

# Public Islands in Wisconsin Managed by the Bureau of Land Management

BLM manages over 500 islands in several of Wisconsin's rivers. These islands are your public lands, and they are open for recreational use. As you plan your next paddling trip, scope out fishing spots, or just wonder who owns the island near your home, please contact BLM for more information about these beautiful places.



BLM's islands are in the Black, Chippewa, Crawfish, Flambeau, Fox, Illinois Fox, Menominee, Milwaukee, Montreal, Oconto, Pelican, Pensaukee, Peshtigo, Rock, St. Louis, Sheboygan, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, and Wolf Rivers. Lake islands are in Barron, Door, Jefferson, Langlade, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Polk, Walworth, Waupaca, Waushara, Waukesha, and Winnebago Counties.

## *What can I do on the Public Islands in Wisconsin?*

The islands are open to the public for casual uses such as the following:

- Fishing, hunting, and trapping in accordance with state/local laws and regulations
- Canoe stopover, picnicking, camping, and wildlife-watching
- Volunteer stewardship activities with BLM and its partners

## *Remember these tips for a safe and enjoyable trip:*

- Respect private property and other visitors
- Don't litter; if you pack it in, pack it out
- Paddle with a partner; let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return
- Know your paddling skill level and wear a PFD
- Know the potential hazards where you are paddling
- Don't paddle in or try to cross unusually high or fast-flowing water
- If hunting, take a hunter safety course and follow the rules
- Dress appropriately and watch out for ticks, mosquitoes, and poisonous or irritating plants like poison ivy and stinging nettle
- Make sure your campfire is completely out before you leave

## *What is the Bureau of Land Management?*

The BLM is responsible for carrying out a variety of programs for the management and conservation of resources on more than 245 million surface acres, comprising the National System of Public Lands. These public lands include such treasures as our National Monuments, several designated Wilderness areas, and cultural and prehistoric sites. Apart from the surface lands, BLM also manages 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate that are a significant source of oil, natural gas, and other energy and mineral resources. The BLM has a mandate to manage public lands to support multiple uses, such as recreation, energy production, livestock grazing, wildlife habitat, forest products, and watershed management.

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