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Area Guide



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Northwoods Social & Dance | Antigo

FEBRUARY

Annual Post Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree | Elcho
White Lake Fishing Derby

MARCH

St Patrick's Day Parade | Pickerel
Annual Keyes Peak uphill truck drag racing | Florence

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Antigo, Crandon

MAY

Memorial Day Parade | Antigo, Crandon, Wabeno
Crandon Farmers Market (May-Sept, Tue)

JUNE

Dual Sport "Ride for Research" | Wabeno
Music in the Park (June-Aug, Mon & Thur) | Antigo

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Antigo, Crandon, Laona,
White Lake
Langlade County Fair | Antigo
4th of July Parade | Antigo
Polish Heritage Days | Armstrong Creek
Kentuck Day Festival | Crandon
4th of July Boat Parade | Crandon
Arts & Crafts Show | Wabeno
Steam Up Days & Parade | Wabeno
Fireworks over Fisher Lake | Florence
Annual Car, Bike & Tractor Show | Long Lake

AUGUST

Florence County Fair | Florence
Aurora Mud Runs | Florence
Laona Community Soup & Souper Run | Silver Lake
Roberts Lake Fisheree & Corn Roast | Wabeno
Elton Evergreen Day Celebration
Annual Tater Trot | Antigo
Tri County National Night Out
Amsoil Championship Off Road Races (Aug-Sept) |
Crandon
Off Road Race Parade & Celebration (Aug-Sept) |
Crandon

SEPTEMBER

Forest County Fair | Crandon
Oktoberfest | Antigo
Big Woods 200 Dual Sport | Wabeno
Wolfman Triathlon | White Lake
Stumble Stump Rendezvous | Antigo
Iron Bull Midwest Bikepacking Summit | Deerbrook
Spirit Warrior Run | Crandon
Art in the Square | Crandon
Roundup Fall Fundraiser and Cruise In | Elcho

OCTOBER

Optimist Halloween Costume Parade | Antigo
Halloween Celebration | Crandon
Annual Antigo Junior Women's Club Craft Fair, Trade &
Vintage Market | Antigo

NOVEMBER

Dirty Dog Dryland Derby | Pickerel

DECEMBER

Annual Chili Cook-Off | Antigo
Annual Christmas in Florence
Wabeno Winterfest

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Forest County

ADRC.....	(800) 699-6704
Aging	(715) 478-3256
Child Support	478-2157
County Clerk	478-2422
District Attorney	478-3511
Economic Development	478-3450
Emergency	911
Emergency Management	478-3430
Family Court	478-3085
Forestry & Recreation.....	478-3475
Health Department	478-3371
Highway Department	478-3516
Land Conservation & Info.....	478-1387
Maintenance	478-6616
Register of Deeds	478-3823
Sheriff	478-3331
Social Services	478-3351
Treasurer/RealPropertyLister.....	478-2412
UW Extension	478-2212
Veterans Services	478-3722
Zoning/Land Use.....	478-3893

Florence County

Aging/ADRC.....	(715) 528-4890
Economic Development	528-3294
Child Support	528-3369
County Clerk	528-3201
Clerk of Courts	528-3205
Coroner	528-3346
District Attorney/Victim Witness Program.....	528-3362
Emergency	911
Emergency Management	(414) 296-1059
Family Resource Center	528-5566
Forestry & Parks	528-3207 Ext1
Highway Department	528-4253
Human Services	528-3296
Natural Resource Center	528-5377
Register of Deeds	528-4252
Sheriff	528-3346
Treasurer	528-3204
UW Extension	528-4480
Veterans Services	528-3446
Zoning	528-3206

Langlade County

Child Support	(715) 627-6225
Clerk of Courts	627-6215
County Clerk	627-6200
District Attorney	627-6224
Emergency	911
Emergency Management	627-6257
County Manager.....	627-6203
Highway	627-6272
Land Conservation	627-6291
Maintenance	627-6289
Register of Deeds	627-6209
Sheriff	627-6411
Social Services	627-6500
UW Extension	627-6236
Veterans Services	627-6545

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Forest County was once part of Oconto and Langlade Counties. In 1885 Forest County was established and named for the vast amount of timber found throughout the area. Crandon was selected as the county seat. Timber camps became communities and other towns formed near streams, rivers and rail lines. Early industry was dominated by timber and agriculture. Today it has become a popular destination for outdoor recreational enthusiasts, with 21,882 acres of lakes and its proximity to the Nicolet National Forest. Today Forest County is home to approximately 9,846 residents.

CRANDON (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 1,816
 ALVIN - pop. 205
 ARGONNE - pop. 528
 ARMSTRONG CREEK - pop. 459
 BLACKWELL - pop. 372
 CASWELL - pop. 105
 FREEDOM - pop. 373
 HILES - pop. 389

LAONA - pop. 1,303
 LINCOLN - pop. 1,022
 NASHVILLE - pop. 1,193
 POPPLE RIVER - pop. 80
 ROSS - pop. 169
 WABENO - pop. 1,248

**Populations are approximate.*

ARGONNE

The first settlement in the Argonne area was established along the Pine River and it was known as VanZile. The land was inhabited by lumber camps and as the railroad arrived in 1887, businesses began to thrive. By 1900 there were grocery stores, doctor's offices, newspapers, saloons, a butcher shop, bank, stable and a variety of specialty shops. In 1921 the community was renamed Argonne after a battle in World War II. Today Argonne is home to approximately 528 residents.

ARMSTRONG CREEK

Armstrong Creek was settled in the 1850s and founded under the name Caswell. As the settlement grew, the community was renamed several times. Advertised to Polish immigrants as "the Land of Milk and Honey," Armstrong Creek attracted many of these immigrants. As a result, the Polish National Alliance was founded and the community celebrates its annual Polish Heritage Days. In 1922 Armstrong Creek was incorporated and given its present name. Today Armstrong Creek is home to approximately 459 residents.

BLACKWELL

Settled in the mid 1800s, Blackwell originated as a timber camp. As loggers and mill workers arrived, the community began to grow. Businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community and by 1900 its population reached 990. Today Blackwell is home to approximately 372 residents.

CRANDON (COUNTY SEAT)

Crandon was settled in the 1880s and originally part of Oconto County. Land purchased by Samuel Shaw became the town site and the community was named in honor of Major Frank P. Crandon, a railroad commissioner. With successful lobbying, Forest County was created and Crandon was selected as the county seat. Early industry was timber based and a mill attracted new residents. As the lumber industry began to slow, community growth slowed. Today Crandon is home to 1,816 residents.

HILES

Settled in the 1860s by loggers, Hiles has its roots in the lumber industry. Attracted to the ample timber and scenic beauty of Pine Lake, settlers worked the mills and assisted with the development of the railroad. The community was named in honor of Franklin Pierce Hiles, a landowner and developer, in 1903. By 1928 there were schools, churches, boarding house and general store. Today Hiles is home to approximately 389 residents.

LAONA

Laona was settled in 1876 as a logging camp. Norman Johnson, the area's first settler, named the community in honor of his daughter Laona. As the railroad arrived, the community began to boom and the timber industry continued to thrive. Today Laona is home to approximately 1,303 residents.

WABENO

Wabeno, was named after a tornado wiped out a large area of timber in 1880. Early industry was dominated by timber and logging camps and sawmills were established throughout the area. With the arrival of the railroad, Wabeno began to grow and the logging industry continued. A logging museum was founded in 1941 to honor Wabeno's early history, showcasing the life of the pioneers. Today Wabeno is home to approximately 1,248 residents.



Florence County, named after Florence Hulst, one of the area's first pioneers, was established in 1882 from part of Oconto and Marinette Counties. As iron ore was discovered, mining operations began and many settlers were attracted to the area. Logging and lumbering became popular and mills provided employment for new residents. Farms were established to meet the needs of the lumber camps and goods were transported to local markets. The timber industry was gradually replaced by agriculture as pine resources were depleted. By 1920 there were over 394 farms found throughout the area and Florence was selected as the county seat. Today Florence County is home to approximately 4,652 residents.

AURORA - pop. 1,073
 COMMONWEALTH - pop. 419
 FERN - pop. 139
 FLORENCE (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 2,111
 HOMESTEAD - pop. 378

LONG LAKE - pop. 180
 TIPLER - pop. 189

**Populations are approximate.*

AURORA

Aurora is a town in Florence County with a total area of about 39 square miles. The town lies on the Michigan/Wisconsin border, across the Menominee River from Kingsford, Michigan. Today the population is approximately 1,073 people with a density around 31 individuals per square mile.

FLORENCE (COUNTY SEAT)

Florence was named in honor of Florence Hulst, an early pioneer. Early settlers arrived to mine iron ore and harvest timber. As timber resources became exhausted, industry became agricultural based. As the railroad was constructed, Florence continued to grow and was chosen as the county seat. Today Florence is home to approximately 2,111 residents.

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- ACKLEY - pop. 551
- AINSWORTH - pop. 567
- ANTIGO (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 7,917
- ELCHO - pop. 1,282
- EVERGREEN - pop. 478
- LANGLADE - pop. 538
- NEVA - pop. 996
- NORWOOD - pop. 903
- PARRISH - pop. 122
- PECK - pop. 372

- POLAR - pop. 988
- PRICE - pop. 265
- ROLLING - pop. 1,427
- SUMMIT - pop. 180
- UPHAM - pop. 688
- VILAS - pop. 261
- WHITE LAKE - pop. 323
- WOLF RIVER - pop. 883

**Populations are approximate.*

ANTIGO (COUNTY SEAT)

The name Antigo is derived from an Ojibwe word meaning “summer balsam firs by the river.” The community was established by Francis A. Deleglise in 1878 as a timber camp. Attracted to the ample timber and pristine landscape, settlers arrived and the community was selected as the county seat in 1880. Early industry was dominated by timber and agriculture and as the railroad arrived, Antigo continued to grow and was selected as the county seat. Today Antigo is home to approximately 7,917 residents.

ELCHO

First settled in 1881 by I.J. Millard, Elcho was originally part of Parrish until 1889. The community was named by B.F. Dorr, the local surveyor, after a town in Scotland. A mill, store and manufacturing plant were established, attracting settlers to the area. By 1912, Elcho housed a hotel, bank, school, church and post office and the community continued to grow. Today Elcho is home to approximately 1,282 residents.

LANGLADE

One of the oldest towns in northern Wisconsin, Langlade was named after Charles Langlade, an early pioneer. Fertile soil and abundant timber attracted settlers and by 1900, Langlade housed a church, school, mill and general store. With the construction of the railroad, Langlade began to boom as supplies and goods were easily transported to nearby towns. Today Langlade is home to approximately 538 residents.

NEVA

Named in honor of an Indian Chief, Neva was settled in 1880. As the area became populated, a school was established in 1882. A mill, general store and boarding house were thriving by 1900. With the arrival of the railroad, Neva continued to grow as timber and farm products were easily transported to nearby markets. Today Neva is home to approximately 996 residents.

NORWOOD

Norwood was established in 1880 and was originally part of Shawano County. A mill was constructed and settlers arrived to work in the timber industry. Schools, churches and general stores were built to meet the growing needs of the community. As the timber industry slowed, development began to slow. Today Norwood is home to approximately 903 residents.

PARRISH

Parrish, once part of Elcho and Summit, was established in 1889 and named in honor of Judge J. K. Parrish. As the Brooks and Ross Lumber Company was founded, settlers flocked to the community to work in the mills. In 1890 a school was established and a general store was later built. As the logging industry began to slow, development declined. Today Parrish is home to approximately 122 residents.

POLAR

First called Muller's Lake, Polar was renamed in honor of early pioneer Hiram B. Polar. As the Webster Manufacturing Company built mills throughout the area, settlers arrived to work in the lumber industry. In 1879 the post office was established and a school was built in 1881. By 1915 a cheese factory, church and sawmills were thriving. Today Polar is home to approximately 988 residents.

ROLLING

Settled in the 1880s, Rolling was first part of Hutchinson. A post office was established in 1882 and early industry was timber based. As families arrived to the area to work in the mills, a school and church was constructed. With the development of the railroad, Rolling continued to grow. A creamery, cheese factory, saloon and general stores were then constructed, attracting more families to the area. Today Rolling is home to approximately 1,427 residents.

UPHAM

Upham was named in honor of Governor William H. Upham. Once part of Summit and Neva, Upham began as a logging town. As businesses were established, settlers arrived and the community began to develop. As the railroad arrived in 1881, Upham continued to grow and mills employed most of the population. By 1908 the area boasted several schools, churches and a variety of businesses. Today Upham is home to approximately 688 residents.

WOLF RIVER

Wolf River started at the settlement of Elton in 1886. The first settler to arrive to the area was Charles H. Larzelere. As more pioneers arrived, a mill, blacksmith shop, church, school, post office and general store were established. The community was renamed in 1925 after the local river. Today Wolf River is home to approximately 883 residents.



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Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



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LAKE EMILY PARK & CAMPGROUND

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LOON LAKE PARK

Loon Lake Rd. | Fern | (715) 528-3207
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POPPLE RIVER PARK

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The Best of Wisconsin Outdoors

Fishing:

Bass: Pelican Lake, Oneida County
Walleye: Lake Winnebago, Winnebago County
Muskellunge: Big Saint Germain Lake, Vilas County
Northern Pike: Lake Mendota, Dane County

Hiking:

Devil's Lake State Park, Sauk County
Ice Age Trail, Throughout Wisconsin
Amnicon Falls State Park, Douglas County
Copper Falls State Park, Ashland County

Golf Courses:

Whistling Straits, Sheboygan County
Milwaukee Country Club, Milwaukee County
Erin Hills, Washington County
Blackwolf Run, Sheboygan County

Mountain Biking:

Rock Lake, Bayfield County
Hickory Ridge, Chippewa County
Alpine Valley, Walworth County
Pleasant View, Dane County

Skiing:

Bruce Mound, Clark County
Granite Peak, Marathon County
Christie Mountain, Rusk County
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BREAKWATER FALLS
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KETTLEBOWL SKI AREA
N6875 Hwy. 52 | White Lake

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Health Benefits of the Outdoors



Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*

Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 – 6

Gun ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 – 11

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 12 – 15

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2025*

*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.

BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Oct. 2 – 8

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 4 – Oct. 8

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Zone Oct. 19 – Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Year-round

Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone B (northeast) Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone C (south) Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Zone D (Mississippi River) Dec. 2 – March 15, 2025

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone Oct. 19 – April 15, 2025

Central Zone Oct. 26 – March 22, 2025

Southern Zone Nov. 2 – March 15, 2025

Mississippi River zone Nov. 11 – March 9, 2025

Bobcat

Trapping

North and South zones, Period 1 Oct. 19 – Dec. 25

North and South zones, Period 2 Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025

Fisher

Trapping

North and South Zones Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

Otter

Trapping

North zone Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Raccoon

Trapping

Resident Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Nonresident Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck ~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 13 – 14

Spring 2024

Period A April 17 – 23

Period B April 24 – 30

Period C May 1 – 7

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period D May 8–14

Period E May 15– 21

Period F May 22 – 28

Fall 2024

Statewide Sept. 14 – Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23 – Jan. 5, 2025

*Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

*For the latest season dates. Check the Wisconsin DNR website, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> or scan the QR code.

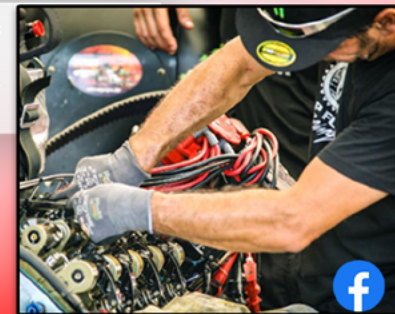


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FLEET FARM ANTIGO
2511 NEVA RD | ANTIGO | (715) 623-2063

JS ARCHERY PRO SHOP
2763 HWY 45 N | ANTIGO | (715) 627-2697

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N9184 HWY 55 | PICKEREL | (715) 484-7932

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WALMART STORE 3268
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Do
NOT
Transport
Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

FISHING SEASONS

2024-2025 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1, 2024; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch & release)

January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

General Inland Trout

May 4 (5 a.m.) - October 15

General Inland Fishing

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

June 15 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release

At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest

May 25 - December 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - December 31

Northern Pike

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Walleye

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Lake Sturgeon

February 10 - February 25 (spearing)

September 7 to September 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends

Jan. 18-19, 2025

June 1-2, 2024

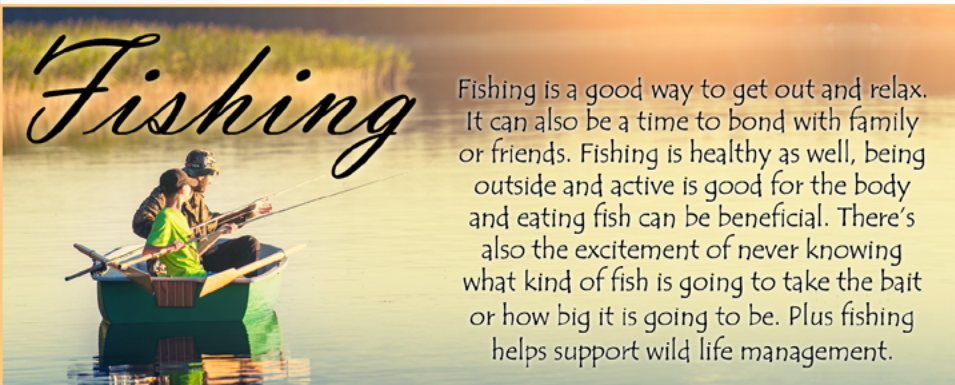
Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates:*

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Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.

Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



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

Mosquitoes

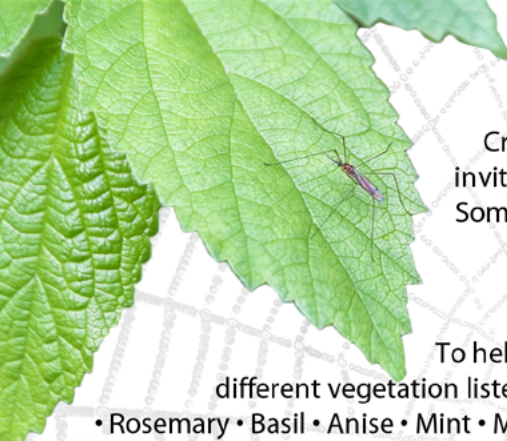
Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies



To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

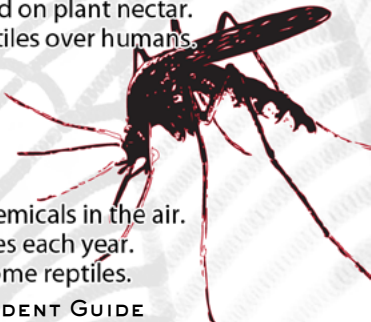
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

• Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
• Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal



Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged (Deer) Tick Coverage
Lyme disease
Anaplasmosis
Babesiosis
Ehrlichiosis
Powassan virus disease

American Dog (Wood) Tick Coverage
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Lone Star Tick Coverage
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Heartland virus disease
Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

1-Know when and where you're at risk

- Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent

- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks

- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!





Whether you're a die-hard Off-Road racing fan, or just someone that wants an experience where some consider it to be the "Super Bowl" of Off-Road, then head on over to Crandon, Wisconsin. Located in Forest County, Wisconsin. Typically held over Labor Day weekend, beginning in 1970- 2022 was the 53rd year that the city has been host to the "World Championship Off-Road Races".

Held at the Crandon International Raceway, over 55,000 fans have sold out Camp Crandon and filled every parking spot to be a part of the experience.

The grounds have been prepared to host a celebration of racing, exhibitions, a parade, free concerts and of course, FOOD! Most like to refer to this as the "Crandon Experience" with over 400 plus PRO & Sportsman AMSOIL Championship Off-Road (COR) series teams as well as all the classes that make up the Ultra4 Racing Series.

Racers strap themselves into a 2WD (PRO2) or 4WD (PRO4) vehicle, and put the pedal to the metal, all in search of the coveted title of "World Off-Road Champion". On a 25 ¼ mile dirt course, racers push 101 miles to the checkered flag. In the years before the COVID shut down, the 2019 & 2020 winner of the Red Bull Cup was R.J. Anderson. In 2018, Brian Deegan set a race lap record of 1:20:165 driving a Toyota Pro2 and in the same year, Bryce Menzies set a race lap record of 1:16:900 in a Ford Pro4.

During this Midwest sports world Iconic event, racers will go all out, racing to win the coveted title of "Crandon World Champion". To kick off the weekend, The "Forest County Potawatomi Friday Night Thunder" races will be held under the lights. Late night racing under the lights will be held on Saturday night, too. Sunday will be the day that holds the EPIC "Red Bull Crandon World Cup".

A list of some of the events are as follows:

- Ultra4 Rock Racing (All Classes)
- AMSOIL Championship Off-Road Pro & Sportsman Racing
- Annual Lucas Oil Crandon Labor Day Parade, presented by Polaris
- FCP Friday night Thunder Night Racing
- Saturday night "Rage on the Rocks" Ultra4 racing
- Red Bull Crandon World Cup Sunday
- Red Bull Cup Finale

Even if Racing isn't your niche, the trip to this beautiful Wisconsin City is totally worth it. This time of year, the colors are just beginning to change, and that crisp air just invigorates the soul. Enjoy!



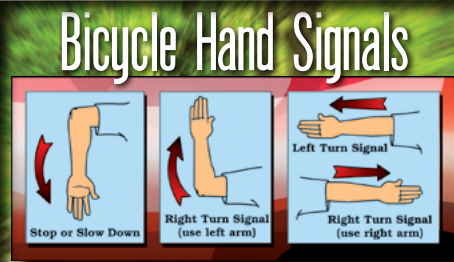
Crandon International Off Road Raceway

10104 US Hwy 8 Rd, Crandon, WI 54520 Phone #715-478-2222

Crandonoffroad.com <https://www.facebook.com/CrandonOffRoad>

Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

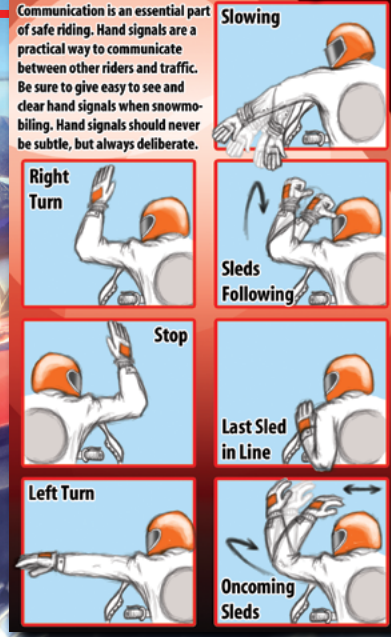
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

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.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

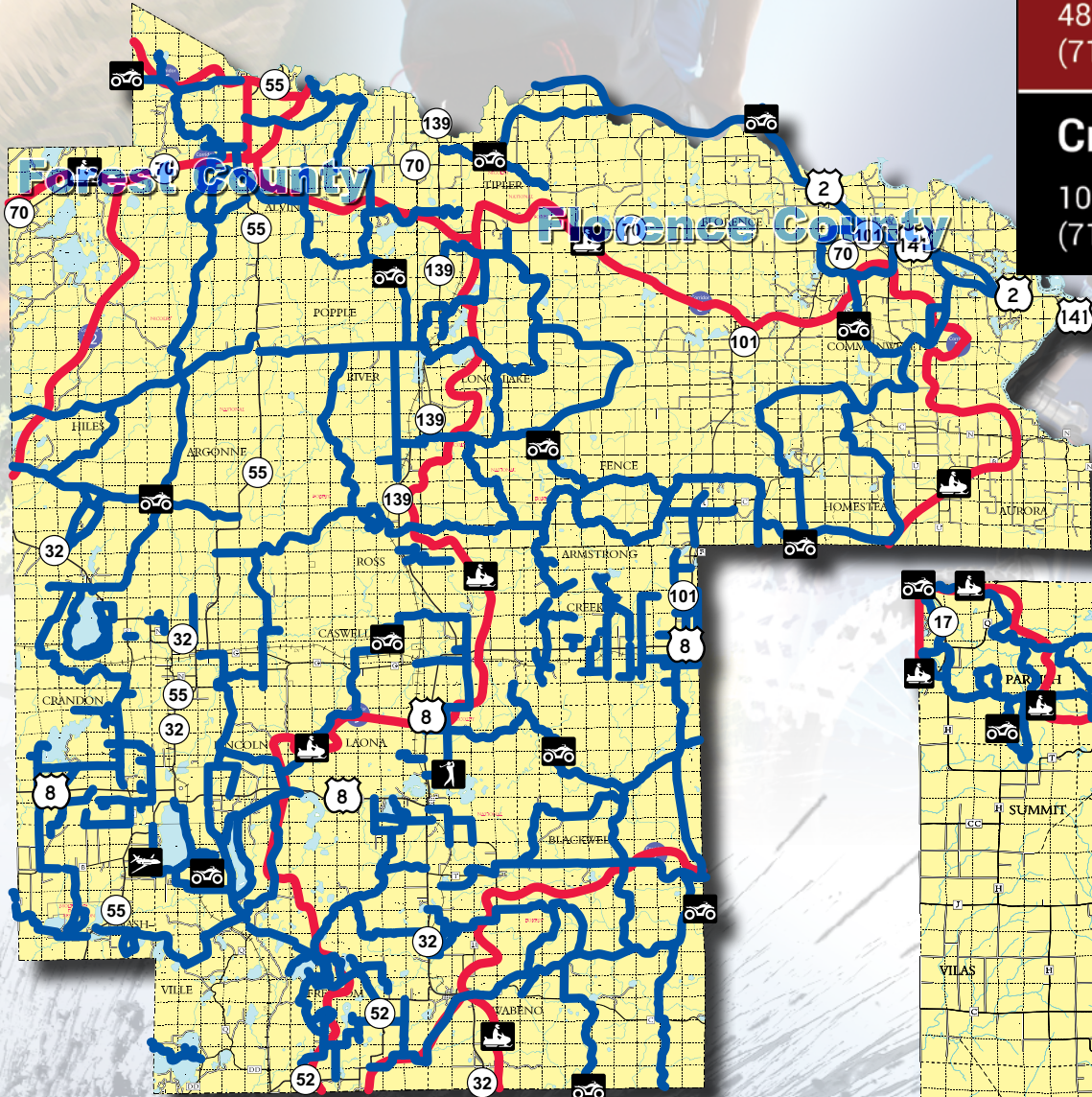
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



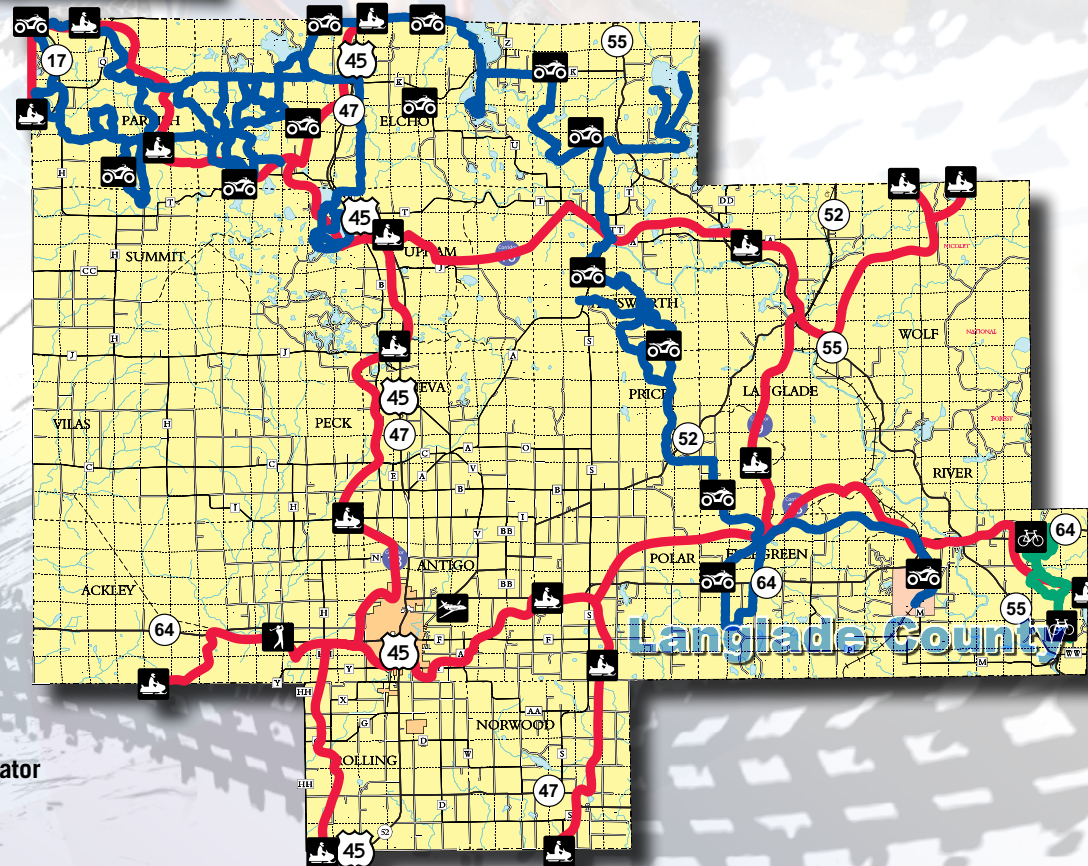
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-  ————— Snowmobile Trail
-  ————— Bicycle Trail/Route
-  ————— Golf Course Locator
-  ————— Airport Locator

HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple *meal* with a *Gourmet* Feel

INGREDIENTS

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

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

DOG PARKS

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FIREWOOD

Burn it where you get it!



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!



*Shop.
Dine.
Play.
Stay.*

**LOCALLY
YTAO1**

...and support the community you live in!