

Timeline of the Legend

1914 - Nov. 20

Jim Jordan and Eustus Davis walk south of Danbury along the Wood Line Railroad. The two turn into the woods and track a herd of deer that includes a really nice buck. Jordan eventually bags the 10-point buck on the banks of the Yellow River. The antlers and cape are given to a taxidermist in Webster who later moves to Minnesota.

1915

The taxidermist finishes the neck mount and moves out of state. The record buck gets stored in an attic of a Sandstone, MN home.

1959

Bob Ludwig purchases the antlers for \$2 at a rummage sale. Jordan is shown the antlers at a family gathering. Ludwig, a distant relative of Jordan sends the antlers to be measured by the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

1964

B.A. Fashingbauer, Minnesota Dept. of Conservation, measures antlers and writes letter to the Records of North America Big Game Committee that the antlers are likely a new world record surpassing the Breen Buck's score of 202 inches. He notes on the score sheet that the locality where the deer was killed as "Probably vicinity of Sandstone, MN."

1965

Boone and Crockett Club officially scores the antlers and announces it as the new world record with a net score of 206 7/8 inches; hunter unknown.

1968

Ludwig sells the antlers to Charles Arnold of New Hampshire. He mounts the antlers with a new cape (hide).

1971

Jim Jordan writes letter to B.A. Fashingbauer recalling the day he shot the buck south of Danbury on November 20, 1914.

1977

Ron Schara writes story for the Minneapolis Tribune revealing the story behind the "unknown hunter" of the "Sandstone, MN buck." Boone and Crockett Club begins researching Jim Jordan's claim.

1978

The Boone and Crockett Club officially recognize Jim Jordan as the hunter who shot the world record typical white-tail buck. Two months before the announcement, Jim Jordan passes away.

1993

Near Biggar, Saskatchewan, Millo Hansen shoots a magnificent 12 point typical white-tail that knocks the James Jordan Buck from the top of the world record book. The Jordan Buck remains the USA record buck.

2001

Bass Pro Shops purchases the antlers and mount. The price was not disclosed, but some experts guess it was sold for \$250,000.

Early 2000s

Whiteails Unlimited - Burnett County Chapter, led by Don Chell, donates a Jordan Buck replica to be displayed at Crex Meadows Visitors Center in Grantsburg, WI.

2013

Whiteails Unlimited - Burnett County Chapter, donates a Winchester .25-20 lever action rifle for display at Crex Meadows Visitors Center.

2014

Burnett County Board of Supervisors and Supervisors of Town of Swiss (Danbury) pass resolutions to create the Jordan Buck Heritage Hike on the Candy Dancer Trail, community celebration, and designation of Nov. 20 as James Jordan Buck Day. The celebration includes a commemorative guide, banquets, community art project, and TV show produced by North American White-tail Television.

Jordan Buck Heritage Hike

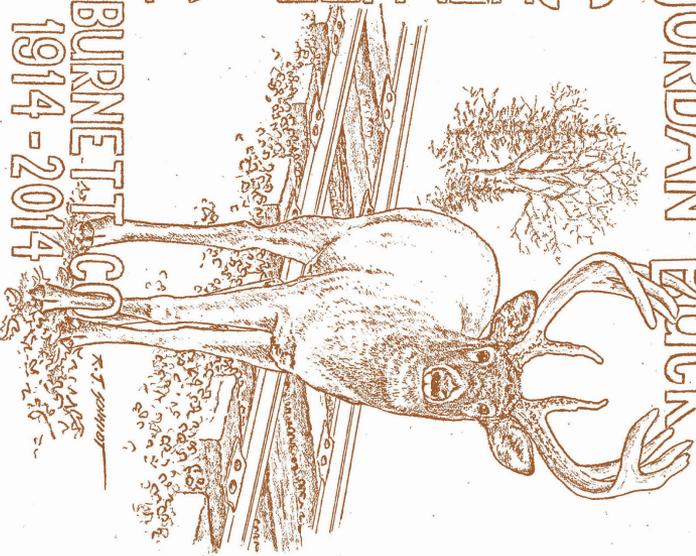


A self-guided walking tour
of Jim Jordan's hunt

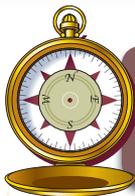
JORDAN BUCK

CHESS-LEZZ-AJ

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Drawing by Robert Schmidt, local wildlife artist from the Webster area



Jordan Buck Heritage Hike Map

Self-guided walking tour
of the legendary hunt

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Danbury

PINE ST.

CENTER ST.

PEET ST.

S. THIRD AVE.

N. GLASS ST.

35/77

Webb Lake
7 miles

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Blueberry Junction Park
North Trailhead

View the Jordan Buck Replica

Crex Meadows
Visitors Center.
Follow Co. Rd. F
to Co. Rd. D,
turn left at
intersection.
28 miles

crexmeadows.org
715-463-2896

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November 20, 1914,
opening day, Jim Jordan
and Eachus Davis head
down the railroad.
Six inches of fresh snow
make conditions
outstanding for tracking.

Please stay on the
trail and respect
private property.
Thank you.

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Gandy Dancer Trail

Forts Folle Avoine
Historical Park - 7 miles

Webster - 9 miles
Siren - 19 miles

Yellow River

ROUND LAKE RD

Ralph Larrabee
County Park

Round
Lake

Long
Lake

Trail distance from north trailhead to south trailhead is 1.3 miles

Numbers on this map correspond with markers on Heritage Hike trail.

1 A short distance into the woods, Jordan and Davis begin their hunt and find multiple deer tracks including one from a very large buck.

2 The herd of deer is jumped for the first time and Jordan shoots a doe. Jordan lends Davis his knife and pursues the big buck.

3 The does and legendary buck bed down in tall grass along the railroad tracks. Startled by a train whistle, the deer jump up. Jordan shoots three times and the buck runs toward the river.

4 With one cartridge left, Jordan shoots the buck on the north bank of the Yellow River

5 After shooting the buck, Jordan went to get help. When he returned, the buck was gone! It kicked one more time and floated downstream and got hung up on a rock in the Yellow River.