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# The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund



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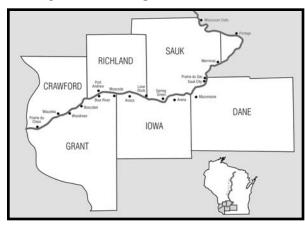
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## Lower Wisconsin State Riverway

#### An Historical Passage

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway was officially dedicated in 1989 when the Wisconsin Legislature, recognizing the area as an exceptional water resource, passed a law that protected 92 miles of free flowing waterway extending from Prairie du Sac to the confluence of the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien. Citizens of Wisconsin can now enjoy countless miles of wild river, free of encroaching development and lush with wildlife.

#### **An Important Refuge**



The Riverway boundary encompasses 79,275 acres of which approximately 40,000 acres are currently owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources. The Riverway serves as a high quality fishery and as a critical corridor for a variety of unique wildlife and plant species. Waterfowl, deer, turkeys, sandhill cranes and other wildlife species thrive in the Riverway's public lands.

The river and its backwaters support 95 native fish species, 20% of which are state endangered or threatened. The Riverway also hosts a variety of threatened or endangered amphibians, reptiles and birds.

#### **Natural Gems**

There are 18 State Natural Areas—relicts of Wisconsin's original landscape—within the Riverway, including places like Ferry Bluff, Avoca Prairie and the Blue River Sand Barrens. State Natural Areas are high quality sites that contain the rarest plant and animal species in the state. Ornate box turtles, red-shouldered hawks and ospreys are a few of the species that depend on the habitats found in the Riverway. Bald eagles continue to increase in number and new nests are reported each year in the Wisconsin River valley—one of the most important wintering areas for bald eagles in Wisconsin









### **Show Your Support!**

The publicly-owned lands along the Lower Wisconsin River require restoration and continual management in order to improve habitat for common and rare wildlife alike. While funds for public lands management continue to decrease, the needs are ever increasing. *Private support is needed to* maintain high quality wildlife habitat along the Riverway.

You can support wildlife management along the Lower Wisconsin by making a dedicated contribution to the Natural Resources Foundation's Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund. Use the form at the right to make your donation today or call the Natural Resources Foundation at (866) 264-4096 to make a donation by phone.



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