



## FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION Of WISCONSIN

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### History of Logging in Northern Wisconsin, 1882-1935

President of the Bayfield County Historical Association Lester Watters provides an overview on the history of logging in northern Wisconsin, using a variety of photos and stories to get a first hand perspective of what logging was like in the northwoods in the late 19th and early 20th century here in Wisconsin. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Wisconsin has a Tool to Combat Disease Endangering Oaks

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has developed a tool to slow the spread of oak wilt, a fungal disease killing thousands of trees each year. Oaks, a keystone species in Wisconsin, are most susceptible to infection and to spreading the disease when trees or branches have been cut or damaged. [Read More](#)

#### A New Invasive Zigzagging Across North America

There's a new invasive insect zigzagging its way across North America. First reported by citizen scientists in Quebec in 2020, the elm zigzag sawfly (*Aproceros leucopoda*) has now spread to North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont. This new pest, which is native to Asia, has the potential to cause major devastation to one of our native tree species. [Read More](#)

#### Researchers Develop Better Way to Make Painkiller from Trees

Scientists at the University of Wisconsin–Madison have developed a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable way to make a popular pain reliever and other valuable products from plants instead of petroleum. Building on a previously patented method for producing paracetamol—the active ingredient in Tylenol—the discovery promises a greener path to one of the world's most widely used medicines and other chemicals. More importantly, it could provide new revenue streams to make cellulosic biofuels—derived from non-food plant fibers—cost competitive with fossil fuels, the primary driver of climate change. [Read More](#)

#### The White House, Presidents, and Our First Bear

Most folks know Smokey Bear is all about stopping unwanted wildland fire. His message of “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires” is everywhere, from signage as you enter national forests and grasslands, to TV commercials and even a classic Walt Disney cartoon called “In the Bag” which features a naughty bear about to light a fire in the woods only to be stopped by Smokey. But did you know Smokey Bear has spent a lot of time at the White House and has been a friend of every president since 1944? That's 14 presidents! [Read More](#)

#### Celebrate Rural and Urban Forests During Forest Appreciation Week

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proud to join communities, organizations and individuals throughout the state in celebrating trees and forests during Forest Appreciation Week, which runs from Earth Day (April 22) to Arbor Day (April 26). Forest Appreciation Week is a time to reflect on the importance of urban and rural forests. [Read More](#)

#### Wisconsin Sees Ticks Active Months Ahead of Schedule

Adult ticks, approximately half of whom are infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, are ready to feed earlier than usual this year. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases at the University of Wisconsin-Madison started to look for ticks in February, almost two months ahead of schedule. Experts said the results were not unexpected given the unseasonably warm weather. The arachnids become active when temperatures are above 40 degrees and there is a lack of snow cover. [Read More](#)

#### History of Arbor Day

Arbor Day—which literally translates to “tree” day from the Latin origin of the word arbor—is a holiday that celebrates the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees. For centuries, communities spanning the globe have found various ways to honor nature and the environment. However, the appreciation of trees and forests in modern times can be largely attributed to Arbor Day. [Read More](#)