

# Star Lake Nature Trail System



## Northern Highland American Legion State Forest



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Black Lagoon

### General Information

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

- **Star Lake Nature Trailhead**  
8000 Statehouse Road, Town of Plum Lake, WI
- **Clear Lake Visitor Station**  
715-356-3668
- **Crystal Lake Visitor Station**  
715-542-3923

## Welcome!

**Star Lake Nature Trail System** was created when age old glacial forces gouged Star Lake into the Wisconsin landscape, leaving a boulder strewn peninsula surrounded by 1,206 acres of crystal clear water. The peninsula is now host to the Star Lake Nature Trail located off County Highway K, about 16 miles east of Boulder Junction. The narrow, undeveloped, Star Lake trail consists of a one-mile interpretive loop and a 2.04 mile hiking loop which scuttle across the peninsula and along the lakeshore, offering a moderate trek through a storied location with a backcountry feel. The rolling landscape holds promise for family outings and group adventures. There are a series of welcoming sites to enjoy the view, or even a picnic lunch. Remember to make a side excursion to the 10,000-year-old black lagoon where a traveler can traverse near the edge of a spongy bog after a welcoming walk through the first pine plantations in Wisconsin. The trail is open for three-season hiking and winter snowshoeing on ungroomed snow. Pets/bikes are not allowed year-round on this trail. No fee or pass is required to utilize this trail.



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Take a stroll on the boardwalk.

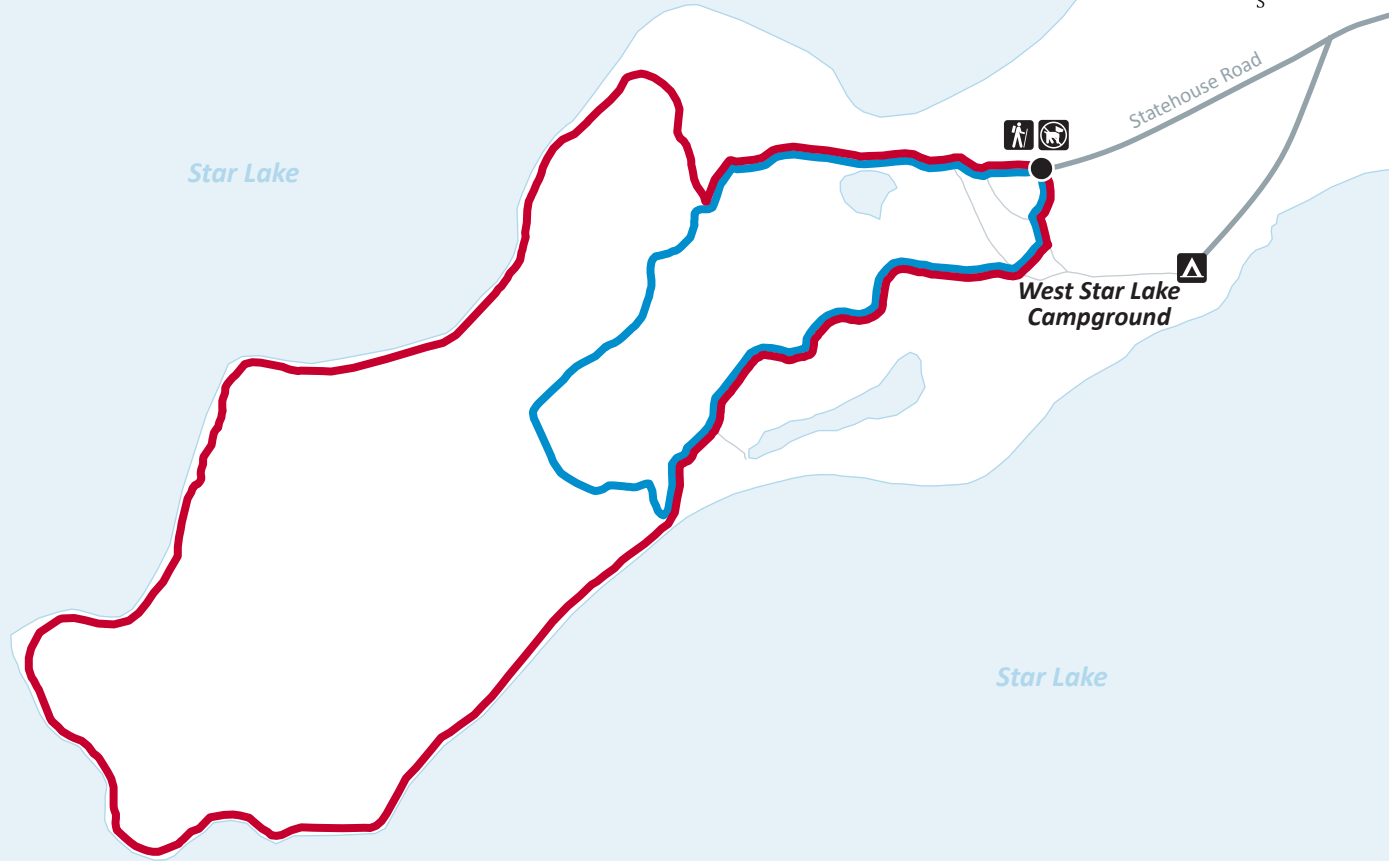
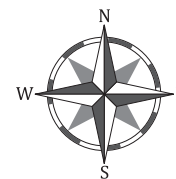
### Trail Rules

- A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is not required for the Star Lake Nature Trail System.
- No pets/bikes are allowed on the Star Lake Nature Trail.
- 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.

*Come and see the crystal clear waters of Star Lake — anglers and sports enthusiasts will enjoy seeing muskie, walleye and panfish.*



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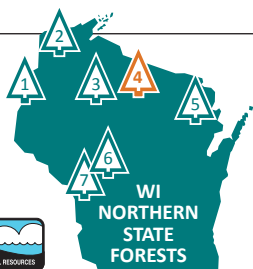
## STAR LAKE NATURE TRAIL LOOPS

- Red** - 2.04 miles
- Blue/Interpretive** - 1.00 miles

- No pets
- Campground
- Trailhead/Hiking
- Snowshoeing
- No bicycling
- Vilas County roads

## Local Emergency Contact Information

Oneida County Sheriff's Department: 715-361-5100 • Vilas County Sheriff's Department: 715-479-4441  
 Iron County Sheriff's Department: 715-561-3800



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- 1 Governor Knowles State Forest..... 715-463-2898
- 2 Brule River State Forest..... 715-372-5678
- 3 Flambeau River State Forest ..... 715-332-5271
- 4 Northern Highland American Legion State Forest  
 Crystal Lake: 715-542-3923 • Clear Lake: 715-356-3668
- 5 Peshtigo River State Forest ..... 715-757-3965
- 6 Black River State Forest..... 715-284-4103
- 7 Coulee Experimental State Forest..... 608-785-9007

**WDNR Call Center (toll-free 7 a.m.-10 p.m.)**  
**1-888-936-7463 • FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911**  
[dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) (search keywords "state forest")