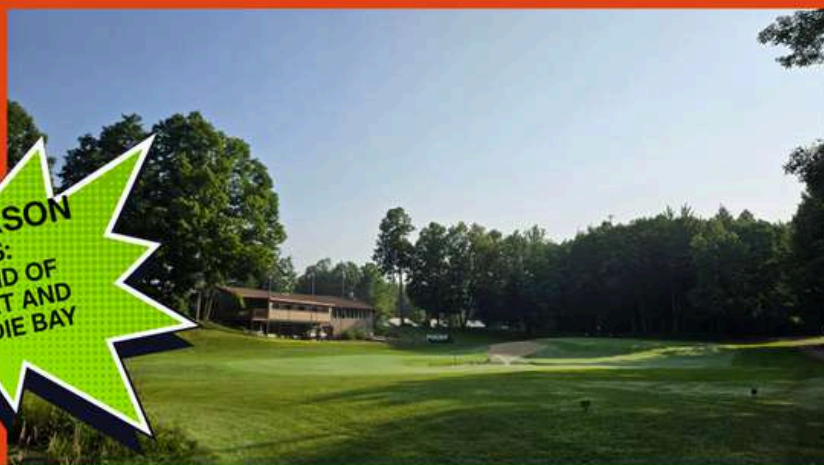






# COME PLAY ENJOY THE DAY

**SHANK OPEN  
FRIDAY  
JULY 24**



REGISTRATION: 8AM  
PROMPT SHOTGUN START: 9AM

NICOLET COUNTRY CLUB  
5245 FAIRWAY CT, LAONA WI

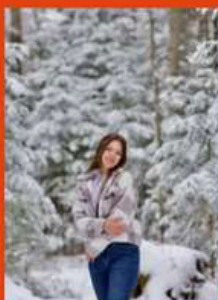
**SUPPORT OUR TRADE STUDENTS BY GOLFING,  
DONATING AUCTION ITEMS AND/OR RAFFLE ITEMS  
VISIT FOREST COUNTY 2025 SHANK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**



Holly Gilligan  
Laona



Dylan Wirth  
Laona



Aubrey Diamond  
Laona



Erin Goode  
Goodman  
Armstrong Creek



Haily Moore  
Goodman  
Armstrong Creek



Josh Knutson  
Goodman  
Armstrong Creek

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS BESTOWED UP STUDENTS WHO ARE SEEKING AN EDUCATION IN A TRADE, DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP, HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND AT LEAST 10 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT IS GIVEN TO STUDENTS THAT APPLY FROM LAONA HIGH SCHOOL, WABENO HIGH SCHOOL, GOODMAN/ARMSTRONG CREEK SCHOOL, CRANDON, SOKAOGAN CHIPPEWA AND POTAWATOMI STUDENTS.





# THINGS

## TO SEE

## AND DO

**Aquaponics** – How can fish grow lettuce? Come see the state-of-the-art facility at FCP Bodwéwadmī Ktēgan (Potawatomi Farm) to learn how. We offer tours and discussions on sustainable farming. Purchase a head of lettuce and taste the difference for yourself! Call (715) 478-4545 for more information and like us at [www.facebook.com/fcpotawatomi](http://www.facebook.com/fcpotawatomi). See page 61.

**Auto Tours** – Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest auto tours through Forest, Oneida and Vilas counties, including the Heritage Drive National Forest Scenic Byway and Nicolet Wolf River Scenic Byway. See page 42-43.

**Bald Eagle Sightings** – Take a walk or drive through miles of back roads with an eye-to-the-sky, looking for that familiar white head. Pine Lake in Hiles, Mole Lake south of Crandon on Hwy. 55, and Peshtigo and Clear Lakes are favorite spots for these majestic birds.

**Beaches/Picnic Areas** – Located throughout the county, including Crandon Municipal Beach (north end of Lake Metonga), and Silver Lake Beach (one mile west of Laona).

**Biking** – Many biking enthusiasts choose Forest County for their autumn biking. County highways offer beautiful color viewing while biking. See page 36.

**Camping** – Several Forest Service campgrounds, county, and privately owned campgrounds are available throughout the county. See page 22.

**Canoe/Kayaking** – Most area lakes. Rentals available. See page 43.

**Chief Willard Ackley Memorial** – Located on Hwy. 55 in Mole Lake.

**Colorama** – Autumn has a special name here: Colorama. It's a special time in Wisconsin's north, from mid-September to mid-October. It's a time to reflect on the peace of the forest, lakes and rivers, when nature paints Forest County in a myriad of hues.

**Courthouse Square, Crandon** – Enjoy viewing 40 different species of trees from all over the state. It features a park with a deer pen, the historic Forest County Courthouse, and the Veteran's Memorial.

**Crandon International Off-Road Raceway** – Home of the Brush Run and the World Championship Off-Road Races®. See pages 16-17.

**Crandon Water Shows** – Summer water ski shows on Lake Lucerne, June through August, by the Crandon Water Ski Club. See page 30.

**Crandon Farmers Market** – Tuesday's Spring through late Fall, 9am -2 pm, Downtown Crandon.

**Cross-Country Skiing** – See page 36.

**Deer Pen** – Crandon Courthouse Square

**Dinesen House** – This restored 140-year-old log cabin was a stopping point along the Military Road connecting Fort Howard near Green Bay to Fort Wilkens in Copper Harbor, MI for mail carriers. It is located on Hwy. 55 in Mole Lake.

**Elvoy Spring Pond** – Natural brook trout fishing is available from a wheelchair-accessible pier located west of Alvin off FS 2193.





**Forest County Veterans Memorial** – Two beautiful tributes to area veterans. Located in the Courthouse Square, Crandon and Veterans Memorial Park in Laona on Elm Street.

**Forest County Veterans Memorial Park Campground** – Located 4 miles south of Crandon on Lake Metonga. It offers camping sites, boat landing, fishing pier, picnic areas, volleyball courts and swimming area.

**Fountain of Youth Memorial** – A beautiful stone gazebo with a water fountain inside and a garden surrounding it, all in memory of the young lives that were lost in 2007. Located at the corner of Hazeldell Avenue and Washington Street in Crandon.

**General MacArthur White Pine** – The MacArthur Pine is over 400 years old with a circumference of 17 ft, 6 in., height of 140 ft., and a crown spread of 48 ft. It is located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest near Newald.

**Geocaching** – High-tech treasure hunt played around the world by adventurers equipped with GPS. Retrieve coordinates from sites such as [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and search for hidden “caches” around Forest County.

**Golfing** – Two public courses: Nicolet Country Club on Hwy. 8 west of Laona, and Maplewood Golf Course, located in Pickerel on Hwy 55. Driving range is also available at Crandon International Off-Road Raceway on Hwy. 8 west of Crandon.

**Heritage Hunt Club** – Pheasant hunting, sporting clay rouse, lodging, barn rental. 5480 Connor Farm Rd., Laona (715) 889-9893.

**Hiking Trails** – See pages 37-38.





# THINGS

TO SEE

AND DO

## **Historic Courthouse Tour and Downtown Walking Tour –**

Two self – guided tours through the historic Forest County Courthouse and around historic downtown Crandon. Information and tour brochures are available at the Visit Forest County office.

**Ice Skating** – Free, warming shed, lighted rink until 11 p.m., weather permitting located alongside Crandon City Hall 601 W. Washington Street, Crandon. Laona Beautifying Committee at Laona Community Center 5233 Beech Street, Laona – lighted rink and skates available to use.

**Laona Lions Club Community Soup** – First Saturday of August at Silver Lake Beach – a 100+ year old tradition!

**Laona Farmers Market** – Every Friday from June to August, 9am to 1pm at the Laona Town Hall on Hwy 8.

**Logging Museum** – Nostalgic copy of 1938 logging camp located in Wabeno.

**Lumberjack Steam Train and Camp 5 Museum** – Departs from Laona Depot and transports people to the Camp 5 Museum Complex. Seasonal; June to August. 5068 US Hwy 8, Laona WI (715) 674-3414. See page 14.

**Mole Lake Casino, Lodge, Event Center** - Your complete entertainment destination with great games & hot casino action for everyone 18 years and older. Seventy-five rooms with first-class accommodations including fitness center, swimming pool and full-service Event Center. Located on Hwy. 55, 7 miles south of Crandon, WI. See ad page 76.

**Mecikalski Stovewood Building** – Restoration of an unusual turn-of-the-century stovewood general store. This building houses a piece of history from an early era. Travel south on Hwy. 55 out of Crandon and turn right on Country Road B and continue west to Jennings.

**Mushroom Hunting** – Wisconsin Mycological Society holds its annual foray in late July in Hiles, the Mushroom Capital of Wisconsin. 325 different varieties of



mushrooms have been identified in the Hiles area. See page 62.

**Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Ranger Station** – Located on Hwy. 8 west of Laona.

**Outdoor Rifle/Archery Range** – Aaron “Chunk” Smith Archery Complex just east of Crandon, off Hwy. 8.

**Playgrounds** – Several are located throughout Forest County including: Argonne Park, Argonne; Cardinal Park on East Madison Street, Crandon; Municipal Beach at the north end of Lake Metonga; Centennial Park on Linden Street in Laona; Palmer Park on West Washington Street, Crandon; Silver Lake Beach; Town Park in Hiles; Wabeno playground behind the logging museum on Hwy. 32.

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**Potawatomi Community Center** – This two-level, 110,000 square feet facility features an aquatic center with hot tub and water slide, a gymnasium with three full-length basketball courts, and a 70-yard turf field house with a walking track. Rent a party room, the golf simulator, or batting cage. Equipment provided for use in the building. Climb the rock wall, grab some lunch or just meet new people. Located in Crandon. See ad page 31.

**Potawatomi Sledding Hill** - Free public spot with both large and small hills with night sledding but no tow ropes.







**Pow-Wows** – The Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa and the Forest County Potawatomi communities host pow-wows. See pages 60 & 64.

**Quartz Outcropping** – Quartz Hill Hiking Trail, off Hwy. 32 at Forest County line, near Carter. Red Bridge Scenic Picnic Area, Armstrong Creek – overlooking Armstrong Creek, original built in the late 1800's.

**Rock the Block Summer Concert Series** – Held at Centennial Park, Laona. Free concerts once a month in June, July and August. See page 63.

**Rustic Roads** – 7.5 miles of natural scenic roads. The officially designated "Rustic Road" is west of Alvin in northern Forest County. See page 42-43.

**Self-Guided Nature Trails** – Available throughout the county. Bird watching, hiking and walking routes are listed. See page 39.

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**Sugar Bush Hill** – Fourth highest point in Wisconsin at 1,950 feet. Five miles east of Crandon on Hwy 8.

**Tennis** – Cardinal Park, on East Madison Street, Crandon offers two courts and Wabeno has two courts available downtown.

**Trap Shooting** – Range open to families and individuals at the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway grounds on Hwy 8, west of Crandon. Padus Gun Club, Hwy 32 north of Wabeno. Free admission.

**Video Archery** – An indoor complex on East Pioneer Street, Crandon at Tamarack Outfitters.

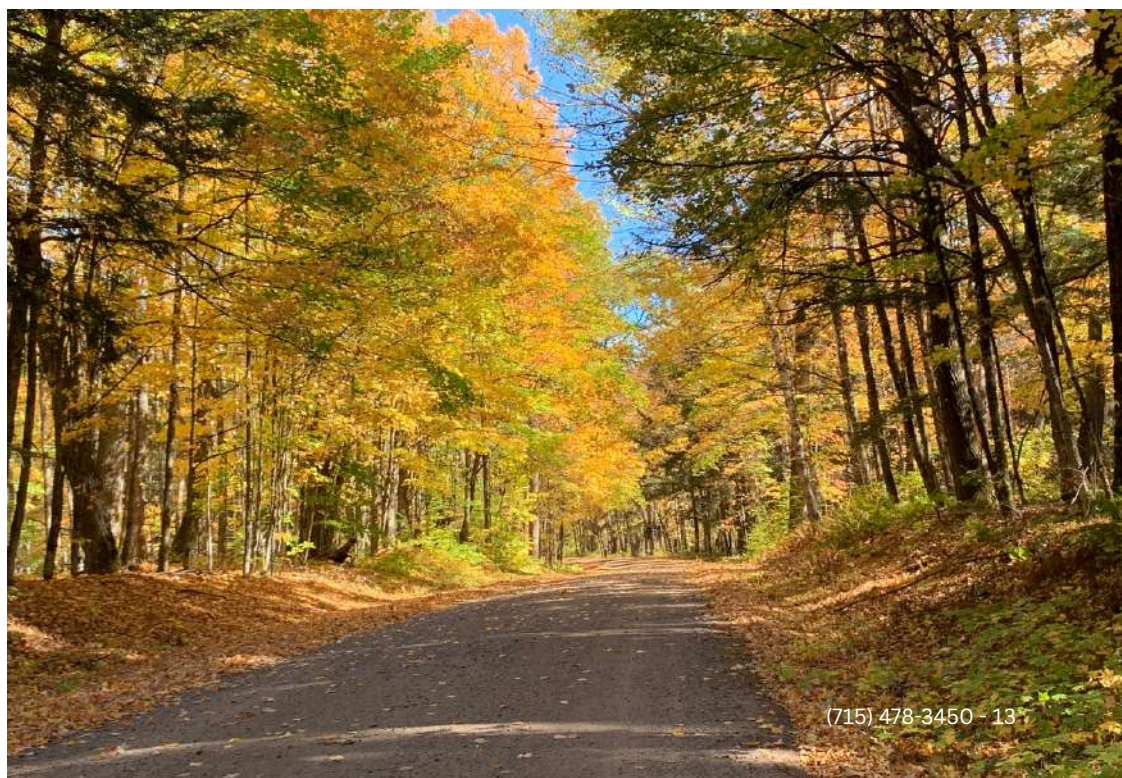
**Walking Trails** – See pages 37-38.

**WAM Fest** – Wabeno Art and Music Festival. One day of art and music in downtown Wabeno in July.

**Wabeno Band Shell** – Live music on Wednesday nights during the summer. Free to all.

**White Water Rafting** – Wolf River off Hwy 55, and the Peshtigo River 20 minutes south of Wabeno.

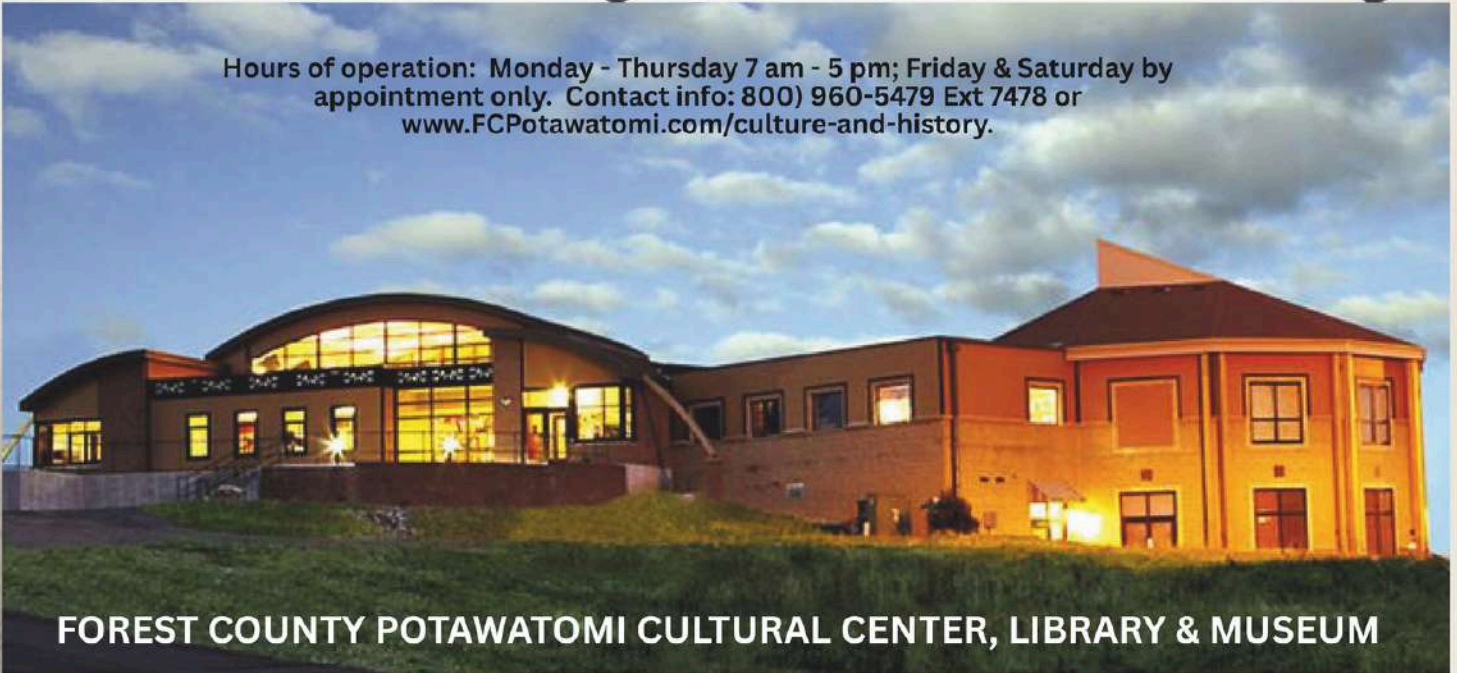
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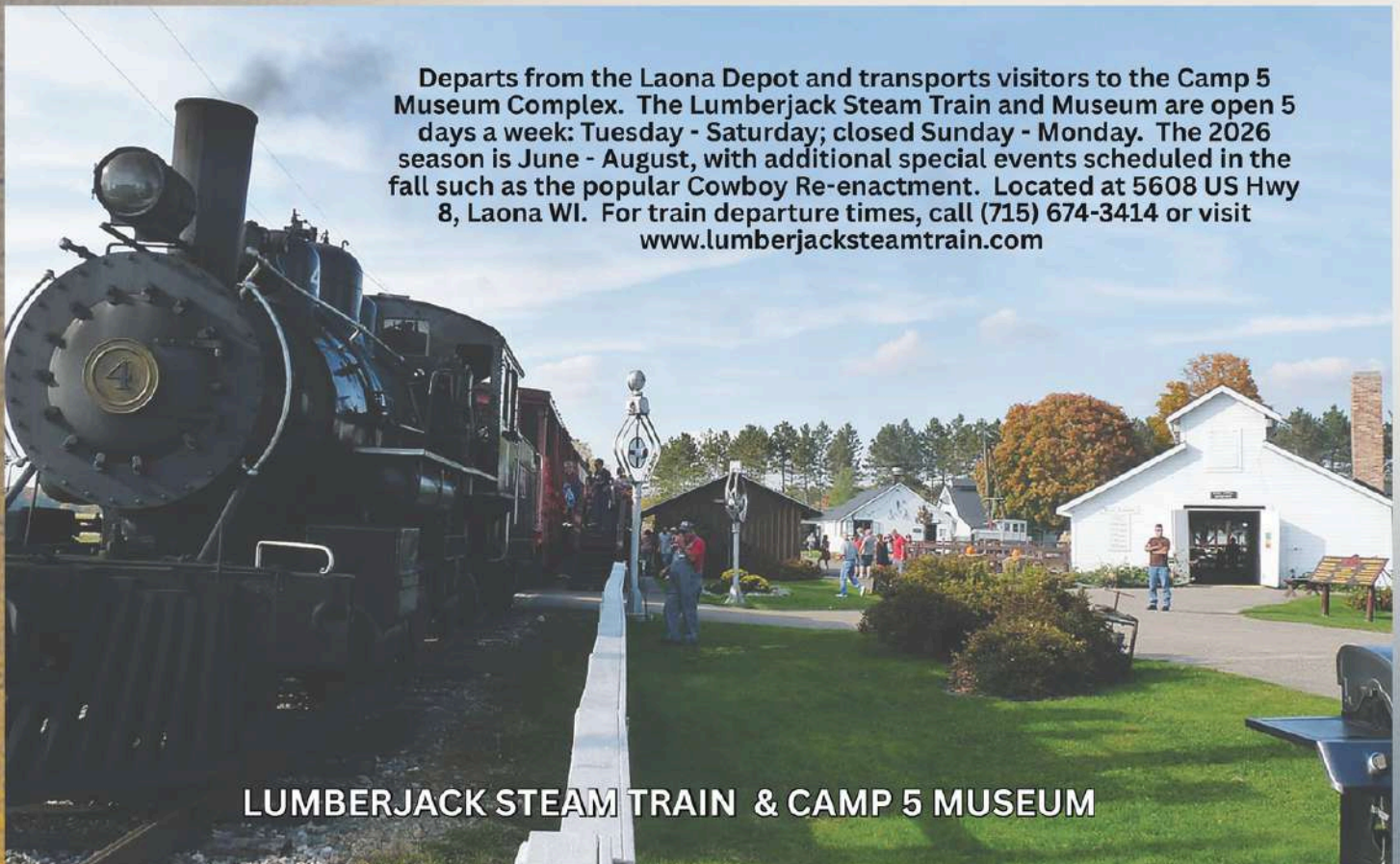
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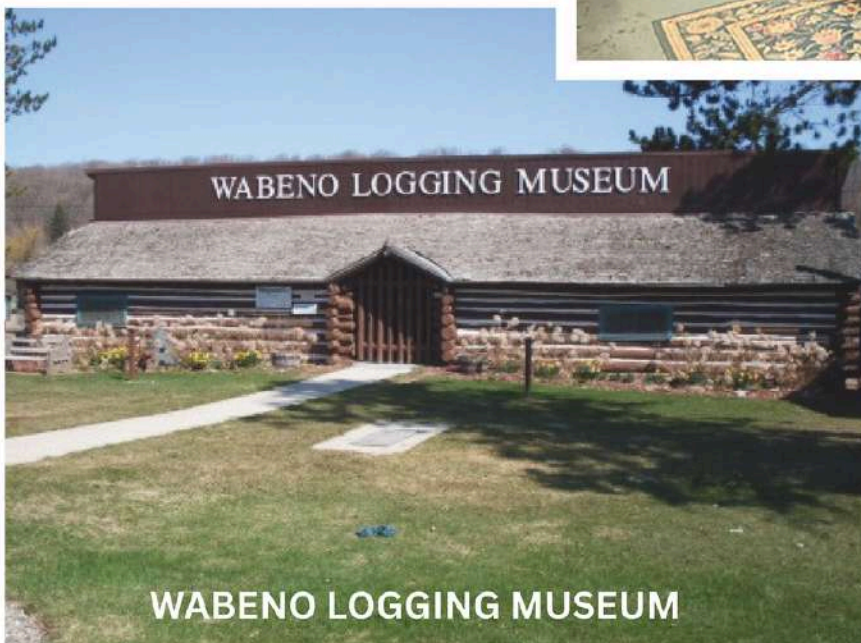
**FOREST COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

The Forest County Historical Museum is located in the "Old Carter House" at 105 W Jackson Street in Crandon. Maintained and operated by the Forest County Historical & Genealogical Society. Hours of operation are during the summer months and vary. Free admission. Contact info: (715) 902-1620 or [www.forestcountyhistory.org](http://www.forestcountyhistory.org)

The Hiles Museum is located in the Hiles Town Hall and Community Building. Maintained and operated by Hiles Service Club. Open Mondays 8am - 10 am. Call Julie Brink, President (715) 649-3759 or Marilyn Pfeifer (715) 649-3381



**HILES MUSEUM**



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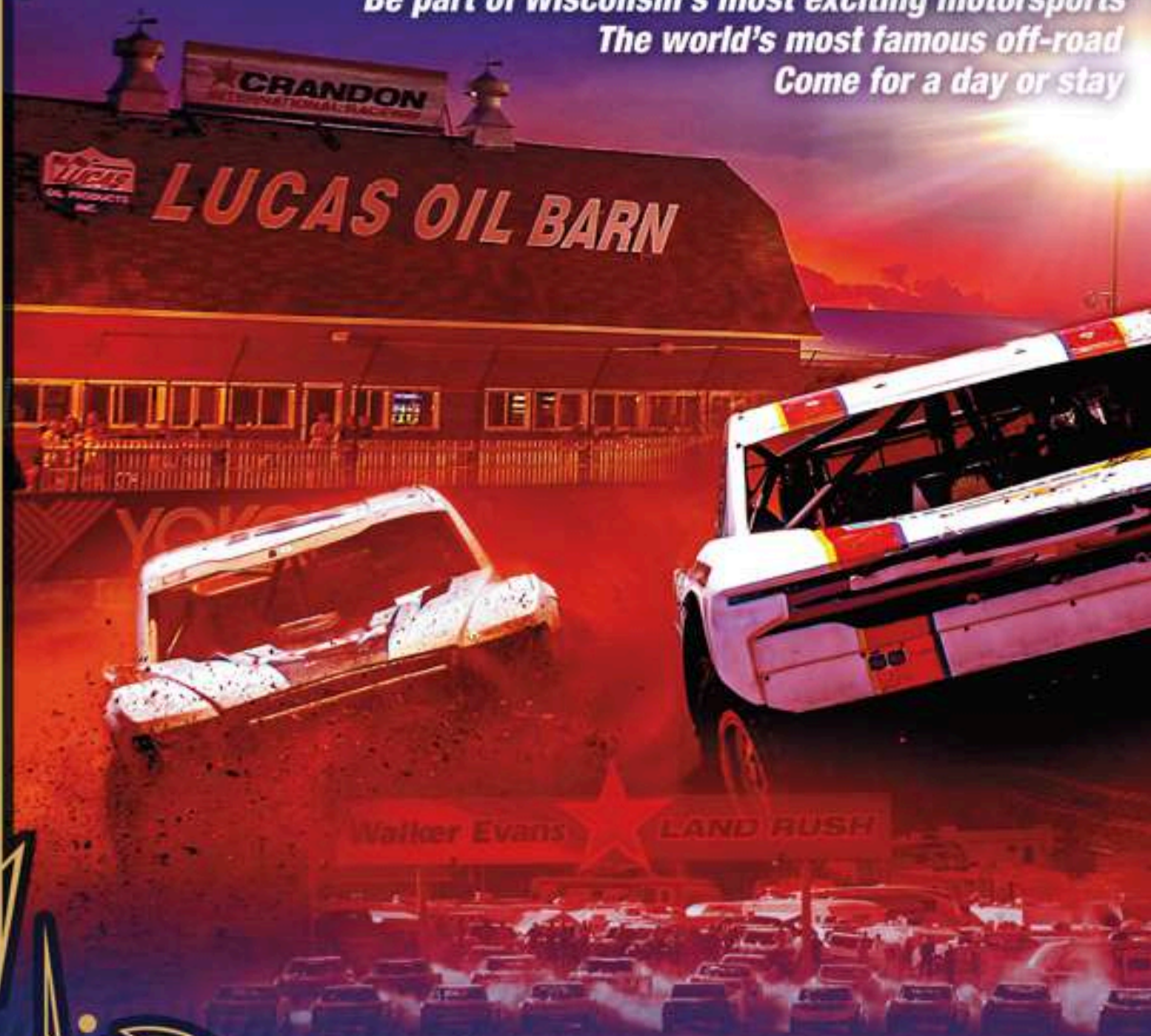
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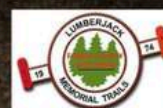
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# PUBLIC SNOWMOBILE TRAILS



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**100 Mile Snow Safari Trail:** The 100 Mile Snow Safari has approximately 140 miles of marked and groomed trails through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest linking all the localities of Forest County. Maps, food, etc. are available at pit stops throughout the system. [100milesnowsafari.org](http://100milesnowsafari.org)

**The Black Bear Sportsmen's Club:** The Black Bear Sportsmen's Club has over 50 miles of groomed trails, linking the Crandon area north and west to trails in Oneida County.

**Lumberjack Memorial Trails:** The Lumberjack Memorial Trails located in central and southern Forest County has 100+ miles of snowmobile trails which are groomed and maintained 100% by volunteers. These trails link to the 100 miler as well as to the trails in the Lakewood and Pickerel areas. [lmtsnowmobiletrails.org](http://lmtsnowmobiletrails.org)

**Tombstone-Pickerel Trails:** The Tombstone-Pickerel Trails include over 25 miles of groomed trails in southwestern Forest County, with numerous pit stops and resorts, as well as providing a link to the Langlade County trail system. [sites.google.com/site/tombstonepickerel](https://sites.google.com/site/tombstonepickerel)

**Three Lakes Trails:** The Three Lakes trail system has 90 miles of groomed trails in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, linking to Oneida County to the west, Florence County to the east and Vilas County to the west and north. [threelakestrail.com](http://threelakestrail.com)





# MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

## CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

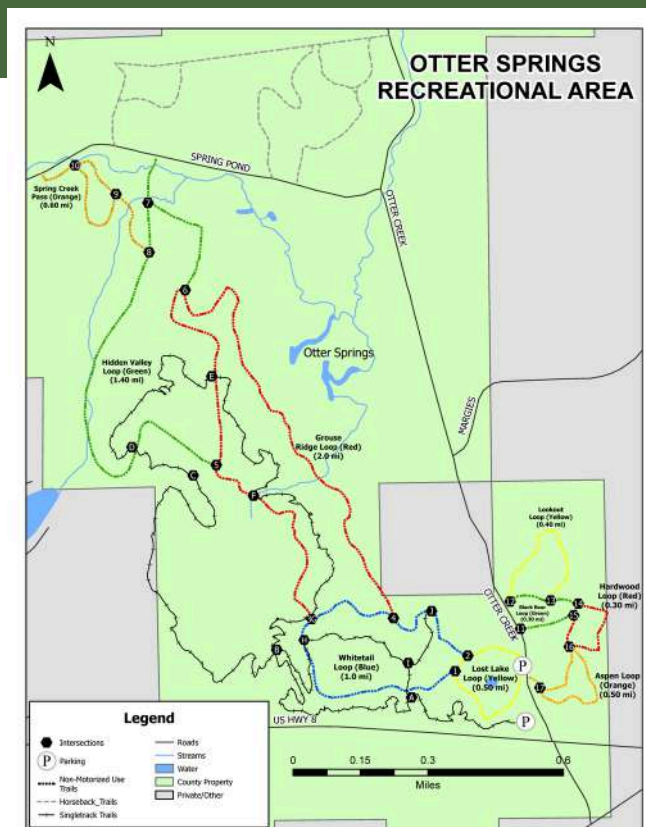
**Anvil Trail:** This trail is located 8.5 miles east of Eagle River on Hwy 70. There are 12 miles of groomed loop options. In addition to designated trails, all logging roads and undesignated/unmarked trails within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are open to mountain bikes unless otherwise posted. Information may be obtained at the local Forest Service office located in Laona (715)674-4481.

**Ed's Lake Trail:** This trail is located on County Hwy W between Wabeno and Crandon. There are 6 miles of trails in upland hardwoods.

**Nicolet North Trail:** This trail is located 10.5 miles east of Eagle River to FR 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of trails with several loop opportunities. The Nicolet North Trail connects with the Anvil Trail.

## FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

**Otter Springs Trail:** The newly formed Forest County Area Singletrack Association (FCASA) has developed 2 miles of singletrack hiking and biking trails which intertwine with the other 10 miles of previously developed trails. This club has been very busy constructing trails and working hard continuing to develop more! The singletrack trails are groomed for winter fat tire biking and snowshoeing as well. Snowshoeing on these trails is beneficial for maintenance of the "track".



# CROSS-COUNTRY TRAILS

## CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

**Nicolet North Trail:** This trail is located 10.5 miles east of Eagle River to FR 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of trails with several loop opportunities.

**Ed's Lake Trail:** This trail is located on County Rd W between Wabeno and Crandon. This trail is groomed. There is a 2.3-mile loop trail suitable for beginners, with the intermediate trail offering a 2.7-mile loop as well as a 3.5-mile loop.

## FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

**Otter Springs Trail:** This trail is located 4 miles east of Crandon off Hwy 8 on FR 2378. This trail has a parking area and ski shelter available. It offers a 1.25-mile loop and a .75-mile loop suitable for beginners. The intermediate trail is a 3-mile loop. Groomed for classic and skate skiing. See map (right).

**Hemlock Lake Ski Trail:** This trail is located 1 mile east and 4 miles south of Crandon off Hwy W on Hemlock Lake Road. This is a 2-mile trail with parking area. Trail is groomed for classic skiing only. See map (right).





# HIKING TRAILS

**Hidden Lakes Trail:** Looking for an adventure? Put on your hiking boots and try the Hidden Lakes Trail. It is a long-distance trail providing the chance for an overnight campout by small remote lakes on two developed campgrounds. Along the way there are several small lakes with scenic vistas and a remarkable stand of old hemlock trees. Pick up a trail map at the Eagle River Ranger Station or at the trailhead before starting this trail. Look for white diamond-shaped reassurance markers on trees which designate the Hidden Lakes Trail. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: You may access this trail from the Franklin Nature Trail. Park in the nature trail parking lot & follow the Franklin Nature Trail about ½ mile to the Hidden Lakes trailhead. If you take the entire 13-mile loop, the trail ends at Franklin Lake boat ramp. To return to the parking lot, walk east down the main campground road to the Nature Trail parking lot.

**Franklin Lake Trail:** The popular Franklin Nature Trail is an excellent way to get a sampling of nature in the Northwoods. The self-guiding brochure provided at the trailhead will guide you through northern hardwood, pine and hemlock forests where some trees are over 400 years old. You can stop off to wade into Butternut Lake or contemplate a beautiful lake vista from a bench under huge hemlock trees. The boardwalk across the bog offers a chance to see many varieties of bog plants up close. If you visit in the spring, bring along your field guide to identify the numerous wildflowers in bloom. A short loop at the beginning of the trail is accessible to people using wheelchairs. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Eagle River – Take State Hwy 70 east for 8 miles to Military Road (FR 2178). Turn right and go south 3 miles to Butternut Lake Road (FR 2181). Turn left and go east 5 miles to the Franklin Lake Campground. Parking for the trail is on the right after you enter the campground. Ten vehicle spaces and 2 bus spaces are available.

**Nicolet North Trail:** This is a favorite trail for cross-country skiers, hikers and mountain bike enthusiasts. Fifteen miles of trails are groomed and tracked in winter for skiing (traditional style as well as ski skating style). The Nicolet North Trail is connected to the Anvil National Recreation Trail. In addition, part of the Hidden Lakes Trail follows some of this trail. A map is available at the trailhead. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Eagle River – take State Hwy 70 east for 11 miles to Fournier Road (FR 2460). Turn right and go south about 3 miles to the parking lot on the right, which accommodates five vehicles.

**Luna-White Deer Trail:** Hike along the shorelines of both Luna and White Deer Lakes on this tranquil trail adjacent to Luna-White Deer Campground. Bring your binoculars and camera because you'll likely catch sight of loons on one of these lakes. Both of the crystal clear, undeveloped lakes present a setting hikers can enjoy at dawn on a foggy morning or on a crisp and sunny fall afternoon. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Eagle River – Take State Hwy 70 east for 15 miles to Divide Rd (FR 2176). Turn right and go south 6 miles to Luna-White Deer Campground sign. Turn right into the campground. Hikers can park either at the White Deer Lake swimming area with parking available for 7 vehicles, or the boat ramp on Luna Lake, with space available for 10 vehicles.

**Sevenmile Lake Trail:** This enjoyable loop trail begins in the Sevenmile Lake Campground and winds around a bog and along a ridge providing a vista of two lakes. Sections of boardwalk will keep your feet dry when traveling through the wet areas. Many unique plants grow in the bog mat. You may see sundew, pitcher plants, and several species of orchids. The small lakes contain minnow and bullheads. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Eagle River, take State Hwy 70 east for 8 miles to Military Road (FR 2178). Turn right and go south 4 miles to Knapp Road (FR 2179). Turn left and go east 4 miles to Haymeadow Road (FR 2435). Turn right and go south for 1 mile to Sevenmile Lake Campground. Turn right at campground sign. Trailhead is located next to campsite #20 in the campground, with parking for one vehicle. Additional parking is available at the boat ramp.

**Bailey Lake Equestrian Trail:** Enjoy this trail with a slow hike through a tall, red pine forest over what was once a logging road and railroad grade at the turn of the century. Early loggers used a combination of horse drawn sleds and trains to haul timber from the woods. Once the snow falls, parts of this trail are used as a snowmobile route. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Hiles take State Hwy 32 north 9 miles to Military Road (FR 2178). Turn right and go north for 2 miles to Sheltered Valley Road (FR 2182). Turn right and go east 2 miles to FR 3861B. Turn left into parking area where there is space for approximately 10 vehicles with horse trailers.

**Giant Pine Trail:** This 2-mile loop features one of the best examples of mature hemlock hardwoods with a white pine super-canopy in northeastern Wisconsin. Located in the Headwaters Wilderness Area, hemlock, sugar maple, yellow birch, and basswood dominate the forest with taller white pines up to 3 feet in diameter adding a super-canopy stratum. The property and surrounding area are owned by the Forest Service and was designated a State Natural Area in 1974. Horseback riding and wheeled vehicles, including bicycles, are prohibited as this trail is in a Wilderness Area. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Hiles take State Hwy 32 north 2 miles to Experimental Road (FR 2184). Turn right and go north 3 miles to Scott Lake Road (FR 2183). Turn left and go west 2 miles to Giant Pine Road (FR 2414). Turn right and go north for 1.5 miles to a small parking area on the left (west) side of the road.







**Scott and Shelp Lake Trails:** Scott and Shelp Lakes are two scenic spring-fed wilderness lakes with remnant stands of pine and hemlock. On the north side of Scott Lake Road (FR 2183) there is a boardwalk over a floating bog to Shelp Lake. A 1/3-mile trail to Scott Lake is located on the south side of Scott Lake Road (FR 2183). Scott and Shelp Lakes are owned by the U.S. Forest Service and were designated a State Natural Area in 1974. Directions: From Hiles take State Hwy 32 north 2 miles to Experimental Road (FR 2184). Turn right and go north 3 miles to Scott Lake Road (FR 2183). Turn left and go west 2.5 miles to a small parking area on the right (north) side of the road.

**Laura Lake Trail:** Located adjacent to the Laura Lake Campground, this trail circles Laura Lake and passes through a forest of northern hardwoods, hemlocks, and balsams. A bench is located along the shoreline at the halfway point. A short walk to the north leads to a small bog lake that you may want to explore. Look for the white diamond shaped reassurance markers that designate this trail. Call (715) 674-4481 for more information. Directions: Follow Hwy 8 north and east from Laona 14 miles. Turn left on FR 2163 and drive 5 miles north to Laura Lake Campground. The trailhead is located between the swimming area and the boat ramp. Parking is available for 2 vehicles at the trailhead with additional parking for 5 vehicles at the boat ramp.

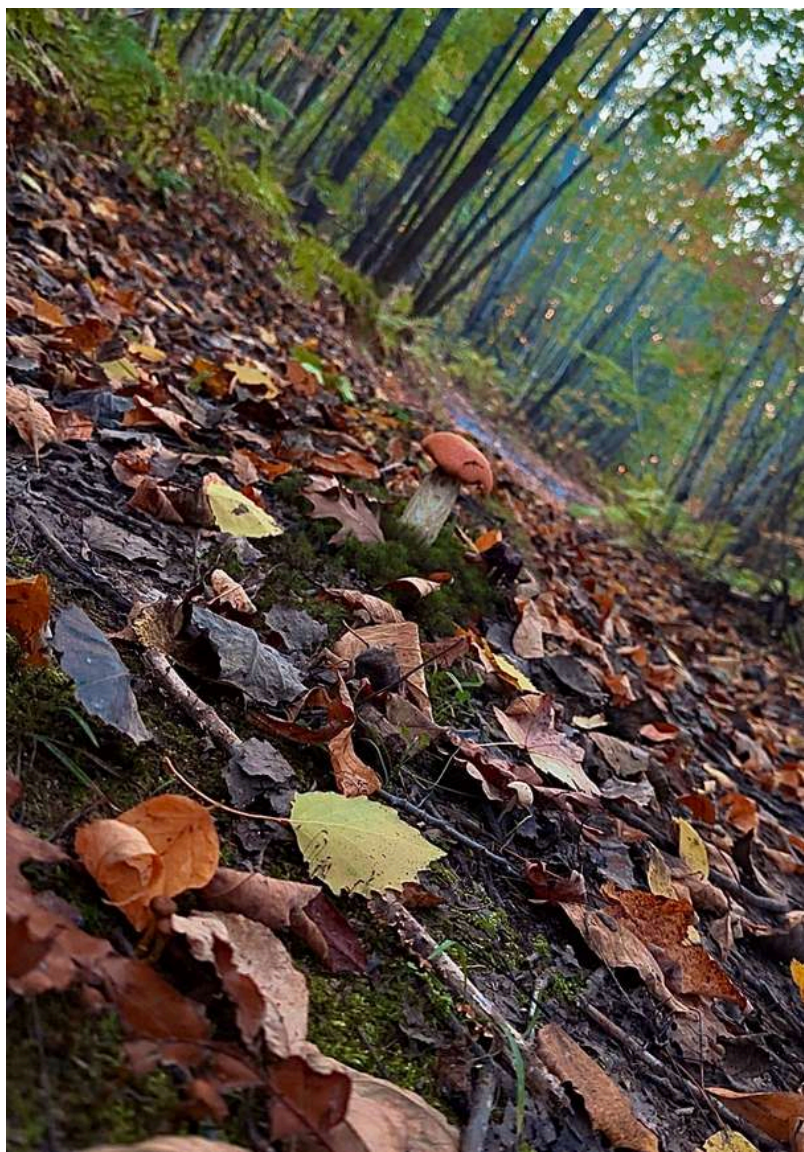
**Otter Springs Trail:** Three loops totaling 8 miles provide hiking opportunities for all ages. Make your way through the northern hardwoods and keep your eyes open for wildlife. Hike to the far back loop and see Bug Lake from the hilltop. There is also a small shelter built by the WCC for cross-country skiers to warm up. A picnic table and fire ring are available there as well. Call (715) 478-03475 for more information. Directions: From Crandon take US Hwy 8 east about 5 miles to Otter Creek Road. Turn left and go north for 0.1 miles to a parking area on the left (west) side of the road. Parking is available for 8-10 vehicles.

**Michigan Rapids Trail:** This picturesque hiking trail follows the edge of the Peshtigo River. The main feature is a view of Michigan Rapids. You'll also see where Armstrong Creek flows into the river. Beautiful rock formations (with one that looks like a great stone hard hat), river islands and wildlife can be observed. White diamond shaped reassurance markers designate this trail. Call (715) 674-4481 for more information. Directions: From Laona take Hwy 8 north about 3 miles to FR 2131. Turn right and go east approximately 12 miles to FR 2134. Turn right and go south about ½ mile. Look for trailhead sign on the left just south of Peshtigo River crossing at Burnt Bridge. Parking is available for 3 vehicles.

**Ed's Lake Trail:** This trail follows several early 1900 railroad grades through a variety of forest types. An Adirondack-style shelter overlooking Ed's Lake is located along the Birch loop. A map and brochure are available at the trailhead. Call (715) 674-4481 for more information. Directions: The trailhead is located on County Hwy W midway between Crandon and Wabeno. Look for a large sign along the northeast side of the highway. Parking is available for 12 or more vehicles.

**Rat River Recreation Trail:** This 9-mile trail connects the Nicolet State Trail to the Town of Blackwell and to Bear Lake Campground. Enjoy scenic views of the Rat River as you follow alongside it on the old Flanner Railroad. The trail is surfaced with gravel and is open to hiking and biking. Directions: From State Hwy 32 in Wabeno, drive north 6 miles to County Hwy T. Turn right onto County Hwy T and go 3 miles to County Hwy H. Turn left onto County Hwy H. Approximately .25 miles on County Hwy H will be a parking area and trailhead. Parking is available for 20+ vehicles and trailers.

**Pickerel Lake Walking and Biking Trail:** The Pickerel Lake trail is about 2 miles long however, from Hwy 55, there are 4 miles designated for walking/biking. It is good for easy walking and biking due to it being paved. Directions: Located 18 miles southwest of Crandon. From Crandon, take Hwy 55 and turn on Pickerel Lake Road by Hills Still Supper Club. The trail is located next to Pickerel Lake Road.





# BIRDING & NATURE TRAILS

**Dendro-Eco Trail:** An interpretive hiking trail primarily for the snow-free seasons. However, you are welcome to ski or snowshoe the trail in the winter and view the changes that winter brings. Call (715) 674-4481 for more information. Directions: From Laona follow US Hwy 8 north 3 miles to Peshtigo River Road (FR 2131). Turn right on Peshtigo River Road and drive east 4 miles to Peshtigo River. Cross bridge and the trailhead will be on the left. Parking is available on both sides of the road for about 3-4 vehicles.

**Halley Creek Bird Trail:** This 1-mile trail is rated at an easy difficulty level. It is flat with some exposed roots and rocks. Directions: Follow County Hwy H southeast of Laona for 5.5 miles to FR 2136. Turn left and continue for 5 miles, looking for Halley Creek Trail signs on the left and gravel access road on the right. At the end of the road, the trailhead and parking area for 3-4 vehicles can be found.

**Knowles Creek Impoundment and Interpretive Trail:** This 170-acre wetland impoundment is a favorite for wildlife viewers. Open water, marsh, old fields, and forest combine to attract many species including owls, hawks, eagles, loons and waterfowl. Enjoy a 0.75-mile hiking trail, which has easy



access. Directions: 9.5 miles east of Wabeno on Hwy C to FR 3132, south on 3132 for 0.5 miles. This is a 0.33-mile barrier-free access interpretive trail which follows the north shore of Knowles Creek impoundment. This is also a state designated watchable wildlife viewing area.

**Argonne Experimental Forest Trail:** Since 1946, the Argonne Experimental Forest has been managed by the Forest Service as a living laboratory to study methods for managing northern hardwoods. This interpretive trail passes through 9 study areas where you can learn about different cutting methods and their effects. The trail features 17 informational signs. A brochure with more detailed information is available at the trailhead. Call (715) 674-4481 for more information. Directions: From Hiles take Hwy 32 north 2 miles to Experimental Road (FR 2184). Turn right and go 1.5 miles north to FR 3905. Turn right and go east 1/8 of a mile to the trailhead on the left. Parking for 2-3 cars is available.

# EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

**Bailey Lake Equestrian Trail:** Enjoy this trail from high in the saddle. Take your horse on a slow trot through a tall, red pine forest over what was once a logging road and railroad grade at the turn of the century. Early loggers used a combination of horse-drawn sleds and trains to haul timber from the woods. Once the snow falls, parts of this trail are used as a snowmobile route. Call (715) 479-2827 for more information. Directions: From Hiles take Hwy 32 north 9 miles to Military Road (FR 2178). Turn right and go north 2 miles to Sheltered Valley Road (FR 2182). Turn right and go east 2 miles to FR 3861B. Turn left into parking area where there is space for approximately 10 vehicles with horse trailers.

**Otter Springs Trail:** 10 miles of trail winding through a large area of rolling hardwood forest provides riding opportunities for all ages and skill levels. As you make your way through the forest, keep your eyes open for wildlife! The trailhead is equipped with picnic tables, hitching posts, high-lines and a pit-toilet constructed and maintained by the Silver Dollar Saddle Club. Call (715) 478-3475 for more information. Directions: From Crandon take US Hwy 8 east about 5 miles to Otter Creek Road. Turn left and go north for 0.1 miles to a parking area on the left (west) side of the road. Parking is available for 8-10 vehicles with trailers.



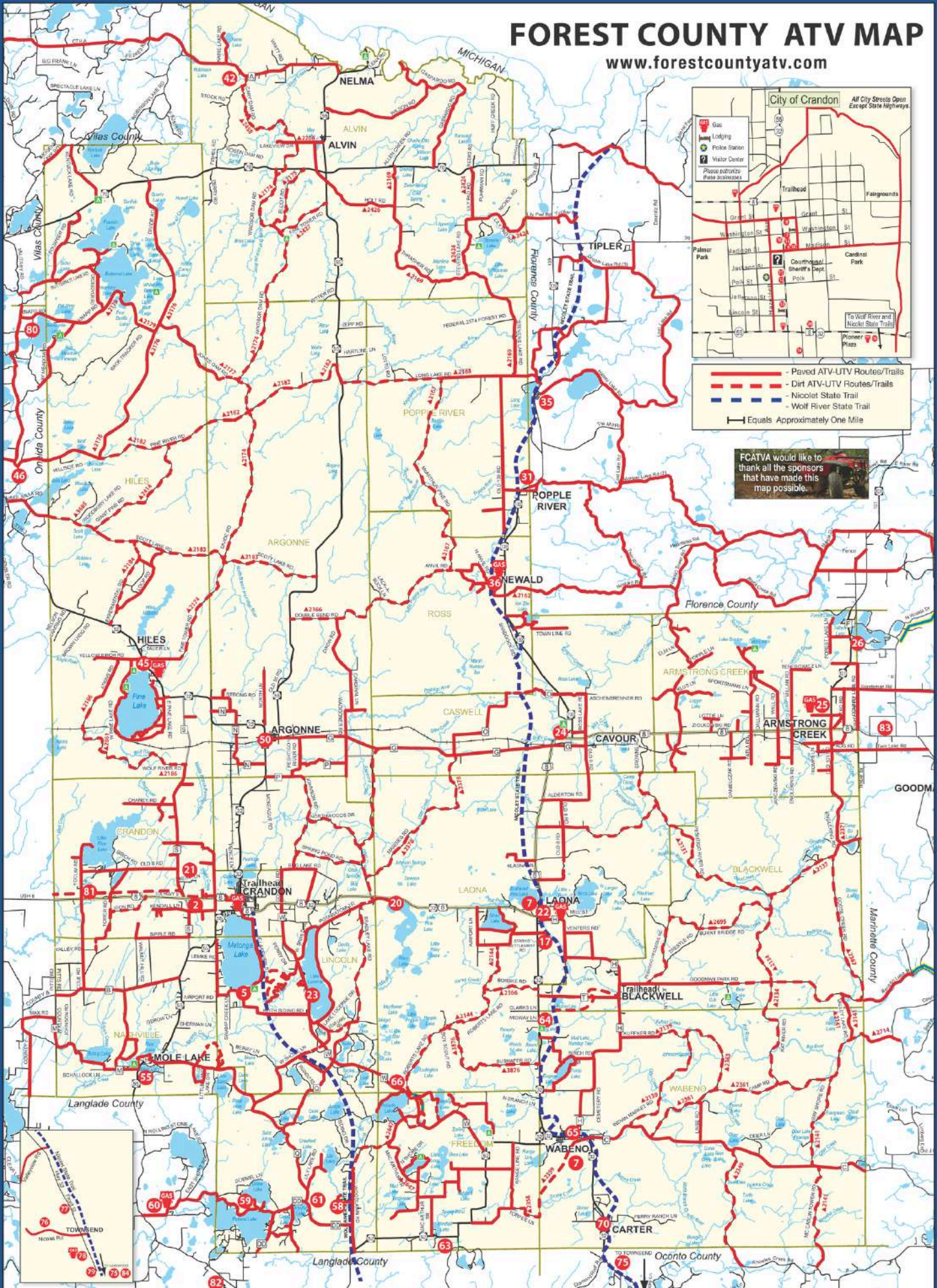


# FOREST COUNTY ATV MAP

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# PUBLIC ATV TRAILS

Hundreds of miles of routes and trails with two state trails mixed in. Most of Forest County town and city roads are open to ATV and UTV. Routes and trails are open year-round, with only a select few trails closing during the winter months. More information is available at [forestcountywi.com](http://forestcountywi.com) or by calling (715) 478-3475.

**Nicolet State Trail:** 32 miles of gravel trail open from May 1 to close of the snowmobile trails. The Nicolet State Trail (NST) is open for winter ATV riding, but it is illegal to go off this trail onto a snowmobile trail. The NST connects to Oconto and Florence counties and is open to hikers, bikers, horseback riders, dual-sport motorcycles and snowmobilers.

**Wolf River State Trail:** 14 miles of gravel trail open from May 1 to close of the snowmobile trails. The Wolf River State Trail (WRST) is open for winter ATV riding, but it is illegal to go off this trail onto a snowmobile route. The WRST starts in the city of Crandon and connects to Langlade County and is open to hikers, bikers, horseback riders, dual-sport motorcycles and snowmobilers.



**Forest County Public ATV Trail:** 8 miles of looping trails on old logging roads. There are no trails leading on or off this system so you must trailer in and stay on the marked trails. Any road not marked with a brown and white trail sign is illegal to ride on. The parking area and loading ramp are located just off County Hwy W.

**Valley Trail:** Phase II was completed in 2018, adding approximately 7 miles of trail west of Crandon along Hwy 8. The trail is open for ATV, UTV and snowmobiles and connects the city of Crandon to the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway, also linking riders to the Little Rice Flowage, north to Hiles and south to Mole Lake. The next phase will connect to Oneida County.

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# RUSTIC ROADS

## AND AUTO TOURS

### RUSTIC ROAD 34

Located in Forest County, from the Village of Alvin, follows portions of Lakeview Dr., Carey Dam Rd., and Fishel Rd. to Hwy 70. The route is 8.8 miles in length, and the surface is paved with gravel in portions. Located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, this scenic route includes the Old North Rd., the very first road in the Town of Alvin and one which has changed very little over the years. The road leads through a heavily wooded area, including a 50-year-old pine plantation abundant with wildlife, and is ideal for hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing and snowmobiling.

### CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST AUTO TOURS

The Heritage Drive National Forest Scenic Byway, the first scenic byway in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, was dedicated in May 1992. The byway incorporates a 10-mile section of Military Rd (FR 2178) and 4 miles of Butternut Lake Rd (FR 2181). A tabloid-style interpretive guide and special

byway signs help visitors learn more about the forest's rich cultural history.

### THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

Auto Tour of Forest and Vilas Counties is a self-guided natural history auto tour beginning in Eagle River and ending in Three Lakes. The 80-mile tour takes about 4 hours to complete. There are two developed picnic areas along the route, including one at Franklin Lake. There are 12 designated stops on the tour. Two stops feature short walking trails and one stop at a museum. The tour helps you better understand the meaning of multiple use, while taking a leisurely drive through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. For further information or brochures, check out the website for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at [www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf).

### RUSTIC ROAD 118

Located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest beginning in the historic logging town of Wabeno, this 26.3-mile road begins at the intersection of Hwy 32 and County Rd C, Indian Market, Kuffner, Camp 1 and Bay Shore roads forming a loop back to County Rd C and includes both paved and gravel roads. The Knowles Creek Impoundment and Interpretive Trail are accessible from County Rd C. It is a popular place to view owls, loons, waterfowl and other wildlife. There is also a short interpretive trail. Indian Market Road has natural vegetation, travels through Native American lands and crosses several creeks. R-118 is a prime destination to view fall colors since it's heavily wooded with maples, oaks, pines and poplars. The Nicolet State Trail is accessible from Wabeno. For a map and additional information – [www.wisconsin.gov/rusticroads](http://www.wisconsin.gov/rusticroads)





# STATE SCENIC BYWAY

## NICOLET WOLF RIVER SCENIC BYWAY

**LOCATED IN NORTHEAST WISCONSIN**, the 145-mile route includes views of the pristine Wolf River, a protected National Wild and Scenic River and the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The route has limited development, dotted with a few rural communities, two tribal communities, as well as a few small farms. With beautiful wooded stretches and many waterways, a variety of wildlife abounds. Located mainly in Forest County, the Byway also includes parts of Langlade, Oneida and Vilas counties. The Byway is quite unique in that it travels a figure 8 route along State Highways 55, 32, 52, and 70, as well as US Highway 8. Teeming with many state natural areas and a variety of trails of all types, there is much to explore on the Nicolet Wolf River Scenic Byway. For an interactive map and additional information: [Nicoletwolfriverbyway.com](http://nicoletwolfriverbyway.com) or [www.https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/travel/road/scenicways/default.asp](http://www.https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/travel/road/scenicways/default.asp).



# CANOE ROUTES

RIVER	PUT-IN	TAKE-OUT	LENGTH (MILES)	DESCRIPTION
Brule River	Brule Lake Dam	Hwy 139 Bridge	18	Two Rapids-Water should be medium high
Pine River 1	Pine Lake Rd	Hwy 55	9	Slow and winding
Pine River 2	Hwy 55	Stevens Lake Rd	11	Faster with a few difficult rapids
Popple River	Hwy 55	Old Hwy 139	13	Very secluded - 1 portage - some rapids; water must be high
Wolf River 1	Pine Lake	Little Rice Flowage	10	Secluded area - some riffle rapids; water should be medium high
Wolf River 2	Little Rice Flowage	Hwy "B" Bridge	15	Very secluded - many beaver rapid; water must be high
Peshtigo River 1	Big Joe Canoe Landing	CCC Bridge-FS Road 2131	7.5	Quiet water - novice level - good for families
Peshtigo River 2	CCC Bridge-FS Road 2131	Burnt Bridge - FS Road 2134	9.5	Several rapids - intermediate
Peshtigo River 3	Burnt Bridge - FS Road 2134	Burton Wells - FS Road 2136	5.75	Class II, III, IV Rapids - 1 portage
Wabikon & Riley Lakes	Wabikon Lake	Wabikon Lake	-	Stream from Wabikon to Riley Lake - Indian River from Riley Lake to Indian Springs



# LAKE-RIVERS-

LAKE	ACRES	DEPTH	ACCESS	WALLEYE	BASS	N. PIKE	MUSKIE	TROUT	PANFISH
Arbutus	161	28	Yes	.	.				.
Atkins	151	4	Yes			.			.
Birch	468	72	-	.	.	.			.
Bishop	287	12	Yes			.			.
Bogbrook IMP	490	6	Yes		.	.			.
Butternut	1292	42	Yes	.	.	.			.
Crane	341	25	Yes	.	.	.			.
Franklin	892	46	Yes	.	.	.			.
Haymeadow IMP	241	9	Yes			.			.
Hiles Millpond	713	5	Yes			.			.
Himley	149	8	-			.			.
Howell	177	16	-	.	.	.			.
Julia	401	4	Yes	.	.	.	.		.
Jungle	182	14	Yes	.	.	.			.
Laura	110	22	Yes		.				.
Lily	211	24	Yes	.	.	.			.
Little Long	102	28	-		.	.			.
Little Rice	1219	10	Yes		.	.			.
Little Sand	243	22	Yes	.	.	.			.
Lucerne	1026	73	Yes	.	.	.		.	.
Metonga	2157	79	Yes	.	.	.			.
Pat Shay	120	5	-		.				.
Peshtigo	156	4	Yes	.	.	.			.
Pickerel	1299	14	Yes	.	.	.			.
Pine	1670	14	Yes	.	.	.			.
Rice	208	6	-		.	.			.
Riley	213	12	-	.	.		.		.
Roberts	452	32	Yes		.		.		.
Scattered Rice	486	10	Yes		.	.	.		.
Shoe	169	7	-			.	.		.
Silver	320	20	Yes		.	.	.		.
Stevens	295	10	Yes	.	.	.			.
Trump	172	20	Yes	.	.	.			.
Wabikon	594	15	Yes		.		.		.



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TROUT STREAMS	MILES	BROOK	BROWN
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Armstrong Creek	15.1	▪	▪
Armstrong W. Br.	7.5	▪	
Brule Creek	12.6	▪	▪
Brule River	12.3	▪	▪
Camp 8	7.9	▪	
Elvoy	7.0	▪	▪
Gaspardo	5.4	▪	
Jones	7.7	▪	▪
Kimball	6.1	▪	
Kingstone	5.4	▪	
Lilypad	7.5	▪	
Little Popple	10.5	▪	
McDonald	7.7	▪	
Meadowbrook	8.5	▪	
Oconto River	15.1	▪	▪
Otter	14.8	▪	
Otter North	12.7	▪	
Peshtigo	40.0	▪	▪
Peshtigo N. Br.	15.4	▪	▪
Peshtigo W. Br.	5.7	▪	
Pine River	13.5	▪	▪
Pine River N. Br.	13.9	▪	▪
Pine River S. Br.	14.5	▪	▪
Popple	14.0	▪	▪
Popple N. Br.	8.9	▪	▪
Rat	15.1	▪	▪
Rock	5.2	▪	▪
Simpson	5.8	▪	
Spencer	5.0	▪	
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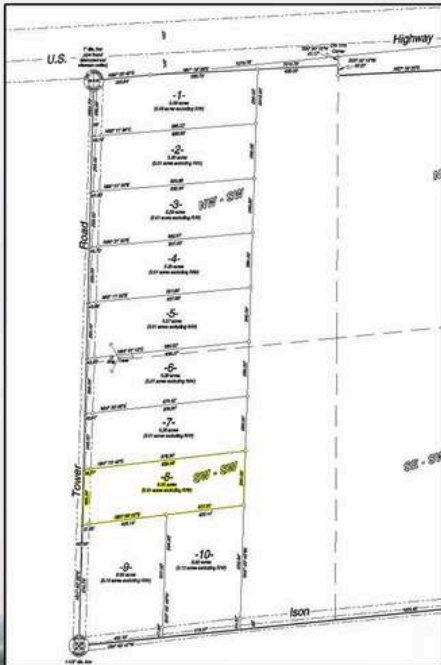
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By an act passed by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1885, Forest County was created from portions of Langlade and Oconto Counties. Subsequent boundary changes occurred in 1893, 1897 and 1905 when the current boundaries were established.

The County was given the name of Forest by Crandon Pioneer, Mrs. Samuel Shaw due to the dense forestation which covered the area when it was organized in 1885 from the two townships of Cavour and Crandon. In 1911, the town of Alvin was set apart from portions of North Crandon and Caswell.

Logging, hunting, fishing, trapping and the lure of land earned by homesteading and relocation for health reasons, brought many pioneers to this vast forest land. The first pioneers in the Alvin area filed homesteads in the early 1900s. They braved hardships and isolation to establish their new lives in a wilderness unlike any place they had known. In a wide arc that encircled the Alvin community, Dan Cain settled on Elvoy Creek, John Howell on Howell Lake, John Shopodock on Pine River, Austin Bell along Hwy 55, McHale and Dehart near Hwy 70 about five miles east of Alvin. They survived by hunting, fishing and trapping.

The first Kentuckians who came with families to establish homes were: Curtis Powell, Sidney Hall, Willis May, John C. Phelps, Alvin Spencer, Arbury Brooks, Louis Puckett, William Powell, Miles McIntosh, Edgar Thrasher, Mort Powell, Joseph McIntosh and Thomas Powell.

In order to submit a request for a post office, a community had to have a city name. Alvin Spencer sent in Curtis Powell's name and Curtis sent in Alvin's name. A post office for a town named Curtis already existed, so Alvin became the town's name.



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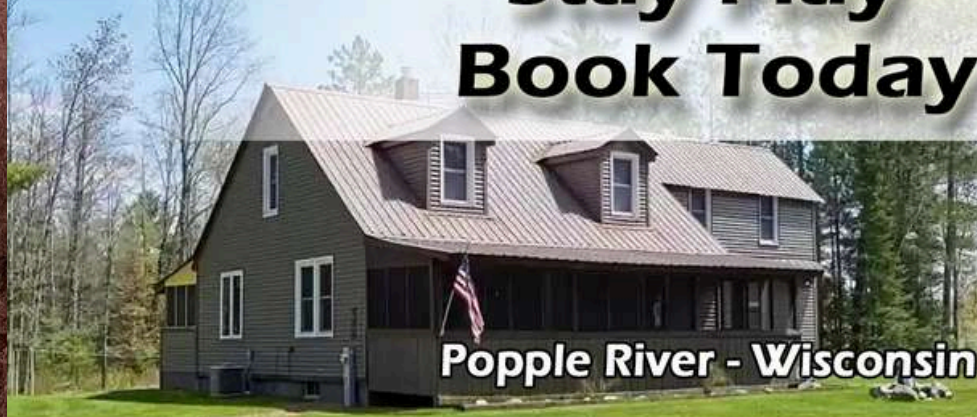
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# ARGONNE

"A Town with Many Names". Its first name was the Village of VanZile, named by early Forest County Pioneer, Abe VanZile. In June of 1889, as the Soo Railroad was deciding the location of its railway station, Abe VanZile offered the Soo Line every other lot in the Village of VanZile, if they would erect their station on section 8 of the township 37, range 13.

They accepted his offer, and the Village of North Crandon was founded. While the Soo Line continued to call the village North Crandon, the people themselves continued to call it VanZile, establishing the VanZile post office in November 1889 with G.E. Baily appointed Postmaster.

Eventually the name North Crandon stuck, and the villages established the North Crandon school, their own newspaper titled the North Crandon Reporter, a sawmill, a hotel and several other businesses and community organizations. One of the most influential North Crandon organizations was the North Crandon Grange.

The North Crandon Grange was organized in February of 1914 with Charles Marshall as its master officer. The group, primarily interested in promoting the interest of farmers, sponsored community social activities and gatherings. According to the recollections of Charles Marshall in his written memoirs titled The Argonne Story, town officials began to discuss changing the name North Crandon due to the constant confusion at the post offices of Crandon and North Crandon.

In July of 1914, the North Crandon Grange signed and forwarded a petition to Washington asking that the name of the post office be changed to Burleson. The petition was signed by over 100 residents.

However, at the same time, another movement was started to name the town "Champion" to honor I.G. Champion, an early county resident and father-in-law of influential town member John Mausbaum.

In November 1914, a special meeting of the Town of North Crandon was called to determine the legality of the Town Board's earlier decision to call the town Champion. A vote was taken and the name was changed to Champion, although neither the post office nor the railway station would reflect the change so "North Crandon" stuck.



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In 1921, the Commercial Men's Club decide to initiate a naming contest that included the local school children. The name Argonne was chosen in honor of one of the club member's sons dying in the Argonne Forest in France during WWI. The townspeople of Argonne made a grand spectacle of the name changing ceremony, taking down the old town sign, putting it in a coffin and carrying the sign to it's final resting place which many current residents believe is the location of the current Town of Argonne Fire Department building. The coffin and sign were escorted by a marching band where they burned and buried the sign. A speech was given by Ward Wescott, a Crandon lawyer, to mark the occasion. August 2021 marked 100 years of this Argonne celebration. Information and research were done by Historical Society members Isak Drangstrvick and Bryce Marshall. Recently Bryce and Isak presented this information on channel 12.

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The Town of Armstrong Creek is located in the far northeastern corner of Forest County. It is bordered by two other counties: Florence to the north and Marinette to the east. It was legally named and put into the Forest County books in 1922, but the town was in existence long before under such names as Caswell, LaFollette, Bonneville and Engleking.

In the early 1900's, Grimmer Land Company published ads in the Chicago and Pittsburgh area newspapers, targeting the Polish immigrants with Polish advertisements promising that Armstrong Creek was the "Land of Milk and Honey". Armstrong Creek soon became a town of residents with deep Polish roots. In 1919, Polish residents formed a local branch of the Polish National Alliance, a national group that is still in existence today. It is from this early history that Armstrong Creek's annual Polish Heritage Day festival was formed.

At the end of July, Polish Heritage Day pays tribute to the town's colorful past. There is an authentic Polish Mass at St. Stanislaus Koska Catholic Church, followed by a parade. Visitors will enjoy experiencing the Polish culture and seeing the elaborately decorated costumes. The parade culminates at the town park, where spectators enjoy a full day of Polish foods, displays, crafts, Polka music, dancing and other entertainment. All this polka music is enjoyed in the beautiful 40'x100' pavilion built in 2006, through funds raised at the festival. Polish Heritage Day festival was founded in 1991.

When visiting Armstrong Creek, venture south on Old 101 Road to see the "Red Bridge". This piece of Armstrong Creek history was built in the late 1800's and is one of only two such structures remaining in the US.

Today the townspeople are working hard to build their businesses to help make Armstrong Creek a destination. Lumberjack Maple Syrup Company hosts "Sappy Days" in late March where visitors can experience first-hand how maple sap is turned into delicious syrup, which is added to salad dressings, brats and even beer! Try the Maple Cream too! Millan's Custom Butchering can help with all your wild game and domestic butchering. Little White Fence is a unique gift shop offering a large selection of Polish Pottery and other gifts. Gudowicz's Marathon, since 1951, "If they don't have it, you don't need it". Check it out. The Blue Roof Saloon has great food, as does Armstrong Creek Pub and The Green Shack. Check out The Corner Store and don't miss the newest addition, Dollar General.

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The Flanner Railroad Line has become the Rat River Recreational Trail, a 7-mile non-motorized limestone trail that follows the scenic river where once logs floated to the sawmill. The town is currently planning on two handicap fishing piers along the trail to improve access to all populations.

The old schoolhouse is in renovation to become an apartment complex and retail outlet.

The town grows, as three new developments have occurred at Bear, Camp Six, and Revolver Lake. Blackwell is also home to the Civilian Job Corp Center, operating as a training center for youth ages 16-24. It provides them with meaningful work experience and job training and gives them the opportunity for community service. The USDA employs over 90 people at the center.



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The Soo Line Railroad came through in 1887 at the start of the logging era. Cavour boasted a general store, a sawmill, a hotel and a bar – all owned by the Hess family. Frank and Mary Hess were the founders of the legacy. The fact that the town was built in a different era is evident in that it exists on railroad tracks, rather than on a major highway.

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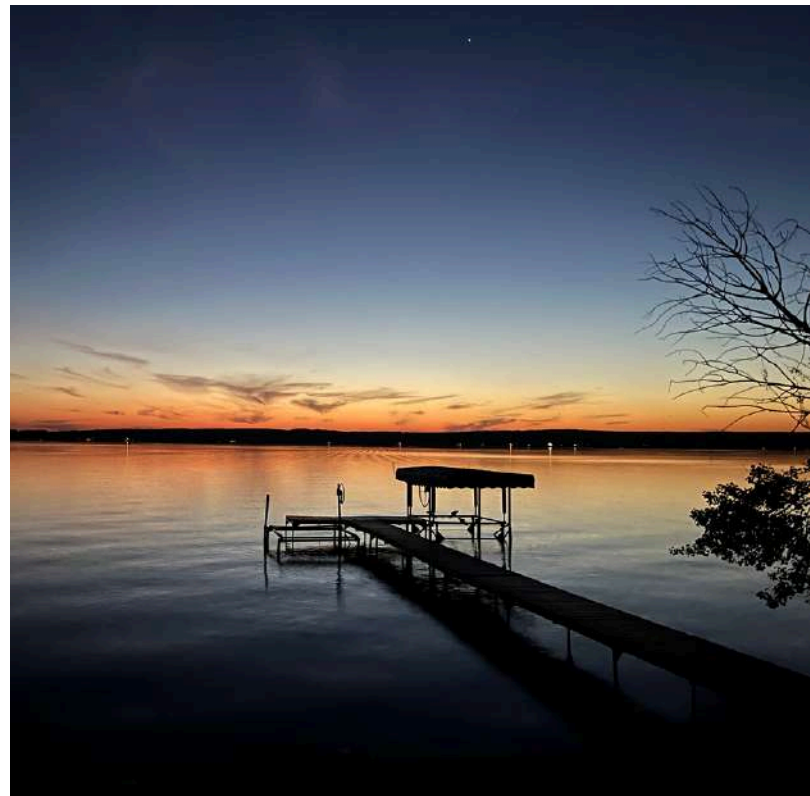
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Crandon was the dream of Samuel Shaw, an entrepreneur and capitalist who acquired property in the area in the 1880s. His vision was to build the city between the two hills and around the four lakes that are within the city limits. The area was part of Oconto County at that time, and Shaw, with assistance from Major Frank P. Crandon (tax commissioner with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad), successfully lobbied the legislature for the creation of a new county. Forest County was created in 1885, and Crandon was named the county seat. Crandon didn't expand as fast as other communities in the county due to lack of rail service. Freight and passengers traveled to Crandon by riding the trail to either Pelican Lake or Argonne, then walking or riding the stagecoach.

In 1891, Page and Landeck Lumber Company bought a huge tract of hardwood timberlands near Crandon, but they were unable to utilize the resource until the CN&W Railroad built a spur from Pelican Lake. By 1902, the company had built a huge sawmill (later named the Keith & Hiles Lumber Mill) near Clear Lake on Crandon's north side. The population of Crandon grew from 800 to just over 2,400 in just a few years.

The migration of settlers and loggers who came to Crandon in the first part of the century was due, in part to the cheap cutover land available for farming and, in part to the fact that the Page and Landeck Sawmill was moved to Crandon from Glasgow, Kentucky. Many employees followed the mill from Kentucky to its new home. The so-called Crandon "Kentuck" is known about statewide and is the source of much rich cultural history in Crandon.

Crandon was incorporated into a city right after the new courthouse construction began January 28, 1909, and times were booming with many of the attractive brick buildings in town built during that timeframe. The outlook was good for Crandon until the timber industry began to play out. Crandon still boasts a good many logging companies that work in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, has a health tourist industry and is currently enjoying growth in light industry.



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# FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) – Bodwéwadmí, Keepers of the Fire, are one of the eight federally recognized bands of Potawatomi in the United States and Canada.

Following the Treaty of Chicago in 1833, the government forcefully relocated thousands of Potawatomi to Kansas and Oklahoma. At this time, small groups and families broke away from the main Potawatomi tribe to seek refuge in the dense forests of North Central Wisconsin. In 1913, treaty lands were recognized by the federal government as a reservation. The FCP settled down on new land bases near Wabeno, Blackwell, and Stone Lake. There are now more than 1,700 enrolled tribal members who reside there.

The FCP has maintained its traditional ways. They continue to practice traditional religions and honor their elders and children.

In recent years, there has been a new development in the lives of the FCP. Indian gaming has allowed for economic development in a way never imagined. Tribal members and non-tribal people work in the tribal offices, tribal businesses and casinos. The FCP employs over 750 people, the largest employer in Forest County.

Today in a continuous effort to invest in its people and tribe, the FCP contributes monies to its own tribal-run programs. Current FCP programs and facilities include:

- Tribal housing
- Preschool program
- Daycare
- Elder program
- Farm

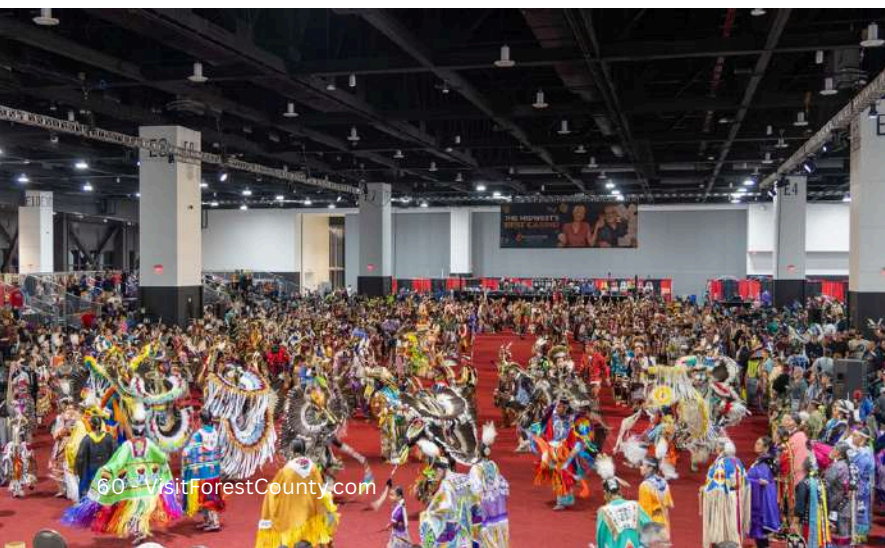


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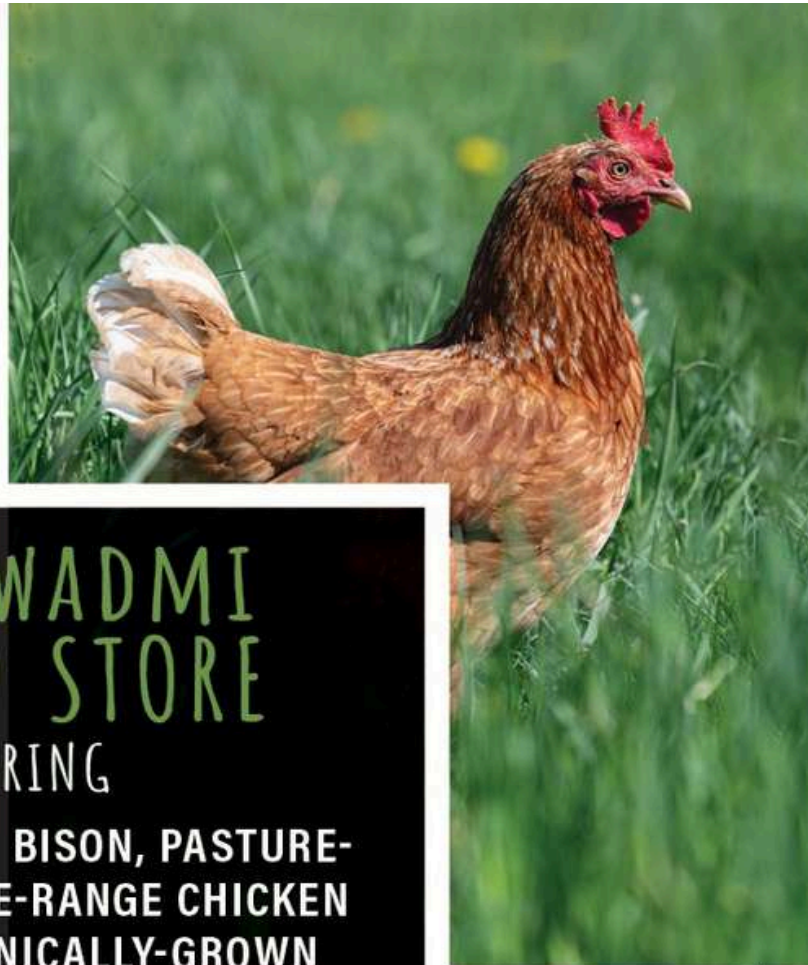
- Community center
- Health and wellness center
- Cultural center, library and museum
- Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel
- Two convenience stores

The Potawatomi have done much with its gaming revenue. They remember the difficult times of the past and look to continue economic development for the future. This is evident through the work of the FCP Community Foundation. The Foundation's contributions to charities, organizations and schools have helped improve Forest County's vitality and quality of life. By working together with the community, everyone can strive to achieve goals and a better understanding of each other.

For information regarding any of the events or FCP businesses, please call (715) 478-7200 or visit [www.FCPotawatomi.com](http://www.FCPotawatomi.com).








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# HILES

Although small in population, the Hiles area is very large in terms of Wisconsin history. Hundreds of years ago, the Old Copper Culture Indians traveled through this area from the Fox River Valley, along the Wolf and Pine Lake shores. They continued north to the copper outcroppings near Lake Superior. When the Soo Locks opened in 1855, this trail was followed from Ontonagon on Lake Superior to Pine Lake and then along the Wolf to Shawano and onto Fort Howard (Green Bay). By the late 1860s, loggers used the lake and river to float logs downstream to sawmills located as far away as Oshkosh. The decade of the 1880s brought railroads to northeastern Wisconsin. In 1888, the Soo graded and laid their Minneapolis-to-Soo tracks along the south end of the lake. In 1892, Pete Johnson built the first official resort.

The town got its real start when 52-year-old Franklin Pierce Hiles purchased thousands of acres of timberland in the Pine Lake area and started a sawmill near Mill Pond. In 1903, the new village was named Hiles. The Hiles' operation continued until 1905 when it was sold to Forster-Whitman and later recognized as the Forster-Mueller Lumber Company. In 1918, Charles Fish purchased the town and its lumber and logging operations until it closed in 1928. During this era of logging, many improvements were made to Hiles, including a general store, a large boarding house, schools, churches and some 30 or more homes. Hiles had its own logging railroad running into the forest, east and north of town. At some point in time, the census records indicate that there were as many as 450 residents in this small town. Throughout the years there have been small lumber and logging operations active in Hiles.

Today, Hiles is a good mixture of forestry, logging, hunting, fishing, boating, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Hiles was designated the "Mushroom Capital of Wisconsin" by the State Mycological Society in 2013. Hiles is also home to several outstanding lakes. Pine Lake is a 1,650-acre, family friendly lake with excellent swimming and great fishing. One little known fact is that Pine Lake is the "headwaters" of the Wolf River which flows to Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh. Other excellent lakes include Butternut, Franklin and Kentuck Lakes at the north end of the Town of Hiles. For more information on the town, refer to [www.townofhiles.org](http://www.townofhiles.org).

Don't miss these great Hiles annual events:

- Hiles Fishoree: First Saturday in Feb. Prizes, raffles, food and fun! Activities are held at Town Hall. Fish 1,650-acre Pine Lake, best in the North!
- Fire Department Trap Shoot at Hiles Fire Department Park: Great competition, food, friendship and prizes!
- Wisconsin Mycological Society Annual Summer Foray: Participate in the annual mushroom foray with two full days of education, hunting, and fellowship. To date, there have been over 325 different varieties of mushrooms identified in the Hiles/Nicolet area. Cost is \$45, which includes Saturday night's dinner. Participants must be a member of the Wisconsin Mycological Society. Visit [www.wisconsinmycologicalsociety.org](http://www.wisconsinmycologicalsociety.org) for more information. Contact Mark at Little Pine Motel for information (888) 541-4150 or email [littlepinemotel@gmail.com](mailto:littlepinemotel@gmail.com)





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# LAONA

The 1,400 people who live in the Laona area are heirs to the shared heritage of the timber industry. The turn of the century marked the founding of Laona, just 20 years prior to logging's heyday. Around 1876, the pine loggers came into the area and cleared off the pine stands, which were scattered throughout the hardwoods. However not until the railroad came to Laona in 1900 did the great hardwood logging operations begin. Exploratory expeditions into this area by pine loggers and a few other individuals took place between 1870 and 1890. The area was not very accessible, and few men ventured this far from the last outposts. Eventually, logging expeditions moved into the area, with pine being hauled on sleighs to Roberts Lake and floated down the Wolf River or put in the Peshtigo River below Taylor Falls. During the last decade of the 19th century, William Duncan Connor hiked through the area and examined the fine stand of hardwood timber. He purchased 100,000 acres of timberland in Forest County, founding the Connor Lumber and Land Company.

During this period, the Chicago Northwestern Railroad was moving northward into the Laona area. The initial logging of the area occurred between 1900 and 1910.

The first settler in Laona was Norman Johnson. His daughter, Laona, was the first white child born in this town and the town was named in her honor. The Connor Lumber and Land Company built its first sawmill in 1901; logging camps were opened and roads were built. Laona began to thrive as railroads steamed their way into northern Wisconsin, and Laona's economy became largely dependent upon the timber industry. A member of the Connor family still operates a sawmill in the community to this day. An authentic 1916 Vulcan steam engine, actually used by the Connor Lumber and Land Company during early logging operations, is now used to pull the vintage passenger train at the award winning internationally recognized Camp Five Lumberjack Special & Museum attraction.



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# MOLE LAKE SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY

In the early autumn when the leaves begin to change color, the members of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community make their way to Rice Lake, one of the remaining ancient wild rice beds in the state of Wisconsin. The annual harvest of wild rice, an essential part of the Native American diet, has altered very little in the hundreds of years that the Community has lived here.

Family clans migrated from eastern Canada to Madeline Island a thousand years ago, led by a vision that their journey would end in a land where the “food grows on water” – Manoomin or wild rice. The Sokaogon Chippewa Community’s journey ended here in this area of abundant rice beds.

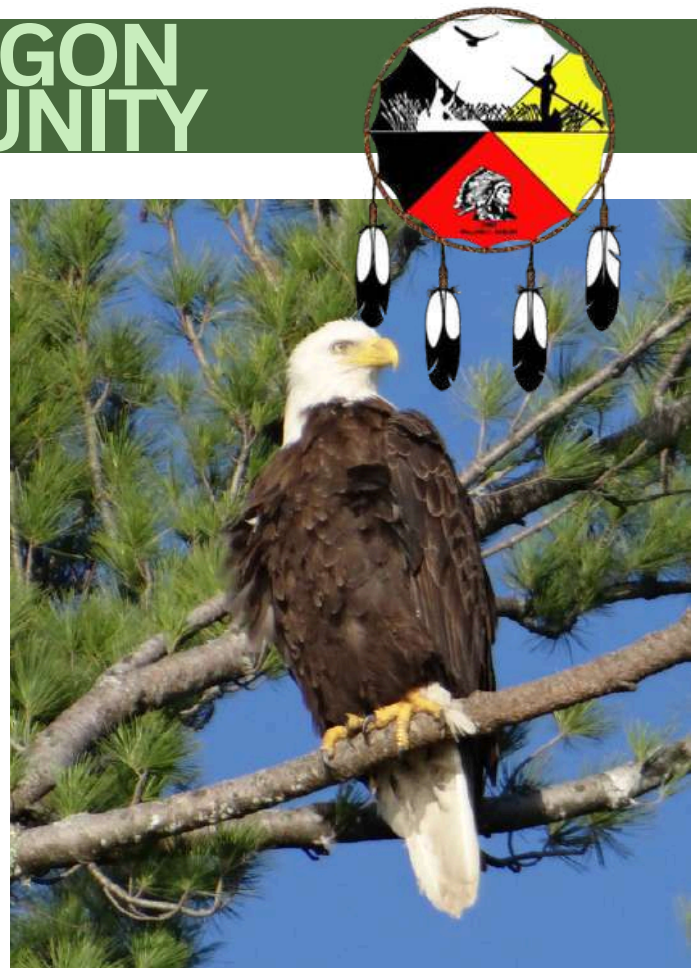
Competition from the Sioux over control of the rice beds resulted in the Battle of Mole Lake in 1806. Today there stands a historical marker to mark the battleground where more than 500 warriors were slain in fierce hand-to-hand battle. Sokaogon means “Post in the Lake” people, because of a spiritual significance of a post, possibly the remains of a petrified tree, which stood in nearby Post Lake.

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community is also known as the Lost Tribe because the legal title to the 12 square mile reservation from the treaty of 1854 was lost in a shipwreck of Lake Superior. Under the provisions of the 1934 Reorganization Act, 1,745 acres of land were purchased for Mole Lake Reservation. According to Tribal history, Tribal members were promised this land by a treaty signed with President Franklin Pierce. The agent, who was to confirm the treaty and secure the land for them, drowned on his return trip to Washington. The Tribe, under the leadership of Chief Willard Ackley, finally and after a long struggle, received federal recognition and reservations status in 1937. In 1930, a roll had been taken in the Mole Lake area, and 199 Native Americans were determined to be in the Band. Today approximately 500 tribal members still reside within the Mole Lake Community.

The Sokaogon (Mole Lake) Chippewa Community enjoys three beautiful lakes either on or adjacent to the small reservation; Mole Lake, Bishop Lake and Rice Lake, which lies at the headwaters of the Wolf River.

The Mole Lake Casino Lodge & Conference Center is located 7 miles south of Crandon on Hwy 55, a part of the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway which is a 145-mile route traversing parts of the state’s north-central counties of Forest, Langlade, Oneida and Vilas. The Casino offers live entertainment, sports betting with a full-service sports bar, restaurant, bingo, table games, and a wide variety of the latest slot machines.

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The Town of Nashville was founded in the early 1900s and named for G.V. Nash. Rooted in the logging industry and sustained by its lakes and forests, the town grew as settlers, farmers, and businesses established their lives here. The Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community lies within the town's borders, preserving cultural and historical traditions that continue to shape the community today.

## Things to See & Do

- Paddle or fish on the town's peaceful lakes.
- Explore ATV and snowmobile trails connecting to the county-wide network.
- Hike in the nearby Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.
- Visit the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community for cultural heritage.
- Take a scenic drive on the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway to nearby Crandon.

## Visitor Tips

- Download maps ahead of time as cell service can be spotty.
- Respect private property and posted hunting seasons.
- Pack out what you bring in to keep the wilderness pristine.
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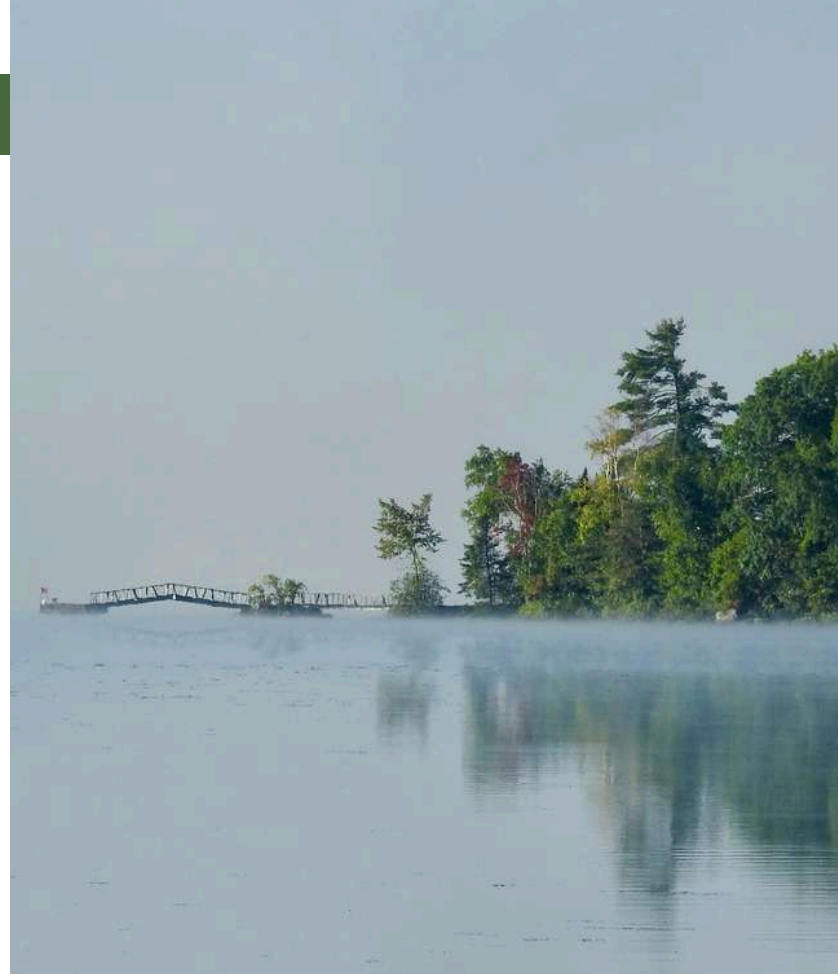
# NEWALD

The Town of Newald, platted by Abraham VanZile in 1905, was originally called Ross, after Charles Ross, a pioneer settler. It was renamed Newald in 1906 after a local landowner. The town's nearby lake was called VanZile.

Throughout the early 1900s, Newald prospered from its robust hardwood lumbering economy. Two sawmills, Cleereman and Jauquet, sprang up along with two grocery stores, a Catholic and an Evangelical church, a train depot, a post office, a hotel and Greenview School, a two-story red brick building with its own school bus – a carriage pulled by a team of horses.

Every payday, hordes of lumberjacks from Hermansville, Val Butler and other logging camps descended on Newald, thirsty for a rip-roarin' good time. The town's fancy new dancehall and four taverns eagerly helped the rambunctious logger's part with their hard-earned wages.

Today the hum of sawmills has been replaced with the clamor of snowmobiles in the winter and ATVs in the summer along the rugged, adventurous old logging trails through the woods surrounding Newald. The multi-use Nicolet State Trail, a former railroad bed along the town's western boundary, is easily accessible.



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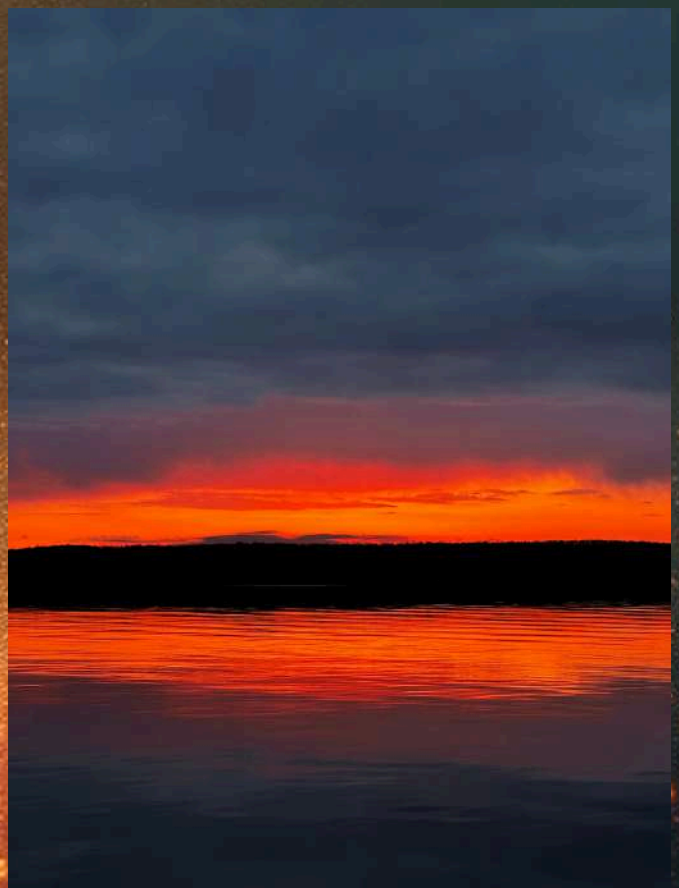
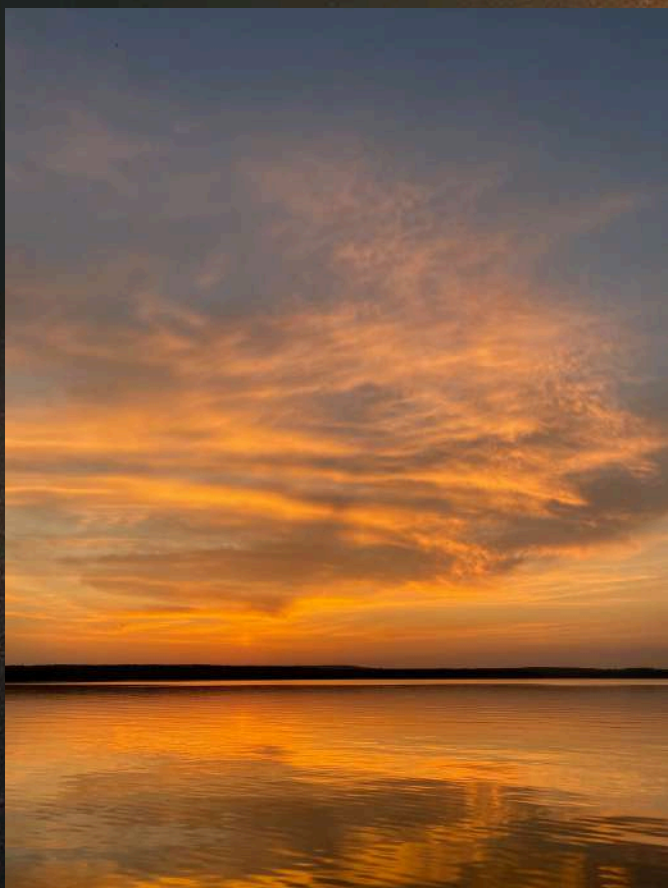
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# TOWN OF POPPLE RIVER

Nestled in the heart of the Nicolet National Forest in the northern part of Forest County, is the town of Popple River. Population-wise, Popple River is only a small part of the county with an average population of 45 people. When it comes to PRIDE however, Popple River can match any other community in the Northwoods. Most of the residents lie off Highway 139 on Forest Service Road 2404 or "Old 139" as it's called. There you will find the Popple River Town Hall with its quaint antique barrel stove and its reminiscences of days gone by.

At one time Popple River was part of the Town of Newald. The whole area between Popple River and Newald was called the Town of Newald. In March of 1925, the town split into two parts, the Town of Ross (which is present day Newald) and the Town of Newald (which is present day Popple River). The town hall of Popple River still has a huge safe and stacks of minute books and ledgers that say, "Town of Newald". The village of Newald stayed with the Town of Ross and there was so much confusion about mail delivery etc., that in 1926, our name was changed to Town of Popple River and has remained so to this day. In the 1920's through the 1940's the population in Popple River was at an all time high due to the booming logging industry and the train route that ran north to south right through the town. The population was so big we had to have two elementary schools. Today's elementary and high school aged students attend school in Laona. The Town Hall was constructed in 1928. The town solicited bids for the project, and the lowest bid was \$370.00. In the 1920's most towns took care of their own people. They had a form of welfare which was called local poor-aid. In 1932, a resolution was passed that stated if you needed town aid, you could not own any dogs or automobiles. Also from records, it was recorded that in 1933 the town confiscated 7 heads of cattle for back taxes and sold them for a total of \$55.50. In 1936, town labor was worth \$.30 per hour. It does appear that some important people in town who had fallen on hard times were helped by the town when Popple River paid the real estate taxes on 80 acres. That total for the taxes came to \$28.00. This was in 1936. All these facts came from old meeting books dating back to 1915.

As of present day, there is only the Town Hall and Garage & Shop buildings. Population has dwindled except on the holidays, weekends and deer season when the cabin folks join us to get away from their big city living. There are a few businesses in our little town. We have one active quarry owned by Northeast Asphalt, that when in use it's very busy. We have several vacation rentals. We are also home to Forest Counties very First and Only Brewery located on the corner of Hwy 139 and Popple River Road, Haen's Popple River Brew Pub. It's not only a brewery, with five Brews and homemade Root beer on tap, but it's a full-service bar and restaurant. When visiting Popple River be sure to check out our well-

maintained Snowmobile, ATV/UTV trails, several spots for trout fishing on the Popple, backroads cruising, rustic camping/hiking/fishing on Bastile Lake, fishing on Long Lake or just seeing what nature has to show in her seasons.

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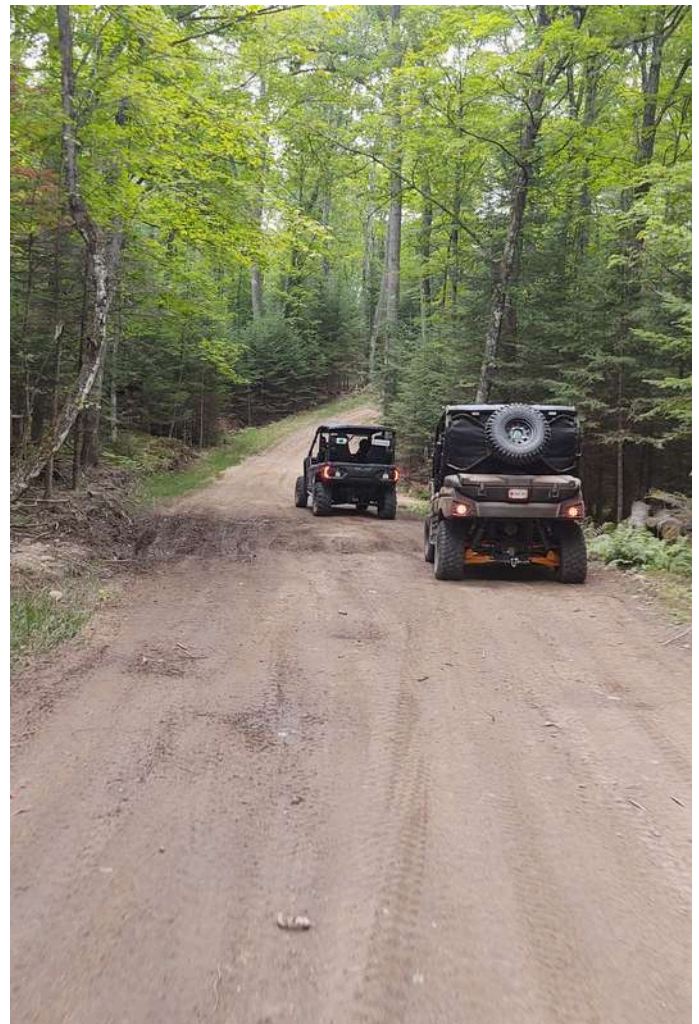
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# WABENO

On June 2, 1980, a tornado swept across northern Wisconsin from Antigo to Lake Superior, causing timber to blow down in a strip that measured  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile wide. The Native Americans called this area “Waubeno”. Wabeno means “the coming of the winds” or “the opening”. The town took its name from this event.

In the closing years of the 1800’s, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad pushed north into the area. Sawmills were soon built along the tracks, and Wabeno sprang up around them. Founded in 1897, the early history of Wabeno centers around the development of many lumber companies; the principal ones being the Menominee Bay Shore Lumber Company, A.E. Rusch Lumber Company and the Jones Lumber Company. Wood fueled the community’s economy until the late 1930’s, but shortly after most of the mills closed due to changes in access to timber and the market.

Downtown Wabeno has preserved a number of artifacts from the logging era. The Wabeno Logging Museum, a replica of an old logging camp, was built in 1941 by the Wabeno Lions Club. It contains a photo history of early Wabeno, and items needed for hardwood logging. The museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Wabeno Public Library, a quaint and charming log library, is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Built in 1897, it served as the land office for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, making it one of the first buildings in Wabeno. The library is open Monday through Saturday year-round. Check library and museum days and hours of operation at [www.townofwabeno.org](http://www.townofwabeno.org).

The Wabeno Antique Power Association maintains the Phoenix Log Hauler, one of a few remaining steam-powered log haulers still operational. It was used by the Jones Lumber Company from 1909 until 1935 and purchased and refurbished by the town in 1944. The Phoenix is operated during Wabeno Steam-Up Days, its annual celebration of historic logging technology. Wabeno also hosts a daylong Wabeno Annual Art and Music Fest (WAM Fest) with professional musicians and artists the third Saturday in July. The event has an art competition as well as creative activities for young artists. The Friends of Wabeno created a barrier free boardwalk and nature trail along the North Branch of the Oconto River and the Range Line Creek that merge in the downtown parks. The trail has accessible piers and a compacted trail for sightseeing, fishing and birdwatching.







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The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner is Jessie Gritt Uhlenbrauck's photo shown on page 74. Third place went to Beth Aschenbrenner & her photo can be found on page 28. If you would like to enter the 2027 Facebook Photo Contest, please submit your photos to [ava.visitforestcounty@gmail.com](mailto:ava.visitforestcounty@gmail.com).

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WE RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AND PRIVILEGE TO BE ON DISCOVER WISCONSIN! WITH THE WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN VISIT FOREST COUNTY, MOLE LAKE SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA AND THE FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI, WE PUT TOGETHER AN AMAZING SHOW.

THIS SHOW SHOWCASED THE BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTY, WELCOMING ALL IN WITH OPEN ARMS TO SEE AND LEARN OUR CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND WAY OF LIFE UP HERE IN THE NORTHWOODS. BETWEEN THE LAKES, THE RIVERS, AND THE MILES OF TRAILS THROUGH THE WOODS, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO BE BUT, IT'S REALLY THE PEOPLE AND OUR COMMUNITY THAT MAKE IT HOME. TRULY THE START TO MOVING FORWARD AND COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE FOREST COUNTY BETTER!

BEING FEATURED ON DISCOVER WISCONSIN ISN'T JUST ABOUT SHOWING OFF OUR SCENERY; IT'S A HUGE WIN FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. WHILE IT DEFINITELY BRINGS IN MORE TOURISTS, THE REAL IMPACT GOES MUCH DEEPER. IT PUTS FOREST COUNTY ON THE MAP FOR PEOPLE LOOKING TO START BUSINESSES OR RELOCATE, SHOWING THAT WE'RE A VIBRANT, ACTIVE COMMUNITY WITH A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE. THE SHOW HIGHLIGHTS HOW WE MANAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, LIKE OUR TIMBER AND TRAILS, IN A WAY THAT SUPPORTS JOBS AND KEEPS OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THRIVING. BY SHARING OUR STORY WITH THE REST OF THE STATE, WE AREN'T JUST INVITING PEOPLE FOR A WEEKEND; WE'RE PROVING THAT FOREST COUNTY IS A GREAT PLACE TO INVEST IN AND CALL HOME.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO LISA AND LINDSAY WITH DISCOVER WI. WITHOUT YOU BOTH WE WOULDN'T HAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL EPISODE THAT SHOWCASED EVERYTHING WE ARE ABOUT!

GO CHECK IT OUT AT THIS LINK AND SHARE SHARE SHARE! LETS GET THIS SHOW TO THE TOP- #1!

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**FOREST COUNTY  
POTAWATOMI**  
*Keeper of the Fire*





# DIRECTORY

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort  
4163 E Lakeview St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1059  
See ad page 21

Crandon Inn & Suites  
9075 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-4000  
See ad page 20

Four Seasons Motel  
304 W Glen St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3377  
See ad page 20

Heritage Hunt Club  
5480 Connor Farm Rd  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 889-9893  
HeritageHuntClub.com

Hiles Pine Lake Campground  
8896 W Pine Lake Rd  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 902-9331  
hiles-pinelakecampground.com  
hilespinelake@gmail.com  
See ad page 23

Hollywood Hill and Crandon Saloon  
Event Center  
(715) 212-3308  
crandonsaloonevents@gmail.com  
hollywoodhillcampgroundrv.com  
See ad page 23

Johnnie's Resort  
6996 Potawatomi Trail  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 889-1471  
johnniesresort.com  
johnnies33@gmail.com

Kim's Krib's Airbnb  
102 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
kimdaniels54@icloud.com  
See ad page 19

Little Pine Motel  
9245 State Hwy 32  
Hiles WI 54511  
(888) 541-4150  
(715) 649-3431  
littlepinemotel@gmail.com  
littlepinemotel.com  
See ad page 62

Main Street Inn  
400 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(866) 478-2210  
(715) 478-2423  
main-streetinn.com

Mole Lake Casino and Lodge  
3085 Hwy 55  
Crandon WI 54520  
(877) 478-5772  
molelakecasino.com  
See ad page 76

Northwoods Inn  
N8905 State Hwy 55  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-3522  
See ad page 26

Pickerel Point Resort  
580 Flint Ridge Ln  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-2603  
pickerelpointresort@outlook.com  
pickerel-point.com  
See ad page 23

Popple River Cabin  
torstesch139@gmail.com  
See ad page 49

Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel  
618 State Hwy 32  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(800) 487-9522  
customerservice@cartercasino.com  
cartercasino.com  
See ad page 32

The Tree Top Cabin  
Hiles WI, See ad page 19

Wolf River Rendezvous  
11624 Hwy 8  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-WOLF  
wolfriverrendezvous.com  
See ad page 21

## CAMPGROUNDS

Crandon International Raceway  
10104 Hwy 8; PO Box 101  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2222  
trackoffice@crandonoffroad.com  
See ad pages 16-17

Hiles Pine Lake Campground  
8896 W Pine Lake Rd  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 902-9331  
Hiles-pinelakecampground.com  
hilespinelake@gmail.com  
See ad page 23

Hollywood Hill and Crandon Saloon  
Event Center  
(715) 212-3308  
crandonsaloonevents@gmail.com  
hollywoodhillcampgroundrv.com  
See ad page 23

Trailside Hideaway, LLC  
4684 Runny Water Rd  
Laona WI 54521  
(715) 889-0380  
camp@trailsidehideaway.com  
trailsidehideaway.com  
See ad page 23

Veterans Memorial Campground  
4030 County Park Rd  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3475  
forestrycountywi.com/veterans-  
memorial-park  
See page 2

Wolf River Rendezvous  
11624 Hwy 8  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-WOLF  
wolfriverrendezvous.com  
See ad page 21

## CASINOS

Mole Lake Casino and Lodge  
3085 Hwy 55  
Crandon WI 54520  
(877) 478-5772  
molelakecasino.com  
See ad page 76

Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel  
618 State Hwy 32  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(800) 487-9522  
customerservice@cartercasino.com  
cartercasino.com  
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## CONSTRUCTION

Argonne Lumber & Supply  
7595 State Hwy 32/55  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 649-3237  
1015 W Davenport St  
Rhineland WI 54501  
(715) 369-3237  
argonnelumber.com  
See ad page 50

B Stauber Trucking & Excavating  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 889-3133  
See ad page 34

C3 Development  
Tower Road Acres  
Crandon WI 54520  
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Conway Ace Hardware  
600 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3617  
conwayacehardware@outlook.com  
See ad page 56

D Rock Grizzly  
9311 Rangeline Rd  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 889-1175  
jeff@drockgrizzly.com  
See ad page 58

Final Touch Construction  
715-889-0738  
finaltouchcon@charter.net  
See ad page 58

Jansen Septic  
(715) 484-4605

Karcz Bros Painting  
920-660-3415  
See ad page 58

Lumber Jakes  
(213) 409-5253  
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## DINING & DRINKS

Armstrong Creek Pub  
543 Hwy 8  
Armstrong Creek WI 54103  
(715) 336-2112  
armstrongcreekpub@gmail.com  
See ad page 52

BC Cakes & More  
102 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 902-0308  
See ad page 26

Campfire Bar & Grill  
216 South Shore Drive  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-4212  
See ad page 25

Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort  
4163 E Lakeview St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1059  
Find us on Facebook  
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Haen's Popple River Brew Pub  
4985 Popple River Rd  
Popple River WI 54511  
(715) 674-2266  
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Jameson's Whiskey Darlin'  
306 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 784-1257  
FB: Jameson's Whiskey Darlin'  
whiskeydarlin.com  
See ad page 27

Johnnies Resort  
6995 Potawatomi Trail  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 889-1471  
johnniesresort.com  
johnnies33@gmail.com

Lake Avenue and Lounge  
200 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1010  
lakeavenueusa.com  
See ad page 24

Little Pine Motel - Trailhead Pub  
9245 State Hwy 32  
Hiles WI 54511  
(888) 541-4150  
(715) 649-3431  
littlepinemotel@gmail.com  
littlepinemotel.com  
See ad page 62

Main Street Ed's  
7909 Main St  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 649-3810  
mhill@mainstreeteds.com  
mainstreeteds.com  
See ad page 51

Mole Lake Casino and Lodge  
Game Sports Bar  
The Coffee Pot  
Wiisini-Daa (Supper Club)  
Family Style Restaurant  
3085 Hwy 55  
Crandon WI 54520  
(877) 478-5772  
molelakecasino.com  
See ad page 76

Northwoods Inn  
N8905 Hwy 55  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-3522  
ksnorthwoods@aol.com  
Find us on FB  
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Pack Em Inn  
216 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3850  
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# DIRECTORY

Palubicki Eats and Treats  
103 W Glen St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3757  
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Pickerel Point Resort  
580 Flint Ridge Ln  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-2603  
pickerelpointresort@outlook.com  
pickerel-point.com  
See ad page 23

Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel  
• Rock and Brews  
• The Springs Restaurant & Lounge  
618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566  
(800) 487-9522  
customerservice@cartercasino.com  
cartercasino.com  
See ad page 32

Roadhouse 139  
3322 Hwy 139  
Long Lake WI 54542  
(715) 674-4576  
Roadhouse139@gmail.com  
Roadhouse139.com  
See ad page 26

Senoli'n's Bar  
5131 Linden St  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-4723

Sexy Butt BBQ Traveling Food Truck  
(715) 889-6063  
dansbbqpit@yahoo.com  
See ad page 25

Smokin' J's Smokehouse  
213 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
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Taco Bellas  
1209 Kemp Lane  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 212-3308

The Night Owl  
103 E Madison  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2441  
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Tricia's Bistro  
109 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1160  
triciatreasuresandbistro.com  
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Waters Edge Lodge  
4140 County Road W  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1224  
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Wildcat Den Bar & Grill  
4523 N Branch St  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 473-0000  
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Wolf River Rendezvous  
11624 Hwy 8  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-WOLF  
wolfriverrendezvous.com  
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Yeti's Drive-In  
104 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 889-6820  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

Alloway Outfitters  
(715) 889-3584  
walleyewarrior99@gmail.com  
Find us on FB

Friends of Wabeno  
Wabeno WI  
(608) 628-0757  
bdbeck@charter.net  
friendsofwabeno.org  
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Laona Beautifying Committee  
Laona WI 54541  
townoflaona.org  
See ad page 63

Lumberjack Steam Train & Camp 5  
Museum, 5068 US Hwy 8  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-3414  
lumberjacksteamtrain.com  
See ad page 14

Crandon International Off-Road  
Raceway  
10104 Hwy 8; PO Box 101  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2222  
trackoffice@crandonoffroad.com  
crandonoffroad.com  
See ad page 16-17

Crandon Water Shows  
4140 County Road W  
Crandon WI 54520  
crandonwatershows.com  
Find us on FB, Instagram and  
Tik Tok - See ad page 30

FCP Bodwéwadm Ktégan  
3389 County Hwy H  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 478-4545  
farm.fcpotawatomi.com  
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FCP Cultural Center, Library &  
Museum  
8130 Mish Ko Swen Dr  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-7478  
FCPotawatomi.com/culture  
See ad page 14

Heritage Hunt Club  
5480 Connor Farm Rd  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 889-9893  
HeritageHuntClub.com

Hollywood Hill and Crandon Saloon  
Event Center  
(715) 212-3308  
crandonsaloonerevents@gmail.com  
hollywoodhillcampgroundrv.com  
See ad page 23

Mole Lake Casino and Lodge  
3085 Hwy 55  
Crandon WI 54520  
molelakecasino.com  
See ad page 76

Nicolet Country Club  
5245 Fairway Ct  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-4780  
ncc224@centurytel.net  
See ad page 26

Northwoods Inn  
N8905 State Hwy 55  
Pickerel WI 54465  
(715) 484-3522  
See ad page 26

Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel  
618 State Hwy 32  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(800) 487-9522  
customerservice@cartercasino.com  
cartercasino.com  
See ad page 32

Rusty's Wabeno Bowl  
4489 N Branch St  
Wabeno WI 54566

The Night Owl  
103 E Madison  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2441  
See ad page 28

Wabeno Area Players  
PO Box 325  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 889-1606 or (715) 473-5466  
wabenoareplayers@gmail.com  
wabenoareplayers.org

Xecutive Limousine  
PO Box 249  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 344-1153  
info.xecutivelimo@gmail.com  
xecutivelimousine.com  
See ad page 65

## FINANCIAL

CoVantage Credit Union  
502 W Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-5100  
(800) 398-2667  
www.covantagecu.org  
KME Accounting & Tax Services, LLC  
605 S Lake Ave  
PO Box 249  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3250  
KME.businessinfo@gmail.com  
See ad page 30

Laona State Bank  
8 locations  
• 5308 Beech St, Laona  
(715) 674-2911  
• 108 N Lake Ave, Crandon  
(715)-478-5800  
• Pioneer Plaza, Crandon  
(715) 478-5801  
• 497 Hwy 8, Armstrong Creek  
(715) 336-3193  
• 15570 Hwy 32, Lakewood  
(715) 276-7636  
• 17953 Hwy 32, Townsend  
(715) 276-1880  
• 4519 N Branch St, Wabeno  
(715) 473-2311  
• 1784 Superior St, Three Lakes  
(715) 546-2265  
LaonaStateBank.com  
See ad page 59

Visit Forest County Economic  
Development  
116 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3450  
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## INSURANCE

Agent Jamie B  
(715) 201-1221  
myagentjamieb@gmail.com  
See ad page 49

Chad Swanson Agency, LLC  
202 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
Also in Rhineland, WI  
(715) 478-3646  
cswanson@amfam.com

Chris Shafer Agency, LLC  
695 Sullivan Dr.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54535  
(920) 263-9016  
Also in Cavour, WI  
chris@chrishaferagency.com  
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## MUSEUMS

FCP Cultural Center, Library &  
Museum  
8130 Mish Ko Swen Dr, Crandon WI  
54520  
(715) 478-7478  
FCPotawatomi.com/culture  
See ad page 14

Forest County Historical Museum  
105 W Jackson St., Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 902-1620  
forestcountyhistory.org  
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Hiles Museum  
9193 N Main St, Hiles WI 54511  
Julie Brink (715) 649-3759  
Marilyn Pfieffer (715) 649-3381  
See ad page 15

Lumberjack Steam Train & Camp 5  
Museum  
5068 US Hwy 8, Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-3414  
lumberjacksteamtrain.com  
See ad page 14

Wabeno Logging Museum  
WI Hwy 32, Wabeno WI 54566  
Larry Rummel (715) 850-1861  
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## LIBRARY

Forest County Public Libraries -  
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110 W Polk  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3784 - crandonpl.org

5216 Forest Ave  
Laona WI 54521  
(715) 674-4751  
laonapubliclibrary.com

4556 N Branch St  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 473-4131 - wabenopl.org

## ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post 94  
110 E Madison St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(920) 240-7159  
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Crandon Water Shows  
4140 County Road W  
Crandon WI 54520  
crandonwatershows.com  
Find us on FB, Instagram and  
Tik Tok - See ad page 30

Forest County Advertising Committee  
See ad page 2

Forest County ATV Association  
78284 Freedom Trail  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 473-2219  
forestcountyatv.com  
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Friends of Wabeno  
Wabeno WI  
(608) 628-0757  
bdbeck@charter.net  
friendsofwabeno.org  
See ad page 69



Lake Lucerne Advancement  
Association  
Crandon WI 54520  
lakelucernewi.com  
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Laona Beautifying Committee  
Laona WI 54541  
townoflaona.org  
See ad page 63

Northwoods Veterans Homestead  
Crandon WI 54520  
Northwoodsveteranshomestead.org



4902 Pine Street, Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-2601  
305 N Boulevard Ave, Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3528  
www.laonamachine.com

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# DIRECTORY

Silver Lake Preservation Association, Inc.  
There is a Solution  
AA meetings on Thursdays and Fridays at 5pm at the Visit Forest County Office  
116 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520

Visit Forest County  
116 S Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3450  
chris.visitforestcounty@gmail.com  
ava.visitforestcounty@gmail.com  
See ad page 5

Wabeno Area Players  
PO Box 325  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 889-1606 or (715) 473-5466  
wabenoareplayers@gmail.com  
wabenoareplayers.org

## PHARMACY

Wolf River Pharmacy  
600 E Pioneer Plaza #3  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3369 or (715) 478-3945  
wolfriver01@frontiernet.net  
wolfriverrx.com

## PRINTERS

Big Hill Graphics  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 889-2567  
bighillgraphics@gmail.com  
See ad page 51

Minuteman Press  
507 W Johnson St  
Fond du Lac WI 54935  
(920) 923-0800  
fonddulac@minutemanpress.com  
fdl.minutemanpress.com  
See ad page 53

## REAL ESTATE

Integrity Realtors, LLC  
Crandon (715) 478-0233  
Antigo (715) 627-4181  
Elcho (715) 275-3001  
integrityrealtorsllc.com

Local Living Realty LLC  
(715) 889-1412  
office@locallivingrealtyllc.com  
See ad page 30

Northwoods Association of Realtors  
320 Oak St, Ste B  
Woodruff WI 54568  
715-356-3400  
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RA Denton Realty LLC  
(715) 764-6051 or cell (715) 902-0509  
RickDenton55@gmail.com  
See ad page 66

## RECREATION

American Legion Post 94  
(Softball and Baseball League)  
110 E Madison St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(920) 240-7159  
See ad page 51

Beyond the Sunset Travel  
(715) 889-9737  
dreamingbeyondthesunsettravel@gmail.com

Crandon International Off-Road Raceway  
10104 Hwy 8  
PO Box 101  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2222  
trackoffice@crandonoffroad.com  
crandonoffroad.com  
See ad page 16-17

Crandon Water Shows  
4140 County Road W  
Crandon WI 54520  
Crandonwatershows.com  
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See ad page 30

Heritage Hunt Club  
5480 Connor Farm Rd, Laona WI 54541  
(715) 889-9893  
HeritageHuntClub.com

Forest County ATV Association  
78284 Freedom Trail  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 473-2219  
forestcountyatv.com  
See ad page 41

Lumberjack Steam Train & Camp 5 Museum  
5068 US Hwy 8, Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-3414  
lumberjacksteamtrain.com  
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Northwoods Powersports Adventures  
(920) 889-5367  
Northwoodspowersportsadventures.com  
See ad page 34

Northwoods Firearms  
409 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
northwoodsfirearms@gmail.com  
northwoodfirearms.com  
See ad page 21

Sportsman's Service Center  
6364 US Hwy 45  
Three Lakes WI 54562  
(715) 546-2196  
See ad page 34

## RETAIL

Argonne Lumber & Supply  
7595 State Hwy 32/55  
Argonne WI 54511  
(715) 649-3237  
1015 w Davenport St  
Rhinelander WI 54501  
(715) 369-3237  
argonnelumbar.com  
See ad page 50

BC Cakes & More  
102 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 902-0308  
See ad page 26

Conway Ace Hardware  
600 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3617  
conwayacehardware@outlook.com  
See ad page 56

FCP Bodwéwadm Ktëgan  
3389 County Hwy H  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 478-4545  
farm.fcpotawatomi.com  
See ad page 61

Flowers from the Heart & UB's  
Northwoods Emporium  
117 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3710  
CrandonFlowersFromTheHeart.com  
See ad page 56

Gudowicz's Marathon  
8017 Hwy 10  
Armstrong Creek WI 54103  
(715) 336-2424  
marathonpetroleum.com  
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Hometown Manufacturing  
hometown-mfg.com  
See ad page 58

Jameson's Whiskey Darlin'  
306 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 784-1257  
FB: Jameson's Whiskey Darlin'  
whiskeydarlin.com  
See ad page 27

Laona Machine Supply  
(715) 674-2601  
See ad page 63

Little White Fence  
771 Hwy 8  
Armstrong Creek WI 54103  
(715) 336-3000  
info@littlewhitefence.com  
littlewhitefence.com  
See ad page 52

Northern Edge Fiberglass Pools  
(715) 966-1699  
northernedgepools@yahoo.com

Northwoods Firearms  
409 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
northwoodsfirearms@gmail.com  
northwoodfirearms.com  
See ad page 21

Schaefer's IGA  
600 E Pioneer St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-2558  
See ad page 58

Sportsman's Service Center  
6364 US Hwy 45  
Three Lakes WI 54562  
(715) 546-2196  
See ad page 34

Team WinnebagoLand  
5827 Green Valley Rd  
Oshkosh WI 54904  
(920) 233-3070  
teamwinnebagoLand.com  
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Tricia's Treasures  
109 N Lake Ave  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-1160  
triciastreasuresandbistro.com  
See ad page 55

## SCHOOLS

Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Center  
4155 County Road H  
Laona WI 54541  
(877) 763-0580  
blackwell.jobcorps.gov  
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Forest County Schools - See ad page 59

- School District of Crandon  
9750 Hwy 8 West  
Crandon WI 54520  
(715) 478-3339  
Sdofcrandon.com

- School District of Laona  
5216 Forest Ave, Suite A  
Laona WI 54541  
(715) 674-2143  
Laona.k12.wi.us

- School District of Wabeno Area  
PO Box 460  
Wabeno WI 54566  
(715) 473-2592  
Wabeno.k12.wi.us

## SERVICES

Advanced Bed Bug Preparation  
(920) 355-1535  
advancedbbp.com  
info@advancedbbp.com

American Legion Post 94  
110 E Madison St  
Crandon WI 54520  
(920) 240-7159  
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jeff@drockgrizzly.com  
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(DNR) Crandon ..... (715) 478-3717

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FP Health & Wellness Center ..... (715) 478-4300  
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Commission on Aging ..... (715) 478-3256  
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County Clerk ..... (715) 478-2422  
County Judge ..... (715) 478-2329  
County Nurse ..... (715) 478-3371  
County Treasurer ..... (715) 478-2412  
County Board Chairman ..... (715) 336-2463  
District Attorney ..... (715) 478-3511  
Economic Development ..... (715) 478-3450  
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Forest County Snowline ..... (715) 478-2024  
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Youth and 4-H Agent ..... (715) 478-7797  
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(715) 649-3750  
Sunday Worship at 9 am

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Church, Hwy 8  
(715) 336-2334

## CARTER

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Church  
PO Box 354, Hwy 32

## CRANDON

Crandon Church of Christ  
100 Prospect Ave  
(715) 478-2645  
Sunday Worship at 10 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church – LCMS  
1507 N Lake Ave  
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200 E 6th St  
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## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

208 N Park St  
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Saturday Mass at 5 pm  
Sunday Mass at 9 am

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church - WELS

501 N Park  
(715) 478-5620  
Sunday Worship at 10:15 am

## LAONA

St. John Lutheran Church – LCMS  
5502 Beech St  
(715) 674-3836  
Sunday Worship at 8 am

## St. Leonard's Catholic Church

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(715) 674-3241  
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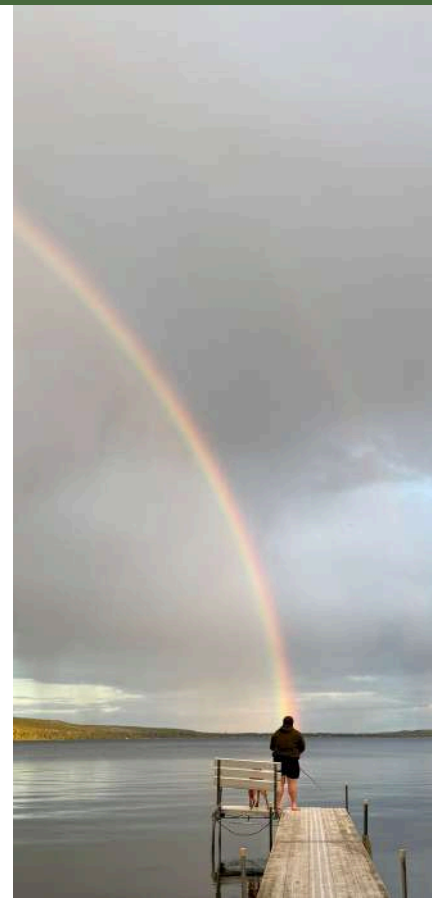
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