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## Residential Services

### Isanti County

- **Assessor** (763) 689-2752
- **Attorney** 689-2253
- **Auditor** 689-1644
- **County Coordinator** 689-3859
- **Court Administration** 689-2292
- **Emergency Management** 689-8306
- **Family Services** 689-1711
- **Information Systems** 689-8200
- **Highway Department** 689-1870
- **Law Library** 689-8323
- **Maintenance Department** 689-8261
- **MN Extension Services** 689-1810
- **Parks and Recreation** 689-8220
- **Probation Department** 689-3052
- **Public Health** 689-4071
- **Recorder’s Office** 689-1191
- **Sheriff’s Department** 689-2141
- **Treasurer’s Office** 689-1781
- **Veterans Service** 689-3591
- **Victim Services** 689-2253
- **Zoning** 689-5165

### Kanabec County

- **Assessor** (320) 679-6420
- **Attorney** 679-6425
- **Auditor/Treasurer** 679-6430
- **Coordinator** 679-6440
- **Court Administrator** 679-6400
- **Environmental Services** 679-6456
- **Family Services** 679-6350
- **Highway** 679-6300
- **Information Systems** 679-6498
- **Probation** 679-6450
- **Public Health** 679-6330
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Isanti County History

The first settlers to the area now known as Isanti County, were Swedish from the province of Hälslingland. It was a group of immigrants who arrived in 1860. They claimed a section of land just south of Cambridge. It is also known that many of the settlers of this area originally came from the Chisago Lakes area before they moved on toward Cambridge. By 1895, the county’s population was almost 11,000 residents, and almost 4,300 of them had been born in Sweden. Despite having such a strong Swedish background, only one township was given a Swedish name, Dalbo. Eventually Cambridge was named the county seat. By 1900 Isanti County had a population of 11,675 people. Today Isanti County is home to approximately 39,442 residents.

CITIES:
BRAHAM – pop. 1,646
CAMBRIDGE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 7,692
ISANTI – pop. 6,123

TOWNSHIPS:
ATHENS – pop. 2,470
BRADFORD – pop. 3,618
CAMBRIDGE – pop. 2,498
DALBO – pop. 751
ISANTI – pop. 2,411

TOWNSHIPS (CONTD.):
MAPLE RIDGE – pop. 849
NORTH BRANCH – pop. 1,784
OXFORD – pop. 887
SPENCER BROOK – pop. 1,615
SPRINGVALE – pop. 1,522
STANCHFIELD – pop. 1,226
STANFORD – pop. 2,223
WYANETT – pop. 1,800
*Populations are approximate.

Isanti County Communities

BRAHAM
The city was founded when the railroad from St. Paul and Minneapolis came through the area in 1899. The first restaurant was opened in Braham by the Hesselroth brothers also in 1899. Braham was named by members of the Great Northern Railway company. It was incorporated into a city in 1901 and the following year the first school was built. The boundaries of the town lay both in Isanti and Kanabec counties. In 1990 Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich declared the city to be the Homemade Pie Capital of Minnesota. The Braham Pie Day takes place annually every August offering many events including a pie baking contest a pie eating competition and a car show. Today Braham is home to approximately 1,646 residents.

CAMBRIDGE (COUNTY SEAT)
The first settlers of the area, to now be known as Cambridge, came in the late 1800s. It was then founded as a township in 1866 by New England settlers, who gave the town its illustrious name. In 1869 Cambridge was named the county seat of Isanti and it was incorporated seven years later. Populations increased as the railroads entered the area in 1899. A brick factory, potato starch factory, flour mill and wool spinning mill were established in the city’s industrial development. The town boasted its own electric lighting plant and long-distance telephone system, which were rarities in most of Minnesota at the time. Today Cambridge is home to approximately 7,692 residents.

ISANTI
Isanti is named in honor of the Dakota Indians who inhabited the area before white settlers came looking for new land. The village was moved three miles south to its present site in 1899 to be close to the Great Northern Railway, it was later incorporated as a village in 1901. Today Isanti is home to approximately 6,123 residents.

Outdoor Fun Facts
• 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
• Fish usually move faster uphill than downhill
• Bison can reach speeds of 40 miles per hour
• 167,000 bees per person
• The only continent with no active volcanoes is Antarctica
• You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
• Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
• Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
• The record high in the U.S. was 134°F in Death Valley, CA in 1913 and the record low was −89°F in Prospect Creek, AK in 1996
Kanabec County was proposed as a bill in 1858 by William H.C. Folsom. The name Kanabec is from the Ojibwe word for snake, because of the river that flows north to south, winding its way throughout the county. Back to recorded history, it is known that two French fur traders and tribes of the Huron and Ottawa Indians inhabited the area around the 1650s on Knife Lake. The land now known as Kanabec County was purchased from the Ojibwe in 1837 through a treaty. Logging was the first industry to be formed in the county in the early 1850s. Potatoes became the county’s first cash crop. The county was eventually established in 1858 and Mora was named the county seat. By 1900 Kanabec County had a population of 4,614. Today Kanabec County is home to 15,899 residents.

CITIES:
BRAHAM – pop. 1,646
GRASSTON – pop. 114
MORA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,416
OGILVIE – pop. 467
QUAMBA – pop. 107

TOWNSHIPS:
ANN LAKE – pop. 377
ARTHUR – pop. 2,040
BRUNSWICK – pop. 1,386
COMFORT – pop. 1,057
FORD – pop. 178

TOWNSHIPS (CONT'D.):
GRASS LAKE – pop. 988
HAY BROOK – pop. 234
HILLMAN – pop. 384
KANABEC – pop. 907
KNIFE LAKE – pop. 1,121
KROSCHEL – pop. 208
PEACE – pop. 984
POMROY – pop. 390
SOUTH FORK – pop. 793
WHITED – pop. 930
*Populations are approximate.

GRASSTON
Grasston was established in 1898 and was named by the Great Northern Railroad Company after Grass Lake, which has since dried up. The town was later platted in 1899 and was incorporated in 1907. Today Grasston is home to approximately 114 residents.

MORA (COUNTY SEAT)
Mora was platted in 1882 by Myron R. Kent, who was also the first postmaster. The community was named the county seat of Kanabec after it defeated Brunswick in a public vote. Mora received its name by Tomt Israel Israelson, a Swedish immigrant who suggested the name because it was his hometown in Sweden. The community began to develop dramatically upon the arrival of railroads and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of its residents. Today Mora is home to approximately 3,416 residents.

OGILVIE
Ogilvie was established as a logging community in 1854 when the land was purchased by the Hersey Lumber Company. Early settlers arrived in the community because of the abundance of trees and land for agriculture. The city was originally named Groundhouse but was changed to its current name after it was platted and purchased in 1889 by Oric Ogilvie Whited. The first mill was built in the late 1880s and brought in higher populations with the offering of new jobs. Today Ogilvie is home to approximately 467 residents.

QUAMBA
Quamba’s name was derived from the Dakota Indian meaning of “mudhole.” Originally the community was named Mud Creek because the railroads in the area crossed a mud creek. The community was first established in 1882 and was located on the railway of the Great Northern Railway Company. Like the community of Ogilvie, the town was platted by Oric Ogilvie Whited in 1901. The village was eventually incorporated on July 11, 1952. Today Quamba is home to approximately 107 residents.
A monument Mora Horse, the Mora Klocka, the Vasaloppet ski race, and more in Isanti and Kanabec Counties.

• Dala horses are wooden, horse-shaped toys that have been crafted and traded in Sweden since 1623. A painter named Stika-Erik Hansson from Mora—the Minnesotan city's namesake—began the tradition of painting elaborate saddle designs using multiple colors on a single paintbrush in the nineteenth century. Today, Kanabec County's Mora features The Mora Horse, a twenty-five foot tall, red dala horse made of fiberglass.

• In 1994, the Dala Heritage Society built a whimsical, Swedish-style clock tower called Mora Klocka. The twenty-foot clock tower is robin's egg blue, decorated with red, green, and yellow rosemal painted flowers.

• Each winter, Mora hosts the Vasaloppet ski race, a three thousand skier race founded in 1973. Skiers choose their courses, which range from thirteen to fifty-eight kilometers, and finish in downtown Mora's Main Street, which is paved with snow for the occasion. Every three years, skiers participate in an International Vasaloppet Skiing Exchange with locations in Sweden, China, Japan, and Mora, USA.

• Isanti County is known as the Dalarna of America, after the beautiful, forested, lakeside city in Sweden. Isanti County's Cambridge city is home to the highest percentage of Swedish Americans of any metropolitan city in the United States. Explore archives and artifacts from the county's first Swedish settlers at the Cambridge Lutheran Church, host of the Cambridge Swedish Festival. The church's bi-annual Swedish Fest features food, live music, a midsummer maypole, and more.

Ha det bra! Have fun!
**Productivity Tips**

**Get up earlier**
Some of the most successful people in the world start their days before 6 a.m. It may be hard at first, but you can start by waking up 15 minutes earlier and gradually increase the time from there. Soon enough you will be awake and getting things done before most people are out of bed. That will allow you a head start on everybody else.

**Start with “me time”**
First thing in the morning go through all of your social media posts, respond to all of the little things that others need you to so they can get to work and set up a schedule for the rest of your day. Getting organized in the morning will help the rest of the day go smoother.

**Sleep well**
While waking up early is important, so is going to bed early. The bare minimum a person needs to sleep is 7-8 hours at a time to stay healthy. You will be able to think more clearly and make better decisions if you have a good night’s sleep.

**Use time-blocking**
Take your to-do list and block off a time to get each item done. Make sure all of your desktop, online, mobile, and physical calendar’s are in sync. You want to be on the same page with all your devices. Once you have the time set aside to accomplish a task do not get distracted. If turning off your phone and locking yourself in a room is what it takes, then do that!

**Use checklists**
If you are operating under a deadline or you have a lot of tasks to accomplish, a checklist will help you keep you focused and on track.

**Schedule breaks**
Taking breaks is important because it allows your body and mind to get organized. If you schedule your breaks regularly it allows your mind to structure your day better. It would be hard for most people to do but if you can take a 10-20 minute power nap right after lunch it may help you feel energized and refreshed!

**Clear your clutter**
It is important to keep a clean work station because order will help your mind focus on accomplishing your goals. Even if it looks like a mess to others having a place for everything will help anybody focus and be more productive.

**Get Fit**
Being in shape and exercising regularly will help keep you energized throughout the day.

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**Area Trivia/Fun Facts**

- The Bombers, Braham’s basketball team, won three Class AA state championships in a row.
- Mora was named after settler Israel Israelson’s hometown in Dalarna, Sweden.
- Quamba is the only city in Minnesota whose name begins with Q. It is named after the Ottawa word for “muddy hole.”
- Kanabec County is named after Snake River: “kanabec” is Ojibwe for “snake.”
- Kanabec County’s first major industries were logging and potato farming.
- Mora’s sister city is its namesake: Mora, Sweden.
- Marlene Johnson, Minnesota’s first female lieutenant governor, is from Braham.

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**Disc Golf**
Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It’s also an inexpensive sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around $10-$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.
Parks & Recreation

ANN LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 1,702 acres near Ann Lake near Ogilvie, the Ann Lake Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

BEAN DAM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 206 acres near Kroschel, the Bean Dam Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 190 acres near the Rum River in Cambridge, Becklin Homestead Park features fishing opportunities, hunting areas for disabled hunters and serves as a wildlife conservation area. Future development includes a canoe launch, observation platform, recreational trails and a picnic shelter.

DALBO COUNTY PARK
Located on 40 acres south of Dalbo, Dalbo County Park features fishing opportunities, recreational trails and a boardwalk. Future development includes a picnic shelter and improved trails.

HAY SNAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 237 acres near Woodland, the Hay Snake Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

INDIAN MOUNDS PARK
Located near Knife Lake in Mora, Indian Mounds Park features fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

IRVING & JOHN ANDERSON COUNTY PARK
Located on 254 acres along snowshoeing and Horseshoe Lakes. The park features two trail head parking areas, information kiosks, a group picnic shelter, picnic tables, grills, benches, restroom, playground, canoe access to Horseshoe Lake, and three boardwalks allowing access across the park’s wetlands.

RICE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 686 acres near Rice Lake in Brainerd, the Rice Creek Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

SPRINGVALE COUNTY PARK
Located on 211 acres in Springvale Township, the park features paved trail and mowed trails for hiking, horseback riding, geocaching, cross country skiing, and mountain biking. The park also has canoe access to Johnnie’s Lake and a disc golf course.

TOSHER CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 323 acres near Fish Lake in Mora, the Tosher Creek Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

VEGSUND FAMILY COUNTY PARK
Located on 80 acres in Stanchfield Township, the park features parking areas, paved and gravel trails, a picnic shelter, fishing pier, playfield, sledding hill, picnic tables and benches.

WAYSIDE PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK
Located on 80 acres in Bradford Township, the park features multi-use trails, board walks, canoe access, picnic tables, a picnic shelter, and an interpretive sign describing the parks poor fen.

WHITED STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Located on 170 acres near the Snake River in Mora, the Whited State Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

*For more information on parks throughout Isanti County, call (763) 689-8220 or for more information on parks throughout Kanabec County, call (320) 679-3982.
Area Attractions

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www.golfgrandynine.com

GTI CAMBRIDGE THEATRE
123 2nd Ave. NE | Cambridge | (763) 689-3005

GUETSCHOFF THEATRE
123 2nd Ave. | Cambridge | (763) 689-2900

HIDDENBROOK PERUVIANS TRAIL RIDES
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www.hiddenbrookperuvians.com

ISANTI AREA DAVID C. JOHNSON ARENA
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www.isantiarena.org

ISANTI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
33525 Flanders St. | Cambridge | (763) 689-4229
www.ichs.ws

ISANTI SOCCER COMPLEX
950 3rd Ave. N | Isanti | (763) 552-4625

JUNCTION BOWL
123 Cajima St. | Isanti | (763) 444-9100
www.junctionbowl.com

KANABEC HISTORY CENTER
805 Forest Ave. W | Mora | (320) 679-1665
www.kanabechistory.org

NORTHERN HOLLOW WINERY
6916 Canary Rd. | Grasston | (320) 266-8691

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PURPLE HAWK COUNTRY CLUB
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### Hunting Seasons

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

At the time of printing, a full 2017 season schedule was not available. Contact the MN DNR for the latest specific zone areas/dates:

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

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

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**Animal Fun Facts**

- Deer can jump as high as 10 feet while running.
- A gray squirrel’s bite can exert 35 pounds of pressure.
- Dragonflies have been clocked at 50 miles per hour.
- A hummingbird’s wings flap at 75 beats per second.
- Newborn opossums weigh about a tenth of a gram.
- It takes around 36 hours for a tick to pass Lyme disease.
- Mosquitoes can smell carbon dioxide from over 100 feet away.
- Raccoons sometimes purr like house cats when they feel content or safe.
- Woodpeckers can strike their beaks against wood around 20 times per second.
- There’s a hole in the turkey’s vulture tongue to help with breathing while eating.
- A mouse can squeeze through holes as small as a marble thanks to its soft skull.
- The ant’s brain is the largest of any known creatures on earth in proportion to its size.
- Some wolf species in North America can get up to around six and a half feet from nose to tail.
- The swallowtail butterfly beats its wings slower than any other insect at around 500 times per minute.
- Stripes eat around three times their own body weight every day and will starve after one day without food.
You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, Toll Free: 1 (888) 936-7463

Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Scott County:

**BRAHAM**
- **BRAHAM HARDWARE & RENTAL**
  104 W Central Dr | Braham | (320) 396-4155

**DINO MART (#3)**
- 209 N Main St. | Braham | (320) 396-3012

**HIGHWAY 65 BAIT**
- 1016 Hwy. 65 | Braham | (320) 396-9904

**CAMBRIDGE**
- **EC'S CORNER EXPRESS, INC.**
  34160 Hwy. 47 NW | Cambridge | (763) 689-4762
- **HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#46)**
  635 Main St. S | Cambridge | (763) 689-4877
- **MILLS FLEET FARM**
  2324 3rd Ave NE | Cambridge | (763) 691-1409
- **WALMART SUPERCENTER (#2352)**
  2101 2nd Ave. SE | Cambridge | (763) 689-0606

**ISANTI**
- **DINO MART (#2)**
  412 Heritage Blvd. NE | Isanti | (763) 444-9311
- **NORTHLAND 66**
  501 Co. Rd. S E | Isanti | (763) 444-6018

**LA PORTE**
- **ITASCA C-STORE**
  34510 US Hwy. 71 | La Porte | (218) 699-3171

**MORA**
- **CAPTAIN DAN’S CROWS NEST**
  2743 Hwy. 65 | Mora | (320) 679-1988
- **FEDERATED CO-OP (#028)**
  1855 Frontage Rd. Suite A | Mora | (320) 679-1548
- **HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#186)**
  700 Hwy. 65 S | Mora | (320) 679-3865
- **JERRY’S SPORT SHOP**
  71 N Hwy. 65 | Mora | (320) 679-2151
- **OGILVIE**
  **CASEY’S GENERAL STORE (#3305)**
  400 Hwy. 23 W | Ogilvie | (320) 272-9937
- **S & R MART**
  101 Hwy. 23 W | Ogilvie | (320) 272-4455

**STANCHFIELD**
- **RUSH POINT STORE**
  300 Rush Point Dr | Stanchfield | (763) 689-1088

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**Tornado Safety**

**Precautions:**
- **Know where you can take shelter in seconds.**
- **Have a place, everyone knows, to go to after the storm has passed.**
- **Flying Debris is the biggest danger during a tornado. Your shelter space should have mattresses or thick blankets around, to protect yourselves.**
- **Do not open your windows to try & “equalize the pressure.” This only makes it easier for debris to injure you.**
- **Also, stay away from windows!**

**Things to Look and Listen For:**
- **Constant rotation of the clouds base.**
- **Flying/Rotating Debris under the cloud.**
- **Tornados don’t always have a visible funnel.**
- **Heavy rain or hail followed by either an eerie calm in the storm or rapid wind changes & shifts.**
- **Listen for loud, continuous rumbling with no breaks in it like thunder.**

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**Lightning Distance Tracker**

You can figure out how far away the lightning is from you like this... Count the seconds between the flash of lightning & the crack of thunder. Divide the number of seconds by 5 & you have your distance in miles.

- 0 seconds = 0 miles
- 5 seconds = 1.08 miles
- 20 seconds = 4.35 miles
- 60 seconds = 13.06 miles

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**Do Not Open Your Windows!**
Fishing Seasons

12/30/17 - 04/01/18
Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (entirely within the BWCA) - 2018 season

04/14/18 - 09/30/18
Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2018 season

01/01/18 - 04/13/18
Stream Trout (Winter) SE - 2018 season
Catch and Release season only. Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona counties only.

01/13/18 - 04/01/18
Trout in lakes - Winter (outside or partly outside the BWCA) - 2018 season

01/13/18 - 01/15/18
Take-a-Kid Ice fishing weekend

04/01/18 - 11/30/18
Flathead Catfish - 2018 Season

04/14/18 - 09/14/18
Stream Trout in streams SE - 2018 season. Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona counties only.

05/12/18 - 02/24/19
Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2018 season - North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

06/16/18 - 04/14/19
Lake/Shovelnose Sturgeon Season

05/12/18 - 05/25/18
Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2018 early Catch and Release season Only - South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

05/12/18 - 09/30/18
Lake Trout (summer) - 2018 season

05/12/18 - 09/09/18
Smallmouth Bass - 2018 Season - South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

05/12/18 - 02/24/19
Largemouth Bass - 2018 season - South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County.

05/12/18 - 10/31/18
Stream Trout in lakes (summer) - 2018 season

05/26/18 - 04/14/19
Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2018 season

05/12/18 - 05/13/18
Take-a-Mom fishing weekend

06/02/18 - 12/02/18
Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2018 season

06/08/18 - 06/10/18
Take-a-Kid fishing weekend

09/10/18 - 02/24/19
Smallmouth Bass - 2018 Catch and Release season only - South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

09/15/18 - 10/15/18
Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2018 season Catch and Release season only

12/29/18 - 03/31/19
Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (entirely within the BWCA) - 2019 season

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367 or go to www.dnr.state.mn.us

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.
Camping Activities & Equipment

After you have found a place to camp and have everything set up what else is there to do? Depending if you want to be active or relax, something on the lists below should help you get an idea of what you would like to do while camping.

**Water Activities**
- Skip stones
- Build a sand castle
- Fish
- Float or lounge
- Boat, canoe, or kayak
- Water ski
- Tubing
- Swim

**Physical Activities**
- Disc golf
- Horseshoes
- Ringtoss
- Bike
- Soccer
- Football
- Kickball
- Baseball
- Hiking
- Rock climbing
- Tree climbing
- Corn Hole
- Lawn bowling

**Exploration**
- Bird watching
- Animal watching
- Leaf, rock or bug collecting
- Geocaching
- Searching for edible plants, nuts & berries
- Look for evidence of animals & creatures
- Go on a photo safari
- Scavenger hunt
- Collect firewood or kindling
- Whittling

**Relaxation**
- Swing in a hammock
- Listen to nature
- Daydream
- Float on the water
- Stargaze
- Read
- Card games
- Board games
- Crafting
- Nap

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**Some of the gear you might need**

**Clothing**
- Pants
- Shorts
- Socks
- Short & long-sleeved shirts
- Underwear/long underwear
- Sleepwear
- Jacket
- Spare shoes/boots
- Gloves & stocking cap
- Rain gear
- Swimsuit
- Water shoes/sandals

**Personal Gear**
- Backpack/day pack
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Spare batteries
- Wallet
- Notebook & pencil
- Board games, books, playing cards, Frisbee etc.
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Phone charger

**Kitchen Gear**
- Camp stove & fuel
- Water jugs
- Pot
- Pan
- Bucket/tub for washing
- Dishcloth/scrubber
- Food
- Dish soap
- Dish towels
- Knife
- Cooler & ice
- Utensils
- Can opener
- Plates
- Bowls
- Mugs/cups
- Paper towels/napkins
- Reusable plastic bags
- Aluminum foil
- Trash bags

**Personal Hygiene & Safety**
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Towel
- Brush/comb
- Sunscreen
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Washcloth
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- First aid kit

This list is not complete. Depending on where you go camping and during what season, the list will change.
**Healthy Habits**

**Eat Breakfast**
A healthy balanced breakfast every morning is very important. It allows your body to run smoothly throughout the day and can help with weight control while lowering your cholesterol levels. It will improve things like concentration, performance and strength. Also studies have shown that women who skip breakfast have a higher chance of developing diabetes and men who skip breakfast have a higher chance for heart disease.

**Eat Your Greens**
Leafy greens and vegetables contain phytochemicals which help to fight diseases. This will help against things like metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer and strokes. Vegetables are also rich in fiber which helps with hunger. The recommended amount of vegetables for the average person is around 2 ½ cups a day.

**Drink Enough Water**
Many people don’t get enough water throughout the day. It is recommended that the average person drinks roughly a half gallon a day which is equal to about eight 8 ounce glasses. Water helps rid the body of toxins and with unwanted weight gain by flushing out by-products of fat in your system. Water also helps your immune system, energy levels, focus and mood.

**Take a Walk During Lunch Break**
Your body and mind benefit greatly when getting out for a quick walk. A walk can help with weight management, blood pressure, bone strength, balance and coordination. Plus it helps you focus by getting extra blood flow and oxygen to your brain. Also a lot of people don’t get enough vitamin D in their diet and getting outside is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are getting your vitamin D.

**Get Up and Move**
It is important to try and get around 10,000 steps in per day. It is very hard on our bodies when we are slumped over a desk or kicked back in a recliner all day. Studies have shown that just from walking more you can lower your risk of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. It may be hard to get the 10,000 steps in every day but doing small things like getting up from your desk every so often and doing a lap around the office or parking farther away from your destination will help.

**Floss and Brush**
This might not seem like the most significant health issue but it is very important. If you don’t floss and brush daily you build up plaque on your teeth and at the gum lines. This can lead to things like gum disease and if not treated can enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the arteries causing things like heart disease, diabetes, erectile dysfunction in males and delayed conception for women.
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. • Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Drink lots of Water!

Bicycle Hand Signals

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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.

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. • 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.

Know Your ATV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**KIDS:**

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

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

**FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY**

**INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS**
Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite seek medical attention immediately.

**POISON PREVENTION**
Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

- Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.
- Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.
- Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don’t allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.
SAFETY 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