

# Welcome to the Self-Guided Water Trail!

Immerse yourself in the story of Vern Wolf Lake as you circle the shoreline. Five numbered posts mark special places on the lake— visit them in any order you like.

## Please remember:



\*Each person in your watercraft must have an accessible personal flotation device

\*Use of gas motors is prohibited

\*Quiet boating increases your chances of seeing wildlife

\*Please do not litter

\*Please remove all vegetation from your watercraft upon entering and exiting the lake

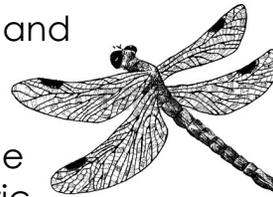
*Paddling is easiest in spring and early summer before vegetation gets thick on the lake.*



## Waypoints

**Boat Launch:** The boat launch is where your adventure begins. Protect native species and keep this lake healthy by cleaning your watercraft before launching.

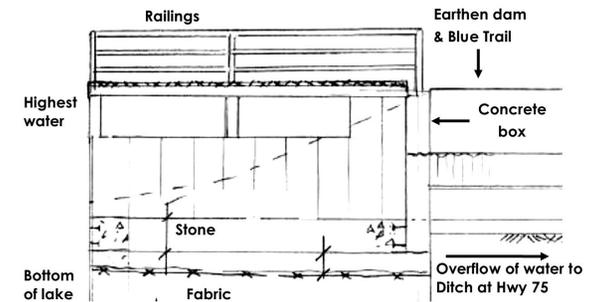
1. Keep your eyes and ears open for wildlife as you glide through the water. Acrobatic dragonflies and damselflies indicate high quality water.



Listen for bird and frog calls. Scan the shoreline for muskrat mounds, trees gnawed by beaver, or if you're lucky, a mink



2. The wooden structure on the lake edge is a waterfowl hunting blind. The lake offers prime breeding and migration habitat for ducks, geese and other birds. Please avoid disturbing nests during the summer and respect hunters and their decoys in the fall.

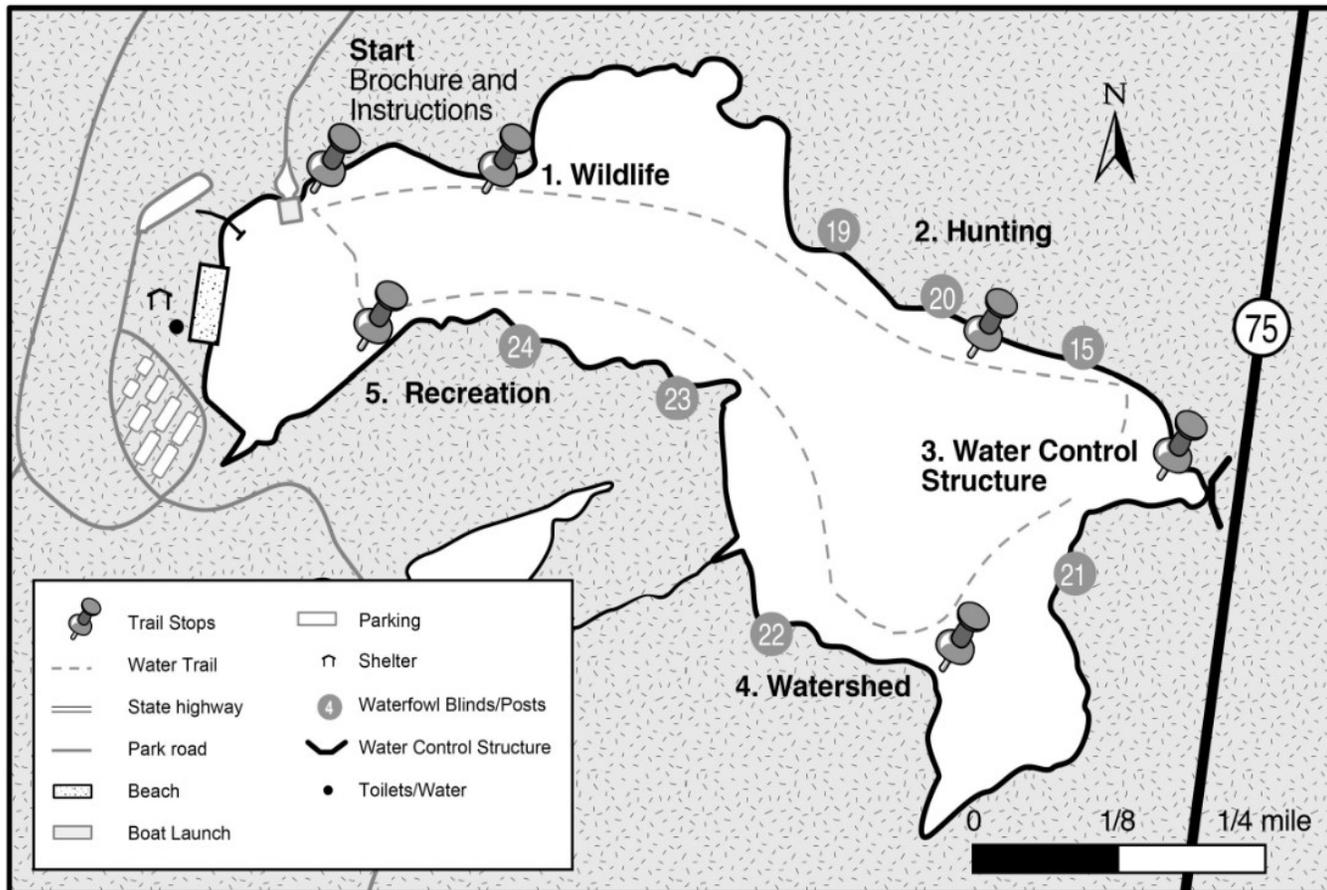


3. Recreation on Vern Wolf Lake was not possible 50 years ago—the area was a lowland etched by a drainage ditch. Now, the dam before you holds back an estimated 244 million gallons of water.
4. There are many lakes in Kenosha County, but this one is different because of the surrounding intact natural areas. The complex network of plant roots slows erosion and filters pollution from water before it drains into the lake.
5. Vern Wolf Lake provides plenty of recreational opportunities—swimming, birding, fishing, hunting and boating. A high quality of water is key to supporting these activities. As people do their part to keep the lake clean, wildlife benefits too!





# Water Trail Map



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**Discover  
the nature of  
the lake.**

The lake, formerly East Lake was renamed in 1995 to honor Vern J. Wolf. Vern was one of the original volunteers at the park. He was dedicated to sharing his time and sense of wonder with visitors. We hope you enjoy your time on the lake.

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