

2025 Wisconsin FFLA Chapter Report

25 January 2026

It was a slow year for the Wisconsin Chapter mostly due to my inability to travel to Wisconsin to survey the status of Wisconsin's historic lookouts myself. I used the internet to maximum effect to track current status of numerous towers from the Wisconsin DNR and points of contact listed in the original listing provided by Tyler Borman. The attachment (Wisconsin FFLA Working List - Jan 2026) provides updates to the initial document.

As of December 2026:

Baseline established in 2025: There were **47** Wisconsin Lookouts on the National Historic Lookout Register (NHLR) and the Wisconsin Register and still standing. These registers list 13 of these towers as 'gone' for a total of 60 towers I am tracking. Updated the 2026 summary.

Complete inventory by DNR in 2022:

- 39 towers were conveyed to the private landowners.
- 19 towers have been demolished – some sold to private individuals.
- 27 towers were in planning to be removed.
- Two towers confirmed to be removed and rebuilt in new locations on private property.

Chapter goals:

- Verify and update NHLR/WI registers which identify 13 of the 60 lookouts as 'gone.'
- Track status of lookouts and ongoing projects at Wisconsin towers.
- Visit at least 10 towers this calendar year and provide updates on each of them.

Miscellaneous:

Update on the *Park Falls Lookout*, the tower I purchased and moved to private property.

- Designated as Park Falls Lookout and registered US #1218, WI #24.
- Purchased from the DNR and moved to its current location in 2018.
- Currently located less than five miles from Park Falls location.

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ATCH: Wisconsin FFLA Working List – 25 Jan 2026