



## News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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### Free day use on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest September 30 To honor National Public Lands Day

**Rhineland, Wis. – September 20, 2006.** In honor of National Public Lands Day the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, along with all National Forests, will be providing a fee free day on Saturday September 30, 2006. Fees will be waived for all recreation areas that normally charge a **day use fee**. Camping fees will continue to be in effect on that day.

On National Public Lands Day, the public is encouraged to visit the Forest and learn about their public natural resource treasures. “We hope people will come out and enjoy their public lands and all the recreational opportunities available on the Forest. The outstanding fall colors and crisp fall weather will add to the northwoods experience.” states Acting Forest Supervisor Connie Chaney.

One of the events that will take place on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF is the commemoration of the historic Fifield Fire Lookout Tower. Forest Service and the Fifield Community Action Plan Committee will host a celebration scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone who wishes to participate should meet at the Wintergreen Trail parking area, located near the tower on the north side of State Highway 70, five miles east of the State Highway 13 intersection.

Also, on September 30, the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center near Ashland will be hosting the Heritage Folk Fest. The event is free and offers the public an opportunity to view the new visiting exhibit called “Inspirations from the Forest”. This exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Forest Service highlights the occupational and cultural traditions of those who live and work in our nation’s National Forests and Grasslands. This 16-panel exhibition illustrates how artists, writers, and musicians draw inspiration from the world of nature, creating enduring works of art that impress upon us the importance of preserving our natural resources. This exhibition will be available for viewing at the Visitor Center September 23—October 7, 2006. Some of the other opportunities for visitors to partake in on the Forest include hiking a trail, riding a mountain bike, horse back riding, ATV riding (on the Chequamegon side of the Forest), picnicking, fishing, or just relaxing.