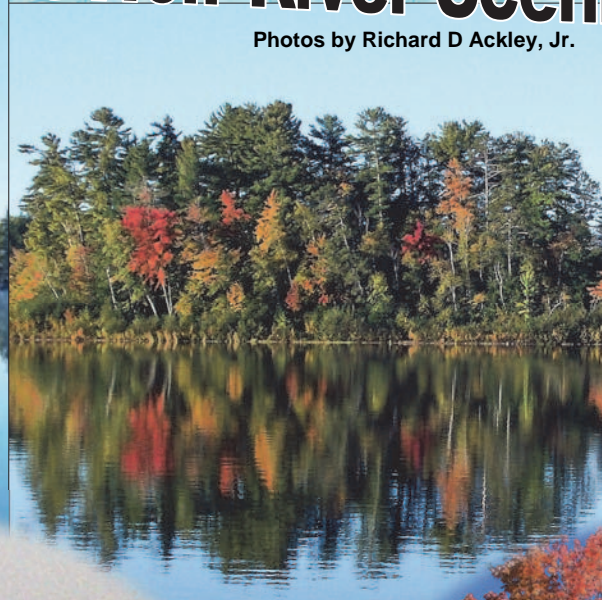


# Lakes of the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway, Hwy 55/32.

Photos by Richard D Ackley, Jr.



Enjoy fishing on Mole Lake in the fall on the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway Hwy 55 in Mole Lake.



Peshtigo Lake



Lake Lucerne



Lake Metonga



seasons of beautiful photographic opportunities. This fall, check out these lakes along the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway, Hwy 55/32. Above, Lake Metonga.

## Explore the north woods along the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway

Richard D Ackley Jr

The Scenic Byways program designated its newest scenic byway this past August, through a cooperative effort between local communities and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Travelers will experience the byway along Hwy 55 and 32 starting from Hwy 64 and crossing Hwy 52 then Hwy 70 north and on to the Michigan border; spanning a large section of Wisconsin's north woods.

Scenic byways are designed to identify and promote state highway corridors with scenic and/or historical attributes that provide travelers an enjoyable visual, educational and recreational experience. The Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway is a 145-mile route traversing parts of the state's northcentral counties of Forest, Langlade, Oneida and Vilas.

This scenic byway is named in honor of two of its nationally-recognized resources: the Nicolet

National Forest and the Wolf River, a National Scenic River. A variety of recreational opportunities are available to travelers ranging from activities on the extensive multi-use trail systems to water-based sports.

"This newest scenic byway is the result of individuals, local governments and organizations coming together to have a positive economic impact on their communities," said WisDOT Secretary Dave Ross, who officially designated the scenic byway. "Their efforts will provide travelers with a genuine Northwoods experience."

The route winds through the Nicolet National Forest and various communities, including: Langlade, Hollister, Lily, Pickerel, Mole Lake, Crandon, Argonne, Alvin, and Nelma on WIS 55; Choate on WIS 52; Hiles, Carter, Wabeno, Padus, and Laona on WIS 32; as well as the Sokaogon Chippewa and the Forest County Potawatomi communities. The historic

Dinesen House in Mole Lake and the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center near Crandon provide visitors an opportunity to explore the tribal culture and heritage. The region's logging heritage comes alive at the Lumberjack Steam Train and Camp 5 Museum complex in Laona, and the Wabeno Logging Museum.

Wisconsin's Scenic Byways Program, a cooperative effort between local communities and WisDOT directs traveler's attention to some of the most scenic and historic highway corridors in the state. Started in 2005, Wisconsin has four other scenic byways – the Door County Coastal Byway, which includes WIS 42 and WIS 57; the Great River Road National Scenic Byway (WIS 35); the Lower Wisconsin River Road (WIS 60) and the Wisconsin Lake Superior Byway (WIS 13). A scenic byway is a numbered highway, at least 30 miles long, that offers travelers numerous scenic views

and historic resources. Its designation serves to boost a region's attractiveness as a tourist destination.

The Scenic Byways program is similar but separate from WisDOT's Rustic Roads program. Typically, Rustic Roads are lightly-traveled town

or county roads that offer bikers, hikers and other travelers a leisurely opportunity to see native terrain and wildlife in a rural setting.

The Nicolet – Wolf River Byway located in the heart of the majestic Nicolet National Forest and home to the headwa-

ters of the pristine, boulder-strewn Wolf River. Here you'll discover communities where life moves at a slower pace. For more information about the Wisconsin Scenic Byways Program, visit: <http://wisconsindot.gov/scenic-byways>.

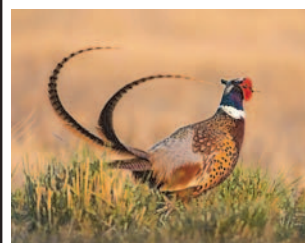
## YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT



Sponsored by: KAMO (Kids & Mentors Outdoors) Florence Chapter For boys and girls ages 10-17 years old. (Limited to 25)

**MUST HAVE HUNTER SAFETY COURSE**

Register at 8:30. Lunch at noon (parents pick up children no later than 1 p.m.) Everything will be provided by KAMO. If you do bring your own gun, only hammerless shotguns are allowed. Everyone must wear a hunter orange hat & jacket/vest or one can be provided.



**Saturday October 21st at the SHADY GAME FARM 2nd Crossing Rd, 6526 Harding Rd. in Florence Call Dwaine Drewa at (715) 528-5266 to pre-register, or sign up at school.**