

WETLAND CROSSINGS: BOARDWALKS



Where wetlands exist adjacent to lakeshore, boardwalks are an approved option for accessing the lake. The Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) considers an elevated boardwalk a reasonable and prudent alternative to using fill to access the lake. The posts and pilings needed to support the boardwalk do not count as a wetland impact or 'fill.' Crow Wing County allows up to a 6 foot wide elevated boardwalk with a Shoreland Alteration Permit.

Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance: Article 18—BOARDWALKS:

A boardwalk used for lake access over wetlands shall require a Shoreland Alteration Permit and meet the following standards:

- Shall be constructed perpendicular to shoreline
- Can not have a canopy or roof
- Can not extend into adjoining riparian use area
- Meet property line setbacks
- Maximum Width 6 feet
- Supports to be constructed 12 inches above wetland Surface
- Comply with MN Rules 6115.0210 (Docks)

