

# Rock Creek

## **Prairie Restoration**

About fifty species of native flowers and grasses were planted to create this 20-acre prairie in 1998. Its erosive soils had been farmed in row crops for decades, causing tons of soil to wash into the west basin of Deer Lake. The sturdy stems and deep roots of native prairie plants now help to slow runoff water and hold soil in place.

A list of the flowers and grasses planted here is available from the Deer Lake Conservancy. Plant guides may be checked out at the St. Croix Falls Public Library.

## **Gravel Pit Reclamation**

Removal of sand and gravel left an open scar on the landscape and created potential for soil erosion. The area was reshaped and seeded in 1998.

## **Woodland and Springs**

The trail enters the woods at the south end of the prairie. This area has cool spring ponds that supply fresh water to the lake. The large trap rock boulders carried by the glaciers and deposited along the trail are a reminder of the power of water and ice.

## **Land Management**

The Conservancy owns this 40-acre property including the woods to the south. It was purchased thanks to a generous donation from Jim and Sylvia Earl and dedicated as a memorial to Margaret H. Earl. The Department of Natural Resources holds a conservation easement on the property ensuring it will remain undeveloped to protect Deer Lake waters forever.

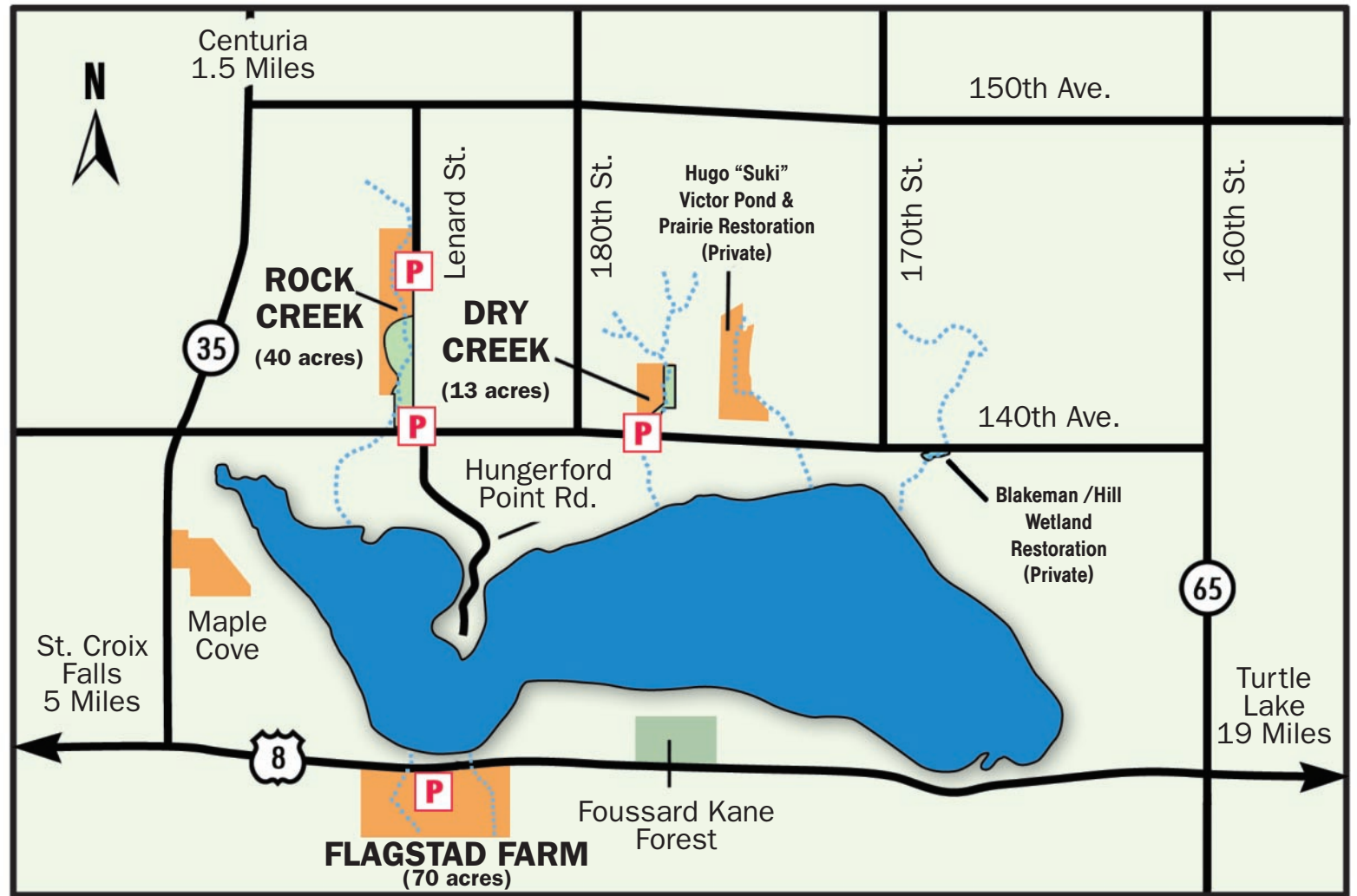
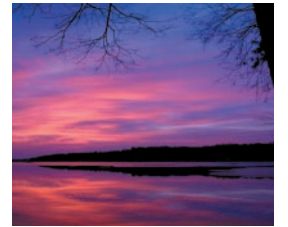


# Tour the Conservation Practices



## The Deer Lake Conservancy Trails are open to the public

- Rock Creek
- Dry Creek
- Flagstad Farm



- **Please stay on trails**
- **No motorized vehicles or horses**

## Scenes from the Properties

## The Deer Lake Conservancy

## Conservation Projects

## Tour Guide



View from Flagstad Farm



Wetland Pond



Rock Creek Prairie



Rock Creek Trail View



Dry Creek Sediment Basin



Prairie Flowers

The Deer Lake Conservancy is a tax exempt organization incorporated in the State of Wisconsin. The purpose of the organization is the preservation of Deer Lake and the surrounding land that contributes to the natural, scenic, recreational and productive value of the lake.

As a 501C(3) corporation, contributions are fully deductible from Federal and State income tax. The Conservancy is actively seeking contributions which may be in the form of cash, securities, property and land easements.

Please send contributions to:  
The Deer Lake Conservancy  
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## Partner Organizations

These conservation projects and the trail system were completed with financial and technical assistance from many organizations including:

- Polk County Land and Water Resources and Parks Departments
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- The Deer Lake Improvement Association
- University of Wisconsin Extension
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Harmony Environmental
- Farm Service Agency
- Ducks Unlimited
- Pheasants Forever
- Wisconsin Conservation Corps
- National Park Service
- Amery High School
- US Geological Survey
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