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2013 CALENDAR

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Local Area Events

JANUARY

The Treasure Hunter's Roadshow | Baxter
Lumberjack Jaunt Ski Race | Brainerd
Resolution 5K Run | Brainerd
Winter-eeen-Mas Festival | Brainerd
Ice Fest | Breezy Point
Ice Auger World Championship | Breezy Point
Breezy Point Wedding Fair
Ice Golf Tournament | Cross Lake
ISOC Snowmobile Races | Garrison
Snow Golf Tourn. | Nisswa
Antique Snowmobile Rendezvous | Pequot Lakes

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 & Crosslake
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
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

Local Area Events

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

AUGUST

Crow Wing County Fair | Brainerd
Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals | Brainerd
Butterfly Release | Breezy Point
Swanson Melanoma Golf Tourn. | Breezy Point
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

Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival | Brainerd
Winter Wonderland | Brainerd
City of Lights Celebration | Nisswa

DECEMBER

Holiday Light Display | Brainerd
Downtown Holli-Days | Brainerd
Holly Ball | Nisswa
Santa's Bobbin' Into Town! | Pequot Lakes

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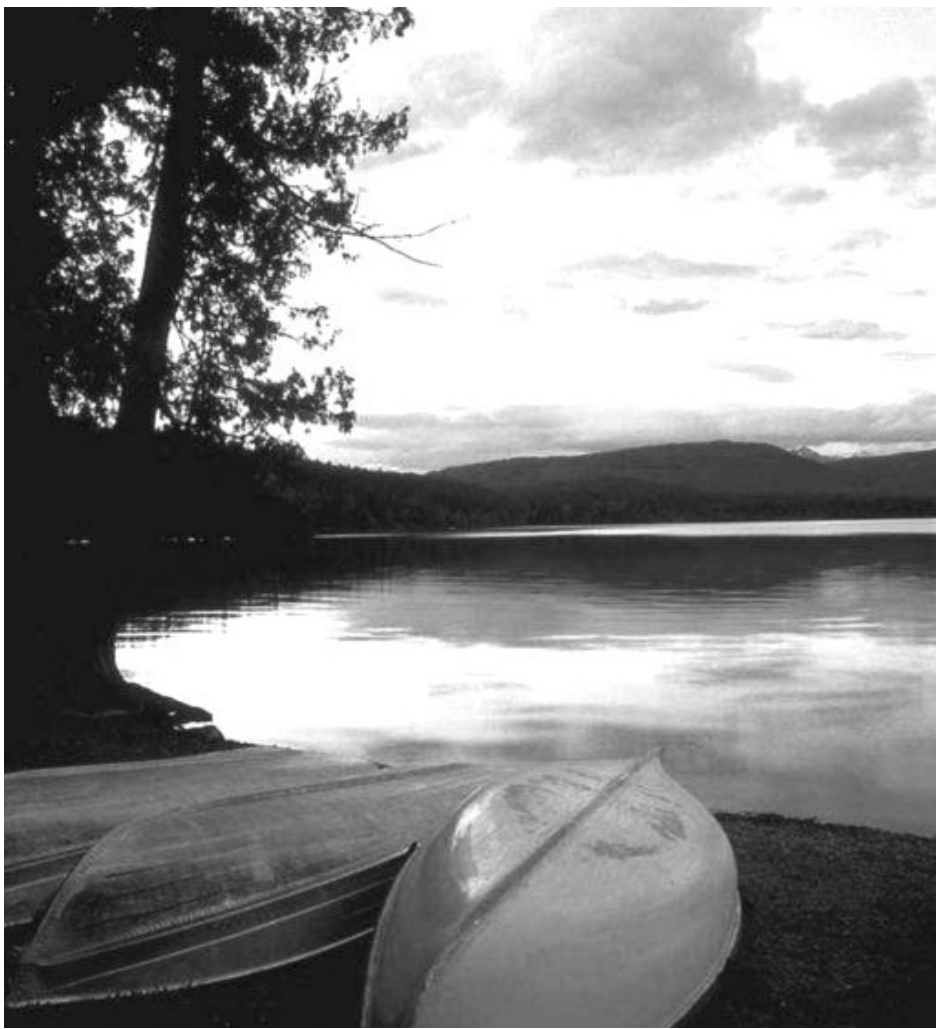
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Crow Wing County History (Brainerd, County Seat)

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.*

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.

Crow Wing County Communities

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.

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.

Crow Wing County Communities

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.

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.

Crow Wing County Communities

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.

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.

Crow Wing County Communities

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.

Parks & Recreation

COUNTY ISLAND PARK

Located near Rush Lake, County Island Park features a remote boat landing with fishing opportunities, nature trails, picnic areas and is home to bald eagles.

CROW WING STATE PARK

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CUYUNA COUNTRY STATE PARK

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Minnesota Hunting Seasons

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

HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/15/12 - 02/28/13; 09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/13/14
(South) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 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

03/01/13 - 03/31/13; 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

09/15/12 - 01/01/13; 09/14/13 - 01/01/14

WOODCOCK

09/22/12 - 11/05/12

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
(South) 11/02/13 - 04/30/14

MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14
(South) 11/02/13 - 02/28/14

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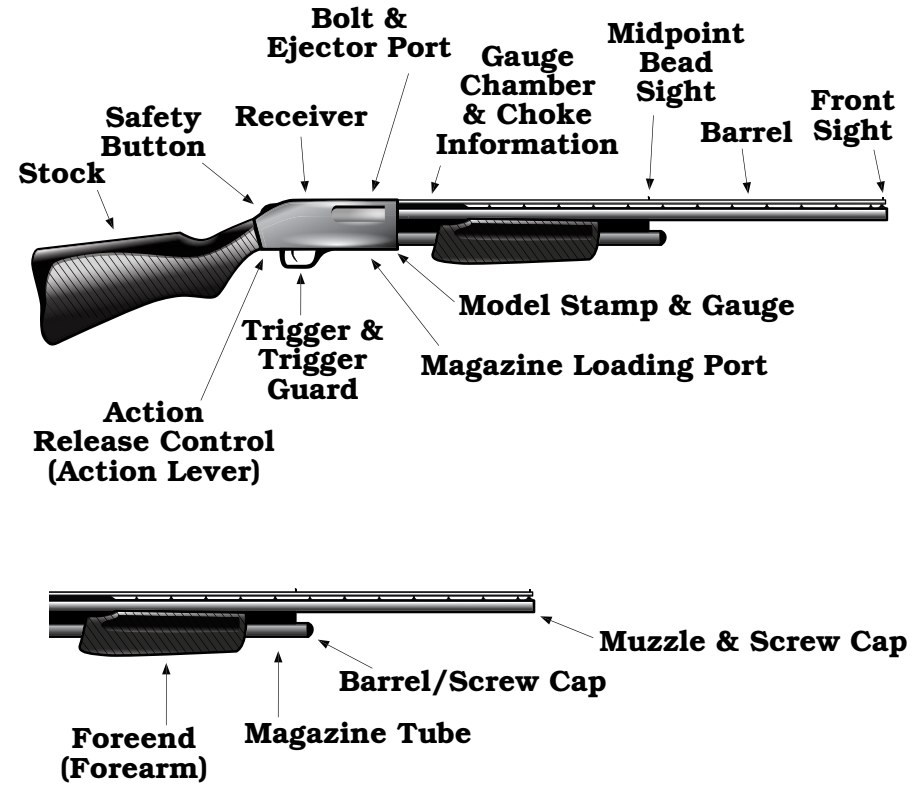
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(South Zone) 11/02/13 - 01/05/14

BOBCAT

11/24/12 - 01/05/13; 11/30/13 - 12/05/13

**At the time of publication not all of the 2013-2014 Minnesota Hunting Seasons were available.
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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 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 State Record Fish

Follow these steps if you catch a fish that you think could be a record:

- Weigh the fish on a state-certified scale (found at most bait shops and butcher shops), witnessed by two observers.
- Take the fish to a DNR fisheries office for positive identification and a state record fish application.
- Complete the state record submission form and send it along with a clear, full-length photo of your fish to the address listed on the form.

SPECIES	WEIGHT (lbs. - oz.)	LENGTH/GIRTH (inches)	WATERBODY	YEAR
Bass, Largemouth	8-15	23.5/18	Auburn Lake	2005
Bass, Rock (tie)	2-0	13.5/12.5	Osakis Lake	1998
	2-0	12.6/12.4	Lake Winnibigoshish	2004
Bass, Smallmouth	8-0	NA	West Battle Lake	1948
Bass, White	4-2.4	18.5/15.1	Mississippi River	2004
Bluegill	2-13	NA	Alice Lake	1948
Bowfin	11-4	35/20	St. Croix River	2008
Buffalo, Bigmouth	41-11	38.5/29.5	Mississippi River	1991
Buffalo, Black	20-5	34.2/20	Minnesota River	1997
Buffalo, Smallmouth	20-0	32/23.75	Big Sandy	2003
Bullhead, Black	3-13.12	17.17/14.96	Reno Lake	1997
Bullhead, Brown	7-1	24.4/NA	Shallow Lake	1974
Bullhead, Yellow	3-10.5	17.88/11.75	Osakis Lake	2002
Burbot	19-3	36.25/22.75	Lake of the Woods	2001
Carp	55-5	42/31	Clearwater Lake	1952
Carp sucker, River	3-15	19.5/14	Mississippi River	1991
Catfish, Channel	38-0	44/NA	Mississippi River	1975
Catfish, Flathead	70-0	NA	St. Croix River	1970
Crappie, Black	5-0	21/NA	Vermillion River	1940
Crappie, White	3-15	18/16	Lake Constance	2002
Drum, Freshwater	35-3.2	36/31	Mississippi River	1999
Eel, American	6-9	36/14	St. Croix River	1997
Gar, Longnose	16-12	53/16.5	St. Croix River	1982
Gar, Shortnose	4-9.6	34.6/10	Mississippi River	1984
Goldeye	2-13.1	20.1/11.5	Root River	2001
Hogsucker, Northern	1-15	14.25/7.13	Sunrise River	1982
Mooneye	1-15	16.5/9.75	Minnesota River	1980

Minnesota State Record Fish

SPECIES	WEIGHT (lbs. - oz.)	LENGTH/GIRTH (inches)	WATERBODY	YEAR
Muskellunge	54-0	56/27.8	Lake Winnibigoshish	1957
Muskellunge, Tiger	34-12	51/22.5	Lake Elmo	1999
Perch, Yellow	3-4	NA	Lake Plantaganette	1945
Pike, Northern	45-12	NA	Basswood Lake	1929
Pumpkinseed	1-5.6	10.1/12.13	Leech Lake	1999
Quillback	7-4.5	22.63/18	Mississippi River	1991
Redhorse, Golden	3-15.5	20.13/12.38	Root River	2007
Redhorse Greater	12-11.5	28.5/18.5	Sauk River	2005
Redhorse, River	12-10	28.38/20	Kettle River	2005
Redhorse, Shorthead	7-15	27/15	Rum River	1983
Redhorse, Silver	9-15	26.6/16.88	Big Fork River	2004
Salmon, Atlantic	12-13	35.5/16.5	Baptism River	1991
Salmon, Chinook	33-4	44.75/25.75	Poplar River	1989
Salmon, Chinook	33-4	42.25/26.13	Lake Superior	1989
Salmon, Coho	10-6.5	27.3/NA	Lake Superior	1970
Salmon, Kokanee	2-15	20/11.5	Caribou Lake	1971
Salmon, Pink	4-8	23.5/13.2	Cascade River	1989
Sauger	6-2.75	23.88/15	Mississippi River	1988
Splake	13-5.44	33.5/19	Larson Lake	2001
Sturgeon, Lake	94-4	70/26.5	Kettle River	1994
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	5-9	36/11.88	Mississippi River	2007
Sucker, Blue	14-3	30.4/20.2	Mississippi River	1987
Sucker, Longnose	3-10.6	21/10.25	Brule River	2005
Sucker, White	9-1	24.25/16.25	Big Fish Lake	1983
Sunfish, Green	1-4.8	10.25/10.63	North Arbor Lake	2005
Sunfish, Hybrid	1-12	11.5/12	Zumbro River	1994
Trout, Brook	6-5.6	24/14.5	Pigeon River	2000
Trout, Brown	16-12	31.4/20.6	Lake Superior	1989
Trout, Lake	43-8	NA	Lake Superior	1955
Trout, Rainbow	16-6	33/19.5	Devil Track River	1980
Trout, Tiger	2-9.12	20/9.63	Mill Creek	1999
Tullibee	5-11.8	20.45/16.4	Little Long Lake	2002
Walleye	17-8	35.8/21.3	Seagull River	1979
Walleye -Sauger Hybrid	9-13.4	27/17.75	Mississippi River	1999
Warmouth	0.41	8/7.25	Bartlet Lake	2010
Whitefish, Lake	12-4.5	28.5/20	Leech Lake	1999
Whitefish, Menominee	2-7.5	21/9.1	Lake Superior	1987

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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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.

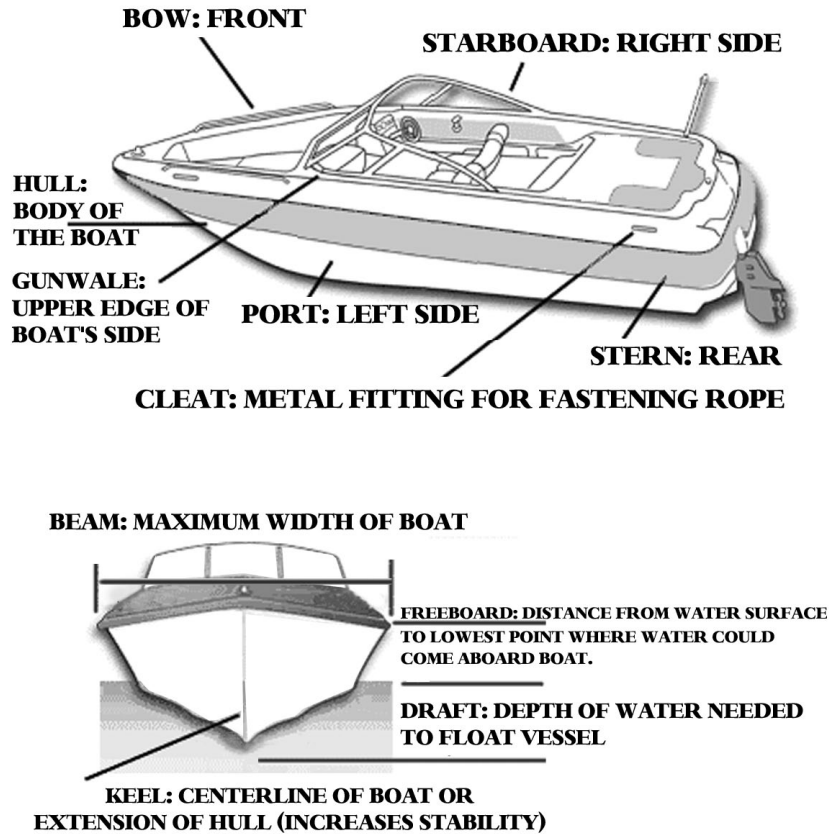
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Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



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.

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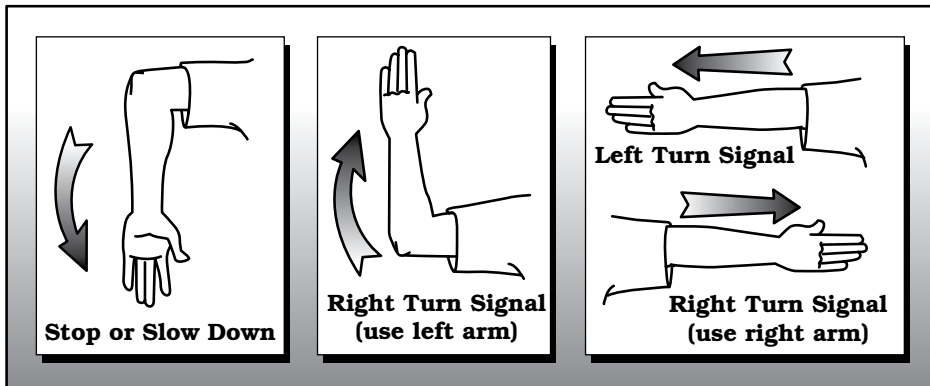


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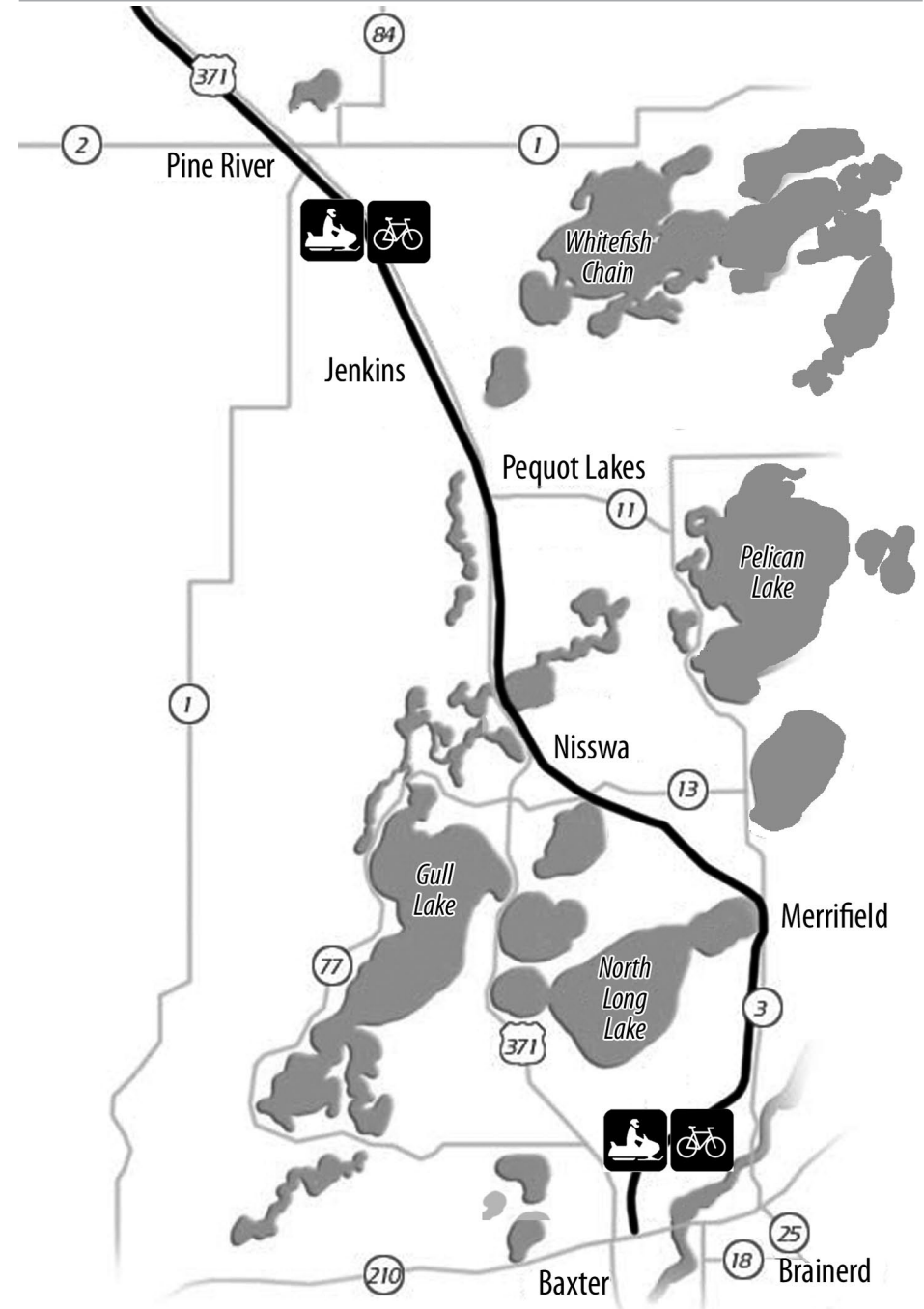
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Bicycle Safety

- 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



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.

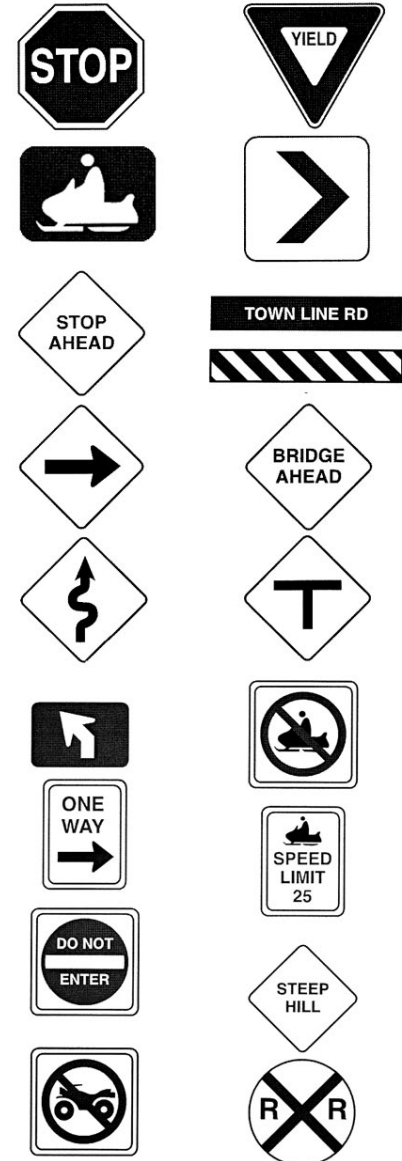
Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.

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.

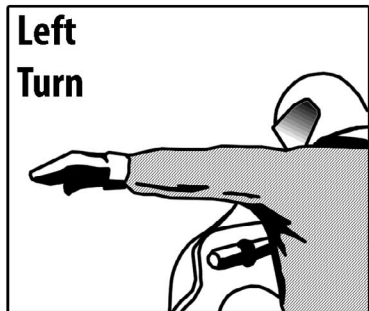
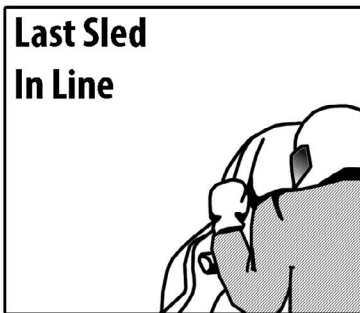
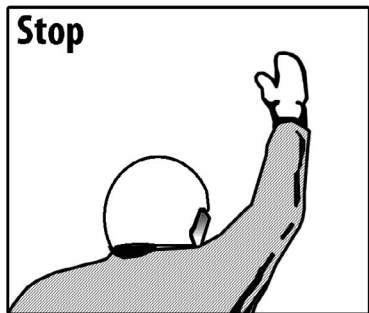
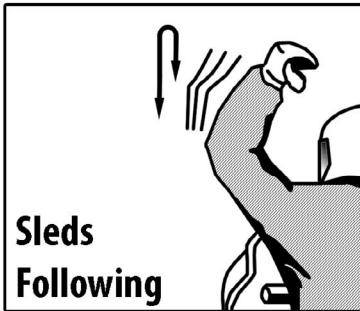
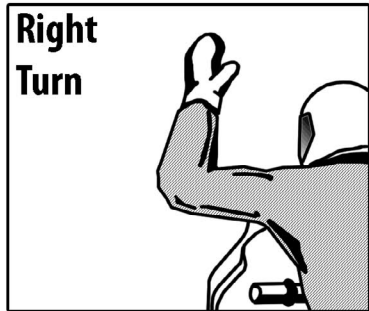
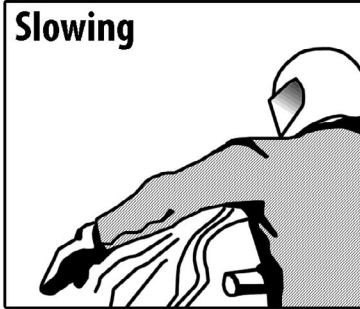
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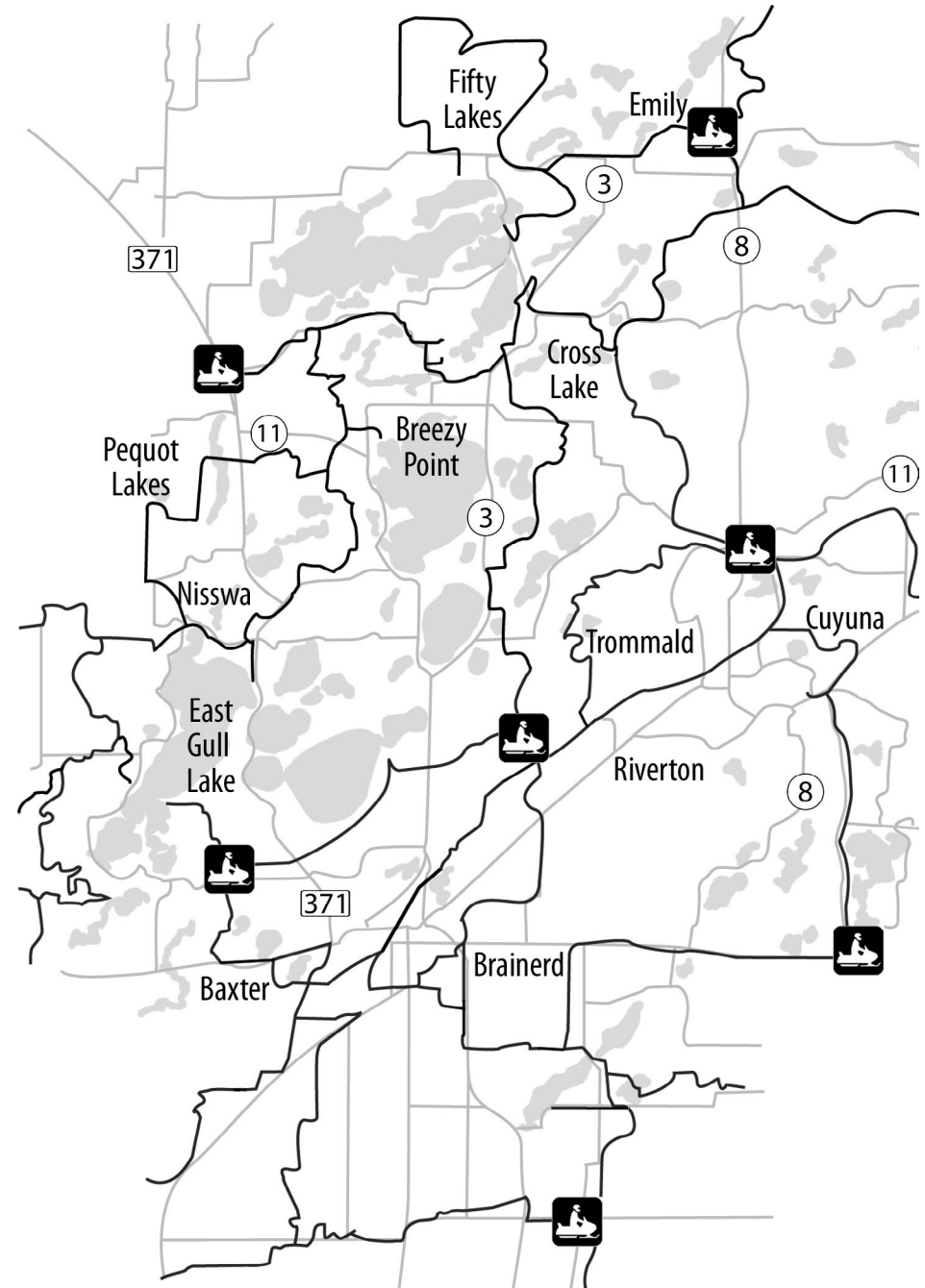
Snowmobile Safety

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.



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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**

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 Acetaminophen 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.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

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.

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