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Evidenced by charred remains buried in bogs, prehistoric fires were common to Wisconsin. Records left by early explorers tell of forest fires that burned for weeks in dry seasons. During early settlement, fire became more frequent and more destructive. In Northern Wisconsin a period of major forest devastation began with the advent of commercial logging following the civil war.

This map portrays fires that burned more than 250 acres in Wisconsin from 1871 to the present. Many of the earlier fires were not mapped or named. There are historic documents that describe the general location and size of many fires, especially in the northwestern part of the state. For these fires, a general shape and size of the fire has been estimated. So many fires burned durnig the 1930's that it is difficult to differentiate between them.

Germann Road
05/14/2013
7,499 Acres

5 Mile Tower
04/30/1977
13,375 Acres

Phillips
07/27/1894
101,298 Acres

Peshtigo
10/8/1871
1,200,000 Acres

Oak Lake
04/22/1980
11,915 Acres

Ekdall Church
04/21/1980
4,654 Acres

West Marshland
05/01/1959
17,560 Acres

Saratoga
04/27/1977
6,159 Acres

Airport
04/30/1977
3,037 Acres

Cottonville
05/05/2005
3,410 Acres

Brockway
04/27/1977
17,590 Acres

White River Marsh
11/20/1989
4,261 Acres

Crystal Lake
04/14/2003
579 Acres

Lyndon Station I
04/29/1957
891 Acres

Lyndon Station II
04/22/1980
1,028 Acres

Lyndon Station III
06/25/1988
911 Acres

Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Ashland, Vilas, Florence, Oneida, Forest, Marinette, Price, Washburn, Sawyer, Burnett, Polk, Barron, Rusk, Taylor, Lincoln, Langlade, Oconto, Door, Menominee, Chippewa, Dunn, Saint Croix, Clark, Marathon, Shawano, Pierce, Eau Claire, Pepin, Wood, Portage, Buffalo, Jackson, Trempealeau, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown, Manitowoc, La Crosse, Monroe, Waushara, Winnebago, Calumet, Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Vernon, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Crawford, Washington, Grant, Dane, Jefferson, Waukesha, Green, Rock, Walworth, Racine, Kenosha, Lafayette

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