

## Directions on using the Surface Water Data Viewer to find ORW/ERW

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DNR's online mapping tool, the Surface Water Data Viewer, can help you find out many types of information about specific waterbodies in Wisconsin. You can use this tool to determine whether specific streams or lakes in your area are designated as ORW or ERW.

Note that the map is a representational tool to help the public interpret the official listings in the Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 102. Our maps are being continually quality checked, but errors do occur. If you need official information, please refer to NR 102 or contact the ORW/ERW Coordinator, Kristi Minahan, at 608-266-7055 or [kristi.minahan@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kristi.minahan@wisconsin.gov).

To use the Surface Water Data Viewer:

1. Go to [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/data\\_viewer.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/data_viewer.htm). Under the header *General SWDV Mapping Tool*, open the mapping tool by clicking on "Surface Water Data viewer Web Mapping Application".
2. Select the waterbody or location you are interested in by doing one of the following:
  - a) If you know the waterbody's name, use the "Find Location" tab, then select "Waterbody Name & County" to search by key words.
  - b) Or, use the "Zoom In" button to click into your general area, and the "Move" button to grab and move the map in different directions.
3. Once you have found your location, you can highlight ORWs/ERWs on the map\*. Click on the "Layers" tab, then select the "Monitoring and Assessments" folder, and select the checkbox "Outstanding & Exceptional Waters". ORW will be highlighted in orange on the map; ERW in green.  
\* Note that this layer is only available if you are zoomed in far enough; otherwise the checkbox you need to select will appear grayed-out.
4. After you have highlighted the ORW/ERWs, you can click on the "Legend" tab to view a map legend.