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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Willmar/Spicer Polar Plunge Winterfest (Jan-Feb) | Spicer Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show | Spicer Sno-Skippers Speed/Radar Run | Spicer Annual Squirrel Appreciation Day | New London Sno-Skippers All Class Drag Run | Spicer Sno-Skippers Vintage Drag Race | Spicer Frozen 5k Run/Walk | Spicer Annual Kids Ice Fishing Derby on Green Lake | Spicer

FEBRUARY

Brew Ha Ha | Willmar Winter Fun Day at Prairie Woods | Spicer Radar Run | Green Lake February Frost Festival | Olivia Annual Souper Bowl | Willmar Willmar Winter Gun & Knife Show Spicer Cabin Fever Market Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club Annual Show | Willmar

Valentine's Day Murder Mystery | Olivia Valentine's Day Workshop | Olivia Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating | Olivia Beat the Winter Blues & Jazz Fest | Olivia

MARCH - APRIL

Novice Bonspiel | Willmar St. Patrick's Day Red Beard Run/Walk | Willmar Symphonic Orchestra | Willmar Earth Day Celebration | Spicer Icebreaker Triathlon | Willmar Annual Pins & Puts | Willmar Home & Outdoor Living Expo | Willmar Easter Egg Hunt | Willmar International Heritage Festival | Willmar Daddy Daughter Formal | Willmar

MAY

Memorial Day Parade | Raymond Memorial Day/Law Day 5k Run | Willmar Cinco De Mayo Family Festival | Willmar Annual Sunburg Syttende Mai Celebration

JUNE

Kandi is Dandy Days | Kandiyohi Atwater Festival Days Studio Hop | Willmar Willmar Fest Island Days | Bird Island West Central Dairy Days | Willmar Foot Lake 4 Walk/Run | Willmar Smokin' for The Link Rib Fest | New London Atwater Threshing Days Annual Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! | Willmar Annual Mayor's Bike Ride | Willmar Wisdom & Wine | Willmar Annual Aggie Open | Spicer

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Area Wide Litchfield Watercade Corn Capital Days | Olivia Sacred Heart Summerfest | Willmar Franklin Catfish Derby Days Cosmos Space Festival Rusty Eyeball Car & Motorcycle Show | Willmar New London Water Days Meeker County Fair (July-Aug) | Litchfield Celebrate 4th of July | Prinsburg Green Lake Road Race | Spicer Hector Corn Chaff Days

AUGUST

Kandiyohi County Fair | Willmar Annual Green Lake Kids Triathlon | Spicer Annual Green Lake Triathlon | Spicer Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run Pennock Fun Days Renville County Fair | Bird Island Raymond Harvest Festival Danube Fun Days Lake Lillian Fun Days Red Rooster Days (Aug-Sept) | Dassel Annual Golf Classic | Willmar

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Annual Out of the Darkness Willmar Community Walk Pumpkin Festival | Litchfield Foxtoberfest | Willmar New London Fall Arts & Crafts Gift Show Annual Atwater Oktoberfest Shells Oktoberfest | Olivia

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Holidaze Parade | Willmar Unforgettable Christmas | Hector Old Fashioned Christmas | Bird Island Turkey Leg 5k Run | Willmar Atwater Passport to Christmas

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Extension Services	
Hazardous Waste & Recycling	
Human Resources	
License Registrar	
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Public Health	
Public Works	
Recorder/Vital Statistics	
Sheriff	
Surveyor	
Veterans Services	
Zoning	
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Extension Services	
Parks & Recreation	
Planning & Zoning	
Public Health	
Recorder	
Sheriff	
Human & Human Services	
Treasurer	
Veterans Services	

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Environment Services	
Extension Services	
Hazardous Waste	
Human Services	52 <mark>3-220</mark> 2
Landfill/Solid Waste	
Parks & Recreation	
Public Health	
Public Works	
Recorder	
Sheriff	
Veterans Services	52 <mark>3-3763</mark>

Kandiyohi County History

Kandiyohi County Communities

ATWATER

First known as Summit Lake, Atwater was established in 1869. The community was renamed in honor of E.D. Atwater, railroad secretary, and the area grew dramatically with the arrival of the railroad. By 1880 the community was incorporated and housed grain elevators and a variety of businesses. A fire in 1891 nearly destroyed the community, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Atwater is home to approximately 1,036 residents.

BLOMKEST

Blomkest was originally known as Kester and established as a railway village. Streets were platted in 1926 and the community was renamed Blomkest. The name Blomkest commemorates the original townsite and early settler Ole Blomquist. Blomkest was incorporated in 1952 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Blomkest is home to approximately 173 residents.

KANDIYOHI

Kandiyohi was established in 1868 and named after the nearby lakes. As the railroad was constructed in 1869 the community was almost selected to be the state capital for Minnesota, but was vetoed by Governor William Rainey Marshall. Streets were platted, a post office was founded and the community was incorporated in 1904. Today Kandiyohi is home to approximately 533 residents.

LAKE LILLIAN

Lake Lillian was first explored in 1856 and a post office was established in 1868. The community was named after Lillian Whitefield, wife of Edwin Whitefield, an artist and author who had settled in the area. As rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow, and in 1926 Lake Lillian was incorporated. Today Lake Lillian is home to approximately 247 residents.

NEW LONDON

The construction of a sawmill in 1856 sparked the development of New London and a post office was established in 1867. The name New London was suggested by Louis Larson in honor of his Wisconsin hometown and the community was selected as a temporary county seat. In 1889 New London was incorporated and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Today New London is home to approximately 1,343 residents.

PENNOCK

Originally known as St. John's, Pennock was established in 1870 as a railway village. A post office was established the following year with Erick G. Berglund serving as its first postmaster. The community was renamed in 1891 after railway superintendent George Pennock and in 1903 Pennock was incorporated. Today Pennock is home to approximately 500 residents.

PRINSBURG

Prinsburg was founded in 1884 as Martin Prins and Theodore Koch purchased over 35,000 acres of land for the railroad. Prins offered to partially fund a church as long as at least 20 families arrived to stake land claims. Over 40 lots were sold and the community was named in his honor. Streets were platted in 1886 and a post office was established the following year. Today Prinsburg is home to approximately 454 residents.

Andiyohi County was established in 1858 with the city of Kandiyohi as its original county seat. The area was comprised of Kandiyohi and then Monongalia Counties until 1870 when the two counties were merged. Willmar was selected as the new county seat in 1871 due to its central location and the name Kandiyohi, a Dakota word for buffalo fish, was selected for the new territory. Railroad development allowed for growth and industry was dominated by agriculture. Kandiyohi County continued to grow and by 1900 its population reached 18,146. It has since become a popular region for recreational activities due to the many lakes found within its borders. Today Kandiyohi County is home to approximately 41,123 residents.

ATWATER – pop. 1,036 BLOMKEST – pop. 173 KANDIYOHI – pop. 533 LAKE LILLIAN – pop. 247 NEW LONDON – pop. 1,343 PENNOCK – pop. 500 PRINSBURG – pop. 454 RAYMOND – pop. 771 REGAL – pop. 38 SPICER – pop. 1,098 SUNBURG – pop. 101 WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 17,907 *Populations are approximate.



RAYMOND

Raymond was platted in 1887 and named in honor of Raymond Spicer, son of John M. Spicer who founded Willmar. The community was incorporated in 1897 and the area continued to grow. It is known as being the birthplace of chemist William A. Mitchell, who patented over 70 products including Tang, Pop Rocks, and Jell-O. Today Raymond is home to approximately 771 residents.

REGAL

First known as Lintonville, the community was settled in 1886 as the railroad was constructed. A post office was established in 1887 and the area continued to grow. The name Regal was suggested by George Weidner and the community was renamed by popular vote in 1915 and incorporated in 1940. Today Regal is home to approximately 38 residents.

SPICER

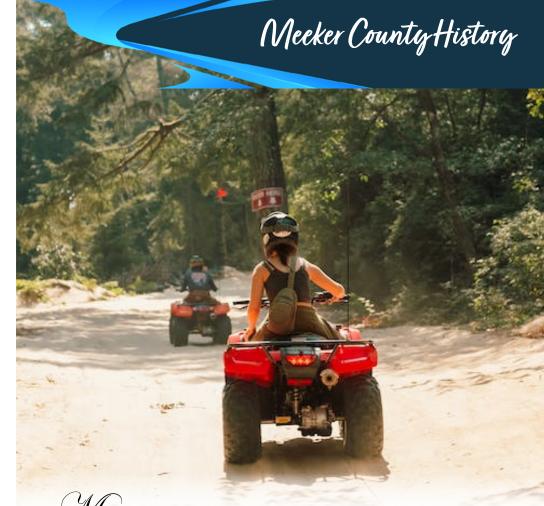
Founded on the abandoned townsite of Columbia, Spicer was platted in 1886 and named in honor of president of the railroad construction company, John M. Spicer. A post office was established with Burton B. Swetland serving as the first postmaster, who also operated the first general store and tourist boat on Green Lake. Spicer was incorporated in 1904 and has since become a haven for recreational enthusiasts. Today Spicer is home to approximately 1,098 residents.

SUNBURG

The community of Sunburg was established by settlers in 1870 that had anticipated the arrival of the railroad. The name Sunburg, suggested by postmaster John Sandvigen, was derived from the Norwegian word sund, meaning a strait between two lakes. Sunburg was incorporated in 1951 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Sunburg is home to approximately 101 residents.

WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT)

Willmar was founded in 1869 as the railroad was constructed. The community was named by railroad president George Becker, in honor of European investor Leon Willmar. In 1871 Willmar was selected as the county seat and incorporated in 1874. The community continued to develop as businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. It has since become a destination for recreational enthusiasts, with its many parks and proximity to a variety of lakes. Today Willmar is home to approximately 17,907 residents.



Deeker County was established in 1856 and named in honor of Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Bradley B. Meeker. Forest City was originally selected as the county seat and the area began to grow with construction of the railroad. Early industry was dominated by agriculture with residents raising wheat, oats, flax and barley. The county seat was moved to Litchfield in 1869 and by 1900 the population of Meeker County had reached 17,773. After 1920 agriculture began to shift towards dairy production with many residents joining the Land O'Lakes Creamery. It has remained a close-knit community and is now one of Minnesota's top poultry and dairy producing regions. Today Meeker County is home to approximately 23,154 residents.

CEDAR MILLS – *pop. 53* **COSMOS** – *pop. 553* **DARWIN** – *pop. 308* **DASSEL** – *pop. 1,326* **EDEN VALLEY** – *pop. 951* **GROVE CITY** – pop. 579 **KINGSTON** – pop. 120 **LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 6,555 **WATKINS** – pop. 927 *Populations are approximate.



CEDAR MILLS

Cedar Mills was founded in 1860 and named after nearby Cedar Lake. The community was organized in 1870 with a post office and railroad development sparked growth. In 1922 streets were platted and by 1950 Cedar Mills was incorporated. Today Cedar Mills is home to approximately 53 residents.

COSMOS

Cosmos was first settled in 1867 and the community was named by Daniel Hoyt, a local resident and surveyor, after the Greek word for harmony and order. The first post office was established in 1870 and the community began to develop with the arrival of the railroad. Streets were platted in 1923 and the community was incorporated in 1926. Today Cosmos is home to approximately 553 residents.

DARWIN

First known as Rice City, Darwin was organized in 1858. In 1862 a post office was founded and the construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was renamed in honor of railroad promoter and stockholder E. Darwin Litchfield. Darwin is now widely recognized for having the world's largest ball of twine, built by Francis A. Johnson. Today Darwin is home to approximately 308 residents.

DASSEL

Settled in 1856, Dassel was first recognized as Swan Lake. Streets were platted in 1869 by Parker Simmons and the community was renamed in 1871 after Bernard Dassel, railroad secretary. A post office was established and the area continued to grow as the railroad was developed. By 1890 Dassel housed a hotel, sawmill, general store and a variety of specialty shops. Today Dassel is home to approximately 1,326 residents.

EDEN VALLEY

Located in Meeker and Stearns Counties, Eden Valley was settled in 1856. The community was first known as Pappelbush and was renamed by officers of the railroad. Eden Valley was organized in 1867 and streets were platted in 1886. By 1894 the community was incorporated and housed a post office, general store and assortment of specialty shops. Today Eden Valley is home to approximately 951 residents.

GROVE CITY

Grove City was first settled in 1869 and recognized as Swede Grove. Streets were platted in 1870 and as the railroad arrived, the community was renamed Grove City. In 1878 Grove City was incorporated and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the area. Today Grove City is home to approximately 579 residents.

KINGSTON

Settlers arrived to the Kingston area in 1856 as they traveled along the Crow River. The first post office was established the following year and the name Kingston was suggested by George A. Nourse, a lawyer from St. Anthony. Streets were platted in 1871 and the community was incorporated in 1961. Today Kingston is home to approximately 120 residents.

LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT)

First recognized as Ripley and later Ness, Litchfield was founded in 1856. The community was renamed Litchfield in honor of the Litchfield family who helped finance the construction of the railroad in 1862 and were avid with the development of the area. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was selected as the county seat. A post office was established and Litchfield was incorporated in 1872. Litchfield continued to grow as the fertile soil and ample water of nearby Lake Ripley attracted new residents. Today Litchfield is home to approximately 6,555 residents.

Meeker County Communities

WATKINS

Watkins was established as a railway village in 1886 on land owned by Danville D. Spaulding. The community was named by the railroad company and the first post office was established in 1887. In 1893 Watkins was incorporated and the area continued to develop. Today Watkins is home to approximately 927 residents.

LARGEST BALL OF TWINE

Francis Johnson, son of a U.S. congressman, began rolling what came to be the largest twine ball in the world in 1950. Johnson kept the twine ball rolling even when it became so huge and heavy that he could no longer move it by hand. At that point, he used railroad jacks to push the ball and add more twine! Completed in 1979, the impressively rounded ball of twine now sits in a large gazebo in Darwin's Twine Ball Museum, where visitors can pose for snapshots near the quirky accomplishment.

Join Darwin's Twine Ball Days festival on the second Saturday of August for loads of additional family fun! The festival features a Minn-e-Rods tractor pull down Main Street, a parade, live music, sand volleyball tournaments, and more! Don't miss the souvenir shop, which is a sight to see as well.

Twine-Twirled Craft Contest

Twine has been used to craft knotted jewelry, decorate vases and candlesticks, make daisy-like embellishments, and more. Have you made a rustic, twine-twirled craft? Submit a photo and description of your craft for a chance to be published in our upcoming guides! Send your name, phone number, email address, and a description of your twine-twirled craft to: mndesign@lincolnmarketing.us

Renville County History

Renville County Communities

BIRD ISLAND

Attracted to the ample timber, Bird Island was first settled in 1872. Its name was derived from a nearby island that was a refuge for birds and streets were platted in 1878. The arrival of the railroad sparked growth and a post office and general store were established. As ditches were constructed, the island for which it was named slowly disappeared, leaving behind fertile soil. Today Bird Island is home to approximately 1,100 residents.

FAIRFAX

Fairfax was founded on land owned by Edmond O'Hara and first known as Cairo. Streets were platted in 1882 and the first post office was established by Luke T. Grady. The community was incorporated in 1888 and as the railroad was constructed, the community was renamed Fairfax by Eben Ryder, railroad president. Today Fairfax is home to approximately 1,195 residents.

HECTOR

Hector was settled in 1873 and first known as Milford. The community was renamed after Hector, New York, the birthplace of many settlers. The first post office was established in 1875 with John Baker serving as postmaster. As the railroad arrived in 1878, streets were platted and Hector was incorporated in 1881. Today Hector is home to approximately 1,062 residents.

OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Settlers arrived to the Olivia area in 1878 as they were attracted to the fertile soil. Streets were platted and the community was named by Albert Bowman Rogers, a railroad engineer. The development of the railroad allowed for growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Isaac Lincoln served as the area's first postmaster in 1879 and in 1901 Olivia successfully battled Beaver Falls. Olivia is now widely recognized as the Corn Capital of the World, celebrating Corn Capital Days annually. Today Olivia is home to approximately 2,341 residents.

RENVILLE

Renville was established as a railway village and platted in 1878. The community was named in honor of Joseph Renville, whom which the county is also named. By 1900 its population had reached 250 and in 1906 Renville was incorporated. It is now widely recognized as having the largest sugar beet processing plant in the world. Today Renville is home to approximately 1,194 residents.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart was first settled in 1866 and a post office was established in 1870 with G.P. Greene serving as the area's first postmaster. Railroad development sparked growth and in 1878 streets were platted. By 1883 Sacred Heart was incorporated and housed grain elevators, general stores, hardware stores, hotels and a saloon. Today Sacred Heart is home to approximately 487 residents.

Renville County was established in 1855 and named in honor of Joseph Renville, a local explorer, trader, scout, interpreter and soldier. Beaver Falls was originally selected as the county seat and the region began to develop upon construction of the railroad. Agriculture led the area's industry and due to the marshy soil, drainage ditches were built to make the land more tillable. By 1900 its population had reached 23,693 and the county seat was moved to Olivia after much controversy. The area is now comprised of over 3,000 miles of drainage ditch to allow for better farming and is home to one of the oldest known rocks in Minnesota, the Rainbow Gneiss. Today Renville County is home to approximately 15,718 residents.

BIRD ISLAND – pop. 1,100
BUFFALO LAKE – pop. 725
DANUBE – pop. 472
FAIRFAX – pop. 1,195
FRANKLIN – pop. 461
HECTOR – <i>pop. 1,062</i>

MORTON – pop. 398 OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,341 RENVILLE – pop. 1,194 SACRED HEART – pop. 487 *Populations are approximate.

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Opossum

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Rabbit 09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Jack - Statewide 09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox 09/20/25 - 02/28/26 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/13/25 - 11/30/25 Sharp-Tailed -Northwest zone 09/13/25 - 01/4/26 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/11/25 - 01/4/26 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Youth - Statewide 04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Archery - Statewide 04/16/25 - 04/22/25 Spring - A season - Statewide 04/23/25 - 04/29/25 Spring - B season - Statewide 04/30/25 - 05/6/25 Spring - C season - Statewide 05/7/25 - 05/13/25 Spring - D season - Statewide 05/14/25 - 05/20/25 Spring - E season - Statewide 05/21/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - F season - Statewide 10/4/25 - 11/2/25 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone 12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone

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HUNTING

Bear

08/15/25 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area 09/1/25 - 10/19/25 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/13/25 - 12/31/25 Archery - Statewide 10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Early Antlerless 10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Youth - Statewide 11/8/25 - 11/23/25 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas 11/8/25 - 11/16/25 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas 11/22/25 - 11/30/25 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas 11/29/25 - 12/14/25 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone 10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone 12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone



PNR License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online <u>www.dnr.state.mn.us</u>, Toll Free: 1 (888) 646-6367 Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

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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.



Health Benefits of the Outdoors

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

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings,

fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

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

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

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

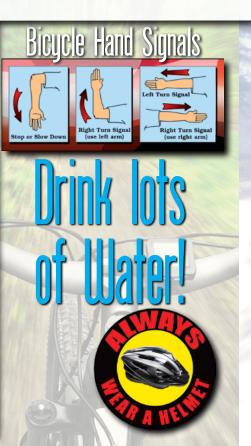
Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world.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

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

BICYCLE SAFETY

Surroundi

• 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.



V SAFETY

Read the owner's manual

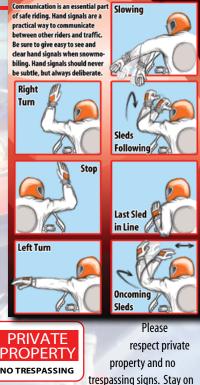
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of 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.

Right

Turn

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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

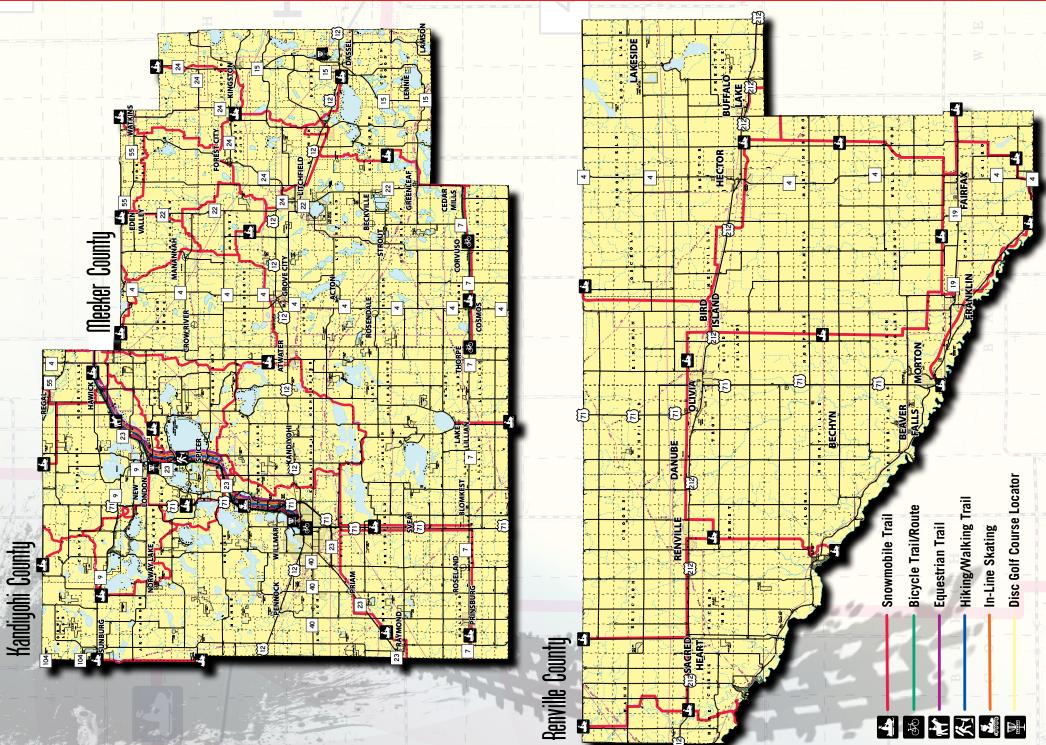


Snowmobile Hand Signals

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.

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boneless, skinless chicken breasts

tablespoons apple cider vinegar

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oney glazed chicken;

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup honey

1/4 cup soy sauce

tablespoons olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.

3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.

4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.

5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.

6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.

7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

PREP: 10 MIN . TOTAL: 40 MIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

3 Days:

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

3 Weeks:

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

3 Months:

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

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

City of Willmar Dog Park

1320 22nd Street SW | Willmar | (320) 235-1454 Fancy Coats Dog Park *Please note: This is a "pay for use" park. 5300 8th Ave. NE | Willmar | (320) 382-6270

DOG FRIENDLY STATE PARKS Glacial Lakes State Trail Arena Dr. & Center Dr. Willmar | (320) 354-4940 Monson Lake State Park 1690 15th St. NE | Sunburg (320) 354-2055 Sibley State Park 800 Sibley Park Rd. NE New London | (320) 354-2055

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Cross country skiing is a great way to stay in shape throughout winter. It provides an excellent aerobic exercise while also strengthening your legs, arms and core muscles. During a classic cross country skiing adventure you can burn around 600 calories per hour while traveling at around 3mph. On top of the health benefits, it's fun to do and lets you get outside to enjoy the snowy months.

There are two main types of cross country skiing, classic and skate. Classic is more traditional and involves pushing off each ski parallel to one another. Skate skiing requires pushing off each ski in a V pattern like ice-skating.

If you are just learning, you may want to start off on some of the easier trails in your area. These trails tend to be maintained better and have smaller hills.

Before investing money into equipment, check your area for trails with a rental shop. That way you can give it a try to see if it is a winter activity you enjoy.

Classic Style



