Geneva Lake Conservancy

Hansen Preserve

RULES OF GENERAL USE (Updated 10/28/26)

- This preserve is open for hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, wildlife viewing, and hunting and trapping. Visitors are asked to respect other users.
- The preserve is open sunrise to sunset.
- Camping, fires, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed.
- No dumping or littering is allowed.
- ATV's and other motorized vehicles are prohibited unless for hunters with disabilities as authorized by a GLC representative.
- Do not trespass on the neighboring properties. A virtual map is available on our website.

HUNTING & TRAPPING RULES (Updated 10/28/26)

- Hunters may not hunt within (100 yards) of a building or (50 feet) of a property line.
- NO GLC PERMITS REQUIRED. A GLC permit is not required for bow deer hunting, gun deer hunting, trapping or other hunting allowed on the preserve. This does not waive required state licenses, stamps, permits or harvest authorizations.

    • Hunters and trappers must hold all required Wisconsin licenses, stamps, permits and harvest authorizations and carry DNR-accepted proof. Accepted hunting license proof includes a paper copy, an authenticated Wisconsin driver's license, a Go Wild Conservation Card or a DNR-issued PDF displayed on an electronic device; a photograph of a paper license is not valid proof.

• Trappers must follow current DNR trapping regulations, including trap-check intervals for the specific set type. Do not assume that all water sets qualify for a four-day check interval. Traps requiring identification must have an attached metal tag legibly stamped or engraved with the operator's name and address or DNR customer ID number. See the DNR trapping regulations for set-specific requirements.

• Tree stands/blinds may be used but cannot be left up overnight. No nails, screws, or any devices that could damage trees are allowed. The cutting of tree limbs is prohibited.

- Trail cameras are allowed but must be removed daily. No overnight placement in allowed.

• The cutting of trails to hunting stands is prohibited.

- Target Shooting is prohibited.

• Baiting for any reason is prohibited.

• When and where a firearm deer season is in progress, hunters of any game other than waterfowl must wear at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink on outer clothing above the waist; any hat or other head covering must also be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Follow DNR requirements and exceptions.

• Follow current DNR season dates and species-specific shooting hours for the preserve's location. Use the appropriate DNR shooting-hours table and add the minutes specified for the shooting-hours zone; different rules apply to early teal, other migratory birds, spring turkey and other game. GLC's posted sunrise-to-sunset preserve hours remain in effect; state shooting hours do not authorize access outside those hours. See DNR shooting-hours guidance and the current hunting regulations.

All Wisconsin DNR hunting and trapping regulations and applicable local ordinances apply. This list supplements, but does not replace, current regulations. Existing GLC restrictions, including the baiting ban, daily removal of stands/blinds and prohibition on cutting limbs or trails, remain in effect.

For more information on this preserve, contact the Geneva Lake Conservancy at 262-275-5700 or email glc@genevalakeconservancy.org.