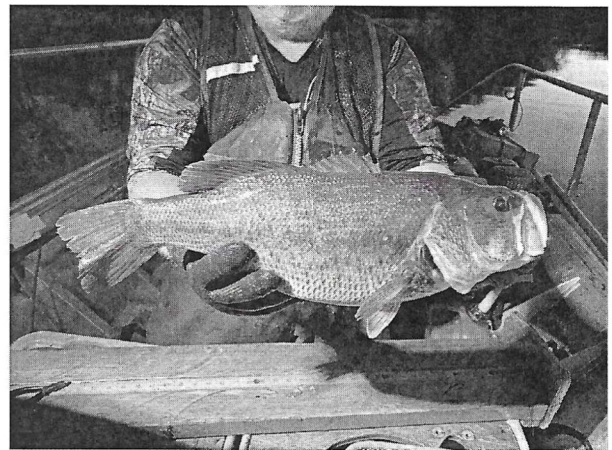


# Hunting and Fishing at the Colfax-Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area



Welcome to the new **Colfax-Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area**! This wonderful property was purchased in part with a Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund was created in 1989 to preserve important natural communities, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. For this reason, the CRCPRA is **OPEN** to Hunting and Fishing. **ALL** Wisconsin Hunting and Fishing Regulations apply while hunting and fishing at the CRCPRA.



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**Hunting Opportunities:** The CRCPRA is a popular hunting location and has been for many years. Large game, small game and waterfowl are abundant.

- Waterfowl hunting is popular on both the pond and river.
- Deer hunting (both archery and gun) is popular in many areas of the property. Hunters may set up ground blinds or portable tree stands. However, all stands must be removed each evening. Permanent tree stands are not allowed on the CRCPRA.
- Small game opportunities include: Rabbit, squirrel, grouse, woodcock and pheasant.
- **Use caution** while hunting and follow the Wisconsin Hunter Safety Rules at all times. This is a multi-use property and others may be hiking or recreating nearby.



**Fishing Opportunities:** The CRCPRA is a popular fishing location and has been for many years. The property is available for fishing during ALL seasons of the year! **Winter ice fishing** on the Ferry Pond is popular and can produce Panfish, Bass and Northern Pike. The pond is fairly shallow, with a maximum depth of approximately 10 feet. Much of the eastern portion of the pond is less than 4 feet deep. In addition, high groundwater flow prevents the ice from getting more than about 12 inches thick and the northeastern portion of the pond remains ice-free all winter (be careful!). Most ice fishing takes place on the western end and middle of the Ferry Pond.

**Spring/Early Summer:** The Ferry Pond is a popular fishing location during this season. Spawning bluegills and bass attract a lot of attention from anglers. Well-beaten walking paths will lead you to some popular fishing locations. Weed growth can make late summer fishing slightly more difficult. During late summer you may want to try top-water fishing for Bass and Northern!

**The Red Cedar River:** The river also offers fantastic fishing opportunities from spring to fall. Prior to the May Opener, the river is a popular destination for Crappie and Suckers. During the rest of the summer and into fall, Panfish, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike can be caught in the stretch of river that surrounds the park. Shore fishing and canoe/kayak fishing are both popular.