

Updated 2016-17 Wisconsin wildlife reports now available

The public can find the latest results for a wide variety of wildlife surveys conducted in 2016 and 2017 such as population surveys and estimates, harvest results and wildlife observations that are now available in reports on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.

The reports include data collected from small game, big game, furbearer and non-game categories. The reports were made possible by Pittman-Robertson funding.

DNR staff would like to thank volunteers who assisted with survey efforts for their continued commitment to Wisconsin's wildlife.

The following reports for 2016-17 can be found by searching the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, for keyword "reports."

Small Game

- Small Game Harvest, 2016-17
- Ruffed Grouse Drumming Survey, 2017
- Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Survey, 2017
- Rural Mail Carrier Pheasant Survey, 2017
- Spring Ring-Necked Pheasant Survey, 2017
- Regional Bobwhite Quail and Cottontail Rabbit Survey, 2017

Big Game

- Black Bear Population Analyses, 2017
- Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, 2016
- Agricultural Deer Damage Shooting Permits, 2016
- Winter Severity Indices, 2016-17

Furbearers

- Bobcat Harvest, 2016
- Fisher Harvest, 2016
- Otter Harvest, 2016-17
- Bobcat Population Analyses, 2017
- Fisher Population Analyses, 2017
- Otter Population Analyses, 2017
- Bobcat Hunter/Trapper Survey, 2016
- Winter Track Counts, 1977-2017
- Beaver Trapping Questionnaire, 2016-17
- Fur Trapper Survey, 2016-17
- Wisconsin Fur Buyers Report, 2016-17

Nongame

- Central Wisconsin Greater Prairie-Chicken Survey, 2017
- Frog and Toad Survey, 2016
- American Marten Winter Track Surveys in Northern Wisconsin, 2016-17
- Moose Observations, 2016
- Rare Carnivore Observations, 2016

Wild Rivers tour from page four

and II rapids while more skilled paddlers are encouraged to portage Meyers Falls. All paddlers should portage LaSalle Falls.

The 10 miles below LaSalle Falls offers relaxed paddling with a steady current for paddlers of all skill levels. The river makes a big 3.5 mile loop, referred to as the Oxbow, and put-in and take-out are only a 1/4 mile apart. Paddlers and tubers love the convenience

of the Oxbow with access on County N.

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Popple River

The Popple access points offer good opportunities for stream

fishermen who like to wade for trout. The Popple offers rapids, riffles and pools where native and/or stocked trout can be found. Paddling the Popple River is best done in the spring and early summer when water levels are highest. The lower stretch of the Popple River downstream of Access Point

#5 on Morgan Lake Rd. is recommended only for expert paddlers. Portages are available for Big Bull Falls and Washburn Falls. Access Points #6 - #10 offer easy but often shallow paddling trips. A reading of two is recommended on either the Hwy 101 or Morgan Lake Rd gauges.

Trappers who incidentally trap wolves encouraged to contact DNR staff

Trappers who incidentally capture wolves are encouraged to contact department staff and participate in Wisconsin's wolf collaring and monitoring program.

"Tracking collared wolves is a critical component of Wisconsin's wolf monitoring program. Trappers can help improve the quality of Department of Natural Resources wolf population data by allowing us to collar incidentally captured wolves before they are released," said Nathan Libal, DNR wildlife biologist.

Voluntary participation from Wisconsin's

trappers is an important part of the department's work with many stakeholders and partners to monitor the state's wolf population.

In the event of an incidental wolf capture, DNR staff will work closely with the participating trappers to determine if the wolf is a good candidate for our monitoring program. Interested trappers can contact DNR wolf program staff by calling 715-401-1764.

For more information regarding wolf monitoring and management in Wisconsin, please visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword "wolf."



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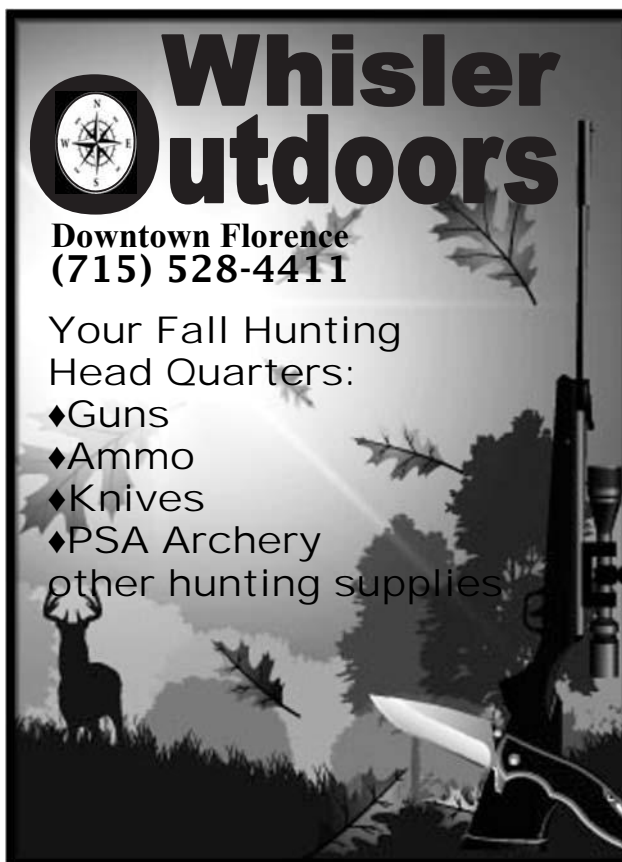
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