

The native flora is extremely varied and natural conditions will be maintained so that the botanist will find not only the species, but also the ecological conditions under which they grow. River birch is found along the lake shore, mixed hardwood stands occur on the higher land, large white pines occupy the rocky slopes, and the tops of the bluffs are covered with oak. The chief sports are boating, fishing, swimming and climbing. Excellent sand beaches with a uniform and gradual slope are found at both ends of the lake. Many of the visitors make a practice of climbing some of the bluffs daily, and while the slopes are not nearly high enough to be considered mountains, they are steep and rugged enough to make it extremely interesting if one deviates from the trails, as many do.

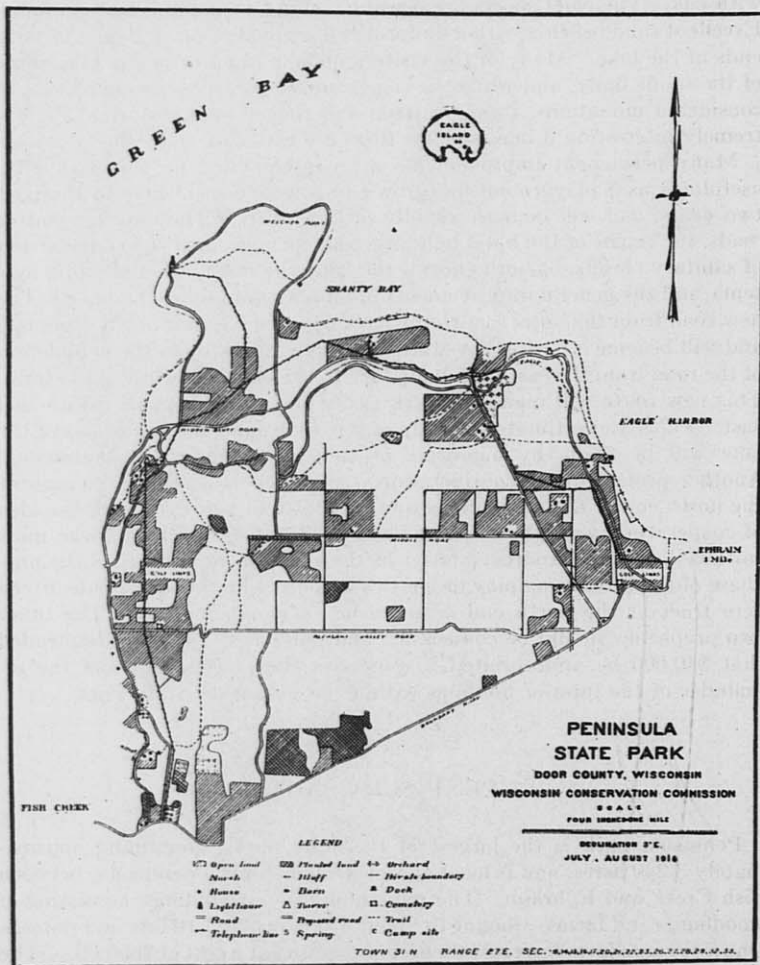
Many permanent improvements are contemplated on the park. Its usefulness as a playground has grown to a wonderful degree in the past two years, and will increase rapidly in the future. The development of roads, the repair of the hotel buildings and cottages, and the construction of sanitary closets, at both ends of the lake, the installation of water systems, and the general improvements of all playgrounds are planned. The new road from the hotel east to the park boundary is practically complete and will become a part of the state highway system, upon the completion of the road from the east park boundary to the old road near Zauft's farm. This new route will make the park easily accessible from the south and east. Plans and estimates of costs of a road around the south end of the lake will be made by engineers of the State Highway Commission. Another project under consideration is the proper location of a road at the north end of the park. This route will also be surveyed with the idea of cooperating with the town and city of Baraboo in selecting the most suitable location. Another matter of the greatest importance is the purchase of the three remaining properties bordering on the lake. One fifteen acre tract at the north end is in process of condemnation. The other two properties should be condemned and purchased. It is recommended that \$40,000 be appropriated to purchase these properties and the remainder of the interior holdings within the Peninsula State Park.

PENINSULA PARK.

Peninsula park is the largest of the state parks, containing approximately 3,240 acres, and is located on the Door county peninsula, between Fish Creek and Ephraim. The remaining interior holdings, consisting of woodlands and farms, amount to about 465 acres, and 10 lots and parcels. One forty acre farm has recently been purchased at a cost of \$650.00. The state now has under option 160 acres of farm and woodland property, for a price of \$6,150.00, which upon the completion of the purchase will leave a balance of about 300 acres and 10 lots and parcels to be added to the park. It is estimated that the remaining interior holdings can be purchased for \$14,000.

This land should be added to the state's holdings. The sums available in the park purchase fund will undoubtedly be sufficient to pay for these properties as they are offered for sale in the future.

The park is well timbered. The flora is not extensive, but the forests of white and red pine, hemlock, balsam and hardwoods, are beautiful. Several stands of beech show a forest type that is rather unusual. Dense stands of white cedar are found along the shore, while in some of the fields,



GENERAL MAP OF PENINSULA STATE PARK

juniper and more rarely the shrubby yew (*Taxus canadensis*) give an effect of formal planting.

It is planned to not only make the fullest use of the park as a great pleasure ground, but also to so manage the wooded areas, totaling 2,770 acres, that there will be a sustained yield of forest products. A complete forest working plan has been prepared for the ensuing ten years. The

total estimate of the standing timber amounting to 4,812,987 feet on the park is as follows:

Estimate of Timber on Peninsula State Park.

Species	Board Feet	Cords	Posts
Balsam.....	274,951		
Cedar.....			27,420
White pine.....	455,594		
Red pine.....	283,970		
Hemlock.....	1,765,520		
*Beech.....	598,430		
Birch.....		3,233	
†Maple.....	894,808		
Basswood.....	131,840		
Ash.....	30,164		
Poplar.....		1,929	
Oak.....	377,710		
Miscellaneous.....		489	
Total.....	4,812,987	5,651	27,420

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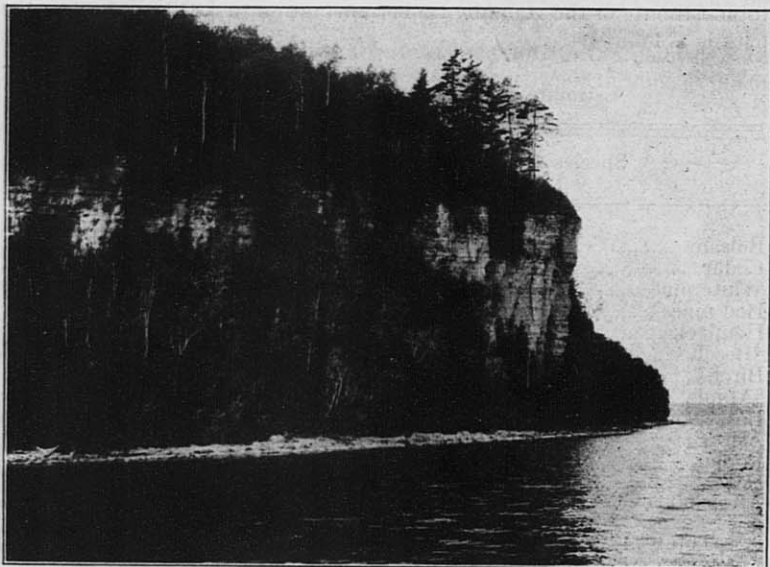
Fifty acres of open fields along the boundary road were planted to coniferous stock of the following species, during the spring of 1916.

White pine.....	40,250
Red pine.....	12,000
Scotch pine.....	10,000
White spruce.....	4,000
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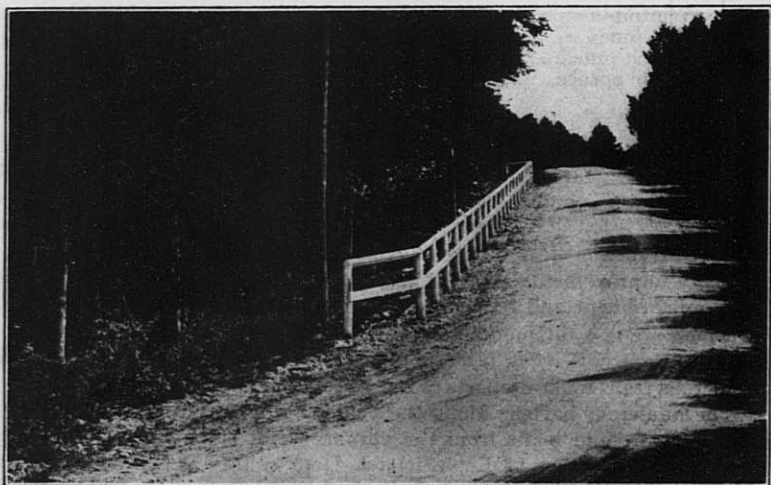
There are remaining some 500 acres of open land suitable for forest planting. It is planned to reforest the entire area, spreading the work out over a period of 10 years, or fifty acres per year. The trees will be supplied from the state nurseries at Trout Lake and Tomahawk Lake.

Many improvements are contemplated. The great need is good roads and improvement and repair of the many cottages now on the park, all of which are in a dilapidated condition. The golf links, on either side of the park, are now being used by the followers of the game. Roads and numerous trails make all parts of the park accessible.

The numerous harbors along the peninsula make sailing or motorboat cruising safe, and boats from the various yacht clubs are often seen at anchor in the harbor at Eagle Island. Door county is a favorite region with motorists, and many cars come to the park each year. The park is reached by motor-stage from Sturgeon Bay or by boat from Marinette. Others come from the lower ports on Lake Michigan on the Goodrich line steamers. Good hotel accommodations are found at Fish Creek



EAGLE BLUFF. PENINSULA STATE PARK



MACADAM ROAD. BOUNDARY OF PENINSULA STATE PARK

and Ephraim, both villages adjoining the park. Camp sites may be had by applying to the superintendent, and several unfurnished houses may be leased for the season.

Two lookout towers to aid in detecting forest fires have been erected on Sven's Bluff and Eagle Bluff, which are connected by telephone with the superintendent's residence and the local exchange. As these towers are built with railed stairways and landings, they may be climbed safely by anyone, and visitors to the park find the views well worth the climb. From both towers, buildings in Marinette, eighteen miles across the bay, may be seen on clear mornings with the naked eye.

Maps of the park showing all wooded areas, fields, roads, buildings, trails and lookout towers, are now being prepared and will be available at all of the hotels in the region.

BRULE PARK.

A part of the Nebagamon Lumber Company grant of 4,321 acres of land along the Brule river, a famous trout stream, in Douglas county, has been set aside as a state park and is being managed as such. It is located between the Northern Pacific and the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railroads and is within easy walking distance from the Brule and Winneboujou stations. Twenty-seven lots have been laid out along either side of the river in Section 23. These cottage sites will be leased either for portable or permanent buildings for periods of from one to twenty years, as desired. Approximately three-quarters of a mile of new road was opened up adjacent to the lots on the east side of the river, which connects on the west end with the proposed road through the recently platted Heimbaugh and Spring addition. When this road is completed, it will, in all probability, be the main road between Brule and Winneboujou. Because there is but little timber growth on the lands, the greater part of the river lots, as well as some fifty acres of hill land on the west side of the river, was planted to coniferous forest trees to the amount of 72,000. The needed protection from fire has been given the plantations by opening the old logging railroad grades, which makes all parts of the planted areas accessible.

CUSHING MEMORIAL PARK.

The Cushing Memorial Park is located about a half mile west of Delafield, Waukesha county, on the site of the old Cushing homestead. It comprises about eight acres, one-fourth of which is low and marshy, along the Bark river, the remaining portion rising slowly in a dry even slope. At the crest of this slope is located the shaft erected in memory of the "Three Wisconsin Cushings," while on the site of the old farm home, no traces of which remain, but in which two of the boys were born, a large stone marker has been placed.