

IRON COUNTY, WI HUNTING INFORMATION

Iron County's whitetail population density and lower harvest rates create an older age structure with more opportunities for larger trophy quality bucks. Iron County has some of the lowest hunting pressure in Wisconsin - less than 10 hunters per square mile. With an abundance of public hunting land open to hunters, there are opportunities for still hunting, stalking and other hunting techniques not effective in other areas.

TROPHY BEAR

Iron County's black bear population is one of Wisconsin's highest - one black bear per each 1 1/2 sq. mile.

Boone & Crockett

Rank	Score	Year	Hunter
63rd	21 7/16	1982	G. Johnson
159th	21 1/16	1972	G. Bayer

Pope & Young Archery Black Bear

Rank	Score	Year	Hunter
35th		1973	C. Ramsey
45th		1967	R. Blair
66th		1966	W. Tutt

TROPHY DEER

Boone & Crockett Deer (Typical Whitetail)

Rank	Score	Year	Hunter
245th	178 1/8	1957	D. Weichel

Pope & Young Archery Deer (Typical Whitetail)

Rank	Score	Year	Hunter
155th		1967	D. Rainmido
196th		1968	L. Dix

Record Deer Weights

Year	Score	Hunter
1938	245 lbs.	J. Zifke
1939	271 lbs.	T. Dahl
1941	378 lbs.	A. Peter
1961	225 lbs.	H. Klabunde

Record Antlers

Year	Spread	Point	Hunter
1938	22 1/2	8 pts.	L. Banke
1952	27 1/4	13 pts.	P. Brehm
1964	22 3/4	6 pts.	J. Maffesanti
1964	22 1/8	9 pts.	R. Secor

NON-GAME WILDLIFE

Iron County's pristine environment is home to an abundance of endangered and unique non-game species.

The Common Loon is frequently seen. Approximately 23 loon pairs are active on the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage alone. The town of Mercer has been designated "Loon Capital of the World". Forty-one pair of osprey and 20 pairs of bald eagles call Iron County home. These threatened and endangered species offer spectacular viewing and photo opportunities. The Turtle-Flambeau Flowage has the largest colonial nesting population of ospreys in Wisconsin.

There are several great blue heron rookeries here. This magnificent bird is frequently seen along shorelines.

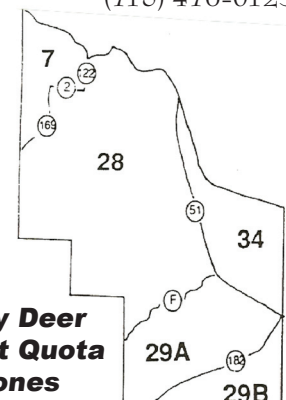
Other unique non-game wildlife include furbearers such as beaver, otter, mink, and the rare fisher. Occasionally sightings of moose and wolf are reported.

LICENSE LOCATIONS

Name	Address	Phone
CARY MINE CONVENIENCE	603 CARY RD, HURLEY, WI	(715) 561-2995
GIOVANNONI TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	303 SILVER ST, HURLEY, WI	(715) 561-4141
ICO CONVENIENCE PLUS	HIGHWAY 51 & J, MERCER, WI	(715) 476-3639
IRON COUNTY CLERK	300 TACONITE ST, HURLEY, WI	(715) 561-3375
ISLAND VIEW LODGE	720 W FISHER LAKE RD, MERCER, WI	(715) 476-2347
MERCER AMOCO	5247 N HWY 51 BOX 680, MERCER, WI	(715) 476-3437
MIDLAND SERVICES	501 HWY 51 N, HURLEY, WI	(715) 561-3444
SAXON PUB & ARCHERY	14827 STATE HWY 122 S. SAXON, WI	(715) 561-2010
SPRINGSTEAD TRADING POST	3533 W HWY 182, PARK FALLS, WI	(715) 583-2201
TURTLE RIVER TRADING CO	5227 N HWY 51, MERCER, WI	(715) 476-0123



For permits, licenses, wildlife, forestry and fisheries, law enforcement
MERCER DNR STATION
 Mercer, WI, 715.476.2646
 (Mon. - Fri. 8 am-4 pm)



**Iron County Deer
 Management Quota
 Permit Zones**

Stop Poacher Hotline (24-Hour, Confidential): 1.800.TIP.WDNR