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Wisconsin's Forests Have A Dynamic History. University Place: Forces From Glaciers To Loggers Have Shaped The North Woods

To many Wisconsinites, the state's northern forests are sturdy and vast swaths of land that resist the forces of the outside world and symbolize the state's natural inheritance. But for well over a century, human activity has removed virtually all of the fabled old-growth trees in Wisconsin and continues to shape what contemporary residents think of as the venerable old North Woods.

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In the News

Wisconsin's State Forests to See More Timber Cutting

Wisconsin officials are earmarking nearly 40,000 more acres of state forestland for intensive logging — a move pushed by the Legislature to provide a fresh source of timber to the forest products industry. But opponents, which see the change as a major shift in the management of public forests, question the need for such action and are worried about the potential ecological harm that could come from more logging. [Read More](#)

Some Wisconsin Loggers Holding Off On Timber Harvests

Some northern Wisconsin loggers are putting off timber harvests as the prices for timber products they deliver have fallen over the past eight months. Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association Executive Director Henry Schienebeck said some loggers are holding off on harvesting wood they bought under contract. He said an oversupply of raw material on the market is leading some to consider their options. [Read More](#)

Menominee Forest Keepers

Photographs shot by satellites high above the earth show something very distinctive in the Upper Midwest — a clearly outlined, deep-green rectangle. They're images of Menominee Forest, the centerpiece of the 235,000-acre Menominee Reservation in northeastern Wisconsin and one of the most historically significant working forests in the world. NASA astronauts have also reported seeing the forest from their perches in the space shuttle. [Read More](#)

Winter Snow, Your Water and Trees: It's More Complicated Than You Think

There is an intimate relationship between wintry forests and the water cycle, and it deserves a little digging into. So, let's take a look at the interworkings of snowpack — how forests affect it in different areas, some current debates about forest management practices and what the potential consequences may be for wildlife. [Read More](#)

Fiery Tests Show Strength of Cross-laminated Timber Structures

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A series of fiery, live blast tests on three cross-laminated timber structures have been conducted at Tyndall Air Force Base by WoodWorks in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Softwood Lumber Board. Post-test observations were exciting. All structures remained intact and matched modeling predictions with acceptable levels of damage under significant explosive loading. [Read More](#)

Are Trees Sentient Beings? Certainly, Says German Forester

In his bestselling book, *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter Wohlleben argues that to save the world's forests we must first recognize that trees are "wonderful beings" with innate adaptability, intelligence, and the capacity to communicate with — and heal — other trees. [Read More](#)

30th Annual Bald Eagle Watching Days Takes Flight January 13-14 in Sauk Prairie

MADISON - Bald eagle watching events take flight in January in several Wisconsin communities and continue into March, allowing people ample opportunities to watch eagles at their wintering sites and enjoy live raptor shows and other activities showcasing the raptor's recovery from near extinction. [Read More](#)