
Our Roots Run Deep

Welcome to Ackley Wildlife Area. Shortly after the turn of the century, harvest of the original hardwood, hemlock and pine timber types occurred on the area now known as the Ackley Wildlife Area. Later, wild fires and abortive attempts at farming reduced the cover types to grasses, shrubs and aspen. These activities resulted in the wildlife area and surrounding lands developing into ideal habitat for sharp-tailed grouse.

This property was originally created in 1951 as an area to manage for prairie (sharp-tailed) grouse. Since that time, wildlife managers have developed 27 shallow waterfowl flowages encompassing more than 400 acres of water. The remainder of the property is a mix of native grasslands, aspen and northern hardwood stands.

Get Out and Recreate!

The Ackley Wildlife Area offers many recreational opportunities.

- Biking
- Birding
- Camping
- Cross country skiing (no designated trail)
- Hiking (no designated trail)
- Hunting
- Snowmobiling trail
- Trapping
- Wild edibles/gathering
- Wildlife viewing

For the Sportsperson

If you like hunting, Ackley provides excellent opportunities to pursue a variety of game species. Deer, turkey, black bear, ruffed grouse, woodcock and waterfowl. Beaver, muskrat, fisher and coyote are abundant on this property and on the 27,000 acres of surrounding county forest lands.

The Ackley Wildlife Area is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide opportunities for public hunting, trapping and other outdoor recreation while protecting the qualities of the unique native communities and associated species found on the property.

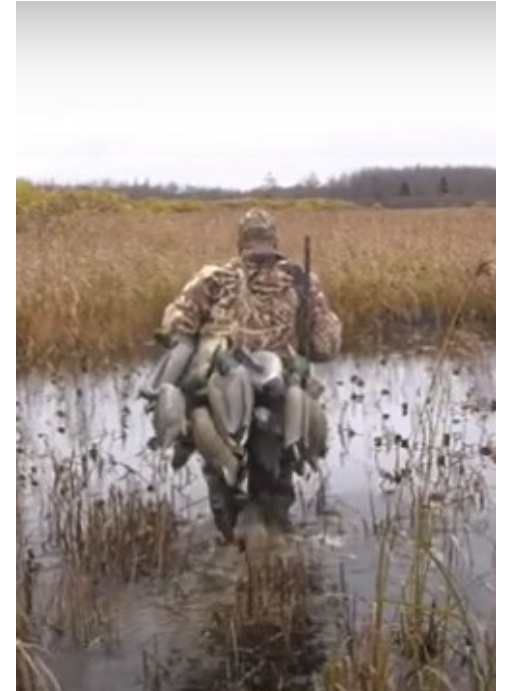
Location

Ackley Wildlife Area and the surrounding forests of Langlade and Marathon Counties lie midway between Antigo and Merrill. State Highway 64 runs through the heart of Ackley Wildlife area. This wildlife area is located 12 miles west of Antigo and 14 miles east of Merrill.

More Information

Visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Lands/WildlifeAreas/ackley.html> or contact 715-623-4190 ext.3124

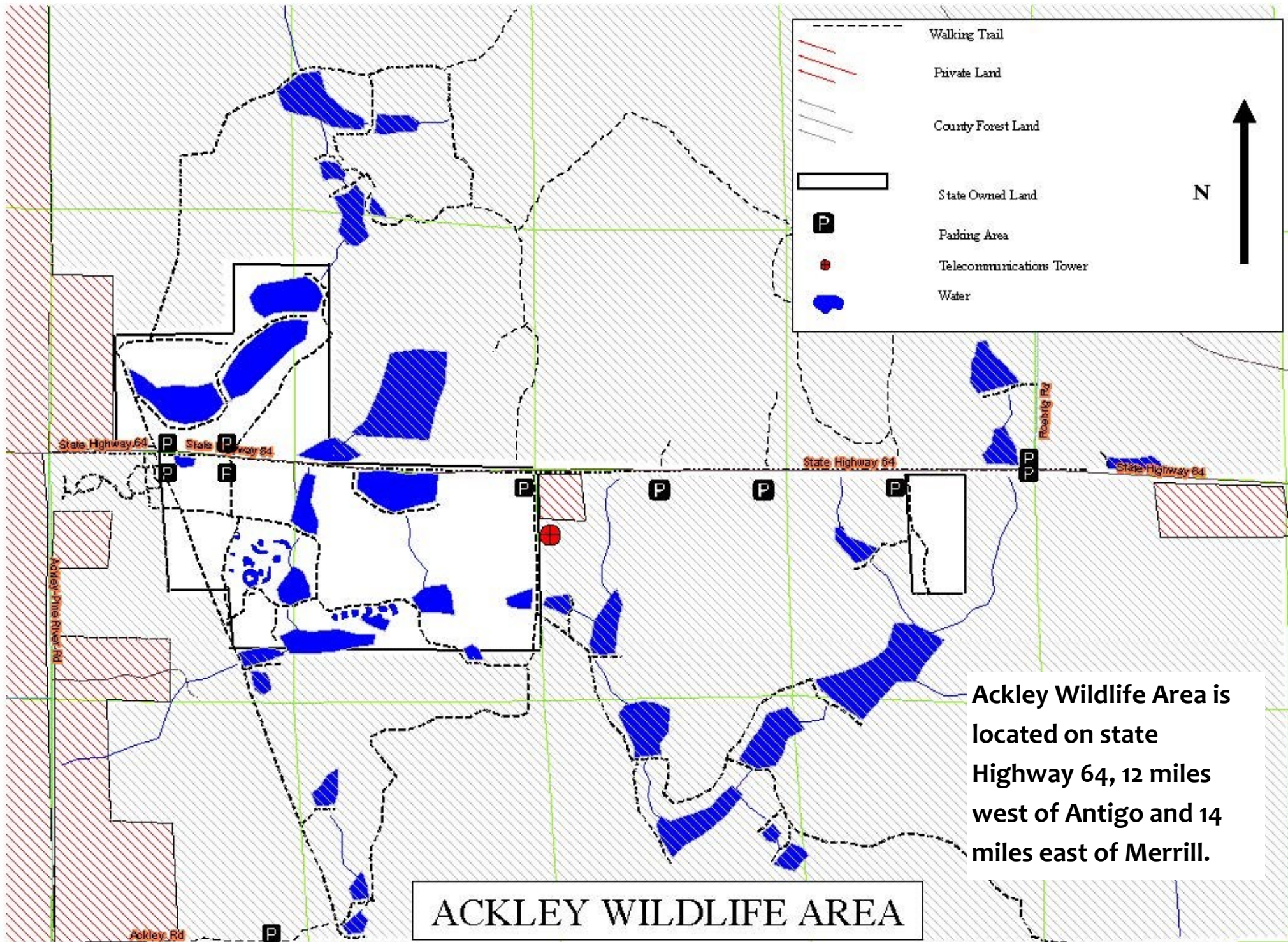
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