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The Totogatic Wild River

*What you need
to know*



The Totogatic River became a State Wild River in July 2009.

The Totogatic was designated because of its miles of scenic and relatively undeveloped banks; significant public ownership; and excellent water quality, habitat, and wildlife. It gives the visitor the opportunity for a quiet and peaceful experience in a wild setting.



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What about...

Docks

Existing docks - Can Stay

Existing docks that comply with the size standards in Chapter 30 of the state statutes can be kept, repaired, and replaced at their existing dimensions (or smaller). The standards allow a maximum width of 6 feet with a length long enough to reach a depth for mooring. Existing roll-in docks can be taken in and out each season.

New or additional docks - Not Allowed

New or additional docks cannot be placed on property where they did not exist before the designation (July 25, 2009).



If you have a dock - keep it small and consider removing it from the river when not in use

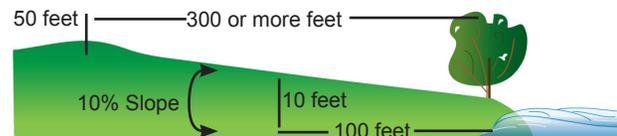
Grading

Your county zoning ordinance regulates grading (soil disturbance) on the banks of rivers and lakes, so check with your county zoning office prior to doing any grading. The Wild River rule does not allow grading along the bank of the Totogatic in excess of 10,000 square feet. The bank is defined as that area that extends from the river's edge upland 300 feet.



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However, if the slope at 300 feet is 10% or greater, this restriction still applies until there is a break in that slope that is greater than 50 feet.



A 10% slope increases in elevation 10 feet vertically for every 100 feet horizontally as illustrated above.

Buffers, Setbacks, Stairways Walkways, and Erosion Control

Zoning departments regulate vegetation removal, building setbacks, access corridors, and stairways along the Totogatic. Call (or check on-line) prior to clearing or developing river front property. For erosion control, only materials matching those native to the river can be used; permits are needed from the DNR.



Consider going above and beyond for the Totogatic - minimize vegetation clearing and cutting

If you have an erosion problem ask your county Land and Water Conservation Dept for help.

Leave logs and trees in the river- they provide habitat for fish and wildlife and help slow erosion when the river is at high flow.

Areas included in the Designation

- Reach 1: From outlet of Totogatic Lake in Bayfield Co. to upstream end of Nelson Lake in Sawyer Co.
- Reach 2: From 500 feet below the dam in Totogatic Wildlife Area to upstream end of Colton Flowage (Washburn Co.).
- Reach 3: From 500 feet below the dam that forms Colton Flowage to Washburn-Douglas Co. line (upstream end of Minong Flowage).
- Reach 4: From CTH "I" bridge in Washburn Co. to confluence with Namekagon River in Burnett Co.

Ways to protect the Wild Totogatic

1. If you have an existing dock- keep it small and remove it when not in use (no new docks after July 25, 2009).
2. Control erosion on steep banks - limit foot traffic to stable paths or stairs.
3. Homeowners: properly maintain your septic systems.
4. Watch for invasive plants – remove any you find along your property.
5. Enjoy a canoe trip and pick up litter along the way.
6. Consider long-term property conservation – contact the West Wisconsin Land Trust for more information.

Where are the designated State Wild Rivers?

- Totogatic - Bayfield, Sawyer, Washburn, Douglas and Burnett Counties
- Pine - Florence and Forest Counties
- Popple - Florence and Forest Counties
- Pike - Marinette County
- Brunsweler - Ashland County

For more information about the Totogatic go to:
<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/stcroix/Links/WildRiver/Index2.htm>