

Minnesota Walk-In Access Program

2024 Fact Sheet



Walk-In Access (WIA) provides public recreational opportunities on private land and rewards land-owners for keeping their land in high quality habitat.



Traditionally a "grasslands" program, but recently expanding into northern and eastern counties. See map on back for participating counties.



New in 2024, new enrollments now open for additional outdoor recreational opportunities such as birdwatching and nature photography as well as hunting.



No motorized vehicles are allowed on WIAs. No target practice, trapping, dog training, camping, horseback riding or fires are allowed.



A \$3.00 WIA validation will be required when using WIAs. This validation is available at all ELS agents.



Eligible lands should be 40 acres or larger and include high quality wildlife habitat.



\$18 per acre payment rates!



Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) work directly with landowners for program enrollment. In return, SWCDs are compensated for each contract they enroll.



Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for WIA acres under MN State Statute 604A.20 to 604A.27. Private leases are not covered under this statute.



The future of WIA depends on participation from local landowners, responsible use by outdoor enthusiast and quality partnerships with local government units.

Please support Walk-In Access!



For more information about the WIA program, enrolled lands and the WIA Code of Conduct, visit www.mndnr.gov/walkin

Minnesota Walk-In Access (WIA) Program Counties 2024

