

Table 1 — Wisconsin Forest-based Recreation by Activity and Percent Participation 1998

Activity	Percent	Activity	Percent
Fishing	34.26	Hiking	13.22
Wildlife viewing	27.61	Canoeing	8.56
Camping (tent)	26.93	Cross country skiing	5.37
Picnicking	26.69	Backpacking	5.52
Nature study	21.17	Mt. biking, off road	4.76
Hunting with firearm	19.21	Horseback riding	4.61
Bird watching	18.41	Snowshoeing	1.41
Nature photography	17.03		

Wisconsin forest-based recreation by activity and percent participation (Based on data from the 1998-99 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)

This table indicates the most popular, wholly forest-based, non-developed, recreational activities. In addition to those listed, other activities often take place in or are enhanced by, forests. For many people, much of the appeal of pleasure driving, exercise walking, and jogging comes from being in or near forests.

In general, there are significant, non-developed, forest-based recreational opportunities in the state. These activities include hunting, fishing, hiking, sight-seeing and cross-country skiing. The Forest Legacy Program in Wisconsin will promote the continuation of these low-impact recreational uses. Although the Wisconsin Forest Legacy Program will not require public access, the willingness of the owner to allow public access will be a factor in prioritizing potential purchases in areas where non-developed recreational opportunities are limited or lacking.