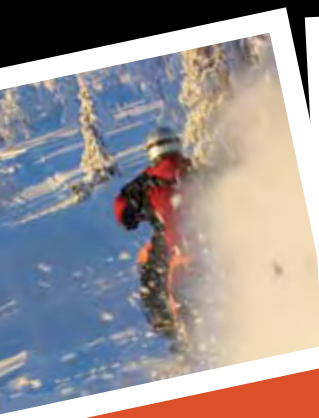


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Forest County Profile

Size: 1,014.1 square miles

- Public lands – 59%
- Private lands – 84% forested, 5% agricultural usage
- 824 lakes, sixth highest number of lakes in the state

Population (last census, 2000): 10,024

Median Age: 39.7 years

Top Ten Employers After Largest Economic Sector:

- Forest County Potawatomi Community, 250-499 Employees
- Potawatomi Bingo / Northern Lights Casino, 25-499 Employees
- School District of Crandon, 100-249 Employees
- County of Forest, 100-249 Employees
- Sokaogon Gaming Enterprises Corp., 100-249 Employees
- Arizconsin Group, Inc., 100-249 Employees
- School District of Wabeno Area, 100-249 Employees
- USDA Forest Service, 50-99 Employees
- Nu-Roc Community Healthcare, Inc., 50-99 Employees
- J. Schaefer Enterprises, Inc., 50-99 Employees

Total Number of Homes (2000): 7,176

- Percent for seasonal, recreational or occasional use: 50%
- Median value owner-occupied housing, 2000: \$65,000.00

Largest Economic Sectors: Forestry, tourism, government and Native American enterprises

Educational Facilities: Enrollment as of 2006 school year

- K-12 (public) Crandon School District, approx. 919
- Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District, approx. 201
- Laona School District, approx. 289
- Wabeno School District, approx. 600
- K-12 (private)
- New Hope Christian School, approx. 20
- University of Wisconsin – Extension Office, Courthouse, Crandon
- Nicolet Area Technical College, Rhinelander or Minocqua

Medical Facilities:

- Ministry Medical Group, Crandon Office
- Mole Lake Clinic, Mole Lake
- Laona Family Health Center, Laona
- Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center
- Crandon Chiropractic, Crandon
- North Lake Chiropractic, Crandon

Dental Facilities:

- Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center
- Klockow Dental Clinic, Wabeno

Nursing Homes:

- Arizconsin Group, Inc., Crandon
- Nu-Roc Nursing Home, Laona

Community Facilities:

- Post Offices – Argonne, Crandon, Laona, Wabeno, Armstrong Creek
- Newspaper – The Forest Republican, weekly
- Shopper – The Pioneer Express, weekly
- Public Libraries – Crandon, Laona, Wabeno
- Airport – 2 miles south of Crandon, 3500-ft. year-round lighted runway



A Capsule of Forest County History

Before the Civil War, Forest County was primarily inhabited by the Chippewa and other Native Americans, and was visited by traveling fur traders and trappers, most of whom were of French descent or mixed French and Indian heritage.

During the 1860's, the federal government started construction of what is known as the Military Road. This road connected Green Bay and Fort Wilkins at Copper Harbor on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Previously, rivers had served as the highways to this section of northeastern Wisconsin.

Military Road made travel through

Forest County easier, but marketing of its principal resource, hardwood timber, had to wait for improved markets for hardwood lumber and rail service to transport the lumber. Unlike the pine that was logged elsewhere, the heavier hardwood logs would not float in the rivers to sawmills downstate.

The Soo Line Railroad bisected Forest County in 1887, and provided rail service to areas adjacent to Argonne, Cavour, and Armstrong Creek, but it was still not profitable to move logs by horse-drawn sleigh for any distance to a railhead. Eventually, the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, lured by land holdings given to them by

the government, pushed rail service into the county. It created a north-south line on the eastern side of the county in the 1890s with a spur into Crandon just after the turn of the century. Sawmills sprang up like mushrooms after a rain and lumber was shipped to build America's cities. By the 1930s, the timber supply waned and the Great Depression shut down most of the big mills. It was then that residents of what came to be called the "cutover lands" realized the value of the many lakes and miles of streams located in Forest County. The tourist trade joined logging and saw milling as part of the economic mainstay of the North, and it remains so today.

Forest County Courthouse

The original frame house used as the Forest County Courthouse was deemed inadequate and a building committee was formed. This committee was surrounded in controversy and was soon replaced by a new one. (A painting of the original frame house can be seen today on the inside of the courthouse dome.) This new committee was said to be very involved in the project, watching it quite closely every step of the way. During the construction, which began in 1909, a building located just off Lake Avenue on Madison Street building served as a temporary courthouse and jail.

The committee hired a man from Rhinelander as overseer of the project, and the agreement was that he got paid only if the project came in on budget and on time. It was said that there were some difficulties with the architect, and that there were many, many committee meetings. Minutes from one of these meetings referred to the redoing of the southeast wall due to substandard work-

manship. There were squabbles over the expensive marble flooring, and one over the cost of the half window on the second floor of the north side, which cost \$3.95 at that time.



Some rooms still have the wide wooden blinds, which were ordered from Matt Ross's furniture store. Ross was married to Grace Shaw, daughter of Samuel Shaw, the founding father of the City of Crandon. The building was finally completed and was dedicated in 1911. Some people in the county did not even know of the new building until it was completed, and many scoffed at the \$55,000 cost. The current first floor was the basement and the second floor was the entrance to the courthouse. There was a series of circular stairways to get to the basement floor, which served as the vault at the time. The vault area was later opened up and converted to much needed office space.

Construction of the jail began in 1901, and the south addition, Annex 1, was built in 1966. The north addition, Annex 2, was built in 1978. The new jail was constructed in 1997.

Forest County Historical Museum

The Protestant Episcopal Church of Crandon built the original structure in 1902. Through the years this building has seen many facets of life, from mission church to social hall, to private residence, to antique shop. Purchased in 1994 by the Forest County Historical and Genealogical Society from the Carter family, who had maintained ownership since 1920, the museum reflects everyday life of an average Forest County family in the late 1920s to early 1930s. The Society has done restoration and expansion, with places to allow future depiction of the moonshine era in Forest County.

There is no admission charge. The museum is maintained with a volunteer staff through private donations. Society membership is open to anyone interested in the unique history of Forest County. For further information, contact Forest County Historical & Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 432, Crandon, WI 54520

Forest County Historical Museum
Located at 105 W. Jackson

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Saturday 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan 20** Crandon Lions 25th Annual Winterfest & Fishoree, Crandon Community Bldg
- Jan 20** Tombstone-Pickerel Sno-Club Chili Feed and Raffle, Pickerel
- Jan 27** Pickerel-Pearson Business Association Winter Fishoree, Pickerel
- Jan 27** Water's Edge Lodge Annual Jump In, Lake Lucerne

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3** Sugarbush Sno-Mo-Wheelers Poker Run & Fun Days, Ends at Wild Rose Pub & Eatery, Roberts Lake
- Feb 3** Hiles Volunteer Fire Dept. Pine Lake Fishoree, Hiles
- Feb 10** Mole Lake Fishoree, Mole Lake
- Feb 10** Wabeno Legion/Lions Trump Lake Fishoree, Wabeno
- Feb 10** Pickerel Fun Day & Schuh's Polar Bear Jump-in, Pickerel
- Feb 10** Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, Pickerel

MARCH

- Mar 10-11** Mole Lake TRAILS Pow-wow, Mole Lake Bingo Hall
- Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pickerel
- Mar 17-18** FC Potawatomi Winter's End Pow Wow, FCP Recreation Ctr.

APRIL

- Apr 7** Crandon Lions Easter Egg Hunt, Courthouse Square Crandon

MAY

- May-Sept** Flea Market, Fridays, downtown Wabeno
- May 26-27** Truck Pull, Wabeno
- May 28** Lion's Club Trap Shoot, Laona
- May 28** Memorial Day Parade & Service, Crandon
- May 28** Memorial Day Service, Argonne
- May 28** Memorial Day Parade & Service, Wabeno
- May 28** Memorial Day Parade & Service, Laona

JUNE

- Jun 9-10** Dual Sport Spring Ride (for Breast & Colon Cancer Research), Fairgrounds, Wabeno

- Jun 9** Quarterback Club Golf Tournament & Dance, Laona
- Jun 10-16** FCP Gathering Thunder Biker Rally Bars Poker Run, Forest County
- Jun 14** Biker Rally Street Dance
- Jun 15-16** FCP Gathering Thunder Biker Rally, Crandon & Raceway Grounds
- Jun 16** Tombstone-Pickerel Sno Club Summer Picnic, Pickerel
- Jun 16-17** Strawberry Moon Pow-Wow, Mole Lake
- Jun - Aug** Crandon Water Shows, Wednesdays, Waters Edge, Lake Lucerne
- Jun 21** Camp 5 Lumberjack Special Opens, Laona
- Jun 23-24** Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run Races, Crandon International Off Road Raceway
- Jun 29** FC Potawatomi Health & Wellness Health Fair, Crandon
- Jun 29-30** 3rd Annual WOHVA Convention, Indian Springs Lodge, Carter
- Jun 29-30** Crandon Fire Dept. 4th of July Celebration-Parade-Fireworks, Crandon



JULY

- Jul 1** Laona Fire Dept. 4th of July Parade & Dance, Laona
- Jul 4** Lake Lucerne Boat Parade, Lake Lucerne, Crandon
- Jul 6-8** Steam Up Days & Parade, Wabeno
- Jul 7-8** Wabeno Annual Arts & Craft Show, Wabeno
- Jul 14** Camp 5 Cowboy Re-enactment, Laona
- Jul 20-21** Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Cardinal Park, Crandon
- Jul 21** Crandon Lions Club Summerfest, Lake Metonga City Beach

- Jul 22** Northern Cup Series Motocross Race, Crandon Raceway
- Jul 27-28** Polish Heritage Days, Armstrong Creek
- Jul 27-28** Pickerel-Pearson Business Assoc. Annual Summer Fishoree/Raffle
- Jul 28** Kentuck Day Festival & Sidewalk Sale, Crandon
- Jul 28** Kentuck Klassic Car Show, Downtown Crandon
- Jul 28-29** Lucas Oil Ultimate ATV Experience, Crandon Raceway

AUGUST

- Aug 3** Street Dance/Family Night, Wabeno
- Aug 4** Northwoods Veterans Picnic, Courthouse Square, Crandon
- Aug 4** Lake Lucerne Family Fun Day, Lake Lucerne, Crandon
- Aug 4** Laona Community Soup & Souper Run, Silver Lake
- Aug 10-11** Rummage O Rama, Wabeno
- Aug 11** Argonne Fire Dept. Annual Argonne Days, Argonne
- Aug 11** Roberts Lake Fishoree & Corn Roast, Wabeno
- Aug 18** VFW Annual Corn Boil, Laona
- Aug 18-19** Mno Kno Pow Wow, Carter
- Aug 18-19** 2nd Annual Mole Lake Heritage Days-200th Anniversary of the Battle of Mole Lake
- Aug 25** Camp 5, Last Day of Regular Season, Laona
- Aug 25-26** Footstock Barefoot Water Ski Tournament, Peshtigo Lake, Crandon
- Aug 31** Off Road Race Parade & Downtown Celebration, Crandon
- Aug 31** Friday Night Thunderfest, Crandon Internat'l Off Road Raceway

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 1-2** World Championship Off-Road Races, Crandon Int'l Off Road Raceway, Crandon
- Sep 6-9** Forest County Fair, Crandon
- Sep 15** Art in the Square, Courthouse Square, Crandon
- Sep 22** Camp Five Lumberjack Special Fall Festival, Laona
- Sep 22-23** Big Woods Dual 200 Sport/Motorcycle Cross Event, Fairgrounds, Wabeno
- Sep 28-29** Northwoods Jeep Jamboree, Crandon

Sep 29 Camp Five Lumberjack Special Fall Festival, Laona
Sep 29 Wabeno American Legion Fall Colorama Dinner & Raffle, Wabeno

OCTOBER

Oct 6 Camp Five Lumberjack Special Fall Festival & Cowboy Re-enactment, Laona

NOVEMBER

Nov 24 Indian Springs Lodge Fall Arts & Craft Fair, Indian Springs Lodge, Carter

DECEMBER

Dec 4 Pearson-Pickerel Lion's Club Christmas Tree Lighting & Children's Christmas Party, St. Mary's
Dec 7 Tree Lighting and Flashlight Parade, Courthouse Square, Crandon
Dec 8 Santa comes to Wabeno
Dec 8 Wabeno Winterfest, Wabeno
Dec 14 Chief Willard Ackley Day, Mole Lake



Scheduled 2008 Events:

Jan 19 Crandon Lions Fishoree, Crandon
Feb 8 Trump Lake Fishoree, Trump Lake, Wabeno
Jun 13-14 FCP Gathering Thunder Biker Rally, Crandon
Jun 21-22 Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run Off Road Races, Crandon International Off Road Raceway, Crandon
Jul 26 Kentuck Day Festival, Courthouse Square, Crandon
Jul 26 Kentuck Classic Car Show, Crandon
Aug 29 Off Road Race Celebration & Parade, Downtown Crandon
Aug 29 Potawatomi Extreme Thunderfest, Crandon International Off Road Raceway
Aug 30-31 Borg Warner World Championship Off Road Races, Crandon International Off Road Raceway, Crandon
Sep 20 Art in the Square, Courthouse Square, Crandon
Sep 26-27 Northwoods Jeep Jamboree

CALL TO CONFIRM DATES AS SOME ARE TENTATIVE!

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Things to See and Do

ATV Trails - An 8-mile public trail, along with ongoing development of several miles of routes and trails. See page 15.

Auto Tours - Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest auto tours through Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties, including the Heritage Drive National Forest Scenic Byway, see page 15.

Bald Eagle Sightings - Take a walk or drive through miles of back roads with an eye to the sky, looking for that familiar white head. Mole Lake south of Crandon on Hwy. 55, and Peshtigo and Clear Lakes are favorite spots for these majestic birds.

Beaches/Picnic Areas - Located throughout the county, including Crandon Municipal Beach (north end of Lake Metonga), and Silver Lake Beach (one-mile west of Laona).

Biking - Many biking enthusiasts choose Forest County for their autumn biking. County highways offer beautiful color viewing while biking. See page 12.

Blackwell Civilian Conservation Job Corps - Historic CCC camps. In the 1930's they provided jobs for young men.

Camping - Several Forest Service Campgrounds, County, and privately owned campgrounds are available throughout the County. See page 15.



Crandon International Off-Road Raceway - Home of the FCP Brush Run 101 and the Borg Warner World Championship Off-Road Races. See page 19.

Crandon Water Ski Shows - Summer water ski shows on Lake Lucerne, June-August, by the Crandon Water Ski Club.

Cross County Skiing - See page 11.

Downhill Skiing - Iron River is a 45-minute drive away.

Elvoy Spring Pond - Natural brook trout fishing is available from a wheelchair accessible pier, which is located west of Alvin off of FS 2193.

Fishing - Some of the best fishing in the area is available county wide, with an endless choice of lakes and streams. A wheelchair accessible pier is located on East Lakeview Street on Lake Metonga (Crandon). See page 17 for a list of lakes and trout streams.

Forest County Historical Museum - Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Daily hours will be posted. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. See page 5.

Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center and Museum - Open 9-4, Monday thru Friday. See page 9.

Forest County Veterans Memorial - A beautiful tribute to area veterans. Located in the Courthouse Square, Crandon. Don't forget to also visit the Northwoods Veterans Museum on Lake Avenue in Crandon.

Forest County Veterans Memorial Park Campground - Located 4 miles south of Crandon on Lake Metonga. It offers camping sites, boat landing, fishing pier, picnic areas, volleyball courts, and swimming area.

Golfing - Two public courses. The Nicolet Country Club, Hwy. 8 west of Laona, (see page 12), and Maplewood Golf Course, located in Pickerel on Hwy. 55. Driving range also available at Crandon International Off Road Raceway on Hwy 8 West of Crandon.



Camp 5 Museum/ Lumberjack Special Train - Laona. See page 24.

Colorama - Autumn has a special name here-Colorama. It's a special time in Wisconsin's north, from September 15 - October 15. It's a time to reflect on the peace of the forest, lakes and rivers, when nature paints Forest County in a myriad of hues.

Courthouse Square, Crandon - Enjoy viewing 40 different species of trees from all over the state. It features a park with a deer pen, the historic Forest County Courthouse, the Veteran's Memorial, and the Crandon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Things to See and Do

Hiking Trails - See page 12.

Horseback Riding - Open June through August, located on County B and Cole Road

Hunting - Great hunting opportunities abound throughout County and Nicolet National Forest. Hunting trail maps are available at the County Forestry Office, (715) 478-3475.

Logging Museum - Nostalgic copy of 1938 logging camp located in Wabeno.

Loons - The haunting call of the loon is a symbol of the northwoods and has been heard for centuries in Forest County.

Mecikalski Stovewood Building - Restoration of an unusual turn-of-the-century stovewood general store. This building houses a piece of history from an early era. Travel south on Hwy. 55 out of Crandon. Turn right on County Road B and continue west to get to Jennings.

Mole Lake Burial Grounds - Sioux and Chippewa (Ojibwe) battled over control of the wild rice beds in 1806. They are now the last remaining ancient wild rice beds in the state of Wisconsin. Historic markers note the site on Hwy. 55.

Mole Lake Casino - Welcome to Las Vegas style gambling in the beautiful northwoods. The gaming fun and excitement starts with video poker, slot machines and blackjack tables. Open 7 days a week. Located on Hwy. 55, south of Crandon, in Mole Lake. See page 27

Mountain Biking - Trails on page 12.

Nicolet National Forest Ranger Station - Located on Hwy. 8 west of Laona.

Phoenix Steam Hauler - Wabeno, see page 29.

Potawatomi Bingo Northern Lights Casino - Brand new facility, over 12,000 square feet of exciting gaming including video poker, slots, blackjack, craps, roulette, three-card poker and Let It Ride, as well as bingo. It offers a full-service lounge and cafeteria-style restaurant. Open 7 days a week. Located on Hwy. 32 in Carter, WI.

Pow Wows - The Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa and the Forest County Potawatomi Communities host Pow Wows.

Quartz Outcropping - Quartz Hill Hiking Trail, off Hwy. 32 at Forest County line, near Carter.

Red Bridge Scenic Picnic Area - Overlooking Armstrong Creek, originally built in the late 1800's.

Rustic Roads - 7.5 miles of natural scenic road. The officially designated "Rustic Road" is west of Alvin in northern Forest County. See page 17.



Self-Guided Nature Trails - Available throughout the county. Bird watching, hiking, and walking routes are listed. See page 13.

Senior Snoop Shop - Handicrafts consigned and manned by dedicated seniors. Open Memorial – Labor Day.

Snowmobile Trails - Nearly 400 miles of trails. See page 11.

Sugar Bush Hill - Fourth highest point in Wisconsin at 1,950 feet, 5 miles east of Crandon on Hwy 8.

Tennis - Cardinal Park, on East Madison Street, Crandon offers two courts.

The Crackerbox Café - Housed in one of the original Crandon train stations, in the Pioneer Plaza.

Walking Trails - See page 13.

White Water Rafting - Wolf River off of Hwy. 55, and the Peshtigo River 20 minutes south of Wabeno.

Woodland Hills Winery - Located in Lakewood. Offers guided tours and wine tasting.

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ARMSTRONG CREEK

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church
 Hwy 8, 715-336-2334

CARTER

Sunnyside Community Church
 P.O. Box 354, Hwy. 32

CRANDON

Crandon Church of Christ
 100 Prospect Ave,
 715-478-2645
 Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-LCMS

1507 N Lake St,
 715-478-3555
 Saturday Worship @ 5:00 pm
 Sunday Worship @ 10:15 am

Jehovah Kingdom Hall

1036 Hwy 55,
 715-478-5775

Lakeland Baptist Church

106 S Hazeldell,
 715-478-3901
 Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am & 6:00 Pm

Living Faith Church of God

202 S Hazeldell,
 715-478-2369
 Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am & 6:00 Pm

Praise Chapel

200 E 6th St
 715-478-2051
 Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am & 6:30 Pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

208 N Park St,
 715-478-3396
 Saturday Mass @ 5:00 pm
 Sunday Mass @ 9:00 am

St. Lukes United Methodist Church

301 S Lake, 715-478-3797
 Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am

St. Paul's Lutheran Church-WELS

501 N Park, 715-478-5620
 Sunday Worship @ 10:15 am

HILES

Christ Lutheran Church-WELS

9126 Hwy 32,
 715-649-3900/478-5620
 Sunday Worship @ 8:15 am

LAONA

First Presbyterian Church

Linden St, 715-473-3603
 Sunday Worship @ 6:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church-LCMS

5502 Beech St,
 715-674-3836
 Sunday Worship @ 8:30 am

St. Leonard Catholic Church

5331 Beech St,
 715-674-3241
 Saturday Mass @ 4:00 pm
 Sunday Mass @ 9:00 am

Laona Church of the Nazarene

5207 Spruce St,
 715-674-2335
 Sunday Worship @ 10:30

MOLE LAKE

Waba Nun Nung Chapel

715-478-2730

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715-674-3241
 Saturday Mass @ 5:30 pm

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 715-473-3603
 Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am

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1793 Elm St, 715-473-2511
 Saturday Mass @ 4:00 pm
 Sunday Mass @ 10:30 am

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Forest County Recreational Trails



Cross Country Ski Trails

NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST – FOREST COUNTY

Ed's Lake Trail: This trail is located on County Highway W between Wabeno and Crandon. The trail is groomed. There is a 2.3 mile loop trail suitable for beginners, with the intermediate trail offering a 2.7 mile loop as well as a 3.5 mile loop.

Nicolet North Trail: Nicolet North is located 10.5 miles east of Eagle River to Forest Road 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of groomed trails with several loop opportunities.

Anvil Trail: Anvil Trail is located 8.5 miles east of Eagle River on Highway 70. There are 12 miles of groomed loop trails ranging from gentle, rolling to hilly.

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Otter Springs Trail: This trail is located 4 miles east of Crandon off Highway 8 on Forest Road 2378. This trail has a parking area and ski shelter available. It offers a 1.2 mile loop and .75 mile loop suitable for beginners. The intermediate trail is a 3 mile loop.

Hemlock Lake Ski Trail: Hemlock Lake Ski trail is located 1 mile east and 4 miles south of Crandon off County Highway W on Hemlock Lake Road. This is a 2 mile loop trail with parking area.

Public Snowmobile Trails

Enjoy snowmobiling in Forest County with over 396 miles of groomed, state-funded trails winding through the Nicolet National Forest in lightly populated communities. All trails link to both casinos and all hospitality businesses in Forest County, providing many pit stops along the trail for food, lodging, and refreshments.

100 Mile Snow Safari Trail: The 100 Mile Snow Safari has approximately 150 miles of marked and groomed trails through the Nicolet National Forest linking all the localities of Forest County. Maps, food, etc., are available at pit stops throughout the system.

Lumberjack Memorial Trails: The Lumberjack Memorial Trails club grooms and maintains over 90 miles of trails in central and southern Forest County. These trails link to the 100 Miler as well as to the trails in the Lakewood area.

Brule River Trails: The Brule River Trail system has over 40 miles of groomed trails in the Nicolet National Forest, linking northern Forest County to Florence, Vilas, and Oneida Counties, as well as upper Michigan trails.

Three Lakes Trails: The Three Lakes Trail system has over 40 miles of groomed trails in the Nicolet National Forest, linking Forest and Oneida Counties in the western half of the County.

Tombstone-Pickerel Trails: The Tombstone-Pickerel Trails include over 20 miles of groomed trails in southwestern Forest County, with numerous pit stops and resorts, as well as a link to the Langlade County trail system.

Black Bear Sportsmen's Club: The Black Bear Club is Forest County's newest snowmobile club, with over 40 miles of groomed trails, linking the Crandon area north and west to trails in Oneida County.

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Mountain Biking Trails

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Ed's Lake Trail: Ed's Lake Trail is located on County Highway W between Wabeno and Crandon. There are 6 miles of trail in upland hardwoods.

Nicolet North Trail: Nicolet North is located 10.5 miles east of Eagle River to Forest Road 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of groomed trails with several loop opportunities. The Nicolet North Trail connects with the Anvil Trail.

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Anvil Trail: Anvil Trail is located 8.5 miles east of Eagle River on Highway 70. There are 12 miles of groomed loop options. In addition to designated trails, all logging roads and undesignated/unmarked trails within the Nicolet National Forest are open to mountain bikes unless otherwise posted. Information may be obtained at the local Forest Service office located in Laona. 715-674-4481

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Otter Springs Trail: This trail is located 4 miles east of Crandon off Highway 8 on Forest Road 2378. There are 5 miles of trail in upland hardwoods.



Hiking Trails

Otter Springs Trail: This trail is located 4 miles east of Crandon off Highway 8 on Forest Road 2378. There are 5 miles of trail in upland hardwoods.

Franklin Lake Trail: Located 9 miles east of Eagle River on Highway 70 to Forest Road 2178, then south on 2178 for 3 miles to Forest Road 2181, then east on 2181 for 5 miles to the campground and trailhead. This is a 1 mile interpretive loop trail that takes you through a tamarack swamp, hemlock cathedral and 300-year old white pines.

Hidden Lakes Trail: Use the directions for the Franklin Lake Trail. This is a 4-mile (one way) interpretive trail which begins at Franklin Lake Trail and eventually joins the Luna-White Deer Trail. Discover the molded landscapes of an ice age past, the cycle of seasons and the spiral of ages to come.

Ed's Lake Trail: Ed's Lake Trail is located on County Highway W between Wabeno and Crandon. There are 6 miles of trail in upland hardwoods.

Knowles Creek Interpretive Trail: Located 9.5 miles east of Wabeno on Highway C to Forest Road 3132, south on 3132 for a half mile. This is a one-third mile barrier-free access interpretive trail which follows the north shore of Knowles Creek impoundment. This is also a state designated Watchable Wildlife viewing area.

Halley Creek Bird Trail: Located 5 miles east of Blackwell on Goodman Park Road to Forest Road 2103, then south on 2103 to trailhead. This is a one mile loop trail with bird viewing opportunities in four different habitat types.

Michigan Rapids Trail: Located 3 miles north of Laona on Highway 8 to Forest Road 2131, then east on 2131 for 13 miles to Forest Road 2134, and then 1.5 miles south to the trailhead. This is a 1 mile one-way hike along the Peshtigo River to the rapids. Total trip hike is 2 miles.

Nicolet North Trail: Located 10.5 miles east of Eagle River to Forest Road 2460, then south on 2460 for 2 miles to the trailhead. There are 13 miles of trail with several loop opportunities. The Nicolet North Trail connects with the Anvil Trail.

Argonne Forest Trail: Located 1.5 miles east of Hiles on Highway 32 to Forest Road 2184, then north on 2184 for 1.5 miles to the trailhead. The self-guided loop trail gives the hiker

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a chance to learn more about northern hardwoods and forest management. The trail features 17 stops along an easy three-quarters of a mile walk which takes about an hour.

Scott Lake Trail and Shelp Lake Trail: From Hiles head south on Highway 32 to Forest Road 2174, then north on 2174 for 5.5 miles to Forest Road 2183, east on 2183 for 6 miles to the trailheads. The one-third mile Scott Lake Trail is located on the south side of 2183. You can walk among some larger diameter eastern white pines, hemlocks and hardwoods. The boardwalk to Shelp Lake is located on the north side of 2183. This short walk will take you out over a floating bog.

Birding & Nature Trails

Giant White Pine Grove State Natural Area - Three Lakes: 12 miles east A hiking trail loops around a wetland and through the site and is one of the best examples of mature northern forest. Located in the Forest Service's Headwaters Wilderness Area of 30 acres. Large hemlock, white pines, sugar maple, yellow birch, and basswood trees can be found. Common birds include Blackburnian and Black-throated Blue Warblers, and Pileated Woodpeckers. Directions: From Three Lakes travel east 4.7 miles on Hwy. 32. Then travel 0.6 mile east on Julia Lake Road. Go southeast on Scott Lake Road for 3.1 miles. Finally, take Giant Pine Road northeast 1.6 miles to a parking area west of the road. 608-266-7012 (WI DNR) www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/sna

Halley Creek Bird Trail: This one-mile trail is rated with an easy difficulty level. It is flat with some exposed roots and rocks. Directions: Follow Cty. Hwy. H southeast of Laona for 5.5 miles to FR 2136. Turn left and continue 5 miles, looking for Halley Creek Trail signs on the left and gravel access road on the right. At the end of the road, the trailhead and parking area for 3-4 vehicles can be found.

Knowles Creek Impoundment & Interpretive Trail: This 170-acre wetland impoundment is a favorite for wildlife viewers. Open water, marsh, old fields, and forests combine to attract many species including owls, hawks, eagles, loons, and waterfowl. Enjoy a 0.75-mile hiking trail, which has easy access. Directions: From Wabeno travel east about 7 miles on Cty. C, and turn south on Knowles Creek Road. Watch for Knowles Creek Impoundment signs and follow them to the gravel parking area and trailhead. 715-473-2602 www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf (US Forest Service)

Laura Lake Walking Trail: This trail, located on Laura Lake, is a 2.25-mile loop. It is of moderate difficulty being uneven and narrow with some exposed rocks and roots. The trailhead is located between the swim area and the boat ramp. Directions: From Laona, follow US Hwy. 8 northeast for 14 miles. Turn left on FR 2163 and drive 5 miles north to Laura Lake Campground. Parking is available for 7 vehicles.

Michigan Rapids Hiking Trail: This hiking trail is of moderate difficulty, being a wide trail with some gentle slopes. In

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Birding & Nature Trails, continued

the early spring, some wet areas can be found. Watch for poison ivy at the end of the trail. The trail length is approximately 2 miles that loops around. Directions: From Laona, take US Hwy. 8 north about 3 miles, to FR 2131. Turn right and go east approx. 12 miles to FR 2134. Turn right and travel south 1.5 miles. Look for trailhead sign on left just south of the Peshtigo River crossing at Burnt Bridge. Parking for 3 vehicles available.

Otter Springs Skiing and Hiking Trail: The Otter Springs trail is located on a large area of hardwood forest with scenic view of Otter Springs and Bug Lake. The trail is 8 miles in total length. The beginner's trail is about 0.75 of a mile long located near the graveled parking area. The intermediate trails are hilly and more challenging. The second trail is 1.25 miles in length with hills and curves. The trails are all well marked and groomed. The ski shelter is located between the two intermediate trails. Directions: The trail is located 4 miles east of Crandon, off

Canoe Routes

Brule River - Forest County: • Put-in below Brule Lake Dam. Take-out at Highway 139 Bridge. Length - 18 miles. Water should be medium high. Two rapids. USDA Forest Service campground two miles east of Nelma.

Peshtigo River - Forest and Marinette Counties:

- Put-in at Big Joe Canoe Landing and float to the CCC Bridge for 7.5 miles. This is a nice stretch of quiet water which is good for the novice or families.
- Put-in at the CCC Bridge and float to Burnt Bridge for 9.5 miles. This stretch is for intermediate canoeist. There are several rocky stretches with rapids.
- Put-in at Burnt Bridge and float to Burton Wells for 5.75 miles. This stretch contains Class II, II, and IV rapids. There is one portage around Michigan Rapids.
- Put-in at Burton Wells and float 6.25 miles to Goodman Park. This stretch contains Class II, III, and IV rapids. There is one mandatory portage around the falls.

Pine River - Forest and Florence Counties:

- Put-in at FS Road 2182 near Haystack Corners. Take-out at FS Road 2168. Length - 20 miles. Slow, winding up to Highway 55. Faster with a few difficult rapids after Highway 55. Good trout fishing.
- Put-in at FS Road 2168 to Chipmunk Rapids. Length - 18 miles. Excellent trout fishing. Several rapids. Portage around a dam. Picnic area at Highway 139. Camping area at Stevens Creek and Chipmunk Rapids. Some boulders.

Popple River - Forest County: • Put-in at Highway 55 ten miles north of Argonne. Take-out at the Town of Popple River. Water must be high. Two underdeveloped campsites on the route. Brook and brown trout fishing. Very secluded area. One portage, few rapids.

of Hwy. 8, north on 2378. The trail is entirely on Forest County land and is maintained/developed by Forest County Forestry Dept.

Pickerel Lake Walking & Biking Trail: The Pickerel Lake trail is 2 miles long, however from Hwy. 55, there are 4 miles designated for walking/biking. It is good for easy walking and biking, due to it being paved. Directions: Located 18 miles southwest of Crandon. From Crandon take Hwy. 55, and turn onto Pickerel Lake Road by Hills Still Supper Club. The trail is located next to Pickerel Lake Road.

*Always be prepared for ticks in spring and early summer seasons.

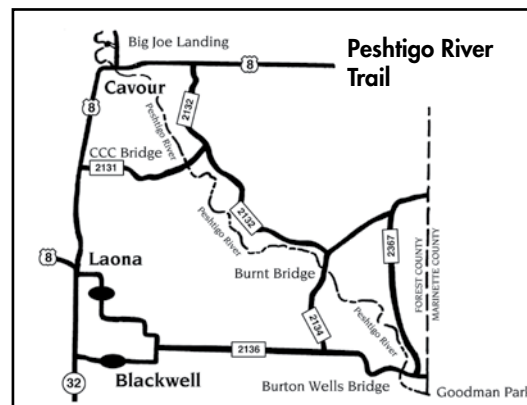


Wabikon & Riley Lakes Canoeing Path: 6 miles east of Crandon. Aquatic birds such as Osprey and Great Blue Heron live among these lakes. In the hemlock forest, on a peninsula on the west shore, sightings of birds such as the Nashville Warbler can emerge. Wild rice can also be found on these lakes. A stream on the south end leads to Riley Lake, and undeveloped and shallow lake. From there you can paddle the Indian River on the south end upstream to Indian Springs, another marsh community with spring ponds. You can also fish for brook trout on the Indian River and in the springs. Directions: This 1,000-acre site is best traveled by canoe. From Crandon, travel east 5.5 miles on Hwy. 8/32. Turn south on Potowatomi Trail, to find the boat landing 0.2 of a mile down on the south side of the road. 715-674-4481 (US Forest Service) www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf 1.2

Wolf River - Forest and Oneida Counties: • Put-in at Pine Lake. Take-out at Little Rice Lake Dam. Length - 10 miles. Small stream, water should be medium high. There are a few riffle rapids and occasional beaver dams. Eagle, deer and small mammals are common sights. Secluded area.

- Put-in at Little Rice Dam. Take-out at Highway B Bridge.

Length - 15 miles. Small winding stream. Water should be medium high. Numerous beaver dams, wild rice beds, railroad artifacts, rocky shallows. Very secluded.



Public ATV Trail

The Forest County Forestry Department maintains an eight-mile public ATV trail on County Forest land. This trail is a two-way trail located on old logging roads, which are also open to motorcycles, snowmobilers, hikers, skiers, loggers, and many other recreation enthusiasts. A loading dock is available at the trailhead parking area. Please stay on the trail, follow the brown ATV trail markers, and use caution and appropriate speeds. Driving beyond the borders of the ATV area onto private land is **ILLEGAL** and may result in permanent trail closure and fines. The Nicolet National Forest is closed to ATV use. Use of this trail is a privilege. Please respect the rights of neighboring landowners and other trail users.

Many towns have opened their town roads to ATV use. Contact local town officials to determine which roads are open and legal to ride. As a general rule, if the road is not signed as an ATV route, then it is not legal to ride on with your ATV.

The Nicolet State Trail is open for ATV use. This 25 mile, state-funded snowmobile/ATV trail is located in eastern Forest County on an abandoned railroad corridor. This trail is in two separate sections. The southern section starts at the Forest/Oconto County line in the Town of Carter and proceeds twelve miles north to the Town of Laona. The North segment of the Trail starts at County Highway O in the Town of Cavour and proceeds thirteen miles north to the Forest/Florence County line, then continues through Florence County and connects with a railroad corridor in Upper Michigan. Please stay on the railroad corridor! You may only use roads that are legally marked as ATV routes to leave the corridor. The Nicolet State Trail is the only trail in Forest County that is currently open to both snowmobile and ATV use. No other snowmobile trail in Forest County is open to ATV use at this time.

For further trail information, contact the Forest County Forestry Department at (715) 478-3475.

Campgrounds

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- Kentuck Lake** (715) 479-2827
- Laura Lake** (715) 674-4481
- Luna-White Deer Lake** (715) 479-2827
- Pine Lake** (715) 674-4481
- Richardson Lake** (715) 674-4481
- Seven Mile Lake**..... (715) 479-2827
- Stevens Lake** (715) 528-4464
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Rustic Roads and Auto Tours

Rustic Road 34

Located in Forest County. From the Village of Alvin, follows portions of Lakeview Drive, Carey Dam Road and Fishel Road to WIS 70. The route is 8.8 miles in length and the surface is paved and gravel in portions.

Located in the Nicolet National Forest, this scenic route includes the Old North Road, the very first road in the Town of Alvin and one which has changed very little over the years. The road leads through a heavily wooded area, including a 50-year-old pine plantation, abundant with wildlife and ideal for hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, and snowmobiling.

NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST AUTO TOURS

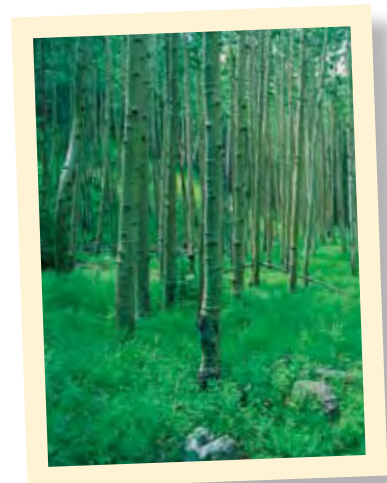
The Heritage Drive National Forest Scenic Byway,

the first scenic byway in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, was dedicated in May 1992. The Byway incorporates a 10-mile section of Military Road (Forest Road 2178) and 4 miles of Butternut Lake Road (Forest Road 2181). A tabloid-styled interpretive guide and special byway signs help visitors learn more about the Nicolet's rich cultural history.

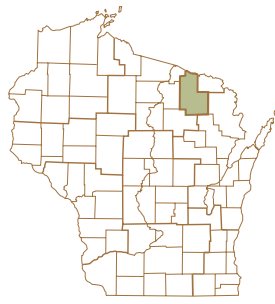
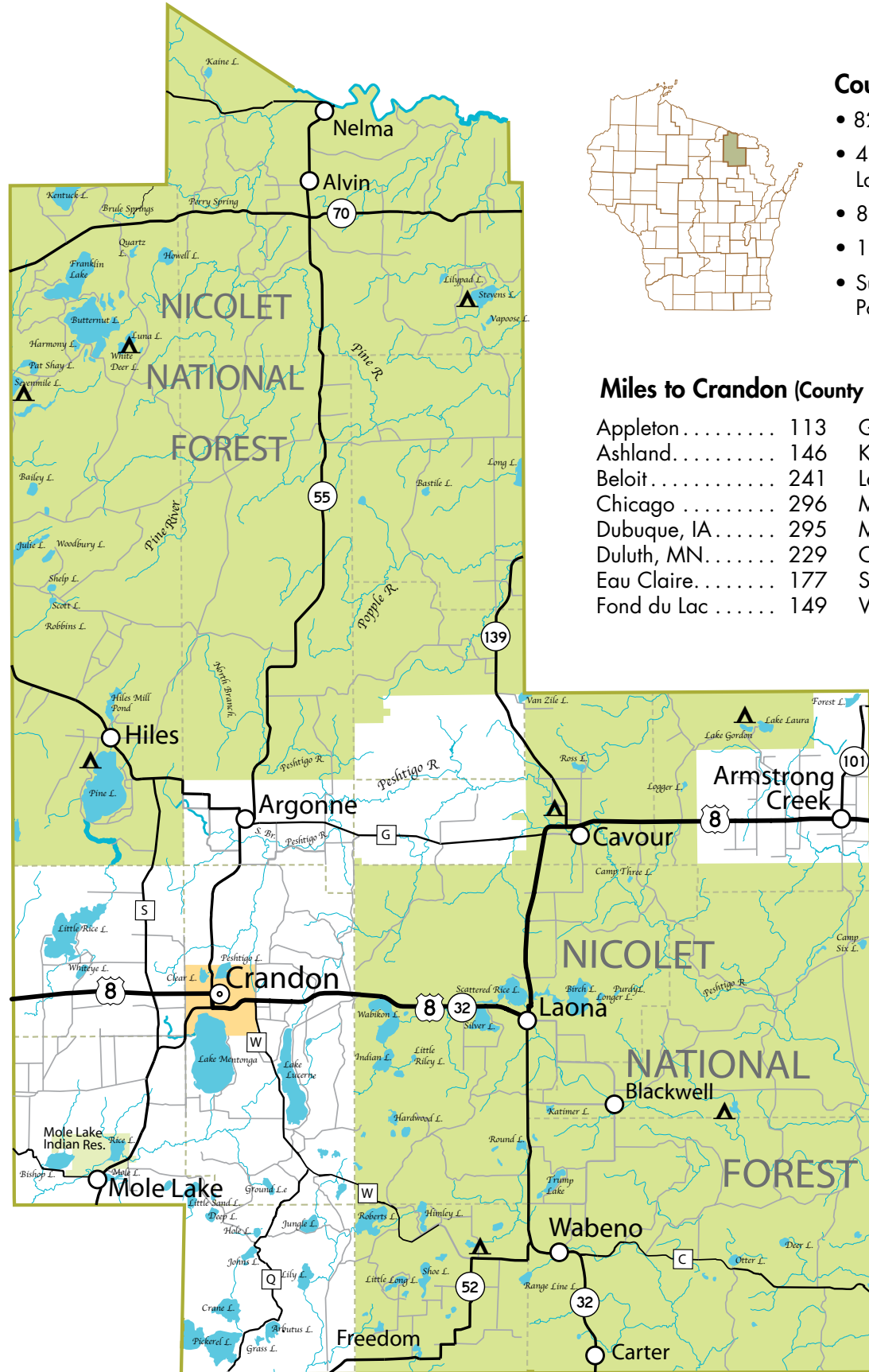
The Nicolet National Forest Auto Tour of Forest and Vilas Counties

is a self-guided natural history auto tour beginning in Eagle River and ends in Three Lakes. The 80-mile tour takes about 4 hours to complete. There are two developed picnic areas along the route, including one at Franklin Lake. There are 12 designated stops on the tour. Two stops feature short walking trails and one stop is a museum. The tour helps you better understand the meaning of multiple use, while taking a leisurely drive through the Nicolet National Forest.

For further information or brochures, check out the website for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf.



Forest County, Wisconsin



County Highlights

- 824 Lakes
- 400,000 Acres of Public Lands
- 82 Trout Streams
- 11 Historical CCC Camps
- Sugarbush Hill, 4th Highest Point in Wisconsin

Miles to Crandon (County Seat)

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Appleton..... | 113 | Green Bay | 107 |
| Ashland..... | 146 | Kenosha | 248 |
| Beloit..... | 241 | LaCrosse..... | 224 |
| Chicago..... | 296 | Madison..... | 212 |
| Dubuque, IA..... | 295 | Milwaukee..... | 211 |
| Duluth, MN..... | 229 | Oshkosh..... | 130 |
| Eau Claire..... | 177 | St. Paul, MN..... | 243 |
| Fond du Lac..... | 149 | Wausau..... | 115 |

Lakes and Trout Streams

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| LAKE | Acres | Depth | Access | Wall-eye | Bass | N. Pike | Muskie | Trout | Panfish | TROUT STREAMS* | Miles | Brook | Brown |
|----------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|------|---------|--------|-------|---------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Arbutus | 161 | 35 | | • | • | | | | • | Allen | 8.9 | N | • |
| Atkins | 151 | 4 | • | | | • | | | • | Alvin | 5.0 | N | |
| Birch | 468 | 72 | | • | • | • | | | • | Armstrong Creek | 15.1 | N | • |
| Bishop | 287 | 12 | • | | | • | | | • | Armstrong W. Br. | 7.5 | N | |
| Bogbrook Imp. | 490 | 6 | • | | • | • | | | • | Brule Creek | 12.6 | N | • |
| Butternut | 1292 | 42 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Brule River | 12.3 | N | • |
| Crane | 341 | 26 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Camp 8 | 7.9 | N | |
| Franklin | 892 | 53 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Elvoy | 7.0 | N | N |
| Haymeadow Imp. | 241 | 9 | • | | | • | | | • | Gaspardo | 5.4 | N | |
| Hiles Millpond | 713 | 5 | • | | | • | | | • | Jones | 7.7 | N | • |
| Himley | 149 | 8 | | | | • | | | • | Kimball | 6.1 | N | |
| Howell | 177 | 15 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Kingstone | 5.4 | N | |
| Julie | 401 | 47 | • | • | • | • | • | | • | Lilypad | 7.5 | N | |
| Jungle | 182 | 12 | | • | • | • | | | • | Little Popple | 10.5 | N | |
| Laura | 110 | 21 | • | | • | | | | • | McDonald | 7.7 | N | |
| Lily | 211 | 25 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Meadowbrook | 8.5 | N | |
| Little Long | 102 | 28 | | | • | • | | | • | Oconto River | 15.1 | N | • |
| Little Rice | 1219 | 10 | | | • | • | | | • | Otter | 14.8 | N | |
| Little Sand | 248 | 21 | | • | • | • | | | • | Otter North | 12.7 | N | |
| Lucerne | 1026 | 73 | • | • | • | • | | • | • | Peshtigo | 40.0 | N | • |
| Metonga | 2157 | 79 | • | | • | • | | | • | Peshtigo N Br | 15.4 | • | • |
| Pat Shay | 120 | 5 | • | | • | | | | • | Peshtigo W Br | 5.7 | N | |
| Peshtigo | 156 | 4 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Pine River | 13.5 | N | • |
| Pickereel | 1299 | 14 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Pine River N Br | 13.9 | N | • |
| Pine | 1670 | 14 | • | | • | • | | | • | Pine River S Br | 14.5 | N | • |
| Rice | 208 | 6 | | | • | • | | | • | Popple | 14.0 | N | • |
| Riley | 213 | 12 | • | • | • | | • | | • | Popple N Br | 8.9 | N | • |
| Roberts | 452 | 32 | • | | • | | • | | • | Rat | 15.1 | • | • |
| Scattered Rice | 486 | 10 | • | | • | • | • | | • | Rock | 5.2 | N | • |
| Shoe | 169 | 7 | • | | | • | • | | • | Simpson | 5.8 | N | |
| Silver | 320 | 20 | • | | • | • | • | | • | Spencer | 5.0 | N | |
| Stevens | 295 | 10 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Swamp | 8.0 | N | |
| Trump | 172 | 20 | • | • | • | • | | | • | Torpee | 6.9 | N | |
| Wabikon | 594 | 15 | • | | • | | • | | • | | | | |

* All have access.

Forest County Communities

ARGONNE

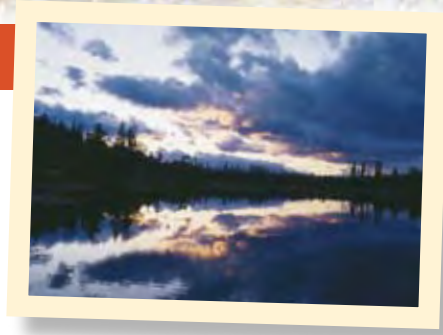
Kentuckians who came to homestead first populated the town of Argonne, along the Pine River with the Native Americans. Argonne was first named VanZile, after Abraham VanZile who plotted all the land in the area. The Soo Line railroad came in 1887, and a depot was built. There was one large hotel and a school located just north on Highway 32, housing eight students. In 1894, the first two-story school was built and it served the community until 1991. The town, later called North Crandon, was originally located over a mile east of its present location, relocated because it was impossible for trains to start up with a load of lumber due to the steep grade. As more people came north to work in the lumber camps, the town grew until it contained two large hotels, two large grocery stores, one clothing store, a meat market, a post office, a printing shop, two newspapers (Forest Leaves and Northern Citizen), a large livery stable, a bank, seven saloons, two doctors, and several other small businesses. The Farmers and Merchants State Bank was said to be the first bank in the State of Wisconsin.

When the town of Crandon was planned a limit of two saloons was imposed on North Crandon. That effort was unsuccessful. Men from the Hiles logging camps came to frequent the saloons and if they drank more than their paychecks, owners would send the bills to Mr. Hiles and their tab would be taken out of their next paychecks. This kept many of the loggers broke.

A stagecoach carried the mail and passengers between Crandon and North Crandon, taking three to four hours to drive over the rough corduroy roads. When a proposal came up to locate the Forest County Courthouse in downtown Argonne, a well-educated resident found a way for the Three Lakes Township to break away and become attached to Oneida County. This eliminated quite a number of people who would have voted for the Argonne location. He also put ads in papers recruiting people to come to live in North Crandon. This brought one person with small pox, resulting in 85% of the population contracting the disease.

Confusion with the mail and the name "North Crandon" prompted the community to come up with a new name. "Champion", the name of a local merchant, was considered for a short while. In 1921 the name "Argonne" was chosen following the patriotic fervor after World War I for the Battle of Argonne in eastern France.

Today, the railroad tracks still exist along with a small post office and a handful of businesses. Argonne invites past and present residents to their annual "Argonne Days" celebration, held in August, to commemorate their history.





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ARMSTRONG CREEK

The Town of Armstrong Creek is located on the far north-eastern corner of Forest County.

It is bordered by two other counties; Florence to the north and Marinette to the east. It was legally named and put into the Forest County books in November of 1922 but the town was in existence long before under such names as Caswell, LaFollette, Bonneville, and Engleking.

In the early 1900's, Grimmer Land Company published ads in the Chicago and Pittsburgh area newspapers, targeting the Polish immigrants with Polish advertisements promising that Armstrong Creek was the "Land of Milk and Honey". Armstrong Creek soon became a town of residents with deep Polish roots. In 1919, Polish residents formed a local branch of the "Polish National Alliance", a national group that is still in existence today. It is from this early history that Armstrong Creek's annual Polish Heritage Days was formed. The first weekend in August has been set aside to pay tribute to the town's colorful past. The weekend starts out with a street dance and crowning of "Miss Armstrong Creek" on Friday. On Saturday there is an authentic outdoor Polish mass at



St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church beginning at 12:30 p.m. followed by a parade at 1:30 p.m. Visitors will enjoy experiencing the Polish culture and seeing the elaborately decorated costumes. The parade culminates at the town park, where spectators enjoy a full day of Polish foods, displays, crafts, Polka music, dancing, and other entertainment. The highlight of the day is a music and dance demonstration by the Polish Highlanders of America, from Chicago, IL.

Polish Heritage Days was founded in 1991 and is sponsored by Citizens for Armstrong Creek, Inc. For more information contact: Pres. Kara Millan, 8896 Millan Rd., Armstrong Creek, WI 54103 or call 715-336-2973.

When visiting Armstrong Creek, one might venture south on old Highway 101 to see the "Red Bridge". This piece of Armstrong Creek history was built in the late 1800's. Made of steel, the bridge is

said to be part of the Military Road that traveled through Forest County, linking Fort Howard in Green Bay to Fort Wilkens in Upper Michigan's Keweenaw Point. In 1992, Forest County's WCC crew refurbished the bridge, attaching picnic tables to it, so that visitors can enjoy a picnic while watching the beautiful Armstrong Creek rumble under them.

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Forest County Communities

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Blackwell is also home to the Blackwell Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center, operating as a job training center for young ages 16-21. It provides them with meaningful work experience, job training, and gives them the opportunity for community service. The USDA Forest Service employs over 90 people at the center.

CAVOUR

The center of the once thriving community of Cavour is about 1/2-mile off Highway 8 on County Highway G, and thus few present-day travelers have a chance to go through Cavour. It is well worth the effort, if only to envision what went on there at the turn-of-the-century. Cavour used to be quite a bustling place with a lumberjack population of nearly 600.

The Soo Line Railroad came through in 1887 at the start of the logging era. Cavour boasted a general store, a sawmill, a

hotel and a bar – all owned by the Hess family. Frank and Mary Hess were the founders of the legacy. The fact that the town was built in a different era is evident in that it exists on the railroad tracks rather than on the major highway.

The Hess Hotel had a legacy all its own. It was a place where many logging men came to stay and wile away his woes in pleasant surroundings. Cavour was a major stop on the Soo Line Railroad and many travelers got laid off and stayed in Cavour. In 1911 the original hotel burned down but was rebuilt immediately. Frank Hess died and Mary ran the hotel by herself from 1919 on until she died in the 1950's. The hotel business dwindled after the boom of logging died down. The Hess House and school still stand for anyone who wants to visit this historical place.





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Crandon was the dream of Samuel Shaw, an entrepreneur and capitalist who acquired property in the area in the 1880s. His vision was to build the city between the two hills and around the four lakes that are within the City limits. The area was part of Oconto County at that time, and Shaw, with assistance from Major Frank P. Crandon (tax commissioner with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad), successfully lobbied the legislature for the creation of a new county. Forest County was created in 1887 and Crandon was named the county seat. Crandon didn't expand as fast as other communities in the county due to lack of rail service. Freight and passengers traveled to Crandon by riding the train to either Pelican Lake or Argonne, then walking or riding the stagecoach.

In 1891, Page and Landeck Lumber Company bought a huge tract of hardwood timberlands near Crandon, but they were unable to utilize the resource until the CN&W railroad built a spur from Pelican Lake. By 1902, the company built a huge sawmill (later named the Keith & Hiles Lumber Mill) near Clear Lake on Crandon's north side. The population of Crandon grew from 800 to over 2,400 in just a few years. The migration of settlers and loggers who came to Crandon in the first part of the century was due, in part, to the cheap cutover land available for farming and, in part, to the fact that the Page & Landeck sawmill was moved to Crandon from Glasgow, Kentucky. Many employees followed the mill from Kentucky to its new home. The so-called

Crandon "Kentuck" is known about statewide and is the source of much rich cultural history in Crandon.

Crandon was incorporated into a City right after the new courthouse construction began, and times were booming with many of the attractive brick buildings in town built during that time frame. The outlook was good for Crandon until the timber industry began to play out. Crandon still boasts a good many logging companies that work in the Nicolet National Forest, has a healthy tourist industry, and is currently enjoying a growth in light industry.

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Forest County Potawatomi

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The Forest County Potawatomi (*Bodwe'wadmi*), Keepers of the Fire, are one of eight federally recognized bands of Potawatomi within the United States and Canada.

Following the treaty of Chicago in 1833, thousands of Potawatomi people were forced to relocate westward towards Iowa and Missouri, leading them into what was known as the Potawatomi Trail of Death that started from Indiana to Kansas. As a few years went by, more ideas of land being set aside for Native Americans forced the Potawatomi and other tribes to leave their villages. The government wanted to move all Potawatomi to Kansas and Oklahoma.

For three generations, small groups, families and individuals of the Potawatomi Nation broke off from the main tribe and sought a refuge in the dense forests of North Central Wisconsin. They became known as the "Straying Bands of Potawatomi."

In 1913, the Wisconsin Potawatomi received a reservation in Forest County. The land for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) was purchased with treaty money. The FCP settled down on new land bases near Wabeno, Blackwell and Stone Lake which now encompasses close to 12,000 square acres with more than 1,200 enrolled tribal members.



The Forest County Potawatomi Community has

entered the 21st Century with new strength and confidence. On the reservation, they have

made a commitment to ensure better health care, education, housing and services to all their members. Self-reliance and prosperity has been restored through revenues from gaming and other businesses such as the Potawatomi Red Deer Ranch, FCP Health & Wellness Center, Indian Springs Lodge, FCP Museum and Cultural Center, Potawatomi Convenience Store, Potawatomi Traveling Times, and Wee Care Learning Center.

The Forest County Potawatomi strongly encourages community improvement through active participation and cultural understanding. By working together with the community, everyone can strive to achieve goals and a better understanding for each other.

The FCP's Foundation has generously helped the community and surrounding areas through contributions to a variety of charities, organizations and schools to help improve Forest County's vitality and quality of life. This stresses the notion that the cooperation of all groups will bring further prosperity to all citizens.

The Forest County Potawatomi, the Keepers of the Fire — today, the Fire still burns.

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HILES

Although small in population, the Hiles area is very large in terms of Wisconsin history. Hundreds of years ago the Old Copper Culture Indians traveled through this area from the Fox River Valley, along the Wolf and Pine Lake shores. They continued on north to the copper outcroppings near Lake Superior. When the Soo Locks opened in 1855, this trail was followed from Ontonagon on Lake Superior to Pine Lake and then along the Wolf to Shawano and on to Fort Howard (Green Bay). By the late 1860's, loggers used the lake and river to float logs downstream to the sawmills located as far away as Oshkosh. The decade of the 1880's brought railroads to northeastern Wisconsin. In 1888, the Soo graded and laid their Minneapolis-to-Soo



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tracks along the south end of the lake. In 1892, Pete Johnson built the first official resort.

Ten years later, in 1902, the town got its real start when 52-year-old Franklin Pierce Hiles, purchased thousands of acres of timberland in the Pine Lake area and started a sawmill near the Mill Pond. In 1903, the new village was named "Hiles". The Hiles' operation continued until 1905 when it was sold to Forster-Whitman and later reorganized as the Forster-Mueller Lumber Company.

In 1918, Charles Fish purchased the town and its lumber and logging operations until it closed down in 1928. During this era of logging many improvements were made to Hiles, including a general store, a large boarding house, schools, churches, and some 30 or more homes. Hiles had it's own logging railroad running into the forest, east and north of town. At some points in time, the census records indicate that there were as many as 450 residents in this small town.

In the depression years of the 1930's, 10,000 unemployed transients walked the roads. The state of Wisconsin was helping by maintaining eight transient posts in various parts of the state. One such depot, accommodating 300 to 600 men, was established in Hiles. Throughout the years there have been small lumber and logging operations active in Hiles.

Today Hiles is a good mixture of forestry, logging, hunting, fishing, boating, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. Today's residences are an equal balance of homes with families (many having deep family roots here) and many vacationers that are both

seasonal and retire to Hiles. In 2003, Hiles celebrated 100 years in the Northwoods with a spectacular celebration and a 200 page history book, which is still available for purchase. The residents of Hiles have also formed a group of volunteers to organize a hometown museum that holds interesting facts, documents, and items from the past.

LAONA

The 1,400 people who live in the Laona area are heirs to the shared heritage of the timber industry. The turn of the century marked the founding of Laona, just 20 years prior to logging's heyday. Around 1876, the pine loggers came into the area and cleared off the pine stands, which were scattered throughout the hardwoods. Not until the railroad came to Laona in 1900, however, did the great hardwood logging operations begin. Exploratory expeditions into this area by pine loggers and a few other individuals took place between 1870 and 1890. The area was not very accessible and few men ventured this far from the last outposts. Eventually, logging expeditions moved into the area, with pine being hauled on sleighs to Roberts Lake and floated down the Wolf River or put in the Peshtigo River, below Taylor Falls.

During the last decade of the 19th century, William Duncan Connor hiked through the area and examined the fine stands of hardwood timber. He purchased 100,000 acres of

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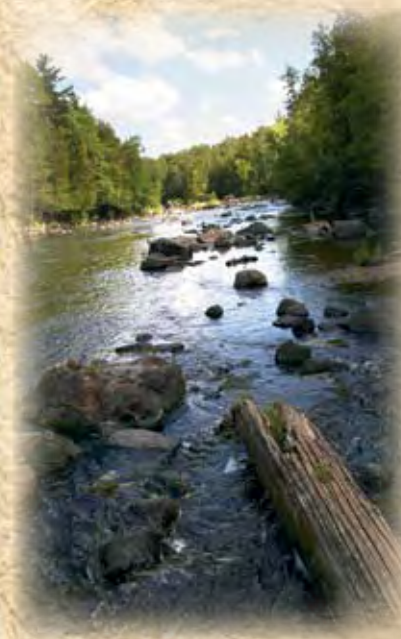
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Even after two centuries, much of the Mole Lake area's natural beauty and wild landscape remains. The Sokaogon Chippewa have a 1,700-acre reservation at this site in Northeastern Wisconsin.

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The tribe is proud of its 1870s log cabin, known as the Dinesen-Motzfelt cabin, located on Highway 55, and now listed on the National Register of Historic Properties. It served as a layover for postal carriers and then as a trading post run by a Danish man. When totally rehabilitated, it will be a focal point for the tribe's historic preservation and cultural visitors' center.

The tribe is also planning the construction of a brand new hotel. Come and visit us often!



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timberland in Forest County, founding the Connor Lumber and Land Company. During this period the Chicago Northwestern Railroad was moving northward into the Laona area. The initial logging of the area occurred between 1900 and 1910.

The first settler in Laona was Norman Johnson. His daughter, Laona, was the first white child born in this town, and the town was named in her honor. The Connor Lumber and Land Company built its first sawmill in 1901, logging camps were opened and roads were built. Laona began to thrive as railroads steamed their way into northern Wisconsin, and Laona's economy became largely dependent upon the timber industry. A member of the Connor family still operates a sawmill in the community to this day. An authentic 1916 Vulcan steam engine, actually used by the Connor Lumber and Land Company during early logging operations, is now used to pull the vintage passenger train at the award winning, internationally recognized Camp Five Lumberjack Special & Museum attraction.

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For bikers and walkers, a new bike-pedestrian trail has been built, running along Pickerel Lake Road from the bridge, between Pickerel and Crane lakes west to Bartz Bay Road. Today, sportsmen and nature lovers of all ages enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the area. The serenity of the forests and the casual lifestyle are welcome changes from the daily rat race.

PICKEREL

The Pickerel area is a premier vacation destination. Located in the southwest corner of Forest County, it offers year around vacation opportunities. The Pickerel and Crane Lakes are the crown jewels of the area. Pickerel Lake is a shallow lake offering canoeing, paddle and pontoon boating and, of course, fishing. One may just want to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Besides Pickerel and Crane, other lakes in the area include Rollingstone, Lily, Big Twin, and Post Lakes, all offering the same great recreational opportunities.

The region has many fine restaurants, resorts, bars, campgrounds, and gas facilities. There is an excellent golf course in the area. This region is home to one of the largest snowmobile

WABENO

On June 2, 1880, a tornado swept across northern Wisconsin from Antigo to Lake Superior, causing timber to blow down in a strip that measured 1/2 to 1 mile wide. The Native Americans called this area "Waubeno". Waubeno means "the coming of the winds" or "the opening". The town took its name from this event.

The early history of Wabeno centers around the development of three lumber companies, which were the Menominee Bay Shore Lumber Company, A.E. Rusch Lumber Company, and the Jones Lumber Company. In the closing years of the 1800's the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad pushed north into the area, which had already been explored by the pine lumbering interests. Sawmills were soon built along the tracks, and a town

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sprang up around them. In 1905, there were five sawmills – the Bay Shore, Rusch, Jones, Prebe and the Mayflower. Wood fueled the community's economy. Together the three lumber companies produced more than 35 million feet of lumber a year in their heyday. All but the Menominee Bay Shore mill shut down between 1920 and 1930. In 1936, it too, was forced to close its doors after pursuing an aggressive logging operation. Company officials hoped to sell these cutover and burned lands to prospective farmers. Farming is still prevalent in the region but never to the extent envisioned due to the short northern growing season.

Wabeno boasts a Logging Museum containing relics and records preserved in a replica of an old logging camp, presenting a nostalgic picture of the most colorful era in Forest County history. The Wabeno Lions Club built the Logging Museum in 1941. The museum is housed in a genuine notched log structure. The building was created to replicate a logging camp. There are many items of interest in this museum, containing almost everything needed for hardwood logging. The only thing missing is the complete harness for the horses.

The Wabeno Public Library is one of the most quaint and charming log libraries in the state of Wisconsin. As a working library, librarians are on hand to help locate reading material for pleasure or research. The building was purchased in 1923 from the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company. It was built in 1897 and served as the land office for the railroad company, making it one of the first buildings in Wabeno.

The Wabeno Antique Power Association holds its annual celebration of historical technology the 3rd weekend in July. Anyone interested in antique machinery would find something of interest at "Steam Up Days". Everything from steam-powered engines to old gasoline engines of the past are displayed at the festival. Visitors can watch a Case steam engine sawing lumber and many other attractions from bean shucking to quilting. They will also see the Phoenix Log Hauler in action, one of the few remaining steam-powered log haulers in the nation still operational. This



steam hauler was one the 200 such machines built in the early 1900's by the Phoenix Manufacturing Company, property of the Jones Lumber Company for use at their mill in Wabeno from 1909 until 1935, and was purchased by the town in 1944. The hauler was brought back to life and demonstrated at the first logging show in Wabeno in 1965.

Look for the annual Memorial Day Truck Pull, when the ground shakes and engines roar, as many trucks are represented to

match power against the eliminator. This event is a major fundraiser for the Wabeno Volunteer Fire Department and the United Area Rescue Squad. A pavilion provides shelter during inclement weather and ample seating is available.

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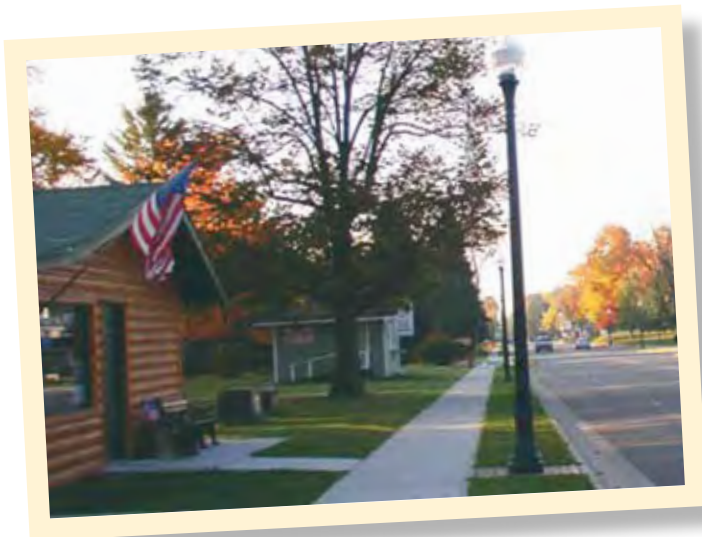
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