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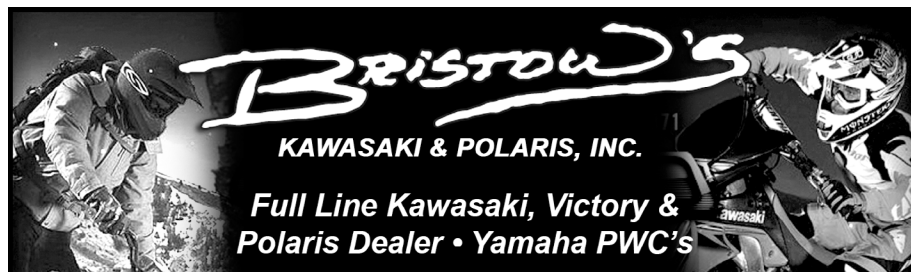
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NORTH BRANCH	(651) 674-8113
RUSH CITY	(320) 358-4743
SHAFER	(651) 257-4726
STACY	(651) 462-4486
TAYLORS FALLS	(651) 465-5133
WYOMING	(651) 462-0575

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CHISAGO CITY	(651) 257-0622
HARRIS	(651) 257-4100
LINDSTROM	(651) 257-0622
NORTH BRANCH	(651) 674-8848
RUSH CITY	(320) 358-4741
SHAFER	(651) 257-0622
STACY	(651) 462-0577
TAYLORS FALLS	(651) 213-6300
WYOMING	(651) 462-0575

Local Area Events

JANUARY

Celebration of the Lakes | Lindstrom

FEBRUARY

Winter Fest | North Branch

MARCH

Women's Health Conference | Center City
Cabin Fever Days | Chisago City
Vintage Days | Chisago City
Home, Garden & Business Show | Lindstrom

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Chisago City

MAY

Earth Arts Spring Arts Tour | Chisago City
MN Potters Tour | Chisago City
Lions Carp Tournament | Chisago City
Memorial Day Services | Chisago City
City-Wide Garage Sales | Chisago County
Fun Run & Walk | Scandia
City-Wide Garage Sales | Shafer

JUNE

Center City Warm Up | Center City
Midsummer Days | North Branch
Fly-In & Drive-In | Rush City
Midsummer Dag | Scandia

JULY

Center City Days | Center City
Ralph Samuelson MN State Championships | Center City
Chisago Lakes Triathlon | Chisago City
Karl Oskar Days | Lindstrom
Pedal, Walk or Run | North Branch
Chisago County Fair | Rush City
Wannigan Days | Taylors Falls
Relay for Life | Taylors Falls

AUGUST

Midwest Regional Championships | Center City
Rhubarb Frenzy | Chisago City
Frankie's Bass Tournament | Chisago City
Ki-Chi-Saga Days | Chisago City
Arts of the Lakes Area | Lindstrom
Music & Arts Festival | Rush City
Stacy Daze | Stacy
Almelund Threshing Show | Taylors Falls
Spelmanstamma Fiddler's Festival | Taylors Falls

SEPTEMBER

Hobo Days | Chisago City
St. Bridget of Sweden Block Party | Lindstrom
Fall Harvest Festival | North Branch
Threshing & Sawing Show | North Branch
Art & Artists Celebration | Shafer
Hay Days | Taylors Falls
Amador Apple Festival | Taylors Falls
Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race | Taylors Falls
Wyoming Stagecoach Celebration | Wyoming

OCTOBER

Ojiketa Art Blitz & Halloween Haunt | Chisago City
Falloween Festival | Chisago City
Federweisser & Roter Rauscher Festival | Chisago City
Shafer Days | Shafer

NOVEMBER

Dine & Dash 5K & 10K Races | Chisago City
Arts Fest | North Branch
Valley Artisans Sale | Taylors Falls
Lighting Festival & Parade | Taylors Falls
Wassail Party Craft Fair | Taylors Falls
Christmas at the Folsom House | Taylors Falls

DECEMBER

Chisago City Lighting Festival | Chisago City
Holiday Festival | Chisago City
Lindstrom Tree Lighting Festival | Lindstrom
Santa Day | Rush City
Lucia Dagen at Gammelgarden | Scandia

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Chisago County History (Center City, County Seat)

Chisago County was originally home to Dakota and Ojibwe Indians until white settlement in the 1850s. The St. Croix River provided necessary transportation, ample natural resources and attracted many pioneers to the area. Chisago County was then established in 1851 and its name was derived from the Indian word, "Ki-Chi-Saga," meaning, "fair and lovely lakes." Taylors Falls was originally selected as the county seat, but voters moved it to Chisago City in 1865. The county seat was moved again in 1875 to Center City because of its central location and the area continued to develop. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and logging until the 1890s as tourism became popular. Railroad development sparked growth and by 1900 the population had reached 13,248. Today Chisago County is home to approximately 50,625 residents.

CITIES:

CENTER CITY (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 608

CHISAGO CITY – pop. 4,202

HARRIS – pop. 1,252

LINDSTROM – pop. 3,995

NORTH BRANCH – pop. 10,417

RUSH CITY – pop. 2,981

SHAFER – pop. 378

STACY – pop. 1,383

TAYLORS FALLS – pop. 1,031

WYOMING – pop. 3,803

TOWNSHIPS:

AMADOR – pop. 947

CHISAGO LAKE – pop. 3,559

FISH LAKE – pop. 1,969

FRANCONIA – pop. 1,362

LENT – pop. 2,295

NESSSEL – pop. 1,996

RUSHSEBA – pop. 947

SHAFER – pop. 830

SUNRISE – pop. 1,945

WYOMING – pop. 4,357

**Populations are approximate.*

Chisago County Communities

CENTER CITY (COUNTY SEAT)

Center City was founded in 1851 and platted in 1857. Its proximity to ample natural resources and nearby lakes attracted many settlers and Center City was selected as the county seat in 1875. The community was named due to its central location between Taylors Falls and Chisago City and as the railroad was constructed the area continued to grow. Center City is now recognized as the oldest Swedish settlement in Minnesota. Today Center City is home to approximately 508 residents.

CHISAGO CITY

Chisago City was first settled by Swedish immigrants in the 1850s. Streets were platted in 1855 and the first post office was established in 1856. Chisago City was selected as the county seat until 1875 when it was moved to Center City. As rail lines were built in 1880, the community was moved one mile north to its present location and incorporated in 1906. Actress Ingrid Bergman visited the area in 1943 and brought nationwide fame to the community's award winning butter. Today Chisago City is home to approximately 4,202 residents.

HARRIS

Located in Fish Lake Township, Harris was settled in 1870 and named in honor of Philip S. Harris, an officer of the railroad. The first post office was established in 1874 and the community was incorporated in 1884. By 1890 businesses included a livery stable, hotel, general stores and specialty shops. Today Harris is home to approximately 1,252 residents.

LINDSTROM

Lindstrom was platted in 1880 and named in honor of Daniel Lindstrom, one of the area's first Swedish settlers. The community was incorporated in 1894 and quickly became a popular tourist destination. By 1900 Lindstrom had three newspaper offices, two hotels, post office and a variety of general stores. Today Lindstrom is home to approximately 3,995 residents.

NORTH BRANCH

First settled by John Elmgren in the 1860s, North Branch was platted in 1870 and named after the north branch of nearby Sunrise River. The first post office was established in 1889 with George F. Flanders serving as the first postmaster. The development of the railroad sparked growth and by 1900 the community housed a saloon, flour mill, opera hall, general stores and several starch factories. Today North Branch is home to approximately 10,417 residents.

Chisago County Communities

RUSH CITY

Rush City, taking its name from the nearby Rush River, was surveyed and platted by Benjamin W. Brunson in 1870. A post office was established and the community was incorporated in 1873. By 1900 lumberyards, flour mills, grain elevators and general stores were thriving. The community is widely known as the Walleye Capital of the World and houses a statue commemorating Paul Bunyan's legendary catch. Today Rush City is home to approximately 2,981 residents.

SHAFER

Shafer was settled in 1853 by Swedish immigrants and was originally part of Taylors Falls. It separated and was renamed after Jacob Shafer, an early resident. A post office was established in 1881 and as the railroad was constructed, Shafer continued to grow. Industry was dominated by agriculture and the area was recognized for its potatoes in the early 1900s. Today Shafer is home to approximately 378 residents.

STACY

Located in Lent Township, Stacy was settled in 1870. The community was founded in 1875 and named in honor of resident Dr. Stacy B. Collins. Development of the railroad sparked growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Stacy is home to approximately 1,383 residents.

TAYLORS FALLS

Taylors Falls was platted in 1851 and originally selected as the county seat until 1865. It was named after Jesse Taylor, an early settler who established a sawmill. The first school was taught by Susan Thomson and a school was built in 1852, which has become the oldest public school in Minnesota. The community was incorporated in 1858 and the St. Croix River provided transportation for goods and travelers. Businesses were established and logging played a vital role in the area. Today Taylors Falls is home to approximately 1,031 residents.

WYOMING

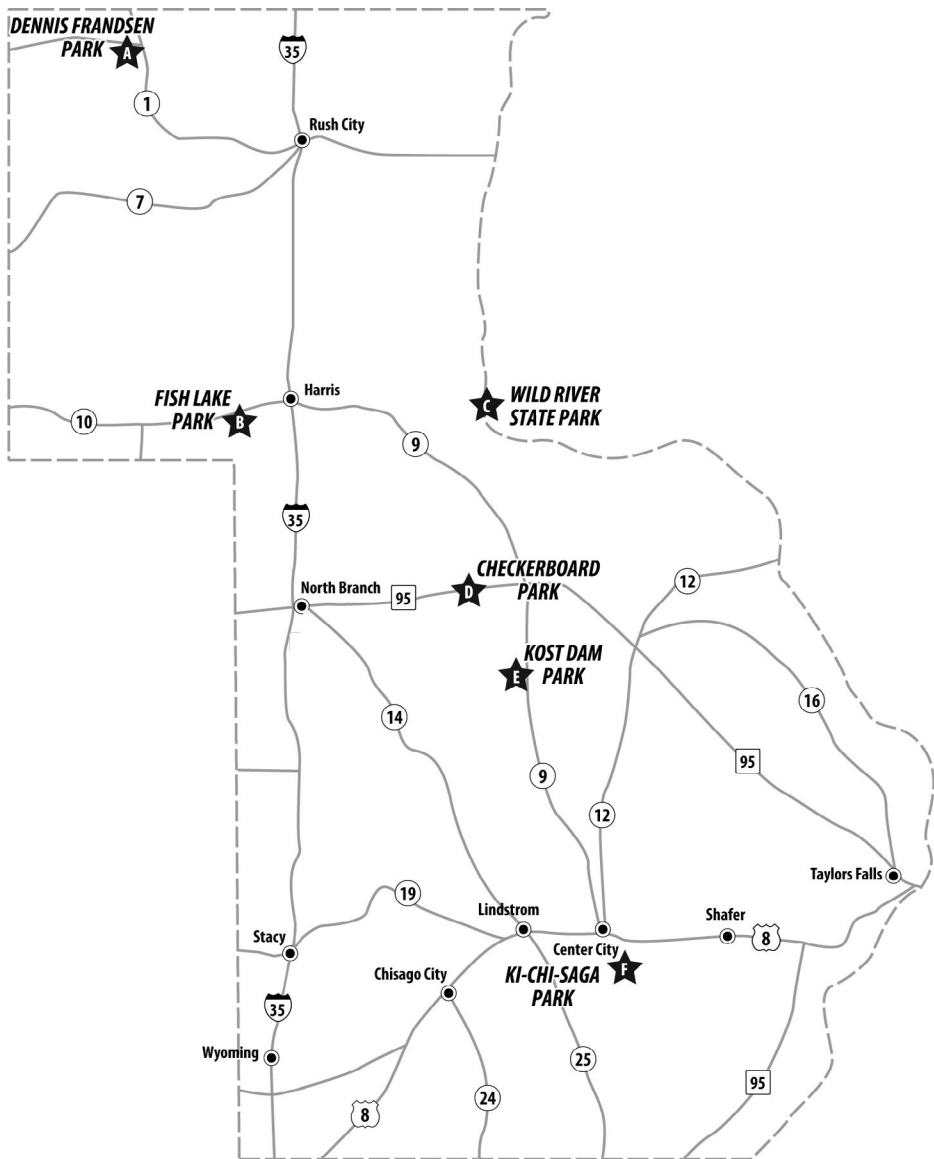
Wyoming was settled in 1855 and named after the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, from where many pioneers originated. The community was platted in 1869 and the development of the railroad provided growth. By 1915 Wyoming housed a hotel, bank, school, church, opera house and a baseball team and the community has continued to thrive. Today Wyoming is home to approximately 3,803 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 and energy.
-  **Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.**
-  **Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity.** Eyeglasses, household items, electronics and even vehicles can be accepted.
-  **Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges.** Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.
-  **Recycle your used batteries.** This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.
-  **Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters.** Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.
-  **Unplug any unused appliances.** Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.
-  **Bring your own lunch.** You'll avoid using non-recyclable 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.
-  **Be crafty.** Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and re-purpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.
-  **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 blackouts.

Chisago County Parks



Chisago County Parks

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|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Campground | Boat Launch | Playground Equipment |
| Picnic Area | Canoe Access | Volleyball Court |
| Electricity | Fishing Access | Softball Field |
| Historical Site | Swimming Beach/Pond | Horseshoe Pit |
| Restrooms | Recreational Trails | Disc Golf Course |

A DENNIS FRANDSEN PARK | 331 N Lake Dr. | Braham | 117 Acres



B FISH LAKE PARK | 43308 Elmcrest Ave. | Harris | 152 Acres



C WILD RIVER STATE PARK | 39797 Park Tr. | Center City | 6,803 Acres



D CHECKERBOARD PARK | 39000 Keystone Ave. | North Branch | 79 Acres



E KOST DAM PARK | 11535 Kost Dam Rd. | North Branch | 28 Acres



F KI-CHI-SAGA PARK | 29061 Ladder Blvd. | Lindstrom | 98 Acres



CHISAGO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

38871 7th Ave. | North Branch

County parks are open from 7AM to 10PM. Vehicle permits are required for Fish Lake Park. Contact the parks department for more information or for shelter reservations by calling: (651) 674-2345.

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39797 Park Trl. | Center City

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WYOMING CITGO/SHELL

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Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/13 - 02/23/14

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/11/13 - 02/23/14

LARGEMOUTH BASS*

05/11/13 - 02/23/14

SMALLMOUTH BASS*

(Catch & Release) 09/09/13 - 02/23/14

LAKE TROUT*

(BWCA) 12/29/12 - 03/31/13

(Outside BWCA) 01/12/13 - 03/31/13

05/11/13 - 09/30/14

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/13 - 03/31/13

(Catch & Release) Spring: 04/01/13 - 04/12/13

Summer: 05/11/13 - 10/31/13

Fall: 09/15/13 - 09/30/13

(All Lakes) 05/11/13 - 10/31/13

Muskie













06/01/13 - 12/01/13

Take-a-kid fishing weekend

06/07/13 - 06/09/13

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Common Fish Species

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



Boating Safety

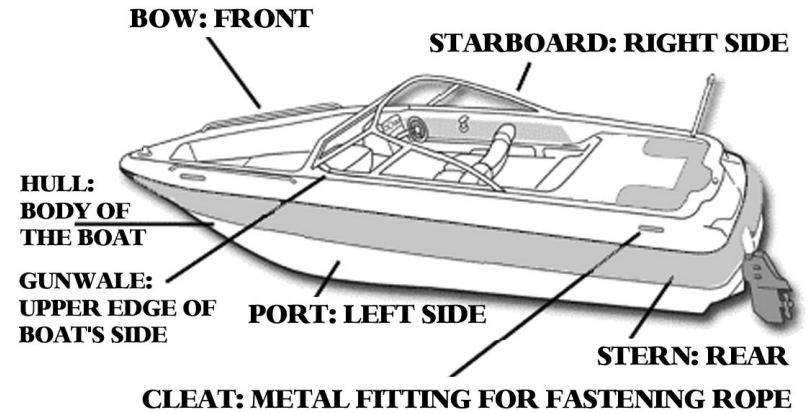
Operating Watercraft

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

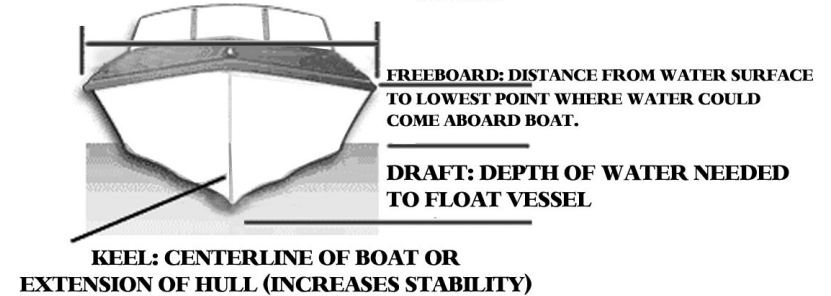
- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone 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.

Minnesota Hunting Seasons

For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157.

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas:

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

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

HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/19/13 - 03/13/14

(South) 10/19/13 - 03/15/14

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/13 - 04/30/13

(Early Canada Goose) 09/01/13 - 09/20/13

CROW

07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

(Archery) 09/14/13 - 12/31/13

(Youth) 10/17/13 - 10/20/13

(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/17/13 - 10/18/13

(Firearm 2A & 3A) 11/09/13 - 11/17/13

(Firearm 1A) 11/09/13 - 11/24/13

(Firearm 3B) 11/23/13 - 12/01/13

(Muzzleloader) 11/30/13 - 12/15/13

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/14/13 - 11/30/13

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GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/14/13 - 01/01/14

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 09/28/13 - 10/13/13

TURKEY

09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

(North) 10/26/13 - 04/30/14

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MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14

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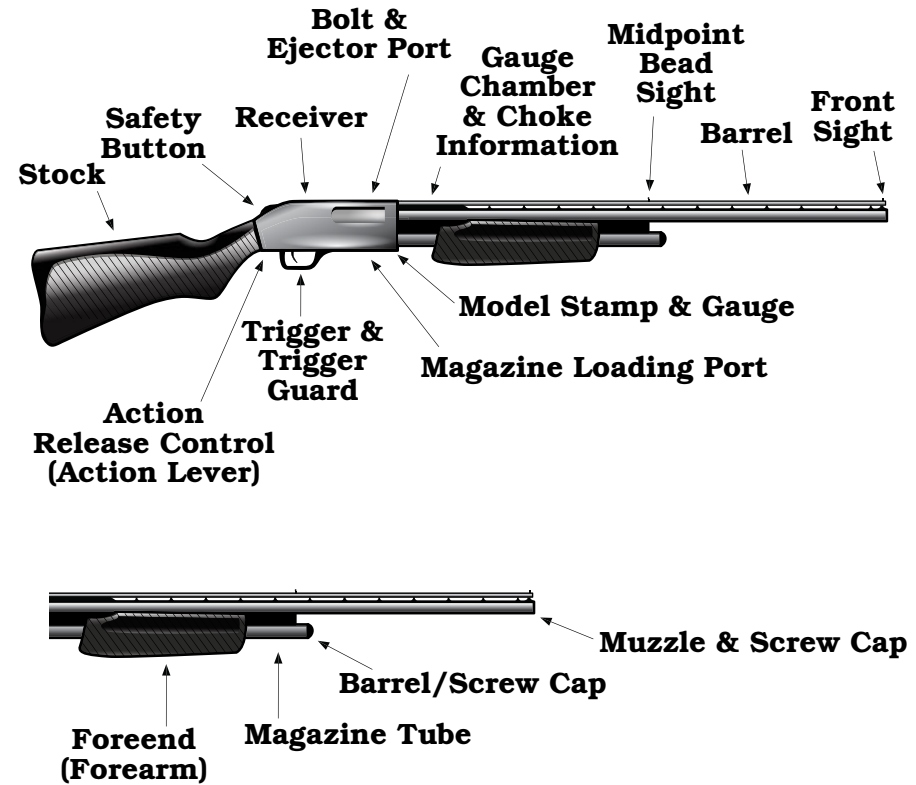
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Hunting Safety



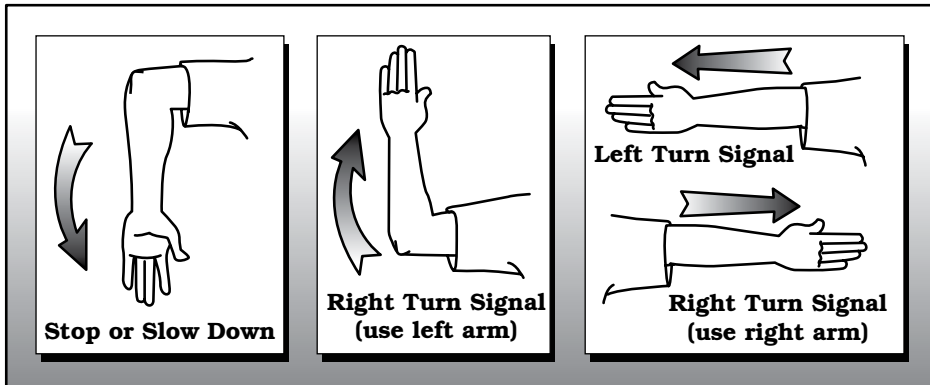
All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

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

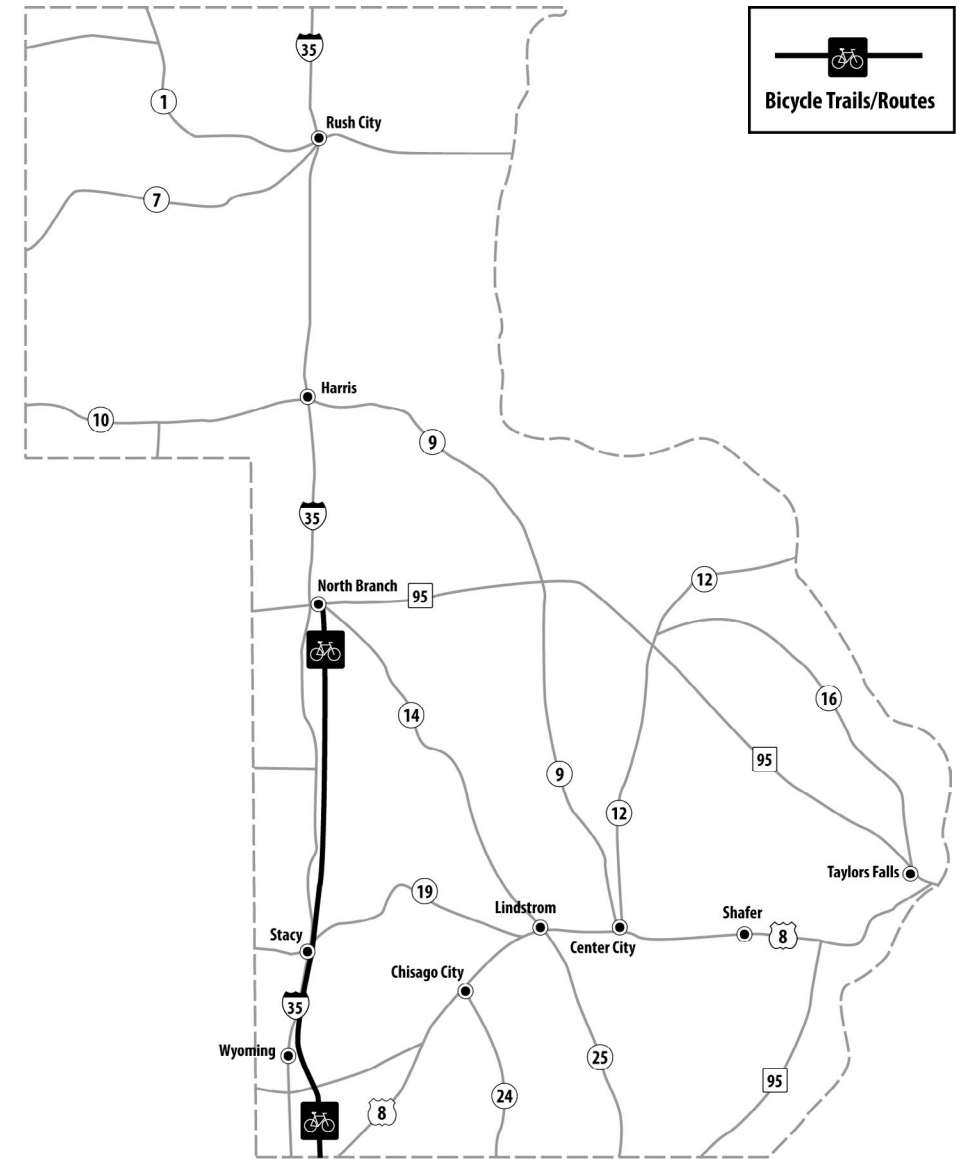
1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple 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.

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.



Sunrise Prairie Bicycle Trail



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.



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.

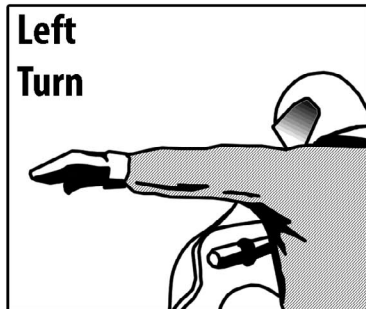
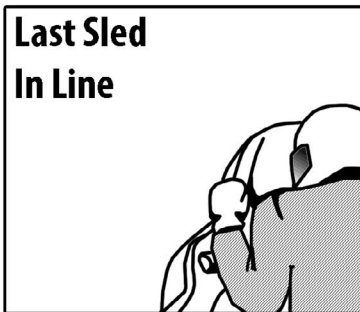
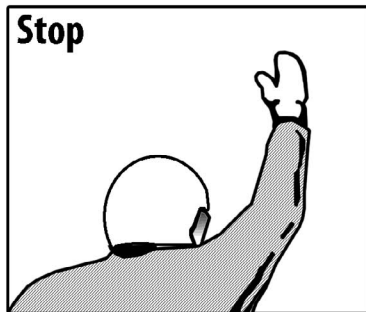
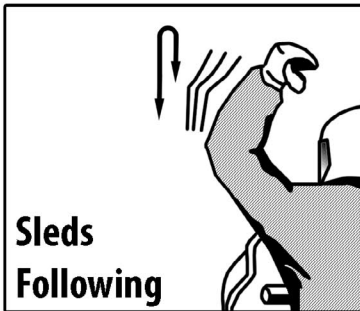
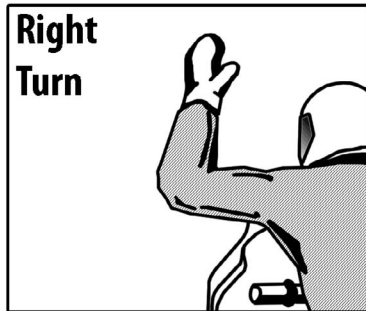
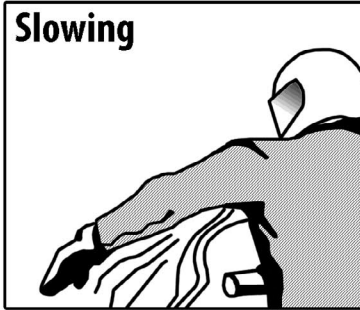
Common Trail Signs



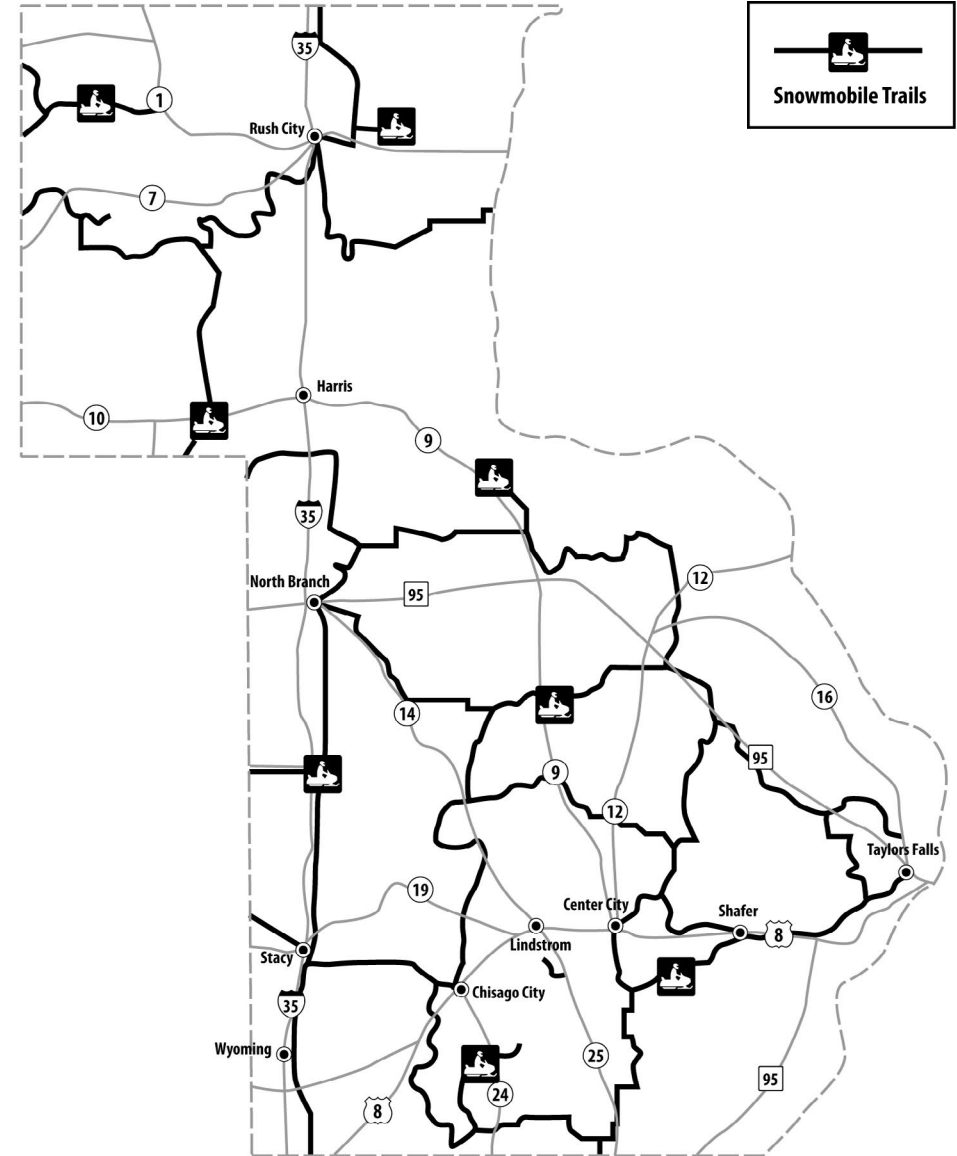
Snowmobile Safety

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.



Chisago County Snowmobile Trails



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.



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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**

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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

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