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Pepin County



Dunn County



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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Eagles on Ice Birding Event | Alma
WinterFest Ice Fishing Contest | Cochrane,
Buffalo City

FEBRUARY

Mirror Lake Ice Fishing Contest | Mondovi
Red Cross Blood Drive | Cochrane
Winterfest | Pepin

MARCH

Stockholm St. Patrick's Day Parade
Shamrock Shuffle | Mondovi
Spring Fling Craft Fair | Alma
St. Padvaigs Wakend | Fountain City

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Fountain City, Arcadia,
Cochrane, Alma
Bunny Hop 5k & Kiddie Run | Fountain City
Fire of Stockholm
Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Fair | Alma
Smelt Feed | Alma
Spring Flood Run | Area Wide

MAY

100 Mile Garage Sale | Throughout the Area
Broiler Days | Arcadia
Hipbreaker Bike Tour | Trempealeau
Trillium Festival | Stockholm
World Migratory Bird Day | Alma
Village Wide Rummage Sale | Trempealeau
Dairyland Showdown at Mississippi Thunder
Speedway | Fountain City
Great River Birding Festival | Alma
Memorial Day Main Street Parade | Alma
Touch a Truck | Galesville
Annual City Wide Garage Sales | Menomonie

JUNE

National Trails Day at Red Cedar Depot |
Menomonie
Fresh Art Spring Tour | Pepin, Pierce, Buffalo,
Stockholm
Strawberry Festival | Alma Center
Durand Funfest
Rhubarb Fest | Fountain City
Tour de Pepin | Lake City
NTPA Regional Tractor Pull | Ettrick
Flour City District Annual Golf Outing |
Lake City
Brewery Dogs of Menomonie Photo Days
(June-July)
Fire in the Shire | Alma
Lake Pepin Pride Celebration
Sheepshead Classic | Nelson
Fire Department Hog Roast | Nelson
Friendship Days (June-July) | Mondovi
90's Murder Mystery Party | Mondovi

JULY

Wakanda Park Community Fireworks |
Menomonie
Catfish Days Run | Trempealeau
Trempealeau County Fair | Galesville
Dunn County Fair | Menomonie
Let's Paint the Town | Menomonie
Stockholm Art Fair
Blues on the Chippewa (July-Aug) | Durand
Buffalo & Pepin County Fair (July-Aug) |
Mondovi
Biggest Little Fair | Gilmanton Town
Swiss Heritage Days | Alma
Little Britches Rodeo | Mondovi

AUGUST

Boyceville Pickle Festival
Ettrick Fun Days
Lions Club Fountain City Days Festival
Ashley for the Arts | Arcadia
Legion Post 224 Belgian Waffle Breakfast |
Alma
Alma Music & Art Festival
Buffalo County Agricultural Fair | Mondovi
Fountain City Days
Annual Cucumber Festival | Boyceville

SEPTEMBER

Fall Flood Run | Throughout the Area
Laura Ingalls Wilder Days | Pepin
Old Time Farm Fest | Fountain City
Sidewalk Insanity | Alma
USRA North Star Nationals at Mississippi
Thunder Speedway | Fountain City
Fountain City Pumpkins & Pistons Extrava-
ganza
Great River Road Drive | Alma

OCTOBER

Apple Affair & Bike Tour | Galesville
Fall Fresh Art Tour | Pepin
Oktoberfest | Mondovi
Trick or Treat | Arcadia
Kinestone Autumn Open House | Fountain City
Durand Dazzle Day Parade
Waumandee Hill Climb
Plow Fest | Waumandee
Fly Away Film Festival | Alma

NOVEMBER

Small Business Saturday |
Throughout the Area
Christmas in Alma (Nov-Dec)
Mondovi Christmas Walk

DECEMBER

Wakanda Wonderland | Menomonie
Christmas House Walk | Alma
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest |
Alma
Lighting Of The Christmas Tree | Alma
GOD JUL - A Swedish Christmas | Stockholm
Spirit of Xmas Craft Fair | Boyceville
CFC Annual Holiday Show & Craft Fair |
Fountain City
Santa Saturday | Mondovi
Santa on the Square | Galesville

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

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Aging & Disability	(866) 578-2372
Child Support	(608) 685-6314
Clerk Of Court	685-6212
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County Clerk	685-6209
Emergency Management	685-6298
Extension	685-6256
Health & Human Services	685-4412
Highway	685-6226
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Land Management	685-6262
Land Information Services/GIS	685-6285
Maintenance	685-6220
Recycling/Solid Waste	(715) 926-5890
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Register of Probate	685-6202
Sheriff	685-4433
Surveyor	685-6232
Treasurer/Real Property Lister	685-6215
Veterans Services	685-6219
Zoning	685-6262

PEPIN COUNTY

ADRC Aging & Disability	(866) 578-2372
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Veterans Services	(715) 672-8887
Zoning	(715) 672-8897

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Aging & Disability	(715) 538-2001
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Clerk Of Court	538-2311 Ext. 331
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County Clerk	538-2311 Ext. 201
Emergency Management	538-2311 Ext. 215
Extension	538-2311
Information Technologies	538-2311 Ext. 334
District Attorney	538-2311 Ext. 279
Human Services	538-2311 Ext. 290
Land Records	538-2311 Ext. 343
Maintenance	538-1911
Public Health	538-2311 Ext. 220
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Treasurer	538-2311 Ext. 219
Veterans Services	538-2311

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Administration	(715) 232-2429
Child Support	232-1671
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County Clerk	232-1677
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Environmental Services	232-1496
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Highway	232-2181
Human Services	232-1116
Jail	232-2220
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Sheriff	232-1348
Neighbors of Dunn County Nursing Home	232-2661
Transit Commission	235-7433
Treasurer	232-3789
Veterans Service Office	232-1646
Zoning/Planning	231-6520



The first settlement in Buffalo County was in Fountain City in 1939. Before European settlers arrived, the area was inhabited by Dakota and Sioux Indians. Many early settlers were attracted to the abundance of trees for timber. The lumber industry became very prosperous in the county and aided the arrival of railroads and steamboat traffic on the Mississippi River. With the decline of the lumber industry towards the end of the 1800s agriculture became very prominent and was the largest industry in the county. Wheat was the main crop, making Buffalo County one of the largest exporters of wheat in Wisconsin. By 1900 Buffalo County had a population of 16,765 people. Today Buffalo County is home to approximately 13,425 residents.

CITIES:

ALMA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 781

BUFFALO CITY – pop. 1,013

FOUNTAIN CITY – pop. 992

MONDOVI – pop. 2,561

VILLAGES:

COCHRANE – pop. 390

NELSON – pop. 372

TOWNS:

ALMA – pop. 389

BELVIDERE – pop. 442

BUFFALO – pop. 657

CANTON – pop. 316

CROSS – pop. 378

DOVER – pop. 534

GILMANTON – pop. 472

GLENCOE – pop. 492

LINCOLN – pop. 864

TOWNS (CONTD):

MAXVILLE – pop. 343

MILTON – pop. 518

MODENA – pop. 321

MONDOVI – pop. 453

MONTANA – pop. 314

NAPLES – pop. 591

NELSON – pop. 603

WAUMANDEE – pop. 525

**Populations are approximate.*

ALMA (COUNTY SEAT)

Alma was first settled in 1848 by two Swiss men who came to the area to cut wood which would be used as fuel for steamboats. They built a shack and decided to stay. The original name for the community was Twelve Mile Bluff because of the steep river bluffs that the city was built under. The name was changed to Alma after the battle on the Alma River in 1854 that took place in Russia and the community was selected as the county seat. Railroads arrived in 1885 and brought larger populations as well as business and industry. Another large increase in the population came after the U.S. Lock and Dam #4 was built in 1935 and after the Dairyland Power Cooperative plant was established. Today Alma is home to approximately 869 residents.

BUFFALO CITY

Buffalo City was chartered in 1859, making it the oldest incorporated city in Buffalo County. At one time it was the smallest city in the United States. Buffalo City was named after the county as well as after three brothers who raised buffalo on top of the bluffs that overlooks the city. Today Buffalo City is home to approximately 1,013 residents.

FOUNTAIN CITY

Originally named Holmes Landing, Fountain City was the home of the first permanent settlement in Buffalo County in 1839. Holmes Landing was named in honor of a family of the first settlers who often traded with the Sioux and Chippewa Indian tribes. Original industries in the area included timber and farming. The community was incorporated as a city in 1889 and businesses, churches and schools were established. Its name was changed to Fountain City shortly after incorporation because it had many water streams that are found north of the city. Old Time Farm Fest takes place every labor day weekend in the town to celebrate the rich history of agriculture. Today Fountain City is home to approximately 992 residents.

MONDOVI

Mondovi was first settled in 1855 by Harvey P. Farrington, a businessman from the eastern United States. The first store was established shortly after in 1857. The populations increased with the arrival of the railroad to the community. The North Western Line Railroad laid its tracks through the town and established a station. The community was a prosperous railroad community and became an important shipping area for most of the county. This soon led to Mondovi becoming the largest town in the county after its incorporation in 1899. Agriculture also played an important role for the residents of Mondovi. Main crops included, oats, barley and wheat. Today Mondovi is home to approximately 2,561 residents.



Trempealeau County's name is derived from the French phrase "La Montagne Qui Trempe Dans L'Eau" which translates to "Mountain that is steeped in Water." The area received its name in 1731 and was based off of the mountain that is found near the village of Trempealeau that is surrounded by water. The first permanent settlers were fur traders who arrived in 1840s looking to establish new trading posts. Early on business and industry revolved around fur trading. Eventually agriculture replaced the trading industry as the largest in the county. By 1900 Trempealeau County had a population of 23,114 people. Today Trempealeau County is home to approximately 27,754 residents.

CITIES:

ARCADIA – pop. 2,925

BLAIR – pop. 1,246

GALESVILLE – pop. 1,481

INDEPENDENCE – pop. 1,336

OSSEO – pop. 1,629

WHITEHALL (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,558

VILLAGES:

ETTRICK – pop. 501

PIGEON FALLS – pop. 387

PRESTON – pop. 966

STRUM – pop. 1,024

TREMPEALEAU – pop. 1,518

TOWNS:

ALBION – pop. 670

ARCADIA – pop. 1,693

BURNSIDE – pop. 572

CALEDONIA – pop. 795

CHIMNEY ROCK – pop. 322

DODGE – pop. 439

ELEVA – pop. 637

ETTRICK – pop. 1,377

GALE – pop. 1,511

GALESVILLE – pop. 1,447

HALE – pop. 1,075

INDEPENDENCE – pop. 1,212

LINCOLN – pop. 864

PIGEON – pop. 953

TOWNS (CONTD):

SUMNER – pop. 846

TREMPEALEAU – pop. 1,627

UNITY – pop. 558

WHITEHALL – pop. 1,600

**Populations are approximate.*

ARCADIA

Arcadia was founded in 1855 by four men from Dodge County who came looking to set up a new area for trade and business. The community was originally named Bishop's Settlement, after the town's founder. The town was renamed Arcadia after the area had reminded a settler of the mountainous region in Greece by the same name. The railroad was completed in the area in 1873 and with it brought in larger populations of people. One year later the town was officially platted on January 27, 1874. Today Arcadia is home to approximately 2,925 residents.

GALESVILLE

Galesville was named in honor of Judge George Gale. The community grew fast and was founded, settled and platted in 1854. Galesville was named the first county seat of Trempealeau County soon after it was platted. The community lost the county seat in 1876 to Whitehall which took away some hotel and legal business. The railroad came through the area in 1883 bringing in larger populations and business continued to thrive. Today Galesville is home to approximately 1,481 residents.

OSSEO

Osseo's name is featured in the "Song of Hiawatha XII: The Sun of the Evening Star" written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The first homes in Osseo were built in 1860, and all the timber for the buildings were made from jack pines native to the area. Early settlers were of Norwegian descent and brought with them a rich heritage to the area. A mill was established soon after settlement and offered jobs for members of the community. A village hall was later built in 1936. Soon after Osseo was incorporated as a city in 1941. The city's Norwegian heritage is still visible today with the celebrating of many Norwegian traditions and festivals. Today Osseo is home to approximately 1,629 residents.

WHITEHALL (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1855 the first pioneers, who were attracted to the ample natural resources, reached the Whitehall area. As rail lines were built in the 1870s, Whitehall was a major stop and the access to transportation appealed to the new settlers. The community was a major trading area in the county thanks to the new busy railroad. The area began to develop and by the 1880s Whitehall housed a mill, tobacco warehouse, a creamery, a pickling station, three elevators, two banks and a newspaper. Whitehall was later incorporated in 1887 and continued to grow. Today Whitehall is home to approximately 1,558 residents.



Pepin County was originally inhabited by Dakota Indians who lived in the area for thousands of years before the first European settlers came in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. Originally Pepin County was parts of both Chippewa and Dunn Counties but was later separated on February 25, 1858 when it was created by a special act of the Wisconsin Legislature. Many of the early settlers were attracted to the rich fertile soil that was used for agriculture. Pepin County's proximity to the Mississippi River also was a major attraction that helped draw people to the area. Railroads and steamboat travel helped bring in larger populations to the area making Pepin County an industrial and commercial hub. By 1900 Pepin County had a population of 7,905 residents. Today Pepin County is home to approximately 7,293 residents.

CITIES:

DURAND (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,931

VILLAGES:

PEPIN – pop. 837
STOCKHOLM – pop. 66

TOWNS:

ALBANY – pop. 662
DURAND – pop. 694
FRANKFORT – pop. 386
LIMA – pop. 758
PEPIN – pop. 580
STOCKHOLM – pop. 75

TOWNS (CONTD):

WATERVILLE – pop. 878
WAUBEK – pop. 432
**Populations are approximate.*

DURAND (COUNTY SEAT)

Durand was first settled in 1856 when Miles Durand Prindle came up on the Chippewa River. Prindle platted the land and named the city after himself. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the area and schools, churches and businesses were established. The first post office was established in 1858 and the community was incorporated as a village in 1871. Eventually Durand was incorporated as a city on April 12, 1887. Durand became the largest wheat growing producer in the area, making it one of the more prosperous communities in the county. A boom in population increased when a steel bridge was constructed in 1902 that crossed the Chippewa River making travel easier for everyone in the community. Today Durand is home to approximately 1,931 residents.

PEPIN

Pepin was first settled in 1846 by two French brothers who were trappers named Pepin. The community was known as a steamboat boom town and was the summer home of wealthy Chicago socialites and famous author Mark Twain. Pepin is also credited as the hometown of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of “Little House in the Big Woods” and “Little House on the Prairie”. The fishing industry was very prominent for the town. In the 1890s, Pepin would annually bring in \$125,000 to \$250,000 with most of the fish being sent to New York. Today Pepin is home to approximately 837 residents.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm was first settled in 1852 by Eric Peterson, a farmer who came to the area because of the fertile land for agriculture. The post office was established years later in 1860. The community was incorporated in 1903 and as businesses were established the community continued to grow. Today Stockholm is home to approximately 66 residents.



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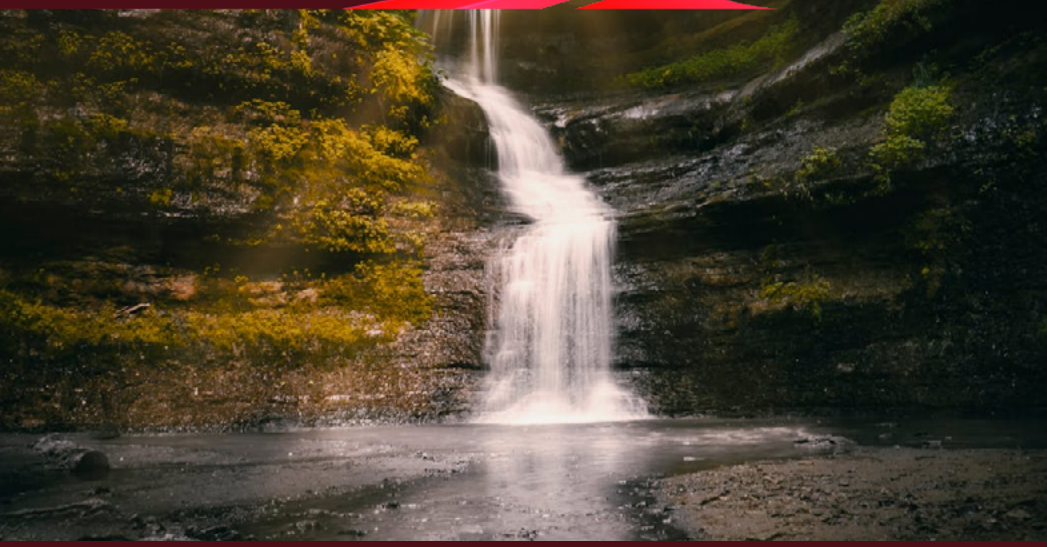
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Dunn County's prairies, forests, marshes, and rock formations have delighted onlookers for centuries. Native Americans, most recently the Santee Dakota and Ojibwe people, have lived in Dunn County for over ten thousand years. Europeans arrived to the county in the late eighteenth century, attracted by a bountiful river and rich prospects for trading fur. From 1871 to 1896, Dunn County's Knapp, Stout and Company was the world's largest lumber company, producing about eighty-five million board feet of lumber per year. Today, trade, transportation, and utilities are Dunn County's main industries. The county is named after Charles Dunn, appointed by President Andrew Jackson as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Wisconsin Territory. The county seat's name, Menomonie, means "people of the rice" in Algonquin and was officially incorporated in 1882. Today Dunn County is home to approximately 46,199 residents.

CITIES:
MENOMONIE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 16,872

VILLAGES:
BOYCEVILLE – pop. 1,179
COLFAX – pop. 1,157
DOWNING – pop. 282
ELK MOUND – pop. 963
KNAPP – pop. 480
RIDGELAND – pop. 281
WHEELER – pop. 365

TOWNS:
COLFAX – pop. 1,244
DUNN – pop. 1,603
EAU GALLE – pop. 783
ELK MOUND – pop. 1,928
GRANT – pop. 400
HAY RIVER – pop. 588
LUCAS – pop. 804
MENOMONIE – pop. 3,503
NEW HAVEN – pop. 696
OTTER CREEK – pop. 525
PERU – pop. 251
RED CEDAR – pop. 2,244

TOWNS (CONTD):
ROCK CREEK – pop. 1,041
SAND CREEK – pop. 582
SHERIDAN – pop. 473
SHERMAN – pop. 891
SPRING BROOK – pop. 1,690
STANTON – pop. 832
TAINTER – pop. 2,434
TIFFANY – pop. 650
WESTON – pop. 626
WILSON – pop. 557
**Populations are approximate.*

MENOMONIE (COUNTY SEAT)

The Menomomi (an Ojibwe word meaning "wild rice people") was the namesake for the city; incorporated in 1882. The Trempealeau Hopewell Culture's people were the area's first-known inhabitants, dating to back to the early first millennium. More is known about the Santee Dakota people who inhabited the land in the 17th and 18th centuries who were at constant odds with the nearby Ojibwe until the signing of the First Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1825. European settlers used the area to create a lumber dynasty throughout the 1800s, peaking with Knapp, Stout and Co., the then-largest lumber company in the world, closing in 1901. Today, the city is home to nearly 17,000 and hosts the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

COLFAX

Colfax's land was purchased in 1858 by settlers Cyrenius Baldwin and James Mathew for farming. Seven years later, founder J.D. Simmons moved to the meeting point of Red Cedar River and Eighteen Mile Creek, relying on a grist mill for income which became successful enough that his wife opened a dry goods store in their home. He used his land, which would later become Colfax, as a rutabaga farm. The village was finally incorporated in 1904, named for Vice President Schuyler Colfax. Tragically, most of the village was razed by a series of tornadoes in 1958. Today, approximately 1,157 people call the village home and it recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of Baldwin and Colfax's settling.

SHERMAN

The cozy farmland of Sherman separated from the town of Menominee in 1867. Sherman hosts a vast variety of natural beauty in its bluffs, trails, woods, and wetlands. The original 1908 city hall still stands as a historical landmark, while a larger building was created in 2004 due to population growth. Another piece of important history is the century-old Warren Pony Truss Bridge; Wisconsin's first bridge of the sort. Today, Sherman is home to approximately 891 residents and continues to serve the farming industry.

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26247 Sullivan Rd | Trempealeau | (608) 534-6409
 Located in Trempealeau, Perrot State Park features 12.5 miles of hiking trails and 9 miles of cross-country ski trails. The park also offers kayak and canoe rentals, 102 campsites and a nature center.

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TAMARACK CREEK BOG NATURAL AREA

Trempealeau
 Located in Perrot State Park in Trempealeau, Tamarack Creek Bog Natural Area features hiking and cross-country ski trails and hunting and fishing opportunities.

TIFFANY BOTTOMS WILDLIFE AREA

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 Located on 12,500 acres in Nelson, the Tiffany Bottoms Wildlife Area offers hiking trails and 14 public boat launches. It also offers hunting and fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

TREMPEALEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

W28488 Refuge Rd | Trempealeau | (608) 539-2311
 Located on 5,617 acres near Centerville, Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge offers many opportunities to view wildlife. The refuge features hiking trails, bicycle trails, cross-country ski trails, fishing opportunities, and a public boat launch with parking facilities. Hunting is allowed in the refuge with a special permit. Only hand-powered craft and boats with electric motors can be used in the refuge.

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HUNTING SEASONS

**Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.*

DEER

Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*

Sept. 13 – Jan. 31, 2026

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 4 – 12

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 11 – 12

Gun ~ Nov. 22 – 30

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 1 – 10

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 11 – 14

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2026*

*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.



BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Sept. 3 – 9

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 10 – 30

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Oct. 1 – 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 3 – Oct. 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

Southern zone ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2026

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide Nov. 22 – March 25, 2026

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 10

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

Zone B ~ Oct. 18 – Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Year-round

Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone B (northeast) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone C (south) Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

Zone D (Mississippi River) Dec. 8 – March 15, 2026

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone Oct. 18 – April 15, 2026

Central Zone Oct. 25 – March 22, 2026

Southern Zone Nov. 1 – March 15, 2026

Mississippi River zone Nov. 10 – March 8, 2026

Bobcat

Trapping

North & South zones, Period 1, Oct. 18 – Dec. 25

North & South zones, Period 2, Dec. 26 – Jan.

31, 2026

Fisher

Trapping

North and South Zones Oct. 18 – Jan. 4, 2026

Otter

Trapping

North zone Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

South zone Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

Raccoon

Trapping

Resident Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Nonresident Nov. 1 – Feb. 15, 2026

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck

~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2025 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 12 – 13

Spring 2025

Period A April 16 – 22

Period B April 23 – 29

Period C April 30- May 6

Period D May 7–13

Period E May 14– 20

Period F May 21 – 27

Fall 2025

Statewide Sept. 13 – Nov. 21

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 22 – Jan. 4, 2026



**For the latest season dates. Check the WI DNR website, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> or scan the QR code.*



DNR LICENSE CENTERS

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FISHING SEASONS

2025-2026 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1,
2025; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch and release)
January 4, 2025 (5 a.m.) - May 2, 2025

General Inland Trout
May 3, 2025 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15, 2025

General Inland Fishing
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

**Largemouth Bass Northern Zone
Harvest**
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

**Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone
Harvest**
June 21, 2025 - March 1, 2026

**Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern
Zone Harvest**
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

**Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And
Release**
At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest
May 24, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025



**Musky
Southern Zone Harvest**
May 3, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

Northern Pike
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Walleye
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Lake Sturgeon
Feb. 8 - Feb. 23 (Winnebago System spearing)
Sept. 6 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends
June 7-8, 2025
Jan. 17-18, 2026

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more
information on specific fishing zones and
dates:*

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Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

FIREWOOD

Burn it where you get it!



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

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



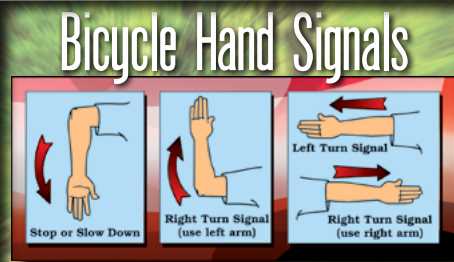
CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

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.

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 traffic of your changing direction.



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

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.

- 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.

Snowmobile Hand Signals



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

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.

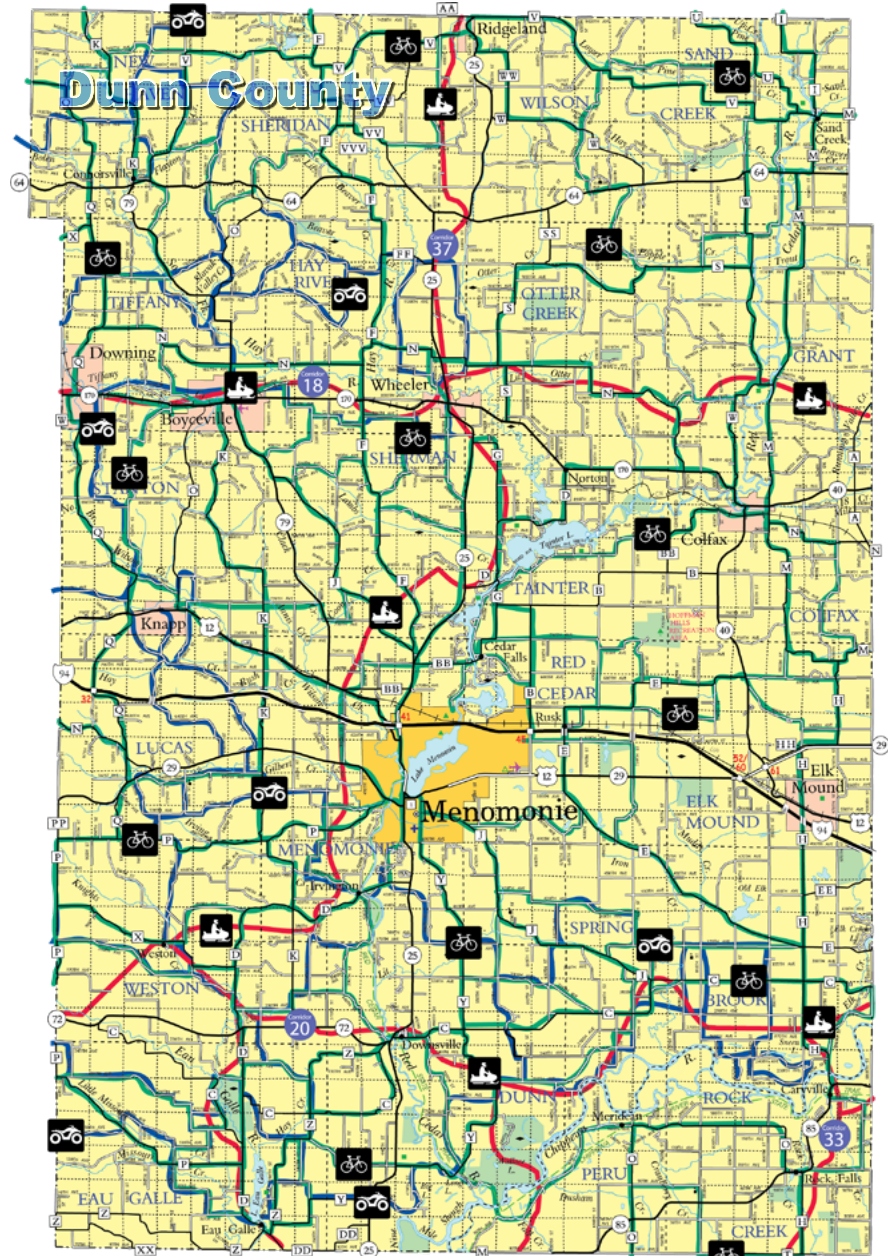
Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative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



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Snowmobile Trail




Bicycle Trail

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Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 2 Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- 3 Add the chicken breasts to the skillet and cook for 6-7 minutes on each side, until browned and cooked through. Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside.
- 4 Pour the chicken broth into the skillet and use a spatula to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.
- 5 Stir in the heavy cream, Dijon mustard, and dried dill weed. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sauce has thickened.
- 6 Return the chicken breasts to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the top. Allow the chicken to cook in the sauce for an additional 1-2 minutes, until the chicken is heated through.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped fresh parsley over the top of the chicken before serving.

*Enjoy your delicious
creamy dill chicken!*

PREP: 7 MIN • TOTAL: 30 MIN

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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Travel

Choosing the
perfect
destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back



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...and support the community you live in!