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Residential Services

WADENA COUNTY

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Emergency Management	631-7795
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Planning & Zoning	
Public Health	
Recorder	631-7622
Sheriff	
Social Services	631-7605
Solid Waste	
Veteran Services	





Local Area Events

JANUARY

Menahga Family Fishing Derby

FEBRUARY

Audrey's Purple Dream Fishing Tournament | Akeley Trailbreakers' Radar Run | Menahga Park Rapids Area Library Book Sale American Legion Fishing Contest | Park Rapids KC Prowest Kitty Cat/Snowcross 120 | Park Rapids Otto Matic 3 Mile Walk/Run | Park Rapids Wine & Chocolate Event | Wadena

MARCH

St. Urho Celebration | Menahga

APRIL

Annual Spring Market | Park Rapids Easter Egg Hunt | Park Rapids & Nevis Red Bridge Film Festival | Park Rapids

MAY

Menahga City-Wide Garage Sale Farmers Market | Park Rapids Memorial Day Service | Park Rapids Northern Lights Opera Gala | Park Rapids St. Joseph's Hospice & Scholarship Golf Event | Menahga

JUNE

Paul Bunyan Days | Akeley Picnic in the Park | Park Rapids Relay for Life | Park Rapids Sidewalk Sale | Park Rapids Lake N' Pine Craft Show | Hubbard County Car Show | Nevis Gene Cirks Catch & Release Tournament | Nevis Red Eye River Days | Sebeka

JULY

4th of July Parade & Fireworks Menahga Midsummer Festival Crazy Days | Park Rapids Firecracker Foot Race | Park Rapids Hubbard County Shell Prairie Fair | Park Rapids Blueberry Festival in Lake George | Park Rapids PBR Challenger Tour Bull Ride | Park Rapids Stoney Creek Artists, C'mon Inn | Park Rapids The Amazing Muskie Race | Nevis Muskie Days | Nevis Pig Races | Nevis Wadena County Fair | Wadena

Local Area Events

AUGUST

Taste of Dorset Pig Roast | Hubbard Forestedge Winery Art Fair & Wine Tasting | LaPorte City-Wide Garage Sale | Nevis Northwoods Triathlon | Nevis Fishhook Challenge Half Marathon | Park Rapids Free Party on Main | Park Rapids Headwaters R/C Flying Club Fun Fly | Park Rapids Kids Fishing Derby | Park Rapids Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmer's Show | Park Rapids Lakes, Loons & Legends Fest | Park Rapids Legends & Logging Days | Park Rapids Northern Knights Run to the Rapids | Park Rapids Park Rapids Antique Tractor & Engine Field Days Pig Roast | Park Rapids Sidewalk Sale | Park Rapids Uffda Days | Nevis Living Legacy Gardens Horticulture Day | Staples Quad Motocross Race | Staples Railroad Days | Staples Still Cruisin Car Show | Staples

SEPTEMBER

Hay Days | Akeley Dorset Garage Sale Super Saturday in Sebeka Art Leap | Park Rapids Fall Classic Fishing Tournament | Park Rapids Headwaters Hundred Bike Ride | Park Rapids Nevis Scholarship Fund Junior Fishing Tournament Nimrod Jubilee Days Firefighters Rodeo | Wadena The Traveling Whitetails | Wadena Whiskey Creek Film Festival | Wadena

OCTOBER

Living at Home's Rib Dinner | Park Rapids Trick or Treat | Park Rapids

NOVEMBER

Hubbard Boutique Craft Show Jingle Bells Kickoff | Park Rapids Tree Lighting, Nativity & Santa Arrives | Park Rapids Yuletide Sampler | Park Rapids Holiday Music Show | Wadena

DECEMBER

Santa Day | Menahga Christmas Celebration | Nevis Jingle Bells Drawing & Gala Celebration | Park Rapids





Hubbard County History (Park Rapids, County Seat)

Once part of Cass County, Hubbard County was established in 1883. It was named in honor of Minnesota Governor and State Senator, Lucius Frederick Hubbard. With the development of the railroad, Hubbard County continued to thrive and general stores, hotels and a variety of businesses were founded. Early industry included agriculture, logging and tourism and Park Rapids was selected as the county seat. By 1900 the population of Hubbard County had reached 6,578 and the area has continued to grow. Today Hubbard County is home to approximately 18,810 residents.

Hubbard County Communities

CITIES: AKELEY – pop. 412 LAPORTE – pop. 148 NEVIS – pop. 389 PARK RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,648

TOWNSHIPS: AKELEY TOWNSHIP – pop. 483 **ARAGO TOWNSHIP** – pop. 579 **BADOURA TOWNSHIP** – pop. 95 **CLAY TOWNSHIP** – pop. 48 **CLOVER TOWNSHIP** – pop. 143 **CROW WING LAKE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 262 **FARDEN TOWNSHIP** – pop. 987 FERN TOWNSHIP – pop. 209 **GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 433 **HART LAKE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 463 **HELGA TOWNSHIP** – pop. 1,328 **HENDRICKSON TOWNSHIP** – pop. 229 **HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP** – pop. 1,515 **HUBBARD TOWNSHIP** – pop. 778 **LAKE ALICE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 87 **LAKE EMMA TOWNSHIP** – pop. 892 **LAKE GEORGE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 380 **LAKE HATTIE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 130 **LAKEPORT TOWNSHIP** – pop. 738 **MANTRAP TOWNSHIP** – *pop.* 465 **NEVIS TOWNSHIP** – pop. 867 **ROCKWOOD TOWNSHIP** – pop. 462 **SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP** – pop. 106 **STEAMBOAT RIVER TOWNSHIP** – pop. 121 **STRAIGHT RIVER TOWNSHIP** – pop. 661 **THORPE TOWNSHIP** – pop. 43 *Populations are approximate.

Hubbard County Communities

LAPORTE

The name, "laportes" is derived from the french word meaning "door" or "gate." The town was originally called Lakeport, but its name was changed in the early 1900s. With construction of the railroad in 1898, LaPorte housed a depot and the area began to develop. A post office was established in 1899 with Nelson Daughters serving as the area's first postmaster and LaPorte continued to thrive. Today LaPorte is home to approximately 148 residents.

NEVIS

Nevis was named after the highest mountain in Great Britain known as Ben Nevis. It was incorporated as a village in1902 and its population grew early when the railroads were introduced to the area. Churches, schools, hotels and social halls were founded and the area became a popular destination for summer travelers. It is now widely recognized for housing the world's largest tiger muskie statue and its great fishing opportunities. Today Nevis is home to approximately 867 residents.

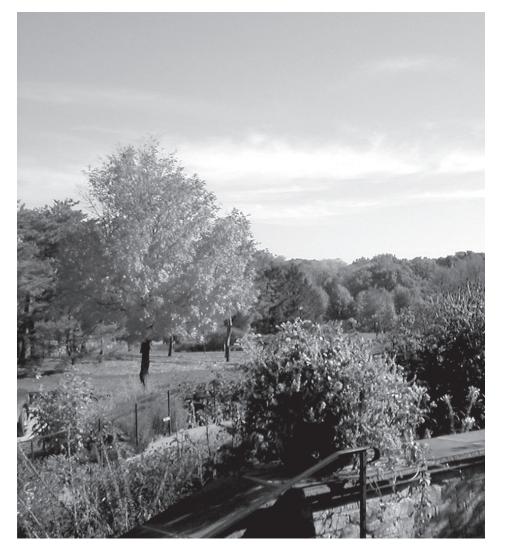
PARK RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT)

Park Rapids was first settled in 1882 by Frank C. Rice and was named after the parklike groves and rapids from the Fish Hook River. Streets were then platted and Park Rapids was selected as the county seat. Many early pioneers were attracted to the area because of the rolling prairies for agriculture and the abundance of timber for logging. As the railroad arrived, Park Rapids began to develop and the area became a popular vacation destination. Today Park Rapids is home to approximately 3,648 residents.



AKELEY

Akeley was established by the Red River Lumber Company in 1893 as a logging community. Settlements began in 1895 and a sawmill was built followed by the arrival of the railroad. The area began to thrive and as the logging industry slowed in the early 1900s, dairy farming became the highest grossing industry in the area. Today Akeley is home to approximately 412 residents.



Wadena County History (Wadena, County Seat)

Wadena County was established in 1858 and organized in 1873. The name Wadena was derived from an Ojibwe word meaning, "little round hill," and the area developed around a trading post along the Crow Wing River. The city of Wadena was selected as the county seat and with construction of the railroad in 1872, businesses, schools and churches were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and by 1900 the population of Wadena County had reached 7,921. Today Wadena County is home to approximately 13,311 residents.

Wadena County Communities

CITIES: ALDRICH – pop. 47 MENAHGA– pop. 1,196 NIMROD – pop. 72 SEBEKA – pop. 650 STAPLES – pop. 3,019 VERNDALE – pop. 529 WADENA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,980

TOWNSHIPS:

ALDRICH TOWNSHIP – pop. 424 BLUEBERRY TOWNSHIP – pop. 711 HUNTERSVILLE TOWNSHIP – pop. 139 LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 516 LYONS TOWNSHIP – pop. 188 MEADOW TOWNSHIP – pop. 240 NORTH GERMANY TOWNSHIP – pop. 335 ORTON TOWNSHIP – pop. 231 RED EYE TOWNSHIP – pop. 427 ROCKWOOD TOWNSHIP – pop. 396 SHELL RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 279 THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP – pop. 708 WADENA TOWNSHIP – pop. 982 WING RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 433 *Populations are approximate.

ALDRICH

Founded as a logging community, Aldrich was settled in the late 1880s as pioneers were attracted to the fertile soil and access to timber. The community was named after Cyrus Aldrich, a member of the Minnesota state legislature and postmaster of Minneapolis. The first post office was established in 1877 and as the railroad was constructed, the area continued to grow and the community was incorporated in 1938. Today Aldrich is home to approximately 47 residents.

MENAHGA

Settled by Finnish immigrants in 1875, Menahga's name was derived from the Ojibwe word for "blueberry." Pioneers arrived to stake claims and early industry included logging and agriculture. In 1891 the Great Northern Railway entered the area and the area began to grow dramatically. Menahga was incorporated in 1892 and a post office was established. Today Menahga is home to approximately 1,196 residents.

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NIMROD

Nimrod was settled in the late 1880s and its name was derived from a passage in the Bible. As rail lines were constructed, Nimrod became a stopping place along the Wheat Trail and a hotel was built to meet the needs of travelers. A post office was established in 1887 with Mary L. Williams serving as the area's first postmaster. The area grew slowly and was incorporated in 1924. Today Nimrod is home to approximately 72 residents.

SEBEKA

Established in 1898 as a railway village, Sebeka was named by Colonel William Crooks, a railway engineer. A sawmill, general store and hotel were constructed which attracted many settlers to the area. By 1900 its population had reached 233 and the area has continued to grow. Today Sebeka is home to approximately 650 residents.

STAPLES

In the late 1800s the Dower and Staples families, who were prominent in the lumber industry, settled in present day Staples. The local lake was named after the Dower family and the community was named after the Staples family. As the area began to develop, schools, churches, stores, mills and blacksmith shops were built and the area has since grown. Today Staples is home to approximately 3,019 residents.

VERNDALE

Settled in the late 1800s, Verndale was named in honor of Vernie Smith, a granddaughter of one of the first settlers, Lucas W. Smith. The community was established as a railway village and with the development of businesses and industry, Verndale continued to grow. Today Verndale is home to approximately 529 residents.

WADENA (COUNTY SEAT)

Originally a trading post along the Crow Wing River, Wadena was settled in 1871. As rail lines were constructed, businesses were established and its population had reached 100 by 1880. Its name is derived from an Ojibwe word meaning, "little round hill." As the area continued to develop, Wadena was selected as the county seat. Today Wadena is home to approximately 3,980 residents.



Local Area Attractions

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NORTHSTAR SPORTSMAN CLUB 10215 Rifle Range Dr. NW | LaPorte | (218) 547-3936

PARK THEATRE 107 Main Ave. S | Park Rapids | (218) 732-3461

VINTAGE AT STAPLES 27923 McGivern Dr. | Staples | (218) 894-9907

WADENA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 603 Jefferson St. N | Wadena | (218) 631-9079

WHITETAIL RUN GOLF COURSE 13379 Leaf River Rd. | Wadena | (218) 631-7718



Parks & Recreation

ANDERSON'S CROSSING CAMPGROUND

Spanning 113 acres, Anderson's Crossing is home to the Butterfield Rapids. Located in Nimrod.

BULLARD'S BLUFF

A secluded campsite spanning 80 acres, Bullard's Bluff was once known as "Hog Heaven" for the numerous wild pigs that occupied the area. Located in Sebeka.

COTTINGHAM PARK

Cottingham Park is equipped with a boat and canoe landing, picnic areas and a hiking trail leading south to Bullard's Bluff Campsite. Located in Sebeka.

CROW WING CANOE TRAIL

The 90 mile trail was the first Resource Conservation and Development Project in the nation. The trail accommodates canoes and inner tubes and many campgrounds are located along the shores. Located in Nimrod.

CROW WING RIVER CAMPGROUND

Crow Wing River Campground is located on 15 acres along the Crow Wing River. Amenities include fire rings and picnic tables. Visitors can enjoy primitive camping, swimming and fishing. Located in Sebeka.

FRAMES' LANDING CAMPGROUND

A 14 acre campsite that was named after one of Nimrod's first settlers, Frames' Landing was once the location of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp established after WWII. Located in Nimrod.

HEARTLAND PARK

Amenities include reservable picnic shelters, playground equipment, basketball court, horseshoe court, ball field, fishing pier, public access, public swimming beach and restrooms. Located in Park Rapids at the start of the Heartland Trail.

Parks & Recreation

HEARTLAND STATE TRAIL

The 49 mile trail accommodates horseback riding, mountain biking, in-line skating, snowmobiles and a wheelchair access. Located in Park Rapids and ends at Cass Lake.

ITASCA STATE PARK

Recognized as Minnesota's oldest state park, Itasca State Park is located on 32,000 acres and features a wilderness sanctuary, a campground, hiking trail, fishing opportunities, interpretive center and historical sites. Located in Park Rapids.

FARRIS PARK

Amenities include a reservable picnic shelter, ball field, basketball court, tennis court, paved walking trail and restrooms. Located in Farden Township.

KNOB HILL CAMPGROUND

A 150 acre secluded site, Knob Hill is a splitlevel campsite with access to rapids. Located in Sebeka.

LAKE GEORGE COMMUNITY PARK

Amenities include playground equipment, basketball court, ball field, reservable picnic shelter, public access, swimming beach and restrooms. Located in Lake George on Paine Lake.

LITTLE WHITE DOG

Once known as "Little Round Hill," Little White Dog is home to an Indian lookout point offering scenic views of the Crow River. Located in Sebeka.

MCGIVERN PARK

Located on 40 acres, McGivern Park is home to a rifle range operated by the Staples Sportsmens Club and is the ending point for the Wadena Crow Wing Canoe Trail. Amenities include picnic tables and a shelter. Located in Sebeka.

OLD WADENA

Old Wadena was established in 1857 and is situated on the banks of the Crow River. Campsites are available and is home to a variety of festivals and shows throughout the year. Located in Staples.

STIGMAN'S MOUND

Stigman's Mound is a picnic area at the Nimrod Bridge with a covered picnic shelter. It is named after the Major League pitcher Dick Stigman. Located in Nimrod.

TREE FARM LANDING

Tree Farm Landing is a 20 acre picnic and camping area with hiking trails. Located in Sebeka.

DNR License Centers

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 Hubbard & Wadena Counties:

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Minnesota Hunting Seasons

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BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON 10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/11 - 04/30/11 (Early Canada Goose) 09/03/11 - 09/22/11

CROW 03/01/11 - 03/31/11; 07/15/11 - 10/15/11

BEAR 09/01/11 - 10/16/11

MOURNING DOVE 09/01/11 - 10/30/11

SNIPE & RAIL 09/01/11 - 11/07/11

DEER

(Archery) 09/17/11 - 12/31/11 (Camp Ripley Archery) 10/20/11 - 10/21/11; 10/29/11 - 10/30/11 (Firearm) 11/05/11 - 11/27/11 (Muzzleloader) 11/26/11 - 12/11/11

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/17/11 - 11/30/11

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE 09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK 09/24/11 - 11/07/11

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

TURKEY 10/01/11 - 10/30/11

PHEASANT 10/15/11 - 01/01/12

PRAIRIE CHICKEN 10/22/11 - 10/26/11

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN 11/26/11 - 12/04/11

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING) (North Zone) 10/23/10 - 02/28/11; 10/22/11 - 04/30/12 (South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11; 10/29/11 - 04/30/12

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING) (North Zone) 10/22/10 - 02/28/11; 10/22/11 - 04/30/12 (South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11; 10/29/11 - 02/28/12;

OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING) (North Zone) 10/22/11 - 01/07/12

BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING) 11/26/11 - 01/07/12

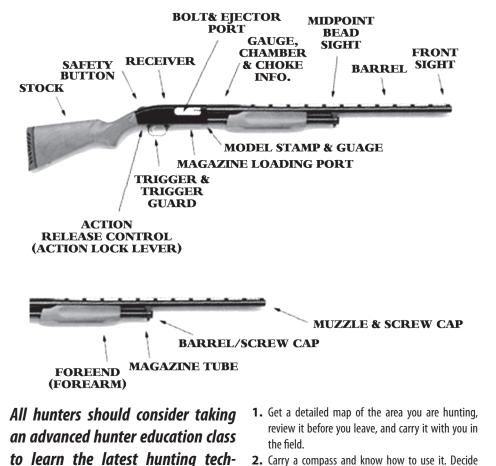


niques along with tips on coming

Here are five suggestions for a safe

and successful hunting experience:

home alive.



2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.

3. Weather can change quickly in Minnesota, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.

4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).

 Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

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Minnesota Fishing Seasons

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

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE 05/01/10 - 02/27/11; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

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

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

LAKE TROUT

05/14/11 - 09/30/11 (Lake Superior) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11 (Boundary Waters) 01/01/11 - 03/31/11 (Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11 **STREAM TROUT** (Southeast Zone) 04/01/11 - 04/13/11; 04/16/11 - 09/14/11 (All Zones) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11; 05/15/10 - 10/31/10 (All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/16/11 - 09/30/11

MUSKELLUNGE 06/05/11 - 12/01/11

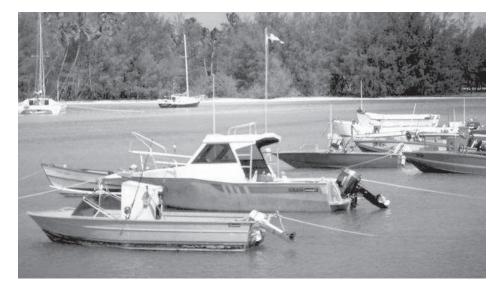
TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND 02/19/11 - 02/21/11; 06/10/11 - 06/12/11

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND 05/07/11 - 05/08/11

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

Common Fish Species

Bass	Сгарріе	Smelt
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Catfish	Muskellunge	Sunfish
	Northern Pike	Tant
Carp	Northern Pike	Trout
Ciscos-Tullibe-Herring	Salmon	Walleye



Boating Safety

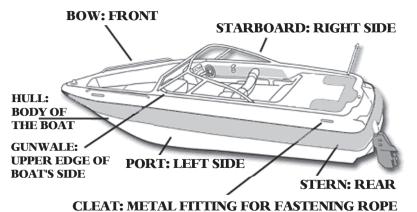
Operating Watercraft

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.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT



COME ABOARD BOAT. **DRAFT: DEPTH OF WATER NEEDED**

KEEL: CENTERLINE OF BOAT OR EXTENSION OF HULL (INCREASES STABILITY)

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.

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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 age21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.

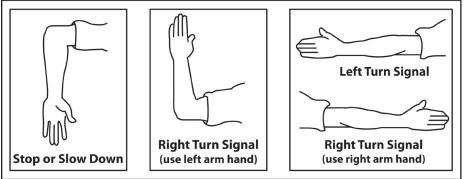
ATV Safety

- 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.



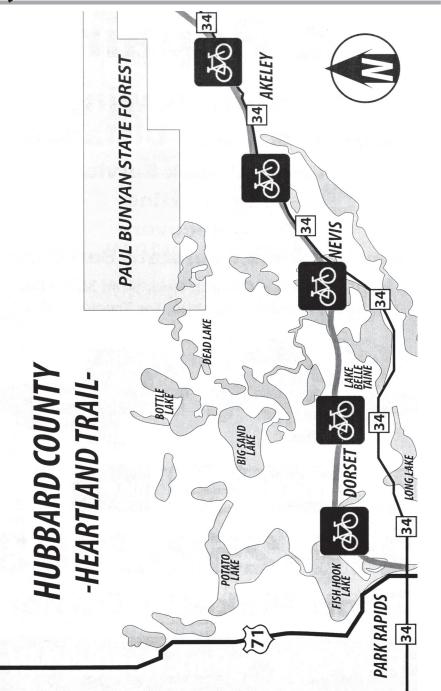
Bicycle Safety

- 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.

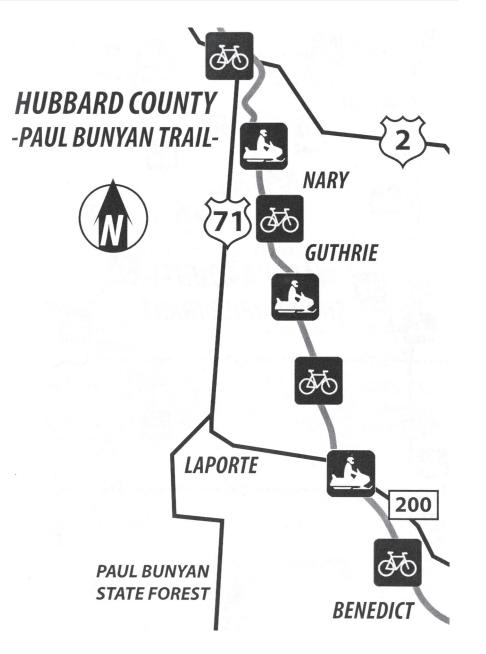


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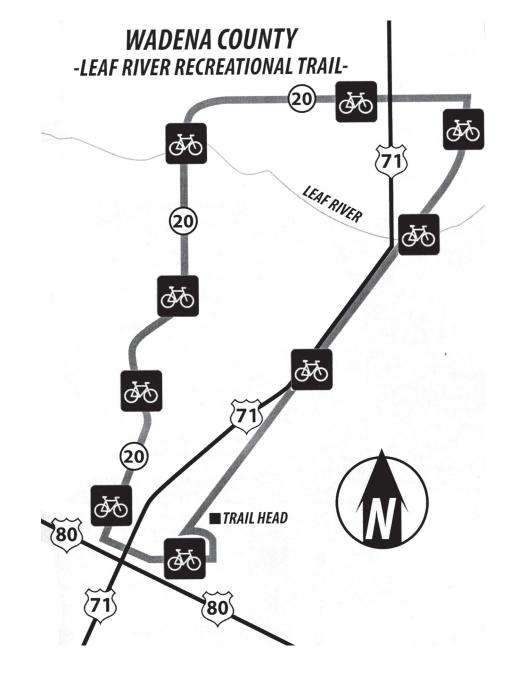
Bicycle Trails



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Snowmobile Safety

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



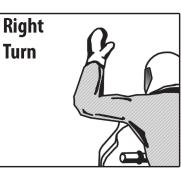
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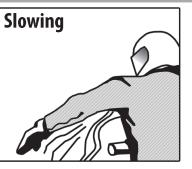
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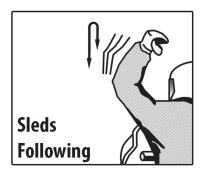
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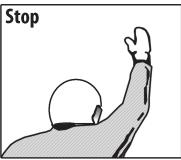
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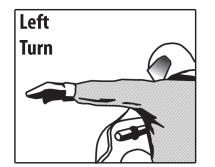
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

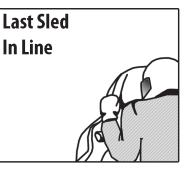






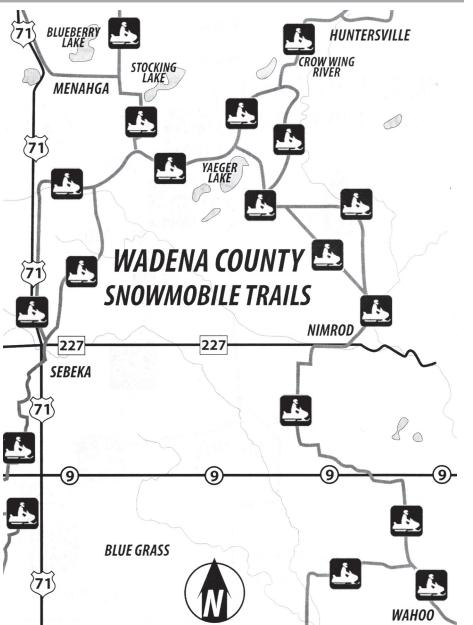








Snowmobile Trails



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 Acetominophen to relieve pain:

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

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

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

CHOKING

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

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

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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

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Emergency Numbers For Kids

KEEP A COPY OF THIS LIST NEAR EACH PHONE IN YOUR HOUSE

MY ADDRESS:	
MY PHONE NUMBER:	
MOM AT WORK:	
MOM CELL PHONE:	
DAD AT WORK:	
DAD CELL PHONE:	
NEIGHBOR:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	
POISON CONTROL:	1-800-222-1222
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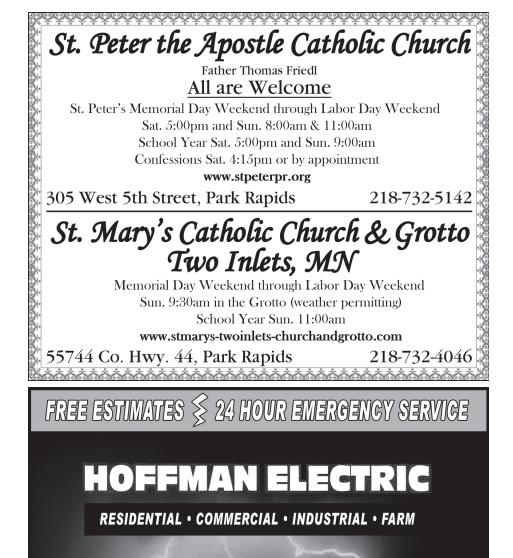
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