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Statehouse Lake: Life and Contributions of a YCC Camp

Learn how the Youth Conservation Corps Camp (YCC) on Statehouse Lake dramatically improved Northwoods rich natural resources and served as a national model. From 1962-1995 the Statehouse Lake was home to thousands of young men and women who supported DNR projects and learned many life lessons. Benefits produced by the YCC are still visible today on Northwoods lakes, streams, forests, parks, campsites and trails. . [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Managing for Bees

Most people are acquainted with honeybees and bumblebees and their importance in nature. There are 4,000 bee species in this country that pollinate 80 percent of all flowering plants, including more than 130 types of fruits and vegetables. In fact, every year they pollinate \$15 billion worth of U.S. crops, the very food we eat. [Read More](#)

As Emerald Ash Borers Decimate Trees, New Forest Planted to Replace Them

ALONG THE ST. LOUIS RIVER — For more than a decade now, since emerald ash borers were first discovered in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the shiny green insects from Asia have been mostly an urban problem, munching away and killing ash trees in cities and suburbs where some neighborhoods have lost most of their shade. Now, slowly but surely, a new chapter in the insect's invasion is opening as they make their move into the forests of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin where millions of acres of black ash trees await. [Read More](#)

Minnesota Timber Framer Helping to Rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral

GRAND MARAIS, Minn. -- A carpenter from Minnesota is using his woodworking skills to help rebuild the famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. A devastating fire tore through the roof four years ago. When flames engulfed Notre Dame in 2019, French President Emmanuel Macron vowed to resurrect the iconic cathedral within five years. Four years in, architects are celebrating a huge step toward restoration as they raise the first portion of a massive oak framework in a workshop in western France. [Read More](#)

DNR: Summer Spongy Moth Outbreak Could be Worst in More Than Ten Years

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is warning the public that the next two months could bring the worst spongy moth caterpillar outbreak in more than a decade. Invasive spongy moth caterpillars, formerly known as gypsy moth, strip trees of their leaves, potentially killing high-value trees. They prefer to feed on oak, birch, crabapple, aspen and willow leaves but will also feed on many other tree and shrub species. [Read More](#)

Poor Air Quality Isn't The Only Way Wildfires Affect Cities

Thousands of people in Quebec, Canada evacuated their homes this month due to raging wildfires. More than 400 miles away, New York City experienced its worst air quality in history, and briefly had the worst air quality of any city in the world. And New York wasn't alone: As of June 7, 2023, more than 75 million people in the United States were experiencing unhealthy and even hazardous air quality due to fires burning hundreds of miles away. [Read More](#)

Summer Wildfire Threat Could Imperil Unexpected US Regions: the Northeast and Midwest

WASHINGTON — In a summer of drought, smoke and haze, wildfires could flare up in unusual locations in the United States over the next few months — including New England and the Midwest, according to federal forecasters. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin WWII POW camps detailed in books

Did you know Wisconsin housed prisoners of war during World War II? I was vaguely aware there were German POW camps in Wisconsin during WWII, but I didn't know how the communities where these prisoners were kept were impacted. I also wondered why the powers-that-be would ship prisoners to the U.S. during WWII. [Read More](#)



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