

Minnesota Walk-In Access Program

2021 Fact Sheet



Walk-In Access (WIA) provides public hunting opportunities on private land and rewards landowners for keeping their land in high quality habitat.



Traditionally a "grasslands" program, with new funding the program is interested in expanding into eastern counties. See map on back.



WIA land is for hunting only. No target practice, trapping, dog training, camping, horseback riding or fires are allowed.



No motorized vehicles are allowed on WIAs.



A \$3.00 WIA validation will be required when using WIAs. This validation is available at all ELS agents.



Eligible lands should be 40 acres or larger and include high quality wildlife habitat.



****New this year, \$18 per acre payment rates!**



Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) work directly with landowners for program enrollment. In return, SWCDs are compensated for each contract they enroll.



Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for WIA acres under MN State Statute 604A.20 to 604A.27. Private leases are not covered under this statute.



The future of WIA depends on participation from local landowners, responsible use by hunters and quality partnerships with local government units.



Please support Walk-In Access!

For more information about the WIA program, enrolled lands and the WIA Code of Conduct for Hunters, visit www.mndnr.gov/walkin

Minnesota Walk-In Access (WIA) Program Counties- 2021

