

# Lake Wissota Access Locations within the LaFayette Township

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# Anson/ Wisconsin Access Point # 1

**Road:** 195<sup>th</sup> St.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 13294

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested from road to water. 4' drop-off to water. Two stakes on north and south side marking boundaries. 60' access from power pole southwest to 13294's property stake. No parking

**Evidence of public use:** Small trail, not well defined. Spoke with adjoining property to the south and claimed it was once used by fisherman but not recently.

**Comments:** Cleanup of downed trees and clearing of brush near shoreline would facilitate pathway to water and improve casting clearance.



Looking west-northwest showing southern property boundary.



Facing west , 20' off road entrance to access, showing downed trees.



Facing northwest showing northern property boundary. (power pole is marker)

# Anson/ Wissota Access Point # 2

**Road:** 95<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 16997

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested throughout ,steep embankment 100' from road. Well used trail from parking area down to water. Off of trail, soft-ground with small pond at center of access. Trail leads to lake shoreline. Shoreline is sandy beach with for all of access width. Parking area is roughly 30' x 50. No dumping sign at back of parking area.

**Evidence of public use:** Access is being used . Well used trail, free of downed trees and obstructions.

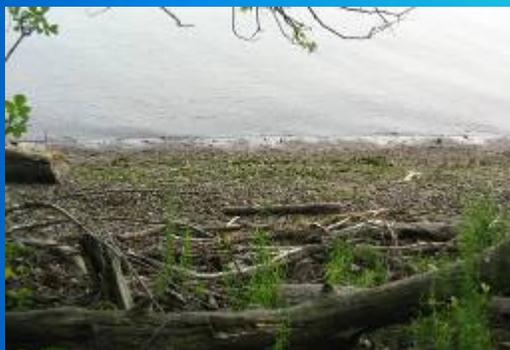
**Comments:** Some clearing of brush around trail and shoreline would define a clear pathway and improve casting clearance.



Facing east showing parking area



Facing south showing trail leading to lake.



Facing south showing trails entrance to shoreline



Facing east showing shoreline.



Facing south showing pond and trail to the left.

# Anson/ Wissota Access Point #3

**Road:** 79<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** east of 19399

**Defining Characteristics:** Mostly forested except for 50' x 100' parking area along road. Wet and swampy 10' from water. Well used trail along 19399 property fence

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, nice trail all the way to water. Foot traffic only.

**Comments:** Sufficient casting clearance. large parking area.



Looking south from 79<sup>th</sup> St. showing eastern boundary



Looking southwest from 79<sup>th</sup> St. showing western boundary



Looking southwest, down trail, towards lake



Looking southwest at downed tree near lake shore



Looking southwest showing close-up of downed tree



Looking southwest showing waters edge

# Anson/ Wisconsin Access Point # 4

**Road:** 77<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 20279-20284

**Defining Characteristics:** No parking sign at dead end of what other wise would be parking area. Drainage grate at center of dead end. Drainage pipe runs half way down access and drains in boulders. 25' wide path from road to drop-off. Trail veers off of access to get to waters edge. Rocky terrain at shoreline. Steep drop-off at end of access

**Evidence of public use:** Access is used, not known if by public.

**Comments:** Builders are using access for material / equipment storage. Dangerous cliff-type drop-off at end of access. Sufficient casting clearance, water in front of access is abundant with rocky-type structure.



Looking east showing dead end of 77<sup>th</sup> Ave. Showing drainage grate location.



Looking south-southeast showing property marker to the west.



Looking north to 77<sup>th</sup> Ave. from boulders/ drainage pipe.



Looking south from boulders/ drainage pipe. Showing property marker to the west.



Looking west showing rocky shoreline.

# Anson/ Wissota Access Point # 5

**Road:** 75<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 20335-20382

**Defining Characteristics:** 5' wide ATV trail leading to water from parking area. Parking area is about 10' x 10'. Also some parking at dead end of road. Water is shallow near shore then turns very rocky. 60' access width.

**Evidence of public use:** Well used trail leads to water. Trail follows shoreline into adjoining private property.

**Comments:** Sufficient parking, not boater friendly near shore. Quiet neighborhood.



Looking west at dead end of 75<sup>th</sup> St. Access point Parking to the right



Looking south from access parking area



Looking west down trail towards water. Shot taken from edge of parking area



Looking west on trail near water.



Looking west at shore line



Looking west at rocks. Rocks about 20' from shore

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 6

**Road:** 74<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 20002-20003

**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn, then thick brush down a steep slope to lake. Total access is only 16' and runs very close to house to the south.

**Evidence of public use:** none, private only.

**Comments:** Clearing of some brush may be needed to facilitate pathway, boundaries are not visible and could cause trespass issues. Casting clearance is greatly reduced due to brush. No parking.



Looking west at access point from 74<sup>th</sup> St. dead end.



Looking west down access point.



Looking south at shoreline.



Looking west-northwest at northern boundary.

# Lafayette/ Wisconsin Access Point # 7

**Road** : 74<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers** : 19590-19582

**Defining Characteristics** : open mowed lawn up until drop-off. Access appears to be used by Fire # 19582. Steep embankment and heavy forested from hill to water. No parking. 50' access width.

**Evidence of public use** : None, private use only.

**Comments** : Water is shallow and murky. Many downed trees protruding from water. Some clearing of brush is needed to facilitate pathway and improve casting clearance.



Looking northeast down access point from 74<sup>th</sup> Ave.



Looking northeast down access point from behind large pines



Looking northeast showing drop-off



Looking northeast down drop-off



looking northeast showing shoreline

# Lafayette/ Wisconsin Access Point # 8

**Road:** 189<sup>th</sup> St.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 7687

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested except for ATV trail that runs to top of hill. Heavily forested with a very steep embankment from hill to water.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Hill side would require some clearing of brush to facilitate pathway and create casting capabilities. Heavily wooded. Access entrance seems to be on private drive, No parking.



Looking north at survey marker from private drive.



Looking northwest at steep slope to water



Looking north at ATV trail from private drive.



Looking north at top of hill from ATV trail

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 9

**Road:** 78<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 18622-18644

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested except for what #18644 has claimed for lawn. Seems to have been recently surveyed. 10' -15' drop from bank to water.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Very limited casting clearance, steep embankment. Clearing of brush may be necessary to facilitate pathway. No parking.



From 78th St. looking northwest at access.



From edge of road looking northeast. Two survey markers are visible.



Survey marker at bolder, looking northeast.



Looking southwest towards road from survey marker at bolder.



Looking east at waters edge showing 10'-15' drop-off.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 10

**Road:** 79<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 18330-18366

**Defining Characteristics:** Mostly forested and brush. Opens up to flat hard-ground leading to water. Easily accessible after 100' from road. Water is free of obstructions and boater friendly.

**Evidence of public use:** Possibly at one time but none recently.

**Comments:** Land records labeled access as public boat landing. Overgrown but could be cleaned out for future use. .



From 79<sup>th</sup> Ave looking east at access. No trespass sign at north boundary.



Property marker at southern boundary for 18366.



From edge of road looking east at access entrance.



Looking east at 30' wide clearing 100' from water.



Looking east at waters edge.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 11

**Road:** 183rd

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 7882-7894

**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn from road up to shoreline. Clear path up to shoreline free of trees and obstructions.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Adding signage would facilitate access and avoid trespass problems. Casting direction is limited due to adjoining dock placement. No parking



Looking southwest from road at access entrance.



Looking southwest from behind large pine tree.



Looking southwest at where access meets waters edge.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 12

**Road:** 178<sup>th</sup> St

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 7760-7745

**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn with wooden fence blocking entrance to access. Survey marker at # 7745 fence post showing property line. Survey markers in wooded area showing # 7760 property line.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Heavily wooded with thick brush overhanging onto lake. Clearing of brush to facilitate pathway and allow casting. Appropriate signage would help to avoid trespass problems. No parking



Looking northeast from 178<sup>th</sup> St. down access.



Looking northeast showing survey marker at 7745's driveway



Two survey markers defining property line for # 7745



Looking north 5' from waters edge.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 13

**Road:** 178<sup>TH</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 7594-7600

**Defining Characteristics:** Gravel road north of access is used to gain access to adjoining cabin. Survey stake off 178<sup>th</sup> Ave, one visible from gravel road and one before the drop-off to the lake. Open and relatively clear of trees for 1st half of access, then heavily wooded and steep 50'+ drop-off to lake. Total access is 30'.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Nice scenic view from top of hill / start of drop-off. Could be cleared of brush to facilitate pathway.



Looking west at survey marker from 178<sup>th</sup> Ave.



At top of hill / start of drop-off showing survey marker



Looking west at survey marker



Looking east down access. Showing where roadside survey marker lies.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 14

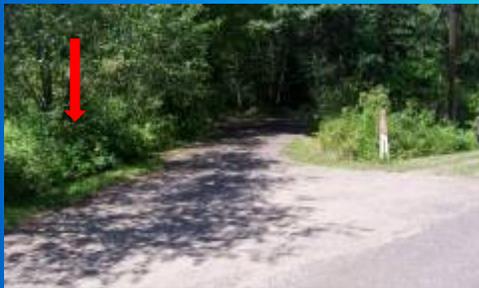
**Road:** 178<sup>th</sup> St.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 7288-7330

**Defining Characteristics:** Access runs along and through blacktop drive that services at least five properties. Heavily forested except for blacktop portions of access. Access runs very close to housing in several locations. Waters edge is mowed and landscaped.

**Evidence of public use:** None , private use only

**Comments:** Access runs through blacktop in several locations and is adjoining to at least five properties. Five survey markers are present. Signage would be needed to avoid trespass problems. No parking



Facing west. Access entrance from 178<sup>th</sup> St. Survey marker behind brush.



Facing west, access runs between two roads.



Facing east. Survey marker behind brush.



Facing west. Survey marker behind small pine tree.



Facing west, looking down access towards lake.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 15 a

**Road:** 183<sup>rd</sup> St

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5589-5592

**Defining Characteristics:** Drainage channel for 183<sup>rd</sup> St.. Large cottonwood tree downed and blocking concrete drainage channel. Steep sloping embankment.

**Evidence of public use:** None

**Comments:** Used as snow dumping spot in winter. Removal of large tree and clearing of brush would allow effective drainage and reopen pathway to lake. Small parking area.



Facing south at dead end of 183<sup>rd</sup> St.



Facing south along side of access.



Facing south. Showing large downed tree on top of access.



Facing southeast. Looking under downed tree showing concrete drainage channel.

# Lafayette/ Wisconsin Access Point # 15c

**Road:** 183<sup>rd</sup> St

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5596-5594

**Defining Characteristics:** power pole is boundary marker for # 5596. Access width is 20'. Small archway at center of access. Large hardwood trees before steep embankment to water. Forested through-out embankment. Small parking area

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Access runs very close to # 5594, signage may reduce trespass issues. Clearing of brush would help to facilitate pathway to water.



Looking south at access entrance. Showing power pole (5596 boundary)



Looking south, showing small arch way located on access.



Looking south, showing behind small archway towards embankment.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 16

**Road:** 189<sup>th</sup> St.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5775-5785

**Defining Characteristics:** Large pile of wood located directly in center of access. Series of white stakes mark boundary for #5785 from power pole to water. Access runs 60' to the west from white stakes. Small ATV trail leads to water.

**Evidence of public use:** Evidence of use, not known if by public

**Comments:** Clearing of some brush near shoreline would improve casting clearance. Gradual slope to water. No parking.



Looking south, showing entrance to access from road. Also shows property marker for # 5785.



Looking south at waters edge.



Looking south, showing ATV trail leading to water.



Looking south , near waters edge. Showing property marker for # 5785.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 17

**Road:** 55<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** Closest to 19251

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested hardwoods along ridge and swampy low-land below. Series of survey markers defining property bounds on both sides of access.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private only.

**Comments:** Narrow trail through-out most of access. Many downed trees near waterfront. Some clearing of brush and downed trees near the shoreline would improve walking and casting clearance ability near shoreline.



Looking south at access entrance from road. Showing survey marker to the west.



Looking south-southeast, showing survey marker.



Looking southwest at large downed tree.



Looking southeast along ridge.



Looking southwest, showing downed boathouse.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 18

**Road:** 55<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 19795-19851

**Defining Characteristics:** Sizable parking area. Well defined trail leading up to water. Large downed tree protruding in to lake at waters edge. No trespassing sign near trail.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, parking area is used as well as trail.

**Comments:** Survey marker near gate of entrance defining # 19851 property boundary. Removal of downed tree and some brush would improve casting ability. Signage facilitating access would reduce trespass issues.



Facing south, showing access entrance gate.



Looking south on trail from behind entrance gate.



Looking south on trail nearing waters edge.



Looking south at waters edge, showing large downed tree.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 19

**Road:** 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 19380-19480

**Defining Characteristics:** Trail present but overgrown. Forested with some downed trees across trail. Mowed lawn 50' to 75' from waters edge. Access is close to adjoining properties docks and boathouse.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Adding signage near water would define access bounds and reduce trespass issues. Clearing downed trees along trail would improve walking ability and define clear pathway.



Looking northwest from road, showing access entrance.



Looking northwest at start of trail.



Looking northwest, showing downed trees on trail.



Looking southeast, showing trail on left and ramp to adjoining property.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 20

**Road:** 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 19030

**Defining Characteristics:** Drainage culvert at edge of road. Overgrown brush and downed trees at start of access entrance. Section of trail blocked by small trees growing out the side of the hill. Trail turns into mowed lawn nearing waters edge.

**Evidence of public use:** Access is used

**Comments:** Clearing of small trees blocking trail would improve walk ability. Adding signage near waters edge would reduce trespass issues.



Looking north from road at access entrance.



Looking east-northeast on trail, showing trees blocking access.



Looking northeast, showing mowed pathway.



Looking northeast, showing waters edge.



Looking northeast, showing well groomed trail.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 21

**Road:** 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 18944-18950

**Defining Characteristics:** Open from road to # 18944 drive way. Access runs through hedges and is encroached by stairs and dock of # 18944. Steep embankment to water.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Access runs very close to house and through driveway of # 18944. Further surveys would be needed to determine exact access perimeters.



Looking northeast down access from 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.



Looking north-northeast down stairs of # 18944.



Looking northeast from edge of blacktop.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 22

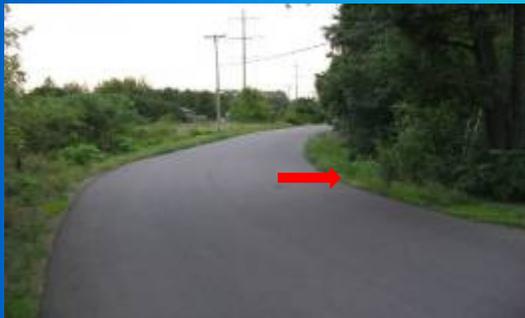
**Road:** 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 18644-18684

**Defining Characteristics:** Access entrance is located on a sharp turn of 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Small opening near road for entrance. Access is forested throughout, with small trail leading to water. Steep embankment on both sides of trail. Small brush overgrown along trail. Shoreline is sandy beach and relatively clear of debris.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, access is used by public

**Comments:** Access is used in winter by snowmobiles accessing lake. Signage would facilitate access and avoid trespass issues. Clearing of small brush and overhanging limbs along trail and shoreline would improve walking ability and casting clearance. No parking. Access is located on dangerous curve.



Facing west-northwest, showing dangerous curve in 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Access entrance.



Facing north-northwest, showing trail as it nears shoreline.



Facing northwest, showing trail at entrance.



Facing north-northwest, showing shoreline.



Facing northwest, showing trail.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point #23

**Road:** 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 18230-18194

**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn from along side road up until steep embankment. Embankment is heavily wooded and overgrown with thick brush. Boat trailer and small shed near or on access. Private dock where access meets water.

**Evidence of public use:** None, Private use only

**Comments:** Clearing of small brush to facilitate pathway and improve casting clearance. Appropriate signage would improve with trespass issues.



Looking north-northeast from road, showing access entrance.



Looking north-northeast, showing possible encroachments.



Looking north-northeast, showing start of steep embankment.



Looking south-southwest at embankment from shoreline.



Looking northeast at shoreline.

# Lafayette/ Wisconsin Access Point # 24

**Road:** 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 17882-17856

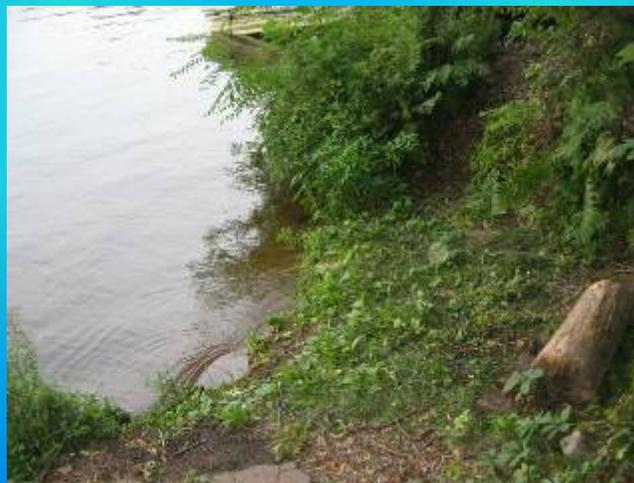
**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed and free of obstructions from road up until embankment. Power pole is property marker for # 17856. Access begins at power pole and runs to the east (near tree line). Wooded with thick brush defines a semi-steep embankment leading to shoreline. Survey markers are present.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Clearing of brush to facilitate pathway and improve casting clearance. Adding signage that identifies access bounds would aid in eliminating trespass issues.



Looking north at access from road.



Looking northeast at shoreline.



Looking north at start of embankment.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 25

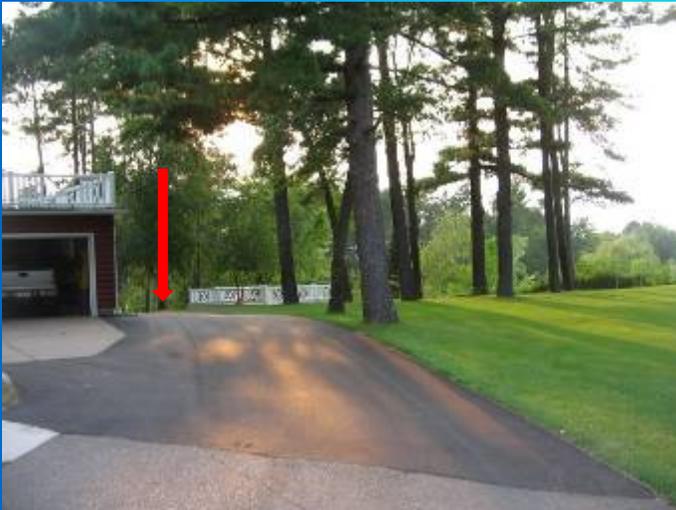
**Road:** 178<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5481-5477

**Defining Characteristics:** Blacktop entrance to access, used as private drive. Access is mowed grass up until boathouse. Survey marker at corner of boathouse. Very close to # 5481

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** More detailed surveys would need to be done to accurately identify access location. After Location is accurately identified, adding signage to facilitate use would reduce trespass issues.



Looking west at access entrance from road. Showing where bounds of access lies.



Looking west, showing boathouse and where access bounds lie.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 26

**Road:** 178<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5316-5282

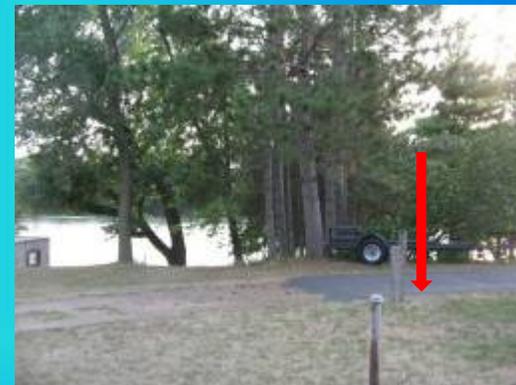
**Defining Characteristics:** Access is crossed by drive way for # 5316. Fairly open from road to water. Access runs from iron pipe south 60'. Trees border shoreline across access. Gradual sloping hill starting 75' from road and runs to shoreline.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Adding signage to facilitate use would reduce trespass problems. Adjoining properties are aware of access location. Minor trimming of tree limbs near shoreline would greatly improve casting clearance.



Looking west-southwest at access entrance from road. Showing survey marker for # 5316 property bounds.



Looking west down access, showing property bounds for # 5316.



Looking west down access, showing property bounds for # 5316.



Looking west at shoreline, showing property bounds marker for # 5316.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 27

**Road:** 45<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 17843-17863

**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn from road to embankment. Trail gradually leads down embankment to water. Small platform at waters edge. Water is shallow and algae covered.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Adding signage to facilitate use would aid in reducing trespass issues. Waterway could support small non-motorized boater traffic ( canoe / kayak etc.).



Looking southeast down access.  
Showing property marker for # 17863.



Looking east-southeast at start of  
trail leading down embankment.



Looking southeast at trail, near waters  
edge.



Looking southeast at small  
platform.



Looking north at water, showing  
abundant algae and vegetation.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 28

**Road:** 176<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 5395-5391

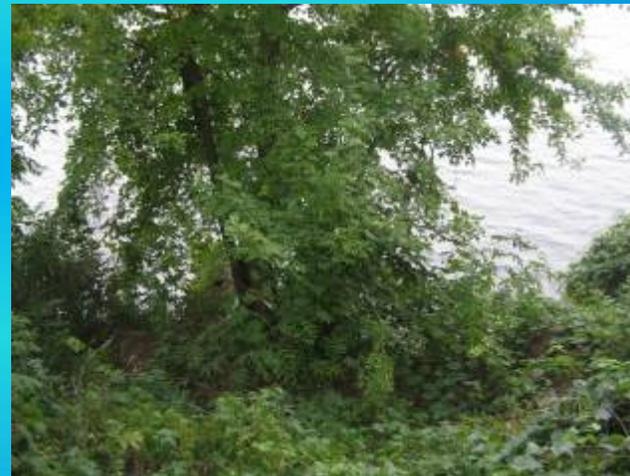
**Defining Characteristics:** Mowed lawn from road to embankment. Embankment is steep and overgrown with small trees and brush. Several encroachments blocking access to water.

**Evidence of public use:** None, private use only

**Comments:** Clearing of brush needed to facilitate pathway and improve casting clearance. Adding signage to identify access bounds would reduce trespass issues.



Looking east down access from road. Showing encroachments on access.



Looking east, down embankment at waters edge.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 29

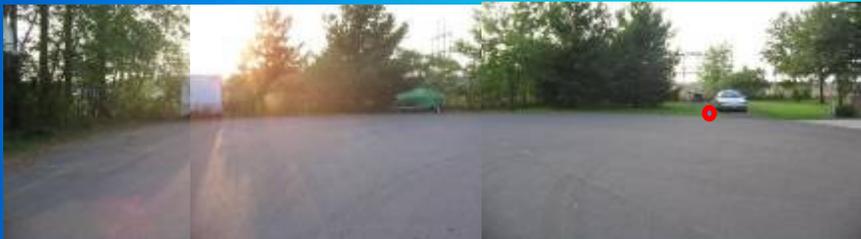
**Road:** 164<sup>th</sup> St..

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 6425

**Defining Characteristics:** Large blacktop parking area at dead end of 185<sup>th</sup> Ave. Survey stake present at corner of small blacktop parking space. Mowed lawn along NSP fence line leading up to embankment. Embankment is overgrown with brush and is used for disposal of mower clippings. Driftwood and lake debris along shoreline.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, access is used, not known if by public

**Comments:** removal of brush and debris along shoreline would improve walk ability and casting clearance. Clearing of brush and lawn clippings to facilitate path down embankment.



Looking northwest at parking area. Showing survey stake for # 6425 property boundary.



Looking north down access from survey marker.



Looking southwest at embankment from shoreline.



Looking east-northeast at shoreline.



Looking northeast down access .

# Eagle Point/ Wissota Access Point # 30

**Road:** 152<sup>nd</sup> (Bayside dr.)

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 10065-10043

**Defining Characteristics:** Clear pathway from road to water. Mowed lawn 80' up until embankment. 10' slope off to nice trail. Evidence of old concrete boat landing as trail nears waters edge.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, access used by neighboring houses

**Comments:** Trail well used. Dock limits casting direction. Some trimming of small limbs would improve casting clearance.



Looking southeast from road at access entrance.



Looking northwest at embankment.



Looking southeast at old concrete debris.



Looking northwest from in front of dock. Showing where old boat landing met waters edge.



Looking southeast at access shoreline. Survey marker visible.

# Eagle Point/ Wissota Access Point # 31

**Road:** 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 16522

**Defining Characteristics:** Forested and steep sloping embankment. 60'+ drop off from road to water.

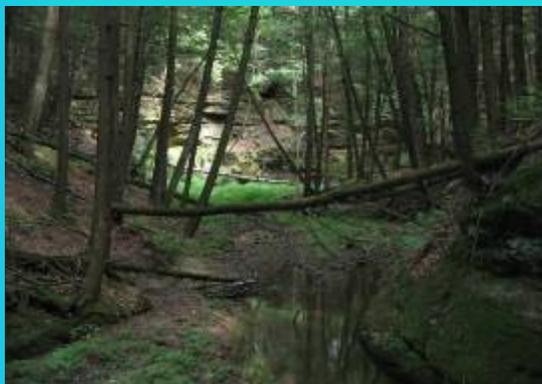
Barbwire fence grown into tree going across trail along embankment. Creek very shallow, in most parts 1" to 4". Survey marker present 20' from road.

**Evidence of public use:** Evidence of footprints in the sand.

**Comments:** Clearing of brush would improve walk ability. Signage to facilitate access. No parking



Facing east, showing access entrance.



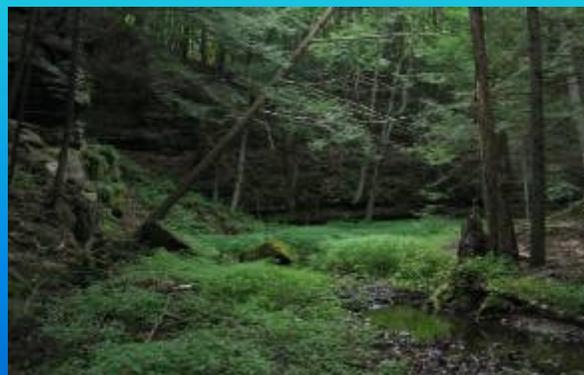
Facing northeast.



Facing west-southwest, half way down embankment.



Facing northeast at top of embankment.



Facing west.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 32

**Road:** 185<sup>th</sup> St.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** south of 7606

**Defining Characteristics:** 10' wide blacktop road leading from 185<sup>th</sup> St. up to water. 150' from road is large hump in blacktop. Visible scrape marks from boat/trailer on hump.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, access is used as boat landing.

**Comments:** Flattening out hump would improve drive ability. Some clearing of brush and small trees at landing would improve casting clearance and widen landing. No parking near water.



Facing west from road, looking down access.



Facing west, looking down access.



Facing northwest, approaching parking area for adjoining properties.



Facing northwest, showing start of landing.



Facing northwest, showing shoreline at landing.

# Lafayette/ Wissota Access Point # 33

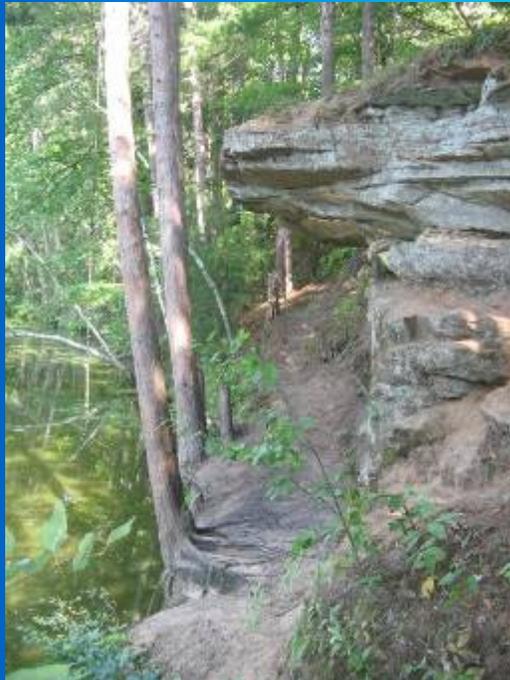
**Road:** 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

**Associated Fire Numbers:** 19836-19848

**Defining Characteristics:** Well used trail from blacktop to water. Rope swing used by swimmers. Dead end road use for parking area. Open pathway leading from water up side of cliff type embankment.

**Evidence of public use:** Yes, used by public

**Comments:** Adding signage to facilitate access and avoid trespass issues.



Looking east, showing bottom of embankment.



Facing north, showing edge of embankment.



Facing east, showing trail leading up embankment.



Facing south, showing trail leading to 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.