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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Annual Ice Fishing Tournament | Fairmont

MARCH

Farm & Home Show | Jackson

APRIL

Ceylon Community Day | Fairmont
Band Pops and Awards Concert | Fairmont

MAY

City-Wide Garage Sales | Jackson

JUNE

Interlaken Heritage Days | Fairmont
Wood Duck Festival | Fulda
SummerFest | Lakefield
Mountain Lake Pow Wow | Cottonwood
Sherburn Holiday Festival | Sherburn
Westbrook Fun Days | Westbrook
Riverfest | Windom
Triathlon | Fairmont
Lake Wilson Town & Country Days
Town & Country Days | Jackson
Days of '87 Celebration | Slayton

JULY

Jackson County Fair | Jackson
Rhythm of the River | Jackson
Okabena Fourth | Okabena
Trimont Chocolate Festival | Trimont
Truman Days | Fairmont
Annual Pork Masters Golf Outing | Fairmont
Crazy Days | Windom
Jeffers Outlaw Days | Jeffers

AUGUST

Martin County Fair | Fairmont
Corn Cob Open Golf Event | Jackson
Jackson Speedway Nationals | Jackson
Relay for Life | Jackson
Murray County Fair | Slayton
Prairie Day Parade | Slayton
Cottonwood County Fair | Windom

SEPTEMBER

Autumn Boutique | Slayton
Utschtallung | Mt. Lake
Prairie Winds Kite Festival | Jackson
Ladies Night Out | Fairmont
Giant Pumpkin Contest | Fairmont
Fall Family Fun (Sept-Oct) | Fairmont
Fort Belmont's Rendezvous | Jackson
Fall Fantasy Festival | Slayton

OCTOBER

Pumpkin Fest | Shetek
Spooky Path | Windom
Helicopter Rides | Fairmont

NOVEMBER

Holiday Fest | Lakefield

DECEMBER

Holiday Fest | Jackson
Santa Claus Day | Jeffers
Fairmont Glows Parade

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Court Services/Probation	831-2678
EMERGENCY	911
Emergency Management	832-8255
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Attorney.....	238-1594
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EMERGENCY	911
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Human Services	238-4757
Planning & Zoning	238-3242
Probation	238-3215
Recorder.....	238-3213
Sheriff	238-4481
Veterans Services	238-3220

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Environmental Services.....	836-1167
Extension Service..4H836-1144, AG836-1143	
Highway Department.....	836-6327
Planning & Zoning	836-1166
Recorder.....	836-1161
Sheriff.....	836-1186
Veterans Services.....	836-1169
County Administrator.....	836-1148
County Attorney.....	836-6541
Economic Development.....	836-6023
Licensing.....	836-1150
Parks/Fairground.....	836-1195
Recycling.....	836-6465
Health/Human Services.....	836-6144
Hospital.....	836-6111

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Court Services	847-5660
EMERGENCY	911
Environmental Services	847-2240
Family Services	847-4441
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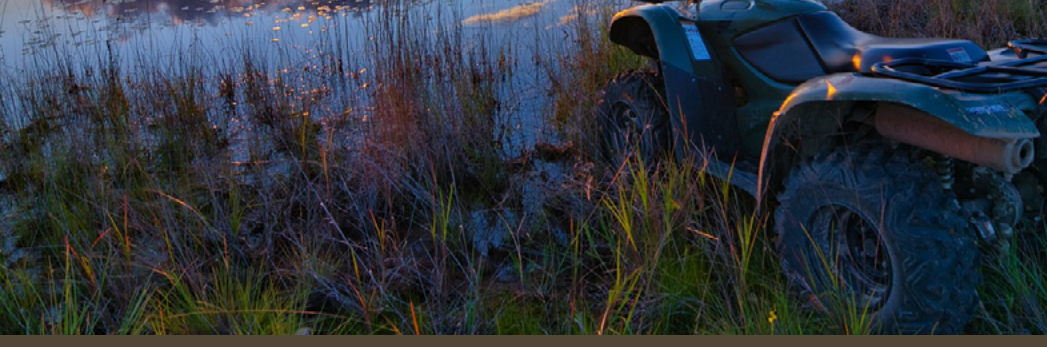
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Cottonwood County History

Cottonwood County Communities



Once occupied by Dakota Native Americans, Cottonwood County was settled in the 1850s. It was named after the nearby Cottonwood River where cottonwood trees thrived. Officially established in 1857, permanent settlement did not begin until after the Dakota Conflict in 1862. As the railroad arrived in 1871, Cottonwood County began to grow, develop and become organized. In 1872 Windom was voted as the County Seat and a small, rented wooden building served as county offices. Agriculture dominated early industry as wheat was a primary crop. Electricity arrived to Cottonwood County in 1938 and the area continued to grow as a farming community. Today Cottonwood County is home to approximately 11,283 residents.

CITIES:

- BINGHAM LAKE** - pop. 126
- COMFREY** - pop. 382
- JEFFERS** - pop. 369
- MOUNTAIN LAKE** - pop. 2,104
- STORDEN** - pop. 219
- WESTBROOK** - pop. 739
- WINDOM (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 4,646

TOWNSHIPS:

- AMBOY** - pop. 160
- AMO** - pop. 130
- ANN** - pop. 177
- CARSON** - pop. 286
- DALE** - pop. 143

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

- DELTON** - pop. 137
- GERMANTOWN** - pop. 209
- GREAT BEND** - pop. 289
- HIGHWATER** - pop. 157
- LAKESIDE** - pop. 236
- MIDWAY** - pop. 268
- MOUNTAIN LAKE** - pop. 414
- ROSE HILL** - pop. 175
- SELMA** - pop. 189
- SOUTHBROOK** - pop. 107
- SPRINGFIELD** - pop. 151
- STORDEN** - pop. 165
- WESTBROOK** - pop. 282

**Populations are approximate*

JEFFERS

Jeffers was originally home to Dakota Indians where petroglyphs can still be viewed. Settled in the late 1800s, Jeffers was named after local landowner George Jeffers. Located in Amboy Township, the community began to grow as the railroad arrived in 1871. Banks, general stores and a school were established, attracting new settlers. Today Jeffers is home to approximately 369 residents.

MOUNTAIN LAKE

Once home to Dakota Indians, Mountain Lake was first settled by William Mason, who named the area Mountain Lake after a large island in the nearby lake. As the railroad arrived, Mountain Lake was platted in 1871. Residents tried to turn the area into a lakeshore resort in the 1890s, but due to heavy construction and farming, Mountain Lake was drained. For over 40 years the lake remained dry until 1937 when a dam was built and the lake restored. Today Mountain Lake is home to approximately 2,104 residents.

WINDOM (COUNTY SEAT)

Windom was named after Minnesota Senator and Representative William Windom. By 1866, Windom was home to banks, a church, school and general stores. The community was voted as the county seat in 1872, beating Jeffers. Originally an agricultural center, Windom has developed a diverse economy and has become the transportation hub of Cottonwood County due to its proximity to the railroad, highways and Des Moines River. 2010 marked the 125th anniversary of the Windom Fire Department as residents and visitors celebrate Riverfest, a community festival. Today Windom is home to approximately 4,646 residents.

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Settled in the mid 1800s, Martin County was officially organized in 1857. The first post office in Martin County was established in 1858 in Fairmont. Named after Henry Martin, a Connecticut landowner, Martin County grew as an agricultural community. As the railroad arrived, Martin County continued to grow. Soon banks, schools and a cheese factory were thriving and Fairmont was voted as its county seat. By 1880 there were over 200 residents in Martin County and the area continued to develop and organize with communities establishing near railroads and nearby lakes and rivers. Today Martin County is home to approximately 20,435 residents.

CITIES:

CEYLON - pop. 372
DUNNELL - pop. 175
FAIRMONT (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 10,221
GRANADA - pop. 294
NORTHROP - pop. 237
ORMSBY - pop. 136
SHERBURN - pop. 1,019
TRIMONT - pop. 686
TRUMAN - pop. 1,172
WELCOME - pop. 678

TOWNSHIPS:

CEDAR - pop. 246
CENTER CREEK - pop. 256
EAST CHAIN - pop. 326
ELM CREEK - pop. 201

FAIRMONT (COUNTY SEAT)

Once home to Dakota Indians, Fairmont was first settled by E. Banks Hall and William H. Budd in 1857. The community was named after the nearby lakes and hills and was platted by the Watonwan Land Company. A post office was established by Budd in 1858 and the community continued to grow. Fort Fairmount was built in 1862 to defend against Indians and settlement slowed. As the railroad arrived in 1878, Fairmont began to thrive and the community was voted as the county seat. Today Fairmont is home to approximately 10,221 residents.

SHERBURN

Once a stagecoach stop, Sherburn was settled in 1878 as railroad lines were built. A post office was built and the community was first known as Lone Cedar. As the railroad station was named Sherburn after Sherburne S. Merrill, railroad general manager, the community was renamed Sherburn. Today Sherburn is home to approximately 1,019 residents.

TRUMAN

First settled in 1857 along Elm Creek, Truman was platted in 1880. It was named after Truman Whited who surveyed the community. By 1899 a school, general and hardware stores were established and a post office was constructed. Truman was officially incorporated in 1900 and was home to 214 residents. By 1910 a creamery, saloons, grain elevators, photography studio and newspaper were thriving. Today Truman is home to approximately 1,172 residents.

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

FAIRMONT - pop. 281
FOX LAKE - pop. 274
FRASER - pop. 294
GALENA - pop. 225
JAY - pop. 256
LAKE BELT - pop. 226
LAKE FREMONT - pop. 168
MANYASKA - pop. 318
NASHVILLE - pop. 223
PLEASANT PRAIRIE - pop. 260
ROLLING GREEN - pop. 282
RUTLAND - pop. 446
SILVER LAKE - pop. 464
TENHASSEN - pop. 239
WAVERLY - pop. 233
WESTFORD - pop. 313

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Murray County History

Murray County Communities



Once home to Dakota Native Americans, settlers began to arrive to Murray County in 1831. A trading post was built by the American Fur Company in 1833 and the area began to grow. Officially organized in 1857, Murray County was named after William Pitt Murray, a local government official. As the railroad arrived, settlement of Slayton and neighboring villages began and in 1889, Slayton was voted as the county seat after a heated battle with nearby Currie. By 1925 local businesses were thriving and the area remained an agricultural community. Today Murray County is home to approximately 8,389 residents.

CITIES:

- AVOCA** - pop. 130
- CHANDLER** - pop. 239
- CURRIE** - pop. 198
- DOVRAY** - pop. 57
- FULDA** - pop. 1,196
- HADLEY** - pop. 70
- IONA** - pop. 155
- LAKE WILSON** - pop. 232
- SLAYTON (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 2,021
- THE LAKES CDP** - pop. 619

TOWNSHIPS:

- BELFAST** - pop. 186
- BONDIN** - pop. 281
- CAMERON** - pop. 148
- CHANARAMBIE** - pop. 213

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

- DES MOINES RIVER** - pop. 174
- DOVRAY** - pop. 159
- ELLSBOROUGH** - pop. 190
- FENTON** - pop. 200
- HOLLY** - pop. 167
- IONA** - pop. 186
- LAKE SARAH** - pop. 320
- LEEDS** - pop. 225
- LIME LAKE** - pop. 212
- LOWVILLE** - pop. 168
- MASON** - pop. 263
- MOULTON** - pop. 230
- MURRAY** - pop. 191
- SHETEK** - pop. 288
- SKANDIA** - pop. 166
- SLAYTON** - pop. 310

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CURRIE

Currie was first settled by Archibald and Neil Currie in 1872 and the community was named in their honor. The Currie's built a flour mill and businesses soon followed. Development slowed as Currie lost the battle for the county seat. Today Currie is home to approximately 198 residents.

FULDA

Settled in the 1870s, Fulda was platted in 1879 near Seven Mile Lake. Named after a German town, Fulda began as an agricultural community. By 1881 Fulda was home to over 10 businesses and the community continued to grow. Known as the "Home of the Wood Duck" due to the high amount of migrating wood ducks, Fulda celebrates an annual Wood Duck Festival every June. Today Fulda is home to approximately 1,196 residents.

SLAYTON (COUNTY SEAT)

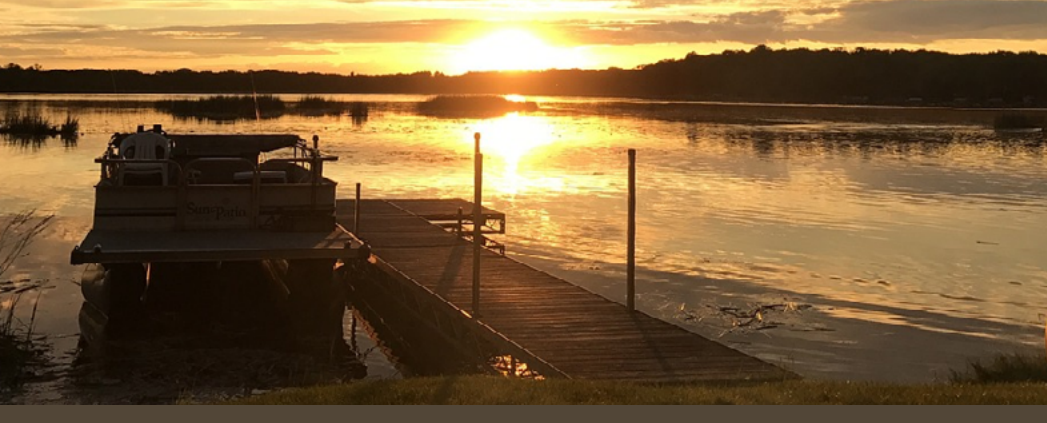
Slayton was settled in the 1870s as a train station on the St. Paul Sioux City Railroad. Land was purchased in 1881 by Charles Wesley Slayton, a railroad land agent. The community was named in his honor and Slayton was platted as a village. In 1887 Slayton was incorporated and the area began to grow. Slayton was voted as the county seat and is known as the Hub City of southwestern Minnesota due to its proximity to major highways. Today Slayton is home to approximately 2,021 residents.

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Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also an inexpensive sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.

Jackson County History

Jackson County Communities



Originally home to Dakota Native Americans, Jackson County was officially established in 1857 and named after Henry Jackson, a Minnesota legislature member and St. Paul merchant. In 1864 Fort Belmont was constructed by settlers to defend against Indian uprisings and as a result, settlement of the county was slow. The community of Jackson was voted as the county seat and residents constructed their homes out of prairie sod and local timber. As the railroad arrived, Jackson County began to grow and churches, schools and businesses were thriving. Today Jackson County is home to approximately 10,734 residents.

CITIES:

- ALPHA** - pop. 116
- HERON LAKE** - pop. 733
- JACKSON (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 3,305
- LAKEFIELD** - pop. 1,626
- OKABENA** - pop. 169
- WILDER** - pop. 66

TOWNSHIPS:

- ALBA** - pop. 195
- BELMONT** - pop. 217
- CHRISTIANIA** - pop. 318
- DELAFIELD** - pop. 271
- DES MOINES** - pop. 260
- ENTERPRISE** - pop. 198

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

- EWINGTON** - pop. 226
- HERON LAKE** - pop. 384
- HUNTER** - pop. 249
- KIMBALL** - pop. 156
- LA CROSSE** - pop. 176
- MIDDLETOWN** - pop. 235
- PETERSBURG** - pop. 259
- ROST** - pop. 242
- ROUND LAKE** - pop. 196
- SIOUX VALLEY** - pop. 261
- WEIMER** - pop. 163
- WEST HERON** - pop. 196
- WISCONSIN** - pop. 255

**Populations are approximate*

HERON LAKE

Heron Lake was founded in 1871 as a railroad stop, settled by John T. Smith and C. H. Carrol. Heron Lake was platted in 1872. General stores, saloons, hotels, specialty shops, a lumberyard, warehouse and photograph gallery were established and the community began to grow. By 1875 Heron Lake's population reached almost 100. Heron Lake was the first community in Jackson County to have a hospital in 1903. Brick laying and agriculture dominated early industry and the population grew dramatically to 803 in 1910. Today Heron Lake is home to approximately 733 residents.

JACKSON (COUNTY SEAT)

The first settlers to arrive to Jackson were Indiana natives William, George and Charles Wood in 1856. A trading post was built and the community was originally named Springfield due to the nearby streams and river. An Indian uprising in 1857 left the area deserted and until a fort was built in 1865 and Jackson was voted the county seat. Jackson began to grow, develop and thrive as the railroad arrived. Today Jackson is home to approximately 3,305 residents.

LAKEFIELD

Once home to Dakota Indians, Lakefield was settled in the late 1850s. It began as an agricultural community and as the railroad arrived, Lakefield began to grow and develop. By 1900, banks, general stores, grain elevator and a school were established. The community celebrates the annual SummerFest each Father's Day. Today Lakefield is home to approximately 1,626 residents.

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MARTIN COUNTY

BRIGHT LAKE PARK

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CEDAR-HANSON PARK

691 215th St. | Trimont | (507) 236-4693
Located on 80 acres near Cedar Lake, Cedar-Hanson Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelters with grills, swimming beach, sand volleyball court, softball field and hiking trails.

KLESSIG PARK

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Located on 10 acres near Iowa Lake, Klessig Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and a swimming beach.

PERCH LAKE PARK

2164 200th Ave. | Truman | (507) 236-4693
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TIMBERLANE PARK

191 Cottonwood Rd. | Fairmont | (507) 236-4693
Located on 50 acres near South Silver Lake, Timberlane Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and hiking trails.

WOLTER PARK

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Located near East Chain Lake, Wolter Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and a swimming beach.

MURRAY COUNTY

CORABELLE PARK

1316 16th St. | Iona | (507) 836-6148
Located near Corabelle Lake, Corabelle Park features a boat launch, fishing dock and a picnic shelter.

END-O-LINE RAILROAD PARK

440 Mill St. N | Currie | (507) 763-3708
End-O-Line Railroad Park features a picnic area, playground equipment and a railroad museum.

FORMAN ACRES

Co. Rd. 37 | Currie | (507) 836-6148
Located near Lake Shetek, Forman Acres features a boat launch, fishing dock and picnic areas.

LAKE SARAH EAST

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JACKSON COUNTY

ANDERSON PARK

71816 475th Ave. | Jackson | (507) 847-2525
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COMMUNITY POINT

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SANDY POINT PARK

850th St. | Jackson | (507) 847-2525
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HUNTING

Bear
08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer
09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger
10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat
12/14/24 - 01/19/25
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Opossum
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse
09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

Pheasant
10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger
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10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat
12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

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- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.

Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.  **HAPPY HUNTING!**

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FISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauge 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23

1, minimum size 54"

Largemouth and smallmouth bass

in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

Largemouth and smallmouth bass

in the rest of the state

5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

Largemouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

Smallmouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24

Catch-and-release only

Crappie Continuous 10

Sunfish Continuous 20

Rock Bass Continuous 30

White Bass Continuous 30

Channel Catfish Continuous 5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

Flathead Catfish 4/1/23 - 11/30/23

2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

Perch

Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

Bullhead Continuous 100

Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot Continuous, No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50.

Smelt Continuous No limit

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Paddlefish No open season

Longnose and Shortnose Gar

Continuous 10 combined

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YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do
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Invasive:

- Fish
- Invertebrates
- Aquatic Plants



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KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

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- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
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- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

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.



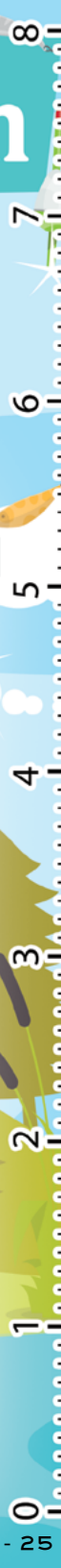
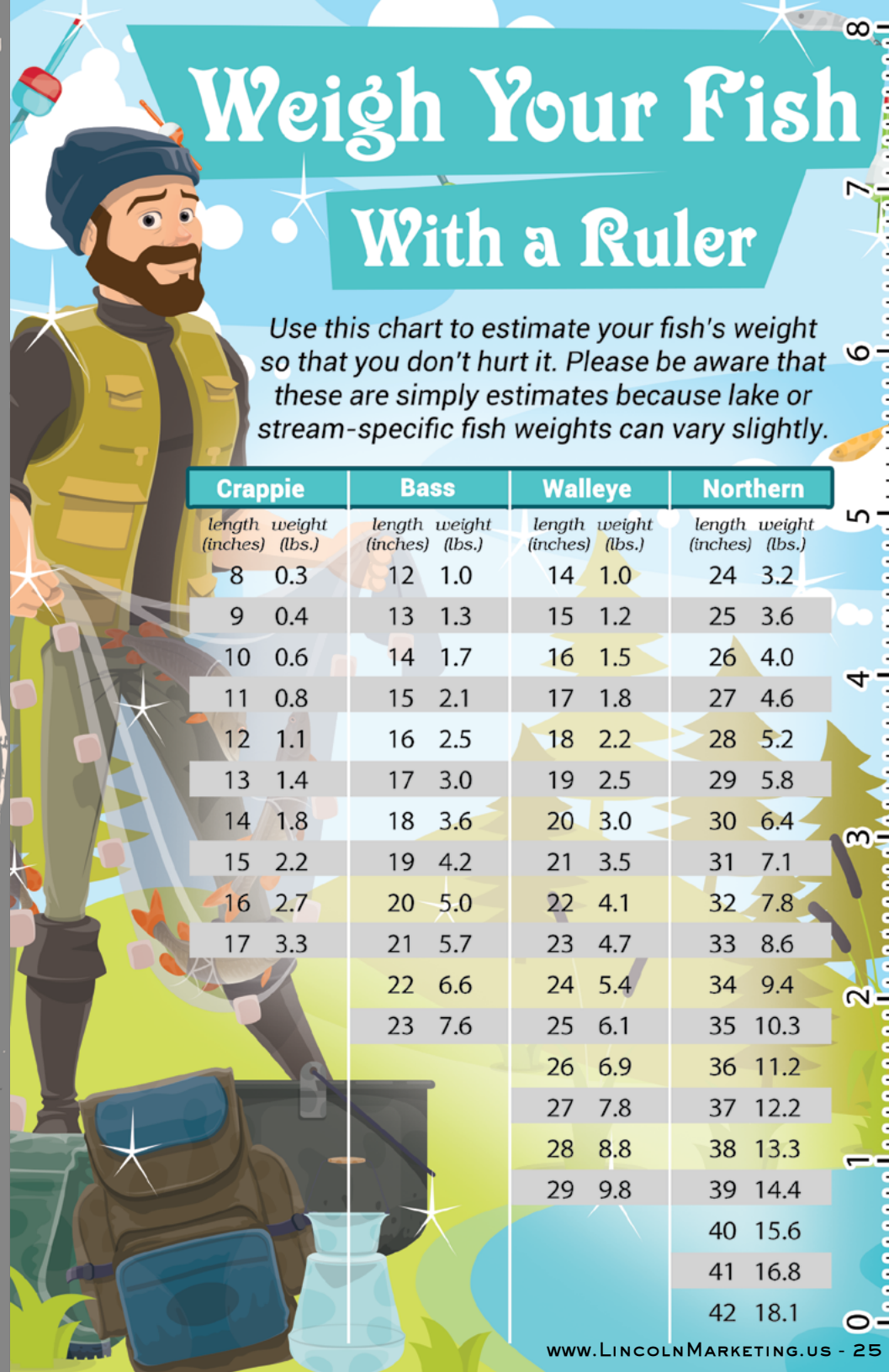
By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Weigh Your Fish

With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple *meal* with a *Gourmet* Feel

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 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.



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

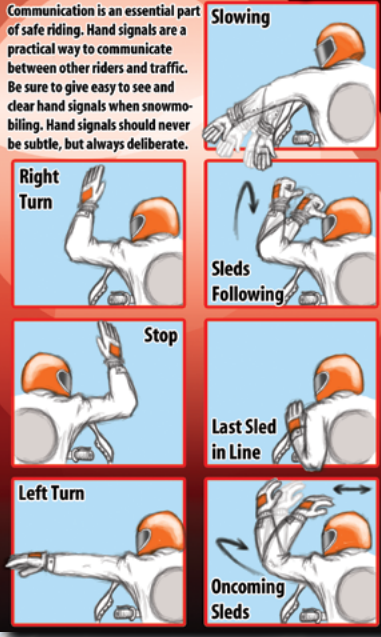
Read the owner's manual

- 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

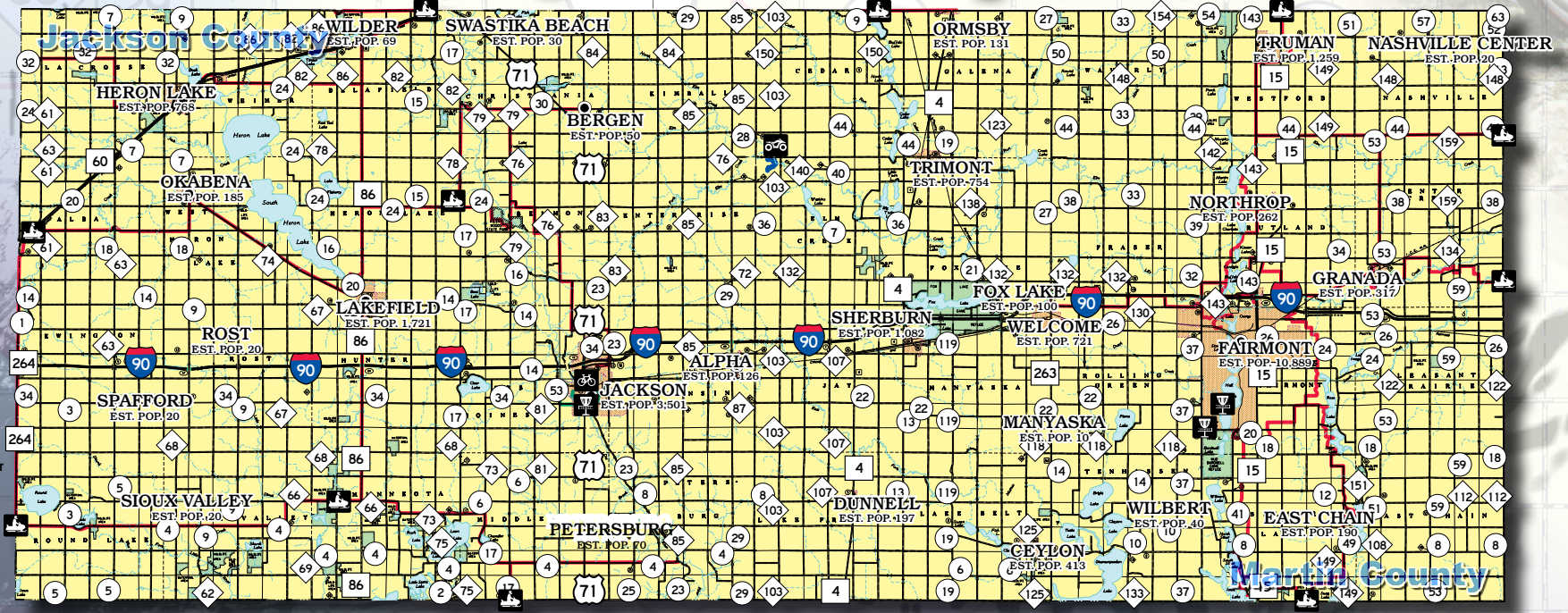
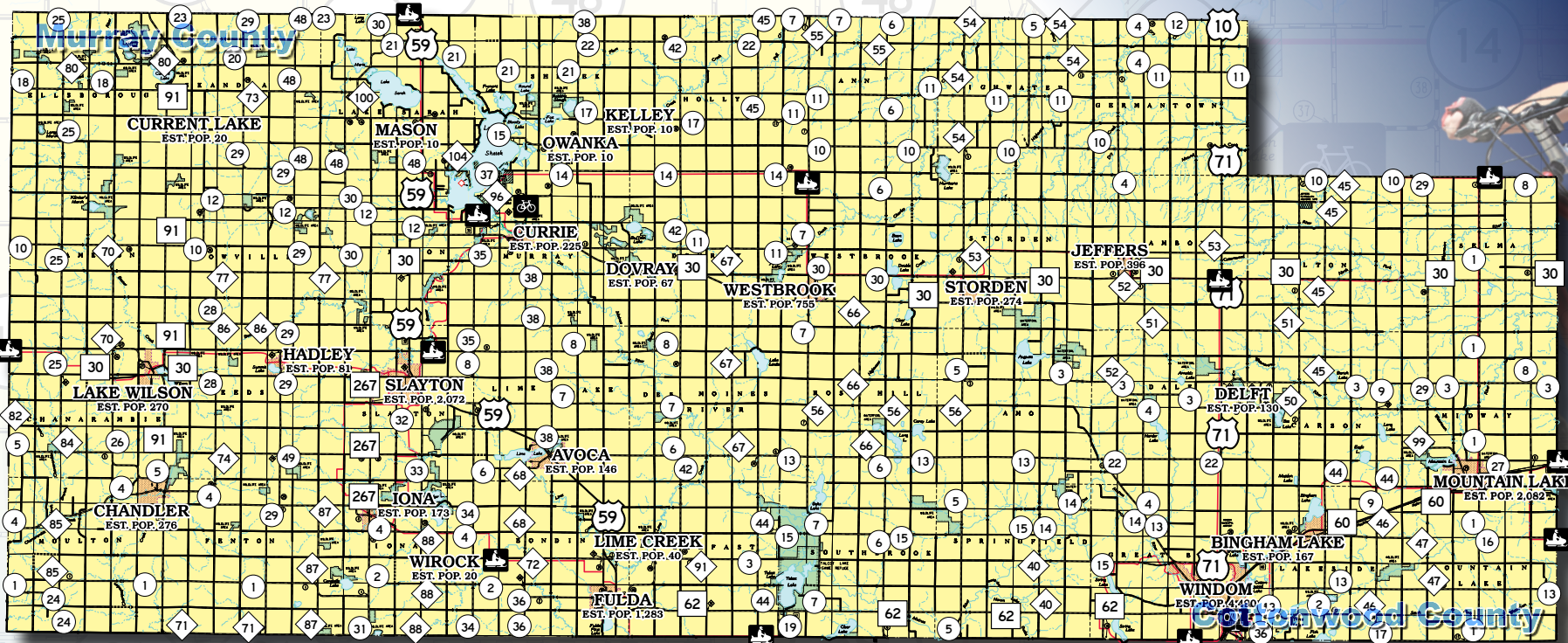
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.





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.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



-  Snowmobile Trail
-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  ATV Trail
-  Disc Golf Course Locator

MINNESOTA

Bike Service Stations

 Bike Service Station
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GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



- Community/Home Gardens:** Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.
- Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.
- Plant Trees:** Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.
- Local Food:** Buy local sustainable food.
- Clean-Up Events:** Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.
- Upcycle Crafts:** Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



So, You want to adopt a dog...BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.

- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Cross country skiing is a great way to stay in shape throughout winter. It provides an excellent aerobic exercise while also strengthening your legs, arms and core muscles. During a classic cross country skiing adventure you can burn around 600 calories per hour while traveling at around 3mph. On top of the health benefits, it's fun to do and lets you get outside to enjoy the snowy months.

There are two main types of cross country skiing, classic and skate. Classic is more traditional and involves pushing off each ski parallel to one another. Skate skiing requires pushing off each ski in a V pattern like ice-skating.

If you are just learning, you may want to start off on some of the easier trails in your area. These trails tend to be maintained better and have smaller hills.

Before investing money into equipment, check your area for trails with a rental shop. That way you can give it a try to see if it is a winter activity you enjoy.



Skate Style

Classic Style

Shop • Dine
Play • Stay

LOCALLY



...and
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community you live in!