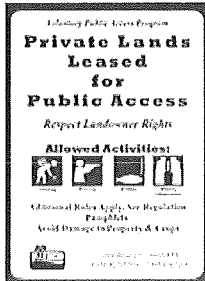




Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Voluntary Public Access Program



Voluntary Public Access (VPA) is a voluntary program offered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that provides financial incentives to private landowners who open their property to public hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife observation. Funding was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

The success and future of the VPA program depends on ensuring landowners' continued interest. **Important!** Please follow the Code of Conduct [PDF - [English](#) | [Hmong](#) | [Spanish](#)] and reference the [frequently asked questions](#) [PDF] before accessing VPA properties.

Find a property

Note: The links open in a new window; close the window to return to the Find a Property county list.

West central Southwest South central/Southeast Northeast

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Barron | • Adams | • Columbia | • Brown |
| • Chippewa | • Crawford | • Dane | • Calumet |
| • Clark | • Grant | • Dodge | • Fond du Lac |
| • Dunn | • Iowa | • Green | • Green Lake |
| • Eau Claire | • Juneau | • Jefferson | • Kewaunee |
| • Jackson | • La Crosse | • Kenosha | • Manitowoc |
| • Pepin | • Lafayette | • Ozaukee | • Marathon |
| • Pierce | • Monroe | • Racine | • Marquette |
| • Polk | • Richland | • Rock | • Outagamie |
| • St. Croix | • Sauk | • Walworth | • Portage |
| | • Vernon | • Washington | • Shawano |
| | | • Waukesha | • Sheboygan |
| | | | • Waupaca |
| | | | • Waushara |
| | | | • Winnebago |
| | | | • Wood |

Landowner protections

Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection to landowners for injury or death of individuals participating in outdoor recreation. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, which is to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

Under sec. 29.617, the department agrees to pay for damages arising from the operation of public hunting or fishing grounds. Claims may include damage to crops or property such as gates or fences.

Last revised: Tuesday August 06 2013



[Employment](#)
[Legal notices](#)
[Privacy notice](#)
[Acceptable use policy](#)
[Site requirements](#)
 Open the Outdoors

[News](#)
[Staff Directory](#)
[Topics](#)
[Hotlines](#)
[Feedback](#)



General Information 1-888-WDNRINFO | (1-888-936-7463) | Hours: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Stay informed

- ✦ [Get VPA updates](#)
- ✦ [Give your feedback](#)

Public lands

Visit

a state park, forest, trail or recreation area.

Search

for a great place to recreate.

See

a map and plan your visit to state owned lands.



Documents

- ✦ [Sample VPA agreement](#) [PDF]
- ✦ [VPA printer friendly brochure](#) [PDF]
- ✦ [VPA final performance report](#) [PDF]

Contact information

For information on the Voluntary Public Access Program, contact:

[Justin Blindert](#)
 VPA program coordinator
 262-224-9884