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ACTIVITY UPDATES



Cedar Bay Landing Complete

Thanks to a Department of Natural Resources Stewardship grant, St. Croix County sponsorship, matching funds from the Cedar Lake District and Town of Star Prairie, and many volunteer hours, the Cedar Bay Landing project is complete! A brand new parking lot and access drive greets visitors to Cedar Lake's south shore. The parking lot serves early and late season ice anglers who used to park along the county highway. It also serves visitors who use the wildlife-viewing platform constructed on the lake as part of the project. The Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust purchased the site with funds from the Town of Star Prairie's park development fund. The trust then worked with St. Croix County and the DNR to develop improvements on the site. The parking lot design incorporates a pretreatment and infiltration basin and buffer strip to minimize runoff to Cedar Lake.



McMurtrie Preserve Improvements

Improvements at the McMurtrie Preserve are aimed at creating better access for groups to use the facility. In the fall of 2007, a driveway and parking lot were constructed for the entrance at County Road M. Like most land trust projects, we had a lot of help. St. Croix County Land and Water Conservation Department staff designed the driveway, parking lot, and stormwater collection system and put together the bid package. Volunteers from the land trust and Star Prairie Fish and Game helped with clearing and installation. Major donors for the project include: Star Prairie Fish and Game and Phyllis and Bob Menke. Future improvements will provide shelter and bathrooms for preserve visitors. Jim Reimer, US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, is working on an interpretive guide to the preserve.



