

North Trout Lake Nature Trail



Northern Highland American Legion State Forest



Welcome!

North Trout Lake Nature Trail is one of our easiest nature trails — a one mile loop that winds through a spruce-tamarack bog and along the shoreline of North Trout Lake. It's located on County Highway M just south of Boulder Junction. This ungroomed trail used for hiking and snowshoeing requires no fee for admission or usage. Because this trail is a designated nature trail, pets are not allowed year-round. The trail's surface is undeveloped — consisting of dirt, grass and exposed roots. There is access to the North Trout Lake Campground facilities.

The area east of the trail was logged in the spring of 2015. This harvest removed mature and dying jack pine trees to make room for new and long-lived white pines. Removing these trees allows for the growth of forage habitat for many forest animals.

The North Trout Lake Nature Trail is a great trail to hike anytime of the year, especially in spring due to the abundance of wildflowers. Keep watch for the moccasin flower, Canada mayflower, and starflower in addition to a few edible shrubs like blueberry, raspberry, and American hazelnut. The spruce-tamarack bog offers visitors a chance to see carnivorous plants like the pitcher plant and sun dew as well as other bog-loving species like sphagnum moss and Labrador tea.

For those interested in wildlife, this area provides habitat for numerous species of mammals, reptiles and birds including white-tailed deer, red foxes, flying squirrels, and common loons.

*Looking for a quick mile?
Come see our fabulous array of
wildflowers, plants and wildlife.*



Photo courtesy of Beth Feind, WDNR

This rustic nature trail offers appealing sites.

Trail Rules

- A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is not required for the North Trout Lake Nature Trail.
- No pets/bikes are allowed on the North Trout Lake Nature Trail year-round.
- Carry out all litter and waste.
- No motorized vehicles allowed.
- A lost and found service is maintained at Crystal Lake and Clear Lake Visitor Stations. If lost items are found, please turn them in at one of these visitor stations. Help us return items to their rightful owners.

General Information

For general questions about trails or the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, contact:

- **North Trout Lake Nature Trailhead**
4657 County Highway M, Boulder Junction, WI
- **Clear Lake Visitor Station**
715-356-3668
- **Crystal Lake Visitor Station**
715-542-3923

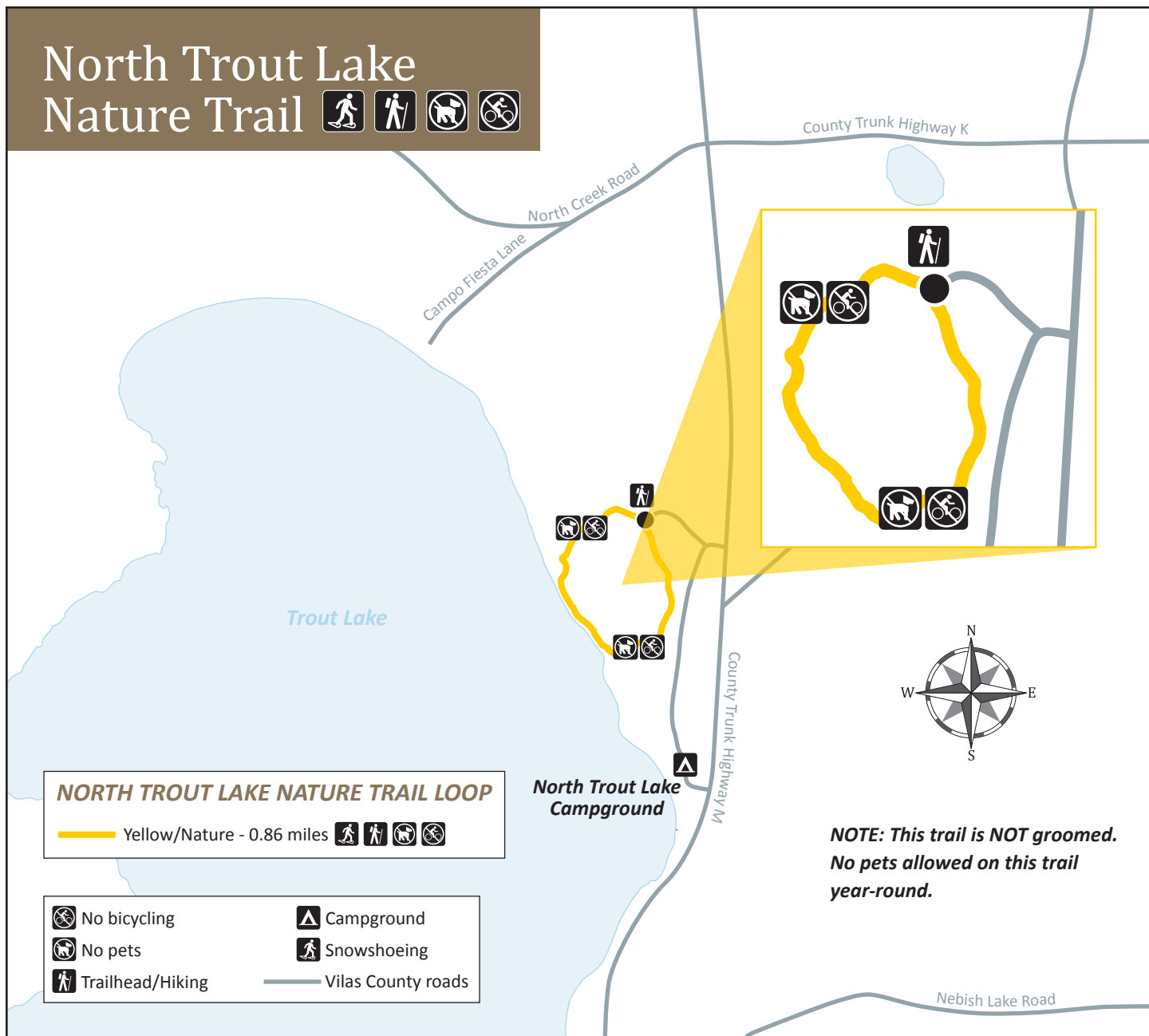


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If you get tired, enjoy a rest with a view.

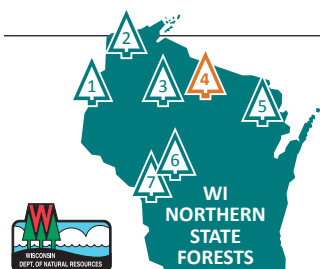


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