

Wisconsin NCT Camping Datasheet

Campsite type: BC = Backpacking Campsite, CG = Campground, PC = Primitive Campsite, DCA = Dispersed Camping Area (minimal campsite), SH – Shelter.

Latrine Type: wl = wilderness latrine, oh = outhouse or pit toilets, ft = flush toilets, none = dig a cat hole away from camp

Mileage numbers are from the NCTA online interactive map from Feb 2022. The map can change making the numbers different.

The interactive map is located at <https://northcountrytrail.org/the-trail/trail-map-and-downloads/>

Mile Marker	Name of Campsite	Type	Water Source	Latrine type	tent pads	Description/Organization or Landowner
-.3	Red River	BC	River	wl	3	Located on a plateau overlooking the Red River Valley. .1 miles from the Red River Bridge, .3 miles from Wisconsin Border. Superior Hiking Trail
Minnesota –Wisconsin Border						
<p>Brule-St Croix Chapter Area www.northcountrytrail.org/bsc, email: bsc@northcountrytrail.org</p> <p>For Backpacking Campsites in the Douglas County Forest a \$35 Special Camping Permit needs to be obtained from the Douglas County Forestry Department. This would include campsites such as Spruce Point, Rovers Lake, and Leo Creek. The permit is good for 10 days and you can use it as you travel to different campsites with the 10 days. For info go to https://www.douglascountywi.org/235/Special-Camping-Permit.</p>						
3	Clear Creek	BC	Creek	wl	3	Take the Saunders Grade .3 miles south of County Hwy C. Then Hike on a trail going to the west .3 miles to the Campsite on a plateau overlooking Clear Creek. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Water trail goes downhill to the creek. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.573043 -92.290332
5.7	Spruce Point	BC	Creek	wl	3	Hiking southeast on the NCT from the MacQuarrie Wetlands Ponds you reach the campsite trail in .3 miles. On a high point looking into the valley below. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Long water trail going downhill to the creek. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.555725 -92.263845

7.5	Nemadji Bluff	BC	none	wl	6	After Descending the hill and reaching CR-W, turn left, go 75 yds and enter old road with gate on right. This is a very nice crew campsite with fire ring and wilderness latrine. No reliable water as the river is usually clay laden. Otherwise a very nice campsite.
Pattison State Park campsites can be reserved at https://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com/ or call 1-888-947-2757 The Ranger Station is just off Hwy 35 near NCT WI Mile 20						
20.2	Pattison State Park Campground	CG	Water Faucet	ft	2 per site	Campground located just to the east of the Ranger Station. Sites have picnic tables and metal fire rings. Fee Campsite, Showers. Wisconsin State Parks 46.535950 -92.116717
20.5	Pattison Backpacking Campsites	BC	River	oh	3 per site	When you are 1/2 mile south of the Ranger Station, take a side trail going to the east. The side trail takes several changes of direction. The backpacking campsites are located over a mile off of the NCT. Sites have picnic tables and metal fire rings. Fee campsites. Wisconsin State Parks 46.521217 -92.125603
53.3	Scott Rapids	BC	River	wl	3	From South Mail Road, go .3 miles east to find Campsite. Right on the St Croix River. Grassy area with picnic table and metal fire ring. St Croix Riverway 46.256406 -91.962441
55.6	Gordon Dam County Park	CG	Water pump	oh	2 per site	Take side trail .6 miles to the south to get to the campground. Picnic Tables and Fire Rings. Fee Campsite. Douglas County 46.253277 -91.928043
60.9	Rovers Lake	BC	Lake	wl	3	Nice Campsite on a hill on the north side of Rovers Lake. Take the NCT east from the campsite to get water from the lake. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.284234 -91.851087

64.5	Leo Creek	BC	Creek	wl	5	Take side trail going to the east for 75 yards. Backpacking table bench in campfire area. Overlooking a clear area. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Also, there are two other tent pads out near the junction of the NCT and side trail. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.321478 -91.823864
67.1	Lucius Woods County Park	CG	faucet	ft	2 per site	At the main park entrance take the camp road to the campsites. Sites have a Picnic table and metal fire rings. Fee Campsite. They have a Performing Arts Center at the Park and often have Concerts. 46.349579 -91.8187
69	Aden Creek	BC	Creek	wl	2	At a big A frame Bridge over the creek, go east on a short side trail. The campsite is at a loop in the creek. There is another small bridge that takes you across the creek to the latrine. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench, Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.369282 -91.815109
72.1	Catlin Creek	BC	Creek	wl	3	Nice campsite overlooking marshy area. On public land, but near the border of private land. Take the NCT west to the Catlin Creek Bridge to get water. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.395638 -91.789348
78.5	Jersett Creek	BC	Creek	wl	3	On hill right after the NCT takes a steep ascent going up from the creek. So, getting water from the creek is a little more strenuous than most campsites. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.414181 -91.706685

81.3	Highland	BC	Faucet	wl	3	Just off the NCT out in a pine woods near the Highland Town Hall. Water is from a building at the Town Hall. White blazed trail from the NCT to the water source. Has a backpacking table/bench at the campfire area. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.424909 -91.666007
88.3	Paul Schoch	BC	Creek with pipe	wl	3	On a small plateau up from a creek. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. The creek near the campsite has a little dam with a pipe. Sometimes if the creek is dried up in other places there is water here. Register box on NCT at trail junction. Brule/St Croix Chapter 46.469880 -91.588253
93.0	Winneboujou Bluff	BC	Creek	wl	4	Take an old forest road east from the NCT about 50 feet and the campsite is on the right. The Latrine is down a trail going to the left. Trail going west from NCT goes downhill .3 miles to a water source. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.517080 -91.588228
100.0	Morris Pond	BC	Pond	wl	3	Take 75 yard side trail going north from the NCT. The water source for the Campsite is a creek that you cross on the trail going to the campsite. Nice grassy campsite with a table/bench overlooking the lake. It's hard to get down the to lake from the campsite so use the creek. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.508966 -91.501554
100.7	Erick Lake	BC	Lake	wl	3	Nice wooded Campsite just a few feet uphill from the trail and lake. Good landing at lake to get water. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Brule-St Croix Chapter 46.513495 -91.490655

Chequamegon Chapter Area, www.northcountrytrail.org/che, email: che@northcountrytrail.org
 Kevin Schram, President of the Chequamegon Chapter, says that some of the GPS numbers for the campsites may not be 100% accurate. If you get to a campsite and obtain a more accurate GPS number, please email it to che@northcountrytrail.org The chapter is in the process of building new Backpacking campsites every year.

Rainbow Lake Wilderness

Mile 112.0 to 118.6, There are no designated campsites in the Rainbow Lake Wilderness, however dispersed camping is allowed and there are places where people have camped previously. These places are usually near lakes. Please use very low impact techniques if you camp in this Federal Wilderness Area. Also, if you take the Anderson Grade east for about 2 miles you will reach the Perch Lake Campground.

120.8	Mirror Lake	PC	Lake	none	2	Take short side trail going towards the lake to a small campsite. Rock lined campfire pit. Chequamegon National Forest N46°22.399' W91°15.398'
122.8	Long Lake Branch Creek	PC	Creek	none	2	Just off the NCT up from the creek. A flat area that has been cleared for camping. Chequamegon National Forest N46°21.630' W91°14.144'
124.3	Drummond Campground	CG	Faucet	ft	2 per site	Town campground with showers (may need quarters) over a mile off the NCT. Take Old Hwy 63 west, then Superior St to the campground. Nice town park with beach down from the campground. Town gas station has groceries for resupply. Sites can be reserved on the internet. Fee campsites. 46.33692 -91.25975
132.7	Two Lakes Campground	CG	Water Pump	oh	2 per site	Take side trail .6 miles from NCT. Big Campground with 2 beaches and water craft rentals. Campsites have picnic tables and fire rings. Fee Campsite. Chequamegon National Forest. 46.293840 -91.191694

Porcupine Lake Wilderness Mile 132.5 to 139.5, There are no designated campsites in the Porcupine Lake Wilderness, however dispersed camping is allowed and there are places where people have camped previously. These places are usually near lakes or creeks. Use low impact techniques in this Federal Wilderness Area.

139.7	East Davis Lake	PC	Lake	none	6	The Chequamegon Chapter has just completed building a backpacking campsite here in 2021. Previously, there were a series of spots used for camping. But now there is an official campsite with a campfire ring and seating. Campsite is about 50 yards down the trail from the lake. Chequamegon National Forest/ Chequamegon Chapter N46°18.171' W91°05.401'
146.7	Marengo River	PC	River	None	2	Once you get on the west side of the river, go south for about 50 yards. On shore of river. N46°18.499' W90°59.574'
146.8	Marengo River Shelter	SH	River	wl	2	On Ridge above the Marengo River. Take short side trail going south to shelter. Campfire area. Steep trail going down to get water or take the NCT to the Marengo River Bridge. Chequamegon National Forest 46.307282 -90.991431
151.7	Whiskey Creek	BC	Creek	None	3	New Campsite up on a small hill. It has a campfire area with benches. Just built by the Chequamegon Chapter in the Summer of 2021 N46°18.404' W90°54.906'
153.1	Beaver Lake Campground	CG	Water Pump	oh	2 per Site	Side trail going to the South for 200 yards to the campground. Sites with picnic tables and fire grates. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Fee Campsite. Chequamegon National Forest. 46.301672 -90.896430
155.5	Lake Three	BC	Lake	oh	2 per site	Former Campground that is still usable by Backpackers. Fire grates and run down picnic tables. Outhouse not being maintained but still usable. Chequamegon National Forest 46.318398 -90.857621
157.5	Brunsweler River	PC	River	None	2	At the Brunweiler River Bridge go south for 100 yards on the east side of the river N46°18.684' W90°49.947'

161.8	Trout Creek	BC	Creek	None	3	Campsite that the Chequamegon Chapter will be building in 2022. If you want to help build that campsite contact the chapter for info
162.7	Penokee Ski Shelter	SH	Creek	None	2	Right on the NCT. Has Fire Grates. Water is from creek 1/8 mile to the east, but that creek is unreliable, so load up on water far in advance. Trout Creek, over a mile to the west may be the closest reliable water source. One of two backpacking shelters along the trail in the CNF. Beautiful setting in the tall pines. Chequamegon National Forest 46.320249 -90.747478
Copper Falls State Park campsites can be reserved at https://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com/ or call 1-888-947-2757 The Ranger Station is right on the NCT at mile 171.8.						
172.5	Copper Falls South Campground	CG	Faucet	ft	2 per site	The NCT meets the Group Campground Road. Take a right and go across Copper Falls Road to the Shower House and then the Campground. Picnic Tables and Fire Grates. Fee Campsites. Wisconsin State Parks 46.359009 -90.646345
173.1	Copper Falls North Campground	CG	Faucet	oh	2 per site	The NCT comes out right on the Campground Road and uses the road through the Campground. Picnic Tables and Fire Grates. Fee Campsites. Wisconsin State Parks 46.366153 -90.647375
175.2	Copper Falls Backpacking Campsite	BC	River	oh	3	The NCT reaches a side trail going to the west. Hike .4 miles down to the river. The Chequamegon Chapter has recently built and new trail going to the campsite. Has big campfire area. Direct access to river for Water. Sandstone bluff on opposite side of river. Fee Campsites. Wisconsin State Parks 46.384794 -90.638796

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180.1	Northeast Copper Falls Dispersed Camping Area	DCA	Creek	None	3	Side trail going South from NCT for 200 feet to the Dispersed Camping Area. No facilities except for tent pads. No fee or reservations for this site. First come, first served. On small ridge overlooking a creek. Heritage Chapter/ Wisconsin State Parks
187.9	Porcupine Hill East	BC	Creek	wl	3	Near a trail bridge over a creek, take a side trail going to the south along creek for 30 yards to campsite. Small bench/table at campfire area. Camp right next to a nice little creek. Built in 2020 by the Wisconsin Rovers Crew. Heritage Chapter 46.392351 -90.519374
188.9	Thomas Bridge Campsite	BC	River	wl	3	At the west end of the Bill Thomas Bridge, take a side trail north for 200 yards. Campsite is up on a little ridge overlooking the Tyler Forks River. Campsite was completed in 2020 by the Wisconsin Rovers Crew and the Heritage Chapter Volunteers. Campsite has campfire area with Table/bench. Heritage Chapter 46.399774 -90.508247
189.1	Wren Falls	BC	River	wl	3	County primitive campsite that is right on the overlook of Wren Falls. Lots of people go through the campsite to see the Falls. The Heritage Chapter decided to build the more private Thomas Bridge Campsite nearby. Iron County Forestry Dept. 46.397940 90.507129

191.6	Gold Mine West	BC	Creek	wl	3	.2 miles before you reach the Gold Mine Historic Site, there is a side trail going south to the campsite. The trail goes uphill about 75 yards to the top of the hill. then takes a left turn and goes for another 75 yards to the campsite. The Creek down near the trail junction is the water source for the campsite. The campsite has a nice backpacker table and bench at the campfire area. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Heritage Chapter 46.391199 -90.475653
193.7	Upson Old XC Ski Shelter Campsite	PC	Pond or Lake	None	2	Take Upson Lake side trail .3 miles down to a grassy clearing that has an old run down XC ski shelter. Shelter is no longer usable, but grassy area is fine for tent camping. There is a pond located west of the site but you may need to bushwhack to get down to it. Otherwise, you can take the Upson Lake Side Trail another .3 miles down to Upson Lake. Nice area at Upson Lake that has been used for swimming. Heritage Chapter 46.387933 -90.447630
195.8	Tilted Gabbro	BC	River	wl	3	Right off the NCT next to the Potato River. In the campsite is a large tilted gabbro rock that was brought to this location by the glacier 11000 years ago. Campsite is on a little knoll next to the river. Campfire area has a backpacking table/bench. Register box on NCT at trail Junction. Heritage Chapter 46.408639 -90.452369

203.3	Potato River Falls County Park	CG	River	oh	2 per site	5 fairly rustic campsites in a loop. No water pump and it is a fairly strenuous walk to get down to the river. So, if you are going down to the river to look at the waterfalls, get water. Picnic tables and fire rings. Free Campsites because they are rustic. Iron County Forestry Dept. 46.46024 -90.52880
206.0	Frontier Campground	CG	faucet	ft	2 per site	Campground right on Hwy 2 in Cedar, Wisconsin. Pretty much oriented for RVs, but there are some wooded sites for tents. Has showers and a laundry room. Bar with some camping and food items. Fee Campsites. Private Campground 46.51157 -90.50738
212.1	Saxon Harbor County Park	CG	faucet	ft	2 per site	County Park and Marina with newly constructed Campground. 5 walk in sites that are closer to Lake Superior. Park has a nice stretch of Lake Superior shoreline. Showers, Fee Campsites. Iron County Forestry Dept. 46.56102 -90.43960
Wisconsin - Michigan Border 213.9						
+6.0	Little Girls Point County Park	CG	faucet	ft	2 per site	Campsites on Lake Superior or by an old farmhouse that they use as the Park Office. Nice Swimming beach with changing rooms. Park shelter for picnics, etc. Fee Campsites. Gogebic County Parks 46.604411 -90.321298

A note from Todd McMahon: I intend to update this sheet every year, so if changes need to be made, email me at isawtman@gmail.com If you need a shuttle on any part of the trail, contact the local chapter to get a volunteer to shuttle you. Please contact them ahead of time and pay them for the shuttle. If the volunteer won't take the money, just say it's a donation to their Chapter. If they still won't take the money, you can send a check to the North Country Trail Association and say it's for the _____ Chapter because _____ shuttled you. If you really like a section of trail, you can ask the local chapter whether you can adopt and maintain that section of trail. This involves walking the trail a couple times a year with a loppers and a bow saw and taking out any obstructions on the trail. The local chapter maintenance coordinator can train you the proper techniques, etc. If there is a downed tree that's too big for your bow saw, notify your Chapter Coordinator and they will send in someone with a chainsaw to take it out. Enjoy the Backpacking Campsites, Todd