

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans**

Property or Properties: Governor Thompson State Park

Year Master Plan was Approved: 2004

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Real Estate Mtg.</p>	<p><b>Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 1720 acres.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2010</b></p>	<p><i>No action in 2010.</i></p>

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Interpretation and Education Programs</p>	<p>Recommended interpretive themes should include the social and ecological significance of the historical fires, the unique geological, topographic, and ecological features in and near the park, and the history and importance of the Peshtigo River dams to the park and region.</p>
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<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>No action in 2010.</i>
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**Camping Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide up to 110 individual camping sites for both rustic and modern styles of family camping, and separate rustic-style indoor and outdoor camping experiences for organized camping groups.</li> <li>• Provide an active play area for children in a natural-appearing, safe setting in proximity to the family campground.</li> <li>• Provide a venue for interpretive programs along with regional entertainment acts for campers and other park visitors.</li> </ul>
Recreation Mtg.	
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Construction began on the new 100 unit family campground in 2010. Construction will not be completed until 2012.</i>

**Camping Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an attractive, safe, and generally natural-appearing vegetative environment for developed camping and day use activities.</li> </ul>
Vegetative Mtg.	

<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Timber sale established in camping area was an Oak thinning in future campground area 74 acres, with aspen patch 3 acres cut in 2010.</i>
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**Woods Lake Day Use Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Woods Lake Day Use Area, provide picnicking, general relaxation, nonmotorized water access for fishing, sightseeing and nature study and similar day-use recreational opportunities for all park visitors.</li> <li>• Maintain and enhance a generally natural-appearing shoreline, particularly the horizon line view of the day use area as seen from the lake.</li> <li>• Manage the fishery of Woods Lake for largemouth bass, northern pike, and panfish. Monitor fish populations to determine if any regulations are warranted.</li> </ul>
Recreation Mtg.	
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Woods Lake Day Use Area is completed. No action on fishery management.</i>

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Vegetative Mtg.	

<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Completed.</i>
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**Huber Lake Day Use Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for quiet, low-impact day-use recreational activities and solitude in a somewhat remote location with simple facilities.</li> <li>• Manage Huber Lake to provide a sustainable fishery. Investigate and monitor fish populations to determine if any special regulations are warranted.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p><i>No Action.</i></p> <p><i>Fish survey completed on Huber Lake. No new regulations are warranted.</i></p>

**Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide access to Caldron Falls Reservoir for motorized and non-motorized boating, shore fishing, and viewing of the reservoir.</li> <li>• Provide a primitive, remote camping experience to enjoy the scenic vistas and undeveloped shorelines of Caldron Falls Reservoir.</li> <li>• Provide for a quiet water experience for boaters and visitors on or near the reservoir's bays within the park, and protect the park shoreline from erosion from boat wakes.</li> </ul>
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<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p><i>Access to Caldron Falls Reservoir for motorized and non-motorized boating, shore fishing, and viewing of the reservoir-completed.</i></p> <p><i>Remote water access campsites are complete.</i></p> <p><i>No Action on 'quiet water experience'.</i></p>
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**Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone and Huber Lake/Woods Lake Scenic Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Maintain the forests within the Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone and Huber Lake/Woods Lake Scenic Zone in a natural-appearing condition, and, in the long-term, establish a wide range of age classes and areas with older forest habitat conditions, including den trees and dead and down coarse woody debris.</p> <p>Natural process, including the natural succession of forest types to a climax forest, will be allowed to predominate within this area. Passive management will predominate here; active forest management, such as tree removal and brushing, will occur to develop and maintain roads, trails, swimming areas, and other public use facilities or to remove hazard trees near them and, where appropriate, in response to major catastrophic disturbances. Invasive exotic plants may be removed, and appropriate native trees or shrubs may be planted for landscaping and ecosystem enhancement purposes.</p>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p><i>No action in 2010.</i></p>
Vegetative Mtg.	

**Active Recreation Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for a variety of trail uses within the park, including biking, hiking, crosscountry skiing, and nature interpretation/education, and provide for a connector snowmobile route for the Ranch Road trail.</li> <li>• Provide a rustic-style indoor camping experience for organized camping groups.</li> <li>• Provide an opportunity to experience a vista or other scenic features such as the Caldron Falls</li> </ul>
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Recreation Mtg.	Reservoir from an elevated vantage point.
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p>16 miles of hiking trail, 6 miles of cross-country skiing and .6 miles of bike trail are in the park.</p> <p>No action on group camps.</p> <p>No action on vistas, but the first half of the trail to the vistas was built in 2010.</p>

**Active Recreation Zone**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the majority of the forest within this management zone in a natural-appearing condition, and in the long-term, establish a wide range of age classes and mature forest conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	No action in 2010.

**Visitor Service Zone**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Facilities Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide park and forest administrative headquarters services, public contact point, and information facility.</li> <li>Provide facilities to support the park interpretive program and serve park visitors participating in interpretive program activities.</li> </ul>
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<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p><i>Park &amp; forest visitor center is open and completed.</i></p> <p><i>No action on interpretive programs.</i></p>

**Visitor Service Zone**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an attractive public use setting using native trees and selective ornamental plantings.</li> <li>• Plant materials native to the region and to local site conditions will be emphasized. However, plantings close to buildings or structures will be allowed more flexibility in their origins, and specialized nursery varieties of plant material may be used for specific effects.</li> <li>• Mature aspen exists within this zone, and some harvesting will take place with the construction of the new entrance ways. These harvesting zones will be defined once detailed site plans have been developed for this zone.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<p><i>New visitor center is landscaped accordingly-completed.</i></p>

**Operations Service Zone**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Facilities Mtg.</p>	<p>Provide facilities for maintenance and repair of equipment and storage of materials and equipment and office space for park and forest support staff.</p>
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<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Facilities were under construction in 2010.</i>

**Operations Service Zone**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Vegetative Mtg.	The vegetation within the operations services zone will be managed as a utilitarian landscape with native trees and minimal ornamental plantings. Native and specialized nursery varieties of plants may be used.
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>No Action.</i>

**Native Community Management Zones**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<u>Barrens Management Area</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore and maintain two sites as pine barrens communities, one of 20 acres and the other of 16 acres, to provide biological diversity to the park landscape and to provide educational opportunities for park visitors.</li> </ul>
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Vegetative Mtg.	<u>Wild Rice Management Area</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and maintain wild rice beds (<i>Zizania palustris</i>) on the eastern shore area of Woods Lake.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>No action on barrens. Wild rice bed does not exist. No Action.</i>