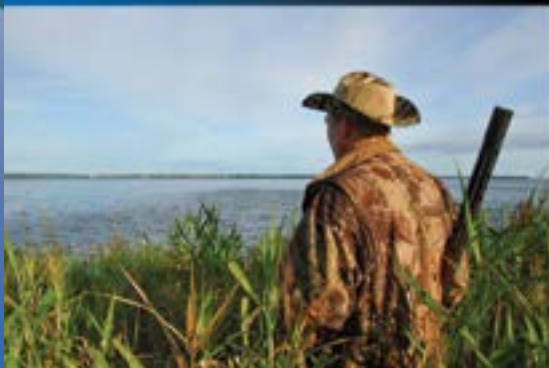




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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Lumberjack Jaunt Ski Race | Brainerd
Ice Fishing Extravaganza | Brainerd
Ice Fest | Breezy Point
Ice Auger World Championship | Breezy Point
Breezy Point Wedding Fair
Frozen Fore Decades Tour | Gull Lake
Kids Pro Ice Races | Garrison
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, Board Hike & Bike -a-thon | Nisswa
Winter Jubilee | Nisswa

MARCH

Snowmobile Snow Cross | Brainerd
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Brainerd & Crosslake
Polar Bear Plunge | Breezy Point
St. Urho's Day Grasshopper Hop | Crosslake
Pequot Lakes Community Carnival |
Pequot Lakes
Everything Expo | Brainerd
Sweet Skate | Breezy Point
Wild Game Dinner and Fund-raiser | Nisswa
Brainerd Park & Rec Easter Egg Hunt |
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Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Nisswa

APRIL

Car Show at Westgate Mall | Baxter
YMCA Charity Ball | Nisswa
Craft Spirits & Artisan Meats Weekend |
Nisswa
Mid-MN Home Show | Brainerd
Run For The Lakes | Brainerd

MAY

Good Samaritan Bowl | Brainerd
Cuyuna Rock, Gem, & Mineral Society Rock
Show | Brainerd
Pleasureland RV Center Show at BIR |
Brainerd
Family YMCA Charity Ball | Brainerd
Spring Arts and Craft Festival | Brainerd
Street Car Showdown | Brainerd
NHRA Divisional Race | Brainerd

JUNE

Soap Box Derby | Brainerd
Sour Grapes Half & Half Walk Race | Brainerd
Annual Whitefish Chain Antique and Classic
Wood Boat Rendezvous | Crosslake
Lakes Jam | 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

JULY

Crosslake Annual Fireworks | Crosslake
Stars & Stripes Days | Pequot Lakes
Nisswa Firecracker 5K/10K | Nisswa
The American Celebration | Brainerd
Cruise Into Nisswa Three Lakes Car Show |
Nisswa
Men's Softball Tournament | 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
Emily Day | Emily
Pine River Summerfest | Pine River

AUGUST

Crow Wing County Fair | Brainerd
Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals | Brainerd
Ideal Volunteer Fire Department Beef Feed |
Pequot Lakes
Butterfly Release | Breezy Point
Chamber Golf Tournament & Fund-raiser |
Nisswa
Chump Car World Series | Brainerd
Swanson Melanoma Golf Tournament |
Breezy Point
Artisans Fair | Crosslake
Fire Department Car Show | Crosslake
Summerfest | Deerwood Township
Crazy Days | Nisswa
Chokecherry Festival | Pequot Lakes
Enchanted Pioneer Village | Brainerd

SEPTEMBER

Coca-Cola Muscle Car Shootout | Brainerd
Frisbee Golf Tournament | Brainerd
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
Business Holiday Extravaganza | Lakeshore
Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival | Brainerd
Rock n Roll Xmas Spectacular | Brainerd
Enchanted Pioneer Village | Brainerd

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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.

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CITIES:

- BAXTER** – pop. 7,610
- BRainerd (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 13,691
- BREEZY POINT** – pop. 2,346
- CROSBY** – pop. 2,386
- 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 7,610 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.

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 2,346 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 bares 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.

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.

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.

Ice Fishing Extravaganza

Since 1991 the Brainerd Jaycees has put together the biggest ice fishing event in the world. The Ice Fishing Extravaganza raises money for local charities and brings locals and visitors together. Since its 1991 start, the Extravaganza has grown exponentially, now bringing over a million dollars to local businesses and \$150,000 to charities, every year.

The tournament is located just north of Brainerd, in Nisswa, on Gull Lake. There are many types of fish to choose from during this event. Sun Fish, Crappies, Perch, Small/Large Mouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike & Muskie are just a few characters you will find swimming about the lake.

This is a real ice fishing experience too. No ice castles allowed! Leave your satellite equipped/heated fish houses home! No one is allowed to use a fish house or any type of man-made protection from the elements. Basically, you sit on a five gallon bucket, or chair of your choice, and tend your pre-drilled holes. Each participant is limited to 2 holes and 2 poles to try and catch their monsters.

This is a live release event as well. All fish, after being weighed and measured, are returned to the lake for next year’s tournament and festivities. So, bring your kids, snow pants, beverage of choice and prepare for a great time at the Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake. . .



FISHING SEASONS

Species	Season	Possession Limit
Walleye and Sauger	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"
Northern Pike	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	3, not more than one over 30"
Muskellunge	6/4/16 - 12/1/16	1, minimum size 54"
Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.		
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	6 combined
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/14/16 - 5/27/16	Catch-and-release only
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/28/16 - 9/11/16	6 combined
Largemouth Bass	9/12/16 - 2/26/17	6
Smallmouth Bass	9/12/16 - 2/26/17	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	4/1/16 - 11/30/16	2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish
Perch	Continuous	20 daily and 40 in possession
Bullhead	Continuous	100
Whitefish and Under-Utilized Fish	Continuous	No limit
Smelt	Continuous	No limit
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River		
Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	3/1/16 - 4/14/16	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
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Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	6/16/16 - 4/14/17	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
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Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Fall Preparation & Clean Up

- Clean out the gutters.
- Clean or replace dirty furnace filters.
- Clean humidifiers by replacing old filters and clean the inside compartment.

- Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Winterize air conditioning unit (depending on climate).
- Remove fallen leaves from the lawn and fertilize.
- Service sprinklers and irrigation system.
- Put away seasonal furniture.
- Put up storm windows.

- Repair damaged sidewalks, driveways and steps.
- Seal windows and cracks around the house.
- Insulate the duct work in your home.

- Test smoke and CO monitors also inspect fire extinguishers.
- Get the furnace and water heater checked by a professional.
- Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up.
- Get your winter equipment ready.
- Inspect your roof for damage.

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COUNTY ISLAND PARK

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CROW WING STATE PARK

Located on 3,115 acres near the Mississippi River, the Crow Wing State Park features a campground, boat landing with fishing opportunities, recreational trails, picnic areas and many historic sites.

CUYUNA COUNTRY STATE PARK

Located on 1,824 acres of a former mining pit, Cuyuna Country State Park features a campground, canoe landing with fishing opportunities, swimming beach, recreational trails, picnic areas, the Croft Mine Historical Site and is a popular area for scuba divers.

LUM PARK

Located in Brainerd near the Franklin Arts Center. The 38 acre park includes shelters, charcoal grills, pavilions (available by reservation), playground, public beach, boat landing, fishing pier, two sand volleyball courts, 18-hole disc golf course, 18 RV campsites, campground and public restrooms.

LARSON LAKE FOREST RECREATION AREA

Located near Deerwood, the Larson Lake Forest Recreation Area features large white and red pine trees, recreational trails and picnic areas.

MILFORD MINE MEMORIAL PARK

Located near Milford Lake, Milford Mine Memorial Park was established in honor of the Milford Mine Tragedy in 1924, when 41 miners were killed by flood. It features a canoe landing, picnic shelter, nature trails, interpretive displays, reflective walk and a memorial honoring those lost in the tragedy.

NORTHLAND ARBORETUM

Located near Brainerd, the Northland Arboretum features a Nature Conservancy, restored prairies, wetlands, and over 130 bird species.

SOUTH LONG LAKE COMMUNITY PARK

Donated by John and Barbara Burton, South Long Lake Community Park features a boat landing with fishing opportunities, nature trails and picnic areas.

HUNTING SEASONS

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

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas/dates:

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

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

Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season 09/17/16 - 02/28/17	Youth Waterfowl Day-Tentative 09/10/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (South) Hunting & Trapping 10/22/16 - 03/15/17	Waterfowl season opener-Tentative 09/24/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (North) Hunting & Trapping 10/15/16 - 03/15/17	Sandhill Crane season-NW zone-Tentative 09/10/16 - 10/16/16
Crow Hunting (3rd season) 09/01/16 - 10/31/16	Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, Hungarian Partridge season 09/17/16 - 01/01/17
Crow Hunting (4th season) 12/15/16 - 12/31/16	Sharptailed Grouse season 09/17/16 - 11/30/16
Fall Turkey season 10/01/16 - 10/30/16	Woodcock season 09/24/16 - 11/07/16
Bear Baiting start date 08/12/16	Prairie Chicken Hunt Lottery Deadline 08/19/16
Bear season 09/01/16 - 10/15/16	Prairie Chicken season 09/24/16 - 10/02/16
Statewide Wild Rice Harvesting 08/15/16 - 09/30/16	Take-a-Kid Hunting weekend 09/24/16 - 09/25/16
Snipe and Rail Hunting season 09/01/16 - 11/07/16	Antlerless Deer and Special Hunt Lottery Deadline 09/08/16
Mourning Dove season 09/01/16 - 11/09/16	Deer Hunt - Special Youth Deer season 10/20/16 - 10/23/16
Early Canada Goose season 09/03/16 - 09/22/16	Deer Hunt - Archery season 09/17/16 - 12/31/16
Pheasant season 10/15/16 - 01/01/17	Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 1A 11/05/16 - 11/20/16
	Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 2A and 3A 11/05/16 - 11/13/16



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (with a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 3B
11/19/16 - 11/27/16

Deer Hunt - Muzzleloader season
11/26/16 - 12/11/16

Fisher and Pine Marten-north of I-94 and US Hwy
10 only
11/26/16 - 11/30/16

Bobcat - Hunting & Trapping-north of I-94 and US
Hwy 10 only
11/26/16 - 01/08/17

Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone
10/29/16 - 05/15/17

Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone
10/29/16 - 05/15/17

Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - north
zone
10/29/16 - 02/28/17

Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat-south
zone
10/29/16 - 02/28/17

Furbearer Trapping - Otter - north zone
10/29/16 - 01/08/17

Furbearer Trapping - Otter - south zone
10/29/16 - 01/08/17

**At the time of publication not all of the 2016-2017
Minnesota Hunting Seasons were available.
Contact www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information*

10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING



Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



2. Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



PINE RIVER AMERICAN LEGION

FRASER - NELSON POST 613

Bar Open at Noon Mon-Sun
218-587-9151 • Hwy. 371, Pine River

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll-Free: (888) 665-4236 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Crow Wing County:

AITKIN

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#3571)

1037 1st St. NW | Aitkin | (218) 534-3066

BAXTER

GANDER MOUNTAIN, LLC (#486)

14275 Edgewood Dr. | Baxter | (218) 828-1736

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#51)

15052 Dellwood Dr. N | Baxter | (218) 825-1978

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14963 Edgewood Dr. | Baxter | (218) 829-9213

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9329 Hwy. 169 | Baxter | (218) 692-4999

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623 4th St. NW | Brainerd | (218) 855-5169

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17977 Hwy. 371 | Brainerd | (218) 828-7087

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11266 Pine Beach Peninsula | Brainerd | (218) 829-2811

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MILL AVENUE HOLIDAY

1500 Mill Ave. | Brainerd | (218) 828-0076

PETRO PLUS (#107)

850 Lumpark Rd. | Brainerd | (218) 356-7350

PINE SQUARE

3325 Oak St. | Brainerd | (218) 825-0715

SUPER AMERICA (#4076)

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CSSW NISSWA GUIDE LEAGUE

18900 Hwy. 371 | Brainerd | (218) 963-2547

WEIDELL HARDWARE, LLC

19124 Bocks Corner | Brainerd | (218) 764-2945

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9360 Wild Rice Dr. | Brainerd | (218) 829-5847

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8170 Co. Rd. 11 | Breezy Point | (218) 562-4691

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30211 Co. Rd. 4 | Breezy Point | (218) 562-4040

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C.I. SELF SERVE

1029 Oak St. | Crosby | (218) 546-7300

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#128)

103 3rd Ave. SW | Crosby | (218) 546-6120

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CROSSLAKE BAIT BOX MARINA, INC.

36624 Co. Rd. 66 | Crosslake | (218) 692-3850

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37735 Co. Rd. 66 | Crosslake | (218) 692-2998

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#3538)

35610 Co. Rd. 66 | Crosslake | (218) 692-2708

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HANSEN'S HUNTERS BAY STORE

14879 Hwy. 6 | Deerwood | (218) 678-2051

RUTTGER'S BAY LAKE LODGE, INC.

25039 Tame Fish Lake Rd. | Deerwood | (218) 678-2885

HOLIDAY STATION STORES #450

23736 FRONT ST. | Deerwood | (218) 534-2966

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HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#3572)

21004 Co. Rd. 1 | Emily | (218) 763-4411

REDDING'S SPORTS & SPIRITS

20996 Co. Rd. 1 | Emily | (218) 763-2191

FORT RIPLEY

FORT RIPLEY GAS & GROCERY

617 Front St. | Ft. Ripley | (320) 639-0006

GARRISON

GARRISON SPORTS, INC.

9737 Hwy. 169 | Garrison | (320) 692-4477

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#240)

27390 Hwy. 18 | Garrison | (320) 692-4124

TUTT'S BAIT & TACKLE

27358 Hwy. 18 | Garrison | (320) 692-4341

MERRIFIELD

HALF MOON AT THE Y

22551 Co. Rd. 3 | Merrifield | (218) 270-2037

SPORTSMAN STORE & CAFE

29036 Co. Rd. 3 | Merrifield | (218) 765-8305

GRANDPAS GENERAL STORE

26044 Co. Rd. 3 | Merrifield | (218) 961-0850

NISSWA

DAVE'S SPORTLAND BAIT & TACKLE

5029 Co. Rd. 13 | Nisswa | (218) 963-2401

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#166)

4917 Co. Rd. 77 | Nisswa | (218) 963-2946

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33177 Old Hwy. 371 | Pequot Lakes | (218) 568-8323

SPEEDSTOP PEQUOT LAKES

30713 Hwy. 371 S | Pequot Lakes | (218) 568-8640

THURLOW HARDWARE

31027 Front St. | Pequot Lakes | (218) 568-4635

TOWERING PINES RESORT

35172 Clamshell Dr. S | Pequot Lakes | (218) 543-4738

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	19-8	36.5/24	Lake of the Woods	2012
Carp	55-5	42/31	Clearwater Lake	1952
Carp sucker, River	4-6	21.5/16	Minnesota River	2012
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

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	6-7	33/13.75	Mississippi River	2012
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

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 GUN WALE, 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.

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 OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



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.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



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.

Know Your ATV



Drink lots of Water!

- 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.

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey

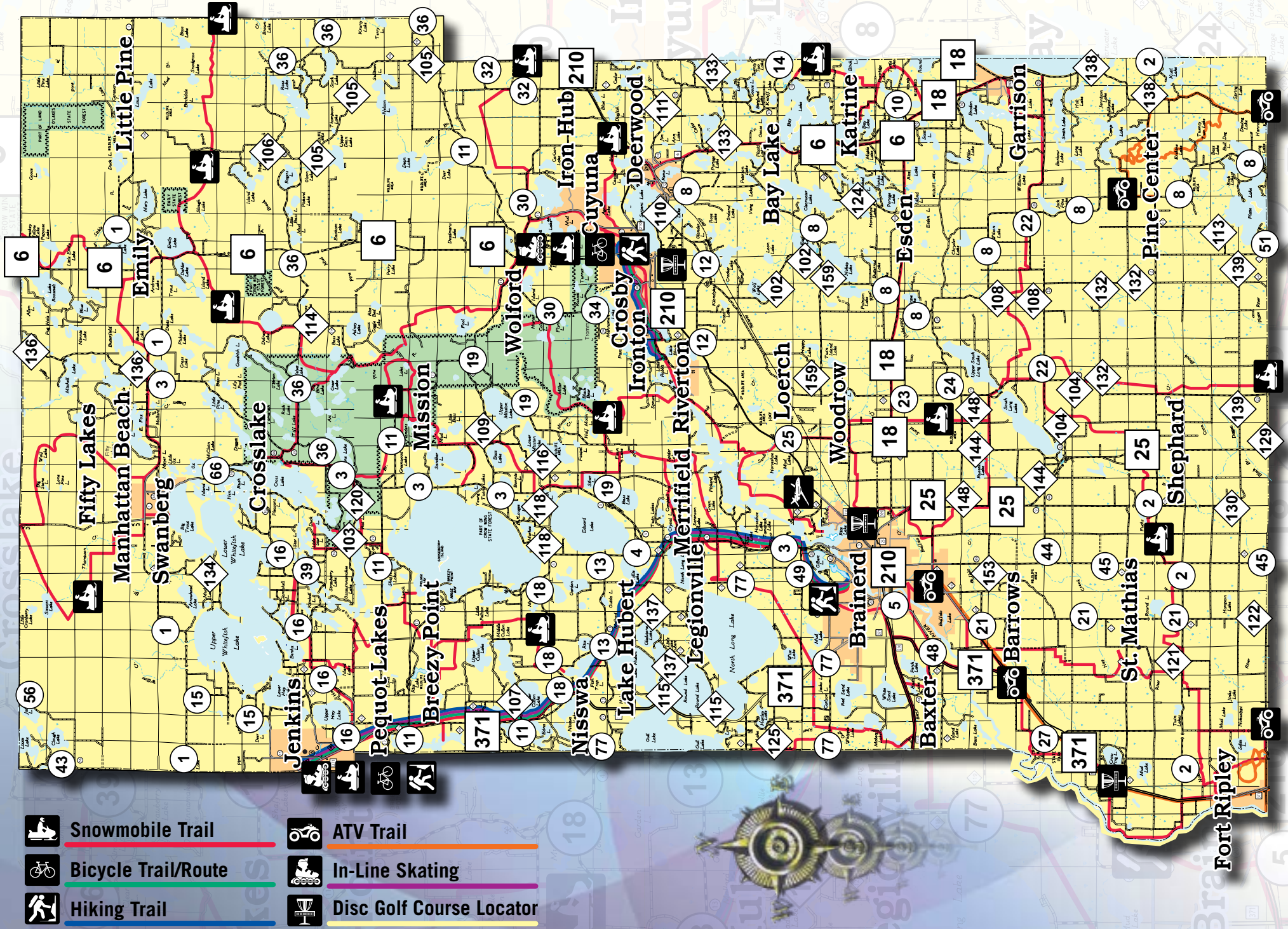
all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

- 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.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

Crow Wing County Trails



-  Snowmobile Trail
-  ATV Trail
-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  In-Line Skating
-  Hiking Trail
-  Disc Golf Course Locator

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



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 seek medical attention immediately.

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.



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 sun-screen 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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