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National Parks: Wisconsin

Patty Loew, host of Wisconsin Public Television's "In Wisconsin," and Dan Small, host of Milwaukee Public Television's "Outdoor Wisconsin," explore Wisconsin's National Park System, including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and the North Country National Scenic Trail. Co-produced by Wisconsin Public Television and Milwaukee Public Television, beautiful footage of natural wonders are interwoven with profiles of park administrators, volunteers; a trail designer, and those that make their livelihood off the land. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

As Wisconsin's Elk Herds Increase, DNR Plans to Issue More Hunting Permits in 2025

Following a year in which the Wisconsin elk population reached a record high, state wildlife managers are recommending an unprecedented number of kill tags for the 2025 elk hunting season. And for the first time it will likely include the taking of antlerless elk, or cows, in the central herd. [Read More](#)

A Declining Forest Products Industry Threatens Wisconsin's Woodlands

A new report by a conservation nonprofit is warning that Wisconsin's declining forest products industry could damage forest health. The report, "Wisconsin Forests at Risk: Engaging Wisconsinites in Another Century of Forest Conservation," highlights the numerous threats the state's woodlands are facing, from declining loggers and mills to changing weather patterns and invasive species. [Read More](#)

State Foresters Ready to Hit the Ground Running with New USDA Leadership

The National Association of State Foresters welcomes the well-qualified leadership materializing at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). To maximize public benefits from forests and reduce catastrophic wildfire threats, State Foresters need experienced federal agency leaders who understand the complexities of the issues, the value of strong state-federal partnerships, and the urgency of needed solutions. [Read More](#)

Forest Carbon Credits Seen as 'Tool in the Toolbox' in Effort to Curb Climate Change

The U.S. Could Lose Up to 15 Million Acres of Forestland to Development by 2060. One Effort to Keep Forests Intact is to Give Landowners a Financial Incentive through the Carbon Market. [Read More](#)

They've Cut Down 200,000 Trees in Five Years to Save the Forest ... and It's Working

If you saw a plan that's already cut down 200,000 trees, with millions more in the crosshairs, you might think it's an environmental apocalypse in the making. However, this seemingly drastic approach to forest restoration is actually preventing catastrophic wildfires, revitalizing fragile ecosystems, and turning once-homogenous forests into flourishing habitats for plants and wildlife. It's time to rethink everything you know about our nation's forests ... [Read More](#)

When Lightning Strikes

Trees are struck by lightning every year. Last summer lightning struck a tree near the famous Leopold Shack at the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The tree was planted by Charles Elton, a friend and colleague of Aldo Leopold. Elton, a man of ecological theory, provided valuable insight in shaping Leopold's philosophies of nature conservation. When Elton visited the Leopold family in 1938, he planted a scattering of bur oak acorns, only one of which survived. Now, 86 years later, the tree has finally met its fate. [Read More](#)

US Forest Service Fires 3,400 Workers, Park Service Cuts 1,000

The U.S. Forest Service is firing around 3,400 recent hires while the National Park Service is terminating about 1,000 under President Donald Trump's push to cut federal spending, people familiar with the plans said on Friday. The moves, which target employees who are in their probationary period, affects stewards of sites such as the Appalachian Trail, Yellowstone, the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Sequoia National Forest. [Read More](#)