

2024 Fall/Winter

# *The Marsh* **VISITOR** *Guide*

Your guide to the sights,  
sounds and events of the  
Horicon Marsh and  
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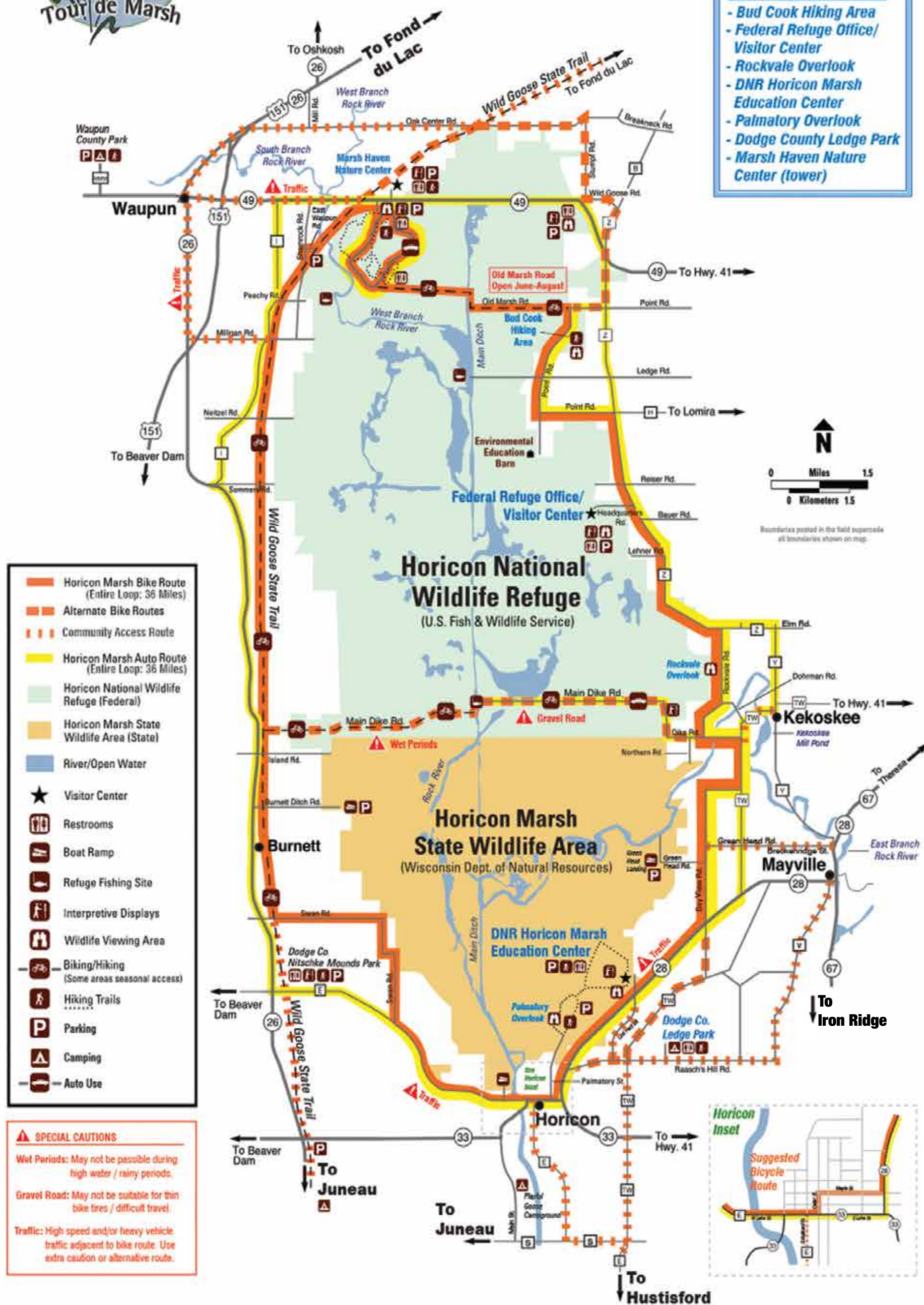


## HORICON MARSH

### BIKE ROUTE / AUTO TOUR AND HIKING TRAILS

### Key Overlook Sites

- Bud Cook Hiking Area
- Federal Refuge Office/  
Visitor Center
- Rockvale Overlook
- DNR Horicon Marsh  
Education Center
- Palmatory Overlook
- Dodge County Ledge Park
- Marsh Haven Nature  
Center (tower)



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# Welcome to the Horicon Marsh



On behalf of our communities, the staff at the *Dodge County Pioneer* newspaper extends a warm welcome to you and your family as you visit the world-famous Horicon Marsh.

Whether you are visiting to see the changing colors in fall or when the snow blankets the ground, we hope to help you make the most of your stay.

This free, annual publication provides an overview of area attractions to assist you with planning your visit. Please note that our listings do not cover every attraction the area offers, so get ready to discover the unexpected as well!

A great place to start is the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center – located on Highway 28 between the cities of Horicon and Mayville. Also, the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, located off Highway Z. If hiking in the marsh in the fall, enjoy the colorful leaves as they turn from green to reds, yellows and oranges. The leaves are gone in the winter, but the scenery is still breathtaking, and it is a little easier catching sight of the animals that live in the marsh as they forage for food. Remember to dress appropriately! Wisconsin winters can be frigid.

A bike and walking trail, the Gold Star Memorial Trail, connects the cities of Horicon and Mayville. Each community, from Lomira to Iron Ridge, has public parks with varying means of entertainment. More details inside!

There are several places to stay if you plan to spend more than a day in the area. Depending on the weather, you can choose a park, campground, bed and breakfast, motel or inn. Always call ahead to double-check each establishment's availability. Each community

has dining establishments ranging from lighter fare to full course meals. As you page through the Visitor, you'll find advertisements for a great selection of some of the restaurants and lodging our communities have to offer.

Fun-filled events are held throughout the fall and winter as well. We recommend that you keep up with the "happenings" by picking up the *Dodge County Pioneer* available on newstands (new each Wednesday) or reading us online at *dodgecountypioneer.com*. There you will find a community calendar and previews on what's happening in any given week. Our office is conveniently located in the Village of Theresa at 106 S. Milwaukee St. Come on in, say hello, and pick up our most recent edition.

We hope you enjoy your visit and return often – we look forward to seeing you!

*(Please send us a photo or two from your visit – you may even view it in an upcoming edition of the Visitor! Photos may be emailed to Editor Clarice Case at [ccase@mmclocal.com](mailto:ccase@mmclocal.com).)*



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✓ Bird watching at the Horicon Marsh

✓ Spring & Fall Naturalist Programs

✓ Kayaking and Canoeing Nearby

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# VISIT OUR COMMUNITIES



## Horicon, City on the Marsh

Located within an easy commute from Milwaukee, Madison or Oshkosh is the City of Horicon – the City on the Marsh.

The Marsh laps against the banks of Horicon resident’s lawns, and it flows through the city in the form of the Rock River.

Canoe and kayak rentals are available at several locations throughout the city. Check with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at their Visitor & Education Center on Hwy 28 for details on where to rent, or check at Bowling Green Park in the City of Horicon for free community kayaks. Kayaks, canoes and lifejackets are available for free to the public. The materials will be stored during the colder and winter seasons.

For people who are into birding, there are bluebird houses at some of the Horicon parks.

Horicon was named a “Bird City Wisconsin” in spring of 2012, and some species can be seen in the parks. While many species migrate out of the area in winter, some are stopping in. One of the most elusive autumn and winter birds is the snowy owl, several of which are spotted every year in and around the Horicon Marsh.

The City of Horicon has eight parks. While some of them are quaint and have one or two picnic tables, others include playground equipment, ball fields, tennis courts, new pickleball courts and even a disc golf course. Feel free to fish from the banks of the parks on the water if you have a proper license to do so.

If you’re hungry, Horicon has several family-friendly options and some late-night eateries, as well. Be sure to check the options downtown and on the outskirts for great variety.

Horicon has many places to worship, both denominational and non-denominational. Visit [horiconchamber.com](http://horiconchamber.com) for more information.

The Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center is located halfway between Horicon and Mayville, but you can see quite a bit of the marsh from the viewing platform at the end of North Palmatory Street in the City of Horicon, where the WDNR Field Office was once located. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere as you birdwatch or eat your lunch. There are hiking trails, and one of them ends at the Education Center. A small shelter and bathrooms are located at the site.

More information is available about some of the mentioned events on other pages of the 2024 Fall/Winter Visitor.

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[mayvillekayaks.com](http://mayvillekayaks.com)
- Mayville Rotary Disc Golf Course**  
Mayville City Park by the Park Pavilion
- Mayville Rotary PickleBall Courts**  
at Mayville Fireman’s Park  
475 Park Rd., Mayville, WI 53050
- 10th Annual Rock River Bierfest**  
Mayville Park Pavilion  
Saturday, January 25, 2025  
[rockriverbierfest.com](http://rockriverbierfest.com)

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# Spending the Day in Lomira



Traveling to the Lomira, Brownsville, and Theresa areas can be a real treat during fall and winter months.

For those of you who want to spend a day traveling throughout the three communities, there are many places to visit and spend some time.

While in town, head over to Sterr Park in the middle of town to see if any festivals are going on. For people who like to fish, Sterr Pond is open for reels and welcomes everyone to take a chance at

catching the big one.

Just a short ways heading south on Hwy 175 is the Village of Theresa. Two mandatory stops include Widmer's Cheese Cellars, located at 214 West Henni St., where locals agree the best brick cheese in the world is made. And Joe Widmer has awards to prove it.

Head up the street to Confections For Any Occasion by Joel, located at 101 N. Milwaukee St., to satisfy your sweet tooth. Owner Joel Bernhard

has created an old-feel candy store with home-made chocolates and treats.

If you want to take in a true Wisconsin experience, stop by Hoff's Red Owl, 617 Main St. in Brownsville, where brat fries are happening every Friday and Saturday throughout the year.

If you are not yet worn out, visit one of the local bars in the community and chat with the locals. It is sure to be a good time.

## Make It Mayville

Make Mayville your destination this fall and winter.

Visitors and community members are welcomed in the historic downtown. Grab a delicious beverage at our local, community-based coffee-house, and stroll along Main Street, taking in the scenic views along a river walk on the south end of town.

Stop at one of the many restaurants and taverns along the way, and weave into the unique shops, spas and salons to find options for rest and relaxation.

Mayville's Public Library is always a favorite stop, offering a huge selection of books, movies and history, as well as a fun-filled children's area with puzzles, puppets, activities and stories for families to share.

Young families can also take advantage of the many parks and green spaces in the city.

Take a stroll across the footbridge passing over the Rock River and visit the War Memorial. Find names of local service men and women and read the dedications written by family and friends.

Follow the riverbank and cast a line into the Rock River under the shade of the massive oak trees that rival the beautiful Park Pavilion for tallest stature.

A kayak launch, with loaner kayaks donated by the Mayville Rotary Club is located immediately south of the pavilion on the Rock River and is

open to the public. Pickleball courts were installed in the park thanks to the club in 2024.

Continue up the hill to Lions Point Park and enjoy the playground equipment, volleyball courts, disc golf course, and picnic area.

Hike or bicycle on the first phase of the Gold Star Memorial Trail which extends from Theiler Park to the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center – a 2.1 mile asphalt path along Hwy 28 boasting views of rolling farmlands.

The TAG Center, a state-of-the-art 46,000 square foot aquatic and fitness facility is open to the public. It is located on the west side of town offering many activities for people of all ages. More information, including several day pass options, is online at [mayvilletagcenter.com](http://mayvilletagcenter.com).

History abounds in this small town, and museums are abundant to honor the people, industry and places through the decades.

Mayville has many events throughout the fall and winter to attract visitors from near and far. Concerts, biergartens, farmers markets and community celebrations ensure good food and fun.

Outdoor dining on Main Street encourages patrons to savor the tastes and sounds of small town charm.

This small town has a lot to offer residents and visitors of all ages!





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ENJOY LEARNING OUR HISTORY



Horicon Historical Society Museum

The Satterlee Clark House Museum is located at 322 Winter Street.

It was built in 1863 for the family of Mr. Satterlee Clark, a lawyer. He was active in local, county and state politics for most of his life. Satterlee served the City of Horicon, Dodge County and – for 15 years – the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin.

The red bricks used to build the house came from the Chandler Brickyard – the first brickyard in Dodge County.

A one-room schoolhouse, built in 1884, and a garage, which houses antique farm equipment, are also on the grounds.

The museum is open by appointment only. For questions or to arrange a tour, call 920-485-0483.



Mayville Historical Society – Hollenstein Wagon and Carriage Factory

The Mayville Historical Society operates a museum in the former Hollenstein Wagon and Carriage Factory building at the corner of Bridge and German Streets in the City of Mayville (1 N German St.).

The museum houses wagons, carriages and sleighs manufactured in that building, as well as many other displays illustrating the history of Mayville.

The adjoining Hollenstein home has two floors of exhibits furnished with antique items and special displays including wedding gowns of the past, old quilts and children’s toys – many with Mayville connections.

On the museum grounds are farm implements from yesteryear, Brunke cigar memorabilia, as well as vintage items from a Mayville barbershop, an old city firehouse and Mayville Fire Department paraphernalia.

The museum is open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from May through October, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Tours at other times can be arranged Monday through Saturday, with an entry fee of \$5 per person; ages 12 and younger are free. Please call in advance at 920-387-3256.

More information is online at [mayvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://mayvillehistoricalsociety.org).

Kekoskee/Williamstown Historical Society



The Kekoskee/Williamstown Historical Society was founded in June 2007 and is located at 51A County Road Y, South (in the Village of Kekoskee).

After many years of renovating the old Mayville train depot building, the grand opening was held on July 30, 2016.

On display at the museum are various artifacts including World War II items, area hockey team memorabilia, as well as farming and daily-life antiques.

The museum is open the fourth Sunday, from May through October, from 1-4 p.m.

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# Mayville Limestone School Museum

A landmark since 1857, Mayville’s historic White Limestone School served as a public school for 121 years (from 1857-1964 and 1967-1981). The building has been listed on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1976.

There are three floors of exhibits to view including “Iron Country,” which chronicles the history of iron mining in the area; “Edgar G. Mueller Photography Exhibit,” which houses a large collection of photos and related items which capture the spirit of Mayville, its residents and the nearby Horicon Marsh; one-room school artifacts; Native American artifacts; the Rock River Baseball Hall of Fame and more.

The museum is open for viewing on the first and third Sunday – May through October, from 1:30–4:30 p.m. More information on the museum, or to arrange a private tour, please call 920-937-0122 or e-mail the museum at [info@mlsm.org](mailto:info@mlsm.org).

The museum is located at 215 N Main St. in the City of Mayville.

Additional information is also at [mlsm.org](http://mlsm.org).



# Lomira Historical Society

The Silver Leaf School, as it was previously known, is located at Sterr Park in the Village of Lomira.

The museum houses artifacts collected that pertain to the area, as well as a large number of the high school’s annuals and many other records.

The Lomira Quad/Graphics Community Library – 427 South Water St. – also has a history room in the library, which houses family histories, cemetery and church records. Many other records are available for viewing. Check the library website for up-to-date hours-of-operation.

To contact the historical society, call 920-948-0188 or e-mail [kietzerj17@gmail.com](mailto:kietzerj17@gmail.com).



# Theresa Historical Society

The museum is housed in the only remaining original home of Solomon Juneau – a Wisconsin pioneer and founder of the City of Milwaukee the Village of Theresa – and is dedicated in his memory.

The museum is located on the north end of the village’s historic downtown (201 S Milwaukee St.).

A slide show of Theresa history is shown on scheduled open house days and for special tours (if time permits).

Furnishings on display date back to the early 1900s with articles from Josette and Solomon Juneau’s household.

Located at the 200 block of South Milwaukee Street in the Village of Theresa, the museum is open on the last Sunday of each month from June to September, from 1-4:30 p.m.

For more information, or for a tour, please call 920-960-4198 or 920-488-3333.

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Enjoy the Gold Star Memorial Trail

The Gold Star Memorial Trail is a 10-foot wide, paved, non-motorized path that aims to create a safe, off-road connection between the cities of Mayville, Horicon and Beaver Dam. The Trail has created a vital route for transportation and recreational opportunities for city and rural residents as well as visitors and tourists.

The trail also remembers those who have given their lives serving our country and their families.

The \$3-4 million estimated project will be constructed over 5 phases with a goal to be mostly funded through donations and grants. The Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc., the group behind the construction of the Wild Goose State Trail, is spearheading the fundraising efforts.

Phase 1 of the project constructed a 2.1-mile long paved, off-road path within the right of way on the north side of State Highway 28, connecting

Theiler Park in Mayville to the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center. Design and construction of Phase 1 was about \$670,000 with most of the cost funded by community donations and grants.

Construction on Phase 1 began in February 2018 and wrapped up in November 2018. Finishing touches on Phase 1 including signage, benches, trail head kiosks and memorials were installed in spring 2019. The official ribbon cutting for Phase 1 was at Theiler Park in Mayville on Saturday, June 1, 2019 (National Trails Day).

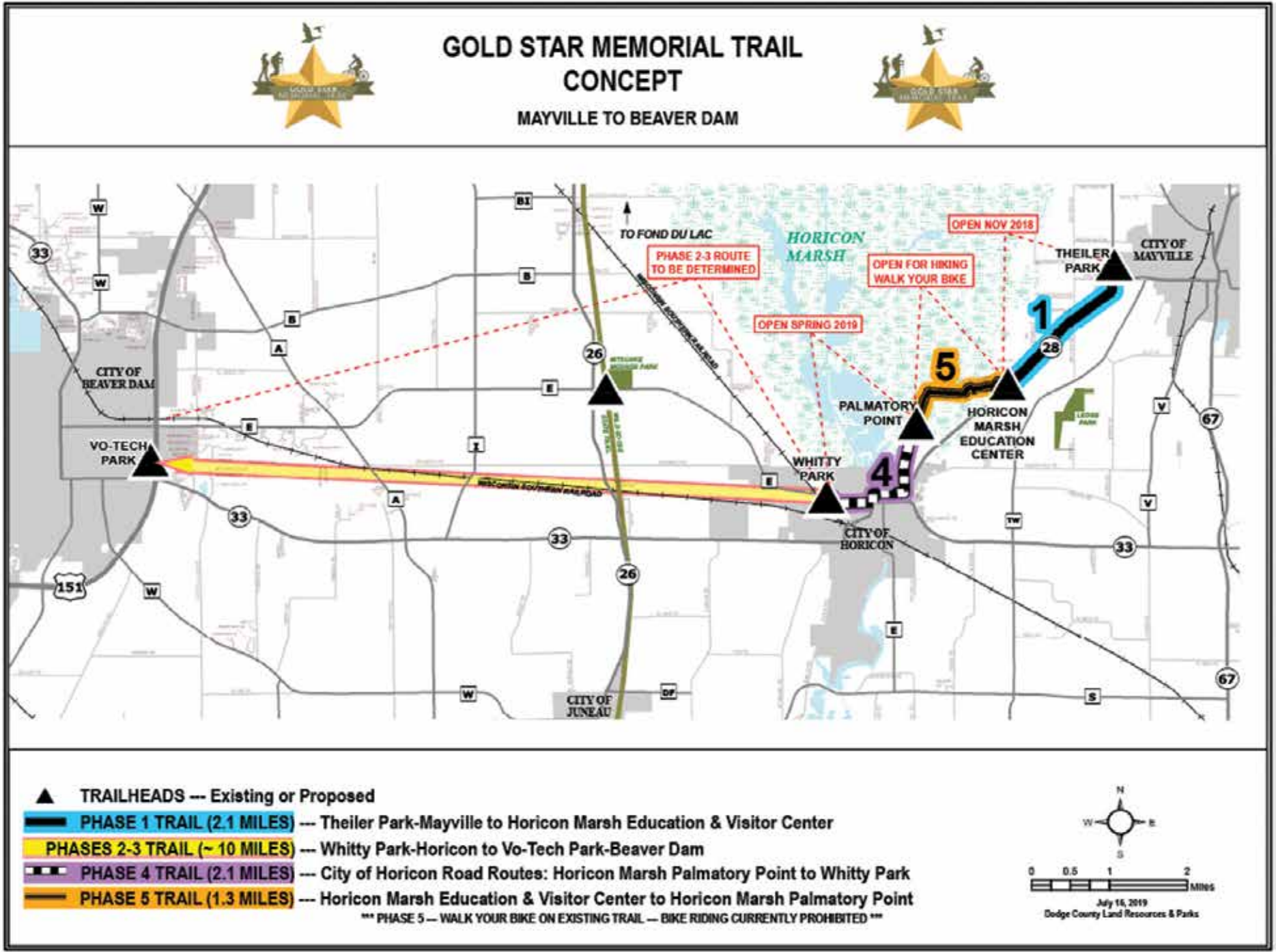
Phases 2-5 continue the Trail into Horicon and Beaver Dam. Currently, the Horicon Marsh trails do not permit bike riding, but users can walk, hike or walk a bike on the southern Bachhuber Trail to Palmatory Point (Phase 5), which then connects to the City of Horicon Gold Star Memorial Trail bike

route (Phase 4). The Horicon bike route leads to the west end of the City near Whitty Park, which will serve as the connecting point for Phases 2-3 of the project.

Phases 2 and 3 are currently in the planning and design process. In 2022, The Trail was awarded a nearly \$1.1 million WI Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to construct Phase 2, connecting the City of Horicon with the Wild Goose State Trail. The TAP grant requires a 20% local match, around \$200,000. Fundraising efforts are working towards this local match.

Construction on Phase 2 is set for 2024.

While there's still much work to do, there are currently miles of accessible, paved Gold Star Memorial Trail routes that visitors should be sure to enjoy on a visit to the Marsh.





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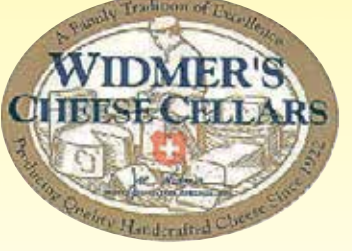
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# PRESERVING OUR PAST



## Blast into the Past at the Archaeological Festival

The Horicon Marsh Archaeological Festival, sponsored by the Rock River Archaeological Society, typically runs annually on the second weekend of October.

The Rock River Archaeological Society, a chapter of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society, is a non-profit organization for those interested in archaeology and/or human history. The Horicon Marsh Archaeological Festival has been named the best Archaeological Festival in Wisconsin.

Featured at the Horicon Marsh Archaeological Festival are favorites like Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe with charactered “Voyageurs” offering programs and rides throughout the run.

The festival is known for its Buck Skinner encampment and a popular flute and drum circle performance. Also featured for adults and youth are atlatl demonstrations and instruction, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping demonstrations, and offerings like home-cooked food, corn-grinding demonstration, leather stamping for necklaces, bead collecting for children, wagon rides, artifact display, vendors goods and much, much more.

Lots to do outside and inside!

The festival is free to the public and takes place at

the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, N7725 Hwy. 28, between the cities of Horicon and Mayville.

*Check the group’s Facebook, Rock River Archaeological Society, for more details closer to October.*



## Rock River Archaeological Society Helps Preserve The Past

Rock River Archaeological Society (RRAS), a chapter of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society, is a non-profit organization for those who are interested in archaeology and/or human history.

A question was once asked, “Why is Archaeology Important?”

At RRAS, it answers by saying:

“Archaeology is the preservation of our past, and only by preserving our past can we learn what it has to tell us. Through archaeology, we discover how diverse our culture really is. When we examine the way past people lived, it helps us better understand who we are today, and helps us make better decisions about the future.”

This is a quote from the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at UW-LaCrosse. RRAS resonates with those who hope to preserve what remains of past human cultures through public education, events and programs.

In the spring season, the society offers month-

ly meetings/programs during April and May. The monthly programs are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the lower level auditorium of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center on Highway 28 between the cities of Horicon and Mayville. The programs are always free and open to the public, and begin at 6:30 p.m. Entrance to the programs can be made through the main doors of the center from 6-6:30 p.m. After 6:30 p.m., entrance can be made through the lower doors.

The evenings commence with a short business meeting, followed by the speaker of the evening and end with snacks and camaraderie before everyone goes home. Many friendships are made and strengthened during the social hour which follows each program.

More information about the Rock River Archaeological Society can be obtained by contacting president Julie Flemming at 920-928-6094 or emailing [julieflemming@yahoo.com](mailto:julieflemming@yahoo.com).





CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARIES

Love to Read? Visit these Public Libraries

There are six public libraries in the communities near Horicon Marsh. Feel free to visit them!



Brownsville Public Library

379 Main St., 920-583-4325, brownsville.lib.wi.us. Hours include Monday, from 1-7 p.m.; Tuesday, from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Wednesday, from 3-6 p.m.; Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, from 3-6 p.m.; and Saturday, September through May only, 10 a.m.-noon.

Horicon Public Library

404 E. Lake St., 920-485-3535, horicon.lib.wi.us. Hours include Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Iron Ridge Public Library

205 Park St., 920-387-3637, ironridge.lib.wi.us. Hours include Tuesday and Friday, from 2-7 p.m.; Wednesday, from 10-4 p.m.; Thursday, from 3-7 p.m.; and

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lomira Quad/Graphics Community Library

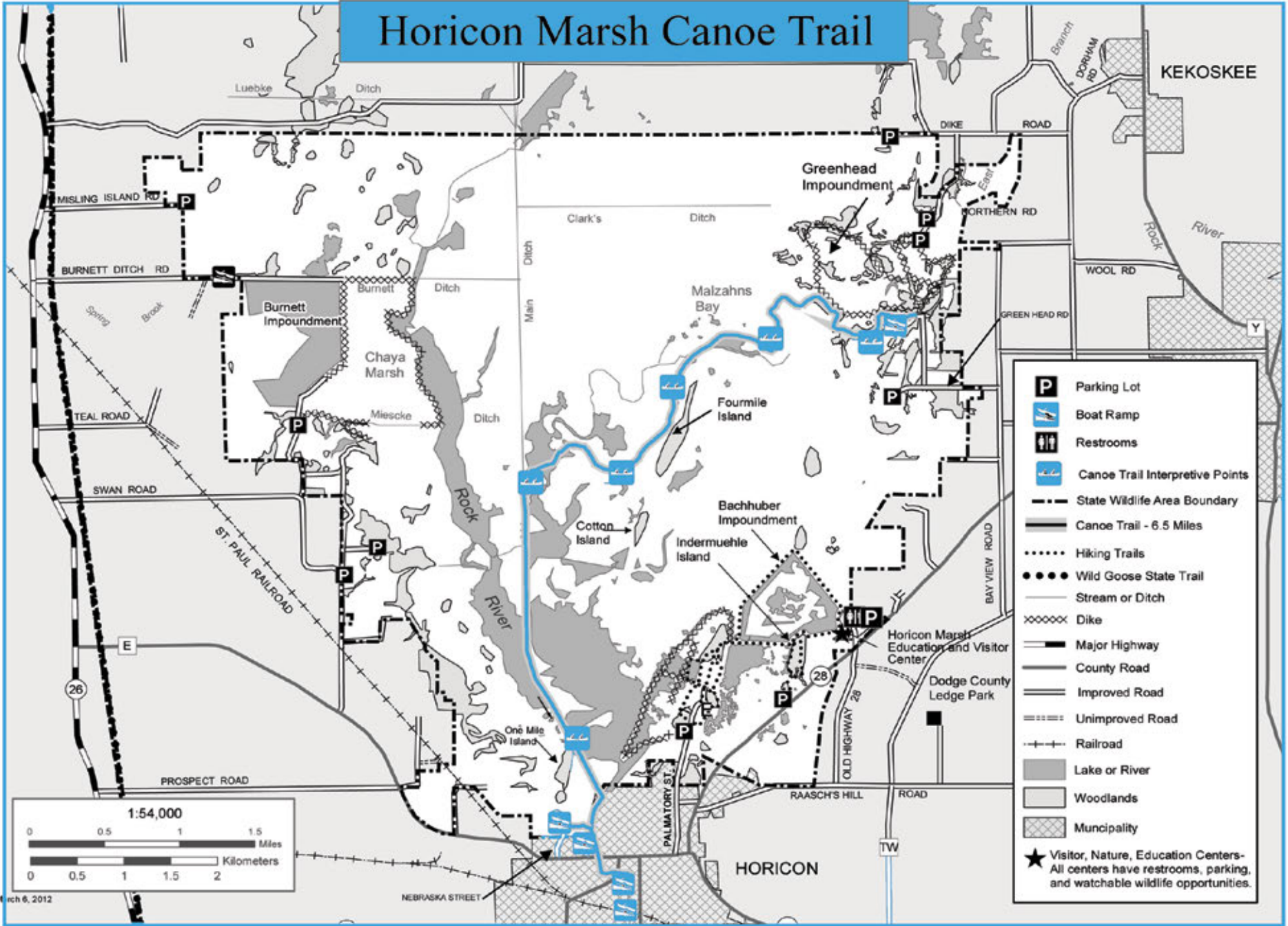
427 S. Water St., 920-269-4115, lomira.lib.wi.us. Hours include Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 1-6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Mayville's Ted & Grace Bachhuber Memorial Library

234 N. John St., 920-387-7910, mayville.lib.wi.us. Hours include Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Theresa Public Library

290 Mayville St., 920-488-2342, theresa.lib.wi.us. Hours include Monday through Thursday from 12-6:30 p.m., Friday from 12-5 p.m.





# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - PLAYING DISC GOLF

## Play 18 At River Bend Park Disc Golf Course



Whether you throw backhand, forehand or overhead, and whether you're a beginner or considering turning pro, there is something for everyone at the City of Horicon's 18-tee disc golf course located in beautiful River Bend Park.

The course – which was designed by local disc golf enthusiasts and is supported by the non-profit Horicon Phoenix Group – features nine fixed baskets and 18 tee boxes. That means every basket has two different approaches, making for a unique way to play 18 distinct holes.

Located along a scenic portion of the Rock River, the course has a great mix of open field holes and hazard holes. The most common hazards are trees, although hole #8

runs parallel to the river's marsh for a challenging tee shot.

The course is free to play and parking is available.

River Bend Park is a popular destination for walking, boating, fishing and playground fun, so folks using the course are encouraged to be respectful and patient when throwing.

River Bend Park is located on Valley Street, off Hwy 33, in the City of Horicon.

For more information on the course, including rules, directions and statistics, visit [pdga.com](http://pdga.com) and keyword search: "Horicon Phoenix."

Baskets may be removed in winter.

## Mayville Rotary Disc Nine-Hole is at City Park

*The run is first in the city and located near the historic Pavilion*

Watch out for flying discs at Mayville's City Park! The Mayville Rotary Club, back in 2021, completed the installation of a nine-hole disc golf course at the location.

The Mayville Rotary Disc Golf Course features all three-par holes and varied terrain, obstacles and distances.

Rotary president Mike Schuett said creating this recreation course, which is free to use for the public, is a credit to the organizations that worked together to finish it.

"The disc golf course is a true showing of how well things get done when groups collaborate," said Schuett. "The Rotary did an amazing job planning, funding, and implementing the course." Schuett

credited the City of Mayville parks employees and department of public works crews with helping making the idea a reality.

He also extended a "major thank you" to John Wild, Jack Hurst, Jake Wiese and Steve Muche.

He added that local disc golf enthusiast, Eric Justman Reichert, was also instrumental in helping plan and lay out the course.

Of course, City Park is a public space, and those itching to toss are reminded to be respectful of other park goers.

Mayville City Park, also known as Firemans Park and Mayville Park Pavilion, is located at 475 Park Rd. in the City of Mayville.

Baskets may be removed in winter.



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# VISIT OUR PARKS



## Enjoy a Scenic Stroll in Mayville Parks

### City Park

These eight acres include a paved drive passing through the lower part of the park, the Mayville Veterans Memorial, a picnic area and the Park Pavilion, a large two-story structure available for rental. A kayak launch, with loaner kayaks donated by the Mayville Rotary Club, is located immediately south of the pavilion on the Rock River.

Visitors can access City Park via the scenic footbridge which crosses the river, or by car or foot from Park Road or Evergreen Drive. Firemen’s Field and Lions Point Park are all part of this park.

### Easy Street Park

Easy Street Park is located off North German Street and tucked inside a residential area. It boasts a small children’s playground, with benches and a pavilion slated for future development.

### Firemans Park

Firemans Park boasts 11 acres adjacent to City Park and includes a baseball diamond, large permanent grandstand for spectators, brick covered dugouts, concession stand, electric scoreboard, lighted baseball field, press box, public address system and parking. This is the site for the Independence Day celebration Rock ‘n Boom. Legion ball and Mayville High School baseball teams take advantage of this facility throughout the spring and summer months.

In 2021, the Mayville Rotary Club completed a nine-hole disc golf course project.

It is located at Evergreen Drive and Golf Course Road.



### Foster Park

This two-acre park is located on Main Street north of the downtown business district. It is adjacent to the Mayville Limestone School Museum, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open to the public.

The park is located on the northwest corner of Main and Dayton streets.

### Lions Point Park

This beautiful park is situated on the tip of the peninsula within City Park and is surrounded by the Rock River, adjacent to the Mayville Golf Course. Enjoy a wide expanse of green space, a picnic under large shade trees, or find a spot under the shelter for additional seating. Playground equipment abounds, along with sand volleyball courts and pickleball courts and ample spots for catching frogs or throwing a line in the river.

### Malthouse Grounds

Included on its three and one-half acres is a lighted softball field, concession stand, equipment storage building, scoreboard, and Senior

Citizens Center.

The park is located on Breckenridge Street, between North Walnut and North John streets.

### May Park

A seven-acre park that has three lighted tennis courts, various playground equipment and basketball court.

The park is located at 580 Ruedebush Ave.

### Ribbens Park

The five-acre park provides two soccer fields, picnicking areas and a playground. A six-acre parcel adjacent to the south end of the park was acquired by Flyway Soccer and provides two additional soccer fields to the park. Indoor public restrooms are part of the complex.

Ribbens Park is located at W2894 Dunn Rd.

### Rotary Park

Rotary Park provides intimate access to the Rock River between the upper and lower dams. The park has a shelter and a small pier for river access and recreational launch. Entrance on foot to Rotary Park can be made at the north side of the building located at 132 N. Main St., directly across from Foster Park. There is also a footbridge providing access to the other side of the river.

### Tower Park

Nearly three acres, this park has a grill for cooking, picnic tables and benches. Playground equipment is also provided. The city’s water tower is also located here.

The park is located on High Street and Tower Drive on the east side of the city.

### Theiler Park

This 27-acre park is a community

play field. The park’s major features include a baseball field and two softball fields. All three fields are complete with backstops, outfield fences, press boxes, bleachers and a scoreboard. A large shelter building with restrooms and a concession area is located near the fields. The trailhead to the Gold Star Memorial Trail is situated at the park.

The park is located on Hwy TW, north of Hwy 28.

### Veterans Memorial Park

Included on this one-acre of land is a boat launching ramp and fishing pier. There is a fountain and bench provided on the corner of Horicon and Main streets. The park is located adjacent to American Legion Post 69 and is a great starting point for a stroll down historic Main Street.

### Wag ‘N Tag Dog Park

A football field-sized dog park is located adjacent east of the TAG Center, at 1700 Breckenridge St. The facility consists of two fenced grassy areas – one for small pooches and the other for larger dogs.

It is open 24 hours per day, 365-days per year. Conveniences include a paved, lighted parking lot, overhead park lighting, benches and pet waste stations.

### Ziegler Park

The park is nearly 73 acres and includes a lighted softball field, a concession stand, restrooms, picnic tables and portable bleachers. A small children’s play area is situated near the entrance to the 1.5-mile nature and fitness trail which winds through the wooded area behind the ball field.

The park is located on Kekoskee Street at North Clark Street.



# VISIT OUR PARKS

## City of Horicon Parks

### Bowling Green Park

Bowling Green Park in downtown Horicon, has sheltered picnic areas nestled along the Rock River, canoe launch and fishing pier.

It is a 4.5-acre neighborhood park located along the Rock River between Barstow Street and East Lake Street.

This park has a shelter/ restroom building, asphalt parking area, playground and an all-abilities fishing pier.

Utilizing grants, upgrades have been made to this park within the past several years, including a new shelter, resurfacing of the parking lot, cleaning up the shoreline, installation of new lights and a kayak launch.

The newest features of the park is a community bike and kayak/canoe program and playground. Visitors may use the bikes and kayaks/canoes, obtained through grants, provided they follow directions at the kiosks located in the park. Life jackets are available and recommended for those hitting the water!

### Discher Park

This partially wooded 13-acre park on the north side of Horicon is the site of the Horicon Aquatic Center. There are playgrounds, sporting courts, athletic fields and picnic areas.

The park has three distinct sections providing a good variety of recreational opportunities.

The aquatic center, which opened in 1995, occupies the western third of the park. It provides such facilities as a zero-depth pool, a competi-

tive lap pool, water slides, picnic and resting areas, a concession stand and a bathhouse.

The central portion of the park contains a pavilion, concession buildings, restroom with shelter and picnic areas, a playground, pickleball courts and sporting courts.

The eastern end of the park is the location of the athletic field, which is used for baseball.

The park is also home to the City of Horicon's oldest wood building, a 110-year-old pavilion named 1909 Jersey. The pavilion was renovated in 2019 by private fundraising efforts and cooperation from the City of Horicon.

### Kiwanis Park

Kiwanis Park is an open, grassy four-acre site at the south end of Hubbard Street, serving as a neighborhood park.

The site has more than 800 feet of frontage along the Rock River offering a public meeting facility, two handicap fishing platforms, picnic area, an open shelter, and play equipment. The community garden is also located at Kiwanis Park.

Through September, the Horicon Farmers Market and Music at the Market are held at Kiwanis Park on Wednesday nights.

### Legion Auxiliary Park

This one-acre special purpose park is located along the Rock River about 1,000 feet upstream from the dam. The site primarily serves as a boat launch facility with a picnic area.

### Osborne Park

Located on a three-acre site on



Hwy. 28 at the corner of Raasch Hill Road, this special purpose park serves primarily as a wayside stop and picnic area.

The site, located on the northeast side of Horicon, contains a pond, prairie garden, open area and hiking trail.

### River Bend Park

This is the largest city-owned park, and it is in the south-central part of the city, along the western shores of the Rock River.

The northern end of the park provides active recreation with tennis courts, little league and softball fields.

A nine-tee, 18-hole disc golf course can be played at the park.

The rest of the park provides primarily open space areas, picnic and playground areas and boat launch facilities.

The newest feature of this park is a fenced-in dog park divided into two areas for small and large breeds created with donations from the Horicon Lions Club.

### Rotary Park

Rotary Park is a 1.2-acre park and considered a neighborhood park for open space recreation and ice skating. It is located at Pheasant Lane and Robin Road on the southwest side of Horicon.

A handicapped accessible shelter was added in 2018.

### Whitty Park

Consisting of two acres, this park is located along Hwy. E on the west side of Horicon.

The park has playground equipment and is the official trailhead for the City of Horicon's leg of the Gold Star Memorial Trail.

## Lomira Area Parks



The Lomira, Theresa and Brownsville areas are blessed with a variety of outdoor opportunities for nature lovers and offer indoor recreational activities as well.

Nearby is the **Horicon Wildlife Refuge**, which contains within its expansive area the largest cattail

marsh in North America. It is home to a wide variety of birds, animals and plants. Nature talks, a nature center and several trails allow the visitor to explore nature throughout the year.

The **Horicon Marsh** is located west of Lomira and even closer

to visitors in the Brownsville and Theresa areas.

In Lomira, **Crystal Springs Park** has a pond, a sand-bottom swimming area, bath house, picnic shelter, tables and a playground. Lomira also has a well-lit softball field with three diamonds.

Lomira also features eight playgrounds throughout the community. **The Buerger Pond and Nature Trail** is located on South Pleasant Hill Avenue and is available for those looking for a scenic walk. **Dale R. Michels Memorial Park** in Brownsville has three diamonds, soccer fields, concession stands, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts for use. There is a playground on site, and it also serves as the home to the Flyway Soccer League. The park was named after local businessman and founder of the Michels Pipeline Construction, Inc.

Theresa offers four parks for public use. **River's Edge Park** is located on Mill Street in the Village of Theresa. It includes restrooms, boat launch, picnic shelters, volleyball and basketball courts and playground equipment. People looking to gather in a large group can contact the Theresa Village Hall for reservations at 920-488-5421. **Theresa Firemen's Park** is located on Hwy 28 West (Mayville Street) in the Village of Theresa. Amenities include a large park pavilion, picnic shelter, a baseball diamond, restroom facilities and playground equipment. Reservations can be made for larger groups. Small parks are located on **Willow Lane** and on **Highlander Boulevard**.



# NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

*The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is a national treasure located in our backyard*

At more than 33,000 acres in size, the Horicon Marsh is 14 miles long and ranges in width from three-five miles. It is one of the largest fresh-water marshes in the United States. The northern two-thirds of Horicon Marsh is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as the 22,000-acre Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. The southern third of the marsh is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area.

The marsh is fed by the Rock River which flows through the refuge.

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1941 to provide an undisturbed sanctuary for migratory birds and waterfowl including the redhead duck. In addition, the refuge provides opportunities for visitors to connect with nature through nature-centric recreational opportunities including wildlife observation, photography, hiking, bicycling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, environmental education and interpretation, fishing and hunting.

The national wildlife refuge provides critical habitat for more than 300 bird species, as well as white-tailed deer, muskrats, red foxes, turtles, frogs, bats, dragonflies, fish, garter snakes and much more. The marsh is also known as an integral point in the migration of Canada geese, ducks and sandhill cranes.

### About The Marsh

Horicon Marsh is a shallow, peat-filled lakebed scoured out of limestone by the Green Bay lobe of the massive Wisconsin Glacier thousands of years ago. The same layer of rock that forms the hills to the east of the marsh extends 500 miles to the east and is the same stretch of rock over which the Niagara River plunges at Niagara Falls.

The rock extends more than 230 miles in Wisconsin alone. An impressive display in the area is often referred to as “The Ledge” which is located in Ledge Park.

The Ledge is nestled between Horicon and Mayville and offers a series of hiking trails and scenic lookouts, as well as playgrounds and camping.

### Public Use Areas

- Horicon ‘TernPike’ Auto Tour



### and Hiking Trails

Located on State Highway 49, just east of the city of Waupun. Open daily year-round, conditions permitting. Paved driving route (three miles) and three hiking trails along with a floating boardwalk and bicycling and hiking access to the Wild Goose State Trail. Closed to hunting except during the deer gun seasons auto tour route is closed to vehicles during this time and hikers are required to wear blaze orange. The namesake is a nod to the tern birds that migrate to the marsh and can be seen throughout the summer and even into autumn.

- Highway 49 Wildlife Viewing Area

Located on State Highway 49 just west of County Road Z. Open daily year-round. Hiking trail (1/4 mile) with observation area. Closed to all hunting.

### Old Marsh Road

Accessed from Point Road or by auto tour. Open only seasonally (June through August and special Earth Day opening in April) for hiking and bicycling to minimize disturbance to migratory birds. Adjacent dikes are closed.

Photo blinds are located on east end of the road and may be reserved year-round. The refuge office can be contacted for reservation information.

### Bud Cook Hiking Area

Located off Point Rd. Two hiking trails and observation area. Open daily year-round. Closed to all

hunting.

Rockvale Road Viewing Point  
Rockvale Rd. Observation platform with spotting scope.

### Main Dike Road

Open daily year-round conditions permitting. Entire road is open for hiking and bicycling year-round. Access is limited to the road only adjacent dikes are closed. Vehicles can drive eastern portion (two-level gravel). Please use pull-offs for wildlife viewing/photography on the eastern portion of Main Dike Road. Parking located near fishing platform on the eastern portion of the road as well as near the Wild Goose State Trail on the western portion of the road (Access from Hwy 26 and use designated parking area). Peachy Road, Ledge Road and Main Dike Road Designated locations for bank fishing/piers.

### Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Wildlife exhibits, gift shop, viewing deck, native plant gardens and accessible hiking trail.

Regular Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. April-November. Closed on Sundays from November through mid-March.

Coot’s Corner Bookstore, located within the refuge center is owned and operated by the non-profit Friends of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

All days and times are subject to change.

### Additional Information

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge requires no entry fees. The refuge is open during daylight hours only. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed, and access is limited to public use areas during the majority of the spring, summer and fall.

Binoculars are recommended to view wildlife. Both binoculars and field guides are available for loan at the visitor center.

### Activities Abound at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

#### Hunting

The refuge is open for squirrel, pheasant, partridge, rabbit, turkey and deer hunting in accordance with all current statewide seasons and regulations. The refuge is closed to migratory bird hunting, except for

an annual Learn to Hunt Waterfowl session. Opportunities for hunters with disabilities are available.

#### Fishing

Fishing on the refuge is open year-round in accordance with state fishing regulations. Fish for perch, pike, bullhead, and other game species. Peachy Road, Ledge Road and Main Dike Road are open for bank fishing (piers) – visitors may only fish in designated locations. From December 1-March 15, the entire refuge is open to ice fishing, but motorized vehicles are not allowed. Non-lead tackle (lures, sinkers, etc.) are required. For more information on state fishing regulations visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

#### Photography

Opportunities for photography at the refuge are endless. Whether photographing unique birds, colorful wildflowers, impressive sunsets or other marsh wildlife, amateur and professional shutterbugs alike will enjoy the abundant diversity of the refuge wildlife and habitats. A photo blind is also available and is located at the east end of Old Marsh Road. Contact the Refuge office at 920-387-2658 for reservations.

#### Hiking

Several miles of established trails and interior roads lead through marsh, prairie and forest habitat on the refuge for enjoyable hiking all year. In most areas, visitors are advised to stick to trails and roadways except for the Bud Cook Hiking Area where exploration off-trail is encouraged. Make sure to stop at the Egret Trail Floating Boardwalk – one of the most popular destinations on the marsh.

#### Bicycling

Traveling by bicycle is a great way to see wildlife on the refuge. Several roads such as Old Marsh Road and Main Dike Road bisect the interior of the marsh offering great views and enabling the visitor to make shorter or longer loops and link to the nearby Wild Goose State Trail.

#### Trapping

Both marsh and upland trapping are offered annually based on management needs of the refuge. Interested trappers must obtain a permit at the refuge office. An annual trapping auction is held jointly with the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area each year.

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# EDUCATION AND VISITOR CENTER

## Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

The Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area consists of the lower one-third of Horicon Marsh and is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

A Wildlife Education Program has been conducted at the State Wildlife Area since the mid-1980s. This program focuses on the abundant wildlife resources of the marsh, their ecology and an appreciation for the outdoors.

For many years, public naturalist programs, special events and school education programs were conducted at the DNR Field Office on Palmatory Street in Horicon. A downstairs meeting room in the old building occasionally served as the only classroom available to escape during inclement weather.

Despite these constraints, the Horicon Marsh Wildlife Education Program was successful in providing educational experiences for more than 200,000 people during the past 25 years. However, the growing demand for education services and the success of this program required a larger and more permanent facility to allow it to expand and operate on a year-round basis.

In 1992, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchased the former Flyway Clinic, located along Hwy. 28, with the intent of developing this as an education center. A non-profit Friends group was established in 1994 as a fund-raising organization to support this cause. The organization has also provided countless hours of volunteer assistance to the education program.

Following a long campaign, Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center reached its goal of raising \$1.9 million toward construction of the center. The State of Wisconsin matched this through the Building Commission and additional funds were provided to DNR to renovate the office area to house its staff, creating a \$4.8 million project.

Construction began in November 2007, keeping much of the original building. After 18 months of construction, the new Horicon Marsh International Education Center was completed in late March 2009. The name was changed in 2013 to Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center.

The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center offers a beautiful



large viewing area in the upper lobby along with new interactive displays and a Children's Discovery Area. The lower level has classrooms for education programs and a hunting cabin themed auditorium for groups and programs.

A previously unused portion of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center's lower level is now interactive, hands-on exhibits known as the Explorium.

The \$3.7 million area depicts the history of Horicon Marsh through eras of significant importance. You will learn about the marsh in an interactive way that makes learning fun.

Construction of the new educational displays and hands-on exhibits took more than a year, and the displays occupy portions of both the first floor and lower level. An auditorium capable of seating 120 and two classrooms complete the lower level, which opens onto more than five

miles of winding trails through a variety of habitats in the 11,000-acre state marsh.

DNR contracted with Taylor Studios of Rantoul, IL, to design and manufacture the lifelike exhibits.

"The Explorium encourages visitors of all ages to look, listen, touch and even smell the changes in the marsh over many thousands of years," DNR Wildlife Supervisor Bret Owsley said. "We think young visitors will especially enjoy some of the special touches developed by Taylor Studios including the fresh 'mammoth' scent and replica water control gates similar to those that help us manage the marsh today."

Part of the nation's largest freshwater cattail marsh - the state land borders an additional 22,000 acres managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - the history of

Horicon spans some 12,000 years. As visitors walk through the new Explorium, the story of the marsh and its inhabitants stretching from the Ice Age through modern times is narrated by a talking Clovis spear point.

Horicon Marsh started as a network of rivers and wetlands left behind by receding glaciers and grew into the world's largest man-made lake after early settlers built a dam to power a sawmill in the 1840s. When the state Supreme Court ordered the dam removed in 1869, the marsh quickly returned and began drawing huge flocks of migratory waterfowl and other birds. After market hunting depleted the bird populations, a short-lived attempt to ditch and drain the marsh for farming from 1910 to 1914 ended in failure. Then, during the 1920s, conservation-minded citizens pressed the Legislature for support and started a restoration process that continues to this day.

Visitors are then encouraged to continue outside where they can explore Horicon Marsh.

The Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center is open Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Saturday-Sunday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The center is closed on Sundays from November through mid-March and on major holidays. Trails are open year-round during daylight hours. More information is at [horiconmarsh.org](http://horiconmarsh.org) or [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search for Horicon Marsh.



## Farm Toy and Craft Show a Regional Delight

The annual Horicon FFA Alumni Farm Toy and Craft Show is traditionally held at Horicon High School, which is located on the east side of Horicon, 841 Gray St.

Hundreds of people from across the county turn out for the unique event each year.

Farm displays are the most popular feature of the day. The displays include farm layouts with scaled machinery, fields and buildings. In addition, vendors had various models of machinery of different scales. Other vendors offered manuals for tractors and machinery.

There were also vendors with an assortment of farm-related crafts.

Lunch has been offered in the past, and typically is available from the beginning of the event until the end (in the school's cafeteria).

More information, including date and times, can be obtained at the Horicon FFA Facebook page.

The event, which typically runs the last Sunday in January, is hosted by Horicon FFA Alumni, with the profits benefiting Horicon FFA.

*Dates, times and details of this event are subject to change.*

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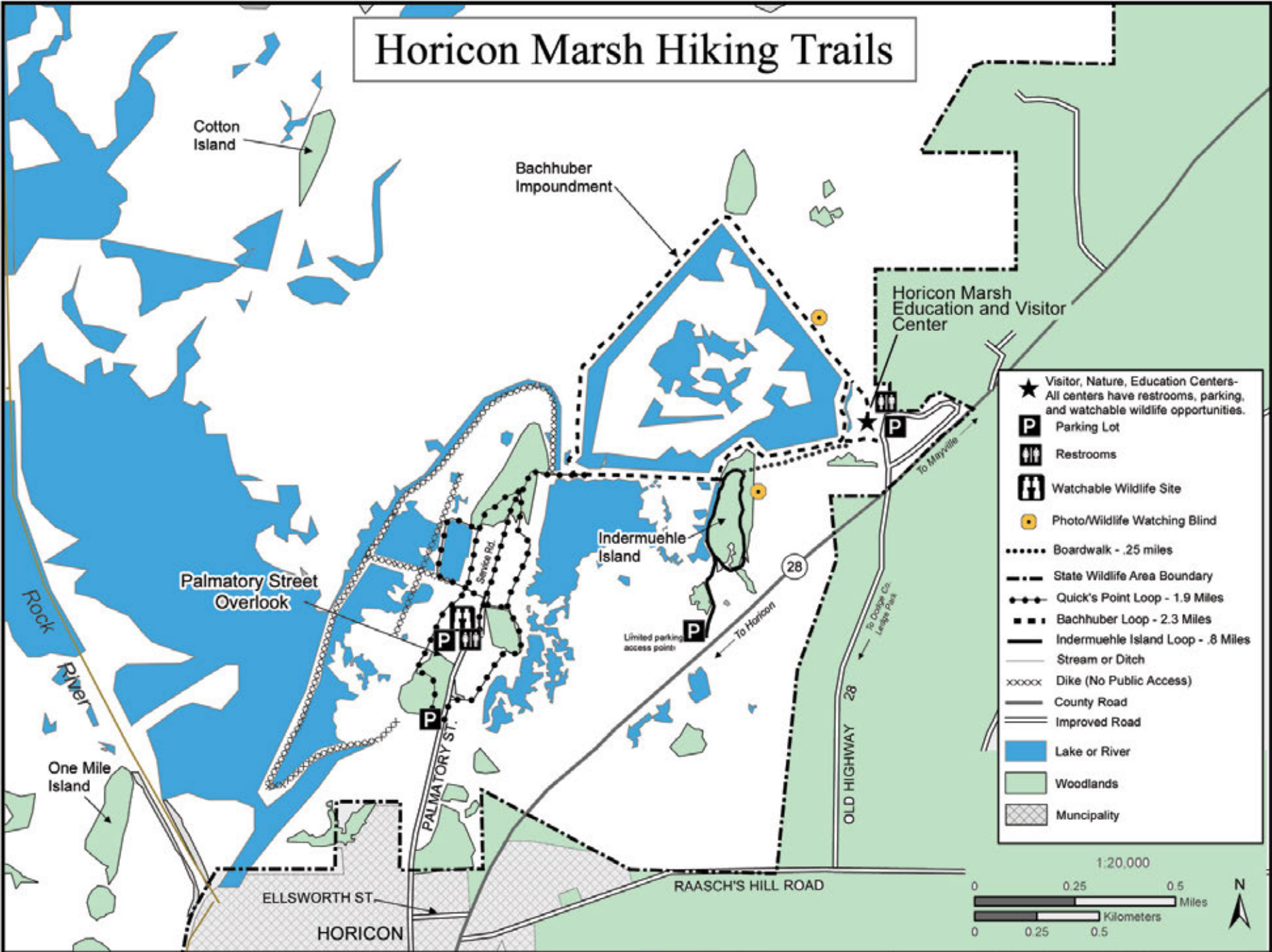




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# 2025 Horicon Marsh Candlelight Hike



Hiking by candlelight, a roaring bonfire, roasted marshmallows and warm refreshments await everyone at the annual Horicon Marsh Candlelight Hike, which is typically held on the third Saturday of January.

The event is sponsored and hosted by the Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and Wisconsin DNR. In prior years, the Education Center was open for people to warm up, view the 20 minute “Horicon Marsh Story”, visit the gift shop or have the kids do a fun craft to bring home.

There have been snacks available for purchase, and the Flyway Gift Shop was open for shopping.

The Northern Cross Science Foundation astronomers have been on site to help visitors view the night sky through telescopes or to talk about the stars. Members of the Horicon Marsh Bird Club typically conduct short owl talks and call for owls. Previously, there was a trail to learn about Wisconsin’s mammals on the short “Family Loop” trail.

Warm beverages and light snacks have historically been available inside the center as well as a bake sale; roast your own marshmallows or

grab a hot chocolate outside in the picnic shelter.

Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center line the trails with candle-powered luminaries to welcome and guide hikers. Volunteers will be on hand for assistance and information. There are two trails available. One trail is 1.5 miles and another “Family Loop” is only .33 miles.

Admission to the event is free; however, donations are welcome. Multiple baskets will also be raffled off to help support the Friends group and future candlelight events.

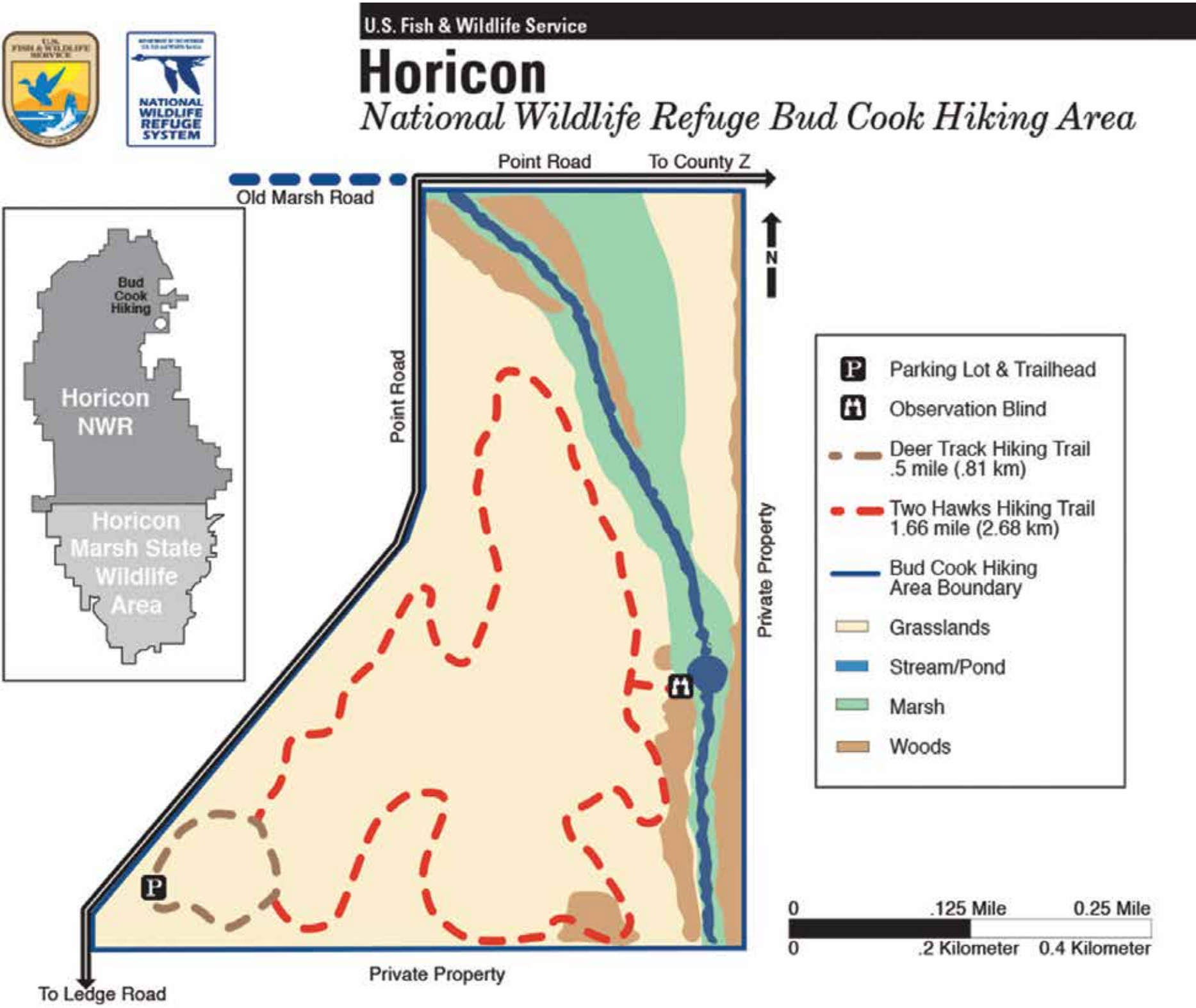
You are welcome to bring your own snowshoes if conditions permit. Leashed pets are allowed on the trails but not in the building.

Remember, parking is limited at the Education Center and will be prioritized for handicap and families with small children.

Free shuttles have been made available from Mayville and Horicon in prior years. The Mayville shuttle picked-up at Theiler Park at N8282 County Road TW, Mayville. The Horicon shuttle met in the Bethesda parking lot at 620 Washington St, Horicon. Dogs are allowed on the shuttles.







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# DODGE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

## Sleigh the Day Away in Dodge

Dodge County’s snowmobile trail system consists of 320.5 miles of publicly funded and groomed county trails and roughly 180 miles of privately funded club trails that await the winter recreationist.

The trails traverse the county through farm fields, woodlots, lowlands and open areas mostly over privately owned land.

Roughly 20 miles are shared with ATVs on the Wild Goose State Trail (an abandoned railroad corridor) from Hwy 49 at the Fond du Lac County line south to Hwy 60.

Check out the Dodge County Association of Snowmobile Clubs Facebook page for club events happening throughout the winter.

Easy access to the trails can be made from connecting corridor trails in Dane, Columbia, Fond du Lac, Washington and Jefferson Counties or by trailering to the many parking areas along the trail at commercial establishments or public facilities.

There are five snowmobile trail zones that make

up the County Snowmobile Trail System. These zones can be opened or closed independently as conditions warrant. Snowmobilers should verify trail status prior to riding by calling the 24-hour Trail Status Line at 920-386-3705. Riding when trails are closed or riding outside of the marked trail corridor is considered trespassing and may subject the rider to a citation with significant fees.

All snowmobiles operating in Wisconsin are required to display a WI Trail Pass. The pass is in addition to snowmobile registration. For more information and to purchase your pass go to *awsc.org*.

### Zones

**Zone 1 - (NORTHWEST)** - Bounded by Corridor Trail #13 from Columbia County to the Oak Grove Trail just north of Lowell to the Wild Goose State Trail on the south and the Wild Goose State Trail / Juneau Bypass Trail and the Wild Goose State Trail to State Hwy 49 on the east.

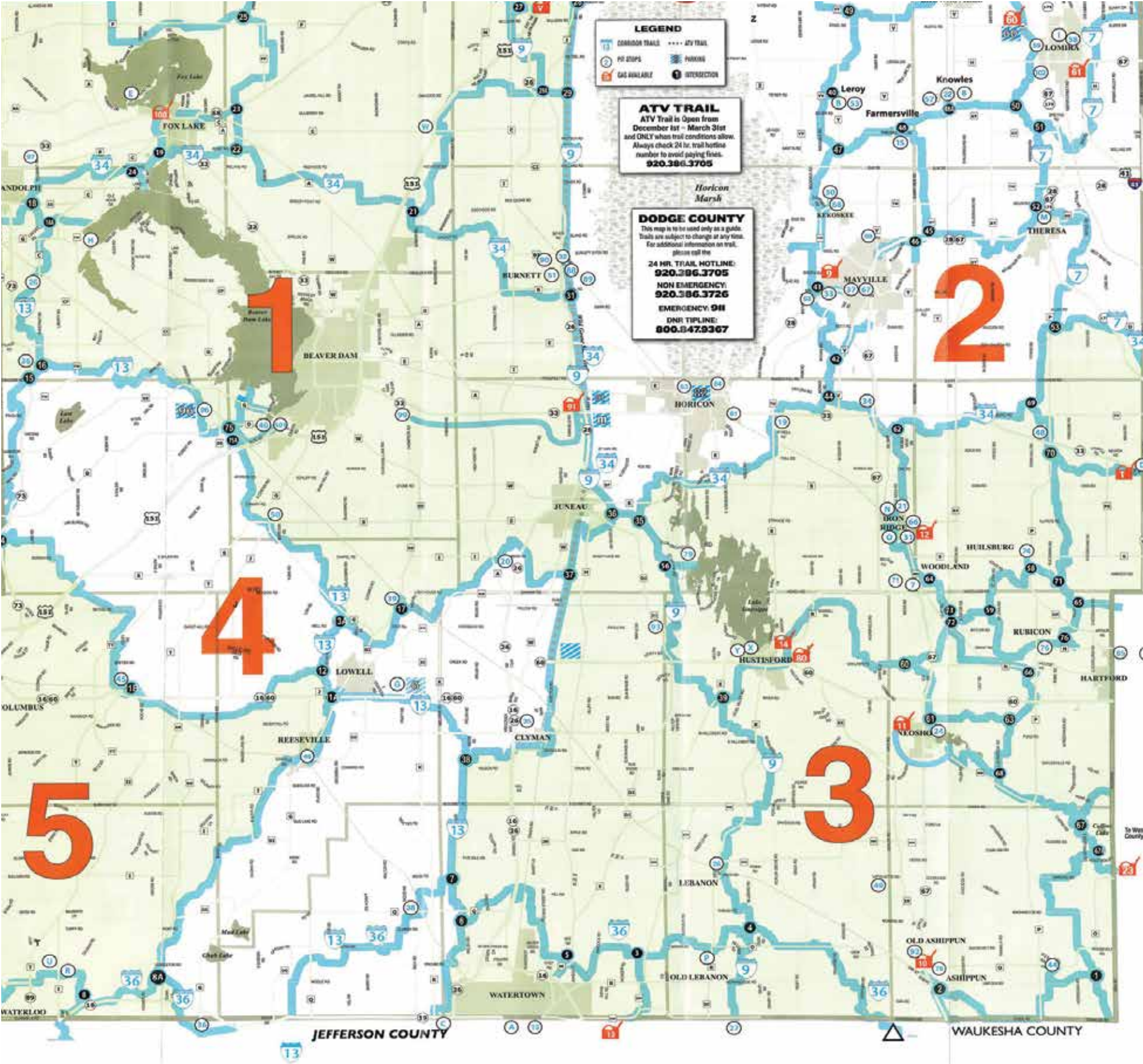
**Zone 2 - (NORTHEAST)** - Bounded by Corridor Trail #34 from Washington County to the Wild

Goose State Trail north of Juneau on the south and the Wild Goose State Trail to State Hwy 49 on the west.

**Zone 3 - (SOUTHEAST)** - Bounded by Corridor Trail #34 from Washington County to the Wild Goose State Trail on the north and the Wild Goose State Trail from Juneau south and continuing the Watertown Trail through Clyman to Jefferson County west of Watertown on the west.

**Zone 4 - (SOUTHWEST)** - Bounded by Corridor Trail #13 from Columbia County to the Oak Grove Trail north of Lowell to the Wild Goose State Trail on the north and the Wild Goose State Trail from Juneau south and continuing on the Watertown Trail through Clyman to Jefferson County west of Watertown on the east.

**Zone 5 - (EXTREME SOUTHWEST)** - Includes Corridor Trail #36 between Jefferson County and Dane County and the club trail from Corridor Trail #36 north to Reeseville.



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# HORICON MARSH BIRDS

## Love Birding? Check Out The Horicon Marsh Bird Club

The Horicon Marsh Bird Club was organized in 1994 for the purpose of studying and sharing with others the rich bird life of Horicon Marsh and eastern Wisconsin.

Through regularly scheduled field trips, meetings and other activities, members develop a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the diversity of birds and their important habitats around us.

Although the club is primarily focused on education and observation of birds, members are offered the opportunity to become involved in a variety of conservation projects and important wildlife surveys, which will help monitor the status of birds and aid in managing their populations and habitats.

From backyard birdwatchers to field ornithologists and researchers, bird club activities are available for novice and expert birders alike. Families and youth are encouraged to join in observing and studying Wisconsin birds.

Field trips are offered throughout the year to a variety of locations and habitats to experience and learn about the birds of the area.

Members are involved in monitoring some of the bird populations at Horicon Marsh and other locales to supplement surveys conducted by Wisconsin DNR and other researchers.

The Horicon Marsh Bird Club assists in organizing and conducting the annual bird festival at Horicon Marsh. This weekend-long event is held each May at the peak of the spring bird

migration.

Over the years, more than 300 species of birds have been sighted at Horicon Marsh, and it regularly attracts some of Wisconsin's rarest birds.

At the National Wildlife Refuge public access is limited in this portion of the marsh in order to protect the wildlife for which it has been established. However, most of the state area of Horicon Marsh is open to the public.

One of the best ways to explore this area is by canoe or shallow draft boat. Please be aware of designated restricted use and closed areas.

Follow the club on Facebook by searching Horicon Marsh Bird Club, or on the web at *horiconmarshbirdclub.com*.





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The Lomira Area Chamber of Commerce is a organization of local businesses whose goal is to further the interests of local businesses and the communities they serve. We serve the communities of Lomira, Brownsville, Knowles, Leroy and Theresa, in the Northeastern corner of Dodge County, Wisconsin.

## Lomira Appreciation Day

### Sunday, September 1

Get some free corn starting at noon and enjoy Appreciation Day at Sterr Park! As always, there will be bingo, a silent auction, kids' games, a live band, the FFA Alumni Tractor Pull, and much more.

### Road Trip 7-10:30 pm • Fireworks @ 9 pm

The Lomira Chamber of Commerce was officially formed on January 12, 1972. In 1988, its name was changed to the Lomira Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition to promoting business, the organization sponsors an annual Citizen of the Year award, Lomira Christmas Parade and Bingo in the Park during the Farmer's Market.





# TOUR DE MARSH

## ‘Tour de Marsh’ Anytime

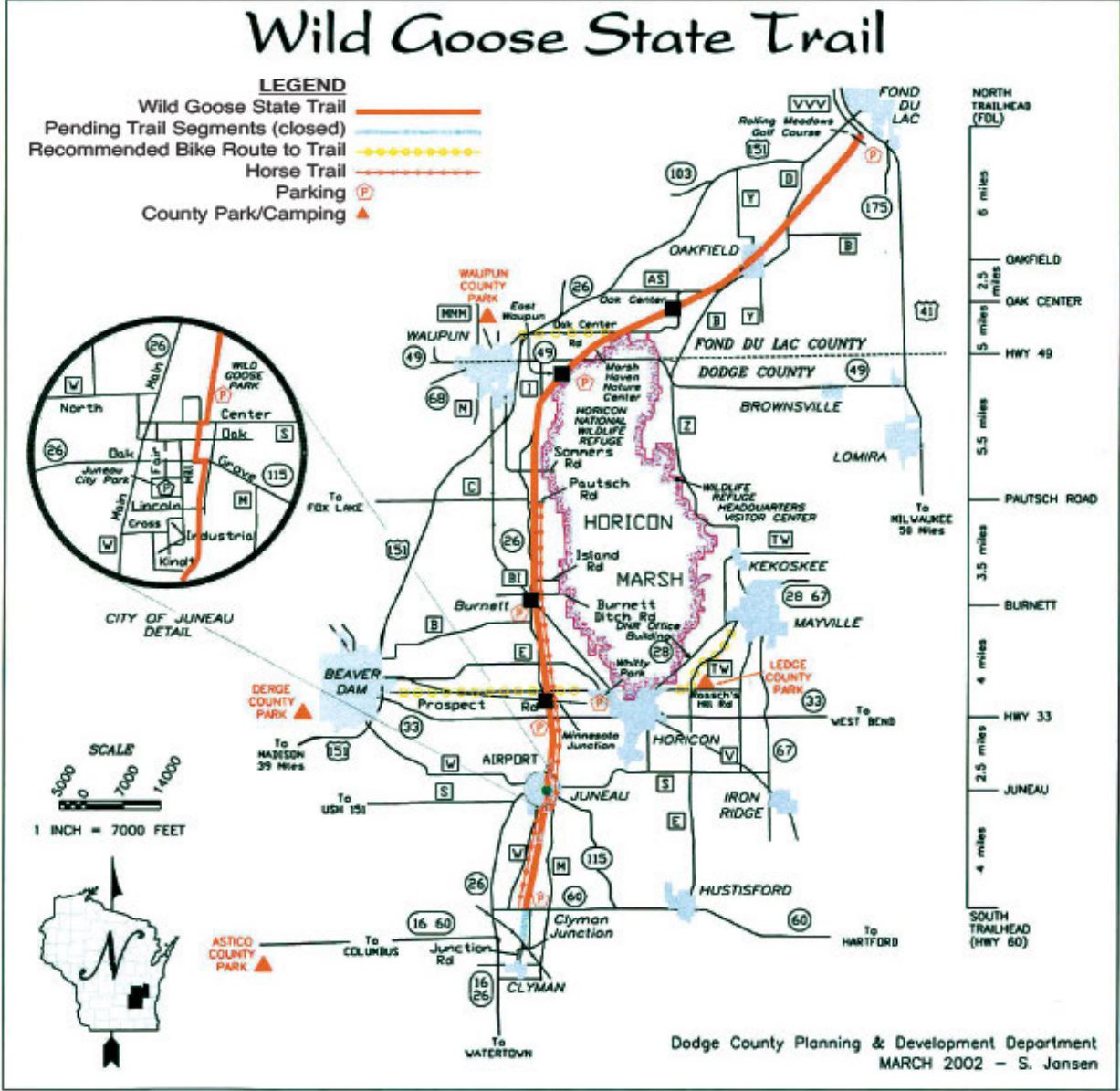
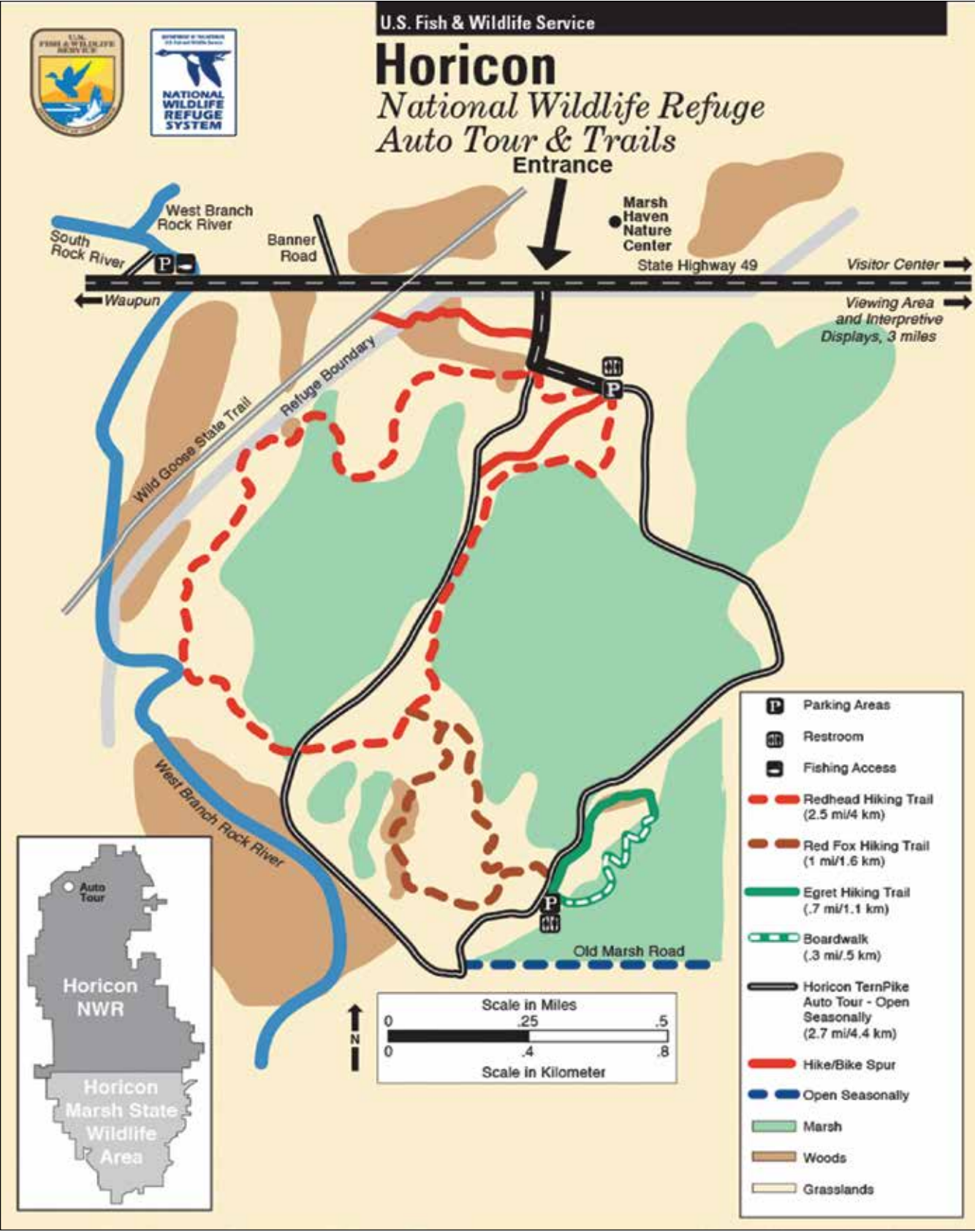
*Enjoy Horicon Marsh from the bike/auto route*

Stunning vistas, watchable wildlife and wide-open expanses are just a few of the reasons you should “Tour de Marsh” via the bike/auto route.

Enjoy Horicon Marsh throughout the spring and summer months anytime. Riders can spend as much time as they’d like to ride either a bike or in a vehicle to see the Horicon Marsh.

Individuals can also travel on foot on the numerous miles of hiking trails available. Those doing the Tour de Marsh can also decide the length of the ride and how long they want to dedicate to the ride.

A copy of all auto, bike and walking trails in the Marsh is available on page two of this Visitor guide.



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# ON THE HUNT

## Hunting On The Marsh

Hunting season is a much-anticipated time of year for many throughout the Midwest. Public hunting opportunities abound on area marshes.

The Horicon Marsh and the Theresa Marsh both offer public hunting.

Understanding local regulations will help to ensure a positive experience.

### Hunting at Horicon Marsh

The 32,000-acre Horicon Marsh is divided into the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area (managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) and the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

The two areas have different hunting regulations and different season dates. Hunters are responsible for knowing and abiding by these regulations.

### Hunting the State Wildlife Area

All current statewide hunting regulations apply to this wildlife area. Horicon Marsh is in Dodge County in the southern farmland deer zone and in turkey management zone 2. Development and management of this property is principally funded by hunting and trapping license fees.

Two areas within the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area are closed to all hunting:

- Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Refuge – the area surrounding the Horicon Field Station and Quick’s Point, located on Palmatory Street.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Service Center and Bachhuber Flowage – located off State Highway 28 between Mayville and Horicon.

Within these areas, firearms must be unloaded and encased. Bows must be encased or unstrung.

### Hunting the National Wildlife Refuge

Only the animals listed below may be hunted (note the Refuge season dates may vary from the state seasons):

- Ring-necked pheasant (2 p.m. closure rules apply)
- Deer (archery and gun)
- Gray partridge
- Cottontail rabbit
- Squirrel
- The refuge is not open to mourning dove hunting.

Three areas within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge are closed to all hunting:

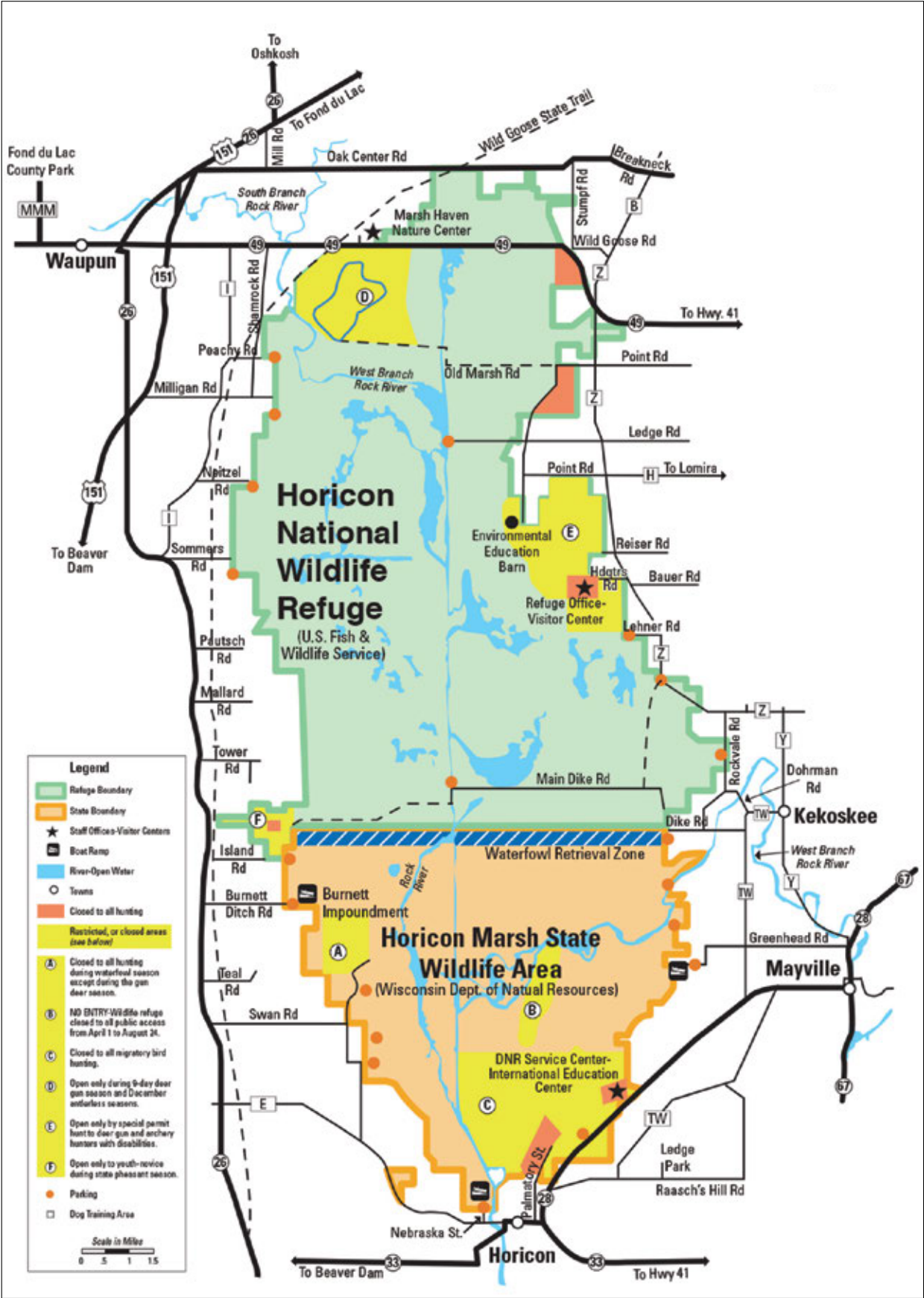
- Observation area located near the intersection of State Highway 49 and County Trunk Z.
- Refuge office/visitor center area – located off County Trunk Z.
- Bud Cook Hiking Area – located on the east side of Point Road.

Hunting in the national refuge has its limitations that hunters should be aware of prior to going to the refuge for game.

The refuge is also closed to migratory bird hunting, except for an annual Learn to Hunt Waterfowl session.

There are also various signs to be aware of while going to the refuge, including signs of “No Hunting Zone,” “Unauthorized Entry Prohibited,” “Hunting by Permit Only” and “Closed to Hunting.”

Three posted areas in the refuge have restricted hunting. The first is on the Hwy 49 hiking trails



area, which is closed to all hunting except during gun deer season.

The area between Point Road and Lehner Road is closed to all hunting, except for special permit hunts during archery and gun deer seasons.

The area on the west side of the marsh is closed to all hunting except for special youth hunts during the pheasant season.

No toxic shots are allowed while hunting small game. Construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms and scaffolds is also prohibited. Portable stands must be removed each night. Also, there is no waterfowl hunting or baiting allowed.

Hunters may use dogs for hunting small game. Hunters may use bicycles during archery and gun deer seasons.

### Hunting at Theresa Marsh

Theresa Marsh Wildlife Area is a 5,860-acre

property that includes 5,309 acres of state-owned lands and 534 acres of permanent easements located in northwestern Washington and northeastern Dodge counties.

Most of the property is located along the west side of Interstate Highway 41 between Allenton and Lomira. Habitat consists of permanent wetlands (mostly cattail and brush marsh, the Rock River channel and run-off ponds), permanent grasslands, woodland, agricultural land and seasonally flooded wetlands.

Archery and firearm hunting are allowed on the Theresa Marsh except in the two refuges where special regulations apply. The main huntable species are Canada geese, ducks, pheasants (2 p.m. closure rules apply), deer and turkey. Raccoons, mink, muskrats, coyotes, woodcock, cottontails, squirrels and other small game can also be found.

Private land (posted with white signs) may be leased each year to provide additional public hunting and fishing opportunities. Do not enter private land without permission (including retrieving game.) All other activities (trapping, vehicle access, damaging trees, dog training, and so forth) are prohibited on leased lands without the landowner’s permission.

Follow Wisconsin Hunting Regulations and do not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a building.

Portable stands may be used but must be completely removed from the property at the close of hunting hours each day.

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