

Land Use Policy
For
**Consolidated Water
Power Company**

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin



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Public Use Policy – CWPC Property

Consolidated Water Power Company (CWPC) owns and operates five hydroelectric projects on the Wisconsin River. These five projects span approximately 45 river miles and include projects from the DuBay Flowage south to the Wisconsin Rapids Dam. The project names are specifically DuBay, Stevens Point, Whiting, Biron, and Wisconsin Rapids Flowages. Included with these projects, the company owns land located in Wood, Portage and Marathon counties.

Most CWPC land is open to the public for recreational purposes and general enjoyment. However, certain activities are prohibited to: minimize property damage, promote safety and allow better overall management and protection of natural resources. The rules outlined below state the company's policy on allowed and prohibited activities on the properties. Signs are posted at most common access points; however, the absence of such signs does not relieve public users from following stated rules on all CWPC property. Persons wishing to have a copy of this policy should contact the individual listed at the end of this brochure.

Allowable Activities

The following recreational activities **are allowed** on all CWPC property, unless specifically posted otherwise:

1. Hunting (Some lands near to residences may be posted.)
2. Fishing
3. Hiking
4. Picnics
5. Cross-country skiing
6. Any other recreational activity which does not require the use of any type of motorized vehicle or might otherwise cause damage to the property, shoreline, or timber resources.

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are **prohibited** or restricted to designated locations only:

1. **Road Use.** All roads and forest trails are off limits to all motorized traffic except those which provide access to designated access points or recreational areas. **All motorized vehicles are expressly prohibited from driving on CWPC dike roads.**
2. **Off-Road Vehicles.** Off-road vehicles (ORVs) are defined as any powered vehicle not licensed by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to operate on public roadways. These include, but are not limited to: ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, and go-carts.
3. **Camping.** Overnight camping is prohibited on all company property except those areas which have been specifically designated and posted with signs.
4. **Garbage/Trash Dumping.** All forms of dumping are completely prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: glass, general trash, appliances, vehicles, tires, grass clippings, leaves, brush or other yard debris. No garbage receptacles are placed at company access sites. Instead we promote the policy of "Pack It In – Pack It Out."

5. **Fires.** Open fires are not allowed under any circumstances. Cooking stoves/grills are allowed for day picnics and for cooking purposes only. Extreme (life-threatening) emergencies are the **only** exception to this policy.
6. **Tree or Bough Cutting.** The removal of a tree or any part thereof (dead or alive) is prohibited. An exception may be granted for removal of dead or fallen timber by written request.
7. **Permanent Tree Stands or Hunting Blinds.** The erection of permanent tree stands or hunting blinds is prohibited. Under no circumstances will nails, spikes, or other devices be used which would damage the tree. Portable stands are allowed, but must be removed daily. Trees or brush may not be cut to develop shooting lanes, conceal a hunter or build ground blinds.
8. **Special Designated Areas.** CWPC has set aside certain parcels for wildlife management or key recreational activities. This area includes:

Consolidated Water Power Company – Mead Wildlife Cooperative Management Area. CWPC and Stora Enso North America have set aside approximately 3,600 acres located adjacent to the Mead Wildlife Area to be managed for wildlife with the assistance of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This area is open to the public with the same land-use guidelines as stated above.

CWPC has maps for all of its flowages indicating the area's recreational opportunities and access points. These are available to individuals at no cost.

These rules will be enforced by CWPC with the cooperation of WDNR and local law enforcement officials, to ensure that company resources and facilities are adequately protected to allow for continued enjoyment by the public. Persons engaging in prohibited activities will be prosecuted. A reward of up to \$500.00 will be awarded to individuals aiding in the apprehension and conviction of violators.

This policy is subject to revision without notice. The public is encouraged to call or write with any questions regarding these policies.

Questions or requests for permits should be directed to:

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