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Landcover

- 1 White cedar swamp
- 2 Aspen forest
- 3 Black ash swamp
- 4 Wetland-open water
- 5 Wet meadow shrub subtype
- 6 Upland grassland with sparse shrubs
- 7 Aspen-birch forest spruce-fir subtype
- 8 Alder/Willow swamp, saturated
- 9 Native dominated upland shrubland
- 10 Cattail marsh
- 11 Spruce-fir forest white spruce-balsam fir subtype
- 12 Aspen-birch forest northern hardwoods subtype
- 13 Paper birch forest spruce-fir subtype
- 14 Tamarack swamp
- 15 Aspen-birch forest
- 16 Red pine trees on upland soils
- 17 Jack pine forest
- 18 Black spruce swamp
- 19 Wet meadow
- 20 Planted grasses and forbs - hayfield on upland soils
- 21 Alder/Willow swamp, seasonally flooded
- 22 Open bog
- 23 Fir forest



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Directions and Notes from Minnesota DNR

Directions

From Sawyer, go 2 1/4 miles S and W on CSAH 7.

Special Restrictions

Sterle Pool Trail gate is open to vehicle traffic from August 1 till December 20 each year to provide access for hunters. The gate is closed the remainder of year to protect the road and nesting wildlife (foot traffic is still allowed).

Notes from MinnesotaSeasons.com

Parking

There are eight parking lots on the west and south sides of this WMA.

North

A DNR Minimum Maintenance Public Road near the northwest corner of the WMA leads to four parking lots and a water access to an unnamed lake.

DNR Minimum Maintenance Public Road
N46 38.487, W92 38.217

Parking Lot - Gravel
N46 38.665, W92 38.205

Parking Lot - Gravel
N46 38.623, W92 38.163

Parking Lot - Gravel
N46 38.555, W92 38.244

Parking Lot - Natural/Grass Surface
N46 38.495, W92 38.196

South

There is a DNR Management Road open to Public Foot Travel near the southeast corner of the WMA The road is gated and the gated is locked except during hunting season, August 1 to December 20. There is one parking lot by the gate, one at the end of the road at a water access to Sterle Pool, and one in a wooded area halfway between the other two.

Parking Lot - Natural/Grass Surface
N46 38.173, W92 37.962

Parking Lot - Natural/Grass Surface
N46 38.142, W92 37.645

Parking Lot - Gravel
N46 38.130, W92 37.382

Central

There is a natural/grass surface parking lot on the east side of County Highway 7 at the west boundary of the WMA.

Parking Lot - Natural/Grass Surface
N46 38.361, W92 38.058

Eskers

There are two glacial ridges (eskers) in Sawyer WMA. In the northwest, Sawyer Esker follows the south shore of Sawyer Pool from east to west. In the south, Bob Lake Esker snakes around Searle Pool to the southeast corner of the WMA and continues a short distance to the north shore of Bob Lake. Hunter walking trails lead to and along the ridges of both eskers.

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