

The Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area (TFSWA) encompasses about 40,000 acres. The diverse topography, vegetative cover and water resources offer a wide variety of hunting and trapping opportunities. Animals you might see include: deer, bear, ruffed grouse, woodcock, turkey, snowshoe hare, raccoon, coyote, bobcat, red fox, mink, beaver, otter, fisher, muskrat and a variety of waterfowl.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The TFSWA offers five trails designated for hiking, and four of those trails offer hunting opportunities — Hidden Rivers Nature Trail (hiking only); Little Turtle Hunter Walking Trail (Mercer Cross Country Ski Association [MECCA] partners with the DNR to maintain these trails); Big Island Hunter Walking Trail; Wilson Hills Hunter Walking Trail; and Deadhorse Hunter Walking Trail (Deadhorse Ruffed Grouse Management Demonstration Area). In the back country, you will also find several miles of old logging roads.

All general hunting and trapping regulations apply within the TFSWA. Please take special note of the following regulations before hunting or trapping on this or other state properties. For more information, see the section “State-owned and State Managed Lands” in the latest deer hunting regulations.

- The TFSWA is located in Deer Management Unit-Iron County; Bear Zone-A, Turkey Zone-7, and the Northern Zones for fisher, otter, waterfowl and bobcat.

PRIVATE VS. PUBLIC LANDS

Many areas of private land lie scattered within the TFSWA. Care should be taken to stay on state-owned land, and not trespass on adjacent lands without the permission of the landowner. Maps showing the location of public and private land within the TFSWA are available at the Mercer Ranger Station, and also in map boxes located at a number of boat access sites and trailheads throughout the property. You can also explore public lands and identify property boundaries using the DNR’s free Hunt Wild Wisconsin App.

TRAIL ACCESS POINTS

Most trail access points are gated. Please do not park in front of the gates. Access to these gated trails is needed for emergency rescue activities, fire suppression and wildlife management operations.

PRACTICE HUNTER SAFETY

The TFSWA is used by many recreationalists at all different times of the year, hunters should be especially aware of gun and bow safety while hunting. Hunting within 100 yards of a designated trail (not hunter walking trails) or a TFSWA campsite is prohibited.

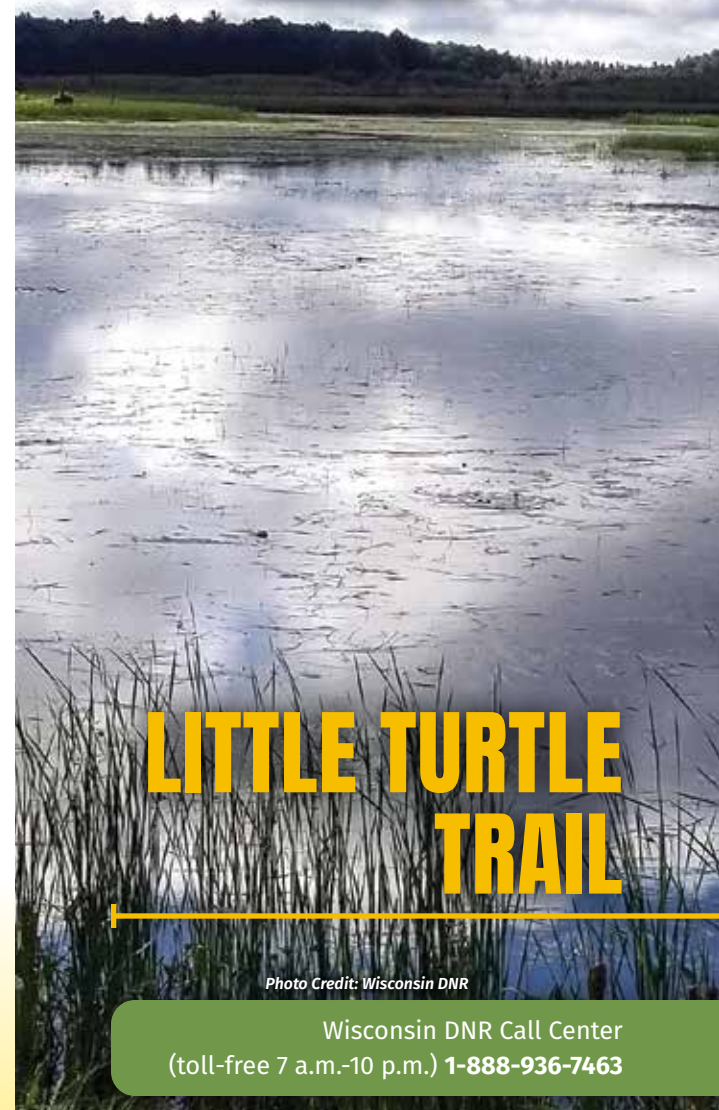
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions about TFSWA, contact the property manager at **715-476-7846**.

In case of emergency, call the Iron County Sheriff at 1-800-243-2131 or dial 911.

In case of non-emergency (or to report a hunting violation), call the Warden Tip Line at 1-800-847-9367.

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LITTLE TURTLE TRAIL

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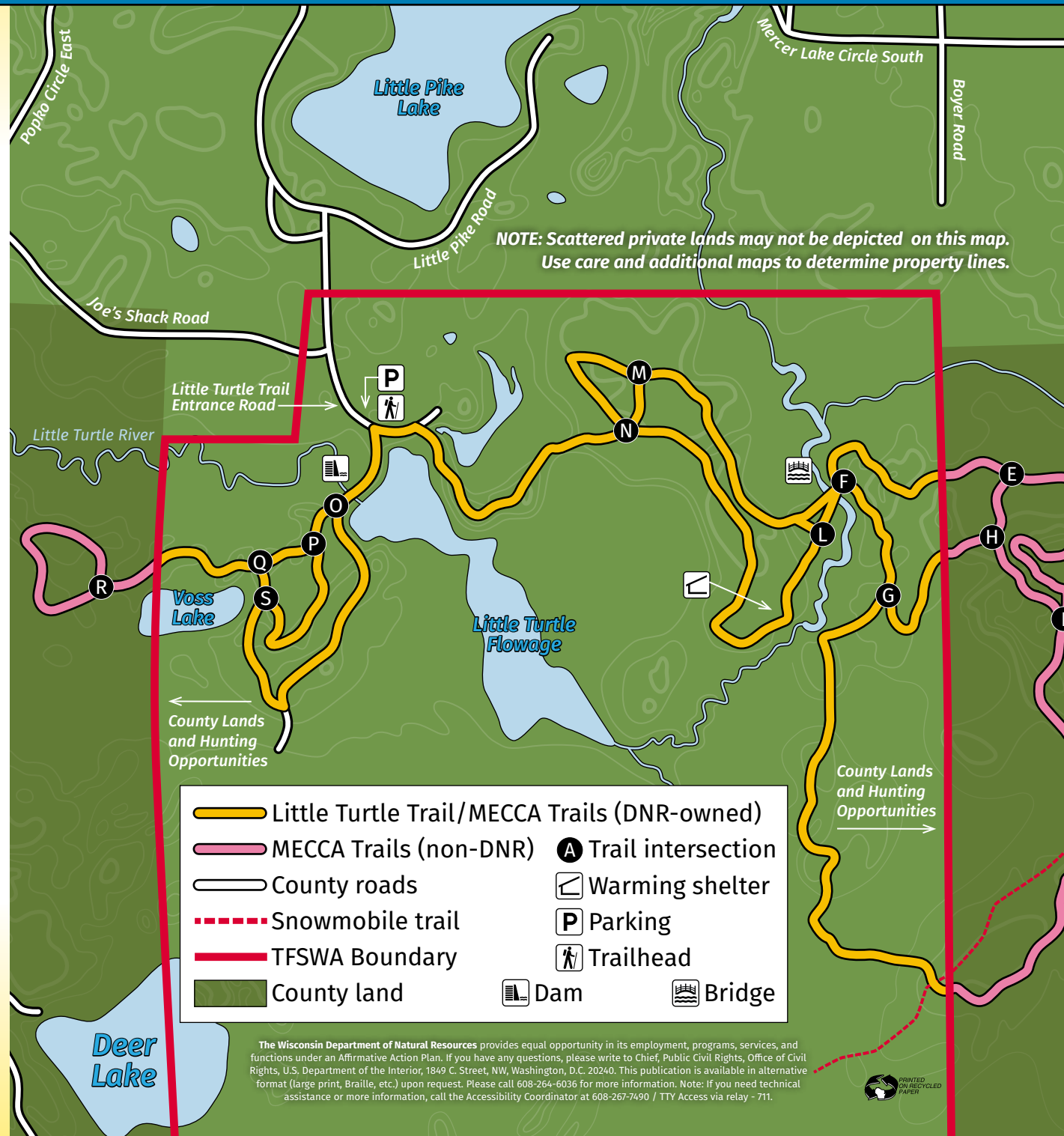
Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area • Little Turtle Trail



The **Little Turtle Trail** meanders through the Little Turtle Flowage Waterfowl Production Area (LTFWPA). The LTFWPA includes over 350 acres of water, 450 acres of wetlands and 80 acres of open grasslands; the balance of this 1,100 acre special management unit is upland forest. This area is managed for waterfowl and forest wildlife. The main 260-acre impoundment is the Little Turtle Flowage. A smaller sub-impoundment is northeast of the main impoundment. In addition, 65 small ponds are scattered throughout the area to attract breeding ducks, geese and trumpeter swans.

There are about 5.2 miles of mowed trail in the LTFWPA. To access the trail from Mercer, go north on Highway 51, west on County Highway FF, east on Popko Circle East, and south on Joe's Shack Road. Follow the signage for Little Turtle Trail to find the parking area.

NOTE: Between Dec. 15 and Apr. 15, this hunter walking trail is designated part of the MECCA Cross-country Ski Trail. **Do not walk or hike on the groomed portion of this trail when the ground is snow-covered between these dates.** To learn more or find a map about MECCA Trails, visit www.meccatrails.com.



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