Head outdoors and enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife watching — some of the long-standing traditions enjoyed by generations of Wisconsin residents.

Hundreds of landowners have agreed to open their property to the public as part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ Voluntary Public Access (VPA) program.

- More than **30,000 acres** of private land is available.
- Free access to private lands allows you to affordably **enjoy the outdoors** and learn new skills.
- The most popular activities on VPA lands are **hunting**, **fishing**, **bird watching** and **enjoying wildlife**.
- The **DNR offers classes** for new hunters, anglers and bird watchers, which encourages families to share these activities together and introduce them to younger generations.
- Many properties are within **an easy drive** of urban areas.
- Studies show that engaging in outdoor activities is beneficial to both **physical** and **mental health**.
- **No permission is needed**! All you have to do is follow a simple code of conduct to make sure landowners want to continue participating.

**Bring your friends and family members** and keep these outdoor traditions alive! **Just look for the signs.**

To find new and existing properties, visit: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) (search “Share the Land”)
Code of Conduct

- Only access areas posted with VPA signs.
- Know the field boundaries and avoid trespassing on surrounding private land.
- Follow all hunting, fishing and trapping regulations.
- Leave gates as you found them.
- Stay 300 feet from farmsteads or buildings, especially when hunting.
- Limit your activity to foot traffic only.
- If you pack it in, pack it out. Don’t litter.
- Avoid damage to property and standing crops.
- Be ethical, courteous and safe. Abuse it – lose it.

Other Restrictions

- Portable structures (tree stands/blinds) are permitted, but they cannot cause damage and must be removed when you leave.
- Park on the shoulder of a public road or in a designated parking area. Avoid blocking access to farm fields, pastures or driveways.
- Dogs may be used for hunting purposes (not training).
- Horses are not allowed on VPA properties.

See where VPA lands can be enjoyed!

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VPA property by county

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VPA interactive map