



# CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST FACTS

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The former Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests, established in the early 1930's, were officially combined into the *Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests* in February 1998. The Forest operates out of 9 District Offices and 2 Supervisor's Offices.

## Land Ownership

The Forest is comprised of just over 1.5 million acres in 11 northern Wisconsin Counties and 65 Townships. The Forest is part of the treaty-ceded areas for 11 Indian tribes that retain hunting, fishing, and gathering rights on national forest lands.

**Low:** 2 percent in Oneida County

**High:** 53 percent in Forest County

**Average:** 21 percent

**Other Lands within NF Boundary:** 1214 separate parcels (23% of land)

**Boundary Lines:** 4,591 miles

## Lands with Many Waters

**Class I, II, and III Trout Streams:** 1,255 miles (13 percent of the state total)

**Warmwater streams:** 745 miles

**Lakes:** 2,020; 603 larger than 10 acres **Spring Ponds:** 440 **Wetlands:** 347,000 acres

## Recreation Opportunities

**Water-related recreation sites:** 41 campgrounds; 39 picnic areas; and 24 designated swimming beaches with 121 drinking water wells

**Public Access to Lakes over 10 acres:** 119 boat ramps; 59 walk-in trails

### Areas of Solitude:

44,067 acres in 5 Wildernesses (2.9% of the Forest); 68,595 acres in 16 non-motorized areas (4.5% of the Forest)

Non-motorized trails: 493 miles (20 ski trails; 49 hiking trails; 3 horse trails; 56 hunter walking trails; 6 bike trail loops)

One National Scenic Trail and 4 National Recreation Trails; 69,000 acres of Inventoried Roadless Areas

**Motorized Recreation:** 11,500 miles of road; 179 miles of designated ATV trails (14% of state total); 800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails

## A Working Forest

**Timber Sold in 2002:** 79 million board feet

**Estimated Payments to Local Governments:** \$1.6 million

**Special Forest Products:** Christmas Trees, Evergreen Boughs, Floral Greenery, Firewood

## A Variety of Life

**Federally Threatened and Endangered Species:** Eastern Timber Wolf, Bald Eagle, and Fassett's Locoweed

**State Threatened and Endangered Species:** 20 plants and 14 animals

**Rare Biological Communities:** Pine Barrens (10% of state total on Forest)

**Diversity:** Great variety of plant and animals species because of location at intersection of northern forests, eastern forests, and Great Plains.

## A Glimpse of History

**Archeological Sites:** Approximately 2100 known, ranging from 10,000 year old prehistoric campsites to 20th century homesteads. The Forest contains over half of the archeological sites recorded in the 15 counties of northern Wisconsin.

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