



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT & SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

It's all about the hue, so let's try something new. The past few months have been gloomy and grey. Let's mix it up for May! (How about this color scheme called Iris?)

***Whether on 2 feet, 4 hoofs or 2 wheels there's plenty to explore!***



Blooming along the Mascoutin



JP Coughlin Nature Area



View along the Mascoutin



Along the WIOUWASH



**It's Bike Month!**

See page 4 for Bicycle  
Advice from the WI Bike  
Federation

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# Schedule of Events



## SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER

May 4—4H Meat Animal Project Weigh In

May 14 & 15—4H Horse Clinics

May 18 & 19—Oshkosh Kennel Club AKC Dog Show

May 18 & 19—4H Horse Show and Rabbit Fun Day

May 24-27—Memorial Day Lazy Days Circuit Quarter Horse Show

May 30-June 2—Paper Valley Classic WAQHA & NEWQHA Combined  
Quarter Horse Show

Strong Bones classes on Mondays and Thursdays

*Info here...*

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY COMMUNITY PARK

May 5 — Oshkosh Mighty Pigs Rugby Club Tournament

May 12 — Oshkosh Fun Run

May 18 —Oshkosh Mighty Pigs Rugby Club Tournament

May 18 — High School Cross Country Meet

May 24-27—Hmong Memorial Day Festival & Soccer Tournament

## RECREATION TRAILS

May 25—Oshkosh 1/2 Marathon

Call the info line 920-232-1960 for updates and for general condition of the trails and info on when horses will be allowed.

## Waukau Dam Single Track

For Open/Close @WaukauDamBikeTrail  
on Facebook





## Spotlight On

# The American Quarter Horse

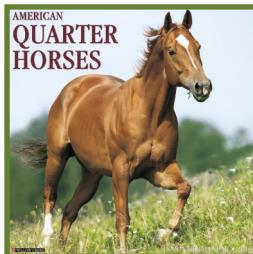
## The History of the American Quarter Horse Breed

**The American Quarter Horse, the world's most versatile and most popular breed, is steeped in rich history.**

The following is an excerpt from *They Rode Good Horses: The First Fifty Years of the American Quarter Horse Association* by Don Hedgpeth.

The origins of the breed can be traced to Colonial America. When our forefathers weren't dumping tea in the Boston Harbor and fighting Indians or Redcoats, they did enjoy a horse race. In the beginning, they ran the English horses with which they plowed and rode every day.

It wasn't long before the Colonial farmers down in the Carolinas and Virginia began to trade for a faster horse that was being bred by the Chickasaw Indians. These quick Indian ponies were Spanish Barbs, brought into Florida by early Spanish explorers and colonists. This was the same horse ridden by the conquistador Cortez in the conquest of Mexico; the same that Coronado rode in his search for the golden cities in the American Southwest. This was a type of horse produced from the cross of the North African Barb and native Spanish stock following the Moorish invasion of Spain, which began in the year 710.



There is evidence that the Spanish Barbs obtained from the Chickasaws were crossed with the Colonists' English stock as early as 1611. Over the next 150 years, the product of this breeding would come to be known as the "Celebrated American Quarter Running Horse." The term "Quarter" refers to the distance, a quarter of a mile, most commonly run in Colonial racing, often on the main streets of small villages.

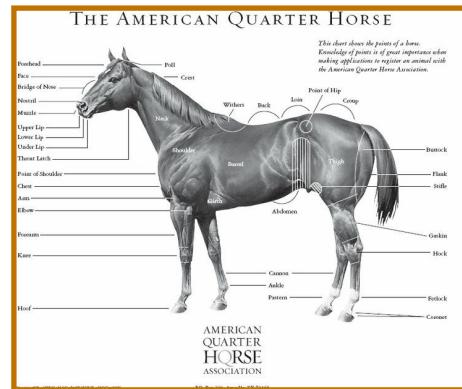
The final ingredient in the genetic formula that produced the Quarter Horse was to be found west of the Mississippi River. It was the Mustang, a free-roaming, far-ranging wild descendent of the Barb, introduced into the American Southwest by Spanish explorers, missionaries and settlers. These were the horses that made the Plains Indian into the toughest mounted warrior the world had ever seen.

When crossed with descendants, the western Mustang added the last important shot of hybrid

vigor to complete the creation of a horse unique to America ... the American Quarter Horse.

**Shows** – represent a major segment of the equine industry. American Quarter Horse shows offer youth, amateur, Select amateur and open classes for horsemen and -women the opportunity to compete with their American Quarter Horses, testing their skills against other horses and riders for AQHA halter and performance points, as well as cash awards and prizes.

2017 Total Shows – 2,814  
 2017 U.S. Shows – 2,054  
 2017 Canadian Shows – 135  
 2017 International Shows – 229  
 2017 Total Show Entries – 928,314  
 2017 Total Special Events – 396  
 2017 Total Special-Event Entries – 22,964  
 2017 Lucas Oil AQHA Amateur and Open World Championship Show Entries – 4,843  
 2017 Adequan® Select World Championship Show Entries – 1,093  
 2017 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show Entries – 3,349  
 2016 (held in 2017) Zoetis AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships Entries – 920  
 2016 (held in 2017) AQHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championships Entries – 112  
 2017 Zoetis AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals Entries – 133  
 2017 AQHA West Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,543  
 2017 Nutrena East AQHA Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,811  
 2017 AQHA Central Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,503  
 AQHA-Approved Judges – 1,411



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**Picture Yourself in Winnebago County Parks & Sunnyview Expo Center!**

# Bicycling Tips from

## Riding Safety

Safety is key when biking — whether you're on a path, recreational trail or sharing the road with motorists. Follow these key safety tips for a safe, fun ride — whether you're in the city, on a county road or trail.

### **Follow the Rules of the Road**

Ride with traffic and obey the same laws as motorists. Use the rightmost lane that heads in the direction that you are traveling. Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, lights, and lane markings.

Always look back when changing lane position. Use hand and arm signals to indicate your intention to stop, merge, or turn.

### **Be Visible**

Ride where drivers can see you, three feet from the edge of the roadway and parked cars. At night, use a white front light and red rear light or reflector. Wear reflective tape or clothing if practical.

### **Be Predictable**

Ride in a straight line. Do not swerve between parked cars. Make eye contact with motor-

ists to let them know you are there.

Adults should not ride on the sidewalk.

### **Wear a Helmet Properly**

Make sure that the helmet fits on top of your head, not tipped back or forward.

After a crash or any impact that affects your helmet, replace it immediately, regardless of if there is visible damage or not.

### **Share and Be Aware**

Be aware of traffic around you and be prepared to take evasive action. Be extra alert at intersections. Learn braking and turning techniques to avoid crashes. Yield to pedestrians on trails and in crosswalks.

For more tips and information on riding safety, please visit [shareandbeaware.org](http://shareandbeaware.org)

### **Group Rides**

Group rides are a great way to enjoy biking in the Badger state! Find a ride using this site, <http://www.rideonwisconsin.com/>

Make sure you have a safe and enjoyable trip with these tips.



**WISCONSIN  
BIKE FED**

<http://wisconsinbikefed.org/>

### **Be Predictable**

Follow all traffic laws. Hold your line: Ride in a predictable manner at a close but safe distance slightly to the side of the rider in front of you. It's not a race: Maintain an even speed. Don't "attack" when it is your turn at the front and don't brake suddenly.

Ride bar to bar: When riding two-by-two, it's dangerous to half-wheel your neighbor. Work to keep handlebars in the same line.

### **Don't Impede Traffic**

Under state law, bicyclists can ride two abreast unless traffic is impeded. On higher volume two-lane roads with little or no shoulder, you should ride single-file in one pace line, a few feet from the edge of the rightmost travel lane. On higher volume, multilane roads with wide shoulders, and on low volume town roads, you can ride two abreast. Keep groups to around 20 riders or fewer.



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# The Amazing Winnebago Warrior Scavenger Hunt

Trivia Challenge

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CHANGE**



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**FREE  
FOOD AND**

**STAY TUNED FOR  
NEW DATE INFO!**

FIRST WINNEBAGO WARRIORS!

ON TOP POINTS EARNERS,  
BENEFIT RETHINK PROGRAMS  
IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY.

**WHO:**

Teams of 2 - 4 kids, teens, parents, grandparents, cousins, friends or any combination.

**WHAT:** compete for points

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(and Stan of course) by-

- \*Trying out a Park Amenity
  - \*Answering a Trivia Question, and
  - \*Spotting a Scavenger Hunt Item.
- Points are given for each achievement.

**WHEN:** Compete anytime between 3pm and





If you haven't checked out **1490 WOSH** lately, you may not know about the new line up for 2019!

**Bob Burnell** still starts the day with news, weather, traffic and winning from 6am-9am. **Brian Kilmeade** joined the station from 9-11am, **Rush Limbaugh** still gets you through the lunch hour from 11am-2pm. **Ben Shapiro** takes over from 2-5pm and we wrap up the day with an hour of WFRV and local news and sports updates. *Plus, listen at 8, 11, 2 and 5 for the national keyword and a shot at \$1,000 four times a day with \$4K A DAY! Listen on your computer, download the WOSH app for your phone or tablet and of course at 1490AM on your radio.*

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## This and that...

According to an old Cornish superstition, it was unlucky to buy a new broom in the month of May. And so was washing a blanket!

Good to know.



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FOUNDATION

## The Historic Winnebago County Fairgrounds Arch Project fund



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If your group exceeds 20 riders, break up into multiple groups. Larger groups make it difficult for motorists to find safe passing locations.

### **Communicate**

Point out road hazards with your fingers to alert the riders behind you. Use hand signals to indicate turns (left or right arm straight out), hazards (point), or stopping (arm down with palm to the rear). Announce turns and stops in advance of intersections to give riders a chance to position themselves.

### **Watch Out at Intersections**

Be aware that most crashes with motor vehicles occur at intersections. Stop at all stop signs. Cyclists should NOT follow others through intersections without first scanning and following all traffic signs and signals. Do not announce "clear" or "good" at intersections: It is the responsibility of all riders to determine if the intersection is clear.

### **Be a Strong Leader**

The safety of the group depends greatly on the eyes, ears, and behavior of the lead riders. Be aware that riders in the back of the pack do not have full view of the roadway. Proceed slowly through an intersection until all riders have rejoined the group

### **Be a Strong Follower**

The riders at the back of the pack should announce the presence of a passing automobile with "Car back". The pack functions best when it stays together: If riders are dropping off the back, notify the front riders to adjust the pace.

### **Have Fun!**

Wisconsin is a premier state for cycling. Stay safe, and have fun on your ride.

For more safety information, visit [shareandbeaware.org](http://shareandbeaware.org)

### **Trail/Path Etiquette**

Wisconsin has hundreds of great bike trails to enjoy, from paved to dirt. Be a courteous trail user with these tips.

Ride in a single-file line. You may ride two abreast if you will not block other traffic on the path or trail. On curving or hilly trails, ride single-file. Stay on the right except to pass other traffic. When passing, pass on the left. Clearly alert others, typically by loudly declaring "On your left!" before passing. Always look before changing positions on the trail. Control your speed. Trails are not an appropriate place for high-speed riding.

Pack it in, pack it out. Please respect the trail and pick up

litter

Enjoy! Wisconsin has miles and miles of beautiful trails. Use the Routes section of Ride On Wisconsin for more information

For more tips and information on riding safety, please visit [shareandbeaware.org](http://shareandbeaware.org)

### **Spring Beauties: 10 Wildflower Walks That Will Wow You**

**By Erika Jensen**

A maple woods carpeted with trout-lily, the tangy smell of fresh earth, the rustling of earthworms slowly tilling the soil; a marsh-marigold standing out against the melting snow; a Jack-in-the-pulpit thrusting up through the earth, alone near a chocolate-dark tree stump—these are some of the visual treats Wisconsin hikers may find in spring.

The walks listed here unlock a secret garden of spring ephemerals, wildflowers that grow in the first warmth of spring, before the tree canopy leafs out and blocks their sun, and vanish in the undergrowth of the forest floor later in the season.

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## **75th & 76th All-Breed Dog Shows**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019**

**SATURDAY SPECIALTY SHOW WITHOUT SWEEPSTAKES**

Shih Tzu Club of Wisconsin's Fox Valley

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY SUPPORTED ENTRIES**

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin

Watch as hundreds of dogs compete in breed conformation judging. Visit with owners, breeders, and handlers of over a hundred different breeds of dog.

No un-entered dogs or baby strollers allowed in buildings. Public Welcome, Admission Free, Parking \$5.00



Winnebago County 4H will be having an Open Horse Show and Rabbit Show in the livestock area both days. Concessions are available and admission is free. Classes run all day.

[www.winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/](http://www.winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/)



**Horses, and rabbits, and dogs oh my!**

# Secret Gardens?

<https://www.travelwisconsin.com/article/things-to-do/spring-beauties-10-wildflower-walks-that-will-wow-you>

Across Wisconsin, in locations mostly unknown to the general public, some State Natural Areas harbor a profusion of spring wildflowers. At the 10 sites described here, hikers will often find themselves alone, which adds to the appeal of these spots. These SNAs are mostly undeveloped; while some have walking trails, many do not.

Spring hikes have definite advantages. There are few bugs, and less undergrowth to wade through.

When to go? A good rule of thumb is to look for spring ephemerals when bulbs start to bloom, generally late April through mid-May, and through mid-June farther north (exact times depend on weather).

Two things to remember: Before entering and leaving a SNA, be sure to brush off clothing and turn out pockets and pant cuffs to prevent garlic mustard and other invasive weed seeds from hitchhiking on your clothes. And never pick any wildflowers on these public lands—leave them intact for others to enjoy.

## 1. Chequamegon Hardwoods, Ashland County, in the Chequamegon- Nicolet National Forest

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=292>

This second-growth hardwood forest contains some very old and large speci-

mens. The area's ample supply of spring wildflowers includes maidenhair fern, nodding trillium, bloodroot, bellwort, and Jack-in-the-pulpit. Exposed sections of bed-rock, up to 50 feet tall, rise from the forest floor.

From the intersection of highways 13 and GG in Mellen, go southwest on GG about 8 miles, then northwest on FR 187 (Mineral Lake Road) for 0.7 mile, then north on FR 188 (Hanson Road) for 1.6 miles to where the North Country Trail crosses the road. Park along the road and walk due north a quarter-mile to the southern boundary of the site. The North Country Trail skirts the southeastern tip of the SNA as it heads in a northeasterly direction.

## 2. Dells of the Eau Claire River, Marathon County

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=109>

Dells of the Eau Claire, located within the Dells of the Eau Claire County Park, is both a great place to see wildflowers and a good place to explore some unique geological features along the river. The rocky gorge provides a series of waterfalls, miniature eddies, and potholes formed by swirling gravel and water. Deep, loamy soils support a phenomenal number of spring ephemerals. Under a canopy of hemlock, sugar maple, and yellow birch, you'll see spring-beauty, trout-lily, hepatica, and just about every other common spring wildflower. Take Highway Y west and south from Hogarty, about 3.3 miles to a parking area south of the river and west of the road.

## 3. Fox Maple Woods, Florence County

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=282>

This forest is one of only a few genuine old-growth mesic (an area of medium moisture) forests in Wisconsin, and the spring ephemerals are rich and abundant. You'll see some very large sugar maple, basswood, and hemlock, and get a sense of what the Wisconsin wilderness once looked like. The understory is quite open, so you can walk around freely, but there is no trail system. Wildflowers include spring-beauty, trout-lily, Dutchman's-breeches, blue cohosh, nodding trillium, rosy twisted-stalk, and bloodroot. From the intersection of highways 2 and 70 in Florence, go west on 70 for 10.5 miles to a parking area north of the road.

## 4. Haskell Noyes Memorial Woods, Fond du Lac County

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=11>

Wander up the hills and into the pockets of the kettles of this SNA in the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Northern Unit and you'll see plenty of wildflowers. In one low-lying area I found a colony of skunk-cabbage, which, in early spring, can actually melt the surrounding snow and ice. Flower species include hepatica, snake-root, large-flowered trillium, red trillium, May-apple, and bellwort. Small paths crisscross the area and the forest understory is open, which allows hikers to walk around easily.

Head southwest out of Dundee on Highway 67 for 0.4 mile, then south on Highway G for 2.1



miles. Turn east onto Highway SS for 0.9 mile, then head south on Highway GGG for 0.1 mile to a parking area and historical marker west of the road.

**5. Waupun Park Maple Forest, Fond du Lac County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=51>

This small park offers a superb late-April display of trout-lily, which completely covers the forest floor in some areas. Other notables are wood anemone, bloodroot, Jack-in-the-pulpit, meadow-rue, and spring-beauty. Return in May to see large-flowered trillium and wild geranium. In spring and summer, you might hear sandhill cranes yodeling high above, on their way to the nearby Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. From highways 151 and 49, head west through Waupun. Turn north onto Highway MMM for 0.8 mile to the parking lot. A trail to the west winds through the park.

**6. Logan Creek, Door County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=543>

Managed and owned by The Ridges Sanctuary, the Logan Creek property offers several habitats, including an upland beech maple forest and a wetland forest dominated by cedar and hemlock. The best time to see spring wildflowers here is mid-to late May, when a profusion of spring-beauty, Dutchman's-breeches, toothwort, large-flowered trillium, trout-lily, and more than a half-dozen varieties of wild violets carpet the forest floor. A trail system makes hiking easy. Bring your binoculars to

take advantage of good birding opportunities. From Jacksonport, take Highway 57 south. Turn left onto Loritz Road. Drive in about three-quarters of a mile and look for two stone pillars with an iron gate marked "Tree Haven." Park and walk around the gate to find the trail.

**7. McGilvra Woods, Sauk County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=206>

This rich southern mesic forest contains mainly sugar maple and basswood. You won't find trails here, but this SNA is easy to navigate since there's almost no underbrush. In mid-May, you might see woodland phlox, nodding trillium, Jack-in-the-pulpit, hairy Solomon's-seal, and red baneberry. Earlier in the season, you'll find a good display of trout-lily. All in all, look for dozens of species of plants, including the rare cuckoo-flower and putty-root orchid. From the intersection of highways 12 and 136 in West Baraboo, go south on 12 for 1 mile, then west on Highway W for 3.25 miles, then north on Farview Road. Park on the road and walk east into the site.

**8. Avon Bottoms, Rock County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/WildlifeAreas/avon.html>

In this floodplain forest along the Sugar River, pools of water and rich deposits of silty soil provide habitat for a number of wildflower species. In high-water years this site can be challenging to navigate, but in drier years it's well worth the visit. Bring your rubber boots and splash through the pools to see woodland phlox, wild

chervil, Virginia water-leaf, and a host of other woodland plants. What makes this place special? Vines like river bank grape, woodbine, and common moonseed climb the trees and evoke the atmosphere of a cathedral. From the intersection of Highway K and Beloit-Newark Road in Newark, go west on Beloit-Newark Road for 4 miles. Turn south onto Nelson Road 1.6 miles to a parking area east of the road and south of the Sugar River.

**9. Powers Bluff Maple Woods, Wood County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=131>

A 300-foot-tall bluff of erosion-resistant quartzite is the setting for this SNA. Dotting the floor of this forest, which is dominated by sugar maple and yellow birch, are wild columbine, blue cohosh, ferns, violets, trout-lily, bloodroot, and an incredible array of large-flowered trillium in mid-May. Follow trails through the site, or to a more developed section of the park with picnic tables and restrooms. From Arpin, take

Highway E south for 1 mile. Head west on Bluff Drive for 1.1 miles to the park entrance. The natural area covers the eastern portion of the park.

**10. Mt. Pisgah Hemlock-Hardwoods, Vernon County** <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=15>

Located within Wildcat Mountain State Park, this SNA borders the Kickapoo River. Walk along the Hemlock Trail, following the river (look for interesting sandstone



## Just the FAQs 'Stanswers' to your questions.

"Glad you asked!"

Do you have a question? Send us an email or message on our Facebook page. We'll get back to you and post answers to the most often asked questions here in our newsletter.



Black Wolf Landing



Boom Bay Landing

**Q.—Why does the Winnebago County Boat Launch Trailer Parking Permit sticker go on the vehicle and not the trailer?**

**A.—** The permit is actually a boat trailer/vehicle parking permit. The State of WI doesn't license trailers so in order to know who the permit belongs to it needs to be connected to an official identifier like a vehicle license plate. Connecting to the vehicle license plate lets enforcement know who the vehicle belongs to in case of a violation.

Did you know that Winnebago County has 7 boat landing sites throughout the County? The County also takes care of 130 buoys and navigational aids throughout the Lake Winnebago System. Look for some refurbished and new buoys this season.

If you're looking for the Tri-County launch permit you can purchase one in the Parks Office.



Channel marker buoy



Nun buoy



cliffs), and climb to an observation point some 450 feet over the river for stunning views. Spring wildflowers are plentiful, and include wild-ginger, showy orchids, declined trillium, and Virginia bluebells along the river bottom. The best time to view this site is usually during the first two weeks of May. Take Highway 33 east and south from Ontario for about 2.5 miles, then head southwest on Park Road for 0.6 mile to the picnic-area parking lot.

*This article originally appeared in Wisconsin Trails magazine. Erika Jensen is a flower and vegetable farmer in Waupun. Last Updated: 8/14/2018*

## Unique Experiences Close to Home in Winnebago County

### Lasley Point Archeological Site, Winneconne

The wilds of the Lasley Point Archaeological Site mark the spot where a Native American village once thrived. Between 1200 and 1500 AD its 47.7 acres supported an Oneota Indian village.

In the early 1940s, numerous

archaeological digs took place in the area uncovering broken bone tools, shells, human bones, copper flakes, charcoal and pottery. The sites of early garden beds and cache pits were also discovered. The area was nominated and accepted for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

There are miles of hiking trails and in the winter self-guided cross-country ski trails. Camping is prohibited. No dogs are allowed!

### Waukau Wild Area Preserve (A History) by Ruth Westover Currently Waukau Creek Nature Preserve

A sign alerts visitors to the nature of the park-like area they are seeing at the north end of Waukau on Delhi Road. Wildflowers, beginning with trout lilies and hepatica and then trillions of trilliums later in May, are a few of the treats for the eye for people who walk the nature trail laid out in the hills and along the banks of Waukau Creek. The dynamic forces of the turbulent creek are in evidence in the deep valley it has carved for itself over the centuries and the many trees it has undermined and toppled during the high water in the spring of 1978. For generations, everyone who saw Waukau Creek valley said, "It looks like a park. It ought to be a park."

The dream began to take form May 18, 1974. May 18th was a very rainy day. Winnebago County Park and Recreation Committee members gathered to dedicate a 50-acre site in Waukau Creek valley as a wild

area preserve. The dedication culminated many years of interest in preserving the area because of its natural beauty and wide assortment of native plants, many of which are becoming rare.



### Picnic Point -WDNR

This 111.4-acre tract is located along the west shore of Lake Winnebago. The property has over 3700 feet of Lake Winnebago shoreline and consists of 58 acres of agricultural fields and 53 acres of wooded/brushland habitat. To the north is the Winnebago Mental Health Institution (WMHI) and to the south of Picnic Point is the 56 acre Asylum County Park.

Public access is allowed for most non-motorized outdoor recreational use such as hiking, fishing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, nature studies and bird watching. Access to the property is via Sherman Road. DNR has developed a small parking area at the corner of Sherman and Snell Roads.

### Coming soon—The Donald (Doc) & Bernadette Netzer Nature Preserve



# “Parks Picks”



**Mac & Brew Fest - April 13**



**OshDub—April 6**



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