

# Big Wheels in Wisconsin



Big Wheels at the Railroad and Logging Museum in Rhinelander, WI.



Big Wheels at Camp 5, Laona, WI.



Woodruff, Wisconsin



Wisconsin Big Wheelin'

Previously to Big Wheels, logging operations in Wisconsin ceased during the summer because “soft” soil would not support log hauling equipment at that time of the year. It was so much easier to move logs over frozen ground.

The large diameter and wide tread of a Big Wheel is the element which kept the wheels from sinking into soft soil as compared to the much smaller wagon wheels.

Big wheels varied in size with 10' diameter being common with a tongue fastened in the middle that skidded logs under the axle.