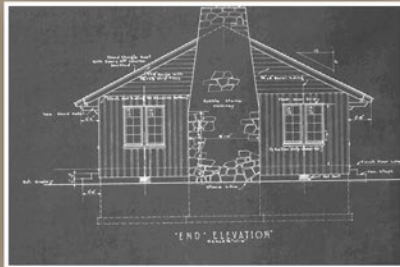


# Lost Lake Organization Camp

During the 1940s and 50s, this peaceful strip of lakeside woodland was enlivened by the shouts of young explorers, some of them seeing a real forest for the first time. Lost Lake Organization Camp was a destination for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church and youth groups, and 4H clubs. The Forest Service established these "Organization camps" to introduce urban Americans to the rejuvenating experience of the great outdoors. The camps were to provide "safe, modern and sanitary facilities in a forest environment far from the city and isolated from commercial disturbances." The camp here at Lost Lake, built in 1938, is an early example, among the first of only 54 in the nation.

## A Subtle Architecture Dining Hall



These cabins were built in the Rustic Style, designed to fit in with the natural environment. Notice the over-hanging roofs, the rough-cut siding, the rubble stone chimney still intact in the Dining Hall, and the irregular placement of the cabins.

*If it is vacation time, most organization camps are filled with underprivileged youngsters brought from the cities and given the joys of a forest vacation. 1936*



Boat Dock and Diving Float, 1939.



The Dining Hall served as the center of activity for visiting groups, 1956.



Girl Scouts learn to cook on an open fire, 1956.

# Lost Lake Organization Camp



*Chequamegon-Nicolet  
National Forest*



# Welcome to Lost Lake Organization Camp Reforestation a Wasteland

*Forests are the lungs of our land,  
purifying the air and giving fresh  
strength to our people.*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President 1933-45

Between 1900 and 1904, Wisconsin led the nation in lumber production. Pine was logged, and then hemlock, cedar, and hardwoods. By 1923, less than 2 million of the nearly 30 million acres that covered the state in the mid-19th century were left, and fires raged through the dry debris.

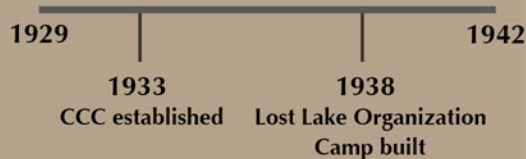
The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest was created in 1933 out of these wasted Timberlands. During the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps planted thousands of seedlings that have grown into the forest we have today.



# Built by The Great Depression Restored by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

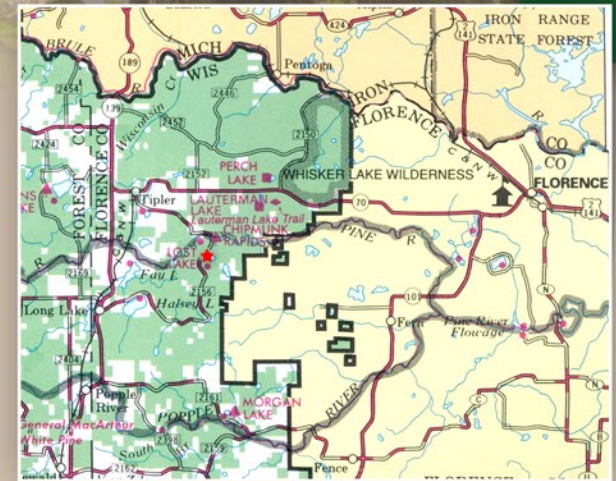
During the Great Depression, the need to rekindle national pride, provide employment, and inspire hope for a better future led to some of the most important conservation achievements in American history. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in order to provide jobs and training to unemployed young men, and to bring funds to impoverished rural areas. Together, the CCC and the Works Progress Administration – another public work relief program – accomplished a tremendous amount of conservation work in America's national forests. They replanted huge swaths of overlogged land in northern Wisconsin and constructed recreational facilities such as Lost Lake Organization Camp. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allowed the Forest Service to restore the Lost Lake Organization Camp and make it available, once again, for public use.

## The Great Depression 1929-1942



*"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have little."*

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Lost Lake Organization Camp can be found 3 miles south of Hwy 70 & east of Forest Road 2156. Cabin rentals (typically late May thru Early October) can be made by contacting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or 877-444-6777.

For information on recreation, camping, and exhibits on the local area, visit the Florence Natural Resources and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center at 5628 Forestry Drive in Florence, WI. 888-889-0049/715-528-5377 or 715-528-4464.

Location for Services near Lost Lake:

*Florence, WI:* Travel 20 mi. east on State Highways 70, 70/101 to US Highway 2

*Eagle River, WI:* Travel 40 mi. west on State Highway 70-1 hour drive.

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