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Emma Toft: One With Nature

Come explore the work of an environmental pioneer in Wisconsin's Door County. Despite commercial development just down the road, Toft Point near Bailey's Harbor remains, as it was over a thousand years ago. Emma Toft was a lady of the wilderness and was willing to fight for the land and the respect of plants and animals. This is a story of her preservation and perseverance. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Emma Toft (1891-1982)

Emma Toft is known as "Wisconsin's First Lady of Conservation" for her efforts to save an ancient forest in Door County from being destroyed by logging and commercial development. [Read More](#)

Women in the Woods: Then and Now

Just as it would be wrong to only tell your mother you love her on Mother's Day, it is a mistake to only pay tribute to the contributions of women to forests and forestry once per year. But here we are at the beginning of National Women's History Month, this Sunday is International Women's Day (March 8th), and it feels like the right time to shout from the rooftops how important women are to sustaining healthy forests. That fact doesn't change when March ends — so we promise not to stop shouting it! [Read More](#)

Woodland Stewardship for Women

As natural resource professionals, we serve people of all kinds who have diverse ideas about how they want to manage their land. Both in Wisconsin and the broader U.S., women are increasingly choosing or inheriting the role of primary decision-maker for their land. In fact, the percentage of woodland owner primary decision-makers who are female in the U.S. doubled from 11% in 2006 to 22% in 2013. [Read More](#)

"New Faces, Same Old Values": Revisiting a History of Attitudes Towards Women in the Forest Service

The forest service grew in size and responsibility during the 1950s and 1960s, it achieved the height of its popularity, even as its policies began to come under fire and legislation forced changes in its operations. Some of the agency's difficulties in the decades that followed were due to the makeup of its personnel. New environmental laws and procedures required adding non-forestry scientists and experts to the planning teams. Women, long relegated to office work or unpaid support positions since the agency's founding in 1905, fought for and won the right to work in field positions. African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics soon joined them in moving into those positions and up the ladder into administrative jobs. [Read More](#)

These 10 National Parks Wouldn't Exist Without Women

Women were the driving force behind the creation of many of our most popular national parks, yet few today are household names. Time to give credit where credit is due. From Joshua Tree to Great Sand Dunes, these national park sites simply wouldn't exist as we know them today without the tireless efforts of dedicated women. Learn about the unsung heroes who made it happen [Read More](#)

Mary Roddis Connor – First Woman Inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame

Mary Roddis Connor (1909-2000) was inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. She is the first woman. She and her husband, Gordon R. Connor (1906-1986) are the only husband and wife to be so honored. Mrs. Connor was honored at the Forest History Association of Wisconsin 30th Annual Conference in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for her more than 60 years of actively participating and appearing before state and national legislative bodies concerning forest products industry issues and promoting multiple-use sustained yield forest management. She was a co-founder of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and a past president. [Read More](#)

Hike This Ancient Forest In Wisconsin That's Home To 300-Year-Old Trees

Cathedral Pines State Natural Area protects much of what is left of Wisconsin's old-growth forest and we have a woman named Lucy Rumsey to thank for it. [Read More](#)



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