



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest



The former Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests, both established in 1933, were combined into the [Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest](#) February 1998. The Forest operates out of nine District Offices and a Supervisor’s Office in Rhinelander, Wis. The Forest is also home to the [Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center](#) and the [Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center](#).

Land Ownership:

The Forest is comprised of more than 1.5 million acres in 11 northern Wisconsin counties and 65 townships. It is part of the treaty ceded areas for 11 Native American tribes that retain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on national forest lands. Other lands within the boundaries include more than 1,200 separate parcels owned by the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, the State of Wisconsin, industrial forest land and private properties.

- **Perennial streams:** 2,140 miles
- **Spring Ponds:** 440
- **Lakes:** 2,020; 609 larger than 10 acres
- **Wetlands:** 347,000 acres

Recreation Opportunities:

- **Water-related recreation sites:** 52 campgrounds; 39 picnic areas; 24 designated swimming beaches
- **Annual Visitors to the Chequamegon-Nicolet:** 696,000 (2011 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report)
- **Public Access to Lakes over 10 acres:** 119 boat ramps and 59 walk-in trails
- **Areas of Solitude:** 46,414 acres in five wilderness areas and 68,100 acres in 19 non-motorized areas
- **Non-motorized trails:** 493 miles (20 ski trails; 49 hiking trails; four horse trails; 56 hunter walking trails; six bike trail loops), three National Recreation Trails and two National Scenic Trails
- **Motorized Recreation:** 9,000 miles of road; 292 miles of developed all-terrain vehicle trails; more than 800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails

A Variety of Life:

- **Federally Threatened and Endangered Species:** Fassett's Locoweed, Canada Lynx and Kirtland's Warbler
- **State Threatened and Endangered Species:** 20 plants and 14 animals
- **Rare Biological Communities:** Pine Barrens (10 percent of state total)
- **Diversity:** Great variety of plant and animals species due to location at intersection of northern forests, eastern forests and Great Plains.

A Glimpse of History:

- **Archeological Sites:** Approximately 2,500 known sites, ranging from 10,000-year old pre-European contact sites to 19th and 20th century logging camps, homesteads, Civilian Conservation Corps firetowers, camps and structures. The Forest contains more than half of the archeological sites recorded in northern Wisconsin’s 15 counties.

A Working Forest:

- **Timber Sold/Value in Fiscal Year 2016:** 114.8 million board feet, approximate value: \$9.77 million
- **Timber Harvested in Fiscal Year 2016:** 99.3 million board feet, approximate value: \$8.1 million
- **Special Forest Products:** Christmas trees, evergreen boughs, floral greenery, firewood

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