

**Mission: The Friends of the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area (NBWA) was formed to support and promote pine -oak barrens habitat, a rare and globally imperiled ecological community, on the NBWA and the Northwest Sands ecosystem in Wisconsin.**

Goals:

Support expansion of pine-oak barrens habitat.

Influence decisions regarding barrens conservation.

Provide funding assistance for barrens conservation.

Support the DNR with volunteer activities to carry out barrens conservation.

Provide education to promote barrens conservation and recreation.

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## What are pine-oak barrens?

A dry, sandy soil, open landscape dominated by grasses, forbs, low shrubs and scattered trees. Often referred to as barrens, brush prairie or shrubland, this rare community of global significance contains a rich diversity of plants and animals. These open landscapes are also very scenic, breaking up vast areas of northern forest in Wisconsin.

The diverse flora and wildlife provide many recreational opportunities, including birding, hunting, blueberry picking, photography, hiking and spring viewing of the sharp-tailed grouse mating ritual on their 'dancing' grounds. See the [www.fnbwa.org](http://www.fnbwa.org) for viewing opportunities.

**Who we are:** The Friends of the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area is a dedicated group of volunteers, established in 2007 to promote pine-oak barrens habitat conservation on the wildlife area and the Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape.

## What is the Namekagon Barrens

**Wildlife Area?** The Namekagon Barrens is a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources public property containing globally rare pine-oak barrens habitat which is part of the Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape. The NBWA was established in 1956, to conserve this rare habitat, and encompasses 6,438 acres at the junction of Burnett, Douglas and Washburn Counties. The property consists of a north unit of 5,685 acres and a south unit of 753 acres. The two units are two miles apart with the federal National Wild and Scenic Namekagon River flowing between them. The barrens is important breeding habitat for rare barrens/grassland species as upland sandpiper and sharp-tailed grouse.

## FNBWA projects:

- Supported DNR ownership of the NBWA.
- Support barrens habitat expansion and management.
- Educational programs and materials.
- Assist surveying flora and wildlife.
- Barrens conservation financial assistance.
- Supported barrens master planning.
- Assist with property management.
- Coordinate STG blind reservations.

## Our Partners

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