



Trail's End Youth Camp

Rusk County, WI

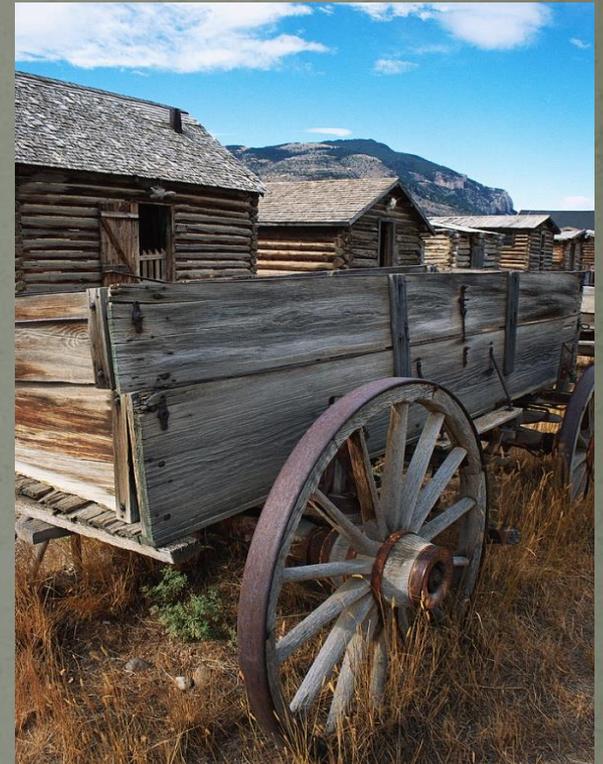
*A beautiful rustic camp on the banks of
the Chippewa River*

Camp Amenities

- *Trail's End Camp is a 149 acre licensed Rec/Ed camp owned by Rusk County located 2 miles northeast of Bruce along the Chippewa River. The camp is the ideal location for your group's next retreat, conference, workshop, graduation, family reunion, or wedding. The camp offers plenty of space for indoor and outdoor activities. The facility consists of 9 cabins, dining hall, commercial kitchen, assembly room, infirmary and restroom/shower house. Numerous recreational facilities exist including a softball field, archery range, volleyball and basketball courts, swimming area, horseshoe pitch, outdoor amphitheater, barbecue pit, fire rings, challenge course and a swimming area with access to the Chippewa River. There are hiking trails that can be used for cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. Trail's End Camp may be reserved by the day, week, or weekend.*

Camp History

- Hundreds of years of Native American travel had made a known trail along the west side of the Chippewa River through today's Trail's End Camp.
- With the Homestead Act of 1862 settlers traveling along the old native trails would improve the road width to accommodate wagons and teams.
- This improved road through Trail's End existed by 1875 and was known as the "Chippewa Trail"
- Sam and Sarah Johnson claimed the land for their own in 1874.



Camp History

- In 1881 the Big Bend Stage Line was built for people to travel from Chippewa Falls to a trading post 88 miles north. The line passed through Trail's End Camp and is still partially visible today.



Camp History



- In 1886 the Arpin Hardwood Lumber Company purchased the land for logging and used the river to move them. By 1900 all of the trees had been cut down and the land remained empty and unused.
- In 1928 the County of Rusk purchased the land.

Camp History

- In 1933, Claude Ebling, Rusk County Agent, took a plan to the Rusk County Commissioners to deed 86.1 acres of the land to the Rusk County 4-H Committee for use by Rusk County 4-H & FFA Clubs.
- The resolution passed unanimously.



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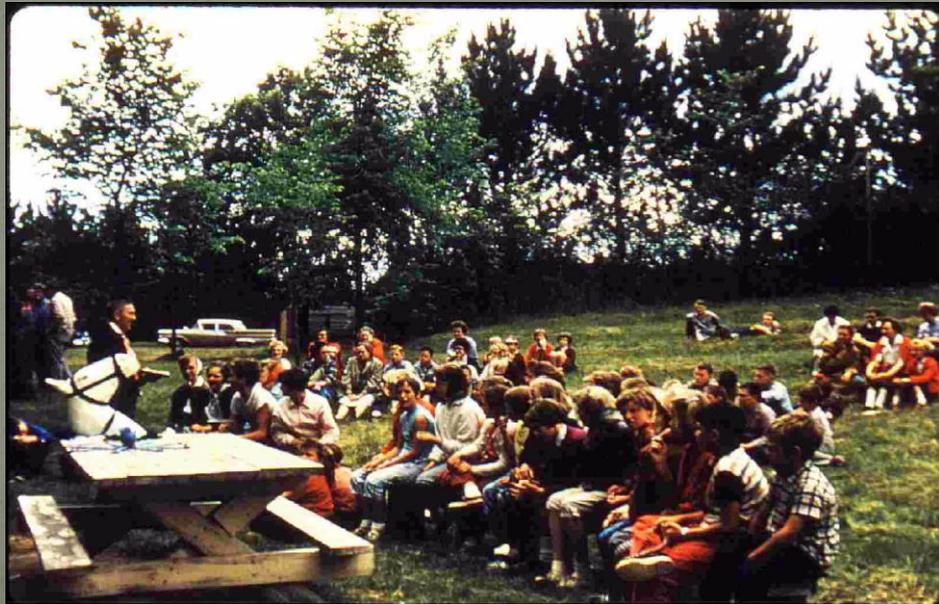
- The summer of 1934 was the beginning of camp activities – nearly 600 people showing for this first official club outing.
- A daily newspaper called the “Trails End Echoes” was printed daily to report the camp activities.



Crystal Spring tent with Naomi Schreiber. Camp opened for camping in 1934 and was mostly done in tents. Spruce cabin is now in this location.

Camp History

- In 1959 the camp expanded from 86 acres to 149.5 acres. Improved bridges were built and new larger buildings were added to provide food and entertainment to campers.



1943-on-#63 Nag for Neatness with Ed Sirek
Trails End Youth Camp

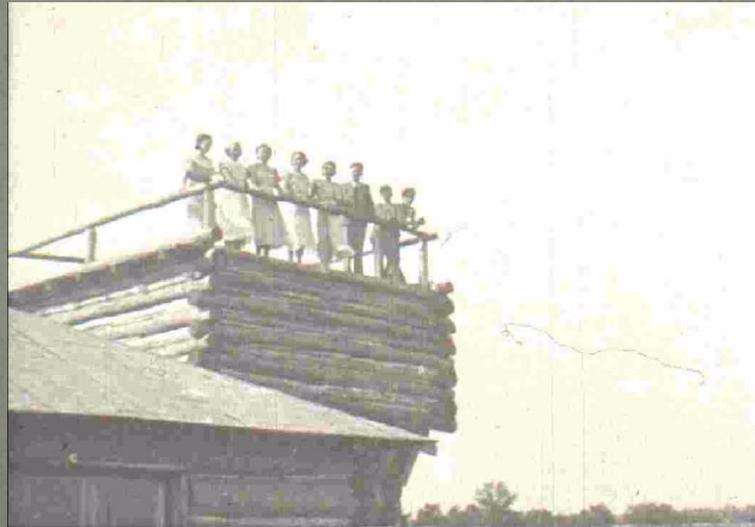
Camp History

- In 1967, written policies were established as to who should govern the operation of Trail's End.
- The Rusk County Agriculture Committee was given the authority to appoint six trustees to administer the camp.
- The Trustees are known as the Trail's End Trustees and there are currently representatives today from 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ICAA Youth Programs, local schools, DNR, Public Citizen and the UW Extension Education & Recycling Committee.

Camp History



1935, 1936-#60 Early Years Tent Camping
Trails End Youth Camp



1934-#2 Lookout Tower off Dining Hall
Trails End Youth Camp

TRAIL'S END CAMP

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Kitchen



Dining Hall



Rec. Hall



Cabins



Infirmary



Showerhouse



Soft Ball Field



Shooting Range



Archery Range



Challenge Course



Basketball Court



Volleyball Court



Horseshoes



Amphitheatre



Camp Fire Pit



Outdoor BBQ Grill



Beach



Swimming Hole



Canoeing



Swinging Bridge



Youth Camp Fees

Rusk County Groups

Youth \$2.00/person/day

Adult \$6.00/person/day

Out of County Groups

Youth \$4.50/person/day

Adult \$7.50/person/day

**Additional charges will be made for electricity and LP gas used at the current rates, with a \$2.00 minimum.

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Private Use Fees

Usage Rates

\$175.00/day

\$3.00 per person (overnight)

Security Deposit

\$250 (refundable)

(Check is not cashed unless there is damage)

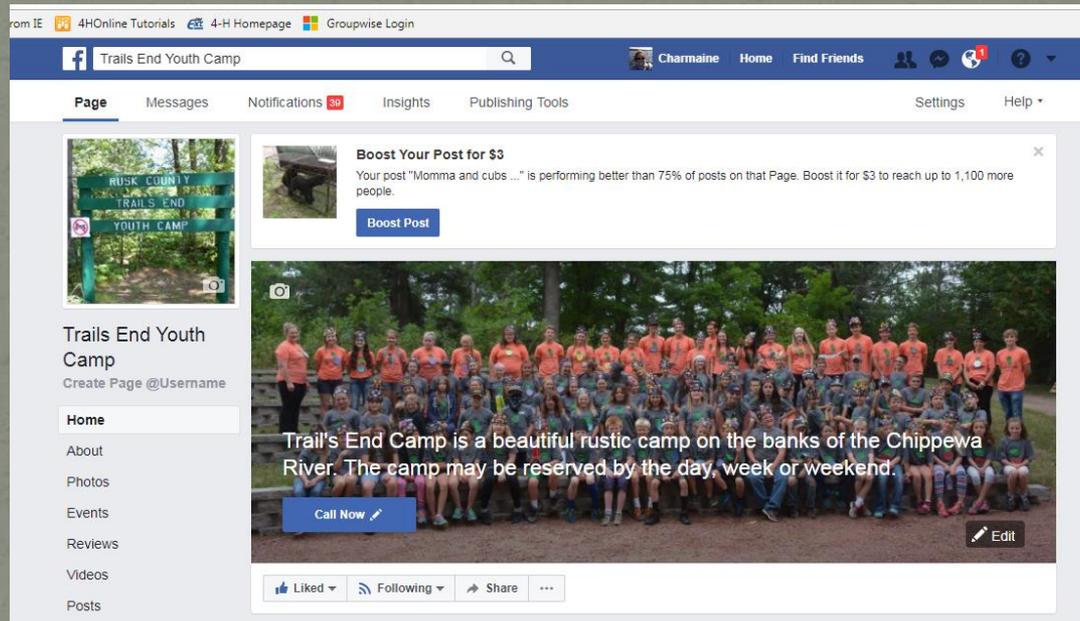
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Private Use Overnight Information

- “Private Use” are groups that DO NOT provide a planned program of recreation or education. Those that do must follow the guidelines for rec/ed camps.
- Private users can use the lodging facilities. Up to 3 tents and/or tents or RVs are allowed. More than 3 require a temporary campground license. Cabin capacity is listed in all cabins and must be followed.
- There is a full commercial kitchen available for your use but there is no serving of food to the public.

Like us on Facebook

Trails End Youth Camp



The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Trails End Youth Camp. At the top, the browser address bar displays "from IE" and several tabs: "4HOnline Tutorials", "4-H Homepage", and "Groupwise Login". The Facebook navigation bar includes the search bar with "Trails End Youth Camp" entered, the user profile "Charmaine", and navigation links for "Home" and "Find Friends". Below the navigation bar, the page header shows "Page" as the active tab, with other options like "Messages", "Notifications" (with a red badge), "Insights", "Publishing Tools", "Settings", and "Help".

The main content area features a cover photo of a green wooden sign that reads "RUSK COUNTY TRAILS END YOUTH CAMP". To the right of the cover photo is a "Boost Your Post for \$3" advertisement. The ad text states: "Your post 'Momma and cubs ...' is performing better than 75% of posts on that Page. Boost it for \$3 to reach up to 1,100 more people." A "Boost Post" button is visible below the ad.

The main post is a large group photo of campers and staff. The text of the post reads: "Trail's End Camp is a beautiful rustic camp on the banks of the Chippewa River. The camp may be reserved by the day, week or weekend." Below the text is a "Call Now" button with a pencil icon. An "Edit" button is located in the bottom right corner of the photo area.

At the bottom of the post, there are interaction buttons: "Liked" (with a dropdown arrow), "Following" (with a dropdown arrow), "Share", and a three-dot menu icon.

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