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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

Independent Short Film Festival | Brainerd Scorpion Homecoming | Crosby Dog Derby | Crosslake Winterfest | Crosslake Cuyuna Range Ice Fishing Contest Fishing for Ducks | Garrison Garrison Ice Race Weekend Ski and Board-a-thon | Nisswa Winter Jubilee | Nisswa

MARCH

Snowmobile Snow Cross | Brainerd St. Patrick's Day Parade | Brainerd & Cross Lake Polar Bear Plunge | Breezy Point Gull Lake Frozen Fore Winter Festival | Nisswa

APRIL

Garden Expo | Brainerd Run For The Lakes | Brainerd

MAY

Family YMCA Charity Ball | Brainerd Spring Arts and Craft Festival | Brainerd Street Car Showdown | Brainerd NHRA Divisional Race | Brainerd

JUNE

Chump Car World Series | Brainerd
Soap Box Derby | Brainerd
Sporting Clays Summer Fling | Brainerd
Struthers/Pohlkamp Softball Tourn. | Brainerd
Pelican Lake Fishing Contest | Breezy Point
Emily Days Celebration
Family Fun Day | Fifty Lakes
WOW Festival | Fort Ripley
Nisswa Stamman Scandinavian Festival
Pequot Lakes Cherry Car Show
Pine River Summerfest
Celtic Festival | St. Mathias
Summer Solstice Celebration | St. Mathias

JULY

Fourth of July Celebration | Crow Wing County Babe's Benefit Rally | Brainerd Battle of the Bands | Brainerd Crazee Daze | Brainerd Men's Softball Tournament | Brainerd Show & Go-Drag Racing & Car Show | Brainerd Yikes! Bikes! Bike Ride | Brainerd Grandpa's Run for the Walleye | Crosslake Night Under the Stars | Crosslake **Garrison Play Days** Mission Township Fire Fair Freedom Days Parade | Nisswa Majestic Pines Art Festival | Nisswa Arts & Crafts Fair | Pequot Lakes Bean Hole Days | Pequot Lakes Crazy Dayz | Pequot Lakes

Local Area Events

AUGUST

Crow Wing County Fair | Brainerd
Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals | Brainerd
Butterfly Release | Breezy Point
Swanson Melanoma Golf Tourn. | Breezy Point
Centennial Celebration | Crosby
Artisans Fair | Crosslake
Fire Department Car Show | Crosslake
Summerfest | Deerwood Township
Crazy Days | Nisswa
Chokecherry Festival | Pequot Lakes

SEPTEMBER

Coca-Cola Muscle Car Shootout | Brainerd
Cowboy & Hobo Days Music Festival | Brainerd
Frisbee Golf Tourn. | Brainerd
Brainerd Outdoors Expo
Scrubs Tournament | Brainerd
Women's Expo | Crosby
Fall Arts & Crafts Show | Crosby
Crosslake Days
Woodtick Scramble | Cuyuna
Fall Festival | Nisswa
Taste of Pequot | Pequot Lakes

OCTOBER

Art Crawl | Brainerd
Fall Arts & Crafts Festival | Brainerd
Great Pumpkin Festival | Brainerd
Oktoberfest | Deerwood Township
Fall Festival | Mission Township
Haunted Hayride | Mission Township

NOVEMBER

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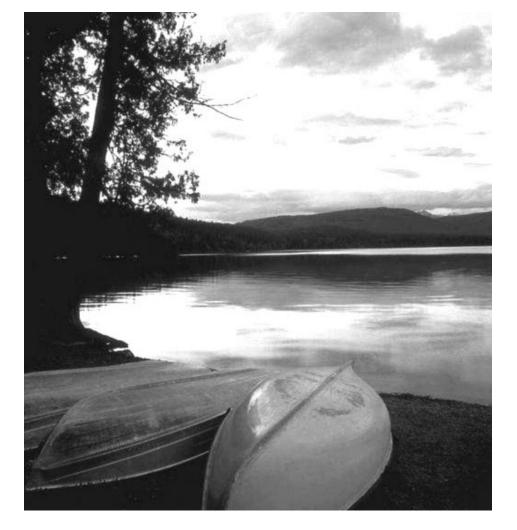


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Crow Wing County History (Brainerd, County Seat)

The area was first inhabited by Ojibwe Indians as fur trading posts were established along riverbanks. Ample timber and natural resources attracted lumbermen and miners and settlements were founded. Crow Wing County was established in 1857 and named after the Crow River. Businesses were formed to meet the growing needs of residents and settlements became towns. As the railroad was constructed and iron ore deposits were discovered, Crow Wing County began to grow dramatically from a population of 14,250 in 1900, to 24,627 in 1920. Brainerd was selected as the county seat and the area continues to thrive, attracting a variety of tourists. Today Crow Wing County is home to approximately 62,172 residents.

Crow Wing County Communities

CITIES:

BAXTER – pop. 8,271

BRAINERD (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 13,691

BREEZY POINT – pop. 1,614

CROSBY – *pop. 2,243*

CROSSLAKE – *pop. 2,108*

CUYUNA – *pop. 273*

DEERWOOD – *pop. 573*

EMILY – pop. 991

FIFTY LAKES — pop. 421

FORT RIPLEY – pop. 73

GARRISON - pop. 213

IRONTON – *pop. 528*

JENKINS – *pop.* 403

MANHATTAN BEACH – pop. 52

NISSWA – *pop. 2,110*

PEQUOT LAKES – pop. 1,925

RIVERTON – *pop.* 106

TROMMALD – *pop.* 129

TOWNSHIPS:

BAY LAKE – *pop. 972*

CROW WING – *pop.* 1,403

DAGGETT BROOK – pop. 638

DEERWOOD – *pop. 1,357*

FAIRFIELD – pop. 347

FORT RIPLEY – pop. 680

GAIL LAKE – pop. 126

GARRISON – *pop.* 796

IDEAL – *pop.* 991

IRONDALE – *pop.* 1,240

JENKINS – pop. 451

LAKE EDWARDS – *pop.* 1,995

LITTLE PINE – pop. 151

LONG LAKE – *pop.* 1,163

MAPLE GROVE — pop. 830

MISSION – *pop.* 796

NOKAY – *pop.* 840

OAK LAWN – *pop. 1,735*

PELICAN – *pop.* 419

PERRY LAKE – pop. 341

PLATTE LAKE – pop. 437

RABBIT LAKE – pop. 442

ROOSEVELT – *pop. 591*

ROSS LAKE – *pop.* 163

SIBLEY – *pop. 855*

ST. MATHIAS – *pop.* 669

TIMOTHY – *pop. 227*

WOLFORD – *pop.* 326

*Populations are approximate.

Crow Wing County Communities

BAXTER

Baxter was named in honor of Luther Loren Baxter, an attorney for the Northern Pacific Company, colonel, senator and judge. As the railroad was built, Baxter grew dramatically and the community was incorporated in 1939. Early industry included agriculture, but is now based on tourism. Today Baxter is home to approximately 8,271 residents.

BRAINERD (COUNTY SEAT)

Brainerd was established in 1870 by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The community was first known as "The Crossing," until 1873 when it was renamed in honor of Anna Eliza Brainerd Smith, wife of the railway president. As the area began to grow, Brainerd became a transportation hub and center for timber products. It was selected as the county seat and the area has grown as a major tourist destination. Today Brainerd is home to approximately 13,691 residents.



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BREEZY POINT

Located in Pelican Township, Breezy Point was first known as Pelican Lake. In the 1920s, Breezy Point Resort was founded and due to a misplaced furniture order and postal confusion, the resort owners petitioned to change the town name to Breezy Point. In 1970 the name was officially changed to Breezy Point and the area has become a haven for recreational enthusiasts. Today Breezy Point is home to approximately 1,614 residents.

CROSBY

Located on the Cuyuna Iron Range, Crosby was established as a mining town in the late 1800s and named after iron mine manager George H. Crosby. As mines were closed, industry became based on tourism, with a variety of attractions including the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Today Crosby is home to approximately 2,243 residents.

CROSSLAKE

Located in Watertown Township, Crosslake was settled in the mid 1800s as pioneers were attracted to the ample natural resources. A post office was established in 1894 and the community has grown steadily, incorporating in 1959. Today Crosslake is home to approximately 2,108 residents.

CUYUNA

Settled as a mining town, Cuyuna was platted in 1908. The community was named in honor of Cuyler Adams, a local miner, developer and prospector, and his dog, Una. By 1910 the population had reached 1,000. As mines began to close, its population began to decline. Today Cuyuna is home to approximately 273 residents.

DEERWOOD

First recognized as Withington, Deerwood was settled in the late 1800s and is the oldest community on the Cuyuna Iron Range. Due to postal confusion with Worthington, MN, the community was renamed Deerwood after the plentiful white tail deer found throughout the area. As the railroad was constructed, the community became a transportation hub and continued to grow. Today Deerwood is home to approximately 573 residents.

EMILY

Settled in the late 1800s by loggers and lumbermen, Emily bears the same name as its nearby lake. A multitude of lakes and ample timber attracted residents and the community has become a popular recreational area. Today Emily is home to approximately 991 residents.

Crow Wing County Communities

FIFTY LAKES

Located in Allen Township, Fifty Lakes was platted in 1863 and was named in honor of the many lakes located in the area. A post office was established in 1926 and the community was incorporated in 1949. As almost two thirds of Fifty Lakes is county and state land, making this area a haven for recreational enthusiasts. Today Fifty Lakes is home to approximately 421 residents.

FORT RIPLEY

Located near the Mississippi River, Fort Ripley was named in honor of General Eleazar W. Ripley, a congressman and general who served during the War of 1812. Established as a railway village, Fort Ripley is located near Camp Ripley, a training facility for the Minnesota National Guard and the Minnesota State Patrol. Today Fort Ripley is home to approximately 73 residents.

GARRISON

Garrison was settled in the late 1800s and named after local surveyor, explorer and civil engineer Oscar E. Garrison in 1882. Located near Mille Lacs Lake, the community has become a popular year-round fishing area. Today Garrison is home to approximately 213 residents.

IRONTON

Located near the Cuyuna Iron Range, Ironton was established as a mining and railway town. Platted by John H. Hill and E. A. Lamb in 1910, businesses were founded to meet the needs of local miners and Ironton began to grow with construction of the railroad. As mines began to close, industry has shifted to tourism and forestry. Today Ironton is home to approximately 528 residents.

JENKINS

Named in honor of George W. Jenkins, a local lumber baron, the community was settled in the late 1800s. As the railroad arrived in 1895, Jenkins continued to grow and a post office was established. By 1900 the community housed hotels, restaurants, general stores and specialty shops. Jenkins was incorporated in 1969 and continues to thrive. Today Jenkins is home to approximately 403 residents.

MANHATTAN BEACH

Manhattan Beach was settled in the late 1800s as pioneers were attracted to the ample natural resources of nearby lakes. A post office was established in 1939 and the community was incorporated in 1941. Today Manhattan Beach is home to approximately 52 residents.

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NISSWA

Nisswa, an Ojibwe name for "in the middle," was settled in the late 1800s and first known as Hill's Crossing. The community was platted by Leon E. Lum, an attorney who also served as the area's first postmaster. Nisswa's proximity to thirteen lakes has made this area a popular recreational destination. Today Nisswa is home to approximately 2,110 residents.

PEQUOT LAKES

Settled in the late 1800s, the Pequot Lakes area was first known as Sibley and then Frogtown. A post office was established in 1896 and as the railroad was constructed, the area began to grow. The community was platted by Walter and Flora Brown in 1900 and renamed Pequot Lakes after an east coast Indian tribe. Located near the Paul Bunyan Trail, it is known as the home for Paul Bunyan's fishing bobber and chair. Today Pequot Lakes is home to approximately 1,925 residents.

RIVERTON

Riverton was established as a mining community in the late 1800s. A school was built in 1897 and the area grew dramatically as the Williams-Carlson Ore Company was founded. Businesses were established to meet the needs of the miners and by 1913 Riverton's population had reached 780. As mines began to close, development began to slow. Today Riverton is home to approximately 106 residents.

TROMMALD

Located in Wolford Township, Trommald was founded as a mining community and named in honor of A.G. Trommald, a county official. A post office was established in 1917 and Trommald was incorporated. As mines were closed, growth slowed and the area has become popular with recreational enthusiasts. Today Trommald is home to approximately 129 residents.

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09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK

09/24/11 - 11/07/11

MOOSE

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

TURKEY

10/01/11 - 10/30/11

PHEASANT

10/15/11 - 01/01/12

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/22/11 - 10/26/11

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN

11/26/11 - 12/04/11

10/29/11 - 04/30/12

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

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

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

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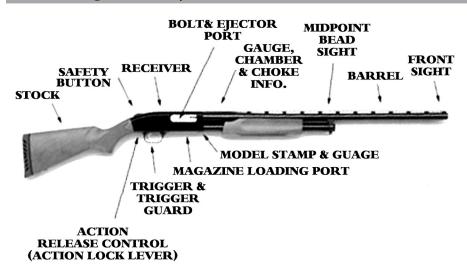
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BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

11/26/11 - 01/07/12

Hunting Safety





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

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

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

Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

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

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

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

LARGEMOUTH BASS

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

SMALLMOUTH BASS

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

LAKE TROUT

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

STREAM TROUT

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

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06/05/11 - 12/01/11

TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND

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

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/07/11 - 05/08/11

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

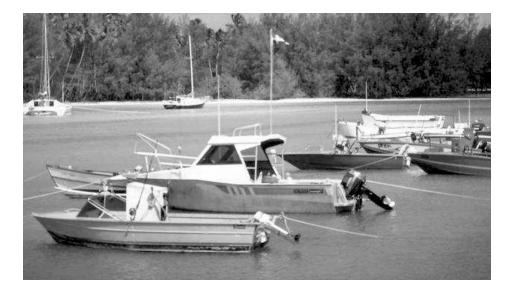


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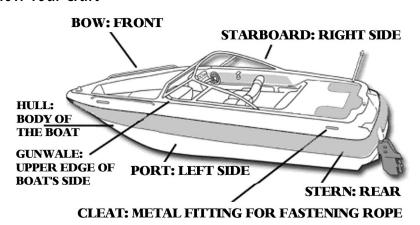
Operating Watercraft

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

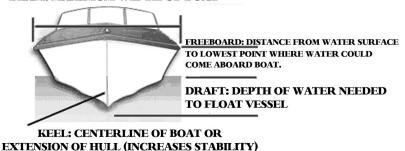
- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone 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 enqines 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 age21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.

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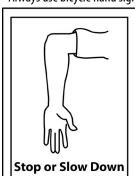
ATV Safety

- 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.

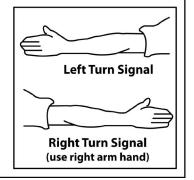


Bicycle Safety

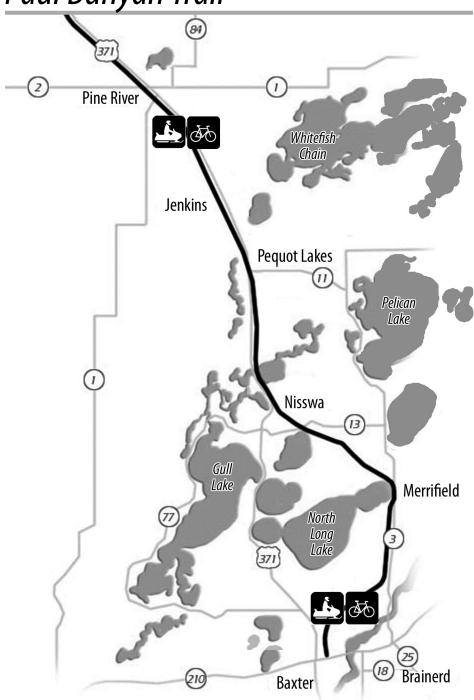
- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly
 and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with 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.







Paul Bunyan Trail



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

































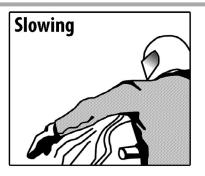


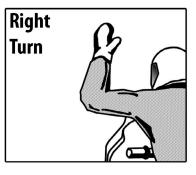


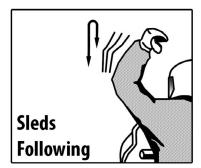
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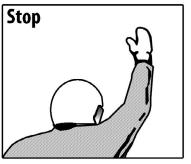
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

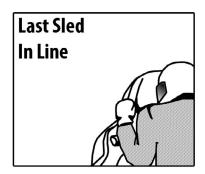
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

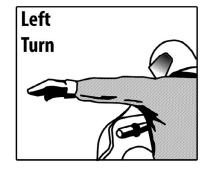






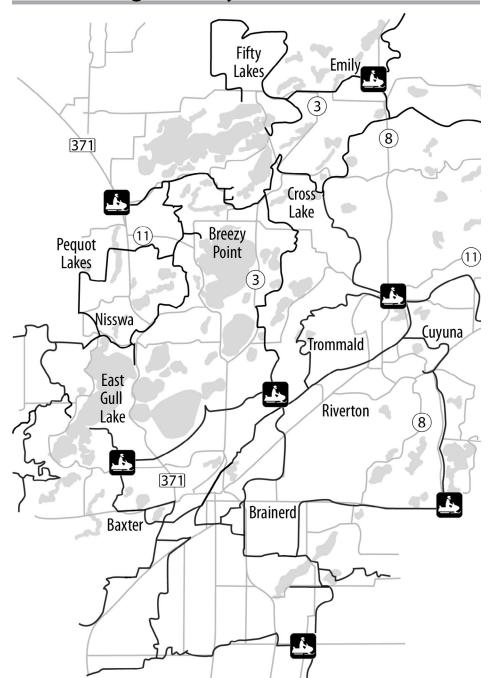








Crow Wing County Snowmobile Trails



• Emergency First-Aid Tips •

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

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

Airway:

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

Breathing:

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

Circulation:

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

HEART ATTACK

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

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

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

• Emergency First-Aid Tips •

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

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

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

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

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

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

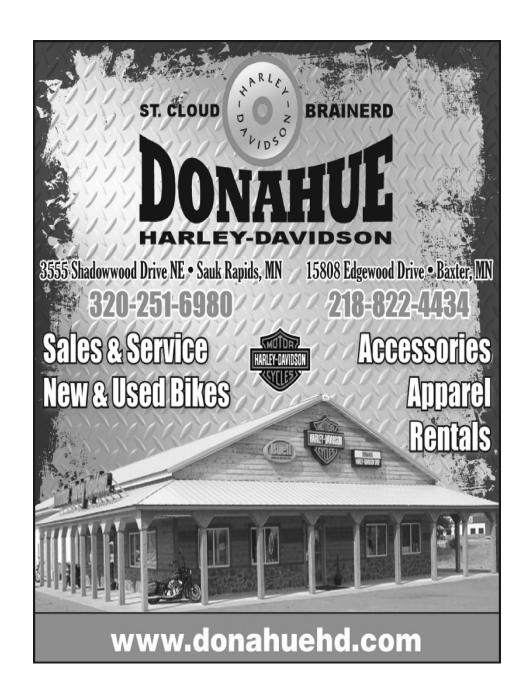
For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911
DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.
DO NOT remove burnt clothing.
Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.
If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.
Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.
Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

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

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

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