

# Welcome to the BLACKJACK SPRINGS WILDERNESS

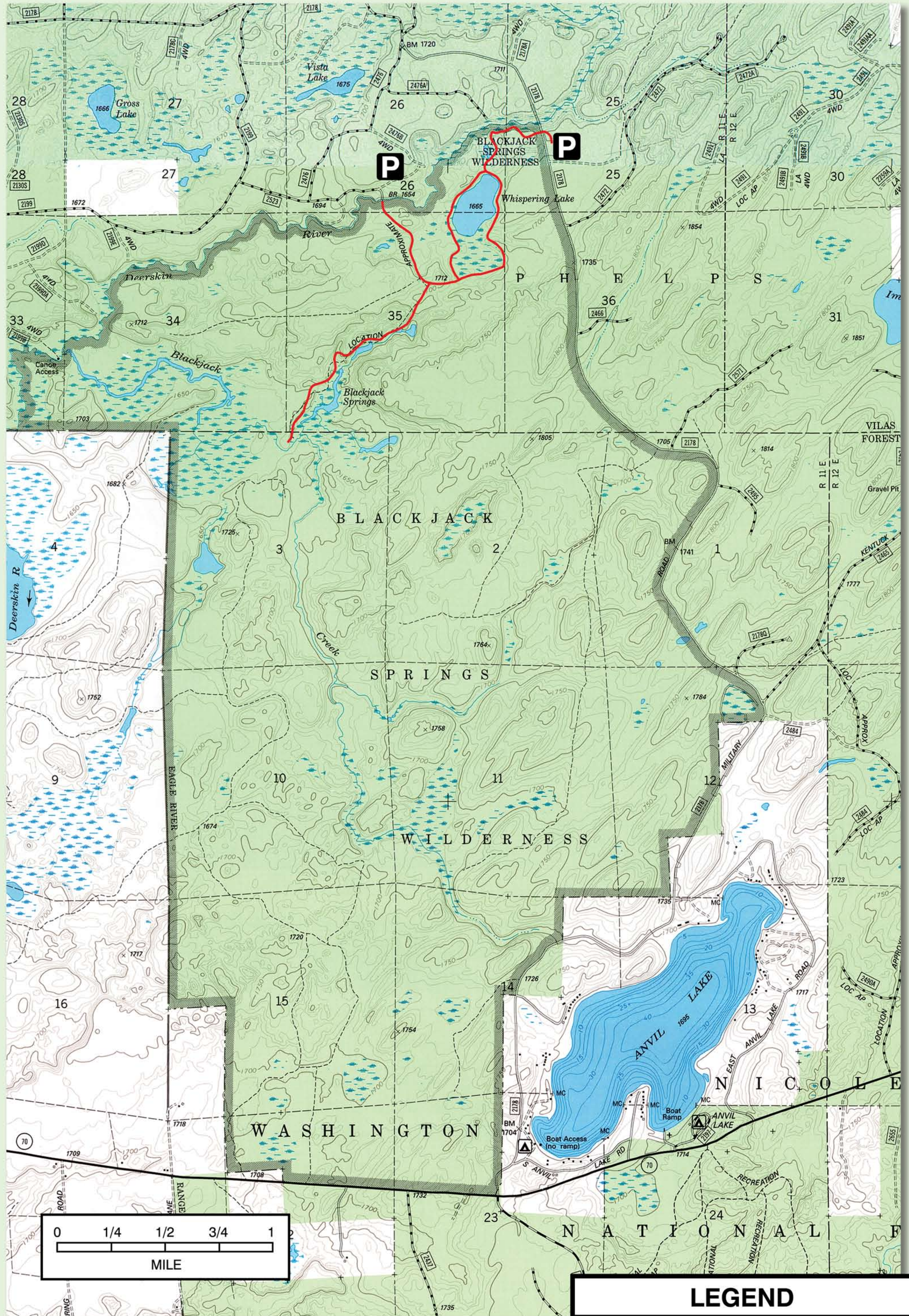
## Rules for "No Trace" Camping

Please practice "Leave-No-Trace" hiking and camping. You can reduce your impact on the environment by observing these rules:

- Keep campfires small. Better yet - use a portable camp stove. If you decide to have a fire, gather small dead and down wood a good distance from camp. Be sure your campfire is "dead out" before leaving camp. Don't burn plastic and other garbage in your campfire.
- Carry out all your trash such as plastics, cans, foil, and glass.
- Dispose of human waste at least 100 feet from campsites, trails or waterways. Dig a shallow hole and cover. Nature will do the rest.
- Carry wash water away from streams or lakes rather than washing in the stream or lake.
- Do not damage live trees and plants. Minimize site alterations. Good camps are found not made.
- Protect the solitude; make your camp out of sight and sound of trails and other camps.
- Anything moved for comfort or convenience (such as rocks or logs) should be replaced before leaving.

## Wilderness Regulations

- The possession or use of motorized or mechanized equipment is prohibited. This includes all motor vehicles, bicycles, outboard and electrical motors, and any wheeled device for transporting canoes, boats, or equipment.
- Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days.
- All State of Wisconsin fishing and hunting regulations and license requirements apply in wilderness areas.
- Erecting permanent tree stands is prohibited anywhere on National Forest Land.
- Storing or leaving a boat, canoe, equipment, personal property, or supplies is prohibited.
- Disposing of debris, garbage or other waste, except that which is burnable and disposed by fire, is prohibited.



## Blackjack Springs Wilderness

The Blackjack Springs Wilderness was established by Congress in 1978 and covers an area of 5,886 acres. Much of the area was changed by logging and fire in the early 1900's with subsequent reforestation, road building, and timber harvest under National Forest management. Portions of abandoned logging roads and railroad grades are still visible.

Most of the use of the Wilderness revolves around camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. Maintained hiking trails are located around Whispering Lake and lead to the spring ponds along Blackjack Creek. Common wildlife here include deer, bear, fisher, snowshoe hare, fox, coyote, and many species of songbirds.

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- Wilderness Boundary
- National Forest Boundary
- Hiking Trails
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