George Sorenson Natural Area at Hartford Lake

The George Sorenson Natural Area became part of the Waushara County Parks System in 2001. Named for a long-time county board chairman, the county purchased the 70 acre parcel with the help of a 75% state-lakes grant. The purchase included 75% of the shoreline of 8.9 acre Hartford Lake. Hartford Lake was named for Lyman Hartford who settled the area in the early 1900s. Some maps list Hartford Lake as Lyman Lake. The undeveloped shoreline has a wilderness feel that is unique to this area. The Sorenson Natural Area has a diversity of ecosystems for all to enjoy. The 30 foot deep lake and adjacent shoreline is popular for fishing and swimming. The heavily wooded uplands have many steep slopes which provide a good workout for hikers and snowshoers. The wetlands provide a great variety of flora and fauna for those interested in nature. An extensive trail system, developed by the former owners and maintained by county park personnel, provide access to the entire property. While most of the park has been left in its natural state, a well and hand pump has been added for drinking water, and a fishing/boarding pier is available during the summer.

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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