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Exploring Peninsula State Park

Peninsula's Best

Theater under the stars, an historic lighthouse, a sky-high tower ... Peninsula is known as "Wisconsin's Most Complete Park" for good reasons (page 4).



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Camping

S'mores toasted over a campfire and sleeping under the stars ... make memories that last a lifetime (page 6-7).

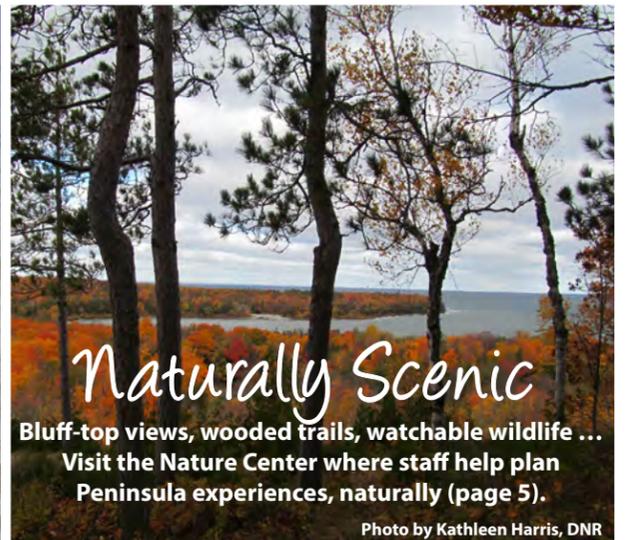
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Active Adventures

An 18-hole golf course, two fishing piers, water craft rentals at Nicolet Beach ... Get fit in the great outdoors (page 5)!

Photo by Nick Meiers, DNR



Naturally Scenic

Bluff-top views, wooded trails, watchable wildlife ... Visit the Nature Center where staff help plan Peninsula experiences, naturally (page 5).

Photo by Kathleen Harris, DNR

Welcome to Peninsula State Park



Our staff is dedicated to helping you experience all that this park has to offer. Let me suggest ...

Sven's Bluff by Starlight

Dark and quiet, this high overlook offers relaxation under a sparkling sky. Lights of two small cities twinkle just fourteen miles across the bay.

Hemlock Trail As a trained forester, I especially like this trail's variety of trees and rolling terrain.

Coast Quest Walking with my three boys along Peninsula's eight-mile shoreline is a favorite past time. Unexpected discoveries are what make it fun. Connecting with family make it memorable.

And that's just the beginning. The *Peninsula Visitor* is packed with park travel tips. Did you know, for example, that rare dwarf lake iris thrives here?

Peninsula staff and volunteers – and

visitors like you – play a key role in supporting such irreplaceable resources. By choosing to visit this state park, you're making a difference that goes beyond the park's boundaries. According to *Economic Impacts of the Wisconsin State Park System (2013)*, Peninsula's economic impact to the local community totals \$37,000,000.

Thank you for making a difference in other ways, too. Hiking on designated trails prevents damage to wildflowers and limits the spread of invasive seeds. Picking up litter shows others that Peninsula belongs to everyone and that we all share the responsibility to keep it in tip-top shape. Our choices demonstrate wise use of exceptional resources and create "harmony between men and land," as Aldo Leopold wrote. Please help reduce

society's nature-deficit disorder by connecting children, families and communities to the natural world.

While touring Peninsula, watch for recent upgrades. Nicolet boat launch now features an accessible fishing pier. The Alan Rheinschmidt Memorial Fund supported the project. Nearby, walkways and dune plantings at Nicolet Beach are being refashioned to improve erosion control and user experience.

The White Cedar Nature Center, too, will undergo a long awaited overhaul in the coming years. Did you know 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of this building's use as a nature center? It was originally built as a winter warming house. A ski jump and toboggan run were once located on the adjacent bluff. To find out more,

see the Friends article on page three.

To find answers to other questions, visit Park Headquarters, the Nature Center or ask a ranger. Know that we are dedicated to making sure you have a remarkable state park experience.

– Kelli Bruns
Peninsula State Park Superintendent

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Safety, Services and Supplies

ACCESSIBILITY

 Level campsites adjacent to fully accessible shower buildings are available in Nicolet Bay and Tension Bay campgrounds. Accessible toilets are also available at Park Headquarters. Persons who use wheel chairs or other assistive mobility devices may access the Nature Center, portions of Sunset Bike Route, Nicolet Beach, the Camp Store, shelter buildings, several overlooks and the Weborg and Nicolet fishing piers. A .6 mile section of Sentinel Trail is surfaced with a hard-packed limestone base to facilitate access. Please contact Park Headquarters at 920-868-3258 regarding the permit process for power driven mobility devices.

CAMPGROUND SERVICES

 **Maps and Rules** pages 6-7. **Campground Hosts** give assistance, information, and communicate facility needs to park staff. Host sites are 323, 525, 619 and 783. **Garbage/Recycling Dumpsters** are located in each campground. Campers are responsible for keeping sites clean by bringing refuse to the dumpsters. Recycle – it's the law! **Lost & Found** items are collected at Park Headquarters. **Propane** is available at Nelson Shopping Center and the BP gas station, both north of Fish Creek on Highway 42. **Trailer Dump Station** is located on Bluff Road east of the Nature Center. It is normally open May 1 through mid-October. Campers may not drain waste water or sewage on the ground.

CAMPFIRES

 **Fires** must be small and carefully tended in designated campground and public fire rings. **Never move the fire ring.** Be cautious of wind direction, sparks and scorching trees. Watch children carefully. Never burn painted or treated wood, plastics or trash. Campers may gather wood for use in the park, but it must be both dead and on the ground. Never cut limbs or remove any part of a standing tree, alive or dead. Make sure a fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

Firewood available for sale through private concessionaire on Bluff Road.

Woodyard Hours

- May 1 - 21: 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday
- May 22 - September 6: 4-7 p.m. daily, 4-8 p.m. Friday
- September 7 - October 18: 4-6 p.m. daily
- Off-season hours posted at the Woodyard and Park Headquarters.

CLEAN QUIZ 54 showers. 88 sinks. 33 urinals. 88 toilets. 14 toilet buildings. 4 people on cleaning crew. 1,000 miles of toilet paper.

FLYING RELATED ACTIVITIES

Including but not limited to hang-gliding, sky diving, flying model airplanes and operating drones are not permitted in the park.

PETS

 Pets must be on a leash not longer than eight feet and under control at all times. Pets must not interfere with the enjoyment of the park by others. Pets are not allowed in buildings, picnic areas, Nicolet Beach, or on nature trails. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Pets may not be left unattended at any time. Pets are allowed at The Pines picnic area.

PICNICKING

 The **carry-in, carry-out** policy of Wisconsin State Parks requires day-use visitors to remove their own trash and recyclables. Peninsula does not provide waste or recycling containers for picnickers. Please restrict fires to charcoal grills or designated fire rings. If you bring your own grill, dispose of hot coals in the nearest picnic grill. Extinguish all fires before leaving. **Do not feed wild animals, including gulls.** Biologists have linked high gull populations to increased levels of E.coli bacteria in local waters.

 **Playgrounds** are at Nicolet Beach, Tension Bay Campground and Fish Creek picnic area.

ROAD SAFETY

Posted speed limits must be followed. All users must share the roads. Watch for motor vehicles, bicycles, in-line skates, pedestrians, and children. For your safety, in-line skates **are not allowed** on Shore and Bluff Roads. All motor vehicles and play devices (scooters, skateboards, etc.) are prohibited on sidewalks and walkways. Play devices are prohibited on all park roadways.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Local church service schedules are available at Park Headquarters. Non-denominational services are held at the amphitheater at 11 a.m. Sunday, late June through Labor Day.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Commercial Use Any person collecting funds for a business or providing services for a fee which involves that person's physical presence in the park is required to first obtain a commercial use permit. dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/rules/commercialuse
Metal Detectors may be used on DNR land or waters **only for locating specific lost personal items.** A permit is required. dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/rules/metaldetect

TRAIL SAFETY

 **Trails** (page 8) vary in difficulty. Trails may become slippery when wet. Use caution on steep climbs and descents, as well as near unprotected bluffs. Stay behind barriers. Watch children closely.

WATER SAFETY

 **Boaters** All watercraft must be equipped with a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person aboard. Do not overload your craft. Sudden storms may occur. Small craft operators should be extremely cautious when on the waters of Green Bay. If capsized, stay with your craft until help arrives. Boaters should be aware of their wake and stay well away from swimmers. **Nicolet Bay is a slow no wake area.**

Mooring No boat may be **moored** or anchored to shore, or left unattended.

A **Launch Ramp** is located at Nicolet Bay. Overflow and overnight parking is available at the amphitheater lot (48-hour limit for non-campers). Tie-up to ramppiers is prohibited except for launching and take-out. A **Kayak Launch** is located at Tension Bay Campground.

 **Swimming** Swim only at a designated beach. **Nicolet Beach** is open 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily. No lifeguard on duty. Food, glass containers, beverages, soap and detergent are prohibited on the sand beach. Do not swim alone, at night, or in unfamiliar places. Never dive into water of unknown depth. Watch children closely when near water. Use caution when wading in unknown waters as water depth may change abruptly.

Green Bay and Lake Michigan can be dangerously cold. Swimmers should be extremely cautious of areas where the current appears to flow away from the shore. If caught in an outflowing current, swim across rather than against the current as the flow is usually rather narrow.



Peninsula State Park Fees for Year 2015

**All vehicles require an admission sticker in addition to camping fees.*

	Wisconsin License Plates	Out-of-State License Plates			
Vehicle Admission Stickers *Fees subject to change					
Annual	\$25	\$35			
Additional Vehicles	12.50	17.50			
Senior (65+)	10	35			
Daily	7	10			
Senior (65+)	3	10			
Bus	10	14			
One Hour	5	5			
Camping Fees*					
	Resident	Non-resident			
Camping Fee	\$15	\$17			
Site with Electric Outlet	add 5	add 5			
Site with Water View	add 3	add 3			
Trail Pass (required on mountain bike & cross-country ski trails for ages 16 & older)					
Daily	4	4			
Annual	20	20			
Outdoor Group Camp					
Number in group	1-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Group Site	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120

EMERGENCY INFORMATION - Emergencies 911

Park Headquarters 920-868-3258 Hours: 8 a.m.–11 p.m. (varies) late May through Labor Day and generally 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. the remainder of the year.

Campground Hosts provide non-emergency assistance and information and are equipped with cell phones. Hosts sites are 323, 525, 619 and 783.

Coast Guard 920-743-3367 Sturgeon Bay.

Complaints and Disturbances If you observe a violation or have a complaint

report it immediately to Park Headquarters or a campground host. If a violation occurs after hours that requires emergency response call 911. Always include key information: vehicle make, model, license, and campsite number.

Fire Call 911 if fire control is needed. Report any fire immediately to Park Headquarters.

Hospital Door County Memorial, Sturgeon Bay, 920-743-5566.

Doctor North Shore Medical Clinic, Fish

Creek, 920-868-3511. Appointment only, Aurora Nor-Door Clinic, Sister Bay, 920-854-2347.

Pharmacy Shopko, Sister Bay, 920-854-9182.

Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222.

Local Radio Stations WDR (93.9 FM), WBDK (96.7 FM) and The Lodge (106.9).

Locksmith Apple Ridge, Ellison Bay, 920-854-2733. Rocky's Unlock Service, Sturgeon

Bay, 920-743-2620.

Sheriff's Department Door County, non-emergencies, 920-746-2400.

Tow Truck Kiehna's, 920-839-2070, Baileys Harbor. C & W Auto, 920-743-3385, Sturgeon Bay. DC Auto, 920-746-9790, Sturgeon Bay.

Veterinarian Northern Door Pet Clinic, Sister Bay, 920-854-4979. Mobile Vet, 920-839-1302. Wildlife (injured) Sanctuary, Green Bay, 920-391-3671.

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Wisconsin State Park Firewood Rules

All firewood brought to a state park must –

1. Be cut within 10 miles or be WDATCP* certified.
2. Be burned in a designated fire ring at the campsite.
3. Not be pallet, slab wood, treated or painted.
4. Never be moved out of a state park.

Park staff will confiscate and destroy illegal firewood. Violators are subject to fines and eviction. For complete information go to dnr.wi.gov and search "firewood." *WDATCP = Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.



Like to Hike



A white-breasted nuthatch is featured on Peninsula's 2015 Like to Hike pin. Do you recognize the bark and leaf? Both are from a white ash tree. With last year's arrival of the Emerald Ash

The white-breasted nuthatch, shown on the Like to Hike pin, may benefit from EAB. After all, juicy larvae hiding under ash bark tastes mighty fine to nuthatches and their woodpecker cousins. The ash trees themselves may not fare so well. Within ten years after EAB arrives, up to 99 percent of native ash trees succumb to EAB.

Luckily for Peninsula, many different kinds of trees thrive here. Peninsula State Park's overall ash density is only 3.4 percent. About 16 percent of Peninsula's forest has stands with ash as one of the top four species by density (487 acres). DNR foresters generated these numbers during reconnaissance surveys in 2010. Numbers are based on trees five inches and larger in diameter, measured at 4.5 feet off the ground.

To find out more about forest health issues like EAB and Beech Bark Disease, and scheduled tree plantation thinnings at Peninsula State Park, visit the White Cedar Nature Center.

Borer (EAB) beetle in Door County, park staff are expanding education efforts to prepare visitors for forest changes.

Like to Hike is an on-your-own program that promotes healthy, outdoor recreation. Ask for a Like to Hike log at the Nature Center or Park Headquarters. Record five or more hikes, skis or snowshoe adventures in the log, then purchase a pin for just \$3. Pins are available to anyone for \$6. Pins can only be purchased at the White Cedar Nature Center and Park Headquarters.



Friends Advance Nature Education and Preservation

Peninsula's award winning nature program operates out of the historic White Cedar Nature Center. Built as a

warming house in the late 1930s, it was converted to a nature center in 1965. Wanting to enhance educational services, Friends of Peninsula State Park, working with DNR staff, are securing funds to support the addition of a multi-purpose room, a naturalist work room, and indoor restrooms. "These changes will improve our ability to teach park visitors year-round," said Friends President Chris Holicek. "The existing 1,100-square-foot building will become a more functional gathering place for all ages and abilities, and provide an efficient planning and working environment for staff and volunteers."

According to Holicek, Friends have already secured two of three Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grants. The first grant is funding architectural plans and utility upgrades. The second grant will fund construction. The plan is available for viewing at the nature center. To find out more, visit the nature center or peninsulafriends.org.

Friends, a 501(c)(3) organization, raise funds to assist the park with interpretive, educational and operational needs on an annual basis. Members logged over 2,100 hours, assisting at special events and removing invasive plants. Friends also run the park's merchandise program which is the sole funding source for summer naturalist wages.

Become a member and receive a 10% discount of Friends merchandise. Memberships are \$25 per individual, \$40 per family, \$300 per lifetime and \$150 per business. Join or donate on-line, peninsulafriends.org. You may also write to FPSP, PO Box 502, Fish Creek, WI 54212.

Support the Businesses that Support Friends!

- A Peninsula Park-View Resort
- Bay Shore Property Services
- Baylake Bank
- The Cookery
- Ecology Sports
- Ephraim Visitor Information Center
- Fish Creek Kite Company
- Gibraltar Grill
- Great Northern Construction
- Hat Head
- Hide Side Boutique
- Homestead Suites
- Julie's Park Café & Motel
- Nelson Shopping Center
- Nicolet Bay Concessions
- Nor Dor Sport & Cyclery
- Peninsula Pacers
- Spielman's Kid Works
- Thomas/Pfeifer Insurance
- What Next?
- Wilson's Ice Cream/Restaurant
- Wild Tomato Pizza & Grille

It Ain't Easy Keeping Clean ...

Be considerate of others when it comes to keeping Peninsula tidy. Take this Cleaning Quiz by matching numbers to answers. **KIDS: Bring the quiz to the Nature Center for a cool eco-charm!**

- | | |
|-------|---|
| 88 | showers |
| 4 | sinks |
| 88 | urinals |
| 14 | toilets |
| 28 | toilet buildings |
| 1,000 | number of people on daily cleaning crew |
| 54 | miles of toilet paper used each year |

ANSWERS OF PAGE 2.

SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY



BE PREPARED Discuss safety plans ahead of time. Have a flashlight with extra batteries and a first aid kit. At your site, note any tree limbs that could fall from strong winds. Secure gear, including tents. Know the location of campground buildings and the campground host site. Be sure children know the family campsite number. Consider the following:

STAY TUNED AND ALERT Keep an eye on the sky. If severe weather approaches, tune to local radio stations (listed on page 2). Campground hosts have weather radios. Static may indicate nearby lightning. Remember, a warning means a severe thunderstorm or tornado has been sighted. A watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather. Share information with your neighbors.

SEEK SHELTER Peninsula cannot provide a storm shelter to accommodate hundreds of campers. There are no approved storm-proof buildings in any campground.

THUNDERSTORM TIPS If you are boating or swimming, get to land and take shelter immediately. If you can hear thunder, the storm is close enough for you to be struck by lightning. If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shortest trees, away from power lines. Squat low to the ground; do not lay down. Avoid areas that may flood.

TORNADO TIPS If a tornado approaches while you are outdoors, find a low spot or embankment which might shelter you from wind and blowing debris. Stay low.

PENINSULA Numbers

1909
Year Established

3,776
Acres

\$5 All
Summer
Initial Camping
Fee
1,162,753
Visitors in 2014
Largest Number
in Park's
History!

21
2014
Bike Accidents

All bicyclists
not wearing
helmets
transported to
medical facility.

29
Warblers

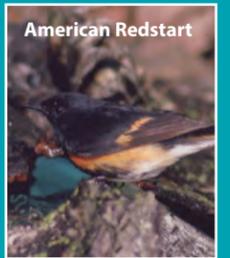


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14
Wells
Originally 32

\$43,198.42
2013 Electric Bill

17 Miles
wire for electric
pedestal
upgrades in
campgrounds

14

Reasons To Experience Peninsula State Park



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ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Eagle Tower

1 It's no surprise a park that rises above the rest has a look-out tower with singular views. Built as a fire watch tower in 1914, it ascends 75 feet atop a 125-foot bluff.

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

920-421-3636
eagleblufflighthouse.org

2 Decades before the surrounding landscape was designated as a state park, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse served as a beacon of safety for maritime travelers and merchants. Today, the solar-powered light is maintained by the U.S. Coastguard. This Lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. Eagle Bluff Lighthouse offers lovely views of Chambers Island, 7 miles offshore. Located 3 miles from either park entrance via Shore Road, it is also a convenient stop along Sunset Bike Route. To see historic restoration inside the keeper's dwelling and hear colorful maritime stories, take a tour.

Tours: May 22-25 and 29-31. Open daily June 5 – October 18. Tours are scheduled every half-hour beginning at 10 a.m. The last tour is offered at 3:30 p.m. and costs \$7 per adult, \$4 per student 13 through 17, and \$2 per youth 6 through 12. Children 5 years and younger are free. Group rates available. State park vehicle stickers are required.

Northern Sky Theater

920-854-6117
NorthernSkyTheater.com



3 Experiencing Northern Sky Theater is the grand finale to a memorable day of Door County adventures. This award winning professional troupe performs on a stage surrounded by majestic pine trees beneath a canopy of twinkling stars. In 2015, Northern Sky premieres two hilarious comedies and revives a tuneful tale of tangled twins. Shows are appropriate for all ages and run 90 minutes with no intermission. The box office opens one hour before show time.

SHOW TIMES June 11 – August 29	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
No Bones About It	8 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8 p.m.	
When Butter Churns to Gold			6 p.m.	8 p.m.		6 p.m.
Strings Attached		8 p.m.				8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 per adult, \$10 per teen 13 through 19, \$6 per child 12 and younger. Limited reserved seating available for an additional \$7 per ticket. Group rates are available. Discount coupons for registered Peninsula campers are available at Park Headquarters. A state park vehicle sticker is not required for theater patrons attending a show. Patrons must park in the amphitheater lot no earlier than one hour prior to a performance.

When Butter Churns to Gold A dashing hero saves an orphaned farm girl from a dastardly villain in this dairy-luscious romp set in Wisconsin's early years. Be ready for a bit of audience participation! Opens Thursday, June 11.

No Bones About It A rib-tickling musical set in the competitive barbecue world. Opens Monday, June 15.

Strings Attached A laugh-out-loud tale of twins separated at birth, until they meet again as grown-ups: one a Hawaiian ukulele fanatic and the other the heir to a Wisconsin banjo dynasty. Opens Tuesday, June 16.

Fall Show – Lumberjacks in Love at the Door Community Auditorium for the fall season, September 4 – October 17.



White Cedar Nature Center

920-854-5976

4 Let us help plan your park adventures! Nature programs for all ages. Free Wisconsin Explorer booklets for kids. Fishing poles, Smokey Bear packs and GPS units are available for free loan. Watch for butterflies in the Monarch Waystation meadow garden (summer). Open Memorial Day through Labor Day as staffing permits.

Nicolet Beach

920-854-9220
nicoletbeach.com

5 All trails lead to sunshine and sand in summer. This park hub features a clean beach, grassy picnic areas, a sand volleyball court (provide your own ball) and snack bar. Kayaks, canoes, paddleboat and bicycle rentals available. See page two for water safety precautions. Open Memorial Day Weekend through mid-October. WIFI is available.

Reasons to Visit continued on Page 5 ...



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ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Peninsula State Park Golf Course
920-854-5791
 peninsulagolf.org

6 Imagine a 69-yard, over the bluff, par three hole. This signature eighth hole, designed by pro Alex Cunningham in 1926, is just one reason golfers consider Peninsula a course with great character. Exceptional views of Eagle Harbor are another. The grounds crew is dedicated to maintaining impeccable playing conditions, including the ninth hole, which leads past a Potawatomi burial site. Tee time reservations are recommended. Golf lessons with PGA and LPGA pros are available.

NEW SHORT COURSE Opened in 2014, Peninsula's award-winning Short Course offers a six-hole par 3 golf experience for players of all ages, as well as tourists who may not have the time to play a longer course. The Short Course was constructed with more than \$600,000 in private donations.

"It's affordable," said manager Jason Daubner. "What's more, holes range from 65 to 115 yards and are played on natural turf to provide a realistic golf setting." Designed on a six-acre site, the Short Course has simple bunkers and greens with generous collars and larger cups. Why not try a sport that has been part of the Peninsula experience since 1917?

Peninsula Golf Associates launched a First Tee program to go with the Short Course. First Tee is an educational program that helps youngsters build character and learn how to make healthy choices through the game of golf. Facilitated by certified First Tee coaches, it runs for 10 weeks in summer for a \$100 fee.

In 2014, the American Society of Golf Course Architects named Peninsula's Short Course a "Design Excellence Honoree." Competing with courses across the United States and Asia, the Short Course was one of only 11 so honored.

PGA Clubhouse	Adult	Junior 8-17 years old	Rental Clubs
9 Holes	\$20	\$13	\$10
18 Holes	\$39	\$22	\$17
Twilight Fees	\$18 for unlimited golf, walking \$28 for unlimited golf, riding		
Power Cart Per Person	9 holes - \$10 18 holes - \$17		
Driving Range 920-854-2352	\$5-7 for bucket of balls		
SHORT COURSE 920-421-1332	Adult	Junior 17 yrs & under	Rental Clubs
6 Holes	\$9 \$6 replay	\$6 \$4 replay	\$5 partial set

Fishing

7 Peninsula's cobblestone shore provides excellent spawning habitat for smallmouth bass and northern pike. In deeper waters, anglers catch chinook salmon, perch and trout. Cast a line at the new accessible pier at Nicolet Boat Launch or at the pier at Weborg Point. Anglers 16 years and older require a Wisconsin fishing license. Other regulations and stamp requirements may apply. Poles are available for free loan at the Nature Center.

Biking Peninsula

8 This park mixes bluffs, forests and scenic shore along surfaced Sunset Bike Route. Choose unsurfaced off-road trails (cyclists age 16 and older must purchase a trail pass) for more kick. A narrow bike lane along Shore Road extends from Park Headquarters to Bluff Road, and then to Nicolet Beach. See page eight.

Be Safe! Wear a helmet. Bicyclists must obey all vehicle laws, which include riding on the right side of the road, with traffic. Remember to warn others when passing. Supervise children closely. Be wary of loose gravel or sand, especially after rain. Descend downgrades slowly, in full control. Be prepared to stop. Pull completely off the trail or road when viewing wildlife or scenery.

Hunting and Trapping

1-888-936-7463
 wiparks.net

9 Peninsula's hunting tradition began in 1992 with the start of a nine-day muzzleloader deer hunt in designated areas. That tradition continues with the addition of archery and trapping in designated areas on specific dates. For more information visit Park Headquarters or ask a ranger.

Winter Sports

10 This park doesn't hibernate. Want proof? Strap on a pair of snowshoes (5 trail miles) or cross-country skis (16 trail miles) or snowmobile (17 miles). Or try an invigorating weekend of winter camping. A few sites in Tension have winter electricity. Whatever your cold-weather fix, be sure to drive Shore Road, delighting in the serenity of the "quiet season."

NATURALLY SCENIC

Sensational Sunsets

11 With 8 miles of mostly west-facing shore, exceptional sunset spots include Welcker's Point, Weborg pier, and Tension Bay kayak launch.

Niagara Escarpment

12 The fossil-rich backbone of the park began forming 420 million years ago at the outer rim of a shallow, saltwater sea. Peninsula bluffs are part of a 650-mile rock formation that extends from eastern Wisconsin to Niagara Falls. Rugged Eagle Trail offers the most dramatic look at this geologic wonder.

Bat Watching

13 Thirty minutes after sunset on calm summer nights, hundreds of bats fly from daytime roosts to feast on night-flying insects. Watching bats emerge at Welcker's picnic area is a decades-long tradition for Peninsula campers. Can you spot the new bat "condo"?

Trail Tramping

14 Hike, pedal or ski your way through 40 miles of glorious wooded trails. Watch for trilliums, lady's-slipper orchids and columbine. Listen for the musical trill of winter wrens or the loud wuk, wuk alarm call of the pileated woodpecker. Peninsula is both a designated Wisconsin Migratory Bird Stopover and an official Bird City. Best birding sites include Weborg and Nelson points, offshore waters and forest edges along Middle Road.



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SHOPPING AND DINING

Looking for authentic shopping experiences that boost financial support for Peninsula? Visit a park specialty shop. A number of venues offer park nature, history, and outdoor adventure items.

Park Headquarters/Nature Center Friends of Peninsula State Park offer park history and nature books, park patches, hiking shields, and apparel. Proceeds support Peninsula education.

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Custom pins and lighthouse memorabilia. Proceeds support historic restoration of the lighthouse and grounds.

Golf Clubhouse Golf apparel, clubs, gift certificates. Clubhouse dining is open to all! Try a "hole-in-one" breakfast, a BLT or veggie wrap. Taste a real-deal milkshake. Beer and wine served, too. Proceeds support course maintenance and youth golf instruction.

Nicolet Camp Store Supplies and essentials, memorabilia, fishing bait and ICE. Shanty Bay Store features designer swimwear, sunglasses and Peninsula apparel. Pizza, hotdogs, and soft-serve ice cream are served. WIFI is available.

Northern Sky Theater Show CDs and memorabilia. Proceeds support stage and building improvements.



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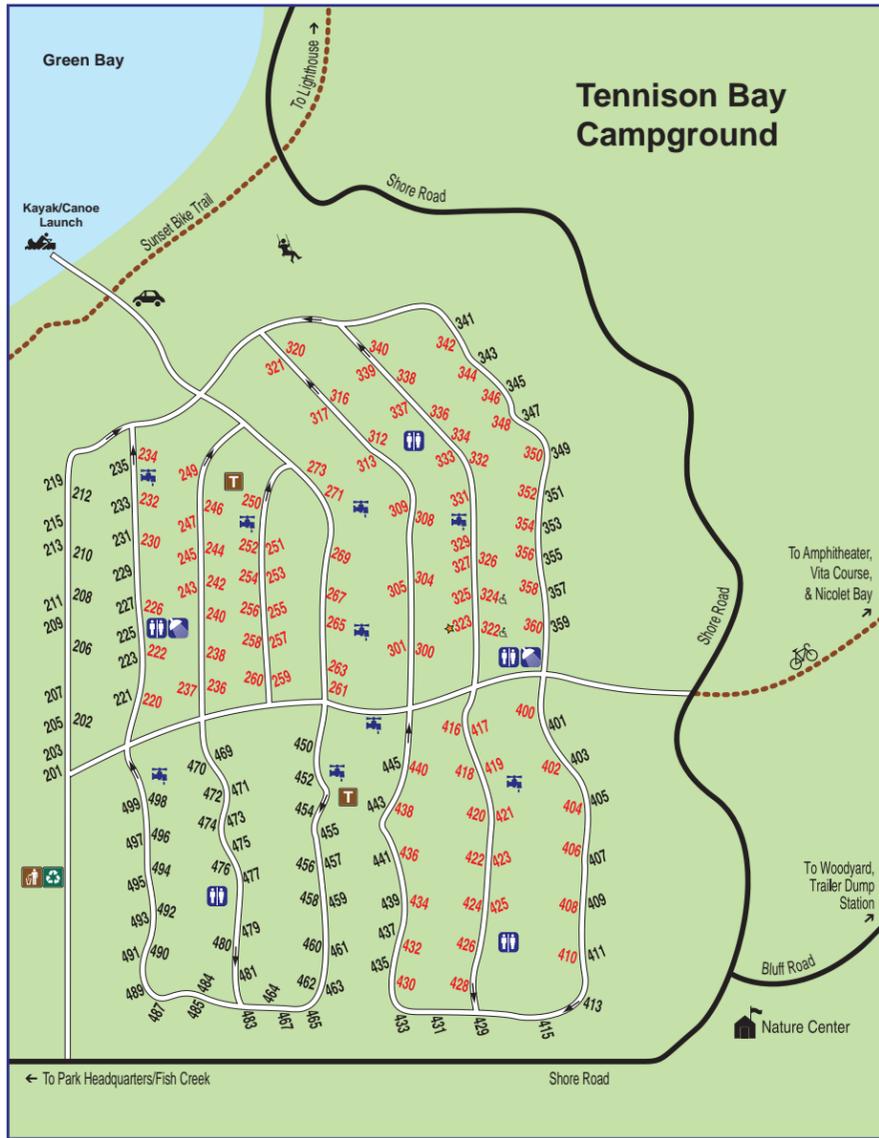
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Campground Maps and Regulations

TENNISON BAY Open year round, this campground (200s, 300s, 400s) provides 189 sites. Mature hardwoods, a red pine plantation and sunny openings make for diverse camp sites. Facilities: 5 flush toilet buildings (2 with showers, 1 accessible); canoe and kayak launch open to all visitors; playground; ninety-seven 50-amp electric sites. All sites reservable except host sites 323 and 337.



PET FRIENDLY CAMPING

Keep your pet under control at all times and never leave it alone at a campsite. Your pet will be happy and so will you.



Plan Ahead Checklist

- Current Vaccinations
- 1st Aid Kit - antiseptic, tweezers, bandages, vet's phone number, etc.
- Travel Tag on Collar - include campsite number.
- 8-Foot or Shorter Leash - Leashed pets welcome at The Pines and on most trails.
- Pet Waste Bags - Please dispose of properly.
- Bucket & Towel - Pets are not allowed in showers or buildings.
- A dog allowed off-leash may pick up poison ivy oil on its fur. The dog does not react, but if you pet its fur, you might.
- Why won't my dog stop barking? It may feel anxious to be in strange surroundings. It may be bored. So, keep your pet company by taking a trail walk. The exercise will help you both sleep well!



Electric Campsites

Non-Electric Campsites

Non-Reservable Campsites

Non-Reservable Electric Campsites

Accessible Campsites

Host Campsite

Flush Toilet

Vault Toilet

Shower

Drinking Water

Trash/Recycling Station

Trail

Welcker's Point
 North Nicolet Bay
 South Nicolet Bay
 Tennison Bay
 Weborg Point

Camping Information

Family Camp Sites Peninsula has 5 family campgrounds with a total of 469 sites, 165 with 50-amp electrical hook-ups. Weather permitting, campgrounds begin to open the first weekend in May and close in mid-October. Several electric sites are open year-round in Tennison Bay; vault toilets and a water supply are available in winter.

Group Camp Areas Peninsula has 3 group camp areas, each with a capacity of 60 people. Tents only; no electricity. These are rustic camp areas with a central water source, vault toilets and picnic tables. Physical surroundings describe each area: Lakeshore, Orchard and Meadow.

Campsite Reservations Ninety-four percent of family campsites and all group camping areas are reservable. Reservations can be made, anytime from 11 months to 24 hours prior to arrival date, between May 1 and October 31. Call toll-free 1-888-WIPARKS (947-2757) or go to wiparks.net.

Camping Regulations

This information is intended to help with your stay. For complete rules and regulations, see Chapter NR45, Wis. Adm. Code, or contact a ranger. Violation of any rule by a member of a camping party is cause for eviction with no refund.

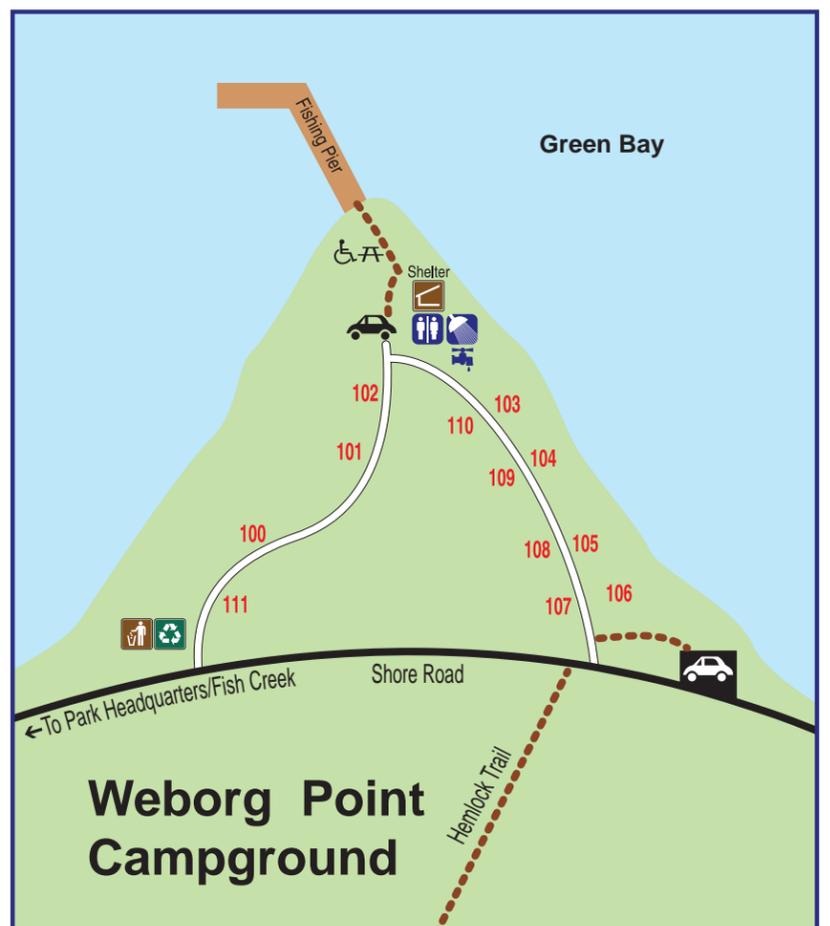
1. All campers must register at Park Headquarters and receive a permit before setting up camp. Campers must clip the permit to the campsite marker post.
2. Campsites must be vacated by 3 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
3. The park is closed to non-campers between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. During

closed hours, campers must be at or en route to their registered campsite.

4. No camping party may set up or take down any camping unit between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
5. Campers may not switch sites without approval. Campers may ask to be added to the daily transfer/waiting list at Park Headquarters.
6. Campsite extensions must be made at Park Headquarters by the day before the scheduled departure date, and are subject to availability.
7. No one may camp or leave a camping unit in a family campground for more than 14 days within any 21 day period.
8. Camping is restricted to designated areas only.
9. Fires are restricted to authorized fire rings. Do not leave fires unattended. Do not move steel fire rings. Do not put trash, recyclables or rocks in fire rings. See CAMPFIRE on page 2.
10. A camping party is any individual, family or non-family group occupying a campsite. A "non-family group" may not exceed 6 persons. "Family" is limited to parent(s) with their dependent children and not more than 2 guests. (Designated group sites allow more occupants.)
11. One picnic table is allowed per site.
12. Collect and dispose of dish and hand washing water at the sanitary dumping station or in campground toilets. It is against health and safety rules to dump this "gray water" on the ground.
13. All vehicles must display a valid admission sticker.

14. Motor vehicles are restricted to the designated parking area on each campsite. No more than 2 motor vehicles (except as many as 6 motorcycles) are allowed per campsite. No more than 1 recreation trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home may occupy a campsite. Pickup campers or motor homes pulling a trailer are treated as a single unit. A motor home is considered both a motor vehicle and a camping unit.

15. Park extra vehicles in the following lots: Nicolet and Welcker's use amphitheater lot. Tennison use play area lot. Weborg use adjacent day-use lot.
16. Generators are not allowed unless authorized by permit from the manager due to camper's medical condition. Restrictions/conditions apply.

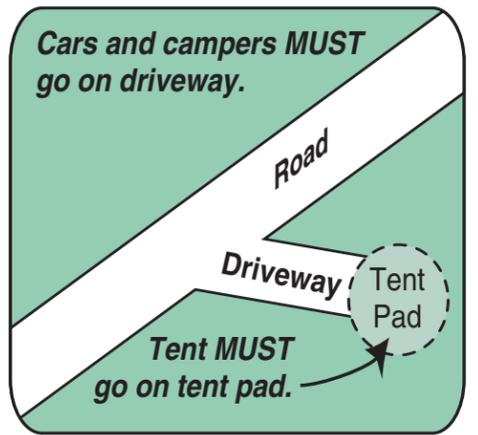


WEBORG POINT (100s) provides twelve 50-amp electric sites. The campground is open early May through mid-October. Facilities: 1 accessible toilet/shower building; reservable shelter building; concrete, accessible fishing pier open to all visitors. All sites reservable.

NOISE RESTRICTIONS

At no time may the noise on a campsite create a disturbance or interfere in any manner with others' enjoyment of the park. **Campers may be asked to turn off radios and other noise producing devices, especially during nighttime hours.**

Campground Maps and Regulations



WELCKER'S POINT (500s) All 81 sites in this wooded campground are non-electric. Welcker's is open Memorial Day Weekend through mid-October. Facilities: 3 flush toilet buildings (2 with showers, including 1 accessible); shelter building in adjacent picnic area. All sites reservable except host site 525.

NICOLET BAY With 187 sites, this campground is closest to the beach. All sites are reservable except 804-828, and camp host sites 619 and 783. The campground is divided into two sections.

South Nicolet Campground (700s-800s) features open woods and easy access to Minnehaha (connected to Eagle Trail) and Lone Pine Trail. Camping is allowed mid-May through mid-October. Facilities: 2 toilet/shower buildings (1 with accessible showers) and vault toilets; fifty-four 50-amp electric sites.

North Nicolet Campground (600s) offers non-electric, wooded sites. Camping is allowed from Memorial Day Weekend through mid-October. Facilities: 2 flush toilet buildings (one with showers); boat ramp and accessible fishing pier open to all visitors.



Hemlock Rd.

← To Park Headquarters/Fish Creek

South Nicolet Bay Campground



The features on official park map such as trails, roads, picnic areas and campgrounds, depict "designated use areas" per 23.115 of Wis. statutes. Please limit your activities to these areas.

Trail Guide

See safety messages on page 2. Letters denote trail segments on map.

Eagle Trail 2 mile loop. Difficult. Remarkable 150-foot cliffs, springs, and forested terraces make Eagle Trail memorable. Several steep, rocky sections offset a level segment that parallels Eagle Harbor. Trilliums and thimbleberry brighten the trailside, as does less common cranberry viburnum. Access at Eagle Terrace or Eagle Panorama.

Hemlock Trail (A-B) 1.8 miles, one-way. Moderate. Lake iris greets hikers at the edge of a cedar-hemlock forest.

Skirt up a low bluff and catch glimpses of the Strawberry Islands through birch and pine trees. Access near Weborg Campground or Tension Bay Campground.

Hidden Bluff Trail (B-C) 0.75 mile, one way. Moderate. This spur of Sunset Bike Route is accessed at The Nature Center. Look for red tinged bulblet fern cascading down rocky outcroppings. Jack-in-the-pulpit flowers are prolific.

Lone Pine Trail (D-E) 0.5 mile, one way. Moderate. This trail connects to several convenient loops. Ascend a dolostone bluff then hike a forest dominated by beech, maple and oak trees. Can you spot the solitary white pine, the trail's namesake, now lying on the forest floor? Access at the southeast corner of South Nicolet Campground.

Minnehaha Trail (D-F) 0.7 mile, one way. Easy. This refreshing lakeshore trail links Nicolet South Campground and Eagle Trail. Access near campsite 844.

Off-Road Bike Trails 12 miles, various loops. Moderate - Difficult. Take on the challenge of rugged, unsurfaced terrain. A trail pass, available at Park

Headquarters, is required for bicyclists age 16 and older. Access at off-road parking lot on Highland Road or near the south terminus of Sunset Trail.

Nicolet Bay Trail (G-H) 2.2 miles, one way. Moderate. Watch for wild turkeys and pileated woodpeckers in a forest of basswood, white ash and hemlock trees. This trail passes within a quarter mile of Nicolet Beach with convenient access gained from the amphitheater parking lot or Welcker's Campground.

Sentinel Trail 2 mile loop. Easy. Walk past stands of maple, beech and red pine. Trail signs interpret forest ecology A .6 mile section is graveled to facilitate mobility.

Skyline Trail 3 mile loop. Moderate. Climb to Sven's Bluff through rolling terrain. Watch for stone fences and open meadows, remnants of long ago farms. Hikers can connect to other trails via Skyline. Access at Skyline parking lot on Shore Road.

Sunset Bike Route (I-J-I) 10 miles. Moderate. The hard packed limestone base of the 5.1 mile route accomodates bicycles, wheelchairs and hikers.

Traverse every major type of landscape including marshes, upland hardwoods and conifer stands. Connect to a return route at Nicolet Beach, pedaling four additional miles along Peninsula's scenic back roads to Park Headquarters at the Fish Creek entrance. Be cautious of one steep descent on Middle Road.

Trail Trampler's Delight (K-L) 0.5 mile, one way. Easy. This trail name originated in the early 1920s when hikers walked from Nicolet Bay to Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. In the hot summer, the shaded path provided a cool walk, which was a trail tramper's delight. Access near Eagle Bluff Lighthouse.

Vita Course 1 mile loop. Eleven exercise stations wind through beautiful forest scenery. Stations develop strength, stamina and coordination for different ability levels. Access at the southwest corner of the amphitheater parking lot.

White Cedar Nature Trail 0.5 mile loop. Easy. Signs interpret deer ecology along an abandoned 5,000-year-old shoreline. Access at Nature Center.



Park Rangers are here to help!

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