



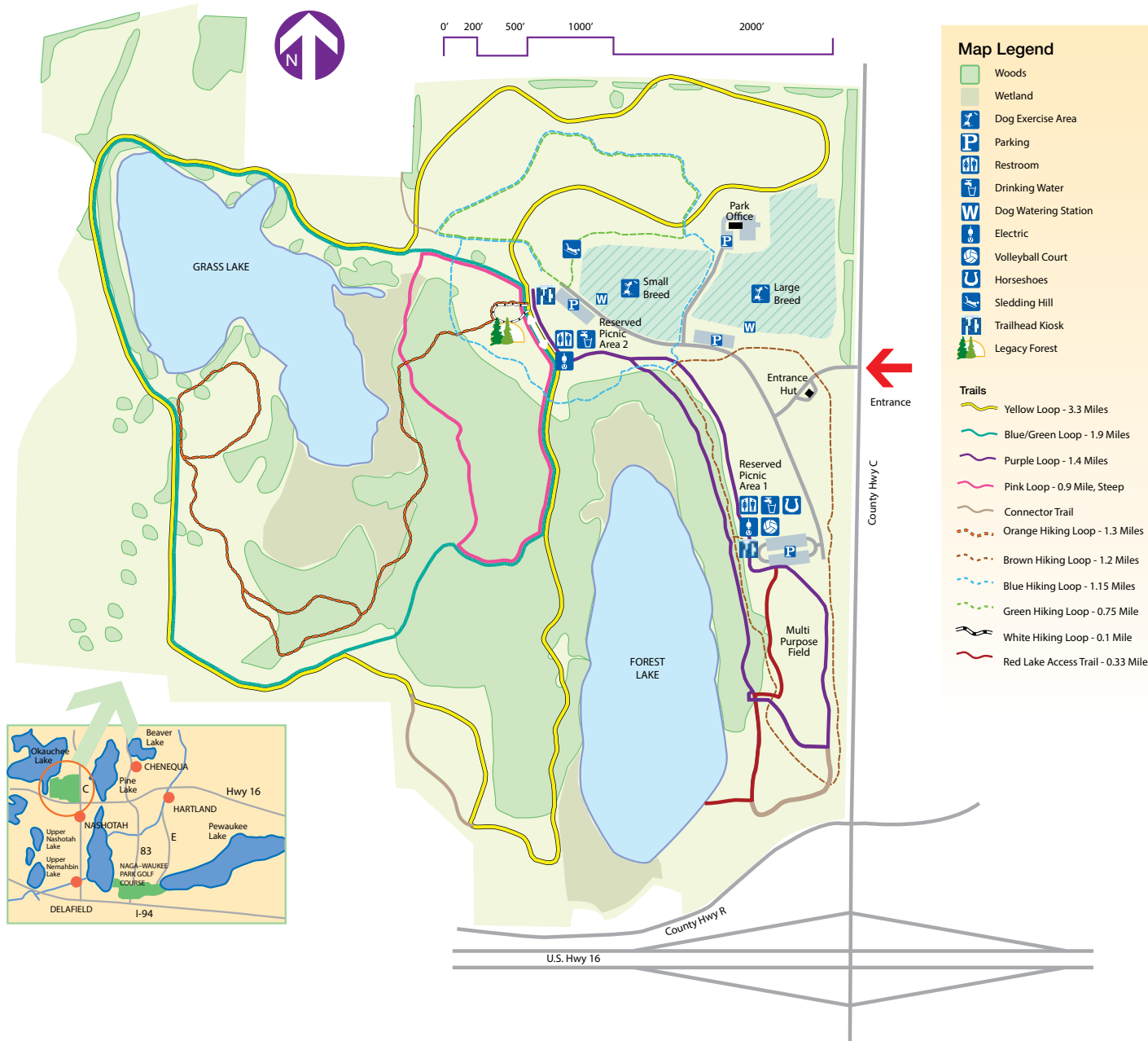
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Nashotah Park is part of the Waukesha County Park System. This 8,500-acre, natural resources-based system consists of diverse landscapes, high-quality natural areas, a variety of trails, and beautiful lakes, ponds, and waterways.

This 446-acre parcel is nestled among rolling hills, woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands, offering habitat for deer, waterfowl and a variety of songbirds.

Nature trails lead through easily identifiable landscape types that were created by the last glacial advance over 10,000 years ago. These landscape types are: a natural lake system, an oak forest, an oak savanna, a cedar glade, a floating leaf marsh, a meadow, a shallow marsh, and a deep marsh.

Forest Lake and Grass Lake are unique in that they have almost completely undeveloped shorelines, except for trails and one carry-in boat launch. These lakes serve as great stopover habitat for migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall, including redheads, american wigeons, and mergansers.

The scenery comes alive with different colors for each season. The Park continues to thrive in winter for cold-weather enthusiasts with miles of snowshoe trails.

PARK SYSTEM RULES

- Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.
- Speed Limit: 15 MPH
- Required: Daily or annual membership for each vehicle.* Pay within five days to avoid a violation: wauk.co/webtrac
- Keep parks safe and fun for all: Stay on designated trails.
- Bicycles allowed on designated trails only.
- Parking in designated parking areas only.
- Fires in reserved facility's grill and/or fireplace only.
- Beer and wine: Picnic permit required. Absolutely no hard liquor.
- Adult supervision required at all times for Youth Organizations (under 18 years old).
- Hunting, shooting, or trapping: Permitted on designated properties only.
- Three dogs maximum per handler.* Handlers must: (1) Retain control of dog(s) at all times. (2) Remove and dispose of dog waste in a sanitary manner.
- All dogs must be leashed (6' or less), unless in a designated Dog Exercise Area or Dog Swim Area. Electronic leashes or collars are not considered a leash.

- Guests must follow all posted rules, including those for Beaches, Camping, Dog Exercise Areas, Dog Swimming, and Mountain Bike trails. Additional rules may apply; see website.

*No fees or dogs at Retzer Nature Center

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Boating:** Enjoy a day on Forest Lake in your boat, canoe, or kayak. This is a carry-in access lake and only electric motors are allowed.
- **Dog Exercise Area:** Enjoy the fenced-in large or small breed areas where your dog is free to run off lead.
- **Fishing:** From the shores of Grass and Forest Lakes you can catch northern, bass, bluegill, perch, or crappies. We encourage and support the catch-and-release of fish. Ice fishing can be enjoyed in the winter months.
- **Hiking:** Follow the hiking trails through eight distinct landscape types. Trails of varying difficulty and length for all enthusiasts. Trails open during winter for hiking and snowshoeing.
- **Picnicking:** Grill at a first come, first served family picnic area or reserve a picnic area online for an event.
- **Nature Viewing:** See a wide variety of plants, animals, and birds. Report observations to the County's iNaturalist.org "Wild in Waukesha" page or eBird.org.
- **Sledding:** Sleds, tubes, and snowboards allowed on the designated sledding hill.



RENTAL FACILITIES

Picnic Areas: Two reservable picnic areas are available:

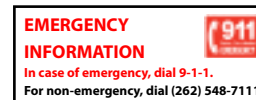
- **Area 1:** Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, two large grills, and volleyball court with net.
- **Area 2:** Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, and two large grills.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Waukesha County Parks is actively working on restoration of parkland throughout Nashotah Park.

Staff and volunteers are working hard on the globally rare Oak Openings habitat by removing invasive species and reintroducing fire to this unique landscape through the use of controlled burns.

Restoration of old agricultural fields into native prairie habitat is also underway. These native plantings will provide habitat for birds, pollinators, and other insects.



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