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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Christmas in the Village | Spring Grove

FEBRUARY

Winter Weekend | Lanesboro

MARCH

International Festival of Owls | Houston

APRIL

Isben Festival | Lanesboro

MAY

Stand-Still Parade | Whalan

Bluff Country Gathering | Lanesboro

SEMBA's Annual Spring Bluegrass Festival | Houston

Root River Triathlon

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JUNE

Rhubarb Festival | Lanesboro

Art in the Park | Lanesboro

Founder's Day Fun Fest | Caledonia

Softball Tournament | Caledonia

Brownsville Days | Brownsville

Fun Fest | Eitzen

JULY

Summer Concert Series | Harmony

Minnowa Woodcarvers Show | Harmony

Old Fashioned 4th of July | Harmony

Independence Day | Forestville

Kite Day at the Airport | Rushford

Rushford Days | Rushford

Fillmore County Fair | Preston

Houston Hoedown Days | Houston

Root River Engine & Tractor Show | Spring Valley

Kids Day at the Farmer's Market | Lanesboro

AUGUST

Dobie Days | Harmony

Houston County Fair | Caledonia

Buffalo Bill Days | Lanesboro

Western Days | Chatfield

50's & 60's Days | Mabel

Wilder Fest | Spring Valley

SEPTEMBER

Non-Biker Trail Ride | Harmony

Apple Fest | La Crescent

Hesper-Mabel Steam Engine Days | Mabel

Fall Fest | Wykoff

OCTOBER

Fall Foliage Fest | Harmony

Harvest Moon | Lanesboro

Harvest Day | Preston

Farmer's Market Oktoberfest | Lanesboro

ECFE Halloween Party | Spring Grove

UffDa Fest | Spring Grove

Festival of Trees | Spring Grove

NOVEMBER

November Nights | Lanesboro

Lions Turkey Party | Caledonia

Holiday Fest | Harmony

Open House & Christmas Inn Tour | Lanesboro

Christmas Cantana | Lanesboro

DECEMBER

1940's Radio Hour | Lanesboro

Christmas on Historic Broadway | Spring Valley

Lighted Christmas Parade | Caledonia

Bluff & Valley Hot Air Balloon Rally | Caledonia

Christmas in the Village | Spring Grove

Residential Services

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Administration	(507) 765-3356
Assessor	765-3868
Attorney	765-4543
Auditor	765-3811
Economic Development	765-2803
Emergency Management	765-4405
Highway Department	765-3854
Information Systems	765-2611
Maintenance	765-2819
MN Extension	765-3896
Recorder	765-3852
Rural Addressing	765-2806
Sheriff	765-3874
Social Services	765-3895
Soil & Water Conservation	765-3878
Surveyor	765-4400
Treasurer	765-3801
Veterans Services	765-4937

HOUSTON COUNTY

Administration	(507) 725-5806
Assessor	725-5801
Attorney	725-5802
Auditor	725-5803
Economic Development	725-5836
Emergency Management	725-5834
Highway Department	725-3925
Information Systems	725-5809
Maintenance	725-5804
MN Extension	725-5807
Recorder	725-5813
Rural Addressing	725-5827
Sheriff	725-3379
Social Services	725-5811
Soil & Water Conservation	724-5261
Surveyor	725-5814
Treasurer	725-5815
Veterans Services	725-5805



Fillmore County History *(Preston, County Seat)*

Fillmore County was established in 1853 and named in honor of President Millard Fillmore. Chatfield was the original county seat in 1855 until it was moved to Carimona. In 1856 Preston was selected as the county seat and a courthouse was built in 1863. As rail lines were built in southern Minnesota, Fillmore County began to grow and communities were established near railway junctions. Early industry included lumbering, milling, mining and agriculture. Today Fillmore County is home to approximately 20,850 residents.

CITIES:

CANTON – pop. 323
CHATFIELD – pop. 2,518
FOUNTAIN – pop. 340
HARMONY – pop. 1,076
LANESBORO – pop. 728
MABEL – pop. 709
OSTRANDER – pop. 199
PETERSON – pop. 254
PRESTON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,324
RUSHFORD – pop. 1,727
RUSHFORD VILLAGE – pop. 771
SPRING VALLEY – pop. 2,355
WHALAN – pop. 60
WYKOFF – pop. 433

TOWNSHIPS:

AMHERST – pop. 411
ARENDAHL – pop. 339
BEAVER – pop. 255
BLOOMFIELD – pop. 418
BRISTOL – pop. 498

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

CANTON – pop. 674
CARIMONA – pop. 279
CARROLTON – pop. 329
CHATFIELD – pop. 489
CHERRY GROVE – pop. 472
FILLMORE – pop. 481
FORESTVILLE – pop. 388
FOUNTAIN – pop. 321
HARMONY – pop. 400
HOLT – pop. 311
JORDAN – pop. 417
NEWBURG – pop. 442
NORWAY – pop. 341
PILOT MOUND – pop. 369
PREBLE – pop. 281
PRESTON – pop. 381
SPRING VALLEY – pop. 580
SUMNER – pop. 441
YORK – pop. 410

**Populations are approximate.*

Fillmore County Communities

CANTON

The Canton area was settled in 1851 and originally known as Boomer. In 1879 Canton was platted and a post office was founded. The community was incorporated in 1887 and as the railroad arrived in 1903, Canton continued to develop. Today Canton is home to approximately 323 residents.

CHATFIELD

Settled in 1853 by Thomas Twiford, the community was named in honor of Judge Chatfield. By 1900 Chatfield housed a sawmill, hotel, newspaper, specialty shops and a variety of manufacturing centers. The community was incorporated in 1857 and originally selected as the county seat. Today Chatfield is home to approximately 2,518 residents.

FOUNTAIN

Fountain was settled in 1853 and platted in 1858. The community was named after a large fountain spring that was the village water supply. As the railroad was constructed in 1870, a post office was established. Fountain was incorporated in 1876 and has continued to grow. Today Fountain is home to approximately 340 residents.

HARMONY

Settled in 1852, Harmony was first known as Windom. The community was organized in 1858 and a post office was built in 1862. Harmony was incorporated in 1896 and businesses were established. With construction of the railroad in 1903, Harmony continued to thrive and is now the center of a large Amish community. Today Harmony is home to approximately 1,076 residents.

LANESBORO

Located in Carrolton and Holt Townships, Lanesboro was platted in 1868. The community was incorporated in 1869 and as the railroad arrived in 1870, Lanesboro continued to grow. Mills, churches, general stores, lumberyards and factories were built and Lanesboro now is recognized as the "Rhubarb Capital of the World." Today Lanesboro is home to approximately 728 residents.

MABEL

Settled in the 1850s, Mabel was first known as Bellville. A post office was established in 1855 and the community was incorporated in 1893. With construction of the railroad, Mabel grew dramatically and is now known as "Rural America's Steam Engine Capital." Today Mabel is home to approximately 709 residents.

Fillmore County Communities

OSTRANDER

Ostrander was named in honor of early settlers William and Charles Ostrander. The community was platted as a railway village in 1890 and in 1891 a post office was constructed. It was later the site of an iron mining operation during World War II. Today Ostrander is home to approximately 199 residents.

PETERSON

Peterson was settled in 1853 and founded in 1867. The community was named in honor of Peter Peterson Haslerud, who donated land for the construction of the railroad. The community was incorporated in 1909 and has continued to grow. One of Minnesota's first trout hatcheries was established here. Today Peterson is home to approximately 254 residents.

PRESTON (COUNTY SEAT)

Preston was settled in 1853 and was named in honor of Luther Preston, a mill worker and the community's first postmaster. In 1855 streets were platted by John Kaercher and in 1856 Preston was selected as the county seat. In 1871 the community was incorporated and has continued to develop, becoming the county seat. Due to the high concentration of trout found here, Preston is recognized as "America's Trout Capital." Today Preston is home to approximately 1,324 residents.

RUSHFORD

Named after Rush Creek, Rushford was founded in 1854. A post office was established in 1856 and a variety of businesses were founded. Because of intersecting Indian foot paths, Rushford was known as the "Trail City" and was incorporated in 1868. As the railroad was constructed, the community became an important shipping and trade center. Today Rushford is home to approximately 1,727 residents.

RUSHFORD VILLAGE

Established in 1854, Rushford Village was originally part of Rushford until 1869. Located east of Rushford, the community was incorporated in 1885. Early settlers were attracted to the ample resources and fertile soil. Today Rushford Village is home to approximately 771 residents.

Fillmore County Communities

SPRING VALLEY

Spring Valley was settled in 1852 and named after the large local springs found in the area. The community was organized in 1858 with a post office, and incorporated in 1872. Because of its proximity to a junction of railway lines, Spring Valley grew quickly. Today Spring Valley is home to approximately 2,355 residents.

WHALAN

Settled in 1868, Whalan was named in honor of local landowner John Whalan. A post office was built in 1869 and residents donated over 200 acres of land to the railroad. The community was incorporated in 1876 and by 1900 Whalan housed a church, school, social hall and general stores. Today Whalan is home to approximately 60 residents.

WYKOFF

First known as Free Soil Prairie, Wykoff was platted in 1871. As the community grew, Wykoff was incorporated in 1876 and named in honor of Cyrus G. Wykoff, a railroad surveyor and community leader. Today Wykoff is home to approximately 433 residents.

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Houston County History (Caledonia, County Seat)

Houston County was established in 1854 and named after Sam Houston of Texas. Caledonia was selected as the county seat and a courthouse was built in 1874. Early industry included lumbering, milling, mining and agriculture. As the railroad was established, Houston County continued to grow and by 1900 its population had reached 15,400. These old railway lines have since been redeveloped into hiking and biking trails, attracting many outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Today Houston County is home to approximately 19,245 residents.

CITIES:

BROWNSVILLE – pop. 518

CALEDONIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,821

EITZEN – pop. 228

HOKAH – pop. 561

HOUSTON – pop. 956

LA CRESCENT – pop. 4,912

SPRING GROVE – pop. 1,239

TOWNSHIPS:

BLACK HAMMER – pop. 325

BROWNSVILLE – pop. 449

CALEDONIA – pop. 610

CROOKED CREEK – pop. 322

HOKAH – pop. 531

HOUSTON – pop. 430

JEFFERSON – pop. 138

LA CRESCENT – pop. 1,446

MAYVILLE – pop. 423

MONEY CREEK – pop. 536

MOUND PRAIRIE – pop. 646

SHELDON – pop. 289

SPRING GROVE – pop. 417

UNION – pop. 379

WILMINGTON – pop. 464

WINNEBAGO – pop. 260

YUCATAN – pop. 354

**Populations are approximate.*

Houston County Communities

BROWNSVILLE

First known as Wild Cat Bluff, Brownsville was settled in 1848 and named in honor of local surveyors job and Charles Brown. Located near the Mississippi River, the community was platted in 1854 by the Browns. As the railroad arrived in 1871, Brownsville continued to grow and churches and schools were established. Today Brownsville is home to approximately 518 residents.

CALEDONIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Located in Caledonia and Mayville Townships, the community was settled in 1851 and a post office was established in 1855. Platted by Samuel McPhail in 1858, Caledonia was incorporated in 1870 and named after an ancient Roman word for Scotland. Selected as the county seat, Caledonia continued to develop as the railroad was built in 1879. It is widely known as the “Wild Turkey Capital of Minnesota,” attracting a variety of outdoor enthusiasts. Today Caledonia is home to approximately 2,821 residents.

EITZEN

Settled in 1866, Eitzen was named after a German town. Located in Winnebago Township, Eitzen housed a blacksmith shop, mill, general store, saloon and post office, with C. Bunge Jr. serving as the area’s first postmaster. Today Eitzen is home to approximately 228 residents.

HOKAH

Hokah was first settled by Edward Thompson in 1851. The community was named in honor of Indian Chief Wecheshatope Hokah and by 1870 mills, shops and a brewery were established. As the railroad was constructed, Hokah’s population grew dramatically from 100 to 1,500 in 1875. Today Hokah is home to approximately 561 residents.

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Houston County Communities

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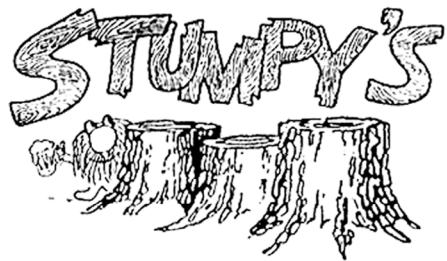
Platted by William McSpadden in 1852, Houston was named after Sam Houston of Texas. By 1858 the community was organized with businesses and a school was established. In 1874 Houston was incorporated and as railway lines were built, the area continued to thrive. Today Houston is home to approximately 956 residents.

LA CRESCENT

Established by Peter Cameron in 1851, La Crescent was first known as Camerons. The community was then renamed La Crescent after the crescent shape of the Mississippi River. John S. Harris established apple orchards throughout the area and La Crescent has been known as the "Apple Capital of Minnesota" since 1856. Today La Crescent is home to approximately 4,912 residents.

SPRING GROVE

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09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

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

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

GOOSE

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

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

CROW

07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/14/13 - 11/30/13

HUNTING, CONTD.

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/14/13 - 01/01/14

MOOSE

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

TURKEY

09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

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

(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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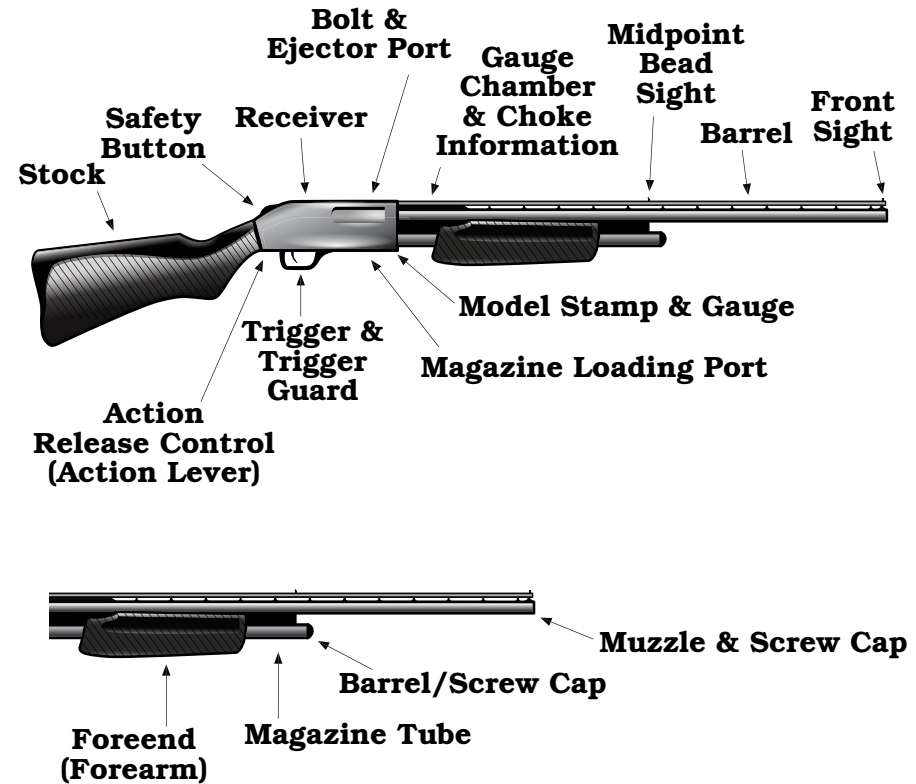
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BOBCAT

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

Hunting Safety



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

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

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

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

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367.*



Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

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

Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.

Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.

Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.

Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.

Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.





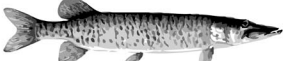







In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.

Turn boat at slow rates of speed.

Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.

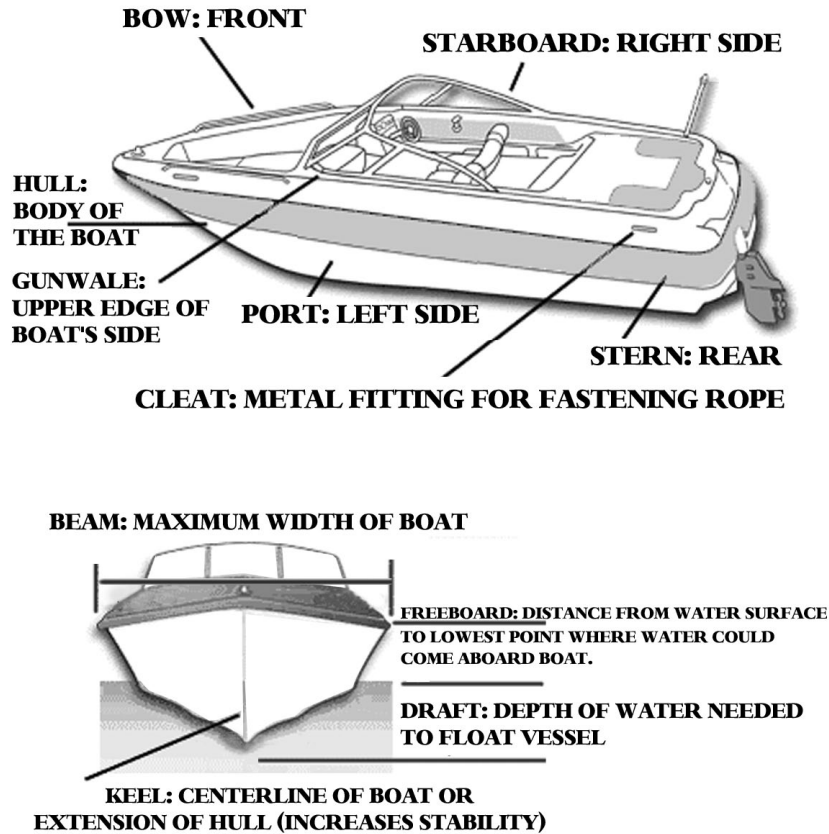
Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Common Fish Species

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

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.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

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.

Improving Lakes, Rivers & Streams

- Use phosphorus-free fertilizers to help control algae growth. Phosphorus helps to feed algae. Excessive algae makes swimming and fishing unpleasant, and stresses fish and wildlife.
- Bag your lawn clippings or use them for compost. Grass and leaves also contain phosphorus which promote algae growth. Trimmings that end up in streets end up polluting lakes and streams.
- Utilize rain barrels for gardening to help reduce runoff, as runoff transports pollutants to lakes and streams.
- Pick up after your pets, as their waste causes algae growth and has bacteria.
- Use alternative methods for controlling pests and weeds, or limit your chemical use to the minimum amount required.
- Maintain your lawn by seeding bare patches, aerating and allowing your grass to grow between 2½-3 inches to prevent soil erosion and promote strong roots.
- Swap your lawn for native plants, as native plants have deeper roots which prevent soil erosion.
- Be aware of what you put down drains and toilets. Oils, paints and hazardous chemicals should never be flushed. Hazardous waste should be disposed of in the proper manner.
- Utilize environmentally friendly household products, such as dishwashing soap and laundry detergent.
- Conserve water by turning it off when not needed, as it reduces the amount of water that needs to be treated for consumption.
- Utilize porous pavers for walkways and driveways to lower the amount of water runoff.

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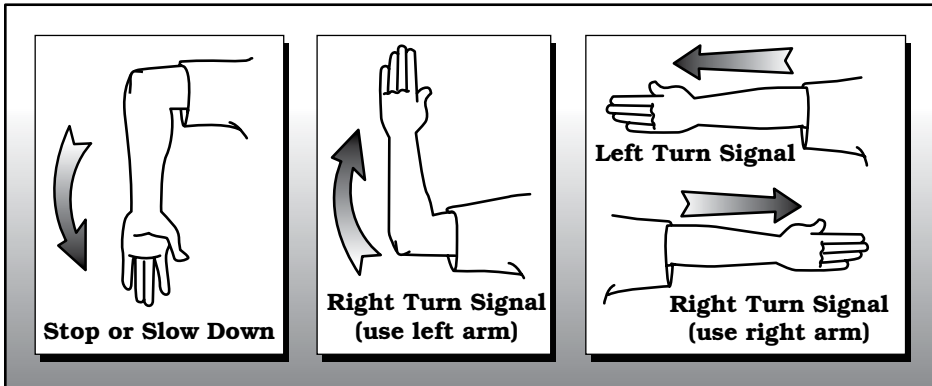
ATV Safety

- 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.

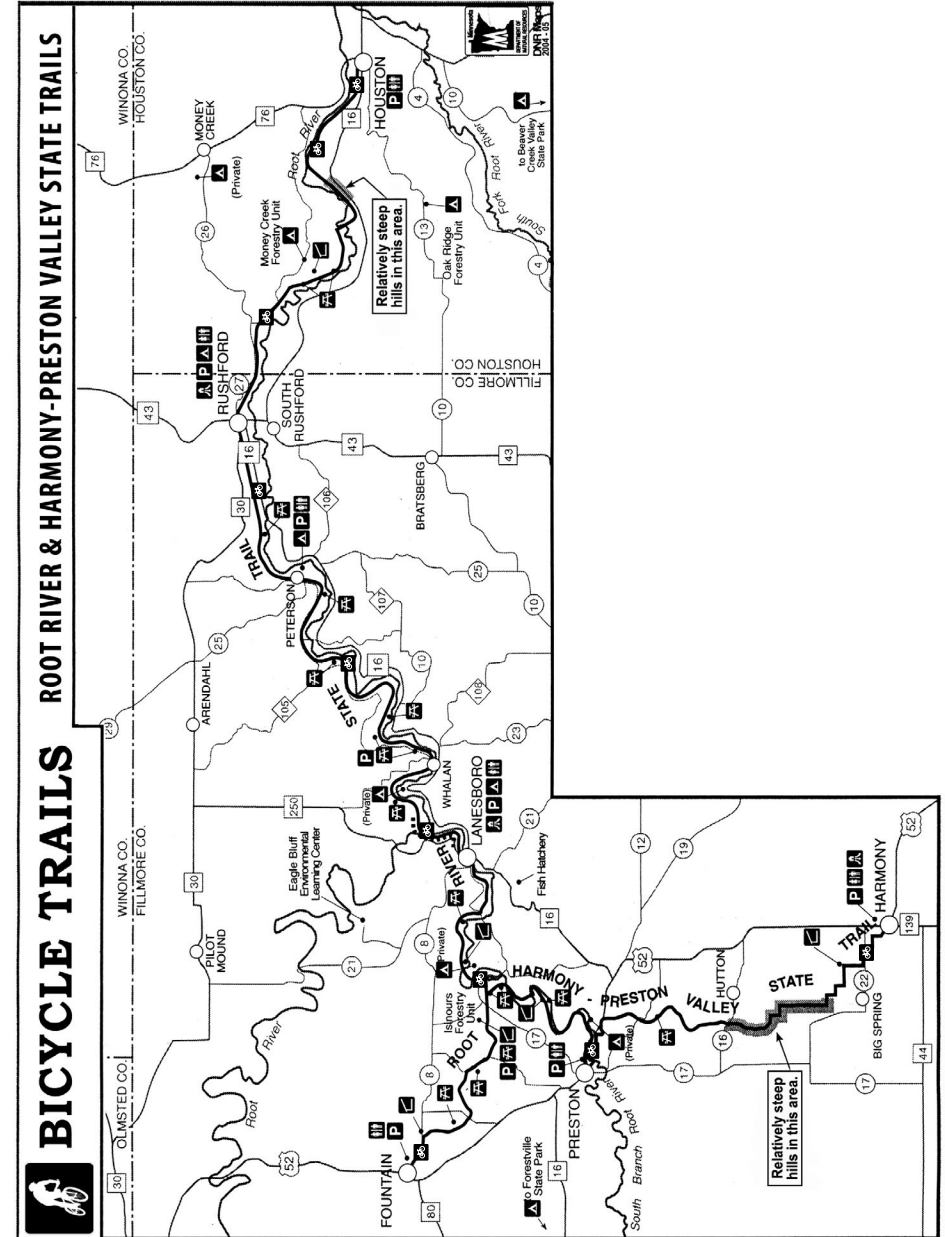


Bicycle Safety

- 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.



Bicycle Trails



Snowmobile Safety

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

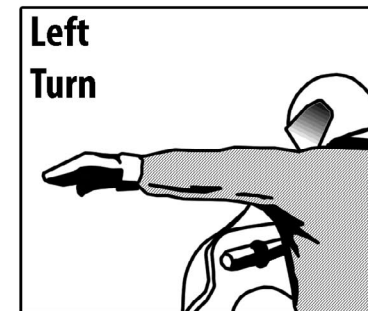
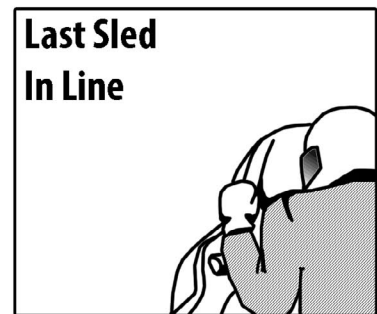
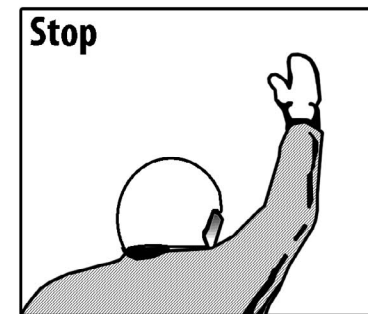
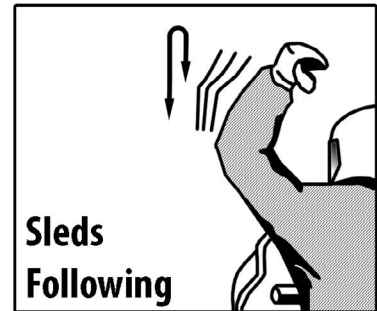
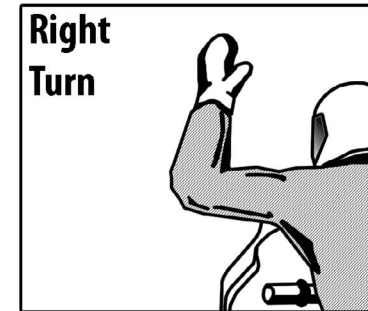
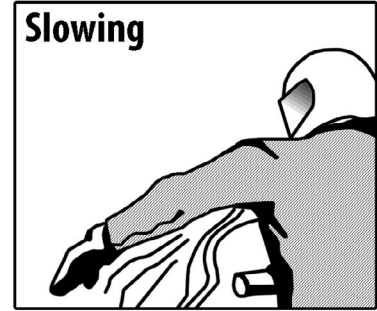
Common Trail Signs



Snowmobile Safety

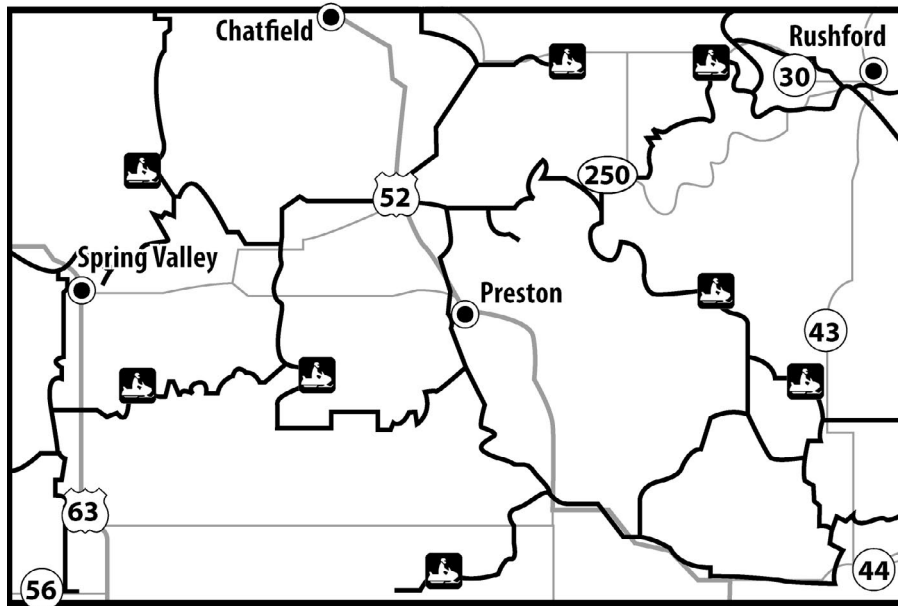
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

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

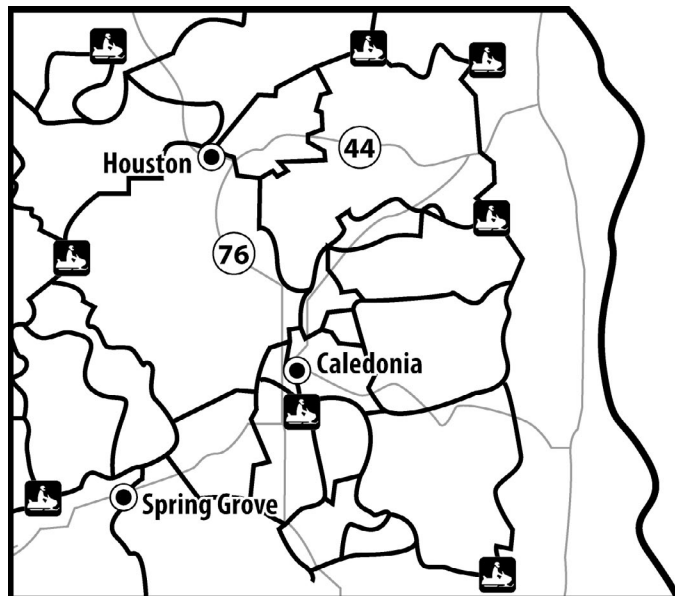


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Emergency Planning

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.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

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 ask 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.

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