

# Wisconsin

## 2012 State Report



Wisconsin's state tree is the Sugar Maple.

### Wisconsin State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in Wisconsin: **41,092**



**TREE CITY USA®**

### Program in Wisconsin:

Tree City USA Communities: **181**  
Total population served: **3,300,169**

Largest Tree City USA in Wisconsin:  
**Milwaukee, population 605,013**

Smallest Tree City USA in Wisconsin:  
**Pound, population 331**

Tree Line USA Utilities: **10**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **2**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **1**

**Wisconsin celebrates Arbor Day  
on the last Friday in April.**

## Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.



Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at [natureexplore.org](http://natureexplore.org)). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Wisconsin, please visit [natureexplore.org/classrooms](http://natureexplore.org/classrooms).

## Wisconsin Members Plant 293,303 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 41,092 Wisconsin members helped plant more than 293,303 trees across the state last year.

Gus Gansemer, a loyal member from Sussex, Wisconsin, has been planting membership trees since 1986. He shared with us a photo of one of his favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Gus, Wisconsin will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Gus with his Colorado blue spruce.

## Bayfield County Forest Report

**B**ayfield County Forest is a 167,000-acre public forest in northern Wisconsin. Bayfield County Forest's planting effort is enhancing tree biodiversity across several different northern Wisconsin forest areas. Five different species of trees are creating connectivity with adjacent forest areas, re-establishing native forests lost over the last 100 years to insect problems and clear-cutting, and creating new habitat for bird species such as the Sharp Tailed Grouse and federally endangered Kirtland's Warbler. Another goal of the project is to restore the boreal forest on the south shore of Lake Superior. As part of this project more than 400,000 white pine, red pine, jack pine, white spruce, and tamarack trees were placed in the ground. Thanks to Arbor Day Foundation partners and members, this large-scale planting will benefit the upper Midwest for many generations.



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★ = Bayfield County Forest

## Tree Campus USA

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities can be recognized, just like the **University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point**, as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at [arborday.org/treecampususa](http://arborday.org/treecampususa).

## Wisconsin Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Wisconsin because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Wisconsin Department of Forestry. Wisconsin boasts 181 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Wisconsin Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$33,404,941 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 3.3 million Wisconsin residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Wisconsin's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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