The hiking trails at Kusel Lake Co. Park provide the public a chance to hike a variety of trails through a variety of ecotypes and terrain in one of Waushara County’s oldest parks.

The 1.09 mile “outside” loop and 0.91 mile “easy” loop is a tour of the original Kusel Lake Co. Park established by a lease between Waushara County and the Town of Springwater in 1976. This loop and cutoff is a relatively flat route through a White/Red/Scotch Pine plantation. The majority of this original 59 acre parcel was planted to Red & White Pine in 1945 and thinned three times over the years.

The thick White Pine understory is a testament to the ability of White Pine to outcompete others because of its prolific ability to produce seed & grow in shade conditions. The southwest section of this loop has an area of very old Scotch Pine, which is rare, since it seldom reaches maturity in our area.

The hiking trails on the south 32 acres are possible because of a County Parks land purchase in 1996. The former Campfire Girls Camp property that was previously farmed is now being converted to a prairie/savanna ecotype. This area is comprised of rolling hills and provide a contrast to the flat “outside” loop and “easy” cutoff.

The entire Kusel Lake Co. Park hiking trail system is groomed for cross country skiing in the winter. Much of the trail system has interpretive signs to describe points of natural interest.

**PARK RULES**

- Sorry, overnight camping & open fires are not allowed. You may use existing grills for cooking.
- Hunting or trapping is not allowed.
- Place litter in garbage barrels (dumping household garbage is not allowed).
- Please use non-glass containers.
- Keep pets on a leash and off the beach.
- Swim at own risk. No lifeguards on duty.
- Admire the flowers, plants, stones and rocks but please do not remove them.

In case of emergency dial 911 or call the Waushara County Sheriff’s Dept. 920-787-3321.

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