

ATTACHMENT 4

Inventory/Assessment of Public Facilities Along the Wisconsin GRR

Each public facility along the Wisconsin GRR was rated on a scale of 1 to 5 in response to six questions listed in Table 1. For all questions, an answer of 1 signified the most positive response while a response of 5 signified the most negative response. In general, an answer of 3 would be considered an average rating of the facility. In all one hundred thirty-two public facilities were inventoried and rated. The types of facilities inventoried and rated included boat landings, canoe trails, waysides, turnouts, bike trails, parks, lock & dams, historic markers, state wildlife areas, interpretive centers, etc. Each facility rated was provided with an identification number. The facility I.D.'s include a letter which signifies the county where the facility is located. The following chart illustrates the letters that correspond to each county.

Letter	County
B	Buffalo
C	Crawford
G	Grant
L	La Crosse
P	Pierce
PE	Pepin
T	Trempealeau
V	Vernon

One of the most significant questions on the rating sheet asked, "Rate the importance of the facility for a traveler to see/visit while traveling the Great River Road?". The question is significant because it assists in prioritizing the importance of each facility. Based on the rating each facility received in response to this question, the entire data set was sorted and the complete inventory results are included in Table 1. If a facility was rated by more than one person the average response is included in the table.

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B1	Upper Mississippi River Nat'l Wildlife & Fish Refuge	3	3	3	3	3	1	
B2	Trempealeau Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	2	2	2	2	1	1	

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B3	Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #4	1	1	1	1	1	1	Needs a little weed pulling, signage about observation deck.
B4	Merrick State Park	1	1	3	1	2	1	Down side road. The State of WI needs to invest in its state parks. We are falling behind MN & MI in maintenance and quality.
B6	Tiffany Wildlife Area	4	3	3	3	3	1	22 miles off GRR
B10	City of Alma – National Historic District	1	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	1	More interpretive signage would be helpful. Partnership businesses, county & Alma. Most shops aren't open during the week. (during peak times & season)
B11	Rieck's Lake Park	1	2.50	1	2	1	1	
B12	Buena Vista Park	1	1.5	1	1	1.5	1	
B17	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 1.3 mi. W of Marshland	1	3	3	1	3	1	New map (clean out holder); Trash on ground; Use drought tolerant plants, mulch; Weeds
B23	Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #5a	2	4	3			1	No observation area; kiosk
C1	Upper Mississippi River Nat'l Wildlife & Fish Refuge	1.5	2	2	1.5	1	1	Some pull offs need attention & grooming. Areas from Lynxville to Prairie du Chien where trees & brush too high for viewing.
C2	Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #9	1	1	1	1	1	1	
C3	St. Feriole Island Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	Signage should be improved to identify the park.
C4	Lawler Park	3	2	1	1	1	1	Can't tell if you are in Lawler Park or St. Feriole Island very easily.

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C21	Ferryville – River View Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	
C22	Fort Crawford Museum – GRR Interpretive Center	2	1	1.5	1	1	1	More directional signage needed on Hwy 35 to Ft. Crawford.
C23	Villa Louis – GRR Interpretive Center	1.5	1	1	1	1	1	
G1	Stonefield	1	1.5	2.5	1	1.5	1	
G5	Potosi Brewery GRR Interp. Center	1	1	1	1	1	1	
L3	Granddad Park	2.7	3	1.3	1	1	1	Can see the bluff but visitors wouldn't know/recognize it; Could use better signage on the road; Bathrooms could be cleaner.
L5	Riverside Park	2	2.25	1.3	1.25	1.25	1	
L19	Explore La Crosse Welcom Ctr I- 90	1	1	1	1	1	1	
L21	US Fish & Wildlife Visitor Center	1.33	2	1	1	1	1	
L22	Great River & Trailhead	1	1	1	1	1	1	
L23	Sunny Overlook & Trail Access	1	1	1	1	1	1	
L25	La Crosse Visitor Center	1.5	1.67	1	1	1	1	
PE3	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.8 mi. N of Pepin	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	
PE6	Stockholm Village Park	2	2.5	1	1	1	1	
P2	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 3 mi. W of Maiden Rock	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	Could use brush trimming.
P15	Freedom Park – Prescott Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center	1	2	1.5	1	1	1	

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T1	Trempealeau Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	1.5	1	1	1	1	1	Must go down side road to get there.
T2	Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #6	1.5	2.25	1	1	1	1	Promote more, conduct tours, partnership & more (Trempe.)
T3	Perrot State Park	2	3.5	2.5	1	2	1	Must go down side roads to get there. Access road to park uneven, cracked, pot-holes. The State of WI does not fund/maintain parks adequately. We are behind MN & MI.
T6	First Project Great State Bike Trail	5	4	4	2	3	1	No signage.
T7	New 2017 (Spring) Friends of Winnebago	4	3	3	1	3	1	Tremptnp.com; From CAPX 2020; Non-profit hiking; Maintain & promote; Hike Blue Mound Trail & support archaeological research; support education
V20	Genoa Fish Hatchery	1	1.5	1	1	1	1	
C19	Ferryville – Sugar Creek Park & Campground	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	
C20	Ferryville Boat Launch	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	
G2	Nelson Dewey State Park	1	2	2	1	1	1.5	
G4	Wyalusing State Park	1.5	2	2	1	1	1.5	
G7	Potosi Point	3.5	3.5	1	1	1	1.5	No signage.
L24	Rowe Park	3	2	1	1	1	1.5	
PE2	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.7 mi. N of CTH “J” on Lake Pepin	1	1	1	1	1.5	1.5	

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PE4	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 1.8 mi. N of CTH “J”	1	1.5	2	2	1.5	1.5	Not a great view because of trees.
PE5	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 0.6 mi W of CTH “CC” at Pepin	1	1	1	1	1.5	1.5	
P1	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 3 mi. W of Maiden Rock	1	1.5	1	2.5	1.5	1.5	
P5	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 1.0 mi. E of USH 63	1	1.5	1.5	2	3	1.5	A place to view the “Bow & Arrow” on a distant hillside; Right now, barely visible because of foliage; Better view in winter.
P16	Sea Wing Memorial Park	3.5	3.5	2	1	2	1.5	No sign on GRR. Needs a big sign.
V1	Lock & Dam 8	1	1.5	1	1	1.5	1.5	
V6	WIDOT STH 35 1.8 Miles S. of North Co. Line	1.5	3	2	3	1.5	1.5	No access to Mississippi River RR trespass.
V13	WIDOT STH 35 0.3 Miles South of STH 56	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	
V17	Black Hawk County Park	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	1.5	
L1	Lock & Dam 7	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.75	1.75	Outdated looking but great stop; MN GRR facility primarily.
L2	Great River State Trail	2	2	1.75	1.75	1.25	1.75	Didn't see a sign; Trail can be weedy and sandy.
B14	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.9 mi. N of CTH “N” / 1 mi. S of Dairyland Power Plant	5	4	4	5	4	2	Complete blockage, backwater; No signage; Needs cleaning.
B16	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 0.6 mi. N of CTH “N”	3	3	3	3	3	2	Place to stop; No signage

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B19	Fountain City Community Park	1	2	1	2	1	2	
B21	Wings Over Alma Nature and Art Center	1	1	1	1	1	2	
C9	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.2 mi. S of STH 171	1.5	2	2	2	1.5	2	Should be open until November annually. Closed too soon for Fall travelers.
C10	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 3.2 mi. S of STH 171	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	
C12	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, at Jct. of STH 35 and STH 82	1	2	2	1.5	1.5	2	
C13	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.9 mi. N of Ferryville	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2	
C18	Gordon's Bay Landing – Boat Landing	1.5	2	2	1.5	1.5	2	
G3	Riverside Park	4	3.5	1	1	2	2	Very small sign (Ferry & Park on 2 signs). Cannot see from GRR. Needs more signage.
L4	Pettibone Park	4	3.75	1.8	1.25	1.5	2	Little to no signage; Not visible from the Great River Road - could use more signs.
L12	Van Loon Wildlife Area	4.25	3.25	2.75	2	2.5	2	Increase signage on Hwy 35 and on Amsterdam Prairie Rd; Grass near picnic tables/stairs is high and down towards trail.
L14	Goose Island	2	4	2	2	2	2	
L16	Canoe Trail Lake Onalaska	3.75	3.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	2	
L20	Myrick Marsh	2	2.5	1	1	1.5	2	
PE1	Maiden Rock Bluff SNA	1	1		1	4	2	Not marked as public land.

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P7	Maiden Rock Village Park	2	2	1	2	2	2	
P11	Mercord Mill Park – Prescott	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	1.5	2	
P14	River Walk Park – Prescott	3	4	3	1	2	2	
T5	Canoe Trail – Long Lake Trail – Pool 7	4.5	4	3.5	1	1	2	No signage from River Road; No maps.
V2	WIDOT Scenic Overlook 2.5 Miles N. of Genoa "Old Sellers Overlook"	2	3	2	2	2	2	Steep access.
V9	WIDOT STH 35 2.0 Miles South of Stoddard	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	
V14	WIDOT STH 35 2.5 Miles North of STH 82	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	2	
L6	Copeland Park	2.3	2.25	2	1.75	2.25	2.25	Trash found in playground sand; Not as clean as I would like to see - especially children's play area, splash pad could use some paint; Bathrooms are porto-potties and filthy; Could easily drive by.
T4	Canoe Trail – Aghaming Trail – Pool 6	4.5	4	3.5	3	3	2.25	No signage from River Road.
L7	Black River Beach	3	2.5	1.8	1.5	2	2.35	
B8	Nelson-Trevino Bottoms State Natural Area	4	3	2	2	1	2.5	No signage on GRR - off side road (Hwy 25 to Wabasha)
B9	Alma Beach and Recreational Area	3	3	2	2	2.5	2.5	Can't see it.
C14	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, A and Jct. CTH "D"	1.5	2	2	2	2	2.5	Road surface & island of turnaround starting to age.

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C15	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.27 mi. S of CTH “F”	2	2	2	2	2	2.5	Surface is aging.
G6	Great River Recreational Area	2	2	1	1	1.5	2.5	
P8	Bell Park – Prescott	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	2.5	
P9	City Beach – Prescott	5	5	2	2.5	2	2.5	No view of the Miss. River; Hard to find.
V3	WIDOT STH 35 1.0 Mile No. of Stoddard	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	Trees to the south should be trimmed.
V7	WIDOT STH 35 1.1 Miles S. of North Co. Line “Shady Maple”	1.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	3	2.5	No access to Mississippi River - RR trespass.
V8	WIDOT STH 35 0.5 Miles North of STH 82	1.5	2	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	No access to Mississippi River - RR trespass.
V18	Stoddard Village Park	1	1	1	1.5	1.5	2.5	
L26	Holland Sand Prairie	3.67	3.33	2	3	2	2.67	
L15	Browns Marsh	4.25	4	2.35	2	2.25	2.75	Needs signage; Can't see from road.
B13	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, North Alma – CTH “I”	1	3	3	3	3	3	Needs tree trimming; Needs signage fixing
B15	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 1.5 mi. S of CTH “YY” / 0.6 mi. N of Lock & Dam	5	3.50	3	3	3.50	3	Place to stop; No signage; Back water
B18	Goose Lake Memorial Park – Cochrane		5	2	5	2	3	Can't see it
B20	Holme's Landing Historical Marker	5		2	1	2	3	No signage either way.
C8	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 1.2 mi. S of Lynxville	1	2	2	2	2	3	

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C11	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 3500 ft. S of STH 82	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	3	
C24	De Soto South of STH 82 & STH 35 – De Soto Boat Launch	1	1	1	1	1	3	
L17	Canoe Trail Goose Island	3	4	3	2	2	3	
PE9	Pepin Public Beach	4	4.5	2	2.5	3	3	
P4	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, Maiden Rock – Bay City Road, Rush River, Fishermen's Lot	2	2	2	1	2	3	No view of Mississippi River
P6	Rush River Delta SNA	3.5	2	2	3.5	3	3	
P13	Boat Launch – Prescott	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	3	3	Not easily recognized from GRR.
P17	Village of Bay City Park	1.5	4.5	2	1.5	2.5	3	
V4	WIDOT STH 35 2.8 Miles S. of North Co. Line	2.5	3	3	3	3	3	No access to Mississippi River RR trespass.
V5	WIDOT STH 35 2.1 Miles S. of North Co. Line	2.5	3	2.5	3	3	3	
V12	WIDOT STH 35 0.5 Miles South of Bad Axe Bridge	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	3	
V15	Battle Bluff Prairie 348 acres	3	2	3	2	2	3	
V16	Bergen Bluffs SNA	2	3	2	2	2.5	3	
V19	Stoddard River Park	4.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	3	
L18	GR Trail Prairie	4	4	3	3	3	3.33	No sign; Can't see.
C17	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, 2.7 mi. S of STH 171 at Cold Springs	1	2	3	2	2	3.5	This is a natural area, fishing spot and boat launch. Conditions vary due to water levels changing - high/low.

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PE8	Pepin Public Boat Landing	4	4.5	3.5	1.5	3.5	3.5	Boat launch used hardly ever by travelers; Off road - No good signs.
P12	Magee Wilderness Park – Prescott	4	4.5	2	2.5	3.5	3.5	No toilet facilities. No sign on the GRR. Nothing for travelers to see. No view of the river.
V10	WIDOT STH 35 3.0 Miles South of STH 56	1.5	3	3	3	3	3.5	
V11	WIDOT STH 35 1.6 Miles North of SCL	2.5	3	3	3	3	3.5	
L10	Louis Nelson County Park	4.75	3.75	2.75	2.75	3.25	3.75	Difficult to access; Underwater at time of survey; No signage; Difficult to find if you didn't know where it was; Bathroom is a porto potty.
C6	Rush Creek SNA	3.5	5	4.5	4.5	4	4	One sign on Hwy 35. Rustic area. Floods of 2016 damaged the SNA.
C16	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, just N of STH 171	2.5	4	4.5	3.5	4	4	This is a parking lot. Weeds are high.
L8	Green Island Park	4.67	4.67	1.67	2.33	2.33	4	Not too important; Hard to find, not much here to do for a visitor except see a hockey game.
L13	WIDOT 5 TH 35 on Black River	1.5	3	3.25	2.75	3	4	Some garbage.
PE7	Canoe Trail – Chippewa River Water Trail – Pool 4	4.5	3	4.5	2.5	3	4	
P3	WisDOT Roadside Site – Hwy 35, Maiden Rock – Bay City Road, Pine Creek Fishermen's Lot	1	2	1.5	1.5	2.5	4	

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P10	Lake St. Canoe/Kayak Launch – Prescott	5	4.5	5	3.5	3.5	4	Local homeowner claims it may not be public property and is involved in litigation with the city; No signage.
L9	Houska Park	4.67	4.67	2.33	2.33	3.67	4.33	Treatment plant smells is a problem; Has a bad reputation; Sometimes dirty; Let's not recommend this particular park; It has a poor reputation.
L11	Midway Railroad Prairie SNA	4.67	4.67	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.67	Couldn't find.
C5	Limery Ridge SNA	5	4	4	4	4	5	Can't tell where it is. Need a state or county map to find it.
G8	Bridgeport Landing (Lower Wisconsin State Riverway) DNR	1	2	2	2	3	5	
B5	Foelsch Riverside Park	5						No signage on GRR.
B7	Whitman Dam State Wildlife Area	5	5					No info.
B22	Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #5							MN Side