Guidebook to the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area

A Young Person's Vacation Funbook
This part of Iron County once had 3 big streams - the Flambeau River, the Turtle River, and Beaver Creek - and 16 lakes. In 1926 a dam was built where the rivers met. The dam made the rivers flood the lakes and surrounding land to form one big lake called the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage.

The Flowage was built to save water so that it can be used to make electricity at other dams further downstream. The Flowage is also a good place for animals to live and a fun place for us to visit.

Most of the land surrounding the Flowage is now owned by the State of Wisconsin. This property is called the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.
How The Flowage Was Made

The places on this map that look black like this: ☐️ were original lakes and rivers in this area; the rest was land. Connect the dots to see how much land was flooded to make the Flowage.

All of the area inside the line you drew is now water except for places where the land was very high; these areas are now islands and are shaded like this: ☁️ on your map. The original lakes and rivers are hidden by the deep waters of the Flowage.
Watch for Wildlife

Some birds on the Flowage, like loons, ducks and eagles, can be seen at any time of the day. For most wild critters, the best times are early morning and around dusk.

How to watch for wildlife:

- Fade into the background
- Wear natural colors
- Move slowly and quietly
- Stop - Look - Listen
Cross out the animals that do not live in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.
Unscramble the letters to name the animals.

Across
1. obbatc
2. skatrmu
3. esoum
4. reshw
5. tiewhaltide eerd
6. punkihcm
7. oxedrf
8. wuckchodo
9. love
10. raveeb
11. virre toret
12. ealsew
13. nimk

Down
1. yoctoe
2. shnowseo arhe
3. intreb olwf
4. rede osume
5. cupornipe
6. atsb
7. qelsrriu
8. lingmem
9. noocrac
10. lcabk raeb
Fill in the missing letters to name birds you may see here.

What do the missing letters spell?

__ __ __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __    __ __ __ __ __ __ __

BI        TERN
WOODD     CK
OSP       EY
BLACK     ERN
OW        AGLE

INCH      LARD
MA        RROW
SP        ERGANSER
HOODED    IN
RO        RON
H          WK
H          MMING BIRD

KING      ISHER
CANADA     OON
G          OSE
S          ALLOW
W          RBLERS
WOODP     ULLS
           CKER
You might find tracks from several members of the dog family in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. Match each track with the correct species: **Coyote**  
**Large Domestic Dog**  
**Timber Wolf**

What does a wolf’s howl say to another wolf?
A. I’m hungry
B. Did you see that big buck by Hot Dog Island?
C. Hey pups, I’m over here.
D. Get out of my territory.
E. It’s going to be a full moon tonight.

Answer: A, C, or D.
The magnificent sturgeon have lived here since before the Flowage was made. Some of them are 5 feet long, weigh more than 150 pounds and are over 80 years old.

How tall are you? ______
How much do you weigh? ______
How old are you? ______

There are 12 sturgeon in the Flowage with “radio transmitters” in their bodies. Radio signals help people who study fish know where they travel. If you keep a watchful eye, you may be lucky enough to see one of these huge, old fish jump and splash on the water in the summer time.
Let’s Go Fishing

There are many different kinds of fish in the Flowage. Draw your fishing line from each fish’s name to it’s picture below.
Find your way through the Flowage to your campsite. The Flowage has many rocks, logs and stumps. Please be careful!
Fun Things To Do on the Flowage

Here are some fun activities you can enjoy while you’re in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. Circle each of these activities as you find them in the word search.

play games guess camp pets sing dig canoe
swim toys race run fish snack catch rest
boat talk pretend skip doll read sand look
party climb explore jump yoyo draw color grill
For your SAFETY always wear your LIFE VEST near and on the water.

For the SAFETY of birds and other wildlife, never leave broken fish line or hooks on the shore or in the water. Be sure to dispose of these things in the proper garbage container.
Some things don't belong in the garbage because they can be recycled.

Please help these kids recycle at the boat landings and at home.

Jars & Bottles

Milk Jugs

Soda Cans
I am a white birch tree. Like all trees, I am a living thing. My white, papery bark protects my inside like your skin protects you. If you peel off my bark, I will get sick and die.

Please help me stay well by leaving my bark on me. Then others can enjoy me too.
Where Are You?

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage is located in northern Wisconsin. Find the Flowage on the map. Is the town where you live shown on the map?

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