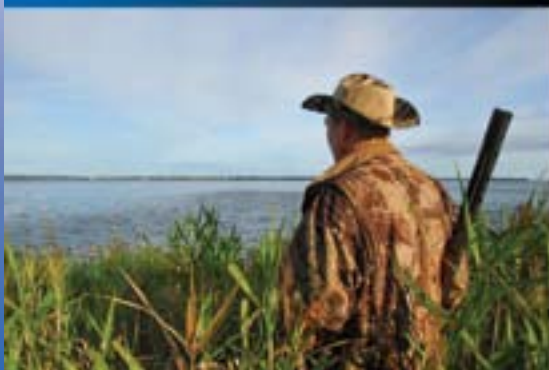




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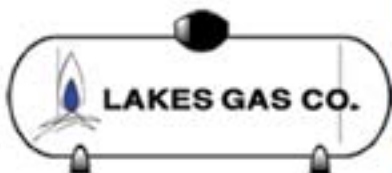
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FEBRUARY

Vasaloppet USA | Mora

MARCH

Home Show | Cambridge

Prom Expo | Cambridge

Taste of Isanti County | Cambridge

APRIL

Car Care Fair | Cambridge

East Central Home Show | Mora

Gun & Knife Show | Mora

MAY

CWRE Fashion Show | Cambridge

Redbirds Golf Tournament | Cambridge

Canoe Races | Mora

Kanabec County Clean-Up Day | Mora

Kanabec History Center Museum Day | Mora

PRCA Rodeo | Mora

North Branch City Wide Garage Sales

Family Farm Fest | North Branch

JUNE

Bandits Bash | Cambridge

Cambridge Day Out

Fund Raising Open Tournament | Cambridge

Race the Rum 5k/1 Mile Fun Run | Cambridge

Royal BBQ | Isanti

Mäjstang Festival | Mora

Midsummer Days | North Branch

NTPA Tractor Pull | Ogilvie

JULY

Isanti County Fair | Cambridge

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Community Picnic | Isanti

Jubilee Parade | Isanti

Jubilee Pig Roast | Isanti

Kids Free Fun Day | Isanti

Outhouse Races | Isanti

Fireworks On The Lake | Mora

Kanabec County Fair | Mora

Demo Derby | Ogilvie

Heartland Truck Pull | Ogilvie

AUGUST

Braham Pie Day

Cambridge Antique Fair & Car Show

Brews Cruise | Cambridge

Relay For Life | Cambridge

Ki Chi Saga Days | Chisago City

Harris City Celebration

Mora Half Marathon

Back to the Tower Days | Ogilvie

Corn on the Curb | Ogilvie

Rush City Music & Arts Festival

Stacy Daze

SEPTEMBER

Almelund Apple Festival

Fall Art Fair | Cambridge

Fall Wine Tasting | Cambridge

Bike Tour | Mora

Sticks & Stones Art Fair | Mora

Classic Car Show | North Branch

Fall Harvest Festival North Branch

Kanabec Sportsmen's Fair | Ogilvie

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OCTOBER

Color a Co-op Pumpkin Contest | Cambridge

Old Fashioned Halloween | Cambridge

Ski & Snowboard Swap | Cambridge

NOVEMBER

Holiday Wine Tasting | Cambridge

Snowflake Parade | Cambridge

Veterans Day Event | Mora

Arts Fest | North Branch

DECEMBER

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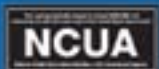
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The first settlers to the area now known as Isanti County, were Swedish from the province of Hälsingland. It was a group of immigrants who arrived in 1860. They claimed a section of land just south of Cambridge. It is also known that many of the settlers 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

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.*

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.





*K*anabec 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

GRASS LAKE – pop. 988

HAY BROOK – pop. 234

HILLMAN – pop. 384

KANABEC – pop. 907

KNIFE LAKE – pop. 1,121

KROSCHER – 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.

Susan France-Weber and Jon Larson, president and former president of the Mora Ski Club (respectively), talked to Lincoln Marketing about what makes Mora such a special place to ski. Both have skied many Mora races throughout the years, including the Vasaloppet USA and the 42K classic race. This is what they shared:

What do you like best about skiing in Mora?

SFW: I like that the Vasaloppet USA is citizen-run. Everyone who works here, except one person in headquarters, is a volunteer. I know all the people at the soup stops, and that is really special.

JL: It's a family atmosphere, a friendly and welcoming event. The course is beautiful. It runs through interesting terrain and is not terribly long, but does make you remember you're working out.

One unique thing about the Mora Vasaloppet is its finish line on Main Street.

What was it like to ski down Main Street?

SFW: The whole finish is very nice. Going up the hill, hearing bells on the bell tower hill, then hearing little bells, hearing the crowd, and hearing my name announced upon finishing. Being given a completion medal. There's a celebration tent, new last year, with refreshments and food. Hopefully the tradition of a celebration tent will continue and get even better in coming years.

JL: It's really interesting to finish on Main Street. Other races finish around fields and lakes. This way, because of the buildings, it forces the crowd up to the finish line, so you have a denser crowd. It ends up being a real lively environment. It's real blurry when you finish: that's why they give you a medal, so you can remember you did it.

Have you met anyone who came from another country for the Vasaloppet Skiing Exchange (which includes Sweden, China, and Japan)?

SFW: I've met several. Every year we have a group of Swedes who come. They're called "veterans" because they completed the Swedish Vasaloppet, the granddad of all races (90K), thirty times. I travel to Sweden a lot, along with my husband, who skis the Swedish Vasaloppet. We have a lot of friends there, as well as new friends from the ski races every year. I have also met quite a lot of skiers from Japan and a few from China. The Mora Vasaloppet is unique because of our ties with other countries, and inspired me to travel to many places I might not otherwise have gone.

Visit a monumental 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!



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- 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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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 173 acres near Horseshoe and Horseleg Lakes in North Branch, Irving and John Anderson County Park features fishing opportunities, observation platform, picnic areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area. Future development includes a canoe launch, boardwalks and improved recreational trails.

**RICE CREEK
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

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SPRINGVALE COUNTY PARK

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**WHITED STATE
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The festival features a wide range of fun activities, including a Pie-cycle (Bicycle) Show, Pie in the Sky or Pie in Your Eye Trivia Contest, Geo-caching a la Mode, the Pie-Alluia Chorus (performing pie-themed songs), a Collector's Car Show, an Arts and Crafts Show, and more. Pie Day offers special activities just for kids, who can show off their acting talents in a Kid's Show with Mr. Pastry and the Berry Fairy, and try their hand at international and pie-themed crafts.

The winning pies from the Pie Baking Contest (judged by crust texture, ooze factor, and other criteria) are auctioned off in the afternoon. In 2013, no pie sold for less than twenty-five dollars, and the winning pie fetched seven-hundred and fifty dollars.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy pie baking and eating and exciting performances and activities at Pie Day, the first Friday of August every year.

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09/01/16 - 11/09/16

Spring Turkey "B" season
04/20/16 - 04/26/16

Early Canada Goose season
09/03/16 - 09/22/16

Spring Turkey "C" season
04/27/16 - 05/03/16

Pheasant season
10/15/16 - 01/01/17

Youth Waterfowl Day-Tentative
09/10/16

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

Waterfowl season opener-Tentative
09/24/16

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

Sandhill Crane season-NW zone-Tentative
09/10/16 - 10/16/16

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

Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, Hungarian Partridge
season
09/17/16 - 01/01/17

Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone
10/24/15 - 05/15/16

Sharptailed Grouse season
09/17/16 - 11/30/16

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

Woodcock season
09/24/16 - 11/07/16

Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone
10/31/15 - 05/15/16

Prairie Chicken Hunt Lottery Deadline
08/19/16

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

Prairie Chicken season
09/24/16 - 10/02/16

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

Take-a-Kid Hunting weekend
09/24/16 - 09/25/16

Antlerless Deer and Special Hunt Lottery Deadline
09/08/16

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

Deer Hunt - Special Youth Deer season
10/20/16 - 10/23/16

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

Deer Hunt - Archery season
09/17/16 - 12/31/16

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

Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 1A
11/05/16 - 11/20/16

Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 2A and 3A
11/05/16 - 11/13/16

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

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
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Get Active!!!

Go Outside and Do SOMETHING!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
- ANYTHING!!!

Anything to get your heart rate up,
and your blood flowing...

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER

and it's good for your health!

FISHING SEASONS

Bowfishing - 2016 early season - south of Hwy 210 only on lakes and on Minnesota, Mississippi or St. Croix rivers, from boats only.
02/29/16 - 04/29/16

Bowfishing - 2016 season
04/30/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth Bass - 2016 Season -South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/28/16 - 09/11/16

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2016 season -North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/14/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2016 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
05/14/16 - 05/27/16

Largemouth Bass - 2016 season -South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County
05/28/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth Bass - 2016 Catch and Release season only (statewide)
09/12/16 - 02/26/17

Stream Trout (Winter) SE - 2016 season Catch and Release season only
01/01/16 - 04/15/16

Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2016 season Catch and Release season only
09/15/16 - 10/15/16

Stream Trout in streams SE - 2016 season
04/16/16 - 09/14/16

Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2016 season
04/16/16 - 09/30/16

Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (entirely within the BWCA)-2016 season
01/01/16 - 03/31/16

Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (outside or partly outside the BWCA) - 2016 season
01/16/16 - 03/31/16

Lake Trout (summer) - 2016 season
05/14/16 - 09/30/16

Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2016 season
05/14/16 - 02/26/17

Take-a-Kid fishing weekend
06/03/16 - 06/05/16

Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2016 season
06/04/16 - 12/01/16

Ice houses must be off the ice each night unless attended south of Hwy 10, Hwy 34, Hwy 200 and Hwy 2
03/07/16

Ice houses must be off the ice each night unless attended north of Hwy 10, Hwy 34, Hwy 200 and Hwy 2
03/21/16

Dark House Spearing-2016 season
11/15/16 - 02/26/17

Sucker Spearing - 2016 season
04/30/16 - 02/26/17

Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Spearing - 2016 season
04/30/16 - 02/19/17

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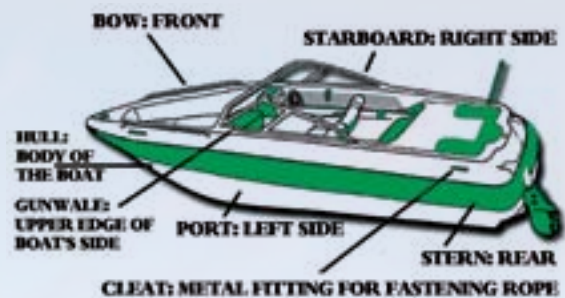
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:**
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft Must Have...

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

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

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

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



Read the owner's manual

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

Know Your ATV



Drink lots of Water!

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

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

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NO TRESPASSING

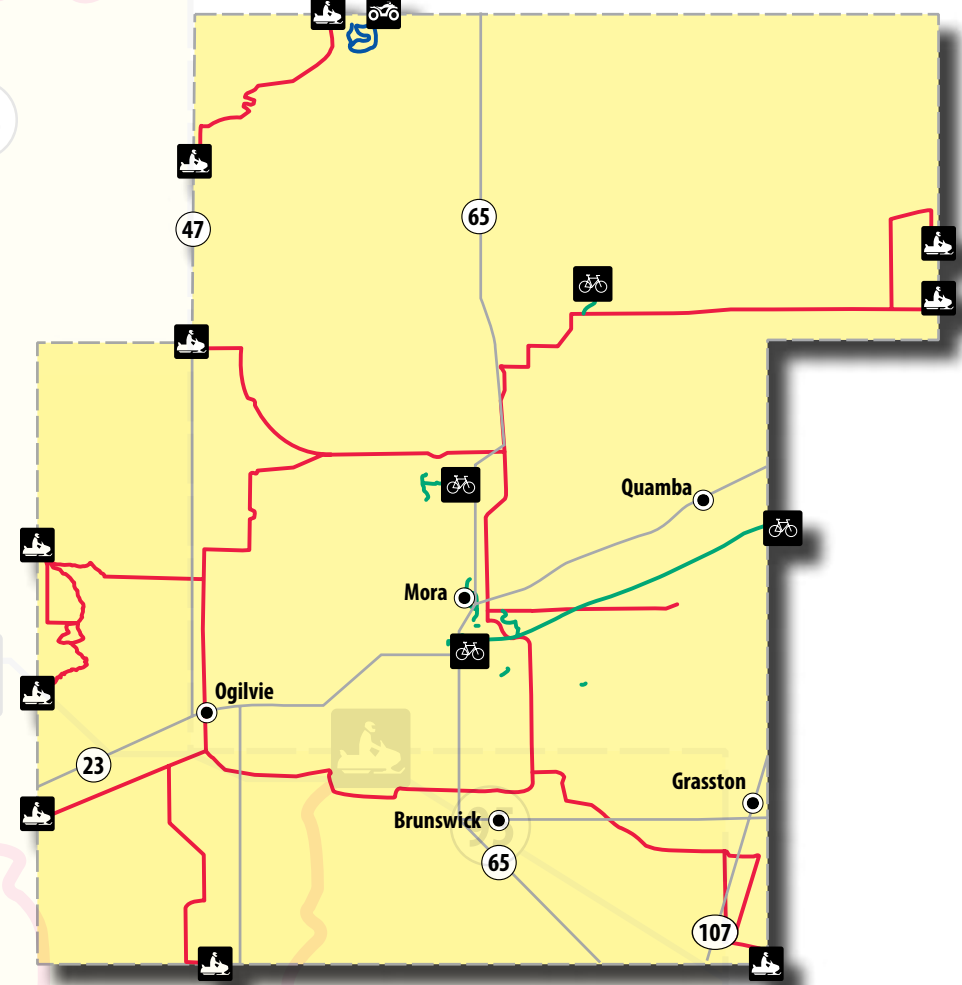
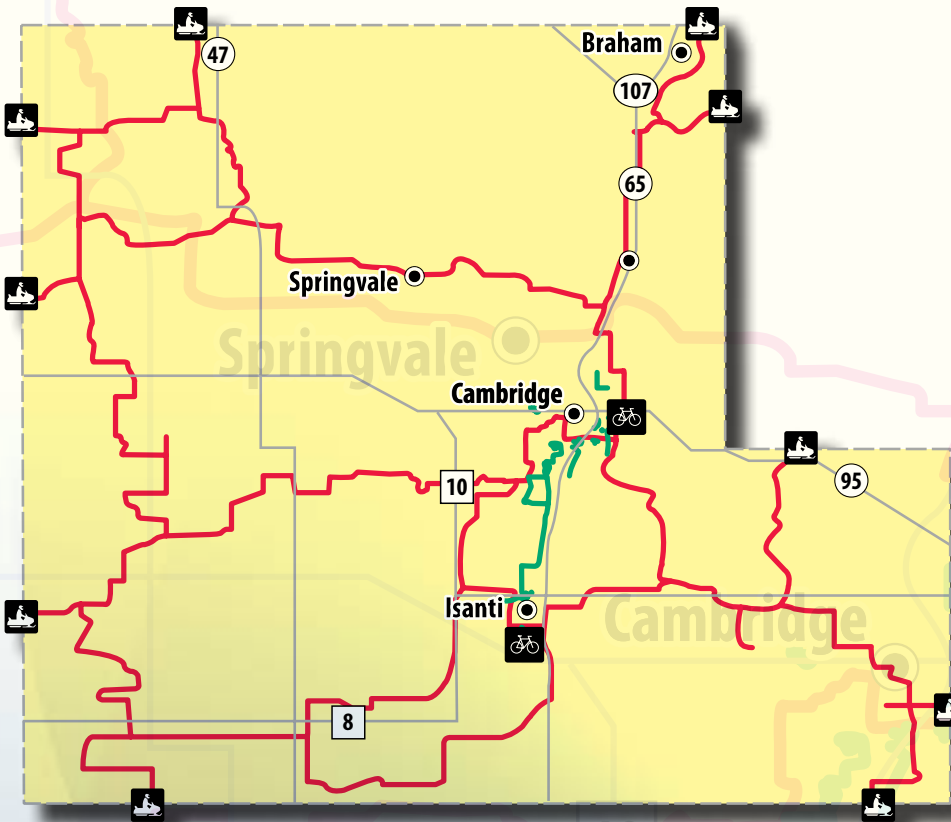
Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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




Slow Down!

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





Recreational Trails

-  — Bicycle Trail/Route
-  — Snowmobile Trail
-  — ATV Trail

10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

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



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 surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

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



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

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



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

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



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 with these symptoms:

POISON PREVENTION

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

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

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

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

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

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

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



IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

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