

Developed Recreational Area

Property Address
13023 South Bird Road, Gordon, Wisconsin 54838.

Getting There
Located 1¼ miles west of Highway 53 at the County Highway M turn off in the Town of Gordon. Take County Highway M west for 6/10ths of a mile, turn right (north) on Bird Road and take it for 6/10ths of a mile until you see the clubhouse driveway entrance on the right (north) side of the road.

Location
SE¼ of the NW¼ Section 14, Township 44 North – Range 12 West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin

Longitude: 91° 50' 2.2483" W
Latitude: 46° 17' 44.9737" N

Driving distance from regional metropolitan areas:

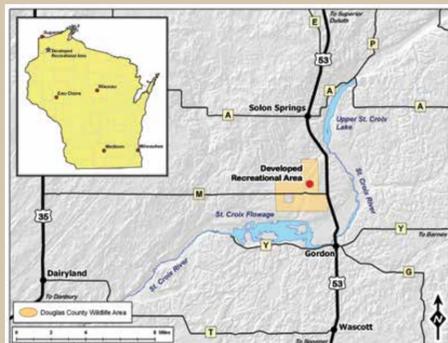
- Chicago, IL – 430 miles
- Des Moines, IA – 390 miles
- Duluth, MN – 42 miles
- Eau Claire, WI – 115 miles
- Milwaukee, WI – 355 miles
- Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – 150 miles
- Wausau, WI – 200 miles

Area Size
20 acres (approximate).

Area Hours
The developed recreation area is open to the public daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., 365 days a year. Persons renting the facilities are excluded from these hours. All other general areas of the property are open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

TURN IN VIOLATORS: (715) 394-4432



Facilities and Activities

Horse Area & Clubhouse Facilities

The following facilities are available to the general public annually from two Fridays before Memorial Day to Labor Day. **Neither the horse area OR the clubhouse can be reserved or rented on its own, all rentals include BOTH areas. No separate rental available.**

Rental Rates
• \$50.00 per day regardless of number of people.

• \$2.00 per day for each dog on the property (utilizing the horse area).

• \$3.00 per day for each horse on the property (utilizing the horse area).

NOTE: Rental rates are subject to change. You can find up-to-date information by visiting www.douglascountywi.org or contacting the Forestry Department.

Rental Term
• The daily rental time period is from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Any use of the area within this time period, regardless of how little or how much, would require rental for that specific day.



Douglas County Wildlife Area

Established 1935

Property Location
The property is located in both the Town of Gordon and the Town of Solon Springs, west of Highway 53 with County Highway M running through the center for approximately 3 miles.

Property Size
4,005 acres (994 acres of State of Wisconsin ownership and 3,011 acres of Douglas County Forest land)



Pine Barrens... northwest Wisconsin as it once was.

Horse Area

Horse Area Offerings Include:
• Horse Stables.
• Horse Corral.
• Dog Kennels.
• Open Picnic Shelter.
• Restrooms (vault toilets).
• Non-Potable Water Source (not approved for human drinking).
• Fire Ring (limited firewood supplied).
• Camping Opportunity.
• Wildlife Area Access.

The following are NOT available...
• No horse feed.
• No water or sewer hookups.
• No electrical service.
• No sanitary dump station.
• No showers or flush toilets.
• No garbage dumpster.
• No tent or camper pads.
• No paved or concrete parking aprons.

Horse Area
Complete with stables, corral and dog kennels, the horse area is located on the north side of Bird Road just to the east of the clubhouse. Be sure to look for signs along Bird Road indicating the driveway. The facilities can accommodate up to approximately 50 horses and there's kennel room for up to 10 dogs. Area rental includes access to the stables, corral, dog kennels, open picnic shelter, restroom with vault toilets, picnic tables, fire ring, benches, garbage receptacles, and the opportunity to camp in the immediate area. Rentals include all offered amenities in the immediate area, single animals CANNOT be rented separately on an individual basis. The maximum number of people, horses, or dogs is not limited per rental.

Clubhouse
Constructed of rustic half-log siding with a large stone fireplace and flagstone porch, the clubhouse is located on the north side of Bird Road just to the west of the horse area driveway. It can hold up to 75 people and offers plenty of space to host a family gathering, wedding, picnic, reunion, educational program, or other special event come rain or shine. The facility includes a refrigerator/freezer, microwave, gas stove, tables, chairs, sink (no running water), separate restroom with vault toilets, picnic tables (outside), charcoal grill (outside), water pump (outside), fire ring (outside), garbage receptacles, and the opportunity to camp in the immediate area. The maximum number of people is not limited per rental.



General Property Rules & Regulations

Management of the property is under the direct authority of the WDNR (excluding the Developed Recreational Area), including all leased County owned lands. All WDNR State Wildlife Area rules and regulations apply. County ordinances may or may not apply. The following is a brief summary of some of the more common rules and regulations affecting the property (as provided by the WDNR):

- The property is open to public hunting, trapping, and fishing in accordance with State regulations.
- The property is open to Dog Trials by permit issued through the WDNR.
- Dog training is allowed between August 1st and December 31st annually in the designated dog training area located in the southwest portion of the property (see map).
- It is prohibited to operate any ATV, UTV, or snowmobile on the property.
- Riders on horse back and those on horse drawn vehicles may travel on the "Dog Trail and Horse Trail" trail network as posted with signs designating permitted horse travel.
- Legally licensed Highway Vehicles may operate on developed roads or trails that have no restrictive sign, gate, or berm installed.

Report all violations to
1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

For further information or a complete listing of all Douglas County Wildlife Area rules and regulations, please contact the WDNR Douglas County Wildlife Area Property Manager at WDNR Brule Ranger Station, 6250 South Ranger Road, Brule WI 54820 or (715) 372-4866.

Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations pertain only to the 20 acre Developed Recreational Area (coral, stables, kennels, and clubhouse). For all other general areas of the property (3,985 acres), including leased County owned lands, WDNR State Wildlife Area rules and regulations apply (see the "General Property Rules & Regulations" section).

Douglas County appreciates your cooperation and compliance with all property regulations. These regulations promote a family friendly atmosphere that is enjoyable for you and other visitors. Visitors who do not comply may be subject to appropriate civil citations and/or a loss of property use privileges.

Remember... use of the area is a privilege!

Visitors

Visitors (non-renters) are welcome in the areas daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Use of the horse area or the clubhouse facilities without a rental is prohibited.

Quiet Hours & Noise

Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. daily. Creating excessive noise, causing a disturbance, or use of any device including but not limited to radios, televisions, generators, etc. that can be heard from a distance of more than 200 feet is prohibited during this time frame.

Fires

Fires are only allowed in the fire rings or grills provided or in a self provided container specifically designed to contain a fire. Keep fires small and burn only wood and clean paper. Gas and propane camp stoves and grills are permitted. Never leave fires or coals unattended. Fires must be extinguished completely before leaving the area or retiring for the evening. Firewood is provided in limited supply with facility rentals (see "Firewood" section).

Firewood

Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited. You are allowed to gather wood in the immediate area that is "DEAD AND DOWN" for your fire; however, available dead and down wood is typically scarce. You should consider purchasing locally harvested firewood (see the Firewood Advisory). Several local businesses sell bundled campfire wood in the region.

Help keep pests out. Don't bring firewood in!

Water

One well handpump is available for water at the horse area and another at the clubhouse. The water at the horse area is non-potable (non-approved for drinking) while the water at the clubhouse is potable (approved for drinking).

Food Storage & Wildlife

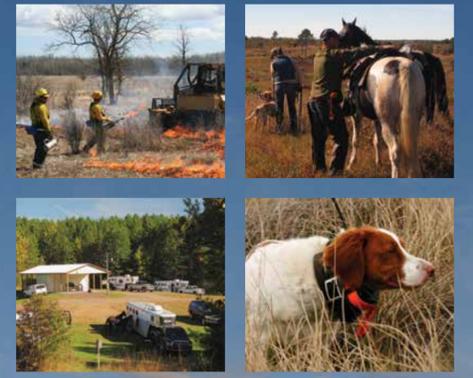
DO NOT attract wildlife! Keep a clean area. **This is Bear Country!** Deer, squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, and skunks are also year-round Wildlife Area residents. Store your food, pet food, horse feed, cooking utensils, and scented items (toilettries, insect repellent, etc.) in your hard-sided vehicle or in a secure food storage container. These items should remain stored when not in use. Keep garbage picked up and disposed of in the designated receptacles.

Firewood Advisory

Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into Douglas County from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten the health of the County Forest. Visitors should use firewood that was gathered within the County or purchased from a local vendor. Do not leave firewood in a park or in the Forest, do not transport locally purchased firewood out of the County – BURN IT!

Emerald Ash Borer

Douglas County is currently under Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) quarantine for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). All firewood use, collection, and transport is highly regulated. For additional information on the quarantine, including firewood rules and regulations, please contact DATCP at 608-224-4573 and/or the USDA-APHIS at 608-231-9553.



Please observe all property rules and regulations



cles (be sure to securely close lids). Remember, feeding wildlife is strongly discouraged and harassing wildlife is illegal!

Sanitation

Littering or disposing of garbage anywhere other than in the designated receptacles located in and around the facility areas is prohibited. Both the horse area and the clubhouse are provided its own garbage cans and on-site trash collection is provided daily during the rental season. Please keep garbage picked up. Discarding garbage or waste that was generated outside of the facility areas is prohibited.

There is NO dump station for trailers and other recreational vehicles. Stored sewage and wastewater (black and gray) must be removed from the area and should be properly disposed of at a designated facility. There are NO showers or laundry facilities provided. Portable showers are permitted. One restroom with vault toilets and no running water is available at the horse area and another is available at the clubhouse. Both restroom facilities are handicap accessible and are open during the rental season.

Treasure the area! Don't Trash It!

Recycling

One recycling station is provided to properly dispose of metal, glass, and paper products. Please be sure to keep all non-recyclables out of the containers. An active recycling program is one of the ways Douglas County is working towards encouraging residents and visitors to recycle where they live, work and play. All visitors to the property are encouraged to recycle.

Recycle today for a better tomorrow!

Motor Vehicles and Bicycles

Be sure to keep all motorized vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, and trailers on designated travel/parking areas. Operating a motor vehicle or bicycle off designated travel areas is prohibited!

Remember to SLOW DOWN for safety!

ATV's, UTV's, Dirt Bikes, & Other Similar Vehicles

Operation of any off-highway vehicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility-terrain vehicles (UTV), motor bikes (dirt bike), mopeds, mini-bikes, motorized scooters, spazzed, mini-wheel drive units, tractors, dune buggies, go-carts, golf carts, and other similar vehicle types is **PROHIBITED**.



DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD PERIOD!

Additional Developed Recreational Area Rules & Regulations

Within the horse area and clubhouse area it is prohibited to...

- litter.
- transport any garbage or trash, that was not produced on the property, to the property and dispose of it.
- damage or deface any feature, facility, or property.
- post any sign, advertisement, or other informational media.
- engage in any activity which is prohibited by sign or notice.
- locate or operate a non-registered or non-licensed vehicle or trailer.
- be in the area during closed hours (excluding persons renting the facilities).
- not clean up after a pet
- harass or kill any wildlife or allow a pet to do the same.
- cut or mar any plants or trees.
- excavate or trench soil resources.
- construct or establish a trail or pathway.

Please observe all property rules and regulations

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are permitted within the Developed Recreational Area. Public intoxication, underage drinking and/or disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.

Keep alcohol away from minors.

Fireworks & Firearms

The use or possession of fireworks is prohibited in the Developed Recreational Area. It is prohibited to discharge, possess, or store an uncased or loaded firearm (including rifle, shotgun, pistol, BB gun, pellet gun, air gun, CO2 gun, paintball gun, slingshot, bow, crossbow, or spear gun). Some exemptions apply to individuals who possess a valid and current State of Wisconsin Concealed Weapon License.

Hunting & Trapping

Hunting and trapping activities are prohibited in the Developed Recreational Area.

Access for People with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation to participate in Developed Recreational Area activities due to a disability, please contact the Forestry Department before you plan to visit.

Educational Opportunities

The Friends of the Bird Sanctuary (FOBS) is a non-profit corporation that was formed in 2003 when an interested group of people recognized the rare ecological significance of the property and wanted to get more involved. This group of volunteers works in close collaboration with the WDNR and Douglas County Forestry Department to assist in protecting and preserving the property. The group's mission is to connect people with the property, to increase community involvement, and to help protect and preserve the Wildlife Area's precious legacy.

The group annually conducts fundraisers and public education programs on a variety of ecological and historical topics and offers other scheduled outreach activities throughout the year. Many of these programs and activities are held on the property at the clubhouse facility.

For more information, including how to become a member and a current schedule of free program events and other activities all available to the general public, please visit their website at www.fobs.org.



Safety First!

Remember you are responsible for your own safety. Camping and other outdoor recreation activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take necessary precautions. Please report any safety hazards to the Douglas County Forestry Department (715) 378-2219. Safety is everyone's responsibility!!!

Minimize your Impact

To help make everyone's Wildlife Area visit safe and enjoyable, as well as protect the property and its natural beauty, please observe all rules and regulations. Protect future enjoyment of the area by leaving it better than you found it. Your behavior and the actions you take affect others. Help maintain a family friendly atmosphere for all property visitors.

Leave it better than you found it!

Reporting Violations

At times, careless and inconsiderate individuals perform acts that can result in damage to property resources, threaten public safety, and disrupt the experiences of others. These behaviors deprive law-abiding users of experiences and opportunities and can jeopardize future property use privileges for all users.

Diligent users reporting illegal activities has increased the effectiveness of law enforcement's ability to protect property resources and user experiences. With your help we can do much more if we all work together. If you see or learn about any illegal or suspicious activity, please be sure to report it.

All violations can be reported anonymously.

Violations observed in the Wildlife Area (including violations of fish and game laws) can be reported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by:

- Calling the WDNR Violation Hotline at (800) TIP-WDNR (847-9367)
- Texting TIPWDNR (space) followed by the tip to TIP141 (847411)
- Emailing a report to hdline@wisconsin.gov

Violations observed in the Developed Recreational Area (horse area & clubhouse) can be reported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by:

- Calling the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at (715) 394-4432
- Calling the Douglas County Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219
- Emailing a report to forestry@douglascountywi.org

To make a report, users are encouraged to use the violation reporting form available online at www.douglascountywi.org/forestry or by contacting the Forestry Department.

For all violations requiring immediate attention call (715) 394-4432.

Report all violations. Take responsibility. Make the call. Turn in all violators!

Penalties

If you are found to be in violation of County Ordinance in the Developed Recreational Area (horse area & clubhouse), you can face civil penalties. Civil citations start at \$150 and range up to \$500. Fines for second or subsequent violations may be increased. In addition, restitution for any damages you cause may be pursued by civil action in circuit court.

The County holds the authority to immediately revoke use privileges of any individual from the Developed Recreational Area on a temporary or permanent basis if deemed appropriate and/or necessary.

If you are found to be in violation of State Law anywhere on the property, you could be cited accordingly. Remember, your privilege to use the property depends on you!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Cellular phone service may be limited.

Emergency Services

For Emergencies	Dial 911
Douglas County Sheriff's Department	(715) 394-4432
Wisconsin State Patrol (District 7)	(715) 635-2141
To Report a Forest Fire	Dial 911
To Report a Hazardous Substance Spill	(800) 943-0003
To Report a Hunting or Fishing Violation	(800) 847-9367 or cell 8367
Poison Control Center	(608) 262-3702 or (800) 222-1222

Non-Emergency Services

WDNR General Information	(888) 936-7463
Douglas County Forestry Department	(715) 378-2219
Douglas County Dept of Public Health	(715) 395-1404
Emergency Weather Awareness	(800) 943-0003
Road Conditions	511 or (800) 762-3947

You are at the Developed Recreational Area of the Bird Sanctuary, Fire #13023 South Bird Road, Gordon, Wisconsin 54838

Medical facilities are located in Superior – WI, Minong – WI, Hayward – WI, and Spooner – WI.

Have Feedback - Contact Us. We are here to make your experience a good one! The Forestry Department is committed to making the Developed Recreational Area of the property a safe, fun, and pleasurable experience for all who use it. It's through the valuable information provided by patrons, residents and visitors alike, that property offerings continue to grow, change and improve. If you would like to offer any comments and/or suggestions on ways we can make the horse area or the clubhouse better or how much you enjoyed your visit, please contact us (see the "For More Information" section for contact information).

Feedback regarding the general Wildlife Area property can be directed to the WDNR Douglas County Wildlife Area Property Manager at WDNR Brule Ranger Station, 6250 South Ranger Road, Brule WI 54820 or (715) 372-4866.

Join us in our mission. The Forestry Department offers competitive seasonal employment opportunities in the care and maintenance of the property. Job applications are typically due by the end of March annually. Please contact the Forestry Department for further information. If working outdoors and being part of a high-spirited and enthusiastic team sounds attractive to you... then you just might be who we are looking for!

Donations. In addition to annual budget funding for the cost of daily operations and special projects, monetary donations are graciously accepted and also provide important financial support for the property. Visitors can give cash or check gifts by mailing to the Forestry Department. Funds will be used for visitor services and safety education programs, and horse area and clubhouse projects. **Thank you for any interest in supporting your County Recreational Area!**

For more information about the **Developed Recreational Area** (horse area and clubhouse) of the Douglas County Wildlife Area or the Douglas County Forestry www.douglascountywi.org/forestry or contact the Forestry Department at:

Douglas County Forestry Department
9182 East Hughes Avenue • P.O. Box 211 • Solon Springs, WI 54873
Phone: (715) 378-2219 • Fax: (715) 378-2807
forestry@douglascountywi.org

For further information on the **Douglas County Wildlife Area** (excluding the developed Recreational Area), please contact the WDNR Douglas County Wildlife Area Property Manager at WDNR Brule Ranger Station, 6250 South Ranger Road, Brule WI 54820 or (715) 372-4866.

For further information on the **Friends of the Bird Sanctuary, Inc.**, please visit www.fobs.org.

The information in this brochure applies only to Douglas County Wildlife Area. Individuals are asked to contact appropriate land owners for far-land-use and outdoor recreation policies on all lands under other public ownerships.

State of Wisconsin DNR General Information	(888) 936-7463
State of Wisconsin DNR Brule River State Forest	(715) 372-4866
State of Wisconsin DNR Pattison State Park	(715) 399-3111
State of Wisconsin DNR Amnicon Falls State Park	(715) 398-3000
City of Superior Parks and Recreation Department (Municipal Forest)	(715) 395-3270
National Park Service	(715) 483-2274

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