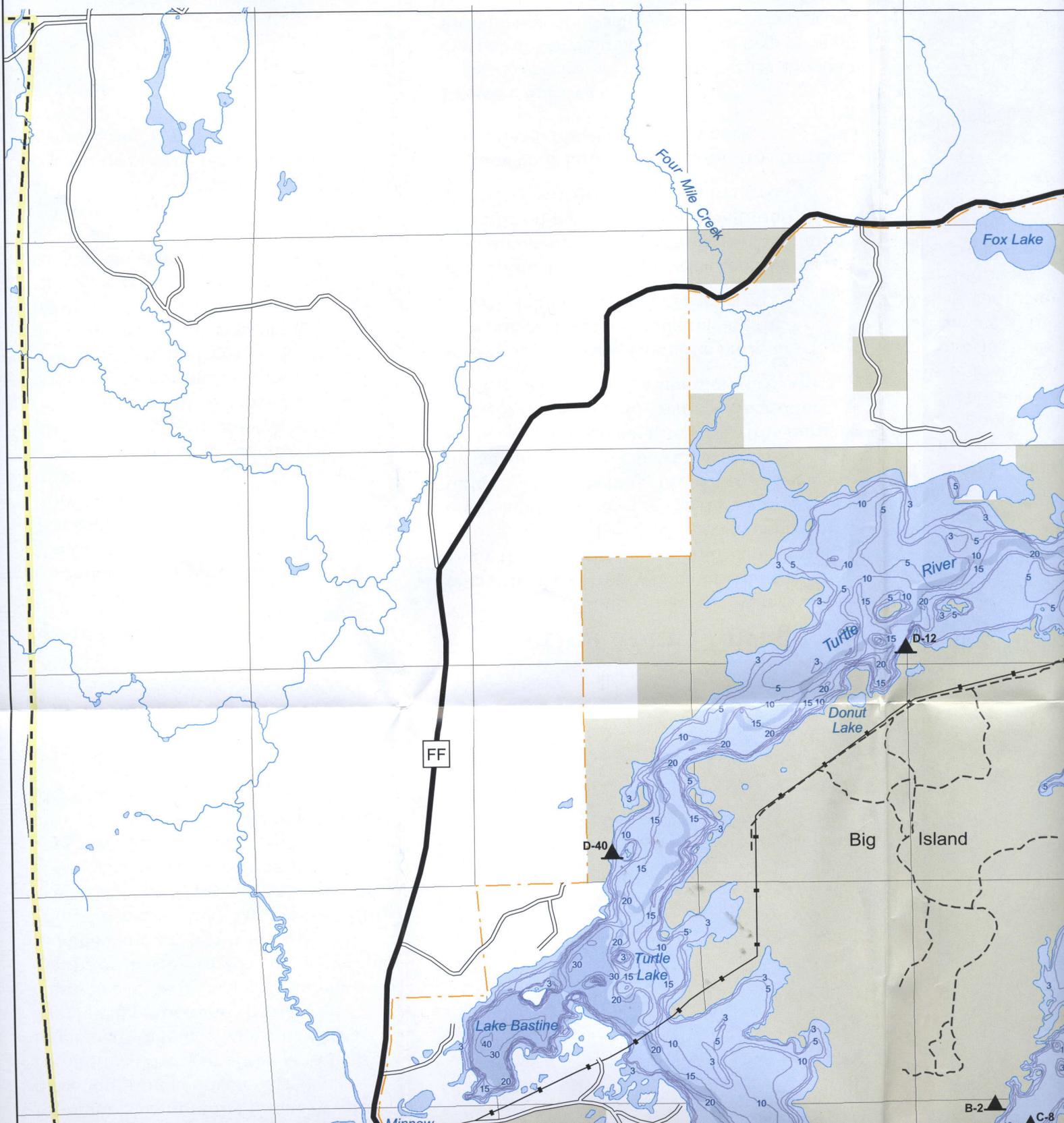
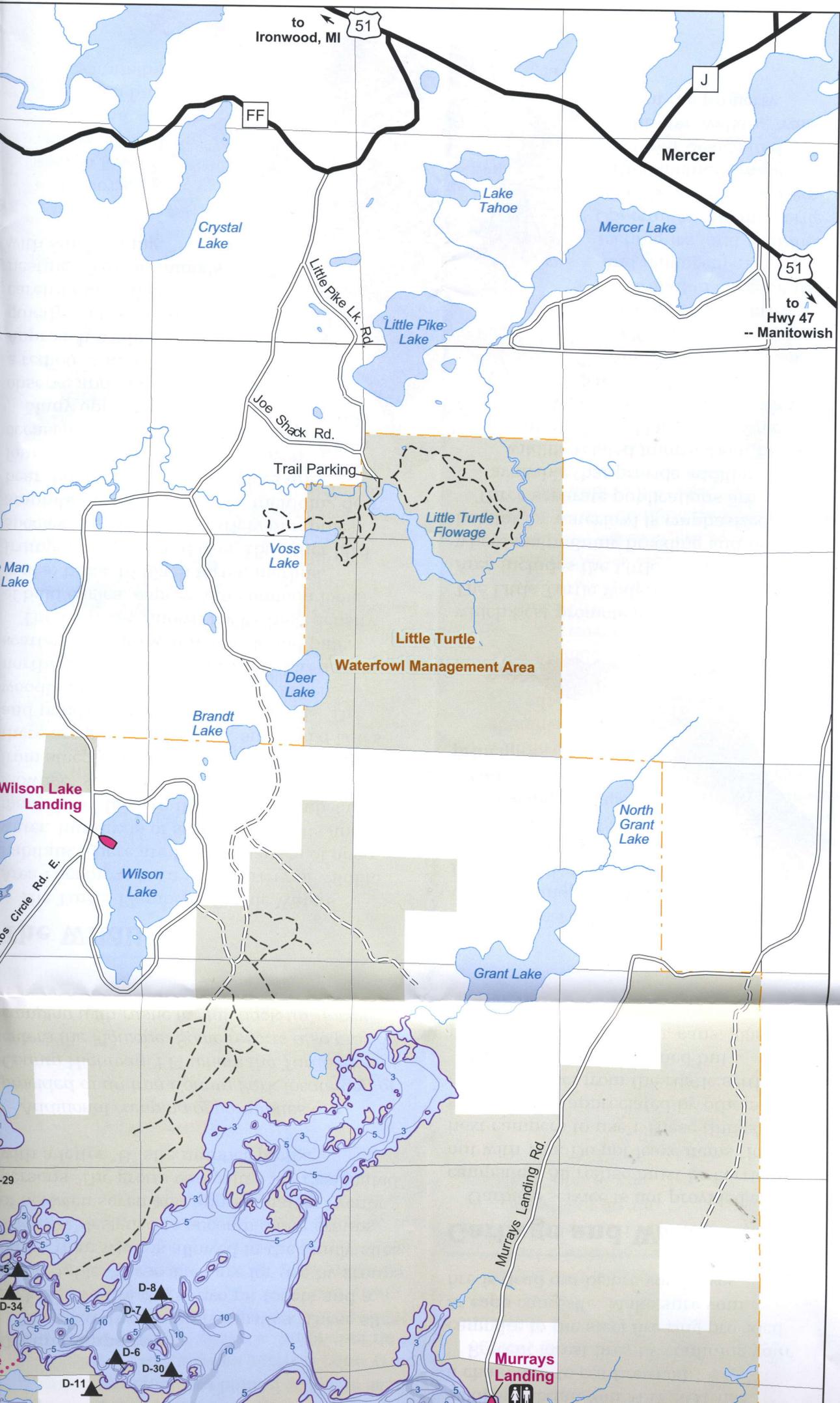


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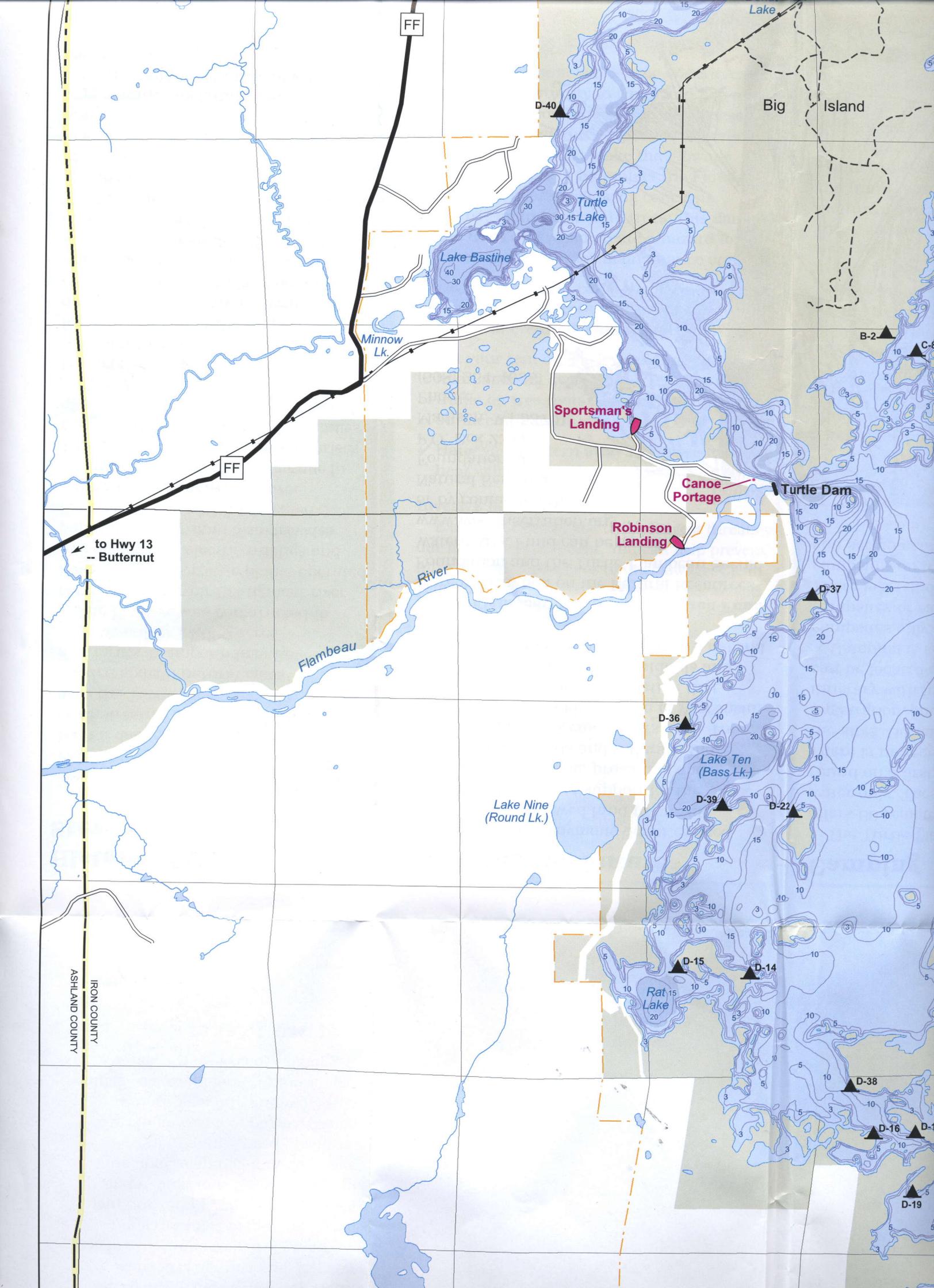
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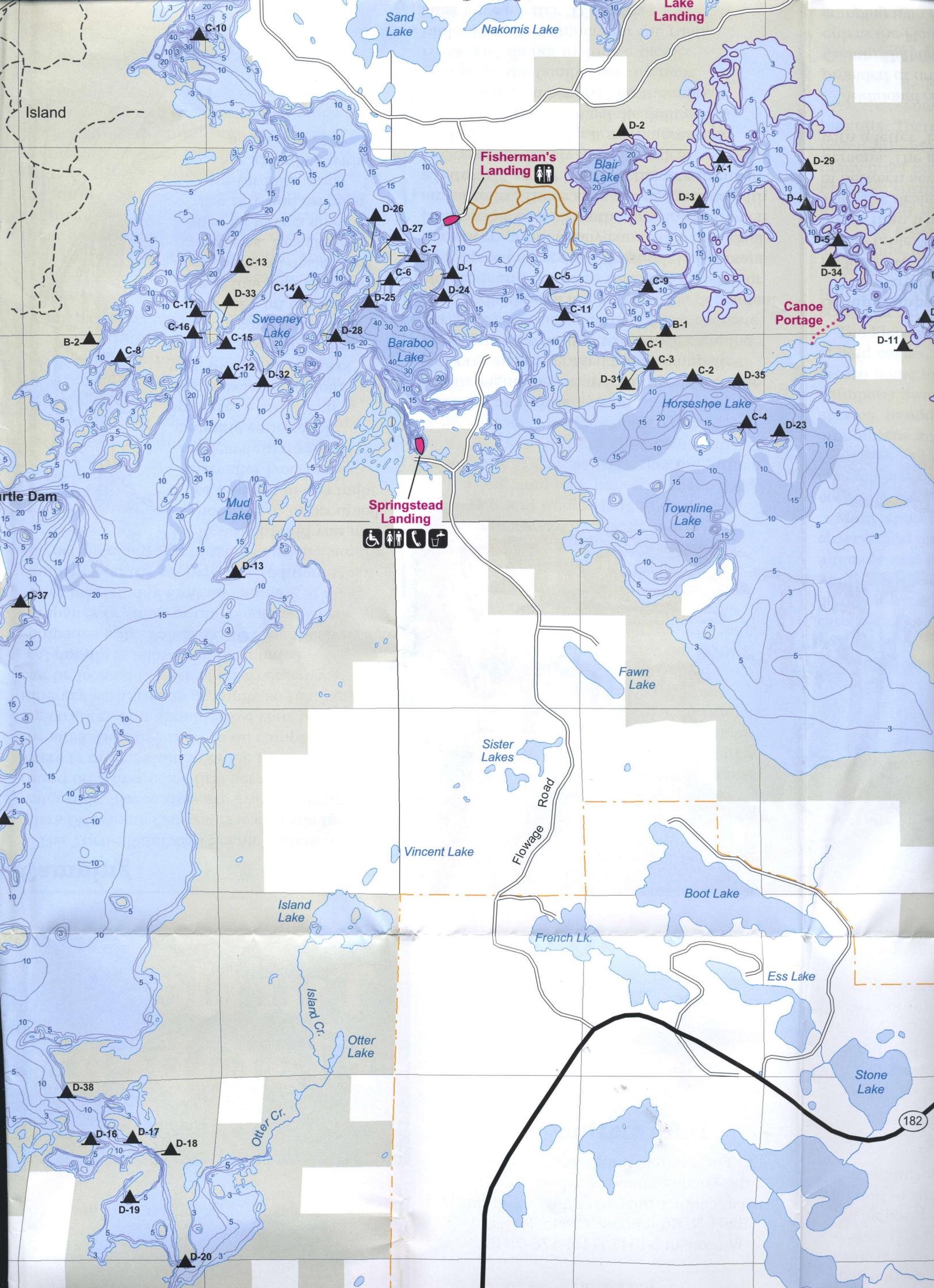
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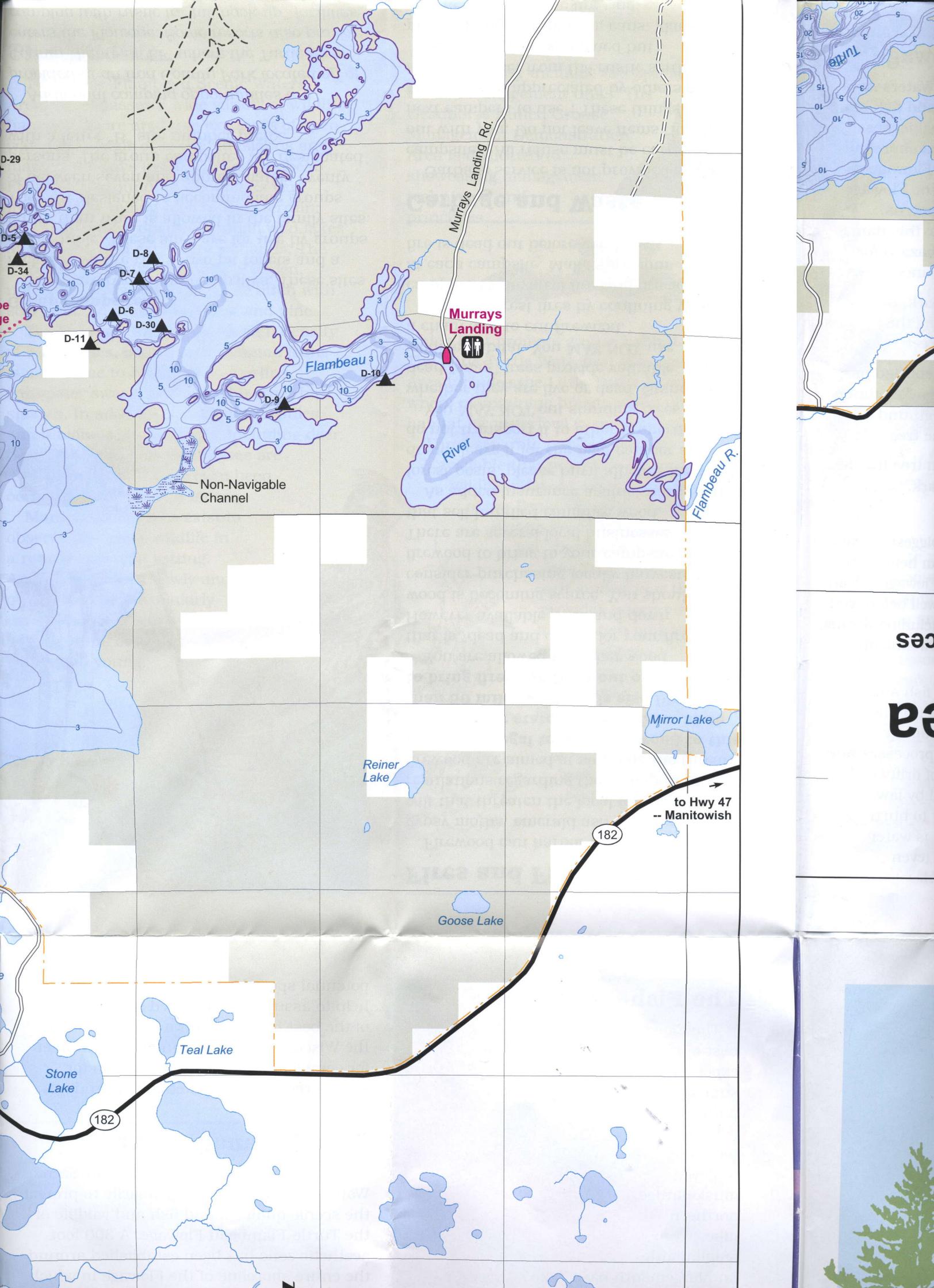
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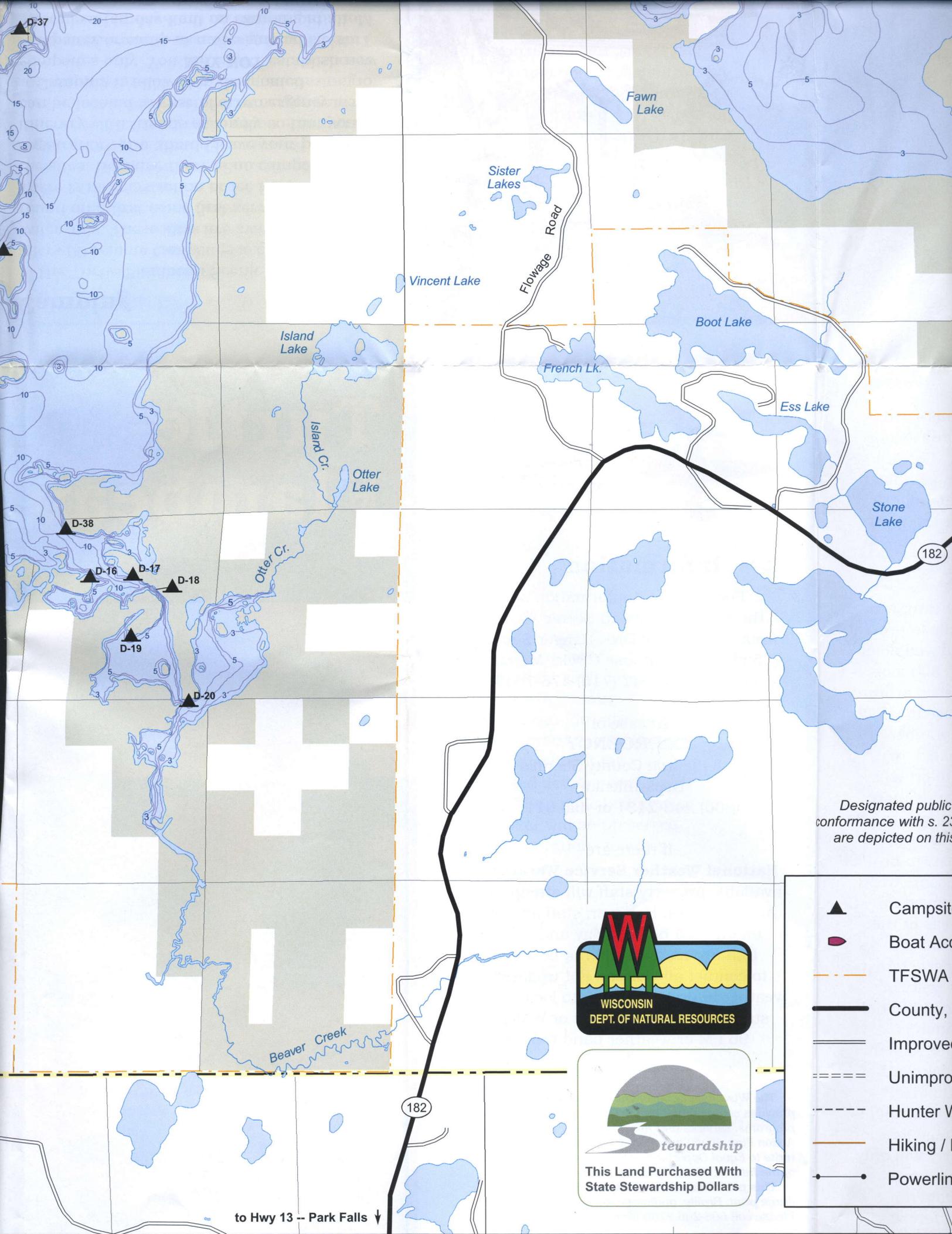
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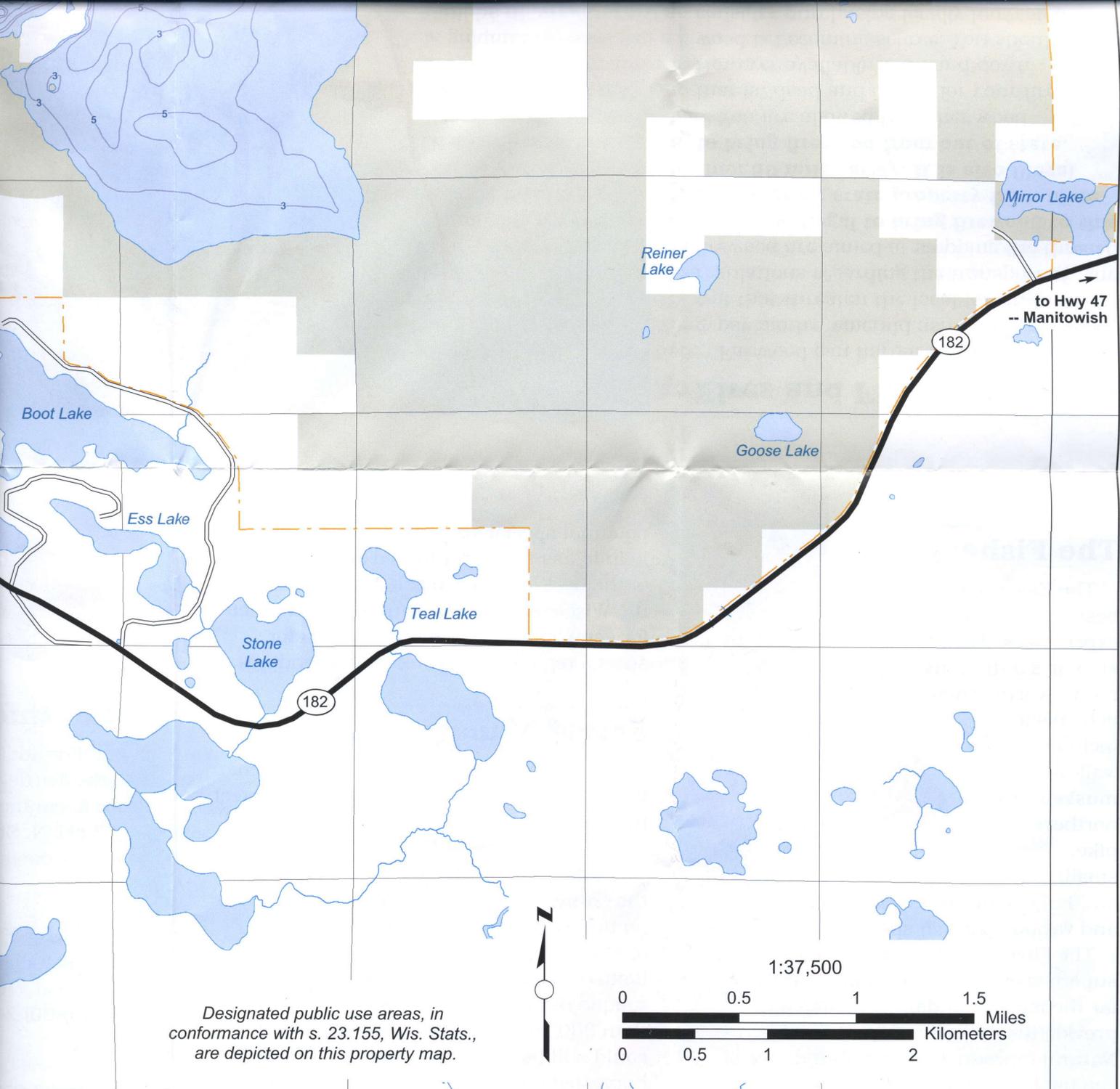


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-  Campsite
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-  TFSWA
-  County, Improved Road
-  Unimproved Road
-  Hunter Vest
-  Hiking / Recreation Trail
-  Powerline

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Designated public use areas, in conformance with s. 23.155, Wis. Stats., are depicted on this property map.

	Campsite		Public Telephone
	Boat Access		Accessible Facility
	TFSWA Boundary		Restrooms
	County, State or U.S. Highway		Drinking Water
	Improved Secondary Road		Voluntary Quiet Area
	Unimproved Secondary Road		State Owned Land
	Hunter Walking Trail (closed to motor vehicles)		Open Water
	Hiking / Nature Trail		Original Lakes
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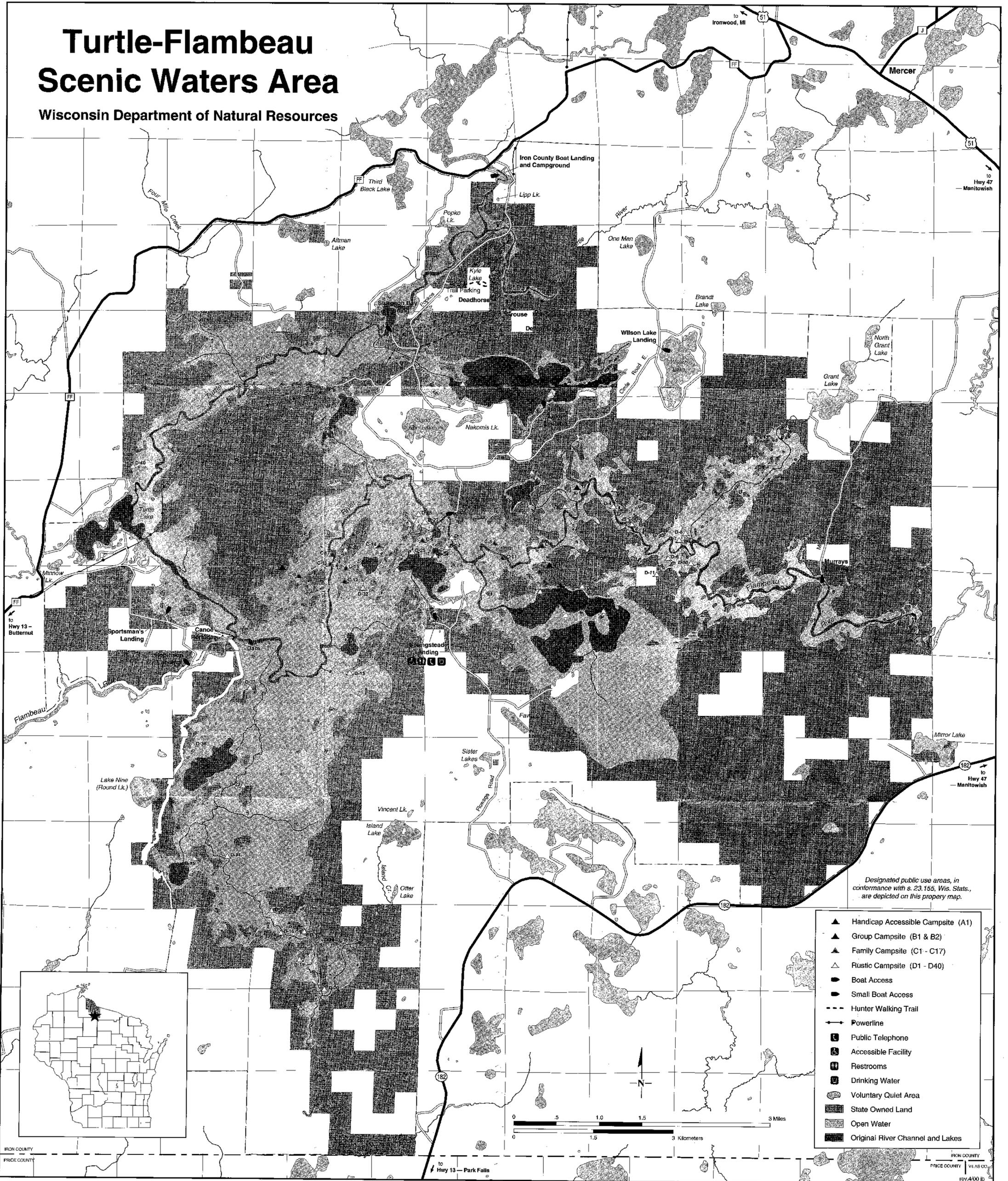
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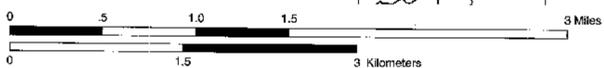
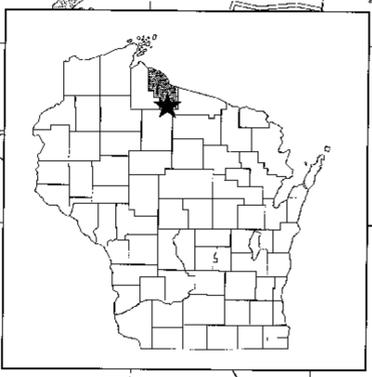
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- ▲ Handicap Accessible Campsite (A1)
- ▲ Group Campsite (B1 & B2)
- ▲ Family Campsite (C1 - C17)
- ▲ Rustic Campsite (D1 - D40)
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## Information

For additional information about the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area, contact the DNR Ranger Station, 5291 N. Statehouse Circle, Mercer, Wisconsin 54547 (715) 476-7846.

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### **EMERGENCY**

call the Iron County Sheriff's Department at (800) 243-2131 or dial 911.

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**National Weather Service Warnings** available property staff will attempt to notify visitors. However, staff are not on duty 24 hours a day and staff that are on duty will not be able to contact all visitors. For updated weather information tune to local radio stations WCQM 98.3 FM or WMQA 96 FM or weather band radio.

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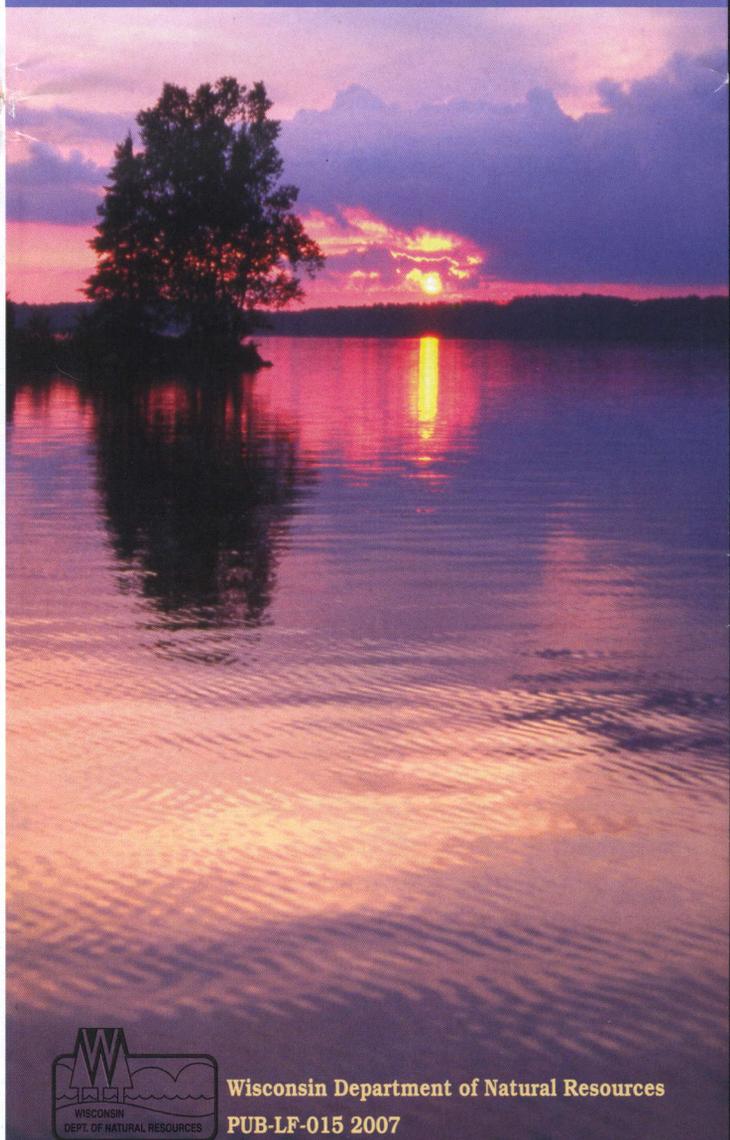


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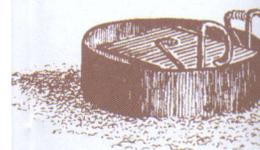
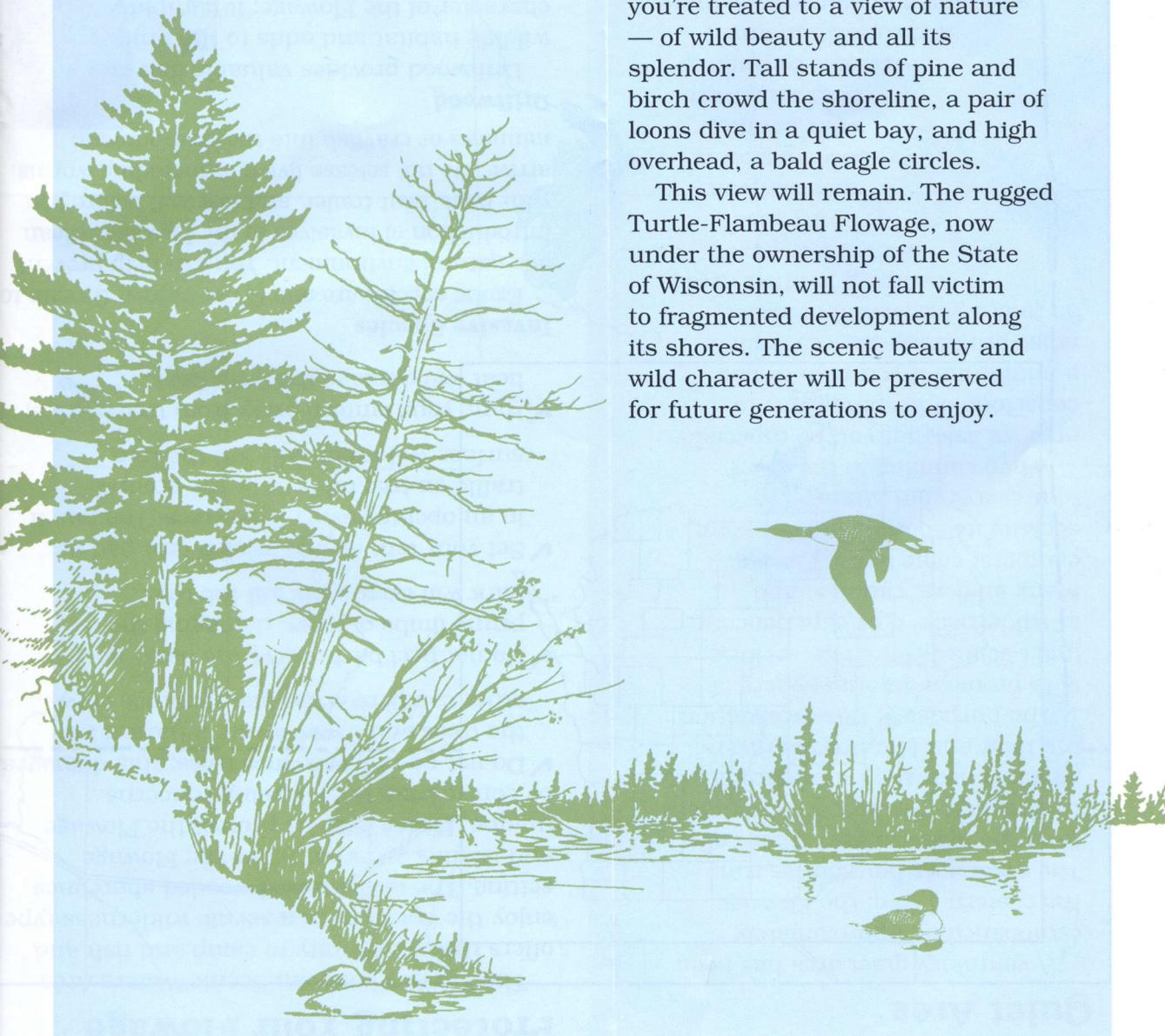


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## Nature Preserved

Slip your boat into the water, take it out far enough to lose sight of the landing and look around, you're treated to a view of nature — of wild beauty and all its splendor. Tall stands of pine and birch crowd the shoreline, a pair of loons dive in a quiet bay, and high overhead, a bald eagle circles.

This view will remain. The rugged Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, now under the ownership of the State of Wisconsin, will not fall victim to fragmented development along its shores. The scenic beauty and wild character will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.



### Group Campsites

There are two group campsites. Each includes two fire pits and a picnic table. The picnic tables are larger than what you would find in a regular campsite. They are designed to accommodate between seven and ten persons. The group campsites are marked with a letter "B".

Additional campsites are provided at an overlook on County Highway 100. Highway 100 enters the flowage from the north. Camping with r

## History of Good Stewardship

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage was created in 1926 when Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company built a dam on the Flambeau River downstream from its confluence with the Turtle River. The dam flooded sixteen natural lakes and forms an impoundment of approximately 14,000 acres.

The Flowage was constructed to serve as a reservoir to augment river flows for hydro-electric plants operated by downstream electric utilities and paper mills. The dam also provides flood protection and has created a unique recreational resource.

The State acquired the Flowage in 1990. State ownership now comprises over 36,000 acres including 114 miles of mainland shoreline and 195 islands.

The Flowage is managed by the Department of Natural Resources. A Master Plan has been developed for management of the property with direction from a citizen advisory committee. The goal of the plan is to implement management practices which will perpetuate the natural character of the Flowage's shoreline. Top priorities are to preserve its scenic qualities and protect its plant and animal communities. The Department is also striving to preserve the quality and wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities including fishing, hunting, camping, nature observation, trapping, boating and canoeing.

## Securing the Future

In 2006, an anonymous donor created a permanent endowed fund to provide a perpetual source of support for the purpose of preserving, protecting and enhancing the lands and waters of the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, a statewide nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for individuals and organizations to support Wisconsin's natural resources, manages the

### **Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund.**

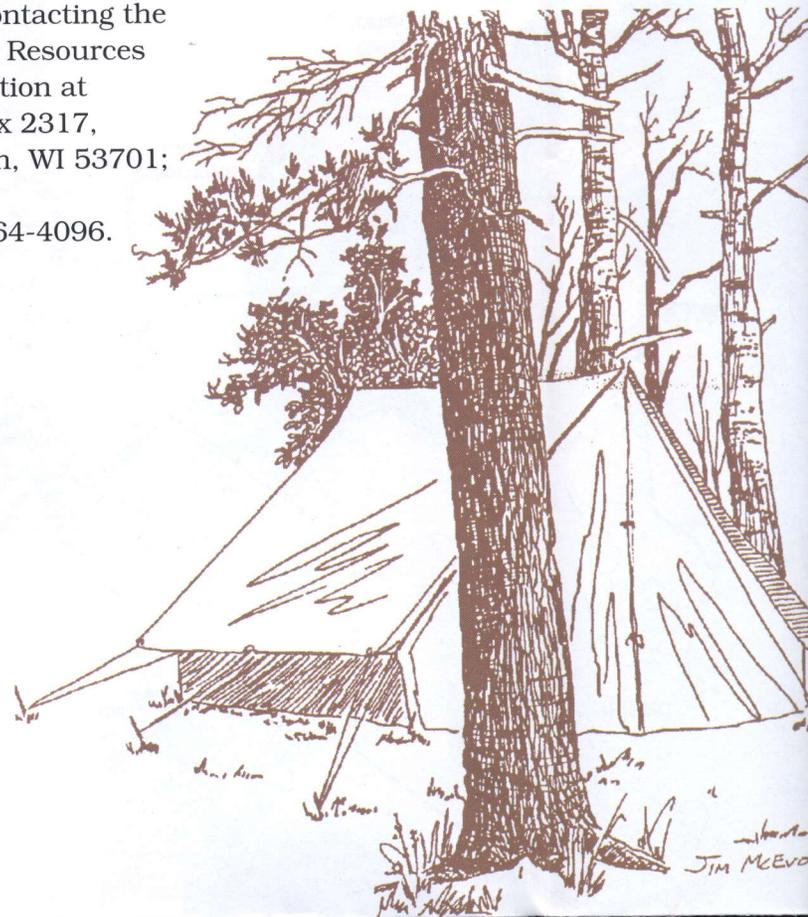
More information on the Natural Resources Foundation and the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund can be found at [www.wisconservation.org](http://www.wisconservation.org),

or by contacting the Natural Resources Foundation at P.O. Box 2317, Madison, WI 53701; Phone: (608) 264-4096.

## Camping

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage offers 60 remote water only. These are located around on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no registration fee for the sites. Because of the lack of registration, you must bring your own itinerary with you. The sites can be located in the flowage.

Camping is allowed at all campsites only. There are 60 campsites or campsites on the flowage. There is a ten day limit on the length of stay at the campsites on the flowage. You set up camp



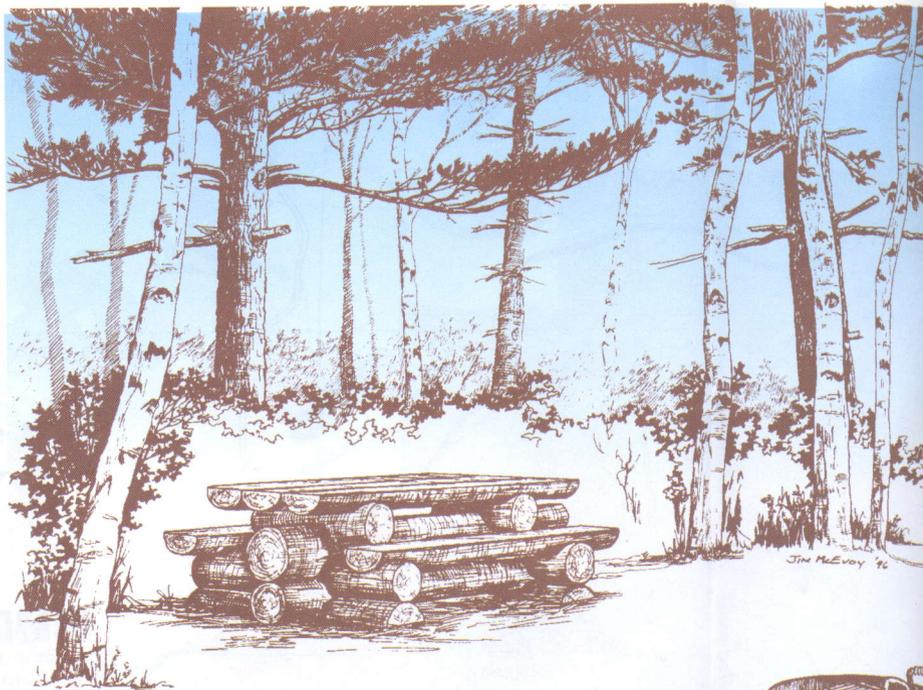
## Camping

The Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area offers 60 remote campsites accessible by water only. These sites are available year round on a first come first serve basis. There is no registration or fee for use of the sites. Because there is no camper registration, you should leave your planned itinerary with friends or family so that you can be located in case of an emergency.

Camping is allowed in designated campsites only. You **MAY NOT** establish new campsites or camp at undesignated sites. There is a ten day limit on camping at all campsites on the property. In addition, when you set up camp you must occupy the site the

first night and you may not leave it unoccupied for more than one night thereafter (you may not leave unattended camping equipment to "save" a site). Your dog is welcome to join you, but please respect other campers and clean up after your pet.

The map on the reverse side of this page shows the location of all designated campsites. Designated sites all have a steel fire ring and an open air pit toilet and are identified with a site number.



### Family Campsites

Fifty-eight sites scattered throughout the property are designated family campsites. These sites are limited to a single camping party only. A single camping party consists of an individual, a family (parents, dependent children, and not more than two guests), or a group not exceeding six unrelated persons. Seventeen of the family campsites include a picnic table as well as the fire ring and open air pit toilet. These sites are designated with a letter "C" as the prefix to the site number.

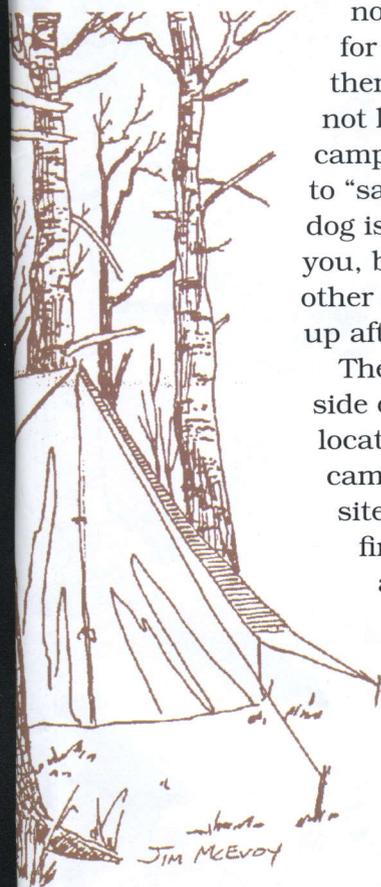
One of the family sites includes facilities which make it more accessible to persons with physical disabilities. This is site number "A1" on the map.

Forty of the family sites are more rustic and do not include a picnic table. The site numbers for the rustic sites have a letter "D" prefix.

### Group Camp

There are two group campsites. They include two picnic tables, a fire ring, and a larger than average open air pit toilet. They are designated with a letter "G" as the prefix to the site number. They are designed for use by a group of between six and ten persons. The site numbers for the group campsites have a letter "G" as the prefix to the site number.

*Additional information is provided at a County Highways Office. When you enter the Flambeau Scenic Waters Area, camping with*





### Group Campsites

There are two group campsites. These sites include two fire rings, two pit toilets and a picnic table. These sites are for use by groups larger than what is allowed in the family sites. They are designed to accommodate groups of between seven and approximately twenty persons. The group campsites are designated with a letter "B" site number prefix.

*Additional camping opportunities are provided at an Iron County Park located off of County Highway 'FF' where the Turtle River enters the Flowage. Some resorts also provide camping with rustic to "full hook-up" facilities.*

## Fires and Firewood

Firewood can harbor pests such as gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and oak wilt that threaten the local forest. New regulations regarding the transport of firewood are aimed at stopping the threat. **It is now illegal to bring firewood to this or any other state property from more than 50 miles away. It is also illegal to bring firewood from out of state.**

You are allowed to gather wood that is "dead and down" for your fire. However available dead and down wood is becoming scarce. You should consider purchasing locally harvested firewood to bring to your campsite. There are several local businesses that sell bundled campfire wood.

As added insurance against introducing forest pests, please burn all your firewood; do not leave it for the next camper and do not transport it to other properties.

You MAY NOT cut standing trees whether they are live or dead. Standing dead "snag" trees provide valuable wildlife habitat. You MAY NOT use a chain saw to cut firewood.

Prevent forest fires by confining your campfire to the steel fire ring provided at each campsite. Make sure your fire is dead out before you leave.

## Garbage and Waste

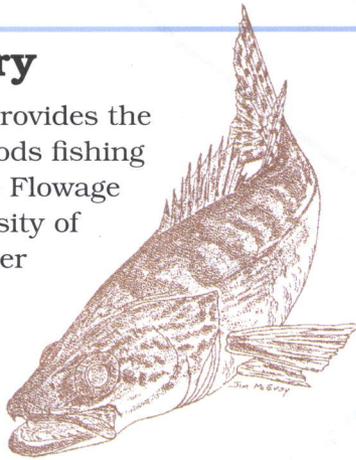
Garbage service is not provided at the campsites. All refuse must be carried out with you. Do not leave items "for the next campers to use"; These things are generally not appreciated by others and tend to detract from the rustic setting.

Dry paper can be burned but please do not put plastic, cans, glass or other waste in the fire ring.



## The Fishery

The Flowage provides the best of north woods fishing experiences. The Flowage supports a diversity of native warm water fish species including walleye, muskellunge, northern pike, smallmouth and largemouth bass, lake sturgeon, and various panfish species.



The Flowage is best known for its superb walleye fishery. Walleye are by far the most abundant gamefish and provide the majority of sport fish harvest. Natural reproduction and abundance of catchable size walleye are outstanding.

Black crappie has proven to provide some exceptional panfishing during the early summer months and through the ice. Like all crappie populations they are cyclic and when numbers are up fishing is tremendous.

Muskies provide outstanding trophy angling. In the past muskies in excess of 50 pounds have been caught. Annual stocking is used to supplement the limited natural reproduction.

Smallmouth bass provide quality fishing when action is slow for other species. "Smallies" in the Flowage are exceptionally heavy fish for their length.

Special regulations are used to protect and enhance certain fish species in the Flowage. Because of its unique character and outstanding fishery

potential special size and bag limits will help to assure its continued status as one of the best fisheries in the State. Consult the Wisconsin fishing regulation pamphlet for complete regulations and watch for special regulations posted at the landings.

## Forest Management

The forest in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area is managed primarily to protect the scenic qualities and fish and wildlife of the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage. A 300 foot aesthetic zone has been established around the entire shoreline of the Flowage in which no timber harvest will occur. A number of other areas have been designated for limited or special management to protect unique natural communities. Lands more than 300 feet from the water but which could still be visible from the water will be harvested only on a selective basis to protect scenic qualities while providing some wood products from within a well managed forest.

Timber harvests in certain areas of the property which are not visible from the Flowage may include more intensive forest management to increase the diversity of wildlife habitats while providing additional forest products. Aspen regeneration is possibly the most important management that benefits grouse, deer, and many other species of wildlife. Clearcutting (more appropriately called regeneration cutting) is the primary tool used in aspen regeneration. Regeneration cuts on the property will only be considered in areas not visible from the water, and will be carefully laid out to provide a "natural" appearing forest.

## Quiet Area

A voluntary quiet area has been established on approximately the eastern 1\5 of the Flowage. The quiet area boundaries run from the narrows near Blair Lake upstream to the property boundary which is near the confluence of the Bear and Manitowish Rivers.

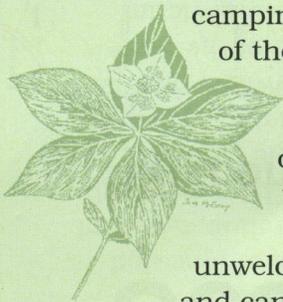
The purpose of this designation is to promote an atmosphere of quiet solitude for those seeking a "wilderness" type experience. Many anglers, canoers, and campers, come to the Flowage seeking its solitude and we want to preserve that atmosphere.

When camping in the quiet area we ask that you be especially conscious of keeping noise to a minimum. If you plan to use noise producing devices such as radios you should consider

camping in other areas of the Flowage.

We also ask that you observe slow no wake boating.

Boat wakes are unwelcome by anglers and canoers in any situation and courtesy should be exercised. In the quiet area concept we hope to provide a refuge for those seeking a peaceful experience.



## Protecting Your Flowage

The Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area offers the opportunity to camp and fish and enjoy the outdoors in a scenic wilderness type setting. The undisturbed wooded shorelines and islands are what make the Flowage unique. Please help us protect the Flowage by considering the following concerns.

- ✓ Do not pound nails into trees; this damages the trees and could create a hazard for other campers or for maintenance crews.
- ✓ Do not peel bark, carve the bark, or prune limbs of trees; damaging the bark will eventually kill the tree.
- ✓ Set your tent on the leveled tent pad or in an opening away from trees. Too much traffic on tree roots near the ground surface will eventually kill the tree.
- ✓ Hang your lantern away from tree trunks; heat will damage the trees bark.

### Invasive Species

Exotic species are one of the biggest threats to our natural environment. You can help prevent introduction of invasives to the Flowage. Clean your boat, boat trailer, and live well before you arrive. Do not release live bait including worms, minnows or crayfish into the environment.

### Driftwood

Driftwood provides valuable fish and wildlife habitat and adds to the unique character of the Flowage; it is rapidly disappearing through natural processes and from illegal harvest. Removal of driftwood from the property is prohibited by law.

We also ask that you not try to burn driftwood. Generally driftwood is water logged and does not burn well (even if it appears dry on the outside).

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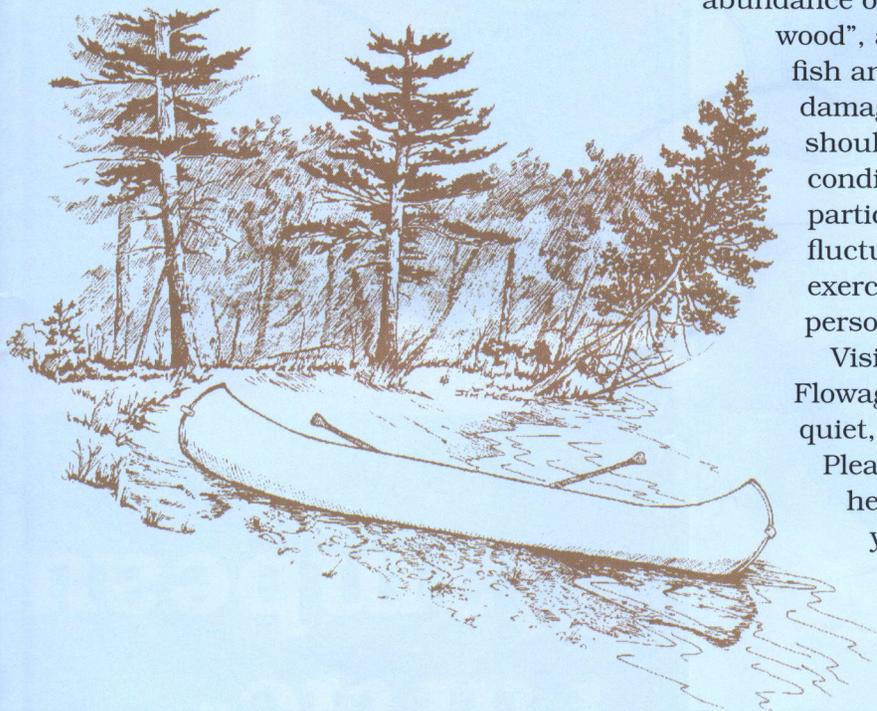
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## Snowmobiles and ATVs

Snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATVs) are allowed on State owned lands on designated trails only. There are a number of snowmobile trails which cross the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area. Please refer to the Iron County snowmobile trail map before venturing onto the property to determine those areas which are legal for snowmobile use. There are no ATV trails within the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.

Snowmobiles and ATVs are allowed on the ice of the Flowage, however, before venturing out onto the ice be sure conditions are safe and you know where you are going. Some areas are hazardous throughout the winter because of currents under the ice. In addition, fluctuating water levels can create uneven ice conditions.



## Boating

There are six boat access sites in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area providing public access to the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage. Springstead Landing, the largest, offers the most amenities including a triple wide concrete launch ramp and paved parking for 75 vehicles. Fisherman's Landing, Sportsman's Landing and Trude Lake Landing also have concrete launch ramps with moderately sized gravel parking areas. Murray's Landing is a shallow water gravel access and is recommended for smaller boats and canoes only. Sturgeon Bay Landing has a gravel launch area with very limited parking and turnaround space. The County Park on the north end of the Flowage also has a boat launch.

The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage has an abundance of stumps, logs, floating "drift wood", and rock bars that make good fish and wildlife habitat, but could damage boats. The map provided should not be used for navigation; conditions are always changing, particularly when water levels fluctuate. Boaters should always exercise caution. Water skiing and personal watercraft are not advised.

Visitors to the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage come to enjoy the peace, quiet, and wild natural surroundings. Please respect the rights of others, heed boating regulations, watch your wake, go slow, keep noise to a minimum and enjoy wildlife from a distance.

## The Wildlife

The Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area encompasses a variety of habitats. There are over 100 miles of water, hundreds of islands, and many quiet bays. The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage; surrounded by forest from steeply rising hills, there are grasslands, wetlands, and ponds, and woodlands containing a variety of northern hardwoods and scattered old growth.

The Flowage is home to bald eagles, osprey, and is also home to trumpeter swans, muskrats, and species. In addition, there are amphibians and mammals such as bear, bobcat and fisher. The Flowage also has an occasional sighting of a moose.

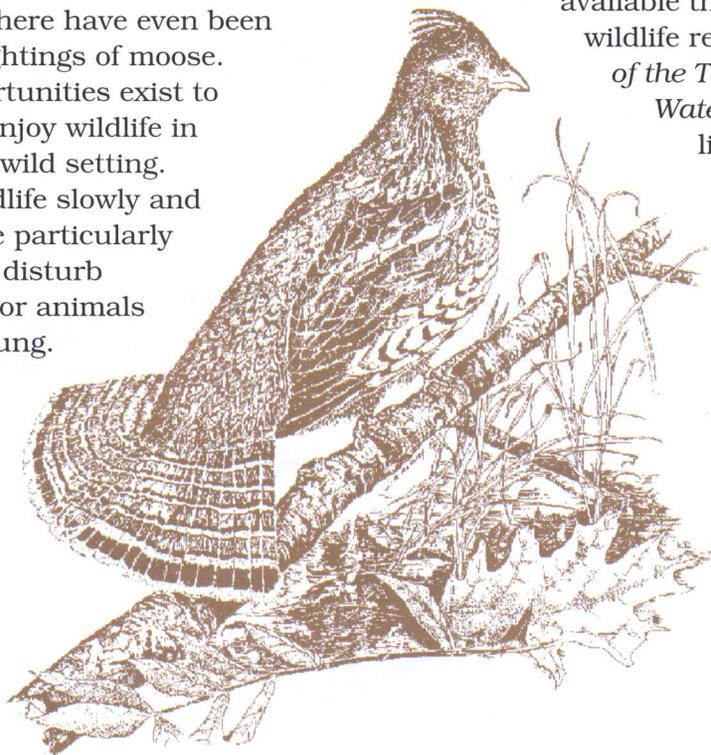
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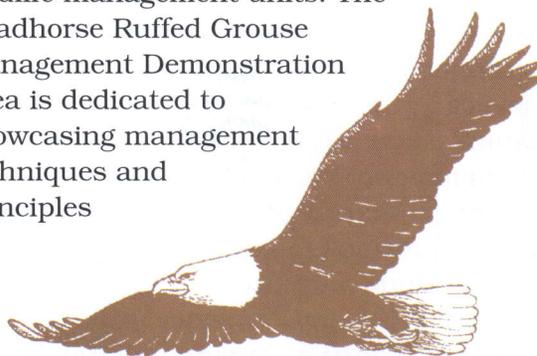
The Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area encompasses a wide variety of wildlife habitats. There are large expanses of open water, hundreds of scattered islands and many quiet bays in the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage; surrounding woodlands vary from steeply rolling hills to level terrain; there are grassy openings, small wild lakes and ponds, and expansive wetlands. The woodlands consist primarily of aspen, northern hardwoods and white birch with scattered old growth hemlock and pine.

The Flowage, known for its high density of bald eagles, osprey and common loons is also home to black terns, merlins, trumpeter swans and over 150 other bird species. In addition, a variety of reptiles, amphibians and mammals, including deer, bear, bobcat and timber wolves are found here. There have even been occasional sightings of moose.

Many opportunities exist to observe and enjoy wildlife in a remote and wild setting. Approach wildlife slowly and quietly and be particularly careful not to disturb nesting birds or animals with small young.



The property includes two special wildlife management units. The Deadhorse Ruffed Grouse Management Demonstration Area is dedicated to showcasing management techniques and principles



which best promote grouse habitat. The Little Turtle Waterfowl Management Area includes the Little Turtle Flowage where maintaining breeding and nesting habitat for waterfowl is emphasized.

Three separate publications are available that provide additional wildlife related information. *Birds of the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area* includes a bird

list; *The Turtle-Flambeau Auto Tour* booklet is a self-guided tour that provides interpretive information on habitats and management techniques, and *Hunting Opportunities in the Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area* includes maps of four designated hunter-walking trails on the property.



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