

General Usage Fees

Recreation Area Entrance Fee per motor vehicle	\$5.00 daily or \$30.00 annually
Additional Annual Entrance Stickers Senior Citizen 65 or older	\$10.00 for same household \$ 5.00 daily or \$20.00 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	\$10.00
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

Coon Fork County Park Fees

Picnic Shelter	\$35.00/reservation, with a maximum of 10 vehicle passes issued per reservation.
Camping	\$20.00/night off lake \$120.00/week off lake \$22.00/night on lake \$132.00/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	\$29.00/night \$174/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	\$ 17.00/night \$ 22.00/night-electric \$102.00/week \$132.00/week--electric \$ 12.00/night—off season \$ 22.00/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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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
\$25.00 per vendor per event.

Disc golf vendor

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. 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).