Using This Atlas

The Public Access Lands (PAL) atlas is designed to help you find publicly accessible land in Wisconsin. The atlas consists of four sections:

1) Atlas Introduction
2) Legend and Map Index
3) 444 Maps
4) Property Name Index and Contact Info

If you are looking for a specific property begin your search with the Map Index found on the back cover of the atlas or page 3. Locate the desired property in the index and use the grid number to get the map page.

If you don’t know the property location use the Property Name Index to find the property name(s) on which the property is found.

Atlas Map Covouts

Not displayed in the maps are publicly accessible lands which may change over time. This includes private lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Lands (MFL) and Voluntary Public Access (VPA) programs. Additionally, due to lack of spatial information, lands that are leased by the department or local school forests are not displayed in the maps. See the Contact Information to learn more about these properties.

To keep the maps from becoming cluttered and unreadable, smaller and less important properties may not be labeled. State Natural Areas located within state or federal properties are not labeled.

Easements

Fishing-related easements are typically 66 feet wide and difficult to display at the atlas map scale, therefore the symbology for these easements are exaggerated by 400 feet to display clearly on the maps. A result of this exaggeration is that the easement will appear to extend beyond the actual easement area. Please respect on-ground postings to stay within the easement boundary and avoid trespassing on private land.

Activities will vary on easements; some may be open for hunting and fishing some may allow fishing but restrict hunting. Always observe and obey on-ground signs posted at the property. If in doubt, contact the property manager at https://dnr.wi.gov. Keyword: Contact.

State-Owned Land

- Land owned by DNR and purchased with money from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund
- Land owned by the state of Wisconsin, e.g. Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation or Bureau of Commissioners of Public Land (BCPL). Stewardship funds were not used to purchase these lands.

DNR Easement on Private Land

- Private land on which the DNR holds a permanent easement. Stewardship funds were used to purchase these easements.
- Private land on which the DNR holds a permanent easement. Stewardship funds were not used to purchase these lands.

Public Access Lands

- Local Park
- Public land owned and managed by local or county government.
- Non-DNR Land Funded by Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund
- Local park and non-government conservation organization (NGCO) land funded in part by the Stewardship Fund
- Stewardship Grant Land Manager

Shallow Shipwreck

Off-shore location of shipwreck remains. More information on the shipwreck can be found at http://www.wisconsinshipwrecks.org/

Internal DNR Road

Road located within a DNR property. These are permanent, all-season roads however use can vary between seasons. Check conditions before use.

Outside of Map Extent

Indicates that the map features are displayed on an adjacent map page or exists outside the state boundary.

Index Map of Public Access Lands Maps

Numbers on this state map are the page numbers for the 441 public access lands maps that follow.