










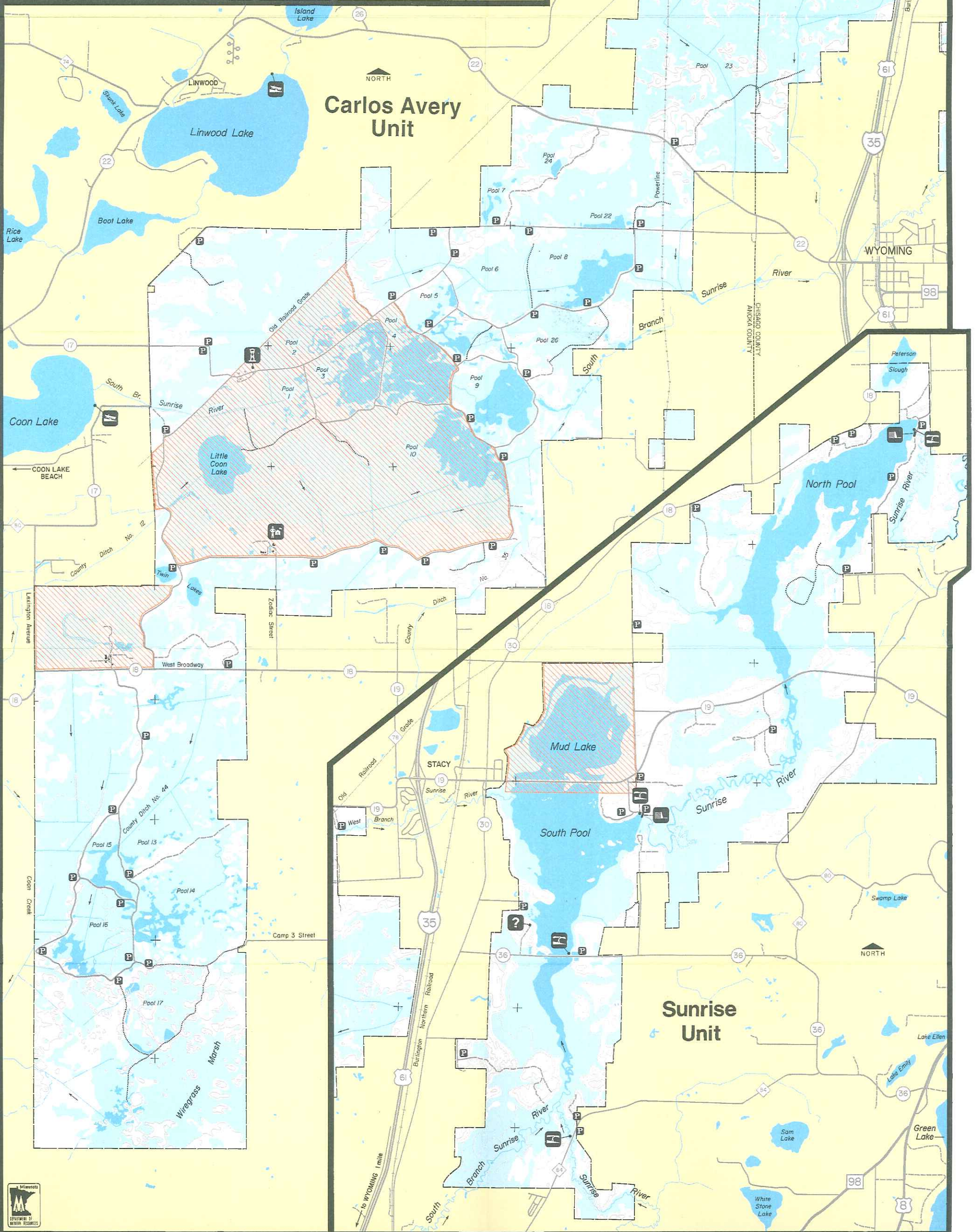
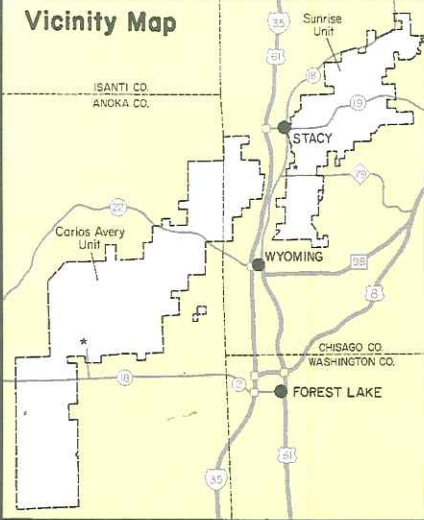
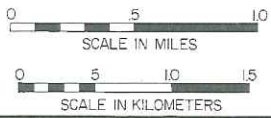


Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area

-  W.M.A. Headquarters
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-  Parking Areas
-  Boat Ramp
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-  Dam
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-  W.M.A. Boundary
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CARLOS AVERY

Wildlife Management Area

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The 23,000 acre Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area is located 30 miles north of the Twin Cities near Forest Lake. The W.M.A. headquarters is 7 miles west of Forest Lake and one mile north of Anoka County Road 18 on Zodiac Street.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Carlos Avery W.M.A., with its extensive marshes, was purchased by the Minnesota Conservation Commission in 1933 after the Crex Carpet Company allowed the land to become tax forfeited.

The Carlos Avery lies on the Anoka Sand Plain, an area of poorly drained sandy soil with low fertility. Most of the area is not suited for agriculture. The area is about one-third upland and two-thirds wetland. Uplands consist of forests, grasslands and fields. Wetlands are about half shallow marsh and half open water.

Forty-six miles of roads and more than 23 miles of trails and firebreaks provide access to the unit. More than 6,000 wetland acres are impounded by 21 miles of dike.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

The Carlos Avery W.M.A. was established for wildlife production, public hunting, and trapping, and other uses compatible with wildlife management.

On the W.M.A. various plant communities are managed to provide an interspersion of critical habitat components and by regulating public use.

Forests are managed primarily to promote a diversity of different aged plant communities. Selective cutting is done by the public with wood cutting permits. Oak savanna, aspen and conifer stands are maintained in suitable locations. Grass nesting cover is maintained by mowing and burning under controlled conditions. At least 150 acres of food plots are planted each year to provide a reliable winter food source for resident wildlife.

Water levels in many of the wetlands are regulated via a system of dikes and control structures to produce the types of vegetation favored by many species of furbearers and waterfowl. Other techniques used to increase the value of wetlands include prescribed burning and level ditching. Cattail stands are managed by water level control and mechanical treatment.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Public hunting is the primary outdoor recreational use of the Carlos Avery W.M.A. with waterfowl, deer, and squirrel the most sought after species. Trappers harvest from good populations of mink, muskrat, racoon, and beaver. The variety of habitats attract almost 272 species of birds, so the area is very popular for bird watching.

OTHER FACILITIES

Also located at the Carlos Avery W.M.A. are:

- North Metro Area Wildlife Office for Anoka, Washington, and Ramsey County.
- Forestry, Metro Fire Base.
Phone: 651-982-9720



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA RULES

Activities permitted on the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area:

- Hunting in accordance with state regulations.
- Hiking both on and off designated trails.
- Picking fruit and mushrooms.
- Bird watching and nature study.

Activities requiring a permit:

- Trapping on the W.M.A.
- Cutting fuelwood for home use.
- Activities between 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

It is unlawful while in a designated W.M.A. to:

- Target shoot.
- Operate snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles.
- Ride horses.
- Camp.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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