

4. Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

Gaylord Nelson's vision of youth environmentalism was realized through the groundbreaking work of State Forest Rangers guiding Youth Conservation Corps



1962



1974



1995

YCC starts at Statehouse Lake followed by Minong, Montello, and Campbellsport

Kettle Moraine enrolls women as YCC campers

Wisconsin YCC closes

Campers Built YCC Camps; First Tent Platforms Followed By Buildings



Tools Of YCC



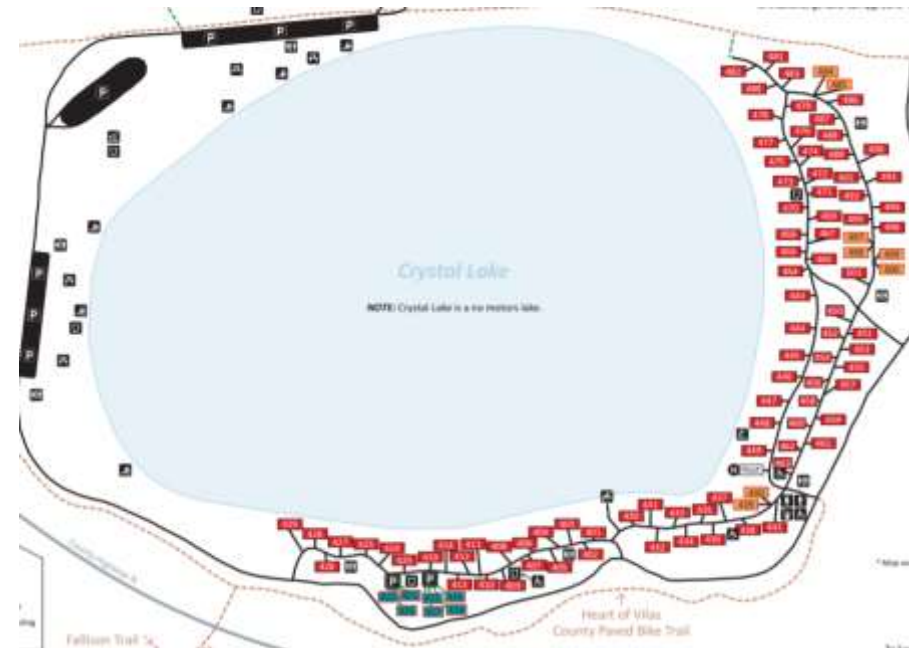
Building Escanaba Trail



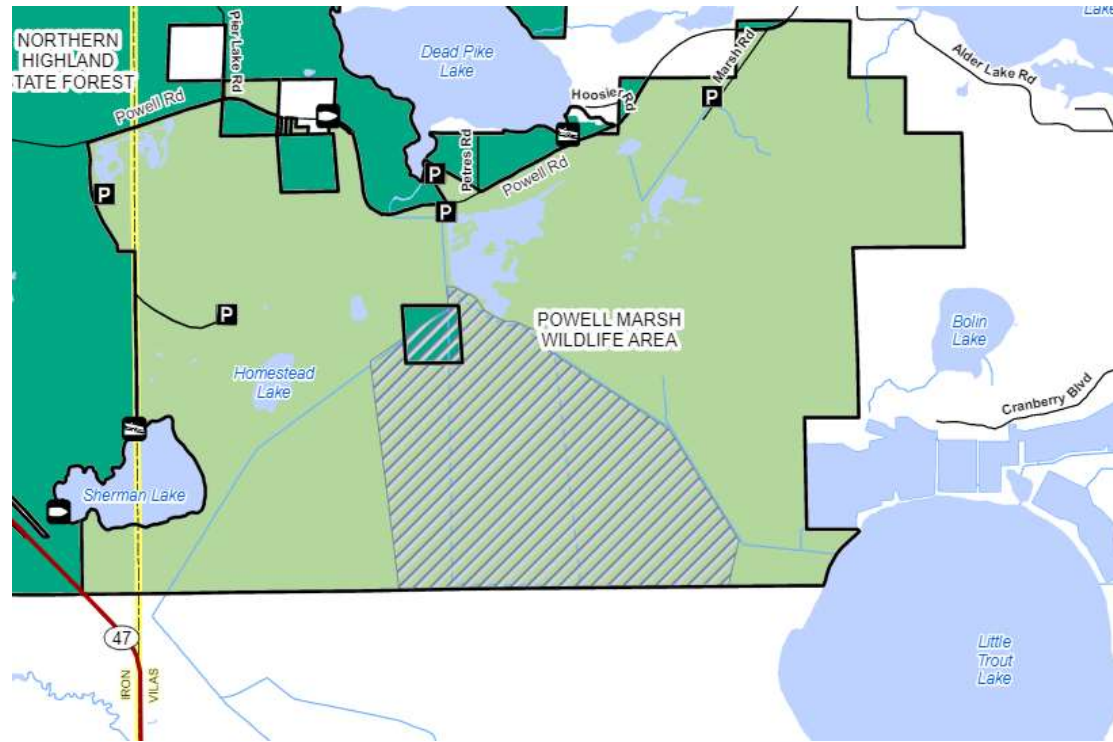
Stabilizing Crystal Lake Beach



Photo courtesy of Beth Feind, WDNW



Powell Marsh Construction



(a) Operation Blue Goose.—Approximately 10 acres of dense stands of aspen, oak, birch, spruce, and jackpine in Powell Marsh were felled with axes. All debris was stacked in piles for late summer burning. Power equipment is to move in at a later date to remove stumps and prepare the soil for planting to buckwheat for migratory goose forage. (Work done for the game management division of the conservation department.)

Fire Protection And Suppression



(i) Operation Smoke Scan.—Four fire towers were manned by camp personnel during dry periods, releasing regular WCD employees for operation of power tools denied camp personnel by Wisconsin Industrial Commission regulations. Towers manned were Rest Lake, Pine Lake, Wildcat, and Trostel. Total man-days served were 60. (Work done for the forest protection division of the conservation department.)

Supporting Fishery Management





(e) Operation Wing Dam.—A 1-mile length of the Manitowish River immediately south of U.S. Highway No. 51 in Vilas County was reconstructed for fish habitat improvement. Three separate rock deflector devices were built, each exceeding 100 feet in length. Stones were rooted from the river bottom.