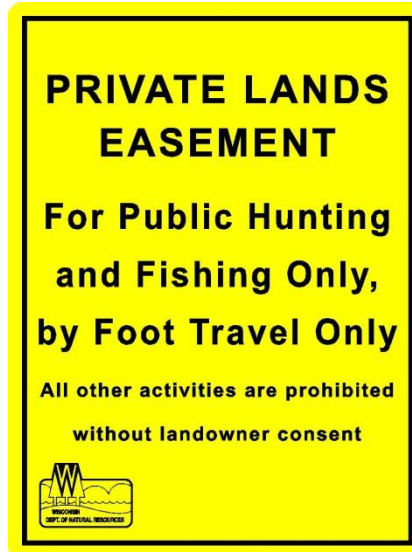


Knapp Creek Wildlife Area (KCWA) Code of Conduct

- Follow all hunting and fishing regulations, as well as trapping regulations on those parcels open to trapping.
- Public access is only allowed on those areas posted with the signs to the right. Know the property boundaries and do not trespass on the surrounding private land.
- Access is limited to foot traffic only. No motorized vehicles allowed on the eased lands.
- Parking is allowed along County and Town roads in the right-of-way (which extends 33 feet from the centerline on both sides of the road). When parking, choose locations that do not prevent passing vehicles from seeing around curves or over hills. Do not block access to any driveways, farm fields or pastures.
- Avoid damage to property and standing crops.
- Leave gates as you found them.
- Do not hunt near farmsteads or buildings - maintain a distance of 100 yards (300 feet). Discharging a firearm within 100 yards of an occupied residence without the landowners' permission is illegal. Remember, many of these properties have livestock on them so please avoid spooking them.
- Treat the property and resources with respect. Damage and trespass incidents are enforced by the local Sheriff's Department at (608) 647-2106.
- Let landowners know when and where you are going to be on KCWA land. Though not a legal requirement, notification is courteous and enhances safety.
- Support Ethical Responsible Hunting – Report violations
CALL: 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367)
- Be aware of invasive species and prevent the spread – clean all boots, equipment, dogs, etc. before entering and leaving a KCWA property.
- Constructing or erecting blinds, stands or other structures is not allowed. Portable structures are acceptable on a daily basis - avoid damaging trees and take all equipment with you when you leave each day.
- Do not litter. Pack out spent shotgun shells or rifle casings.
- Be ethical, courteous and safe.



Knapp Creek Wildlife Area

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the Knapp Creek Wildlife Area?*

A: Knapp Creek Wildlife Area (KCWA) is a 2,003 acre property located in Richland County. The entire property is privately-owned land with permanent hunting and fishing easements. Many of the properties also include the right to trap. The property is a mosaic of agricultural fields, marshy creek bottoms and forested hillsides.

Q: *What activities are allowed on KCWA properties?*

A: The only activities allowed on all of KCWA are hunting and fishing. Trapping is allowed on some properties; see map showing properties where trapping is allowed.

Q: *How long are the easements valid?*

A: The easements are permanent and transfer with the deed when the properties are sold. The seller will need to address this with the new landowner prior to closing on the sale of the lands.

Q: *What are the payment rates for KCWA?*

A: The original landowners were paid a one-time lump-sum based on the acreage of various land cover types. As a result, there are no annual fees paid to the current landowners.

Q: *Does the public have to ask permission from the landowner to hunt on enrolled KCWA lands?*

A: KCWA users are not required to ask permission of the landowner. Though not a legal requirement, notification is courteous and enhances safety. Let landowners know when and where you are going to be on KCWA land.

Q: *Can a landowner restrict the number of hunters or species hunted on KCWA lands?*

A: No. As with state wildlife areas, there are no restrictions on the number of hunters on a KCWA property at any given time. Hunting and fishing (and trapping on some properties) must be open to all users and all legal species can be hunted on KCWA lands during open seasons.

Q: *Are tree stands or blinds allowed on KCWA properties?*

A: Only the landowner may have a permanent tree stand on the property and constructing or erecting blinds, stands or other structures is not allowed by the general public. Portable structures are acceptable but don't damage trees and take blinds or stands with you when you leave each day.

Q: *Where do I park my vehicle when using KCWA properties?*

A: Vehicular travel on the property is restricted to the landowner. Hunters, anglers and trappers are allowed to park along County and Town roads in the right-of-way (which extends 33 feet from the centerline on both sides of the road). When parking, choose locations that do not prevent passing vehicles from seeing around curves or over hills. Do not block access to any driveways, farm fields or pastures.

Q: *Is non-toxic shot required during the dove season on KCWA properties?*

A: On lands specifically managed by the WDNR for doves (sunflower plots, etc.), all hunters using the property are required to use non-toxic shot. Any lands not specifically managed for doves where hunters are opportunistically shooting doves, using nontoxic shot is not required.

Q: *Is ATV or vehicle access/travel allowed on KCWA properties?*

A: The use of vehicles (ATV's, tractors, trucks, etc.) on the properties in the KCWA is restricted to the landowner and the general public is limited to foot travel only without landowner permission.

Q: *Can I walk or train my dog or ride horses on KCWA properties?*

A: Only the landowners of the properties that comprise the KCWA are allowed to use horses on KCWA properties. Dogs are not allowed on KCWA lands unless they are being used for hunting purposes which does not include dog training.

Q: *Where can I find information about KCWA properties open to public access?*

A: Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov> and search "Knapp Creek Wildlife Area"

Q: *Can a landowner legally prevent a hunter from hunting (or trapping) on these eased lands?*

A: Wis. Stat. s. 29.083(2)(a) provides, in part, that no person may interfere or attempt to interfere with lawful hunting, or trapping with the intent to prevent the taking of a wild animal by impeding or obstructing a person who is engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping or an activity associated with lawful hunting, fishing or trapping.

Q: *Can a hunter discharge a gun near a landowner's house?*

A: Wis. Stat. s. 941.20(1)(d) provides that a person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if they discharge a firearm within 100 yards of any building devoted to human occupancy situated on and attached to the lands of another without the express permission of the owner or occupant of the building.