



St Croix County Parks 2025-2026 Hunting Plan

The St Croix County (SCC) Hunting Plan allows hunters to make informed decisions regarding hunting in SCC Parks. The Hunting Plan provides current season/unit information, including hunting areas and special rules that apply to a species/season. Hunters are responsible for informing themselves of all federal, state, and county hunting laws and regulations. Hunters should refer to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Hunting Regulations and the SCC Parks Ordinance and Policies for the latest information.

Additional closures of designated use areas may also be established by posted notice.

FIREARMS: Possession of uncased/unloaded firearms, bows, crossbows, or air guns while on foot and in route to a designated park hunting area is permitted. Not allowed or permitted is the discharge of a firearm, bow, crossbow, or air gun across park areas where hunting is not authorized. Shooting a firearm within 100 yards of a park building or other human occupied structure while inside a park boundary is prohibited.

HUNTING: Hunting seasons and dates are established by the DNR. Adjusted seasons and dates within SCC Parks are established by the SCC Parks Administrator. The Administrator may authorize hunting or trapping if it is deemed necessary to control overpopulation, disease, nuisance, or pest problems or to prevent damage to structures or facilities.

COUNTY PARK PASS: Daily or Annual vehicle passes are required for hunters parking at Glen Hills Park, Homestead Parklands, and Orf Family Overlook.

CAMPING: No camping is allowed outside of designated sites at Glen Hills Park.

TREE STANDS, BLINDS, CAMERAS, AND BAITING:

- No permanent tree-stands or permanent blinds are allowed on park property.
- Portable tree-stands and blinds must be completely removed at the end of each hunting day. Owners found in violation may be subject to fines, property seizure, and/or loss of hunting privileges within SCC Parks.
- No hunter shall intentionally place a tree-stand or blind so as to shoot into adjoining private property.
- No screw-in tree steps or hardware are allowed in or on trees.
- No cutting of living trees or limbs larger than 1" in diameter is allowed.
- The placement or use of trail or game cameras by any member of the public is only allowed in areas open for hunting and only during the hunting season for each park. Cameras must clearly display the hunter's last name and DNR customer number.
- Baiting and feeding wildlife, including deer, waterfowl, turkey, and small game is authorized only in accordance with the Wisconsin DNR regulations.

PRIVATE LAND, TRESPASSING, AND CLOSED AREAS: Respect private lands—do not trespass on neighboring lands. **All hunters are responsible for knowing park boundaries.** Always obtain permission from the respective landowner before entering or crossing private property. If a wounded animal enters an area within SCC Parks that is closed to hunting, please contact the Park office. If the office is closed, please contact the SCC Sheriff's Office or the Park Administrator for assistance.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES: Off-road vehicles and snowmobiles must remain on roads and in parking lots or designated winter snowmobile routes unless authorized by the Park Administrator or Park Manager.

ECKERT BLUFFLANDS REGISTRATION FORM

All hunters wishing to hunt at Eckert Blufflands will be required to complete a hunting registration form yearly, providing name, phone number, DNR customer number, vehicle information, and type of hunting planned. Registration forms can be found on the [SCC Parks website](#) or at a self-registration station at Homestead Park.

PENALTY: Per Parks Ordinance Ch. 30, any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit not more than \$200 plus court costs for each violation and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until payment thereof, but not exceeding thirty (30) days. Hunting and trapping are authorized pursuant to all Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource rules and regulations. Hunting in closed areas or violating the provisions of this policy can also result in loss of hunting privileges within SCC Parks.

PROPERTIES

Please note that the day-use areas and the campgrounds are closed to hunting. Hunting rules and regulations within SCC park properties are as follows:

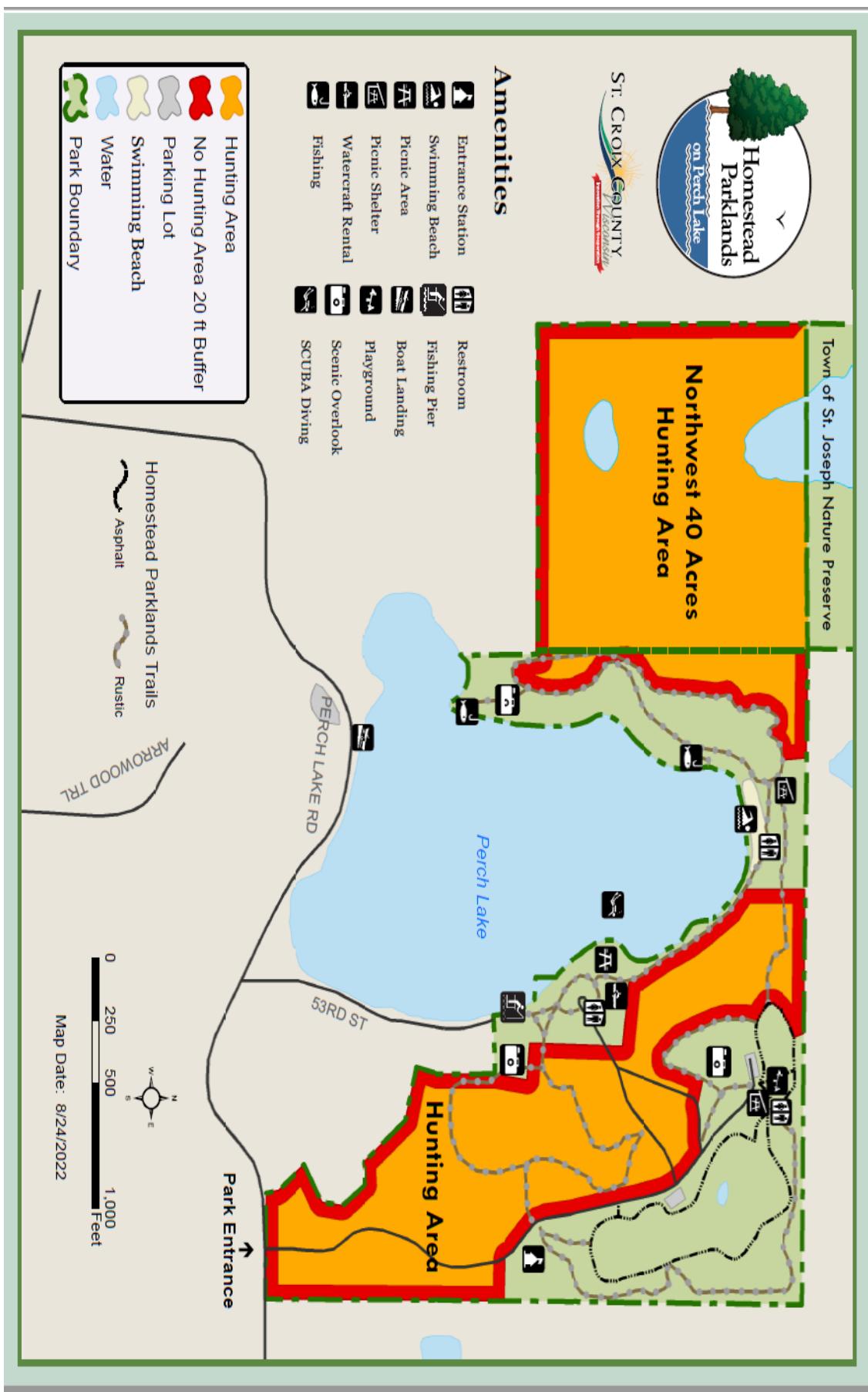
Glen Hills Park on Glen Lake: Designated areas shaded in gold (see attached map) are open for hunting from Nov 1-Apr 30 in accordance with DNR hunting regulations.

Main Park at Homestead-Parklands on Perch Lake: Bow hunting only, firearm hunting is prohibited. Designated areas shaded in gold (see attached map) are open for bow hunting from Nov 1-Apr 30 and is subject to Wisconsin DNR hunting regulations, seasons, and dates. Hunting is prohibited inside the 20-Foot No Hunting Buffer Area, shaded in red (see attached map).

NW 40 Acres at Homestead-Parklands, Apple River Park, Eckert Bufflands, Orf Family Overlook, St. Croix County Dam #7, Kinnickinnic & Stanton Forests: All hunting and trapping is subject to Wisconsin DNR hunting regulations, seasons, and dates.

Troy Beach, St. Croix River Loop Trail, Bass Lake & Pine Lake Boat Launches, Wildwood Trail: Hunting is prohibited.

PARK HUNTING MAPS





Private Land

CITY RD V

- Parking Area
- Hunting Area
- No Hunting Area 20 ft Buffer
- Park Boundary
- Water

Private Land

St. Croix River

Hunting Area

Private Land

Parking Area

RIVER HEIGHTS TRL

Parking Area

Private Land

Private Land

HWY 35

OLD HIGHWAY 35

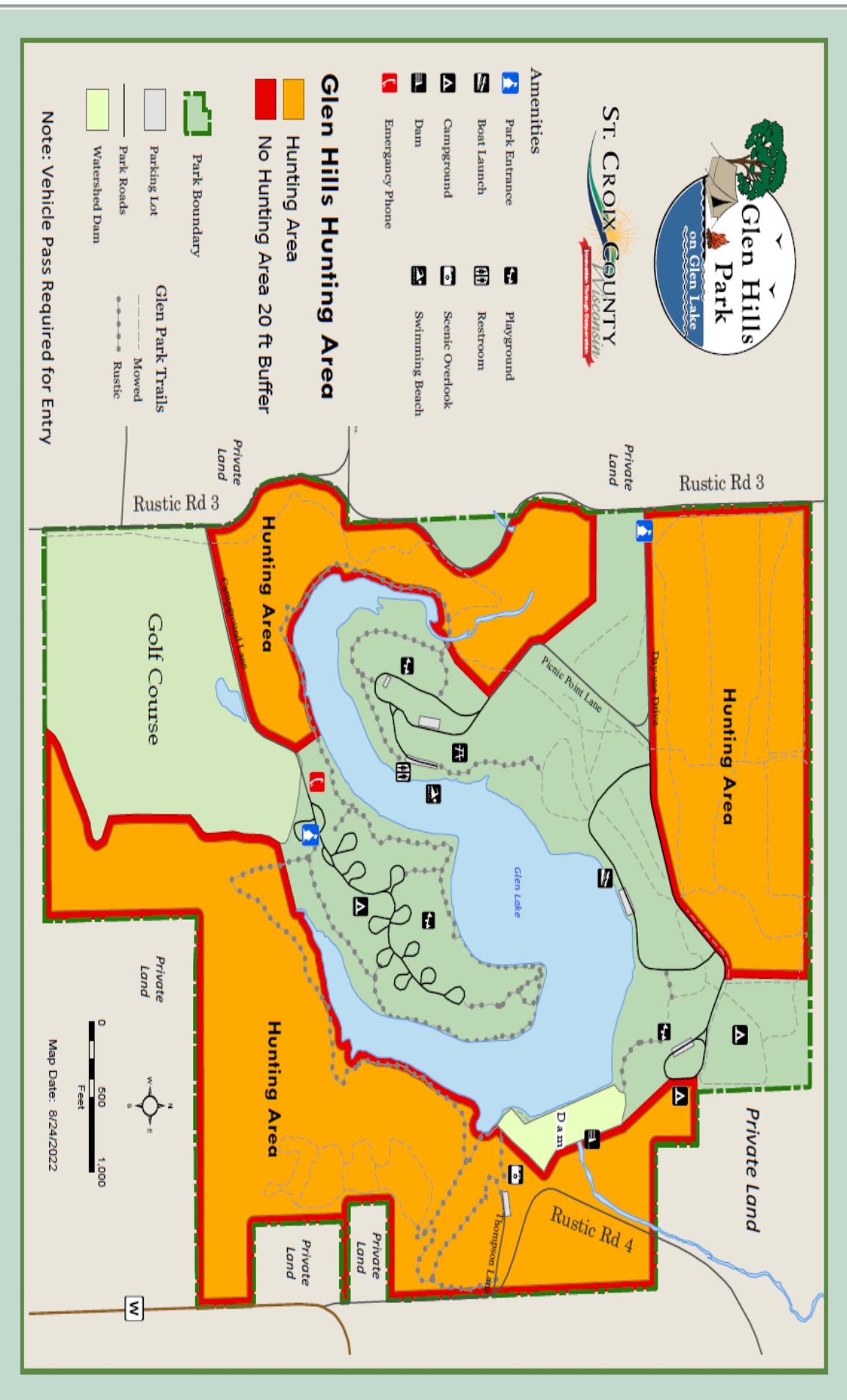
Park Entrance

Private Land

0 275 550 1,100 Feet



Map Date: 8/24/2022



CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

St. Croix County Parks: (715) 381-4440

SCC Sheriff's Office: (715) 386-4701

WI DNR Information: (888) 936-7463

WI DNR Violation Tipline: (800) 847-9367

[St. Croix County Park Ordinance](#)

[St. Croix County Park Pass](#)

[Eckert Blufflands Hunting Registration Form](#)

[WI DNR Hunting Regulations](#)