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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Country Lights Festival | Sartell MLK Community Celebration | St. Cloud

FEBRUARY

Camp & Travel Expo | St. Cloud
Farm Show | St. Cloud
St. Cloud Boat Show
Candlelight Ski, Walk & Snowshoe |
Little Falls
Fish Fry at the American Legion |
Royalton
(every Friday until Easter)
Soup Fest | Foley
Sportsman Show | St. Cloud

MARCH

Annual Gun Show | St. Cloud Annual Pot O' Gold Run | Sartell Community Connect Expo | Foley Granite City Train Show | St. Cloud Holiday Craft & Gift Show | St. Cloud

APRIL

Earth Day 1/2 Marathon | St. Cloud Morrison County Dairy Banquet | Little Falls Photos with Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt| Sauk Rapids

MAY

Apple Duathlon | Sartell
Princeton Swap Meet & Car Show |
Princeton
Garage Sale Days | Pierz
Annual Bike Rodeo & Cookout | Rice

JUNE

Foley Fun Days
City Wide Garage Sales | Foley, St. Cloud
Medallion Hunt | Foley
Foley Grand Parade
Little Falls Dam Festival
City Wide Garage Sales | Rice
Granite City Days | St. Cloud
SummerFest | Sartell
Rapids River Days | Sauk Rapids
Rum River Festival | Princeton
Morrison County Fair | Little Falls
Quilt Show | St. Cloud
Rough Fish Contest | Royalton
Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud
Gilman Tractor Pull

JULY

Fireworks | Area Wide
Freedom Fest | Pierz
Platte River Days | Royalton
Freedhem 76 | St. Cloud
Linden Hill Community Garden Tour |
Little Falls
Benton County Fair | Sauk Rapids
Annual Kid Hero Event | Rice

AUGUST

Pantowners Car Show & Swap Meet |
St. Cloud
Oktoberfest | Pierz
Tee It Up for the Troops Charity Golf
Tournament | St. Cloud

SEPTEMBER

Old Creamery Arts & Craft Sale | Rice St. Cloud Pride in the Park The Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair | Little Falls St. Cloud Autumn Market Annual Lone Eagle Auto Show | Little Falls

OCTOBER

Halloween in Little Falls Trunk or Treat Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud Trick or Treat Event| Pierz

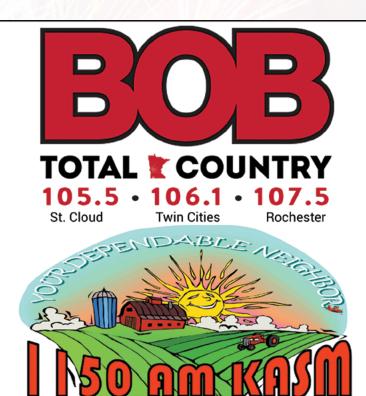
NOVEMBER

Little Falls Christmas Tours — Through December Zonta Christmas House | St. Cloud Santa Parade | Little Falls

DECEMBER

St. Nick Night | Pierz Country Lights Festival | Sartell Christmas at the Mansions | Little Falls

*Events are subject to change



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

BENTON COUNTY

Administration	(320) 968-5001
Assessor	968-5019
Attorney	
Auditor/Treasurer	968-5006
Benton Economic Partnership	
Corrections/Probation	
Court Administration	968-5205
Emergency Management	968-7201
Extension Service	
Human Services	968-5087
Parks & Recreation	
PublicWorks/Highway	968-5051
Recorder	
Sheriff	968-7201
Veterans Services	

MORRISON COUNTY

MORRISON COURT	
Administration	(320) 632-0296
Attorney	632-0190
Auditor/Treasurer	632-0151
Corrections	632-0304
County Commissioners	632-0296
Court Administration	412-7010
Extension Service	632-0161
Planning& Zoning	632-0170
Public Health& Human Services	632-7800
Public Works	632-0121
Recorder	632-0146
Sheriff	632-9233
Veterans Services	632-0290



BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

- •Benton County is located in central Minnesota and is part of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- •The county was named after Thomas Hart Benton, a prominent U.S. Senator from Missouri.
- •The county seat of Benton County is Foley, a charming city with a rich agricultural history.
- •Benton County was established on October 27, 1849, making it one of the oldest counties in Minnesota.
- •The Mississippi River flows through the eastern part of Benton County, providing scenic beauty recreational opportunities.
- •The county is home to the "Benton County Fair," an annual event featuring agricultural exhibits, rides, and entertainment.
- •Rice, a city in Benton County, was originally named "Benton Station" after the county's namesake.
- •Benton County is known for its fertile soils, making it an essential region for agricultural activities.
- •Sauk Rapids is another city in Benton County known for its picturesque setting along the Mississippi River.
- •The "Great River Regional Library" system, serving several counties, is headquartered in Benton County.
- •Benton County has several parks and outdoor recreational areas, including the Mille Lacs Kathio State Park and the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park.
- •The county has a diverse landscape with rolling hills, forests, and numerous lakes.
- •Benton County has a rich Native American history, with archaeological sites dating back thousands of years.
- •The "Benton County Veterans Memorial" in Foley honors the county's veterans and their service.
- •The county's economy is driven by agriculture, manufacturing, and services.
- •Benton County is approximately an hour's drive from the Twin Cities metropolitan area, making it a convenient location for commuters.
- •The area has several golf courses, making it attractive to golf enthusiasts.
- •Benton County offers a sense of community with various local events, parades, and festivals throughout the year.

MORRISON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

- •Morrison County is located in the central part of the state of Minnesota, USA.
- •The county was named after William Morrison, an early fur trader and influential figure in the region.
- •The county seat of Morrison County is Little Falls, which is known for its picturesque setting along the Mississippi River.
- •Charles Lindbergh, the famous aviator, and his family lived in Little Falls. The Charles Lindbergh House and Museum are significant attractions in the area.
- •The Mississippi River flows through Morrison County, offering numerous recreational opportunities for locals and visitors.
- •The county is known for its beautiful lakes, making it a popular destination for fishing, boating, and water sports.
- •Morrison County has a rich history of Native American settlements, early explorers, and pioneers.
- •The area is home to many historic sites and museums that showcase the region's past.
- •The "Morrison County Historical Society" preserves and promotes the history and heritage of the county.
- •Little Falls is home to the "Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame," which celebrates the state's fishing heritage.
- •The county hosts the "Morrison County Fair" annually, featuring agriculture, entertainment, and local exhibits.
- •The county is known for its agriculture, with crops such as corn, soybeans, and oats being common.
- •Morrison County has several state parks, providing opportunities for camping, hiking, and outdoor activities.
- •Minnesota is often referred to as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," and Morrison County adds to this number with its numerous bodies of water.
- •The county's natural landscapes make it a popular spot for birdwatching and wildlife observation.
- •The area has a strong sense of community, with numerous local events and festivals held throughout the year.
- •The county has a mixture of rural charm and modern amenities, making it an attractive place to live and visit.
- •Morrison County is well-connected to neighboring counties and cities, with easy access to transportation routes.

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Benton County History

Amercans, Benton County was first settled in 1848 by David Gilman who established a trading post. Benton County was named after Thomas Hart Benton, a Missouri senator who assisted with the Homestead Act. Settlement grew along the Mississippi River as it was a prime means of transportation of goods and excellent source of power. Towns and townships were organized and Benton County continued to grow. Between 1856 and 1859 the county seat was moved from Sauk Rapids to Watab, and back to Sauk Rapids. Sauk Rapids remained the county seat until 1901 when voters moved it to Foley, today's county seat. Early industry in Benton County included agriculture and dairy farming, lumbering, logging, granite mining and manufacturing. As timber and granite resources were exhausted, agriculture and manufacturing have become recent industry staples. Today Benton County is home to approximately 40,193 residents.

Benton County Communities

FOLEY (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 2,371 GILMAN - pop. 199 RICE - pop. 1,459 ROYALTON - pop. 966 SARTELL - pop. 14,444 SAUK RAPIDS - pop. 11,956 ST. CLOUD - pop. 67,136

TOWNSHIPS: ALBERTA - pop. 135 GILMANTON - pop. 807

CITIES:

GLENDORADO - pop. 849 GRAHAM - pop. 645 GRANITE

LEDGE - pop. 749

LANGOLA - pop. 981

MAYHEW LAKE - pop. 867

MAYWOOD - pop. 906

MINDEN - pop. 1,895

SAUK RAPIDS - pop. 579

ST. GEORGE - pop. 974

*Populations are approximate.

WATAB - pop. 2,912

FOLEY (COUNTY SEAT)

Named after John Foley, one of the community's founders and railroad developer, Foley began as a railway village. Upon completion of the Great Northern Railway, the area began to grow and a post office was built in 1883. Early businesses included creameries, grain elevators, general stores, pickle factory and lumber yards. In 1902 the county seat was moved from Sauk Rapids to Foley where it currently remains. Today Foley is home to approximately 2,371 residents.

GILMAN

Located in Alberta Township, Gilman was settled in the 1880s. A post office was established in 1885 by George Pappenfus. A general store, creamery, saloon and cheese factory followed and Gilman was incorporated in 1959. Today Gilman is home to approximately 199 residents.

RICE

Settled in 1877, Rice is named after local hotel owner George T. Rice. Located near the Little Rock River, Rice began to grow as the railroad arrived. A post office was built in 1878 and the community was known for a period as Rices, the name was officially changed back to Rice in 1889. Today Rice is home to approximately 1,459 residents.

Benton County Communities

ROYALTON

R. D. McKinney arrived to present day Royalton in 1853 and was the area's first settler. Located in Benton and Morrison counties, the community was recognized as Langola. As the railroad arrived, the station was called Royalton. With the establishment of the post office in 1878, the community took the name Royalton. Today Royalton is home to approximately 966 residents.

SARTELL

Sartell was once known as the "Third Rapids," named by a French fur trader. In 1854 Joseph B. Sartell arrived to the area and opened a flour mill on the Watab River. In the 1880s, along with his brothers, Joseph B. Sartell opened the Sartell Lumber Company. In 1907, Sartell was incorporated and named after its founder. Today Sartell is home to approximately 14,444 residents.

SAUK RAPIDS

Named after the Mississippi rapids, Sauk Rapids was originally known as Washington. In 1854 the community was organized and platted. As the Great Northern Railroad arrived, Sauk Rapids grew quickly and businesses such as flour mills, general stores, a brewery, hotels and newspaper offices were established. Sauk Rapids was selected as the county seat until 1902 when it was moved to Foley. Today Sauk Rapids is home to approximately 11,956 residents.

ST. CLOUD

Once a way station on the Red River Trails, St. Cloud developed from three separate settlements and unified to offset hardship. The city was incorporated in 1856 and is named after the Parisian suburb, Saint Cloud, by John Wilson. Since the 1880s, granite quarries have operated in St. Cloud, deeming the area "Granite City." Located in both Benton and Stearns County. Today St. Cloud is home to approximately 67,136 residents.





Ripley was then constructed and development of the county continued. Officially established in 1856, Morrison County was named after fur traders and explorers William and Allen Morrison. Settlement grew along the riverbanks and more dams were built to power lumber mills. As a result, cities and townships were established near dam sites and Little Falls was voted as the county seat. Early industry included agriculture and dairy farming, lumbering, logging, manufacturing and paper manufacturing. Today Morrison County is home to approximately 32,883 residents.

Morrison County Communities

CITIES: BOWLUS

- pop. 238

BUCKMAN - pop.

229

ELMDALE - pop. 98 FLENSBURG - pop. 217 GENOLA - pop. 79 HARDING - pop. 108 HILLMAN - pop. 32 LASTRUP - pop. 86

LITTLE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 8,067

MOTLEY - pop. 640 PIERZ - pop. 1,366 ROYALTON - pop. 966 RANDALL - pop. 628 SOBIESKI - pop. 180 SWANVILLE - pop. 338 UPSALA - pop. 393

TOWNSHIPS:

AGRAM - *pop.* 548

BELLE PRAIRIE - pop. 1,216

BELLEVUE - *pop.* 1,163 **BUCKMAN** - *pop.* 799

BUH - pop. 619

CULDRUM - pop. 549

CUSHING - pop. 716 DARLING - pop. 633

ELMDALE - *pop.* 927

GRANITE - pop. 539 **GREEN PRAIRIE** - pop. 646

HILLMAN - pop. 212

LAKIN - pop. 457

LEIGH - pop. 237

LITTLE FALLS - pop. 1,606

MORRILL - *pop.* 698 **MOTLEY** - *pop.* 219

MOUNT MORRIS - pop. 129

PARKER - *pop.* 526 **PIERZ** - *pop.* 536

PIKE CREEK - pop. 952

PLATTE - *pop.* 373

PULASKI - pop. 353

RAIL PRAIRIE - pop. 143

RICHARDSON - pop. 491

RIPLEY - *pop.* 754 **ROSING** - *pop.* 148

SCANDIA VALLEY - pop. 1,204

SWAN RIVER - pop. 795 SWANVILLE - pop. 577

TWO RIVERS - pop. 609

*Populations are approximate.

BOWLUS

Attracted to the rich farmland, settlers arrived to the Bowlus area in the mid 1800s. Located in Two Rivers Township near the Mississippi River, the community was platted in 1907 by the Tri-State Land Company and a post office was established. Bowlus was incorporated in 1910 as a village and the community continued to grow. Today Bowlus is home to approximately 238 residents.

BUCKMAN

In 1872 the first settler arrived, Clarence B. Buckman, who was a lumberman and farmer. Buckman served as a senator and congressman between 1881 and 1907, and the community is named in his honor. In 1903 Buckman was incorporated and a post office was established by Edward S. Arnold. Today Buckman is home to approximately 229 residents.

FLENSBURG

Named after a seaport in Denmark, Flensburg was platted in 1890 by Olaf and Dagmar Searle. Upon arrival of the Little Falls and Dakota Railroad in 1882, the community began to grow. A post office was established in 1892 and Flensburg was incorporated in 1911 as a village. Today Flensburg is home to approximately 217 residents.

LITTLE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

Little Falls was first settled in 1848 by fur traders and the community is one of Minnesota's oldest cities. Settlers were attracted to the river and dams were built to utilize power. As a result, Little Falls quickly grew and it was incorporated as a village in 1879, as a city in 1890 and then voted as Morrison's county seat. Little Falls is also Charles A. Lindbergh's childhood home that is now a historic site. Today Little Falls is home to approximately 8,067 residents.

MOTLEY

Named after the railroad station established by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in 1874, Motley was organized in 1885. The community was platted in 1870 and a post office was built in 1873. Motley was incorporated as a village in 1905 and the community continued to grow. Today Motley is home to approximately 640 residents.

PIERZ

Pierz was established in 1869 and named after Father Francis Xavier Pierz, a missionary. In 1892 the community was incorporated and settlers were attracted to the fertile land. Pierz became an agricultural community and lumber, manufacturing and creamery industries followed. Today Pierz is home to approximately 1,366 residents.

RANDALL

Located in Darling Township, Randall was named after John H. Randall, a railroad developer. A post office was established in 1889 and the community was platted in 1980. Randall was incorporated in 1900 and the community began to thrive. Today Randall is home to approximately 628 residents.

Morrison County Communities

SOBIESKI

Once known as Ledoux and later Swan River, Sobieski was incorporated in 1915. Located in Swan River Township, Sobieski was named after the Polish Prince Sobieski. Today Sobieski

is home to approximately 180 residents.

SWANVILLE

In 1892 Swanville was organized and named by John Williams, Jr. after the railway station and nearby Swan River. Once a booming lumber town, Swanville was incorporated in 1893. Its first post office was called Culdrum. Today Swanville is home to approximately 338 residents.

UPSALA

Settled in the 1870s by Danish and Swedish immigrants, Upsala was first recognized as Swedback's Settlement. The community was renamed after a city in Sweden and agriculture dominated early industry. Butter making led to the development of the area and a general store, blacksmith shops and other businesses soon followed. Today Upsala is home to approximately 393 residents.



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- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

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Parks & Recreation

BENTON COUNTY

BEND IN THE RIVER REGIONAL PARK

11231 River Rd. NE | Rice

Located on 289 acres near the Mississippi River, the Bend in the River Regional Park features picnic shelters, hiking and cross-country ski trails, wildlife blinds, historic farmhouse and observation areas.

BENTON BEACH

130 125th St. NW | Rice (320)968-5292 Located on 30 acres near Little Rock Lake, Benton Beach features a swimming beach, boat launch, campground, picnic shelters and a reservable conference center.

MAYHEW LAKE PARK

8996 30th Ave. NE | Sauk Rapids Located on 4.4 acres near Mayhew Lake, Mayhew Lake Park features picnic tables, lake access and a fishing pier.

ROSE ANNA BEACH

9876 West Lake Court | Rice Located on 0.6 acres near Little Rock Lake, Rose Anna Beach features a picnic table and lake access.

ST. REGIS PARK

11409 West Lake Rd. | Rice Located on 0.6 acres near Little Rock Lake, St. Regis Park features picnic tables and lake access.

For reservations at the Benton Beach Campground, go online at www.co.benton.mn.us. Daily camping rates are \$20 per campsite and \$4 for each additional adult. Monthly and weekly rates are available. Picnic shelter rates are \$40-\$60 daily with an additional damage deposit. Conference Center rates are \$125-\$600 with an additional damage deposit. Benton County Parks are open 7 days a week, sunrise to sunset. No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond parking areas. Open burning, campfires, alcohol and firearms are prohibited. All pets are required to be leashed at all times.



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MORRISON COUNTY

BELLE PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK

19169 Haven Rd. | Little Falls | (320) 632-0121 Located near the Mississippi River, Belle Prairie County Park features a picnic shelter, boat launch, playground equipment and observation areas.

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH STATE PARK

1615 Lindbergh Dr. S | Little Falls | (320) 616-2525 Located near the Mississippi River, the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park features hiking and crosscountry ski trails, campground, picnic shelter, stone water tower and the historic home of Charles A. Lindbergh.

HERITAGE PARK

265 33rd Ave. S | St. Cloud Located on 90 acres, this park offers nature trails, picnic spots, a skate park & a playground

LONG LAKE BOAT ACCESS

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PIKE CREEK/MISSISSIPPI BOAT LANDING

13345 Lindbergh Dr. S | Little Falls Located near the junction of the Mississippi River and Pike Creek, the Pike Creek Boat Landing provides access to the river and features a fishing pier.

PINEHURST COUNTY PARK

7802 Bear Rd. | Cushing Located near Lake Alexander, Pinehurst County Park features a swimming beach, lake access, picnic areas and observation areas.

SOO LINE RECREATIONAL TRAIL - WEST

16076 83rd St. | Royalton The Soo Line Recreational Trail - West is open seasonally for hiking, biking and skating from April 1-October 1. From December 1-March 1 the Soo Line Recreational Trail - West is open for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

SOO LINE RECREATIONAL TRAIL - EAST

16076 83rd St. | Royalton

The Soo Line Recreational Trail - East is open seasonally for hiking, biking, skating, horseback riding and all-terrain vehicles from April 1-October 1. From December 1-March 1 the Soo Line Recreational Trail - East is open for snowmobiling and crosscountry skiing.

SULLIVAN LAKE COUNTY PARK

26153 360th Ave. | Hillman Located near Sullivan Lake, Sullivan Lake **County Park** features a swimming beach, lake access, picnic areas and observation areas.

For reservations

and rates at the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park, call (320) 616-

2525. Morrison County Parks are open seasonally from sunrise-10PM. No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond parking areas unless posted. Open burning, campfires, alcohol and firearms are prohibited. All pets are required to be leashed at all times.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM & SOCIETY

202 2nd Ave. S | Sauk Rapids | (320) 253-9614

CAMP RIPLEY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

15000 Hwy. 115 | Little Falls | (320) 632-7000

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY

25 8th Ave. S | St. Cloud | (320) 251-1840

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH HISTORIC SITE

1620 Lindbergh Dr. S | Little Falls | (320) 616-5421

CHARLES A. WEYERHAEUSER MUSEUM

2151 South Lindbergh Dr. | Little Falls | (320) 632-4007

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19502 Iris Rd. | Little Falls | (320) 632-1575

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304 Broadway | Little Falls | (320) 616-2011

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15000 Hwy. 115 | Little Falls | (320) 616-6050

MN STATE VETERAN'S CEMETERY

15550 Hwy. MN 115 | Little Falls | (320) 616-2527

MORRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SAND PRAIRIE EDUCATION AREA

Hwy. 10 | St. Cloud | (320) 255-4279

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1410 3rd Ave. S | Sauk Rapids | (320) 252-0508

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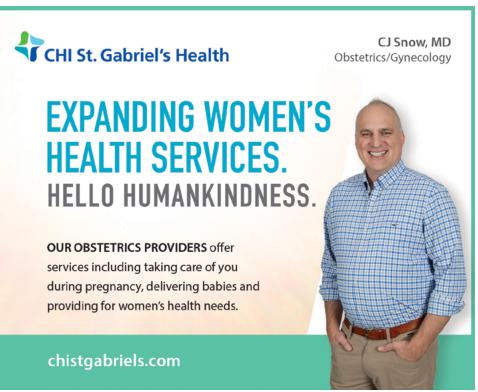
1050 28th Ave. NE | St. Cloud | (320) 251-0940

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LITTLE FALLS ONE STOP

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21586 Grouse Rd. | Little Falls | (320) 632-2899

SPEEDWAY #4609

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17333 55th Ave. NW | Royalton (320) 302-0121

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SPEEDWAY #4371

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You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses by phone: 1 (888) 665-4236.

HUNTING

Bear

08/15/25 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area 09/1/25 - 10/19/25 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/13/25 - 12/31/25 Archery - Statewide 10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Early Antlerless 10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Youth - Statewide 11/8/25 - 11/23/25 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas 11/8/25 - 11/16/25 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas 11/22/25 - 11/30/25 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas

11/29/25 - 12/14/25 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone 12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone



Fox, Gray & Red

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Jack - Statewide 09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/20/25 - 02/28/26 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/13/25 - 11/30/25 Sharp-Tailed -Northwest zone 09/13/25 - 01/4/26 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/11/25 - 01/4/26 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Youth - Statewide 04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Archery - Statewide 04/16/25 - 04/22/25 Spring - A season - Statewide 04/23/25 - 04/29/25 Spring - B season - Statewide 04/30/25 - 05/6/25 Spring - C season - Statewide 05/7/25 - 05/13/25 Spring - D season - Statewide 05/14/25 - 05/20/25 Spring - E season - Statewide 05/21/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - F season - Statewide 10/4/25 - 11/2/25 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

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7ISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

Lake Trout

12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25 Northeastern Minnesota Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

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(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2025-26 license year is effective until Feb. 28, 2026.)

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Do NOT Transport Invasive: • Fish • Invertebrates • Aquatic Plants

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KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.



INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

Enjoy your deliciou buttered-up steak!

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.
- 2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.
- 3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.
- 5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.6 In the same skillet, add the butter and
- 6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.
- **7** Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.
- **8** Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.
- **9** Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.
- 10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

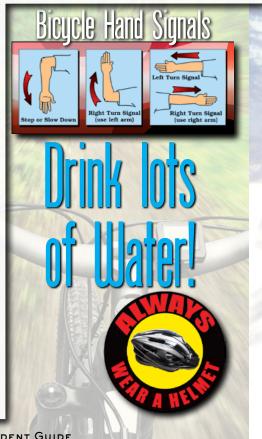
BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill.
 Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.

ATV SAFETY

Be Aware of your Surroundings

• 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 traf-



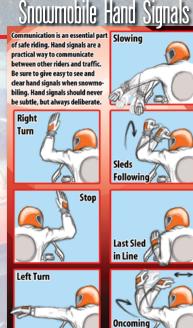
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Read the owner's manual

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.

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.



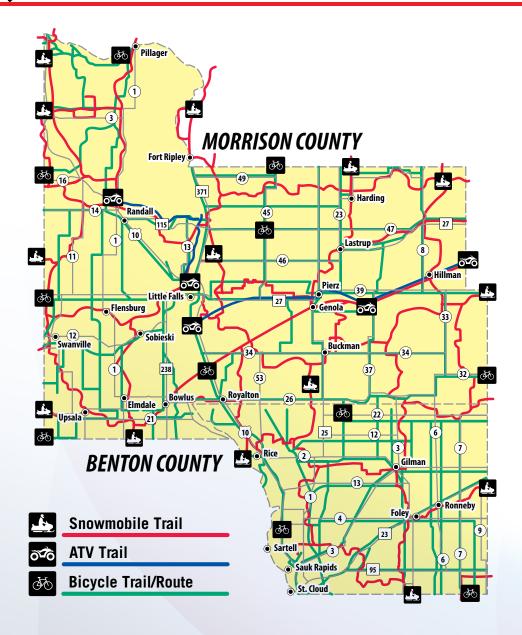
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Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on

trails. Exercise extreme caution

on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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Health Benefits of

the Outdoors

Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings,

fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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Mosquitoes Prevention & Health Risks



You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected . Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

- · Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
- Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten Watch for symptoms like:
- · Rash
- · Fever
- Headache
- Fatique
- · Muscle or joint aches

Prompt tick removal is important. Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth.

Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward. Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Tick Removal

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite. Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged (Deer) Tick Lyme disease Anaplasmosis **Babesiosis Ehrlichiosis**

American Dog (Wood) Tick **Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever** Tularemia

Lone Star Tick Ehrlichiosis Tularemia Heartland virus disease Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness

Lone Star Tick Coverage

Coverage

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

- 1-Know when and where you're at risk
- · Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
- · Wooded and brushy areas Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas American Dog Tick
 - 2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
 - · Permethrin 0.5% on clothing
 - 3-Check yourself for ticks
 - Shower after being outdoors
 - Check at least once a day
 - · Remove ticks ASAP!

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MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are: • Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed: • Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus

• Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are: • Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever. Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are: • Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis. To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- · Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch. Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.
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Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



Shop. Dine. Play. Stay.

...and support the community you live in!