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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Third Crossing Sled Dog Rendezvous | Frazee
Northern Pike Fishing Contest | Lake Adley
New Years Eve Gala | Perham

FEBRUARY

Polar Fest | Detroit Lakes
Frostbite Festival | Fergus Falls
Talvi Juhla Winter Celebration | New York Mills

MARCH

New York Mills Show
Business Expo | Pelican Rapids

APRIL

A Taste Of The Lakes | Detroit Lakes
Easter Eggstravaganza | Fergus Falls
Festival of Quilts | Fergus Falls
Easter Egg Hunt | New York Mills
Lions Smelt Fry | Parkers Prairie
Easter Egg Hunt | Parkers Prairie
Easter Egg Hunt | Pelican Rapids
Vergas Maple Syrup Fest

MAY

Festival of Birds | Detroit Lakes
Bicycle Rodeo | Parkers Prairie

JUNE

Walleye Tournament | Battle Lake
Antique Boat & Motor Display | Detroit Lakes
Quake the Lake Powerboat Races | Detroit Lakes
Street Faire at the Lakes | Detroit Lakes
SummerFest | Fergus Falls
Frazee All-City Rummage Sale
Crazee Dayz | Frazee
Rodeo Fest Week | Hawley
Miss New York Mills Pageant
International Friendship Fest | Pelican Rapids
Perham Turtle Fest

JULY

Chief Wenonga Days | Battle Lake
4th of July Beach Bash | Detroit Lakes
Arts & Crafts in the Park | Detroit Lakes
Becker County Fair | Detroit Lakes
Phelps Mill Art Festival | Detroit Lakes
Water Carnival | Detroit Lakes
West Otter Tail County Fair | Fergus Falls
Frazee Turkey Days
Henning Festival
Fireman's Street Dance | Lake Park
Muskie Days | Nevis
New York Mills Anniversary Celebration
Lund Boat Fishing Tournament | New York Mills
Turkey Festival | Pelican Rapids
East Otter Tail County Fair | Perham
Run Around The Rose | Vergas

Local Area Events

AUGUST

Art of the Lakes | Battle Lake
Callaway Block Party
WeFest | Detroit Lakes
Young Life Triathlon | Detroit Lakes
Phelps Mill Festival | Fergus Falls
Crazy Days | Henning
Famous Turkey BBQ | Henning
Finn Creek Festival | New York Mills
Fall Festival | Parkers Prairie
Heritage Festival | Perham
Vergas Looney Days
Watermelon Days | Vining

SEPTEMBER

Dick Beardsley 1/5 Marathon | Detroit Lakes
End of Summer Luau | Detroit Lakes
Tamarac Fall Festival | Detroit Lakes
GeoFest Midwest | Fergus Falls

OCTOBER

Halloween Hoot | Detroit Lakes
Oktoberfest | Frazee
Sugar and Spice Craft Fair | Frazee
Lindig Farms Fall Festival | Fergus Falls
October Fest | Henning
Pumpkin Carving | Henning
Oktoberfest | Pelican Rapids
Harvest Fest | Perham
Vergas Lions Halloween Party
Maple Leaf Day | Vergas

NOVEMBER

Bountiful Bazaar Fest | Detroit Lakes
Santa's Grand Parade of Lights | Detroit Lakes
Frazee Festival of Trees
Lighted Horse Parade | Pelican Rapids
FOCUS Christmas Plus Bazaar | Perham
Perham Parade of Lights

DECEMBER

December Craft Show | Battle Lake
Candles & Carols Concert | Detroit Lakes
Santa Claus Day | Frazee
Santa Day | Henning
Community Christmas Party | New York Mills
Vergas Santa Claus Days



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Human Resources.....	.846-7309
Information Technology.....	.846-7230
Motor Vehicle.....	.846-7308
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Becker County History *(Detroit Lakes, County Seat)*

Becker County was established on March 18, 1858 by a US act of legislature. The county is located in the Park Region and is considered one of Minnesota's most beautiful recreation areas. It was named for Brigadier General George Loomis Becker of St. Paul. It was given its name in 1857, soon after Minnesota was a state. Becker was one of three men who were elected to Congress, however only two could go. He was chosen to stay behind, but with the promise that the state would name the next county after him. Chippewa Indians occupied the land until 1867 when white settlers began to arrive and a treaty was signed establishing the White Earth Reservation, located in the northern part of Becker County. In 1871 Colonel George Johnston, founder of Detroit Lakes, began settlement by building a flour mill. Soon after that the Northern Pacific Railroad was constructed through Becker and the town grew rapidly. By 1900 Becker County had a population of 14,375 people. Currently, Becker County contains over 400 lakes, 11 communities and Detroit Lakes is its county seat. Today Becker County's population is approximately 32,076 residents.

Becker County Communities

AKELEY – pop. 412

AUDUBON – pop. 445

CALLAWAY – pop. 200

DETROIT LAKES (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 8,030

FRAZEE – pop. 1,377

LAKE PARK – pop. 782

OGEMA – pop. 143

WOLF LAKE – pop. 31

**Populations are approximate.*

AUDUBON

Audubon was named in honor of John J. Audubon, an ornithologist who scientifically studied birds. Audubon had three previous names before it settled on its current name after a visit of John J. Audubon's niece to the community. The town was established in 1871 and settlement began quickly with the arrival of railroads to the area. By 1876 the town had a store, blacksmith shop, two saloons, a hotel, an inn, a market, three attorneys, one physician and a local newspaper. Finally in 1881 Audubon was incorporated. Today Audubon is home to approximately 445 residents.

CALLAWAY

Callaway was organized in 1906 and was named in honor of William R. Callaway of Minneapolis, a general passenger agent of the Soo Railway. Originally Callaway was named Baxter, but changed its name after incorporation in 1907. Populations increased as the railroads arrived to the area bringing new settlers with them. Early industry was based around agriculture. Callaway was one of the largest exporters of grain, livestock, hay and potatoes in the area. Today Callaway is home to approximately 200 residents.

DETROIT LAKES (COUNTY SEAT)

The city of Detroit Lakes derived its name from the beautiful Detroit Lake. This lake is said to have been named by a French traveler who was a Catholic missionary. The traveler camped for a night on the northern shore of the lake which looks onto a straight long sandbar that stretches straight down the lake. The French word for straight is detroit, hence the city's name. The lake itself appeared on state maps in 1860, but the township was not fully organized until 1871. Detroit Lakes has been the county seat of Becker County since its organization. In 1881 the first village election was held and in 1903 a city charter was first adopted. Detroit Lakes is now known as a tourist destination because of the abundance of lakes in the area. It is located between over 400 lakes which are all within 25 miles of its city limits. Today Detroit Lakes is home to approximately 8,030 residents.

Becker County Communities

FRAZEE

Early settlement began in 1870 as settlers were attracted to the land for agriculture and the abundance of timber. Frazee was platted in 1873 and later incorporated in 1891. It was named in honor of Randolph L. Frazee who owned a lumber mill, flour mill and general store in town. He was a representative in the 1875 legislature. By the end of the nineteenth century Frazee was home to one of the largest saw mills in the state. Today Frazee is home to approximately 1,377 residents.

LAKE PARK

Lake Park was settled in 1870 by Daniel McKay and George Osborne. It was officially organized in September 1871. The town was known as Garden of Eden prior to settlement. In 1870 it was called Liberty and the name was later changed to Lake Park in 1876. The many lakes which surround the town site were named by the Ojibway Indians. Railroads entered the area in 1871 and introduced new populations to the community. In 1881, nine years after the first building was constructed in the town site, Minnesota legislature passed an act which incorporated the village of Lake Park. Today Lake Park is home to approximately 782 residents.

OGEMA

The city of Ogema was organized in 1915. Ogemas name was derived from the Ojibwe Indian word for "chief" and was probably named after a prestigious member of society who either settled in the area or made a significant contribution. Early settlers were farmers who were attracted to the area for its lush prairies perfect for agriculture. The community was incorporated as a village on October 28, 1907, and separated from White Earth township on March 18, 1908. Ogema had a station along the Soo Line railroad and populations increased as settlers came in after the station was built. Today Ogema is home to approximately 143 residents.

WOLF LAKE

Wolf Lake was first settled in 1888 by immigrants from Finland. It wasn't until 1896 that the city was officially organized. It was named after the large Wolf Lake that lies to the west. The lake itself is said to have been named by the settlers because of its shape. In addition, many wolves, bears and deer were killed there during the first few years of settlement. The community was not officially established as a village until 1949. Today Wolf Lake is home to approximately 31 residents.



Otter Tail County History *(Fergus Falls, County Seat)*

Otter Tail County holds a rich history dating back to 11,000 B.C. While modern dwellings began forming in the mid 1800s, there was life on the prairie over 10,000 years ago. Proof was found near the Otter Tail community of Pelican Rapids where the remains of “Minnesota Woman” were found while road crews were reconstructing a highway. In the late 1800s most of the towns were built along the railroad lines. Lumber was a major industry at the time because of the pine and hardwood forests. In the 1870s there were approximately 2,000 residents living in the area. Many people spoke Norwegian, Swedish, German and also English. Otter Tail County was officially established in 1858 by an act of legislature. It was later organized in 1868 and Fergus Falls became it’s county seat in 1872. Today, Otter Tail County is home to approximately 57,159 residents.

Otter Tail County Communities

BATTLE LAKE – pop. 772

BLUFFTON – pop. 462

CLITHERALL – pop. 528

DALTON – pop. 241

DEER CREEK – pop. 339

DENT – pop. 184

ELIZABETH – pop. 172

ERHARD – pop. 150

FERGUS FALLS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 13,471

HENNING – pop. 719

NEW YORK MILLS – pop. 1,158

OTTER TAIL – pop. 451

PARKERS PRAIRIE – pop. 991

PELICAN RAPIDS – pop. 2,374

PERHAM – pop. 2,559

RICHVILLE – pop. 124

ROTHSAY – pop. 478

UNDERWOOD – pop. 319

URBANK – pop. 59

VERGAS – pop. 311

VINING – pop. 68

WADENA – pop. 3,980

**Populations are approximate.*

BATTLE LAKE

Originally inhabited by Dakota Indians, Battle Lake was named after a large battle between 50 Ojibway Indians and a tribe of Dakota Indians that took place in 1795. Battle Lakes first white settlers arrived in the mid 1800s and quickly began to build the community. The first post office operated early before the town was platted and operated from 1871 through 1874. The village was platted in 1881 and later incorporated in 1891. Battle Lake was established as a railroad community and had a station on the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the community and businesses, schools and churches were established. Today Battle Lake is home to approximately 686 residents.

DENT

Located in Edna Township, Dent was platted on August 19, 1903, and later incorporated on September 8, 1904. The village was named for a variety of corn called Northwestern Dent. The Northwestern Dent Corn was grown and used by farmers of the area as one of the biggest crops. The post office was established in 1900. Today Dent is home to many resorts and brings in tourists from all over because of the many lakes in the area. Today Dent is home to approximately 184 residents.

Otter Tail County Communities

FERGUS FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

Fergus Falls was founded in 1857 by Joseph Whitford, a blacksmith and steamboat engineer. Whitford had named the area Fergus Falls after James Fergus, who had funded his expedition that brought him to the area. The townsite was sold in 1870 to George B. Wright who built a dam and mill in the village. Fergus Falls became one of the largest lumber producing communities in the county. The town was incorporated as a village and named the county seat of Otter Tail in 1872. Populations increased as railroads entered the area in the 1870s. Fergus Falls finally was incorporated as a city in 1881. Fergus County in Montana is also said to have the same honor of being named after James Fergus. Today Fergus Falls is home to approximately 13,471 residents.

HENNING

Originally inhabited by Dakota Indians, Henning was organized in 1873 on Battle Lake. The community was originally called East Battle Lake. In 1884 the name was changed to Henning in honor of John O. Henning, a pharmacist who was one of the first settlers in the area. Populations increased rapidly as a railroad station was established in the community. On September 24, 1887 Henning was incorporated and many businesses, schools, churches and an inn were established in the community. Henning is currently home to many recreational activities including fishing and hiking trails. Today Henning is home to approximately 719 residents.

NEW YORK MILLS

Yankees from New York were the first settlers that arrived to the area looking for land to set up mills and to establish a new community. New York Mills was platted on October 12, 1883, and incorporated on May 27, 1884. One of the first settlers, Randolph L. Frazee, owned most of the townsite land and had a sawmill, which he sold to the New York Mills Company in 1873. The community expanded with more sawmills built by Dr. Van Aerman, commissioner of pensions in Washington, D.C. The community gained its name from the New York Mills company whom got its upstart in New York City. The Northern Pacific Railroad came in 1871 and with it brought in populations of people looking for land and jobs from the mills. Many of the first Yankee settlers left the area towards the end of the 19th century. Many Finnish immigrants remained in the area and their heritage is still strong in the community to this day. Today New York Mills is home to approximately 1,158 residents.

Otter Tail County Communities

PARKERS PRAIRIE

Parkers Prairie was named in honor of the founder of the area by a man named Parker. The community was settled in 1867 and got its start as a small farming community. The original name for the town was Jasper but it was renamed to its current name in 1873 to honor the first settler and founder. The town was platted in 1880 and churches, a school, an inn and a saloon were established. The railroads arrived the same year and with it brought in new settlers to the area. The town was incorporated in 1903 and finally in 1904 the town received a station on the Soo Line railroad. Today Parkers Prairie is home to approximately 991 residents.

PELICAN RAPIDS

Pelican Rapids was named after the Pelican River which received its name from native Ojibwe Indians. Many settlers were fur traders looking for new areas to establish trading posts. Pelican Rapids was founded by W. G. Tuttle, who came from New York in 1870 and built a sawmill. The community was platted in 1872 and later incorporated December 10, 1883. Early industry included agriculture, manufacturing, and wood products. The village had a Great Northern Railway station which brought in larger populations. Pelican Rapids is also home to the oldest human skeleton found in North America. The "Minnesota Woman" skeleton which was discovered in 1931 is said to be over 10,000 years old. Today Pelican Rapids is home to approximately 2,374 residents.















PERHAM

Perham was organized on March 19, 1872 and was originally called Marion Lake. In March 1877 it was renamed after Josiah Perham to honor him as the first president of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Josiah Perham wanted to link the Pacific Ocean with Lake Superior by railway and went through Otter Tail County to do so. Populations increased after the arrival of railroads to the area in 1871. Early settlers were farmers who came to the area because of the fertile land for agriculture. The city was then incorporated on February 14, 1881. Today Perham is home to approximately 2,559 residents.

VERGAS

Vergas was originally named Altona but was renamed later in 1903. The current name, Vergas, was originally the name of the railroad station in Altona. It was named by the Soo Line railroad as a series of "V" names along with three other community stations to designate sections of the railroad between Minneapolis and Winnipeg, Canada. Populations increased as the railroad arrived to the area in the late 1800s. Currently Vergas is home to the Worlds Largest Loon. Standing at 20 feet, it rests on the shores of Long Lake. Today Vergas is home to approximately 311 residents.

Tips on Recycling & Living Greener

-  Recycle as much as you can. Even simple everyday things, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, can make a huge difference.
-  Switch your incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones. Save money & energy.
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-  Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.
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-  Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recycleable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.
-  Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.
-  Repurpose old items. Use old cd's as coasters, or empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.
-  Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or cut "yarn" strips out of plastic shopping bags to knit or crochet into new, reusable bags.
-  Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.
-  Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent black-outs.

Parks & Recreation

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ITASCA PARK

Itasca State Park covers 32,690-acres and includes activities for the whole family: camping, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, skiing and snowmobile trails. It is also home to the location where the Mississippi River begins.

MAPLEWOOD STATE PARK

Located 25 minutes south of Detroit Lakes, Maplewood State Park covers 9,264-acres and is most appreciated by visitors in the fall when the maple leaves are on fire with color. There are horse trail rides, biking, hiking, winter skiing, snowmobile trails, camping, boating, fishing and picnic sites on the grounds.

SMOKEY HILLS STATE FOREST

Smokey Hills State Forest is located twenty minutes east of Detroit Lakes. With 24,000-acres of rolling hills and forests there is something for everyone.

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Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/10 - 02/27/11

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/01/10 - 02/27/11; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/15/10 - 02/27/11; 05/14/11 - 02/26/12

SMALLMOUTH BASS

05/14/11 - 02/26/12
(Catch & Release) 09/12/11 - 02/26/12

LAKE TROUT

05/14/11 - 09/30/11
(Lake Superior) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11
(Boundary Waters) 01/01/11 - 03/31/11
(Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

STREAM TROUT

(Southeast Zone) 04/01/11 - 04/13/11;
04/16/11 - 09/14/11
(All Zones) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11; 05/15/10 - 10/31/10
(All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/16/11 - 09/30/11

MUSKELLUNGE

06/05/11 - 12/01/11

TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND













02/19/11 - 02/21/11; 06/10/11 - 06/12/11

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/07/11 - 05/08/11

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 665-4236.*

Common Fish Species

 Bass	 Crappie	 Smelt
 Catfish	 Muskellunge	 Sunfish
 Carp	 Northern Pike	 Trout
 Cisco-Tullibee-Herring	 Salmon	 Walleye

Minnesota State Record Fish

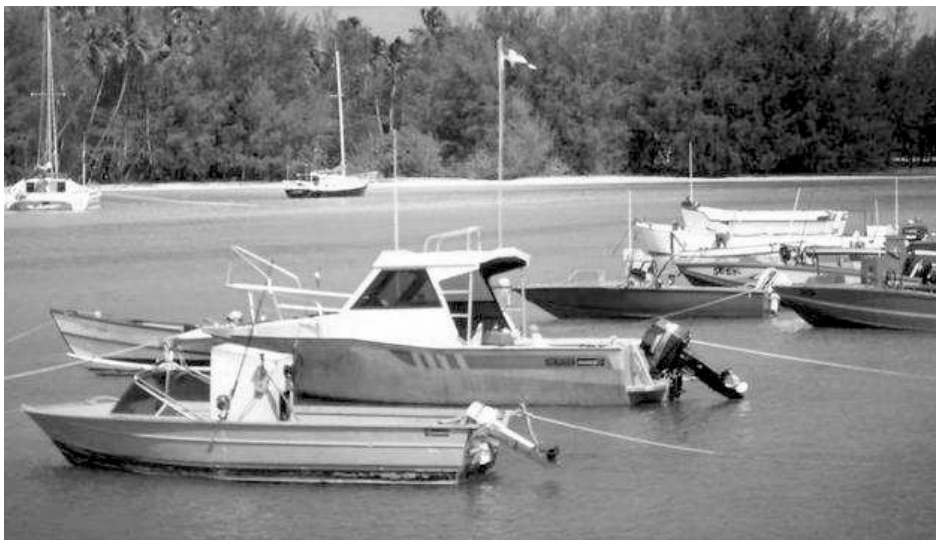
Follow these steps if you catch a fish that you think could be a record:

- Weigh the fish on a state-certified scale (found at most bait shops and butcher shops), witnessed by two observers.
- Take the fish to a DNR fisheries office for positive identification and a state record fish application.
- Complete the state record submission form and send it along with a clear, full-length photo of your fish to the address listed on the form.

SPECIES	WEIGHT (lbs. - oz.)	LENGTH/GIRTH (inches)	WATERBODY	YEAR
Bass, Largemouth	8-15	23.5/18	Auburn Lake	2005
Bass, Rock (tie)	2-0	13.5/12.5	Osakis Lake	1998
	2-0	12.6/12.4	Lake Winnibigoshish	2004
Bass, Smallmouth	8-0	NA	West Battle Lake	1948
Bass, White	4-2.4	18.5/15.1	Mississippi River	2004
Bluegill	2-13	NA	Alice Lake	1948
Bowfin	11-4	35/20	St. Croix River	2008
Buffalo, Bigmouth	41-11	38.5/29.5	Mississippi River	1991
Buffalo, Black	20-5	34.2/20	Minnesota River	1997
Buffalo, Smallmouth	20-0	32/23.75	Big Sandy	2003
Bullhead, Black	3-13.12	17.17/14.96	Reno Lake	1997
Bullhead, Brown	7-1	24.4/NA	Shallow Lake	1974
Bullhead, Yellow	3-10.5	17.88/11.75	Osakis Lake	2002
Burbot	19-3	36.25/22.75	Lake of the Woods	2001
Carp	55-5	42/31	Clearwater Lake	1952
Carpsucker, River	3-15	19.5/14	Mississippi River	1991
Catfish, Channel	38-0	44/NA	Mississippi River	1975
Catfish, Flathead	70-0	NA	St. Croix River	1970
Crappie, Black	5-0	21/NA	Vermillion River	1940
Crappie, White	3-15	18/16	Lake Constance	2002
Drum, Freshwater	35-3.2	36/31	Mississippi River	1999
Eel, American	6-9	36/14	St. Croix River	1997
Gar, Longnose	16-12	53/16.5	St. Croix River	1982
Gar, Shortnose	4-9.6	34.6/10	Mississippi River	1984
Goldeye	2-13.1	20.1/11.5	Root River	2001
Hogsucker, Northern	1-15	14.25/7.13	Sunrise River	1982
Mooneye	1-15	16.5/9.75	Minnesota River	1980

Minnesota State Record Fish

SPECIES	WEIGHT (lbs. - oz.)	LENGTH/GIRTH (inches)	WATERBODY	YEAR
Muskellunge	54-0	56/27.8	Lake Winnibigoshish	1957
Muskellunge, Tiger	34-12	51/22.5	Lake Elmo	1999
Perch, Yellow	3-4	NA	Lake Plantaganette	1945
Pike, Northern	45-12	NA	Basswood Lake	1929
Pumpkinseed	1-5.6	10.1/12.13	Leech Lake	1999
Quillback	7-4.5	22.58/18	Upper Red Lake	2010
Redhorse, Golden	3-15.5	20.13/12.38	Root River	2007
Redhorse Greater	12-11.5	28.5/18.5	Sauk River	2005
Redhorse, River	12-10	28.38/20	Kettle River	2005
Redhorse, Shorthead	7-15	27/15	Rum River	1983
Redhorse, Silver	9-15	26.6/16.88	Big Fork River	2004
Salmon, Atlantic	12-13	35.5/16.5	Baptism River	1991
Salmon, Chinook	33-4	44.75/25.75	Poplar River	1989
Salmon, Coho	10-6.5	27.3/NA	Lake Superior	1970
Salmon, Kokanee	2-15	20/11.5	Caribou Lake	1971
Salmon, Pink	4-8	23.5/13.2	Cascade River	1989
Sauger	6-2.75	23.88/15	Mississippi River	1988
Splake	13-5.44	33.5/19	Larson Lake	2001
Sturgeon, Lake	94-4	70/26.5	Kettle River	1994
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	5-9	36/11.88	Mississippi River	2007
Sucker, Blue	14-3	30.4/20.2	Mississippi River	1987
Sucker, Longnose	3-10.6	21/10.25	Brule River	2005
Sucker, White	9-1	24.25/16.25	Big Fish Lake	1983
Sunfish, Green	1-4.8	10.25/10.63	North Arbor Lake	2005
Sunfish, Hybrid	1-12	11.5/12	Zumbro River	1994
Trout, Brook	6-5.6	24/14.5	Pigeon River	2000
Trout, Brown	16-12	31.4/20.6	Lake Superior	1989
Trout, Lake	43-8	NA	Lake Superior	1955
Trout, Rainbow	16-6	33/19.5	Devil Track River	1980
Trout, Tiger	2-9.12	20/9.63	Mill Creek	1999
Tullibee	5-11.8	20.45/16.4	Little Long Lake	2002
Walleye	17-8	35.8/21.3	Seagull River	1979
Walleye -Sauger Hybrid	9-13.4	27/17.75	Mississippi River	1999
Warmouth	0.41	8/7.25	Bartlet Lake	2010
Whitefish, Lake	12-4.5	28.5/20	Leech Lake	1999
Whitefish, Menominee	2-7.5	21/9.1	Lake Superior	1987



Boating Safety

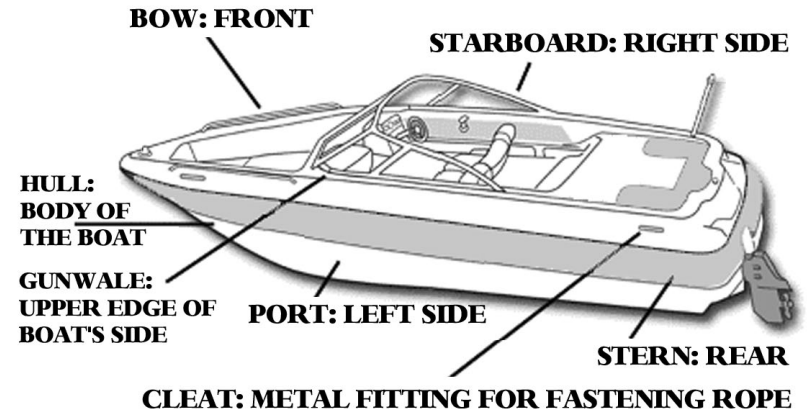
Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

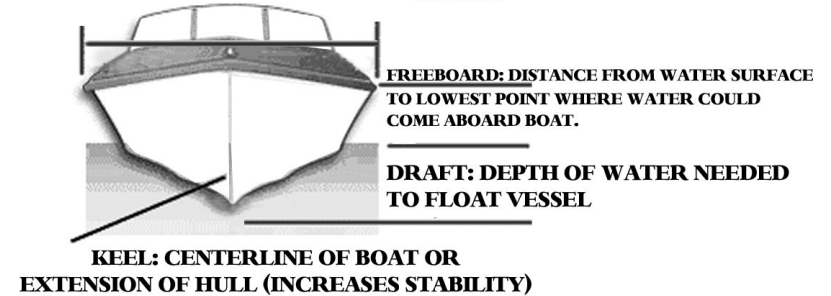
- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.
- Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.
- Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.
- In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.
- Turn boat at slow rates of speed.
- Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.
- Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT



Who May Operate a Motorboat (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

For engines 25 horsepower or less:

Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

For engines over 75 horsepower:

No children under age 12 may operate, even with an adult on board.

Other restrictions apply to boat operators 12 to 17 years old:

Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower:

Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have:

A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older on board within reach of the controls.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

All watercraft must have at least one Coast Guard Approved Type 1, 2, 3 or 5 flotation device that is the proper size for each person on board or being towed.


All devices must be in good condition and easily accessible.

Children under age 10 must wear a device when on board a boat that is underway unless: in an enclosed cabin or below deck or on an anchored boat that is being used for swimming or diving or passenger craft with a licensed captain.



Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

A Coast Guard approved Type 5 device may be substituted for any other Coast Guard approved device if it meets the same requirements and is noted on the label.

Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.



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RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/18/10 - 02/28/11; 09/17/11 - 02/28/12

GRAY & RED FOX

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/11 - 04/30/11
(Early Canada Goose) 09/03/11 - 09/22/11

CROW

03/01/11 - 03/31/11; 07/15/11 - 10/15/11

BEAR

09/01/11 - 10/16/11

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/11 - 10/30/11

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/11 - 11/07/11

DEER

(Archery) 09/17/11 - 12/31/11
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/20/11 - 10/21/11;
10/29/11 - 10/30/11
(Firearm) 11/05/11 - 11/27/11
(Muzzleloader) 11/26/11 - 12/11/11

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/17/11 - 11/30/11

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK

09/24/11 - 11/07/11

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 10/01/11 - 10/16/11

TURKEY

10/01/11 - 10/30/11

PHEASANT

10/15/11 - 01/01/12

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/22/11 - 10/26/11

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN

11/26/11 - 12/04/11

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/23/10 - 02/28/11;
10/22/11 - 04/30/12
(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;
10/29/11 - 04/30/12

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

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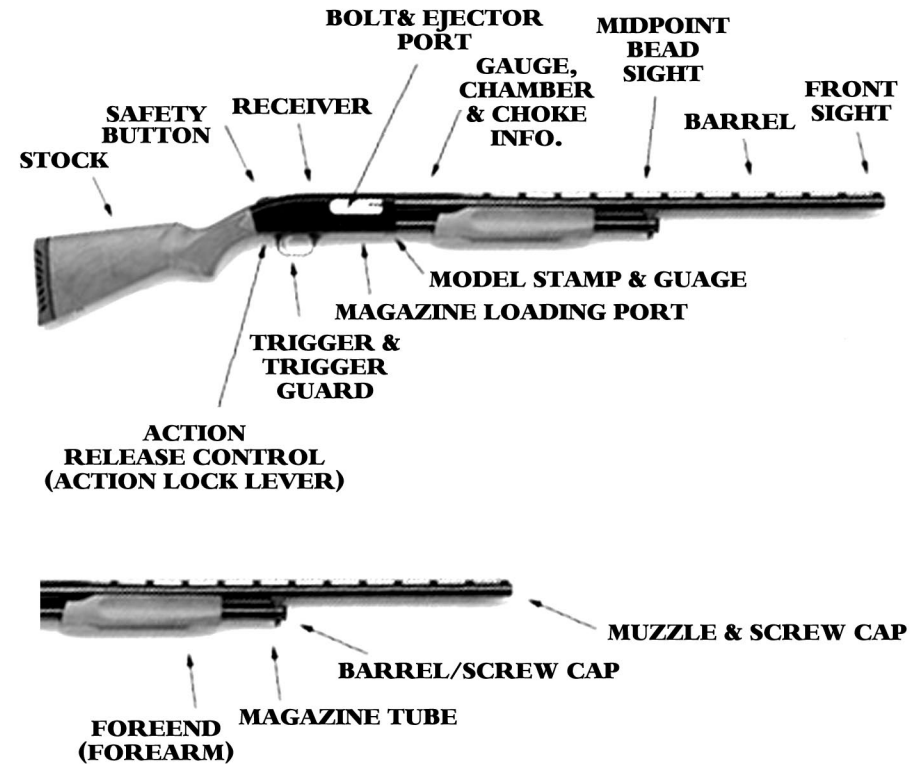
OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/11 - 01/07/12

BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

11/26/11 - 01/07/12

Hunting Safety



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

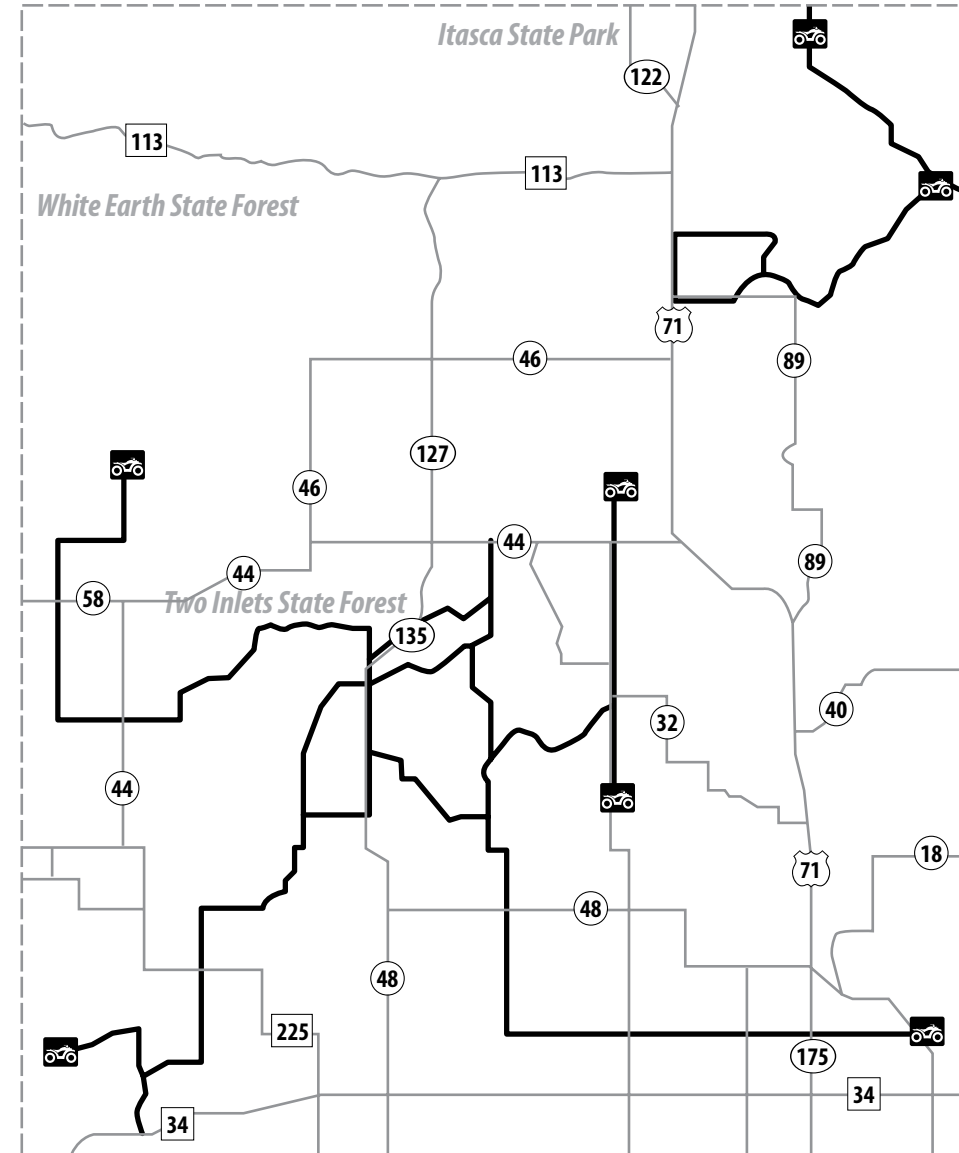
1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly in Minnesota, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

ATV Safety

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

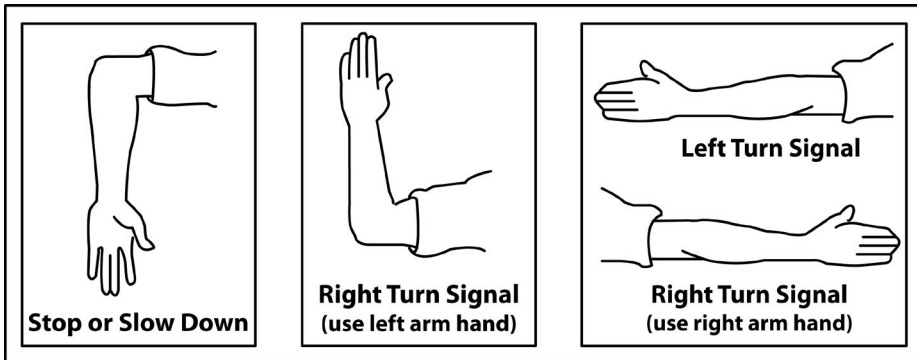


Forest Riders ATV Trails



Bicycle Safety

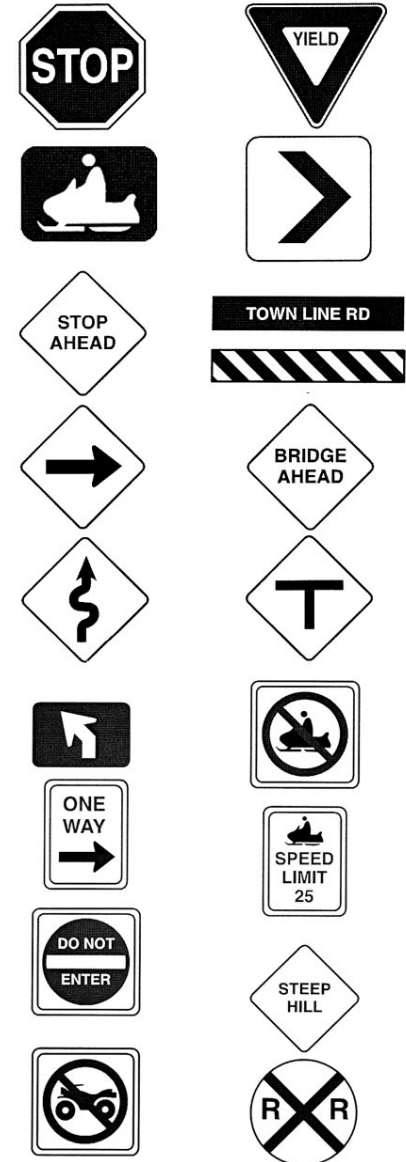
- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Snowmobile Safety

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

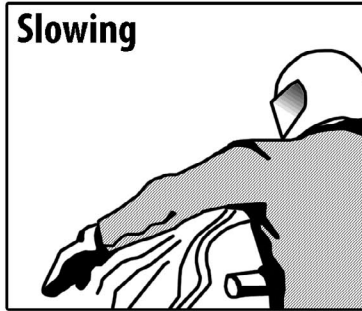
Common Trail Signs



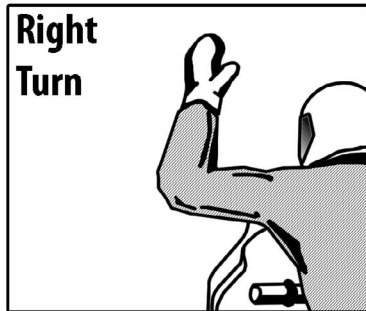
Snowmobile Safety

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

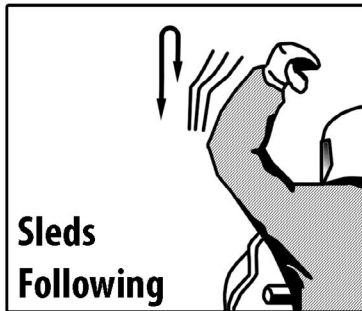
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



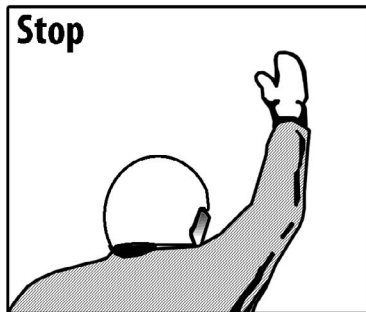
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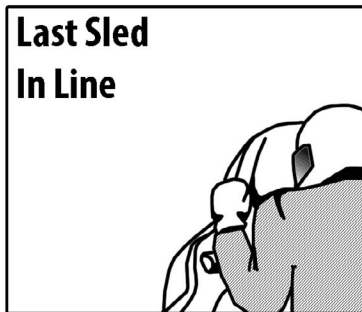
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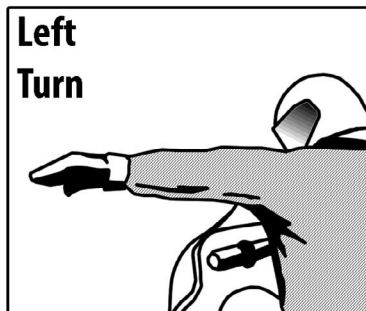
Sleds Following



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Last Sled In Line

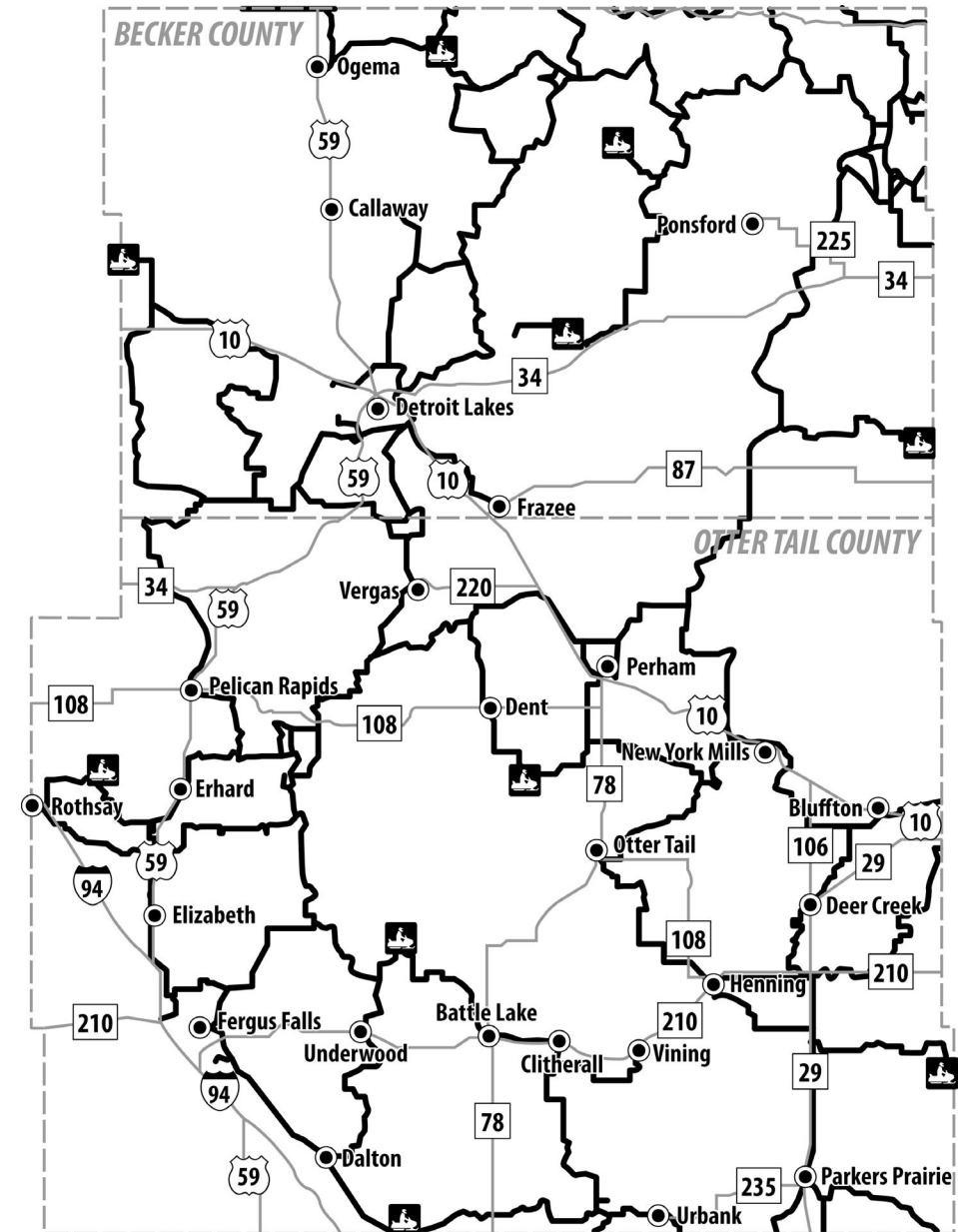


Left Turn



Oncoming Sleds

Local Area Snowmobile Trails



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Home Safety

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit. Motion sensors and timers help deter burglars.
- Dead-bolts and peep-holes should be placed on all outside doors.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should have locks and be in good working order.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Use an engraver to mark computers, cameras, stereos, TV's, tools, yard equipment, etc.
- Never leave valuables, expensive jewelry, or large amounts of cash at home. If you must, keep a list of your valuables with serial numbers to assist in insurance claims.
- Keep your car locked at all times and store all valuables out of sight.
- Guns should always be stored unloaded and with a gunlock.
- Become part of a neighborhood watch or program that is similar.
- Be suspicious of unusual people or vehicles in your neighborhood. Document the date, time, description and license plate number to give to law enforcement if needed.
- When on vacation, do not advertise your absence. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted friend or neighbor to give the impression you are home by stopping by to take out trash, shovel snow, mow the lawn, etc.



Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and ask for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.

Emergency Numbers For Kids

KEEP A COPY OF THIS LIST NEAR EACH PHONE IN YOUR HOUSE

MY ADDRESS: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOM AT WORK: _____

MOM CELL PHONE: _____

DAD AT WORK: _____

DAD CELL PHONE: _____

NEIGHBOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

POISON CONTROL: 1-800-222-1222

EMERGENCY DIAL

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