

**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>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Real Estate Mtg.</p>	<p>Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 1720 acres.
<p>Accomplishments 2011</p>	<p><i>No land was purchased in 2011.</i></p>

Property-wide

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</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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Accomplishments 2011	<i>The park maintains Geocaches in unique geological and ecological features in the state park. These Geocaches contain interpretative messages.</i>
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Camping Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Provide an active play area for children in a natural-appearing, safe setting in proximity to the family campground. • Provide a venue for interpretive programs along with regional entertainment acts for campers and other park visitors.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>.The park opened 50 individual camping sites in the modern campground and has 3 boat access rustic sites.</i>

Camping Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an attractive, safe, and generally natural-appearing vegetative environment for developed camping and day use activities.
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Accomplishments 2011	<i>.The park maintains turf in the picnic and camping areas.</i>
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Woods Lake Day Use Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Maintain and enhance a generally natural-appearing shoreline, particularly the horizon line view of the day use area as seen from the lake. • Manage the fishery of Woods Lake for largemouth bass, northern pike, and panfish. Monitor fish populations to determine if any regulations are warranted.
Recreation Mtg.	
Accomplishments 2011	<i>.The Woods Lake Day Use Area is developed. The area has picnic tables, grills, vault toilet and shelter building. The shoreline is natural in appearance.</i>

Huber Lake Day Use Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for quiet, low-impact day-use recreational activities and solitude in a somewhat remote location with simple facilities. • Manage Huber Lake to provide a sustainable fishery. Investigate and monitor fish populations to determine if any special regulations are warranted.
Recreation Mtg.	

Accomplishments 2011	<p><i>.No progress has been made on the day-use area.</i></p> <p><i>Huber Lake was surveyed by DNR Fisheries in 2011. No special regulations were warranted.</i></p>
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Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to Caldron Falls Reservoir for motorized and non-motorized boating, shore fishing, and viewing of the reservoir. • Provide a primitive, remote camping experience to enjoy the scenic vistas and undeveloped shorelines of Caldron Falls Reservoir. • 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.
Recreation Mtg.	
Accomplishments 2011	<p><i>The park maintains a boat launch on Caldron Falls Flowage.</i></p> <p><i>Three remote boat access campsites are available to visitors.</i></p> <p><i>Wisconsin law requires boats to be at slow no wake within 100ft of shoreline.</i></p>

Caldron Falls Reservoir Shoreland Zone and Huber Lake/Woods Lake Scenic Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<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>
Vegetative Mtg.	<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.</p>

	Invasive exotic plants may be removed, and appropriate native trees or shrubs may be planted for landscaping and ecosystem enhancement purposes.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>.Hazard trees have been removed along the shore in use areas. Other shoreline areas have been left to natural succession.</i>

Active Recreation Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Provide a rustic-style indoor camping experience for organized camping groups. • Provide an opportunity to experience a vista or other scenic features such as the Caldron Falls Reservoir from an elevated vantage point.
Accomplishments 2011	<p><i>The park maintains 16 miles of hiking trail, 6 miles of crosscountry ski trail, and 2.5 miles of snowshoe trail.</i></p> <p><i>No progress was made on the indoor campground.</i></p> <p><i>No progress was made on the vista trails on Caldron Falls.</i></p>

Active Recreation Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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Accomplishments 2011	<i>.No timber harvesting occurred in 2011.</i>

Visitor Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Facilities Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide park and forest administrative headquarters services, public contact point, and information facility. • Provide facilities to support the park interpretive program and serve park visitors participating in interpretive program activities.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>.The park opened a new headquarters and public contact point near the entrance of the state park. No progress was made on the interpretive facilities.</i>

Visitor Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an attractive public use setting using native trees and selective ornamental plantings. • 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. • 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
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	developed for this zone.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>The new headquarters has native plantings for landscaping. The aspen was clearcut along the roadway to promote a scenic view on the entrance to the visitor services zone.</i>

Operations Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Facilities Mtg.	Provide facilities for maintenance and repair of equipment and storage of materials and equipment and office space for park and forest support staff.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>A new maintenance shop and storage building were constructed in 2011.</i>

Operations Service Zone

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES 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.
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Accomplishments 2011	<i>Native trees and turf grass were used to landscape these areas.</i>

Native Community Management Zones

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<p><u>Barrens Management Area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Vegetative Mtg.	<p><u>Wild Rice Management Area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and maintain wild rice beds (<i>Zizania palustris</i>) on the eastern shore area of Woods Lake.
Accomplishments 2011	<p><i>No progress was made on the barrens areas.</i></p> <p><i>The wild rice area does not exist.</i></p>