

**Chapter NR 15**  
**GAME REFUGES**

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**(Section 23.09, Wis. Stats.)**

**NR 15.01 Game refuges, all species.** The following described areas are created and established as game refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or trap upon said areas or have in possession or under control thereon any gun or rifle unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case, but nothing herein shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the department, its deputies, agents or employes in the destruction of injurious animals and birds. This section shall not prohibit the department, its deputies or duly authorized agents, the armed forces of the national guard or the United States army, or any peace officers, or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist him in making an arrest or preserving the peace, from entering and being on such refuges in the performance of official duties.

(5) **BROWN COUNTY.** (a) *Bay Beach.* Township 24 North, Range 21 East, City of Green Bay.

Beginning at the junction of Nicolet Road and Irwin Avenue, thence south on Irwin Avenue to the junction of Tower Drive; thence southeasterly and northeasterly along Tower Drive to a point where Tower Drive intersects the north-south center line of section 28, Township 24 North, Range 21 East; thence north along center line of section 28 to the water's edge of Green Bay (shoreline); thence westerly along water's edge of Green Bay to the east line of Bay Beach Park; thence south along east line of Bay Beach Park to Nicolet Road; thence westerly on Nicolet Road to place of beginning.

(b) *Brown county:*

Township 25 north, range 20 east, town of Suamico.

Section 4—S½ SW¼ SW¼.

Section 8—NE NE.

Section 9—W½ NW¼ all lying in the town of Suamico, Brown county, Wisconsin containing approximately 140 acres more or less according to government survey.

(7) **BURNETT COUNTY**

(a) Township 39 North, Range 18 West, Burnett County.

Section 7—E ½ SE ¼

Section 8—All that part lying south of the town road running in west-northeasterly direction through said section.

Section 9—SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 16—All that part of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  W  $\frac{1}{2}$  lying west of the town road running in a north-southerly direction through said section.

Section 17—Entire section.

Section 18—All that part of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  lying east of the town road running in a west-northerly direction.

Section 19—All that part of the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  E  $\frac{1}{2}$  lying east of the town road running in a west-northerly direction.

Section 20—Entire section.

Section 21—All that part of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  W  $\frac{1}{2}$  lying west of the town road running in a north-southerly direction.

Section 29—All that part of the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  N  $\frac{1}{2}$  lying north of the town road running in an east-westerly direction.

(9) CHIPPEWA COUNTY. (a) *Wissota*.

Township 29 north, range 7 west, town of Anson.

Section 30—SE SW excepting east 300 feet.

Section 31—That portion of NE NW bounded on the north by the north line of said NE NW, on the east by a north-south line parallel to and 300 feet west of east line of said NE NW, on the south by Shorecrest subdivision and Lake Wissota on the west by the west line of said NE NW.

NW NW lying north of original channel of the Yellow river.

Township 29 north, range 8 west, town of Anson.

Section 36—NE NE lying north of original channel of the Yellow river.

All lying in the town of Anson, Chippewa county, Wisconsin, containing approximately 65 acres, more or less, according to government survey.

(b) *Camp Kusiunic*.

Township 32 north, range 6 west, town of Holcombe.

Section 3—That part of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying south and west of Holcombe Flowage.

Section 9—That part of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying south of Holcombe Flowage, except the east 500 feet thereof. North 400 feet NE SE.

That part of the E  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north of the Holcombe Flowage.

Section 10—That part of the NW NW lying west of Holcombe Flowage.

All lying in the town of Holcombe, Chippewa county, Wisconsin, containing approximately 100 acres, more or less, according to government survey.

(11) COLUMBIA COUNTY. (a) *State experimental game and fur farm*.

All lying in the town of Grand Rapids, Wood county, Wisconsin, containing approximately 40 acres, more or less, according to government survey.

**History:** 1-2-56; emerg. r. (53) (d) (e), (f) and (h) and (56), eff. 9-24-75; r. (48) (b) (c), (69) (b) (c) (d) and (f), cr. (49) (a), (b) and (c), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; r. (53) (d), (e), (f), and (h) and (56), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76.

**Note:** For a complete history of NR 15.01 prior to October, 1975 see the history note to NR 15.01 as it appeared in the Register, August, 1973.

**NR 15.02 Game refuges, all species; no entry.** The following described areas are created and established as game refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or trap or enter upon said areas, for any reason whatsoever during the waterfowl season as indicated by signs posted in said areas, but nothing herein shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the department, its deputies, agents or employes in the destruction of injurious animals and birds. This section shall not prohibit the department, its deputies or duly authorized agents, the armed forces of the national guard or the United States army, or any peace officers, or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist in making an arrest or in preserving the peace, from entering and being on such refuges in the performance of official duties.

(27) JACKSON COUNTY (a) *Dike 17.*

Township 21 north, range 2 west, town of Millston.

Beginning at a point on the east-west quarter line of section 12, where said line intersects town road; then westerly along said quarter line and that of section 11, thence south along the west section lines of sections 11 and 14, to the point of contact of said section line with Seventeen Flowage Dike, then south-southeasterly along the downstream toe of the dike to its end; thence southeasterly along truck trail 40 chains, thence east 87 chains, thence north 70° east 12 chains, thence south 30° east 15 chains to the junction with west ditch of town road in section 13, thence south along said road ditch to the northwest corner of the SE ¼ of section 24, thence due south 12 chains to abandoned railroad grade, thence due east 42 chains, thence due north 78 chains, thence north 55° west to the west edge of the north-south town road in section 13, thence northerly along the town road through sections 12 and 13, to the point of beginning.

(b) *Wilson Marsh.*

Township 21 north, range 2 west, town of Millston.

Section 9—SE SE.

Section 10—SW SW, SE SW, NE SE, SW SE, SE SE.

Section 15—NE NE, NW NE, NE NW, NW NW.

Section 16—NE NE.

(29) JUNEAU COUNTY (a) *Necedah area.*

Township 18 north, range 3 east, town of Necedah.

Section 8—That portion of the south ½ of the SW¼ lying south and west of the Little Yellow drainage ditch and south of a marked line line running east and west in the SW SW of said section.

Section 16—All that part lying west of the north-south drainage ditch and south and west of the drainage ditch running generally northwest and southeast through said section.

Section 17—Entire section excepting that part of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north and east of the drainage ditch and the west 200 feet of said section.

(b) *Frost.*

Township 19 north, range 2 east, town of Kingston.

Section 15—Entire section except the east 200 feet.

Section 16—East  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 21—E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 22—N $\frac{1}{2}$  except east 200 feet.

(c) *Meadow Valley.*

Township 20 north, range 2 east, town of Kingston.

Starting at a point in W $\frac{1}{2}$  of section 10-township 20 north, range 2 east, where the drainage ditch intersects the Meadow Valley Flowage road, thence northerly along the east spoilbank of said ditch to the junction of a brushed line which is approximately 6,600 feet north of the Meadow Valley Flowage road, thence westerly along said brushed line to its junction with an east-west drainage ditch, thence westerly along the north spoilbank of said ditch to its junction with the main north-south drainage ditch, thence south along the west spoilbank of said ditch to its point of intersection with the Meadow Valley Flowage road, thence east along said Meadow Valley Flowage road to the point of beginning, containing 1,220 acres, more or less.

(37) MARATHON COUNTY (a) *Mead.*

Township 26 north, range 5 east, town of Green Valley.

Section 33—Entire section except that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north and east of a woods trail running through said NE $\frac{1}{4}$  in a south-easterly and easterly direction.

Section 34—SW NW and that part of the NW SW lying north and west of a northeasterly-southwesterly fence line running through said description.

(49) COLUMBIA COUNTY. (a) *Pine island.*

Township 12 north, range 8 east, town of Caledonia.

Section 3—Entire section lying south of the Wisconsin river.

Section 4—Entire section lying south of the Wisconsin river except the west 300 feet thereof.

Section 9—Entire section lying north of the interstate highway except the west 300 feet thereof.

Section 10—N $\frac{1}{4}$  W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  except the east 300 feet thereof; W $\frac{1}{2}$  except the E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 15—W $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north of the interstate highway.

Section 16—All that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north of the interstate highway.

(63) VILAS COUNTY. (a) *Powell Marsh.*

Township 41 north, range 5 east.

Section 5—All that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying south and west of the Chewelah pool dike.

Section 6—All that part lying north and east of the C&NW railroad tracks and south and west of a line formed by the Sherman Lake pool dike and the Chewelah pool dike.

Section 7—All that part of the NENE lying north and east of the C&NW railroad tracks.

Section 8—All that part lying north and east of the C&NW railroad tracks and south and west of a brushed line running in a SE-NW direction.

Section 9—All that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying west of the Sugarbush pool dike and south of a brushed line running in an E-W direction.

Section 16—All that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north and west of the Sugarbush pool dike.

Section 17—All that part of the NENE lying north and east of a brushed line running in a NW-SE direction.

Township 42 north, range 5 east, town of Manitowish Waters.

Section 28—All that part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  lying south and west of a brushed line running in a generally northwesterly-southeasterly direction.

Section 29—All that part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  lying south of a line formed by brushed line and an access road running generally in an east-west direction.

Section 30—All that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying south and east of a line formed by an access road on the north and a brushed line on the west.

Section 31—All that part lying east of a brushed line running generally north and south through the E $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 32—The entire section.

Section 33—All that part lying west and north of a brushed line running generally northeasterly-southwesterly through the E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Township 41 north, range 5 east, town of Flambeau.

Section 4—All that part lying north of a brushed line running generally east and west through the N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying north and west of a brushed line running in a generally northeasterly-southwesterly direction.

Section 5—All that part lying north of a brushed line running generally east and west through the N $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 6—All that part lying north and east of a brushed line running in a generally northwesterly-southeasterly direction through the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

(71) WOOD COUNTY. (a) *Mead Wildlife Area.*

Township 25 north, range 5 east.

Section 4—N  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(74) KENOSHA COUNTY. (a) *Bong.*

Township 2 north, range 20 east, town of Brighton.

Section 17—Beginning at the intersection of state highway 43 and the west line of section 17, thence southerly to the center of the median strip between the runway and taxiway of the abandoned Bong Air Base, thence southeasterly along said median strip to a road connecting the taxiway and runway, thence continuing southeasterly to another road connecting the taxiway and runway, thence northeasterly along said connecting road to the intersection of the connecting road and the taxiway, thence northwesterly along said taxiway to a road connecting the taxiway with state highway 43, thence northerly along said road to the intersection of the road and an abandoned railway spur, thence northeasterly parallel with the abandoned railway spur to state highway 43, thence westerly along state highway 43 to the point of beginning.

(75) MANITOWOC COUNTY. (a) *Collins Marsh.*

Township 19 north, range 21 east, town of Rockland.

Section 22—SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  except N 200 feet and S  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  except N 200 feet E  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Section 23—SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  west of Mud Creek except N 200 feet, and except E 200 feet (measured westerly from Mud Creek at all points). SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  except N 200 feet east of Mud Creek, and except N 200 feet west of Mud Creek which extends no further west at any point than 200 feet from Mud Creek.

Section 26—NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , N  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  except S 200 feet.

Section 27—NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , E  $\frac{1}{2}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , N  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  except S 200 feet east of Mud Creek.

(76) IRON COUNTY. (a) *Powell Marsh.*

Township 41 north, range 4 east.

Section 1—All that part of the NENE lying north and east of the C&NW railroad tracks.

(77) DODGE COUNTY. (a) *Theresa Marsh wildlife area*

Township 12 north, range 17 east, town of Theresa

Section 1 - That portion lying west of U.S. highway 41 and west of Mohawk road, except the E  $\frac{3}{4}$  NWSE

Section 2 - The east 660 feet

(78) WASHINGTON COUNTY. (a) *Theresa Marsh wildlife area*

Township 12 north, range 18 east, town of Wayne

Section 17 - That portion lying south and west of the Rock river

Section 18 - The western  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the section lying north and east of the Soo Line railroad right of way and the SESE lying south of the Rock river

Section 19 - That portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  lying north and east of the Soo Line railroad right of way

Section 20 - That portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  lying west of the Rock river

(b) *Allenton Marsh wildlife area*

Township 11 north, range 18 east, town of Addison

Section 27 - E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (33) (a), Register, July, 1956, No. 7, eff. 9-1-56; r. Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; cr. Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; cr. (27) and (29), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; emerg. cr. (49) (a), eff. 8-30-69; cr. (49) (a), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. WCD 11.27 (9) (a) to be WCD 15.02 (63) (a), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; renum. from WCD 15.02 to be NR 15.02, and am. intro. par., Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; cr. (74) (a) and (75) (a), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (63) (a), cr. (76) (a), (77) (a) and (78) (a), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; r. and recr. (37) (a) and (49) (a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2) (intro.), r. (77) and (78), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2) (intro.) and r. (77) and (78), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (intro.) and cr. (77) and (78), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77.

**NR 15.03 Wildlife refuge, rookery, no entry.** The following described area is created and established as a wildlife refuge and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or trap or enter upon said area, for any reason whatsoever, during the nesting season as indicated by signs posted on said area. Nothing herein shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the department, its deputies, or duly authorized agents, from entering and being on said refuge in the performance of official duties.

(1) MARATHON COUNTY. (a) *Mead wildlife area.*

Township 26 north, range 6 east, town of Bergen

Section 29 - The S $\frac{1}{2}$  NESW, SESW, and that part of the NWSE and the SWSE lying south and west of the Townline Flowage dike.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77.

**NR 15.10 Horicon marsh wildlife refuge.** (1) The following described area located on the Horicon Marsh in Dodge county is hereby created and established as a wildlife refuge and game preserve to be known as the Horicon Marsh wildlife refuge and except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap thereon or have in his possession or under control thereon any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case, but nothing herein shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the department, its deputies, agents or employes in the destruction of injurious animals and birds:

Township 12 north, range 16 east, town of Williamstown.

Those parts of sections 29, 31 and 32 bounded by the following description: commencing at the northwest corner of the NE SE of

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section 31, township 12 north, range 16 east; thence south 621 feet; thence east 1300 feet; thence north 30 degrees east for a distance of 1300 feet; thence north 10 degrees east for a distance of 2,900 feet; thence west 400 feet; thence south 42 degrees west for a distance of 1718 feet; thence south 23 degrees west for a distance of 2145 feet to the place of beginning.

All lying in the town of Williamstown, Dodge county, Wisconsin, containing approximately 117.14 acres, more or less, according to government survey.

(2) Fur-bearing animals may be trapped on the above described lands only under written permit from the department or its agents as provided in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 15.11 (1).

(3) Wildlife research in all phases may be conducted on the above described lands by the department and its agents without restriction.

(4) This section shall not prohibit the use of the rifle range located on the above described lands provided the party or parties using said rifle range have been duly authorized to do so by the department or its agents.

(5) The department shall cause the boundaries of the Horicon marsh wildlife refuge as created and established by this section to be marked with signs posted for that purpose.

(6) This section shall not prohibit the department or its duly authorized agents, the armed forces of the national guard or of the United States, or any peace officers or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist him in making an arrest or in preserving the peace from entering and being on the above described Horicon marsh wildlife refuge in the performance of official duties.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; renum. from WCD 15.10 to be NR 15.10 and am. (1), intro. par., and (2) (3), (4), (5) and (6), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; am. (5), Register, April, 1976, No. 244, eff. 8-15-76.

**NR 15.11 Horicon marsh fur farm.** (1) A state fur farm to be known as the Horicon marsh fur farm is hereby created and established on all of the state-owned lands on the Horicon marsh in Dodge county and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any fur-bearing animals on the said Horicon marsh fur farm unless he shall have first obtained a permit therefor from the said department or its duly authorized agents. Any violation of the terms of such permit shall be deemed to be a violation of this section.

(2) The secretary shall cause the boundaries of the Horicon marsh fur farm as created and established by this section to be marked with signs posted for that purpose.

(3) This section shall not prohibit the department or its duly authorized agents, the armed forces of the national guard or of the United States, or any peace officers or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist him in making an arrest or in preserving the peace from entering and being on the above described Horicon marsh fur farm in the performance of official duties.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; renum. from WCD 15.11 to be NR 15.11 and am. (1), (2) and (3), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

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**NR 15.12 University of Wisconsin arboretum.** (1) The following described area located in Dane county, Wisconsin is hereby created and established as a game refuge and designated as the University of Wisconsin arboretum game refuge, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt or trap upon said areas or have in possession or under control thereon any gun or rifle unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case, but nothing herein shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the department, its deputies, agents or employes in the destruction of injurious animals and birds. This section shall not prohibit the department, its deputies or duly authorized agents, the armed forces of the national guard or the United States army, or any peace officers, or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist him in making an arrest or preserving the peace, from entering and being on such refuge in the performance of official duties.

Metes and bounds description of Arboretum land.

Township 7 north, range 9 east, town of Madison.

Beginning at the SW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 33; thence north and northeasterly along the east right-of-way of the Seminole highway to its intersection with Manitou way; thence northeasterly along the southerly line of Manitou way to the most northerly corner of lot 4, block 27, Nakoma; thence southeasterly along the lot line between lots 4 and 5, block 27, Nakoma, to the south line of block 27; thence easterly along the south line of block 27 to the west line of lot 21, block 27; thence southerly a distance of 24.2 feet along said west line of lot 21; thence easterly along the south line of lot 21 a distance of 60 feet to the east line of block 27; thence northerly along the east line of said block a distance of 255.4 feet to a point 60 feet north of the northeast corner of lot 21, said point being on the northerly side of Iroquois Drive; thence westerly along the northerly line of Iroquois Drive a distance of 308.8 feet to the easterly line of Country Club road; thence north and northwesterly along said Country Club road to its intersection with the east right-of-way of Manitou way; thence northeasterly along said right-of-way to its intersection with Nakoma road; thence northeasterly and northerly