

Title 16

PUBLIC LANDS AND FOREST

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I. COUNTY FOREST

Chapter 16.02

COUNTY FOREST

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16.02.020 Restrictions on timber and pulp cutting-Eau Claire County Forest. No clearcutting of timber, pulpwood or firewood shall be allowed from a zone extending for three hundred feet of the ordinary high water mark, except for the purpose of insect/disease control, salvage operations, and conifer stands that will be regenerated by seeding or planting following the harvest. The zone shall be measured along the lay of the land (the linear distance along the ground). Thinning of timber, pulpwood, or firewood within this zone shall be allowed only pursuant to 16.30.520 D. and 20.07.002 of the Shoreland Zoning Code. This prohibition shall apply to the Eau Claire River, as well as its north and south forks. (Ord. 167-14, Sec. 1, 2023; Ord. 160-23, Sec. 3, 2017; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 30, 2010; Ord.140-34, Sec.1, 1996; Ord. 132-71 Sec.1, 1988, Ord.79-80/75 Sec.2, 1979).

16.02.030 Designation of Wilderness Areas.

A. Wilderness Areas described. The following areas within the boundaries of the Eau Claire County Forest shall be established as Wilderness Areas as referenced in the Eau Claire County Forest 10-Year Plan.

1. "Wilson Wilderness Area", 160 acres more or less including the NENW, SWNW, SENW, and SWNE, all in Section 14, T27N, R6W in the Town of Wilson.

2. "Horse Creek Wilderness Area", 232 acres more or less including SWNW, SENW, SWNE and the SENE all lying South of Horse Creek Road and the NWSW, the NESW, the NWSE, and the NESE, all in Section 21, T26N, R5W in the Town of Bridge Creek.

3. "Bruce Willett Wilderness Area", 98 acres more or less including the SWNE and the NWSE lying North of County Road G, and the S1/2 of the NWNE, the SW1/4 of the NENE, and the W1/2 of the SENE lying North of County Road G, all in Section 12, T26N, R6W in the town of Bridge Creek.

B. Restrictions. The following restrictions shall apply to Wilderness Areas.

1. No timber harvesting or other manipulation of vegetation shall be permitted.

2. Only such protective activities as are necessary to protect the values to be preserved shall be permitted.

3. No motors of any type or mountain bikes shall be permitted at any time, except as needed for necessary restoration and maintenance by the parks and forest department, or for protection as mentioned in 2.

4. There shall be no permanent roads or structures.

5. No utility or other easements, or mineral exploration or extraction shall be permitted.

6. Any requests for walking paths for educational and recreational purposes shall be referred to the committee on parks and forest for its recommendation, with final approval or disapproval being granted by the county board.

7. The minimum recommended size of 3,000 acres for designation of Wilson, Horse Creek and Bruce Willett Wilderness Areas is hereby waived. (Ord.140-121, 1997)

(Ord. 165-3, Sec. 1, 2021; Ord. 161-30, Sec. 1, 2017; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 31, 2010; Ord.131-03, Sec.1, 1997; Ord. 133-22 Sec.2, 1989; Ord.141-85, 1998; Res. (part) and Sec.7(A)(4) of Ord. dated July 28, 1958).

## Chapter 16.10

### GATHERING OF FOREST PRODUCTS BY TREATY RIGHTS PARTICIPANTS

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16.10.001 Purpose. To establish a permitting process enabling members of the Wisconsin bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians the right to exercise the gathering of miscellaneous forest products on county forest lands within the ceded territory. The county forest lands within the ceded territory include all lands lying north of the south fork of the Eau Claire River. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

16.10.010 Permit required. Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, boughs, marsh hay, or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds, or berries not enumerated in county ordinances), from Eau Claire County owned land shall obtain a county gathering permit from the county parks and forest office prior to the exercise of said gathering rights. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

16.10.020 Application and processing. The parks and forest director shall prepare an appropriate application requesting pertinent information from all treaty rights participants who seek to gather miscellaneous forest products on county forest lands. Said application shall be available upon request. Those treaty rights participants who seek to gather miscellaneous forest products shall provide proper identification and present a valid tribal membership card upon submitting an application with the county. Upon receipt of an application, the county shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than 14 days after receipt of said application. Said response shall either grant or deny the request. Should the request be denied, the reasons for said denial shall be set forth in the response of the county including the basis for said denial with specific reference to the limitations set forth in 16.10.040. Any application which is incompletely or incorrectly prepared shall be returned within said 14 days to the applicant with specific directions as to which portion or portions of said applications are defective. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

16.10.030 Conditions in permit. The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of the material to be gathered, and any additional conditions on the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of timber or miscellaneous forest products on county land, or for public health and safety. Treaty rights participants gathering miscellaneous forest products on county land may not be assisted in the gathering by any person other than another treaty rights participant. Treaty rights participants may not permit any person other than another treaty rights participant to tend or operate equipment involved in the gathering. (Ord.136-08, 1992)

16.10.040 Denial of gathering permit. The county may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on Eau Claire County property under the terms of this ordinance unless:

- A. The gathering is inconsistent with the forest management plan for said property;
- B. The gathering will conflict with pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the county; or
- C. Is otherwise inconsistent with conservation or public health or safety. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

16.10.050 Penalty. Any person gathering miscellaneous forest products without first obtaining a gathering permit shall be subject to all existing penalties provided for in county ordinances, including trespass and timber theft charges. Any person who possesses a gathering permit, and gathers beyond the authority granted in the permit, or who causes damage to the timber or miscellaneous forest products on county land, shall be assessed a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for the first offense and not less than \$75 nor more than \$300 for every subsequent offense with 12 months of the first offense. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

16.10.060 Conflicts. Any and all ordinances or resolutions of Eau Claire County, or any portion of said ordinances or resolutions to the contrary or in derogation of the above sections, are hereby repealed only insofar as any conflict exists. (Ord. 136-08, 1992)

## Chapter 16.18

### SALE AND TRANSFER OF MINERALS FROM COUNTY LANDS

#### Sections:

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16.18.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a uniform procedure for the sale or transfer of county lands containing mineral deposits, as well as for the sale of minerals therefrom. (Ord. 277-78 Sec.1 (part), 1978).

16.18.020 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Minerals" means metalliferous and nonmetalliferous ores, including mineral aggregates such as stone, sand and gravel.
- B. "Mining" means all or part of the process of mining minerals, including exploration, drilling, extraction, agglomeration, bonification, construction of road and production of mining refuse.
- C. "Transfer" means leases, easements and exploration contracts of and for any interests in lands or mineral rights held by the county. (Ord. 277-78 Sec.1 (part), 1978).0

16.18.030 Administration of sales and transfers for mining purposes.

- A. The transfer by mineral lease or sale of county owned land for mining purposes, and the sale of any minerals or mineral rights therefrom as for mining purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of the department of planning and development. The committee on planning and development and the department shall recommend to the board whether the sale or transfer is in the best interests of the county and the terms and conditions thereof. No such sale or transfer shall be negotiated at less than an adequate consideration based upon fair market value of the interest in question.
- B. The powers cited in A. shall be subject to the following limitations:
  - 1. No sale or transfer of any interest for mining purposes shall be made with respect to any county land dedicated to a particular public use or held pursuant to a public trust;
  - 2. Where the sale or transfer of any interest for mining purposes may affect the status of county lands under Wisconsin's forest crop law, said committee shall consult with the committee on parks and forest before reaching any determination thereupon;

3. All such sales and transfers shall comply with Chapter 18.28 and all other relevant laws and county ordinances. (Ord. 154-2, Sec. 32, 2010; Ord. 126-3 Secs.7 & 8, 1982; Ord. 277-78 Sec.1 (part), 1978).

16.18.040 Execution of agreements. Any contract or other agreement for the sale or transfer of county lands or the transfer of any interest therein shall be evidenced by a deed or lease authorized by the board and duly executed by the county clerk. (Ord. 277-78 Sec.1 (part), 1978).

16.18.050 Surety bonds for transfers. No sale or transfer shall be granted without the transferee posting with the department a bond of sufficient sureties to cover potential damage to county property as recommended by the committee on planning and development. (Ord. 126-3 Sec.9, 1982; Ord. 277-78 Sec.1 (part), 1978).

## Chapter 16.19

### FIREWOOD SALES

#### Sections:

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<a href="#">16.19.040</a>	Permit form.

16.19.001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a policy for the sale of firewood from county forest and parks property. (Ord. 81-82/228 Sec.1 (part), 1981.)

#### 16.19.010 Permit system.

A. Each person who desires to purchase downed or standing trees in forests or parks for firewood must acquire a permit for that purpose from the parks and forest director.

B. The issuance and use of permits shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. No more than 1 permit shall be issued per household, per year.  
2. Not more than 25 full cords of wood may be cut under 1 permit and, within that limitation, each permit shall contain a designation of the total amount of wood which can be collected.

3. Permits are not transferable.

4. Wood cut shall be used for personal firewood needs only and may not be resold.

5. Firewood may be collected only in the area designated on the permit.

6. The permit holder must collect the firewood within the time period stated on the permit. Upon the expiration date of the permit, all rights are to be revoked.

7. Fees paid are nonrefundable.

8. The parks and forest director reserves the right to cancel or revoke permits, and the use of permits will be suspended during periods of emergency burning restrictions.

9. The permit holder shall personally or in conjunction with members of his or her household collect the firewood under the permit. The permit holder must have the permit in his or her possession when harvesting firewood under the permit system.

10. No firewood exceeding 8 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length may be hauled.

11. Permit holders shall hold the county harmless from any injuries or property damage which they might incur in the process of wood collection and shall be held responsible for any damage to county property which they cause while operating under their permits.

C. Use of a permit for purposes other than for the collection of firewood or intentional misuse thereof in violation of the provisions of this chapter or the face of the permit subjects the holder to criminal or civil prosecution by the county under applicable laws. In the case of criminal violations, the corporation counsel shall refer complaints to the district attorney. In the event of civil prosecution, a forfeiture of \$75.00 shall be assessed for each violation of this chapter, together with costs and the value of firewood removed from county property. (Ord. 136-111, Sec.1-2, 1993; Ord. 131-16 Secs. 3-5, 1987; Ord. 130-38 Sec.1, 1986; Ord. 126-52 Sec.1, 1982; Ord. 81-82/228 Sec.1 (part), 1981).

16.19.020 Designation of permit limitations, wood collection areas. The parks and forest, director or forester shall designate the areas of standing and downed timber from which firewood may be removed under a permit issued under 16.19.010. (Ord. 161-30, Sec. 2, 2017; Ord. 131-16 Sec.6, 1987; Ord. 81-82/228 Sec.1 (part), 1981).

16.19.030 Fee establishment. Firewood permit fees shall be in accord with Wisconsin DNR standards for establishing appraised stumpage prices on a per cord basis. The miscellaneous firewood permit fee is set at \$25.00. One year firewood permit extensions shall be available for a flat fee of \$20.00. There shall be no more than 2 extensions issued for each permit. (Ord. 153-23, Sec. 10, 2009; Ord 150-28, Sec. 13, 2006; Ord. 136-111, Sec.3, 1993).

16.19.040 Permit form. Firewood permits shall be prepared on a standard form by the parks and forest director and approved by the corporation counsel and the committee on parks and forest. (Ord. 131-16 Sec.7, 1987; Ord. 81-82/228 Sec.1 (part), 1981).

## Chapter 16.30

### PARKS AND FOREST

#### Sections:

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<a href="#"><u>16.30.530</u></a>	Chemical pesticide use restrictions.
<a href="#"><u>16.30.600</u></a>	Enforcement against violations.

16.30.001 Purpose. This chapter shall prescribe rules and regulations for the establishment, protection, development and management of county parks and forest so as to provide a sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic value, recreational benefit and fish and game resources; all in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. (Ord. 154-2, Sec. 34, 2010; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.002 Scope. Except as provided otherwise herein, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands, structures, and property owned, leased or administered by Eau Claire County for forest, park, wayside and special use purposes under the management, supervision and control of the committee. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981)

16.30.005 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter:

- A. "All-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 340.01(2g).
- B. "Campground" means any tract of land designated by the county exclusively for camping purposes.
- C. "Camping" means the use of any shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bed roll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.
- D. "Camping party" means any individual, family, unorganized group, or juvenile group occupying a campsite.
- E. "Camping season" means that period from May 15 to September 15 at Harstad Park and May 1 to September 15 at Coon Fork.
- F. "Camping unit" means a single shelter used for camping by a camping party, except those used exclusively for dining purposes.
- G. "Campsite" means a portion of a campground, which is designated for use by a camping unit.
- H. "Canoe campground" means a campground along a waterway for use by persons traveling by water.
- I. "Class 1 e-bikes" Class 1 e-bikes are bicycles with electric pedal-assist only and do not come with a throttle. Class 1 e-bikes are limited to a top speed of 20 mph using pedal assist.
- J. "Closed shelter" means any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.
- K. "Committee" means the committee on parks and forest.
- L. "County forest" means all lands owned or leased by the county that are managed under Wis. Stat. ch. 28.
- M. "Department" means the county parks and forest department.
- N. "DNR" means Department of Natural Resources.
- O. "Emergency" means a state of exigency, which requires that immediate action be taken to protect life or property.
- P. "Family" means a parent or parents with their unmarried children and not more than two lineal relatives or two guests.
- Q. "Group campground" means a campground, which is designated for use by organizational groups
- R. "Independent camping unit" means a camping unit, which contains at minimum, a water storage facility and toilet facility that discharges to a liquid waste holding tank that is an integral part of the unit or to a sewage disposal system.
- S. "Juvenile group" means a group composed of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each ten juveniles in the group.

T. "Park" includes all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for park or recreational purposes and placed under the jurisdiction of the committee and includes parks on county land managed under Wis. Stat. § 28.

U. "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, and association of persons, both singular and plural.

V. "Primitive campground" means a campground or area with minimal or no improvements, where camping may be permitted, accessible by hiking or by watercraft.

W. "Special use area and wayside" includes all lands and waters, other than parks, heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for special recreational or other purposes.

X. "Unorganized group" means a camping party composed of a group of five or less persons.

Y. "Trail, All-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR 64.02(3).

Z. "Trail, Hybrid (Troute)" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR 64.02(9m).

AA. "Utility-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33 (1)(ng).

BB. "Winter season" means the period from December 1 to April 1 annually.

CC. "Watercraft" includes boats, jet skis, canoes, kayaks and inflatable rafts exceeding 6 feet in length. (Ord. 167-17, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 162-8, Secs. 1. & 2., 2018; Ord. 157-48, Secs. 1. & 2., 2014; Ord. 145-89, Secs. 1&2, 2002; Ord. 145-30, 2001; Ord. 142-48 Sec.3, 1999; Ord. 134-03 Sec.44, 1990; Ord. 132-75 Secs.1&2, 1989, Ord. 129-81 Sec.2, 1986; Ord. 128-26 Sec.1, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.010 Designation of park, special use area and wayside boundaries and lands subject to this chapter.

A. The boundaries of all parks, special use areas and waysides shall be designated by the board which shall maintain a legal description of each such parcel in the department office.

B. The parks subject to this chapter are:

1. Lake Altoona Park;
2. L. L. Phillips Park;
3. Big Falls Park;
4. Harstad Park;
5. Lake Eau Claire Park;
6. Coon Fork Park;
7. Lowes Creek Park.

C. The special use areas subject to this chapter are:

1. Tower Ridge Recreation Area;
2. Lion's Club Youth Pond Area;
3. Eau Claire National Rifle Club Range;
4. Countywide Snowmobile Trail;
5. Fairchild All-Terrain Vehicle Trail/Route Corridor;
6. Channey Road Hybrid Trail from ATV trail intersection #19 to ATV trail intersection #15;
7. Hamilton Falls River Hybrid Trail in T26N, R5W, and T27N, R5W designated by Hybrid Trail Signs;
8. Forest Road 3 Hybrid Trail from CTH H to ATV trail intersection #16;
9. County forest ATV trail system as shown on ATV trail map maintained by the parks and forest office.

10. Evergreen Ski Trail;
  11. Guettinger Woods and Wildlife Area;
  12. Connector County Forest Road Snowmobile Route;
  13. Big Falls Special Use Area.
- D. The waysides subject to this chapter are:
1. Donald L. Eisberner Memorial Forest and Canoe Landing;
  2. Lake Eau Claire South Access No. 1;
  3. Lake Eau Claire North Access No. 1;
  4. Lake Eau Claire North Access No. 2;
  5. Lake Altoona Dam Wayside;
  6. Lake Eau Claire South Access No. 2;
  7. "K" Bridge Wayside;
  8. Hamilton Falls Wayside and Canoe Landing;
  9. Lake Eau Claire North Beach;
  10. Lake Eau Claire Public Outlots;
  11. Lake Altoona East Access (Highline Boat Landing);
  12. American Legion Canoe Landing;
  13. Trouble Water Bridge Canoe Landing;
  14. Computer #026-1046-02, PIN #18026-2-270518-110-0001, formerly N860 CTH "G";
  15. Computer #002-1037-04. PIN #18002-2-260518-430-0003, formerly E23720 Whippoorwill Private Road;
  16. Computer #002-1313-03, PIN #18002-2-260603-240-2010, formerly S4671 ND Place;
  17. Computer #020-1214-01, PIN #18020-2-270819-210-2008, formerly 6589 North Shore Drive;
  18. Computer #020-1133-07, PIN #18020-2-270914-420-0004, formerly 606 Rork Court;
  19. Computer # 024-2007-02, PIN #18024-2-270820-240-2010, formerly 7848 Elayne Drive;
  20. Computer #024-2135-09, PIN #18024-2-27820-220-2036, formerly 7440 Lakeview Drive;
  21. Computer #022-1105-06-010, PIN#18022-2-271034-002-0006, formerly 2507 Silvermine Drive;
  22. Computer #004-1119-07, PIN #18004-2-271036-003-0003, formerly W2976 Jopke Road;
  23. Computer #004-1039-05, PIN #18004-2-261010-120-0003, formerly W4505 STH "85";
  24. Computer #004-1017-05, PIN #18004-2-261003-001-0002, formerly W4464 & W4494 Porterville Road;
  25. Computer #004-1131-02, PIN #18004-2-261003-001-2000, formerly W4261 Porterville Road;
  26. Computer #004-1130-05, PIN #18004-2-261003-110-2002, formerly W4133 Porterville Road;
  27. Riverview Road Trailhead.

(Ord. 164-29, Sec. 1 & 2, 2021; Ord. 162-8, Sec. 3, 2018; Ord. 156-19, Sec. 1, 2012; Ord. 149-045, Sec. 1 2005; Ord. 147-98, 2004; Ord. 0147-32, 2003; Ord. 146-41, Sec. 5, 2002; Ord. 143-114, Sec. 1, 2000; Ord.140-34, Sec.2, 1996; Ord. 136-111, Sec. 5, 1993; Ord. 136-79, 1992; Ord. 132-75 Sec.3, 1989; Ord. 128-26 Sec.2, 3, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.020 Designation of county forest. All county-owned lands now held or hereafter acquired for forestry purposes, established and designated as county forest shall be shown on an official county forest map to be maintained in the department office and shall be entered as county forest lands pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 28.11(4). In addition thereto, the official county forest map shall designate the boundaries of a well-blocked county forest. It is the intent of the board to acquire lands within, or bordering, the county forest boundaries, as they become available and upon a determination by the committee that county ownership of the land is beneficial to the residents of Eau Claire County and of the state. (Ord. 154-2, 2010, Sec. 36; Ord. 128-75 Sec.1, 1985; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.030 Park use regulations.

A. All parks, special use areas and waysides shall be open to the public throughout the year during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. each day. No person may enter or be on such lands outside of those hours except for campers in or those who are in route to designated campgrounds, persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings or those in attendance at functions being held at the Lake Eau Claire clubhouses, for which reservations have been obtained. The Lake Eau Claire clubhouses and park premises shall, under all circumstances, be vacated no later than 12:00 midnight. For purposes of this subsection, the time shall be computed under Wis. Stat. §§ 175.09 and 175.095, whichever is applicable.

B. The facilities in all parks, special use areas and waysides shall be maintained by the department during the camping season, as defined at 16.30.005 E. Outside of that season the only facilities that will be maintained by the department shall be access roads to winter recreation areas and those of the Tower Ridge, Lowes Creek, Coon Fork, and Evergreen Ski Areas and the Countywide Snowmobile Trail.

C. Camping and the use of camping facilities shall be in accord with 16.30.300.

D. It shall be unlawful to use or possess any glass containers in Big Falls Park or Tower Ridge Recreation Area excluding the Chalet.

E. No refunds shall be given for camping, shelter, or clubhouse reservations except as designated under 16.30.040 C.

F. The park season for Lake Altoona Park shall be May 15 through October 15. The park season for Lake Eau Claire Park shall be May 15 through October 15. (Ord. 156-23, Sec. 1, 2012; Ord. 146-41, Sec. 6, 2002; Ord.141-28, Sec.1, 1997; Ord.140-45, 1996; Ord. 136-111, Sec.6,7,8, 1993; Ord. 128-26 Sec.4, 5, 6, 1984; Ord. 126-52 Sec.2, 1982; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.040 Fees and charges.

A. Fee Administration. It is unlawful for any person to use any facility, shelter or area for which a fee or charge has been established by ordinance without payment of the fee or charge or for failure to properly display a recreation entrance pass on the inside lower left hand corner of the vehicle windshield. Annual passes must be adhered upon receipt to the vehicle windshield only with the pass adhesive and will not be considered valid if not adhered or if adhered with tape or other methods. Motorcycles shall have the annual pass affixed to the windshield or, if no windshield, to a front fork. The committee on parks and forest or parks and forest director, if time does not allow for committee action, shall have authorization to waive vehicle entrance fees for volunteers performing work or training that would benefit the citizens of Eau Claire County.

B. Fees. Fees shall not be charged to Eau Claire County departments. At the discretion of the Parks and Forests Director, fees may be charged to other state and local governmental agencies, groups, and associations. The following fees shall be charged, unless otherwise specified:

**General Usage Fees**

Recreation Area Entrance Fee per motor vehicle	\$6.00 daily or \$35.00 annually
Additional Annual Entrance Stickers	\$15.00 for same household
Senior Citizen 65 or older	\$25.00 annually
Required at boat launches, county parks, Evergreen ski trail, Lake Eau Claire beach and Tower Ridge Recreation area (from April 1 to December 1) including disc golf area. Buses for non-school related functions \$6.00 daily fee, buses for school related functions exempt from fees. A registered camper shall be granted up to two free vehicle passes per site for the duration of the camping.	
Replacement Annual Entrance Sticker	\$15.00
Boat Dealers/commercial Watercraft launch permit	\$50.00/annually
Rental of tree planting machine	\$60.00/\$40 per 1000 beyond first 1000 trees charge.
Permit for Driveway off County Forest Roads	\$35.00
Special Event Participation Fee	\$5.00 per person \$4.00 per person for nonprofit and government organization events
Special Transportation Permit	\$30.00
Lion's Group Camp	\$40/night with a maximum of 6 nights
Wedding Event Permit	\$200.00

**Coon Fork County Park Fees**

Picnic Shelter	\$35.00/reservation, with a maximum of 10 vehicle passes issued per reservation.
Camping	\$25.00/night off lake \$150.00/week off lake \$27.00/night on lake \$162.00/week on lake (7 nights for price of 6) \$12.00/night--off season nonelectrical \$20.00/night--off season electrical
Section D. Campsites with 50 amp electric, water	\$34.00/night \$204/week
Camping Electricity	\$ 5.00/night (no discount for week long camping.)
Campground Reservation	\$10.00
Reservation transfer	\$ 5.00

Paddle boat, canoe and row boat rental	\$ 8.00/hour
Sewage Dumping Station	\$10.00/use for non-registered campers or travelers
Firewood Sold in Campgrounds	\$ 7.00/bundle

### Harstad County Park Fees

Camping	\$ 20.00/night \$ 25.00/night-electric \$120.00/week \$150.00/week--electric \$ 12.00/night—off season \$ 17.00/night-off season electrical
Picnic Shelter	\$ 80.00/reservation

### Lake Altoona County Park Fees

Clubhouse	\$115.00/reservation Monday – Thursday \$165.00/reservation on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & holidays.
Picnic Shelter (with electricity)	\$80.00
Reservation Changes-Clubhouse And Picnic Shelter	\$10.00

### Lake Eau Claire County Park Fees

Clubhouse	\$75.00/reservation Monday - Thursday and \$100.00/reservation Friday, Saturday, Sunday & holidays plus \$30.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Clubhouse Porch	\$50.00/reservation plus \$5.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Picnic Shelters with electricity	
Small	\$35.00/reservation plus \$5.00/hour for each hour after five hours.
Large	\$80.00 for first 5 hours plus \$10.00/hr. thereafter.
Picnic Shelter with grilling pit	\$50.00/reservation plus \$10.00/hour for each hour after five hours.

### Lowes Creek Park

Picnic Shelter	\$25.00 per day/reservation
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Picnic Shelter	\$50.00 per day/reservation
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## Tower Ridge Recreation Area Fees

Vehicle Pass (winter use)	\$6.00/day or \$60.00 seasonal fee for first vehicle and \$40.00 per vehicle for additional vehicles registered to same household.
All Parks Winter Season Pass	\$ 75.00 seasonal fee for first vehicle and \$50.00 per vehicle for additional vehicles
Chalet Rental from April 1 to November 30	\$ 90.00/day Monday–Thursday \$120.00/day Friday –Sunday and holidays (one reservation per weekend) \$200.00 key deposit \$70.00 cleaning deposit
Disc golf vendor	\$25.00 per vendor per event.

### Miscellaneous Firewood Permit \$25.00

C. Reservation fee policy. The clubhouse and shelter reservation fees shall be required in advance. An 80% refund will be granted if a reservation is canceled 60 days or more in advance of the reservation, a 50% refund for 30-59 days in advance, and no refund for cancellation of less than 30 days unless the reservation period is rebooked by another party resulting in a 50% refund. Groups of 250 or more are required to reserve the clubhouse in addition to reserving picnic shelters. Picnic shelters have a maximum capacity of 100 people. A camping reservation refund will be granted if cancelled at least 14 days prior to the first night of the camping period; however, the reservation fee will be retained. If the County, State or Federal government has issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration that includes Eau Claire County a full refund will be issued for any reservation that was canceled at the time the Declaration is in place. (Ord. 168-34, Sec. 14, 2024; Ord. 167-12, Sec. 11, 2023; Ord. 166-17, Sec. 13, 2022; Ord. 165-20, Sec. 8, 2021; Ord. 164-002, Sec. 1, 2020; Ord. 162-29, Sec. 1, 2019; Ord. 161-27, Sec. 7, 2017; Ord. 160-20, Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 158-3, Sec. 1-2, 2014; Ord. 156-25, Sec. 10, 2012; Ord. 155-29, Sec. 1, 2011; Ord. 155-28, Sec. 1, 2011; Ord. 155-22, Sec. 18, 2011; Ord. 154-17, Sec. 9, 2010; Ord. 154-6, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 153-23, Sec. 11, 2009; Ord. 153-16, Sec. 1, 2009; Ord. 152-50, Sec. 1, 2009; Ord. 152-41, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 152-30, Sec. 14, 2008; Ord. 151-44, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 151-32, Sec. 22, 2007; Ord. 150-28, Sec. 14, 2006; Ord. 150-21, Sec. 1, 2006; Ord. 149-050, Sec. 1, 2005; Ord. 149-051, Sec. 1, 2005; Ord. 149-038 Sec. 9, 2005; Ord. 149-023; Sec. 1, 2005; Ord. 148-58, 2004; Ord. 148-102, Sec. 17, 2004; Ord. 148-02, 2004; Ord. 147-77, 2003; Ord. 147-60, 2003; Ord. 147-09, 2003; Ord. 146-48, 2002; Ord. 146-13, 2002; Ord. 146-12, 2002; Ord. 145-89; Sec. 3, 2002; Ord. 145-79, 2001; Ord. 145-61, 2001; Ord. 144-55, 2000; Ord. 143-69, 1999; Ord. 142-53; Ord. 141-110, 1998; Ord. 141-79; Ord. 141-38, Sec. 2, 1997; Ord. 140-76; Ord. 140-34, Sec. 3-4, 1996; Ord. 139-72, 1995; Ord. 138-69; Ord. 137-101, 1994; Ord. 136-62, 1992; Ord. 135-48; Ord. 134-91, Sec. 1, 1991; Ord. 135-18 Sec. 1, 1991; Ord. 134-74, 1991; Ord. 134-52, 1990; Ord. 133-58, Ord. 132-95 Sec. 1, 1989; Ord. 131-96 Sec. 1, Ord. 131-74 Sec. 1, 1988; Ord. 131-16 Sec. 9, 1987; Ord. 128-64 Sec. 1, 1984; Ord. 126-59 Sec. 3, 1983; Ord. 81-82/317 Sec. 3, 1981; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec. 2 (part), 1981;).

16.30.050 Emergency rulemaking authority. In the event of a natural or manmade disaster or emergency which necessitates, in the public interest, that all or a part of any land subject to this chapter be closed or restricted to public access the committee shall have the power to close such lands or restrict their use or provide for emergency timber sales exempted from 2.04.475 B. 3. Any actions under this section shall be subject to board review and approval at its next scheduled meeting. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec. 2 (part), 1981).

16.30.060 Permit issuance. All permits which are issued by the parks and forest director or other authorized department personnel shall be subject to all of the provisions of the code of general ordinances. (Ord. 140-34, Sec. 5, 1996; Ord. 131-16 Sec. 10, 1987; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec. 2 (part), 1981).

16.30.070 Installation, public utilities and private construction. The location of all public and private utilities, structures, lines and pipes within any park, wayside or special use area shall be subject to the control of the committee, and their construction, erection, repair, or relocation shall be undertaken only after written consent thereto is received from the committee and the board. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec. 2 (part), 1981).

16.30.080 Peddling and soliciting. It is unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature, to distribute handbills or other advertising matter, or to post signs, posters, or decorations on any lands or structures under the jurisdiction of the committee, for any purposes whatsoever, unless first authorized by the committee or its duly authorized agent. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.090 Personal conduct.

A. It is unlawful for any person to engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981; Ord. 134-91 Sec.1, 1991).

16.30.100 Property of others. It is unlawful for any person to disturb, destroy, vandalize, damage, or remove the property or personal effects of others in parks, waysides, or special use areas. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.120 Destruction and entry.

A. Destruction, Defacement or Removal. It is unlawful for any person to disturb, vandalize, damage, deface, remove, or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, rock, gravel, sand, dirt, or other natural material, to carve, paint or mark, on any rocks, archeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures, to drive nails into trees, or to move, injure, or deface in any manner any structure, including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other county property except with the approval of the committee. This prohibition shall not include the picking of edible fruits, nuts and fungi.

B. Trespass and Tampering. It is unlawful for any person to enter any buildings, installation, or area which may be under construction, locked or closed to public use and/or to tamper with, use or damage any water control structure, dam or culvert, or to enter or be upon any building, installation, or area after the posted closing time, or before the posted opening time, or contrary to other posted notices in any park, wayside, or special use area. (Ord.142-84 Sec.4, 1999; Ord.141-38 Sec.3; Ord.141-08 Sec.1, 1997; Ord.140-34 Sec.6-7, 1996; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.130 Cleaning and refuse.

A. Washing. The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing, as well as the cleaning of fish and game, is prohibited in all of the lakes and streams, or any picnic grounds, playgrounds, recreation areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways; or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain, or drinking water outlet in any park, wayside or special use area.

B. Refuse.

1. It is unlawful for any person to dispose of any garbage, sewage, bottles, cans, paper, or other waste material, in any manner except by placing the same in receptacles provided for such purposes, or to dump any refuse in any park, wayside or special use area.

2. Charcoal residue shall not be discarded onto any grounds, nor into any containers other than those designated for such purpose.

3. It is unlawful for any person to dispose of any personal household garbage in any county refuse container in any park, wayside, or special use area. (Ord.141-38 Sec.4, 1997; Ord.136-111 Sec.9, 1993; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.140 Vehicular traffic.

A. No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 10 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any park, wayside, or special use area.

B. No person shall operate any vehicle in any park, wayside or special use area in a manner contrary to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 346.62.

C. It is unlawful to operate or park any vehicle on other than established roads and parking areas. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, ski trails, hiking trails, snowmobile trails, beach areas, playgrounds and picnic areas within the lands subject to the committee's jurisdiction. Bicycles and Class 1 e-bikes shall be allowed on the Lowes Creek Park Ski Trail year round providing there is minimal impact on the ski trail with the parks & forest director or designee having authority to close the trails to bicycles if deemed necessary.

D. By order of the town board of Bridge Creek, except for electric trolling motors, it is unlawful for any person to operate any motor-driven boat on Coon Fork Lake in accord with Wis. Stat. § 30.77.

E. It is unlawful to operate any snowmobile or other snow vehicle in any area or upon any trail in any park, wayside or special use area, except in areas or upon trails which have been specifically posted by the department for utilization of snowmobiles or other snow vehicles. Snowmobiling is not allowed on any county authorized snowmobile trails when trails are closed for use or contrary to posted notice.

F. It is unlawful to operate any unlicensed motor bicycle or motor vehicle, as defined at Wis. Stat. § 340.01, in any park, wayside or special use area or for any person to operate a motorcycle without a valid operator's permit, except that all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles registered with the State of Wisconsin may operate on trails or routes so designated by county board action.

G. That all state-funded ATV trails/hybrid trails in the county shall be closed annually from March 15 to May 15, and all state-funded UTV trails/hybrid trails in the county shall be closed from December 1 to May 15. (Ord. 167-17, Sec. 2, 2024; Ord. 165-22, Sec. 1, 2021; Ord. 161-30, Sec. 4, 2017; Ord. 158-28, Sec. 1, 2015; Ord. 157-48, Sec. 3, 2014; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 37, 2010; Ord. 149-55, 2006; Ord. 143-114, Sec. 2, 2000; Ord.142-84 Sec.5, 1999; Ord. 136-111 Sec.10-12, 1993; Ord.133-35 Sec.1, Ord.132-75 Sec.4, 1989, Ord.128-76 Sec.1, 1985; Ord.128-26 Sec.7, 1984; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.150 Parking of vehicles and watercraft. It is unlawful for any person to park, stop, or leave standing whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft in any manner which is:

A. Blocking, obstructing or limiting the use of any road, trail, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility; or

B. Outside of any area provided for such purpose; or

C. Contrary to posted notice; or

D. In any park area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m., except that vehicles or watercraft owned by registered campers residing in adjacent campgrounds and vehicles at designated boat landings used to transport watercraft are permitted at any time.

E. Parking in designated handicap stall without proper permit.

(Ord.136-111 Sec.13, 1993; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2(part), 1981)

16.30.160 Fires. It is unlawful within any park, wayside or special use area for any person to start, tend or maintain any fire or to burn any refuse, except at designated fireplaces, fire rings or grills, unless otherwise posted and it is also unlawful for any person to leave unattended or abandon any fire, to discard any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or embers without first extinguishing them. It is unlawful to have a bonfire or campfire in any upright cooking grill. (Ord.131-16 Sec.11, 1987; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.170 Fireworks, rockets, explosive devices. It is unlawful for any person to possess, fire, discharge, explode or set off any squib, cracker or other explosive or pyrotechnic device containing powder or other combustible or explosive material within the boundaries of any park, wayside or special use areas, except by permission of the committee or its duly authorized agent. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.180 Firearms.

A. It is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession or under his or her control in any park, wayside or special use area any firearm or airgun as defined in Wis. Stat. § 939.22(2) unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow, crossbow or slingshot, unless it is unstrung and enclosed in a carrying case except as otherwise allowed by Wis. Stat. § 941.23. This prohibition shall not apply to the Donald L. Eisberner Memorial Forest and Canoe Landing, Hamilton Falls Wayside and Canoe Landing, and The Countywide Snowmobile Trail, Tower Ridge and Evergreen Ski Areas or the Eau Claire National Rifle Club Range during established state hunting seasons. Discharge of firearms at Tower Ridge at any time after the deer rifle season is prohibited.

B. The department shall post and close to skiing the Tower Ridge and Evergreen Ski trails during the gun deer hunting season, with the exception that skiing at Tower Ridge shall be allowed from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Ord. 155-13, Sec. 8, 2011; Ord. 146-41, Sec. 7, 2002; Ord. 145-31, 2001; Ord.141-08, Sec.2, 1997; Ord.140-34, Sec.8, 1996; Ord. 136-11, Secs.14-15, 1993; Ord. 128-26 Sec.8, 1984; Ord. 81-82/406 Sec.4, 1982; Ord. 81-82/308 Sec.1, 1981; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.190 Pets. It is unlawful for any person to allow pet animals to enter any public building, bathing beach, picnic ground or playground within any park, wayside or special use area, or to allow them to run at large at any time in parks, waysides or special use areas, or otherwise contrary to posting. Subject to the conditions expressed such animals shall be permitted upon lands under the control of the committee, provided that they are kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet and under the owner's control at all times. Persons shall not allow their pet animals to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other persons. Pets are not allowed on any designated cross-country ski and snowmobile trails during the winter season. (Ord.142-84 Sec. 6, 1999; Ord. 136-111, Sec.16; Ord. 128-26 Sec.9, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.200 Horses. It is unlawful for any person to ride or possess a horse in any park, wayside or special use area except in designated places. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.210 Hunting and trapping. It is unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, or otherwise capture any wild animals or birds in any park, wayside or special use area, with the express exception that hunting or trapping shall be allowed during established state seasons at the Donald L. Eisberner Memorial Forest and Canoe Landing, Hamilton Falls Wayside, Evergreen Ski Areas, Countywide Snowmobile Trail and Big Falls Special Use Area except trapping at Tower Ridge. Trapping on county forest land lying East of County Trunk L and North of County Trunk QQ, including Tower Ridge Recreation Area will be allowed from November 1, through December 15 and in that area body grip traps must be 50% or more submerged in water or at least 5 feet above the surface of the ground or snow. (Ord. 156-19, Sec. 2, 2012; Ord. 151-48, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 136-111, Sec.17; Ord. 128-26 Sec.10, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.220 Athletics. It is unlawful for any person to play or practice baseball, golf, tennis, archery or other games or sports upon or within any park, wayside or special use area, except upon ballfields, tennis courts, archery ranges or appropriate athletic grounds or driving ranges established by the committee, unless such activity in the opinion of the authorized agent does not create any use problems for other purposes for which the area is provided. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.230 Boundary buoy.

A. It is unlawful to swim beyond, disturb, vandalize or damage a bathing beach boundary buoy, dam marker buoy or other markers or buoys in any swimming area, adjacent to any dam, or in any other such marked area in any park, wayside or special use area.

B. It is unlawful to use any boat or jet ski within 100 feet of the designated swimming area at Lake Altoona Park. No watercraft are allowed inside designated swim areas. (Ord.142-84 Sec.7, 1999; Ord.140-34, Sec.9, 1996; Ord. 137-109, Sec. 6, 1994; Ord. 136-111, Sec.18 1993; Ord. 131-16 Sec.12, 1987; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.240 Swimming regulations. Designated sites shall be maintained at Lake Altoona Park, Coon Fork Lake Park and upon the north shore of Lake Eau Claire for public swimming. It is unlawful for any person to:

A. Swim, wade or bathe within 50 feet of any boat landing; or

B. Use or possess any glass containers on designated beach sites.

C. Swim, wade, or bathe at any designated swimming site 15 minutes after sundown.

D. The use of paddles and oars is prohibited inside designated swim areas.(Ord.142-84 Sec.8, 1999; Ord.140-34, Sec.10-11, 1996; Ord. 131-26 Secs.1-3, 1987; Ord. 128-26 Sec.11, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.250 Beach athletics. Except in locations designated for such purposes by the department, it is unlawful for any person to engage in any athletic game or sport or in any activity upon any beach or in the water when, in the opinion of the authorized agent in charge, injury or inconvenience to others shall result therefrom. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.260 Bathing dress. It is unlawful for any person to change clothing except in a beachhouse or other enclosed place. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.300 Campground regulations.

A. Permitted Camping. During the camping season, permitted camping shall be allowed at designated campsites at the Expo Center, Coon Fork and Harstad County Parks and a dispersed camping permit shall be purchased to camp in the county forest.

B. Camping Limit. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a campground for a period in excess of fourteen nights in succession. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the property for at least seven nights before the camping party is eligible to return to any county campgrounds.

C. Campsite Occupancy. It is unlawful for more than one camping party to occupy a single campsite, except that up to 10 members of a juvenile group and up to 2 adult chaperones may occupy a campsite, using any number of tents on properties which do not have a designated group campground area. In loop D campsite occupancy will be restricted to only independent camping units. Not more than one recreational trailer, motor home, or pickup camper may occupy a campsite. Campsite occupancy is not required at any specific time during the registration period. Campsites designated as barrier free will be held for occupancy by handicapped individuals until all other sites are sold at which time the barrier free sites will be available on a first-come first-serve basis to anyone.

D. Campsite Changes. No registered camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite in a designated campground without prior approval of the ranger.

E. Campsite Registration. Campers shall register with the park ranger before setting up camp at Coon Fork Lake and Harstad park unless otherwise posted. Registration for a campsite must be made by a member of the camping party. One person per campsite may register for a maximum of two sites. Under no circumstances will refunds be granted.

F. Camping Permit Expiration. All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.

G. Campsite Entry Hours. No camping party shall set up or take down its camping unit between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m. except with authorization of the park ranger or in case of an emergency.

H. Campsite Parking. No person may park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite. No person may park more than 2 motor vehicles, except that as many as 5 motorcycles or 3 motorcycles and 1 car or truck are permitted in the parking area of any campsite.

I. Campsite Use. Except for campground reservations available for some campsites at Coon Fork Park, campsite use shall be on a first-come first-serve basis.

J. Camping Violations. The violation of any law or county ordinance by any member of a camping party shall constitute cause for revocation of the camping permit for the campsite in question.

K. Campground Hours. With the exception of registered campers, no person shall be allowed in the campground areas above designated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m. except in case of an emergency.

L. Campground Reservations. Campground reservations are available for some select campsites at Coon Fork Park. The department will provide applications for reserving campsites. Any falsification or inaccuracy of the application will subject the applicant and camping party to rejection from the park. (Ord. 165-33, Sec. 1, 2022; Ord. 165-22, Sec. 2, 2021; Ord. 161-30, Sec. 5, 2017; Ord. 151-47, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 145-89, Sec. 4, 2002; Ord.141-38, Sec.5,1997; Ord.140-34, Sec.12,1996; Ord.136-111, Secs.19-22, 1993; Ord.128-26 Secs.12-16,1984; Ord.80-81/457 Sec.2(part), 1981).

16.30.500 County forest law administration. Upon approval of applications by the board for entry of lands under Wis. Stat. § 28.11(4), the county clerk shall, after verifying county ownership of the listed lands, execute the applications and forward them to the DNR within the prescribed time limits for each year's applications. Withdrawal of lands so entered shall be perfected in the manner prescribed by Wis. Stat. § 28.11(11), upon adoption of a resolution via a 2/3 vote of the membership of the board. No deed to any county forest land shall be issued prior to recording by the county of an order of withdrawal with the register of deeds. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.510 Forest financing. All allotments from the DNR to the county under Wis. Stat. § 28.11(8)(b), for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest, shall be deposited in the segregated state forest aid fund by the county treasurer. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2, (part), 1981).

16.30.520 County forest use regulations.

A. Recreational Use.

1. Overnight camping may be permitted in the county forest for a charge of \$40 for a period not to exceed 14 nights in succession, or a nightly rate of \$5 per night for shorter term stays. Between September 15 and December 15, after camping 14 nights in succession, the camper may renew the camping permit for one additional 14-night period for an additional fee of \$40. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the county forest for at least three nights before the camping party is eligible to return. Camping units and/or vehicle must have a valid registration. Dispersed camping is closed May 1st through September 15th. Any camper or campers who violate the rules and regulations of this chapter or of good conduct, including cutting or defacing timber, carelessness with fire, violation of game, fish and litter regulations shall be subject to ejection from the county forest and subject to the penalties provided by ordinances and state law.

2. The dumping of rubbish, debris, dirt, stone, or any other materials shall be prohibited on all county forest lands. Visitors, including berry pickers, hunters, fishermen and tourists are forbidden to leave litter anywhere in the forest or in its lakes or streams. It shall be unlawful to dispose of any personal household garbage in any department refuse receptacle on county forest land.

3. It is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession or under his or her control in any county forest any firearm or airgun as defined in Wis. Stat. § 939.22(2), or any bow, crossbow or slingshot in contravention of state law.

4. It is unlawful to construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device on county forest lands other than portable tree stands or to cause damage to trees on county forest lands by the placement, erection or removal of tree stands or other means of gaining access to trees. Portable tree stands shall be removed at the end of each day's hunting hours. Any structure found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to confiscation and disposal by the county.

5. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle for recreational use or other purposes in such a manner as to cause soil erosion, or other damage to county forest.

6. It is unlawful to operate any unauthorized motor vehicle or bicycle on roads or trails which are gated, beamed, or posted to prohibit travel.

7. It is unlawful for any person to abandon or leave any fires unattended, to discard any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes, or any embers without first extinguishing them.

8. It is unlawful for any person to start or to possess any fires on a DNR designated red flag day including, but not limited to, campfires, use of cooking grills, smoking or cigarettes or pipe in the open. This prohibition includes all county owned land.

9. It is unlawful to cross-country ski or operate sled dogs on any authorized snowmobile trail on county land.

10. It is unlawful to operate any motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, utility-terrain vehicle, or any unlicensed motor vehicle on county forest land, except upon areas so designated by the county.

11. It is unlawful for any person to disturb, vandalize, damage, deface, remove, cut, or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, rock, gravel, sand, dirt, or other natural material, to carve, paint or mark on any rocks, archeological or geological features, signs, walls, or structures, to drive nails into trees, or to move, injure, or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other county property except with the approval of the committee or designee. This prohibition shall not include the picking of edible fruits, nuts, and fungi.

12. The department may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. A permit is not required for disabled persons using a motorized wheel chair.

13. On joint use trails where both all terrain vehicle (ATV) use and snowmobile use are allowed simultaneously, whenever the trails are closed to snowmobile use due to insufficient snow depth, the same trails shall also be closed to all terrain vehicle (ATV) use.

14. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm at any time in the sand and gravel pit areas (approximately six acres of county forest land) referenced in the Order for Judgement in Case No. 07CV550, in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 19, T27N, R7W (near the Big Falls South Forest Road entrance), and along both sides of the Big Falls South Forest Road from CTH K to the Big Falls south park boundary within a distance of 50 (fifty) feet either side of the centerline of the road, and that said areas shall be signed accordingly per the Order for Judgement.

B. Timber Cutting.

1. Cultural cuttings shall include thinnings, release cuttings, sanitation cuttings and improvement cuttings to remove trees of inferior species, form, or condition for the purpose of stand improvement. All cultural cuttings in the county forest shall be approved by the committee, in accordance with the county forest management plan, and in cooperation with the staff of the DNR. Materials cut in such operations by county crews may be used by parks and forest department or given to other county agencies for their use, or sold, as the committee shall determine. When given, or sold, to other public agencies, the latter shall pay the county a sum not less than prevailing average stumpage rates.

2. Salvage cuttings shall include the cutting of timber damaged by fire, storm, insect or disease. Salvage cutting shall be done under the procedure specified for cultural cutting or for commercial cutting, as the committee may decide.

3. Commercial cuttings shall include all cuttings where stumpage is sold under contract in which the primary objective of the cutting is the marketing of the timber products, including logs, ties, poles, posts, pulpwood, piling, Christmas trees and boughs, or other forest products.

a. Timber sales shall be managed in accord with 2.04.475 B. 3.

b. Contract specifications for each cutting operation pertaining to payment and financial responsibility of the bidder shall be determined by the committee in consultation with the parks and forest director and the DNR forester.

c. After approval of any sales by the committee, a notice of intention to cut shall be prepared under Wis. Stat. § 28.11(6)(b)(3), and DNR rules. Cutting operations shall not be started until cutting notice approval is received by the DNR.

d. All timber sales shall conform with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 28.11, and shall follow the procedure as provided for in the DNR Timber Sales Handbook 2461.

e. Payment for forest products shall be made promptly after billing. Prepayment and other payment arrangements may be arranged with the approval of the committee.

C. Access to landlocked private land. It is unlawful for any person to cross county forest land on a motorized vehicle to access landlocked private land without a county forest access permit. The permit fee is \$500 for 10 years. (Ord. 168-37, Sec. 1, 2025; Ord. 168-34, Sec. 14, 2024; Ord.165-22, Sec. 3 & 4, 2021; Ord.161-30, Sec. 6, 2017; Ord. 160-006, Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 158-3, Sec. 2, 2014; Ord. 157-48, Sec. 4, 2014; Ord. 152-4, Sec. 38 & 39, 2010; Ord. 153-33, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 153-32, Sec. 1, 2010; Ord. 152-30, Sec. 15, 2008; Ord.142-84 Sec.9, 1999; Ord.141-38, Sec.6, 1997; Ord.140-34, Sec.12-15, 1996; Ord. 136-111, Sec. 23-26, 1993; Ord. 133-35, Sec.2, 1989; Ord. 131-16 Sec.13, 1987; Ord. 128-26 Sec.17, 18, 1984.

16.30.530 Chemical pesticide use restrictions

A. The aerial application of chemical pesticides on any lands designated as county parks, waysides, special use areas or forest may be authorized only by the committee on parks and forest. (Ord. 158-13, Sec. 2, 2014)

16.30.600 Enforcement against violations.

A. Citation Enforcement of Ordinances. Department personnel so authorized at 1.50.030 B. may issue citations for violations of this chapter committed in their presence or for which they have reasonable cause to believe have been committed and they shall, at all times, have the right to enter upon the premises of any county park, wayside or special use area, or forest, inclusive of such portion of the grounds, buildings, structures or enclosures thereof which may be leased or set aside for private or exclusive use of any individual or group use thereof under the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations enacted hereunder. In so entering upon the premises above described, department personnel may use reasonable and necessary force to protect and promote the county's land and resources and the public peace. Department personnel authorized to issue citations under this chapter may issue a violation notice to recover the cost of any and all posted fees in accordance with a violation notice fee schedule as approved by the committee.

B. Corporation Counsel Duties. It shall be the responsibility of the corporation counsel to prosecute all civil violations, which arise under this chapter. Whenever evidence of unlawful cutting on county forest lands is discovered, the department shall recommend to the corporation counsel that a civil suit should be brought to recover damages as provided by Wis. Stat. § 26.09. Similarly, civil suits shall be brought against parties responsible for forest fire damage under Wis. Stat. § 26.21.

C. Criminal Action. Whenever an arrest has been made for unlawful cutting on county forest lands the district attorney shall take appropriate action under Wis. Stat. ch. 26.

D. Seizure. Whenever forest products are found and are known to have been unlawfully severed from county forest lands, the sheriff shall on satisfactory evidence seize such materials pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 26.06, for such use by the county as the board may determine.

E. Penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 together with costs of action, and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment in the county jail until such forfeiture and costs be paid, but not for more than 30 days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law. (Ord. 146-21, 2002; Ord. 137-109, Sec. 7, 1994; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

## Chapter 16.33

### EXPOSITION CENTER RENTAL POLICY

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16.33.001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a uniform policy for the rental of facilities located at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center. (Ord.141.04, Sec.3, 1997; Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

#### 16.33.005 Definitions.

A. "Dry storage" means the placement, for purposes of protection from the elements, of items of personal property.

B. "Nonprofit organizations" means an organization described in I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which is exempt from federal income tax under I.R.C. § 501(a) of said code. (Ord. 132-92 Sec.1, 1989, Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

#### 16.33.007 Administration and promotion.

A. The parks and forest department under the auspices of the county administrator shall administer this chapter. (Ord. 16-13, Sec. 3; Ord. 143-106, Sec. 3,2000; Ord.142-26 Sec.2, 1998; Ord.141.04 Sec.4, 1997; Ord.134-03 Sec.45, 1990; Ord.132-92 Sec.2, 1989, Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.015 Rental rates for nonprofit and government organizations. Nonprofit organizations shall be allowed a 20% discount for all regular rental rates for buildings, grounds and equipment. Eau Claire County departments shall not be charged rental rates. At the discretion of the Parks and Forests Director, fees may be charged to other state and local governmental agencies, groups, and associations. (Ord. 167-21, Sec. 2, 2024; Ord 152-30, Sec. 16, 2008; Ord. 151-32, Sec. 23, 2007; Ord. 151-005, Sec. 1, 2007; Ord 150-28, Sec. 15, 2006; Ord. 146-60, Sec. 1, 2002; Ord. 146-55, Sec. 1, 2002; Ord. 146-54, Sec. 1, 2002; Ord. 146-26, Sec. 1, 2002; Ord. 146-02, Sec. 12, 2002; Ord. 145-60, Sec. 1, 2001; Ord. 145-46, Sec. 1, 2001; Ord. 144-80, Secs. 1&2, 2001; Ord. 144-32, Sec. 1, 2000; Ord. 143-06 Sec. 2, 1999; Ord. 141-04 Sec.6; Ord.140-110, Sec.2, 1997; Ord. 139.69, Sec.2, 1995; Ord. 132-92 Sec.4, 1989).

16.33.020 Rental rates for private, other organizations and individuals.

A. Private, other organizations and individuals shall be charged the following daily rental rates for exposition center facilities. Daily is to mean a 24-hour period or any portion thereof. One-half the daily rate will be charged for set-up and take down per day.

Exhibit building A (66'x 200')	\$ 450.00
Exhibit building C-D (66'x135')	\$ 350.00
Exhibit building E (66'x 240')	\$ 750.00
Exhibit building E -Exhibit area (66'x 160')	\$ 550.00
Exhibit building E – Upper meeting rooms w/kitchen	\$ 250.00
Non-electric campsite/day	\$ 20.00
Electric campsite/day	\$ 25.00
Agility arena	\$ 75.00
Horse arena	\$ 165.00
Bleachers (per unit per event)	\$ 50.00
Tables (per table per event)	\$ 6.00
Chairs (per chair per event)	\$ .50/ea.
Concession Stand	\$ 240.00
Picnic pavilion/event	\$ 55.00
Grounds rental/day – All outdoor space (no buildings)	\$ 500.00
All buildings and ground/day (excludes camping)	\$2500.00
Independent food stand/day (with electricity)	\$ 100.00
Wireless microphones/each/event	\$ 50.00
Daily usage fee	\$ 10.00
Replacement cost	Actual Cost
Portable PA system/each/event	\$ 75.00
Replacement cost	Actual Cost
P.A. System/event	\$ 75.00
Daily usage fee	\$ 10.00
On site personnel/person/hour (requested during event)	\$ 45.00
Skid Steer/operator/hour	\$ 75.00
Key deposit/each	\$ 100.00
Garbage removal (excessive)	Actual Cost
Event holder responsible for removal of excessive amount of trash.	
Extra ordinary setup/clean-up/person/hour	\$ 50.00

B. Dry storage shall be at the following rate per building per season subject to a minimum \$50.00 per contract charge:

Exhibit building A/per square foot (66' x 200')	\$ 2.00
Exhibit building C-D/per square foot (66'x 135')	\$ 2.00

C. Special Services.

Storage or removal of personal property	\$ 25.00
Snow removal or other services	\$ 40.00/hr

(Ord. 168-34, Sec. 15, 2024; Ord. 166-17, Sec. 14, 2022; Ord. 165-20, Sec. 9, 2021; Ord. 160-13, Sec. 5, 2016; Ord. 157-33, Sec. 1, 2014; Ord. 156-39, Sec. 1, 2013; Ord. 155-12, Sec. 1, 2011; Ord. 153-23, Sec. 12, 2009; Ord. 152-30, Sec. 17, 2008; Ord. 151-32, Sec. 24, 2007; Ord. 151-005, Sec. 2, 2007; Ord. 150-28, Sec. 16, 2006; Ord. 147-58, Sec. 1, 2003; Ord. 146-60, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 146-55, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 146-54, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 146-26, Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 146-02, Sec. 13, 2002; Ord. 145-60, Sec. 2, 2001; Ord. 145-46, Sec. 2, 2001; Ord. 144-80, Secs. 3&4, 2001; Ord. 144-32, Sec. 2, 2000; Ord. 143-06 Sec.3, 1999; Ord. 141-04 Sec.7; Ord. 140-110, Sec.3, 1997; Ord. 139-69, Sec.3, 1995; Ord. 132-92 Sec.5, 1989; Ord. 129-29 Secs.1&2, 1985; Ord. 128-41 Sec.2, 1984; Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.025 Utility services. All rates for facility rentals are inclusive of utility charges, except for the charges adopted by the commission. The county shall not provide any heat, water, electricity or other utility services with respect to any dry storage. (Ord. 147-105, 2004; Ord. 139-69, Sec.4, 1995; Ord. 136-61, 1992; Ord. 127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.030 Payment of rent and deposits.

A. A security deposit of 20% of total contract cost, \$1000.00 minimum is due within 30 days of the writing of the contract. Within 90 days of the event, one-half of the total rental fee is due, with the remaining balance due 30 days prior to the event. Any cancellation will result in forfeiture of the security deposit. Cancellations between 90 days and 30 days will result in forfeiture of the 50% rental fee paid, unless fully re-rented. Cancellations of 30 days or less will result in loss of all rental fees, unless fully re-rented. Rental of the facility less than 30 days from the event requires full rent and security deposit at the time the contract is written. The required certificate of insurance must be provided at least one week prior to the event. If the County, State or Federal government has issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration that includes Eau Claire County a full refund will be issued for any reservation that was canceled at the time the Declaration is in place.

B. Rental amounts and security deposits shall be payable to the Eau Claire County treasurer and delivered to the parks and forest office. The treasurer shall deposit all receipts in the revenue account designated by the finance director. (Ord. 165-20, Sec. 10, 2021; Ord. 164-002, Sec. 2, 2020; Ord.160-13, Sec. 6, 2016; Ord. 155-12, Sec. 4, 2011; Ord. 148-36, 2004; Ord. 146-55, Sec. 5, 2002; Ord. 145-60, Sec. 3, 2001; Ord.141-04 Sec.8, 1997; Ord.139-20, 1995; Ord.134-03 Sec.46, 1990; Ord.127-43 Sec.l(part), 1983).

(Ord. 156-39, Sec. 2, 2013) (Repealed 16.33.040: Ord. 160-13, 2016; Ord. 155-12, Sec. 5, 2011; Ord 150-28, Sec. 19, 2006; Ord.141-04 Sec.9 1997; Ord.139-69 Sec.5, 1995; Ord.127-43, Sec.l(part), 1983).

16.33.060 Lease agreements--Form and execution.

A. All leases and agreements for facilities at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center shall be in writing and approved as to form by the corporation counsel. Agreements for more than one year shall be executed by the county administrator and approved by the county board.

B. All leases and agreements shall be subject to all county ordinances in effect at the time of execution and shall limit county liability exposure in all areas. No lease or agreement may be for more than one year.

C. Any lease or agreement not in conformity with this chapter at the time of adoption thereof is validated. Any renewals thereof shall be in conformity with this chapter unless otherwise authorized by the county board. (Ord. 160-13, Sec. 8, 2016; Ord. 143-106, Sec. 4, 2000; Ord.141-04 Sec.10, 1997; Ord.136-83 Sec. 3, 1992; Ord.127-43 Sec.1(part), 1983).

16.33.100 Use of alcoholic beverages. The use of all alcoholic or fermented malt beverages on the exposition center premises shall be in accord with Wis. Stat. ch. 125, 9.80.020 and ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. The Special Class "B" Retailer's License to Sell Fermented Malt Beverages at Picnics or Gatherings must be presented to the exposition center director prior to any sale of alcoholic or fermented malt beverages on the exposition center premises. (Ord. 156-38, Sec. 13, 2013; Ord.141-04 Sec.11, 1997; Ord.139-69, Sec.6, 1995; Ord.133-49, 1989; Ord.127-43 Sec. 1 (part), 1983).