

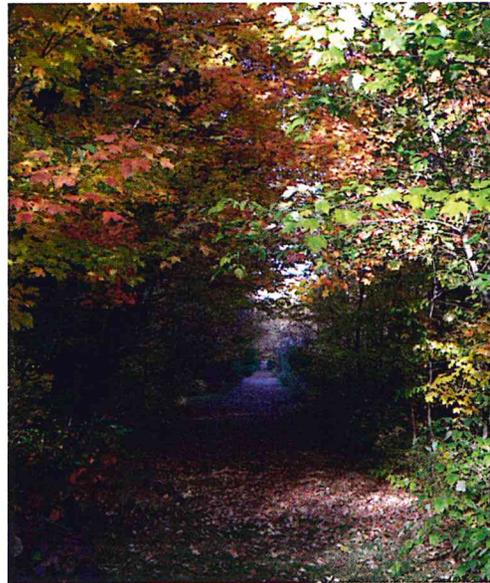
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Within a stone's throw of Edgar's streets, you can explore miles of hemlock, pine, and hardwood stands along the Edgar area trail system. Since the 1970s, the nature trail in the Edgar School Forest has provided year-round recreation, with cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter; walking, jogging, and mountain biking in the warmer months; and bird, deer and wildlife watching in all seasons. No hunting or motorized vehicles (ATVs) are permitted.



In 2007, with funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the Wisconsin DNR, along with funding from Marathon County and the Village of Edgar, 73 acres next to the school forest were purchased and named the **Scotch Creek Woodland Preserve.**



Expanded trails provide a connection to the downtown commercial district and the industrial park to the north. By purchasing the Preserve, the village protects the forest, access, and wetlands for generations.

Since 2007, the trail system has more than doubled. The trails are maintained by Edgar Area Trail Supporters (EATS) with bridges, boardwalks, and wood chips added to make the trails usable in all weather conditions.

There are nearly four miles of cross-country ski trails and at least that much single-track. There are trail maps posted at all intersections on the ski trail. All single-track trails eventually intersect ski trails, so new visitors should not have to be nervous about exploring the more remote and scenic parts of the Preserve.

All you need to do is find a ski trail, follow it to the nearest posted map, and you will see your location.

