

Don Thompson

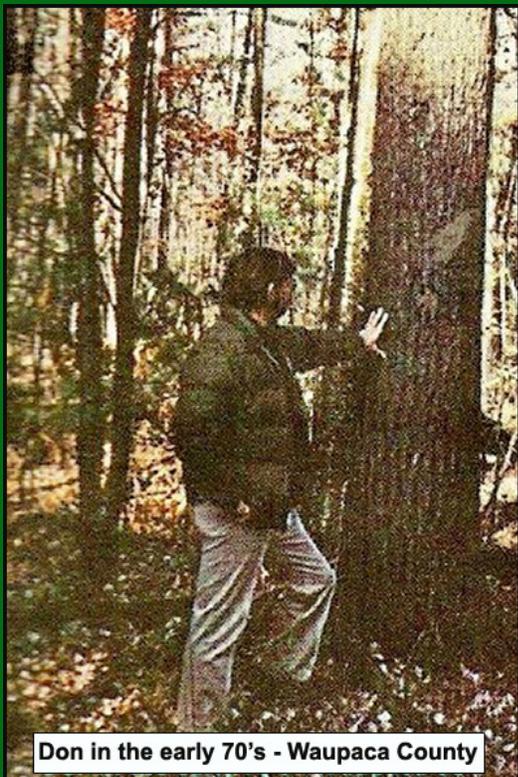


Don Thompson retired from DNR, May 2000 after a 33+ year career. Other than a five year period from 1983 to 1988 when he was and Area Director in Marinette, he worked in the forestry program his whole career

Don's varied interests included 14 years on the National Ski Patrol at Cascade Mountain. He served on the board of directors and was an instructor for chair evacuation.

Don retired as Chief of Forest Lands and Ecology in the Bureau of Forestry.

In the many communities where Don has lived, he was involved in professional, community and church activities; including speaker bureaus, outreach programs, and church councils.



Don and Mary live at Steeplechase Condominiums, Town of Westport, Waunakee and have a place on Alma Lake, St. Germain. From spring through fall they spend most of their time at the lake.

Mary keeps Don working on renovation projects at the lake. She says it's to protect the fish!

Don is a commissioner on the Alma-Moon Lake Protection District. When the timing works, Don attends the Northern DNR Retirees get together.

Early summer Don joins several DNR friends on the annual Canada fishing trip. The fish are plentiful (most years). The fish are good size, but the stories get bigger each year!



Catching the big ones - Canada fishing trip

Don misses the Thursday bike trail rides with retired DNR people. Occasionally, he still joins them but is more active with the "bowling" during the winter months.

Holiday in Cancun, Mary and Don



Forestry consulting, travel and volunteering for almost anything makes the time evaporate.

Latest "new thing" - singing in an ecumenical pops choir!

Having their 3 children located back in Wisconsin, after adventures in the Eastern and Western states, is an added bonus.



Family outing, Alma Lake

Man row: Sam Statz, Scott Hanson, Don and Wade Thompson

Woman row: Marta Statz, Abbey and Mary Thompson

Kid row: Maddy and Jack Statz

And of course, having two grandchildren (3rd expected in March) to play with is the best. Don says, "Re-education of grandparents by grandchildren is one of life's great treasures".



Fishing at Alma Lake, St. Germain