

## About Trempealeau Lakes

In 2009, aided by a donation of land value and grants, MVC purchased the 55-acre Trempealeau Lakes property, with its half-mile of frontage on Second Lake that abuts the state's Trempealeau Lakes State Fishery Area. In addition to the appeal of the chain of spring-fed lakes for fishing, the area is listed on the Great Wisconsin Nature and Birding Trail.



Access to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is nearby, including access to its Long Lake Canoe Trail. Trempealeau Lakes is also an easy detour off of the Great River State Trail, part of the Wisconsin DNR Bike 4 Trails system. The property is located entirely within the "Mississippi River—Large River Corridor," identified by Wisconsin's Wildlife Action Plan as being of "Continental Significance."

According to Joe Becker, one of the former owners, the area is "loaded with wildlife," and Second Lake is full of springs (for this reason, caution is advised when ice fishing here).

### Activities allowed

Hiking, showshoeing, wildlife observation, hunting, trapping, fishing

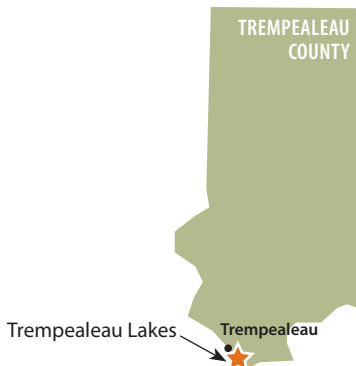
### Activities NOT allowed

Biking, dog-walking

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### Some animals and plants seen at Trempealeau Lakes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped chickadee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal flower      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy woodpecker            | <input type="checkbox"/> Culver's root        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giant swallowtail butterfly | <input type="checkbox"/> Great blue lobelia   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated woodpecker         | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian tobacco       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey vulture              | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian pipe          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted nuthatch     | <input type="checkbox"/> Poison ivy           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood duck                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple meadow rue    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leopard frog                | <input type="checkbox"/> Red pine             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raccoon                     | <input type="checkbox"/> River birch          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snapping turtle             | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted joe pye weed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed deer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp white oak      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackberry                  | <input type="checkbox"/> White pine           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-cap raspberry         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild plum            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buttonbush                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild rice            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Woolgrass            |



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### HIKING MAP

## Trempealeau Lakes

Trempealeau County, Wisconsin



## Key to Symbols

- P** Parking and gate
- Trail
- 1** Point of interest
-  Boat launch
- - - Tract boundary
- Road

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## Trempealeau Lakes

(Intersection of Lake Rd & Pickerel Path, Trempealeau)

This ¾-mile flat, wide trail traverses deciduous and pine woods with side trails leading to fishing spots. **Trail may be flooded or wet during spring and other high-water periods.**

**How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from La Crosse:** Follow Hwy 35 (Great River Road) north to Trempealeau. Turn left on unmarked Fremont St (the road to the lock and dam). It becomes Lake Rd near the lock and dam turnoff. Turn left on the next road, unmarked gravel Pickerel Path, and follow it 0.3 mi to a parking place near the lakeshore/boat launch.

- 1** Start at the parking area gate and head northwest. You'll pass short side trails to fishing spots, and then the trail turns west on a wide, mowed path through deciduous woods.  
43° 59.921'N, -91° 25.431'W
- 2** Turn right (north) at a Y in the trail and follow it to **3**, another fishing spot.  
43° 59.947'N, -91°25.598'W
- 3** Turn left (west) for a walk through a cathedral-like pine forest. Watch for stumps in the path!  
43° 59.988'N, -91°25.599'W
- 4** At another MVC gate (an additional parking spot), turn left (east) to return to the Y at **2** and veer right (east) to return to the parking area. Instead, you may exit to Pickerel Path at **4** and follow it east to the parking area.  
43° 59.922'N, -91°25.735'W

