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Lumberjills: Heroines of the Women's Timber Corps

Author Joanna Foat first discovered the story of the British Women's Timber Corps in 2012. Like most people, she had never heard of the women who took on tough "men's work" like felling and crosscutting trees, operating sawmills, and driving tractors and logging trucks during World War II. So, Joanna travelled the country to meet sixty of the women to uncover their wartime stories. [View Video](#)

In the News

Newly Released: 2025 Wisconsin Forest Health Report

Each year, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff create a report updating on the status of forest health threats in Wisconsin. This year's report includes a look at the status of concerns such as spongy moth, hemlock wooly adelgid, emerald ash borer, oak wilt, beech bark disease, and Japanese stiltgrass in the state. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Announces 2026 Inductees

William Lunney, Keith McCaffery and Neil Payne are this year's inductees into the WCHF. The public is invited to attend the virtual induction ceremony by registering at the link in the press release, which also includes information about the new inductees. [Read More](#)

Visit the Leopold's Carson National Forest Home

After Aldo Leopold was appointed supervisor of the Carson National Forest in 1912, he built his headquarters in Tres Piedras, New Mexico. It was during his time here that Leopold started to formulate his land ethic philosophy that would be detailed in *A Sand County Almanac*. Visitors can now stay in this National Historic Site and enjoy the house's acreage, outbuildings, and History Library. [Read More](#)

Those Who Watch Over the Wild Rice Guidebook Available

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission has produced a guidebook for Indigenous and non-Indigenous harvesters, as well as others who would like to learn more about healing relationships with wild rice (Manoomin). It is available to download. [Read More](#)

Ahlstrom Idling Parts of Mosinee Mill

Citing rising costs and limited automation on machines, Ahlstrom announced an upcoming closure of its pulp mill and idling of two of its paper machines at the Mosinee paper mill. The changes will impact approximately 200 employees. Ahlstrom will invest in modernizing its other two paper machines at the Mosinee mill; operations at the Thilmany mill in Kaukauna will not be affected. [Read More](#)

State History Predates the Pyramids

Lake Mendota's recent dugout canoe discoveries have ignited interest all over the world. This BBC article offers an overview of the story, with a focus on the perspective of modern-day Ho Chunk Nation members. [Read More](#)

"Wisconsin State Parks at Your Library" Program Returns for 2026

The DNR and the Department of Public Instruction are continuing their partnership on a program that allows residents to check out state park passes through their local library for free. Patrons at over 150 statewide libraries can check out daily passes for state parks, forests or recreation areas that require admission. State park maps and other information are also available at participating libraries. [Read More](#)

A Life in Conservation Politics

Dr. Neil Prendergast, UWSP History Professor, will speak on the life and legacy of Gaylord Nelson as part of the "Voices for Conservation in Wisconsin's History" Spring Seminar Series presented by the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife. The talk will be held in-person on Thursday, March 5th and will also be livestreamed. Future months' speakers include Dick Thiel and Curt Meine. [Read More](#)

Door County Ghost Port Preserved

Legacy Nature Preserve at Clay Banks in Door County marks the location of what was once a bustling logging-boom era port. Though the sawmill, school, post office and marine traffic are now gone, visitors can still enjoy Lake Michigan vistas and wild beaches. [Read More](#)