

Hunting, Trapping and Fishing in Wisconsin State Parks Lands*

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Topic	Hunting	Trapping	Fishing
Open or Closed	All Wisconsin State Parks, State Trails, State Ice Age Trail Areas and North Country Trail Areas are open during the state parks time frame listed below except for: Copper Culture, Cross Plains, Governor Nelson, Heritage Hill, Lakeshore and Lost Dauphin state parks and Hank Aaron State Trail. Check park hunting and trapping maps for closed areas within each park property.	Same as hunting, except that trapping is also not allowed within 100 yards of any designated trail or any other designated use area, such as campgrounds and picnic areas as shown on the park property map. Trapping is prohibited in all closed areas. Types of traps that may be used are restricted to ones that have been shown to be not capable of catching dogs or which are placed under water.	All properties are open per state fishing season structure, except that bow and spear fishing follow the same state park rules as hunting. Bow and spear fishing is prohibited within 100 yards of a beach, boat launch, or fishing pier within a state park.
Hunting and Trapping Maps	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/hunt/	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/hunt/	
Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Recreational Opportunities	All legal hunting seasons established by the Department of Natural Resources will apply for state parks during the state parks time frame listed below.	All legal trapping seasons established by the Department of Natural Resources will apply for state parks during the state parks time frame listed below.	All legal fishing seasons established by the Department of Natural Resources will apply for state parks during the state parks time frame listed below.
Regulations and Seasons	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/regulations.html	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/trap/regulations.html	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/index.html
Time frame for State Parks**	<p>Gun Hunting: April 1 through the Tuesday nearest May 3; and November 15 – December 15</p> <p><i>There is no gun hunting in Big Foot Beach, Lake Kegonsa, High Cliff and Peninsula state parks, as well as a portion of some other state park properties. Check hunting and trapping maps.</i></p> <p>Archery Hunting: April 1 through the Tuesday nearest May 3; and November 15 through the Sunday nearest January 6</p> <p><i>(DNR regulations and seasons apply).</i></p>	<p>All trapping: April 1 through the Tuesday nearest May 3; and November 15 – December 15</p> <p><i>(DNR regulations and seasons apply).</i></p>	<p>Hook/Line Fishing: Year-round, as per statewide regulations and seasons</p> <p>Bow and Spear Fishing: April 1 through the Tuesday nearest May 3; and November 15 through the Sunday nearest January 6</p> <p><i>(DNR regulations and seasons apply).</i></p>
Daily Hours	Standard park hours are 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. Hunters can enter a state park one hour prior to the daily hunting starting times. When DNR regulations do not establish daily season opening and closing times, hunters may enter the park one hour prior to sunrise.	Standard park hours are 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. Trappers can enter a state park one hour prior to the daily trapping starting times. When DNR regulations do not establish daily season opening and closing times, trappers may enter the park one hour prior to sunrise.	Anyone entering a state park property during normal open fishing times can actively line fish during closed park hours. Bow and spear fishing will follow hunting dates and hours.

*Wisconsin State Park Lands includes state parks, state trails, state ice age trail areas (SIATAs), and state north country trail areas (SNCTAs).

**Please Note: The time frame for state parks does not apply to state forests, state recreation areas or other DNR properties.