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Lac qui Parle County



Chippewa County



Yellow Medicine County



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# Local Area Events

## JANUARY

Ole & Lena Days | Granite Falls

## FEBRUARY

Winterfest | Dawson

## MARCH

Greater MN Ag Day and Safety Fair | Dawson  
Graceville St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festivities  
Annual Downtown Flannel Pub Crawl | Granite Falls

## APRIL

Around the Town Rummage Sale | Madison  
Earth Week Events | Madison  
Historical Society Banquet | Montevideo  
Healing Hearts Night at the Barn | Granite Falls

## MAY

Syttende Mai Festival | Milan  
Memorial Day Observance & Celebrations | Lake Benton & Milan

## JUNE

Hat Daze | Canby  
Dawson Riverfest  
Western Fest Stampede Rodeo | Granite Falls  
Block Party | Madison  
Fiesta Days Festival | Montevideo  
Milwaukee Road Heritage Center Annual Festival, June 14th | Montevideo  
Heritage Hill Threshing Show | Montevideo  
Makers Market (1st Thurs, Jun-Sept) | Granite Falls  
The Ray Fagen Memorial Airshow | Granite Falls

## JULY

Yellow Medicine County Fair | Canby  
Crazy Days | Canby  
Ag Appreciation Golf Outing | Dawson  
Stinker Days & Dragonfest | Madison  
4th of July Celebration & Parade | Madison  
Chippewa County Fair (Jul-Aug) | Montevideo  
Heritage Day | Madison  
Gnome Extravaganza | Dawson  
Toquatennial Days & Fireworks | Graceville

## AUGUST

Pioneer Power Threshing Show, 1st weekend | Hanley Falls  
Squid Fest / Rib Fest | Granite Falls  
Annual Pezihutazizi Oyate Traditional Wacipi | Granite Falls  
Porter Harvest Festival  
Wood Lake Fair

## SEPTEMBER

Lac qui Parle County Fair | Madison  
Annual Horse Power Event | Montevideo

## OCTOBER

Fall Fest | Canby  
Parade & Trunk-or-Treat | Madison, Granite Falls  
Trick or Treat Street | Montevideo  
Oktoberfest | Madison  
Fall City-Wide Garage Sales | Madison  
Oktoberfest Car Show | Madison

## NOVEMBER

Annual Clara City Fall Arts & Craft Show  
Norsefest | Madison  
Holiday Shopping Preview Weekend | Dawson  
Lutefisk Eating Contest & Super Raffle | Madison  
Graceville Craft Fair

## DECEMBER

Hometown Holiday | Canby  
Winter Solstice Celebration | Granite Falls

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Auditor/Treasurer .....	598-3648
County Attorney .....	598-7578
Emergency Management.....	598-7171
Environmental Office .....	598-3132
Facilities/Maintenance .....	598-3012
Family Services .....	598-7594
Highway Department .....	598-3878
License Bureau .....	598-7444
Recorder .....	598-3724
Sheriff .....	598-3720
University of Minnesota Extension .....	598-3325
Veterans Affairs .....	598-3445
Watershed District .....	598-3117

## CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Assessor .....	(320) 269-7696
Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator.....	269-7447
County Attorney .....	269-7138
County Commissioner .....	269-2902
Emergency Management .....	269-2121
Family Services .....	269-6401
Highway Department .....	269-2151
Land & Resource Management .....	269-6231
License Bureau .....	269-6035
Maintenance .....	269-9036
Recorder .....	269-9431
Sheriff .....	269-2121
University of Minnesota Extension .....	269-6521
Veterans Affairs .....	269-6419
Soil & Water Conservation .....	269-2696

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Assessor .....	(320) 564-3132
Auditor/Treasurer .....	564-5841
County Attorney .....	564-5832
Emergency Management .....	313-3095
Family Services .....	564-2211
Highway Department .....	313-3000
Land & Resource Management .....	669-7524
License Bureau .....	564-4641
Recorder .....	564-3132
Sheriff .....	564-2130
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## Lac qui Parle County History



Lac qui Parle County was established in 1871 and named for the nearby Lac qui Parle Lake, french for, “the lake that speaks.” Madison was selected as the county seat and 1880 its population had reached 4,891 and railroad construction allowed for growth. Early industry was led by agriculture and by 1900 its population had reached 14,289. Today Lac qui Parle County is home to approximately 7,259 residents.

### CITIES:

**BELLINGHAM** - pop. 168

**BOYD** - pop. 175

**DAWSON** - pop. 1,540

**LOUISBURG** - pop. 47

**MADISON (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 1,551

**MARIETTA** - pop. 162

**NASSAU** - pop. 72

**ORTONVILLE** - pop. 1,916

### TOWNSHIPS:

**AGASSIZ TOWNSHIP** - pop. 104

**ARENA TOWNSHIP** - pop. 153

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP** - pop. 119

**BAXTER TOWNSHIP** - pop. 209

**CAMP RELEASE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 293

**CERRO GORDO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 256

**FREELAND TOWNSHIP** - pop. 127

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP** - pop. 187

**HAMLIN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 185

**HANTHO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 154

**LAC QUI PARLE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 183

**LAKE SHORE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 239

**MADISON TOWNSHIP** - pop. 251

**MANFRED TOWNSHIP** - pop. 111

**MAXWELL TOWNSHIP** - pop. 206

**MEHURIN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 103

**PERRY TOWNSHIP** - pop. 137

**PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 186

**RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 301

**TEN MILE LAKE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 195

**WALTER TOWNSHIP** - pop. 186

**YELLOW BANK TOWNSHIP** - pop. 177

\*Populations are approximate.

### **BELLINGHAM**

Bellingham was established as the railroad arrived in 1887 and a post office was founded by Hans M. Hagestead. The community was named in honor of Charles T.S. Bellingham, a local resident and streets were platted in 1889. Bellingham was incorporated in 1890 and a newspaper was established the following year. Today Bellingham is home to approximately 168 residents.

### **BOYD**

Boyd was platted and named by the railway company in 1884. In 1893 Boyd was incorporated and railroad development allowed for growth. Boyd is now widely recognized for its annual Good Time Days celebration held in June which has been celebrated since 1906. Today Boyd is home to approximately 175 residents.

### **DAWSON**

Dawson was named in honor of banker and land owner William Dawson and streets were platted in 1884. Charles J. Coghlan served as the community’s first postmaster who also published the first town newspaper. The community was incorporated as a city in 1911 and Dawson has continued to thrive. Today Dawson is home to approximately 1,540 residents.

### **LOUISBURG**

Ole Thompson and William R. Thomas platted streets in Louisburg in 1887 and Ole Thompson’s son Thomas served as the first postmaster in 1888. Railroad expansion prompted growth and Louisburg was incorporated as a village in 1905. Today Louisburg is home to approximately 47 residents.

### **MADISON (COUNTY SEAT)**

Madison was settled in 1877 and named after Claus P. Moe’s hometown of Madison, Wisconsin. The post office was established in 1883 and H.A. Larson platted streets in 1884. Madison was incorporated in 1886 and its population reached over 600. In 1889 the community was selected as the county seat, beating Dawson and Lac qui Parle Village in local elections. The first courthouse was constructed in 1899 and the area continued to grow. Madison is now widely recognized as the Lutfesk Capital of the United States with a 25 foot “Lou T. Fisk” cod sculpture located in J.F. Jacobson Park. Today Madison is home to approximately 1,551 residents.

### **MARIETTA**

In 1884 Marietta was platted and named by officers of the railroad in honor of many settlers’ hometown of Marietta, Ohio. A post office was established and in 1900 the community was incorporated. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and Marietta continued to grow. More recently, in 2009 the community celebrated its 125th anniversary. Today Marietta is home to approximately 162 residents.

### **NASSAU**

In 1888 the first post office in the Nassau area was established and the community was named after Nassau, Germany, from where many settlers originated. Streets were platted in 1893 and Nassau was incorporated in 1897. A railway station was established and the area continued to develop. Today Nassau is home to approximately 72 residents.

### **ORTONVILLE**

Located in Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Counties, Ortonville was first settled in 1871 by Cornelius Knute Orton and the community was named in his honor. Mr. Orton platted streets in 1872 and established a post office in 1875. The proximity to Big Stone Lake attracted many residents and by 1881 Ortonville was organized as a village and selected as the county seat for Big Stone County. A courthouse was built in 1902 and by 1915 Ortonville housed a variety of businesses including a hotel, hospital, library and a movie theatre. Today Ortonville is home to approximately 1,916 residents.

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# Yellow Medicine County History

# Yellow Medicine County Communities



Yellow Medicine County was established in 1871 and named for the nearby Yellow Medicine River. Granite Falls was selected as the county seat and by 1880 its population had reached 5,884. Agriculture dominated early industry and its population had reached 14,602. The area now houses the Upper Sioux Indian Reservation that was established in 1938. Today Yellow Medicine County is home to approximately 10,438 residents.

## **CITIES:**

- CANBY** - pop. 1,795
- CLARKFIELD** - pop. 944
- ECHO** - pop. 278
- GRANITE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 2,897
- HANLEY FALLS** - pop. 304
- HAZEL RUN** - pop. 63
- PORTER** - pop. 183
- ST. LEO** - pop. 100
- WOOD LAKE** - pop. 439

## **TOWNSHIPS:**

- BURTON TOWNSHIP** - pop. 174
- ECHO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 179
- FLORIDA TOWNSHIP** - pop. 164
- FORTIER TOWNSHIP** - pop. 116
- FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP** - pop. 258
- HAMMER TOWNSHIP** - pop. 233
- HAZEL RUN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 194
- LISBON TOWNSHIP** - pop. 217
- MINNESOTA FALLS TOWNSHIP** - pop. 361
- NORMAN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 291

- OMRO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 184
  - OSHKOSH TOWNSHIP** - pop. 249
  - POSEN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 234
  - SANDNES TOWNSHIP** - pop. 197
  - SIoux AGENCY TOWNSHIP** - pop. 237
  - STONY RUN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 544
  - SWEDE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 162
  - TYRO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 208
  - WERGELAND TOWNSHIP** - pop. 201
  - WOOD LAKE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 220
- \*Populations are approximate.*

## **CANBY**

In 1872 John Swenson arrived to the Canby area and established a store and trading post. The community was platted in 1876 by the railway company and named in honor of General Edward Richard Sprigg Canby, who served during the Civil War. Railroad expansion prompted dramatic growth and Canby incorporated as a village in 1879 and then as a city in 1905. Today Canby is home to approximately 1,795 residents.

## **CLARKFIELD**

A post office was founded in the Clarkfield area in 1883 and streets were platted the following year. The community was named in honor of Thomas E. Clark who worked with the railroad. Clarkfield was incorporated in 1887 and businesses, churches and a school were established to meet the growing needs of its residents. Today Clarkfield is home to approximately 944 residents.

## **ECHO**

Echo was settled in 1869 and first recognized as Empire, then Rose and in 1874 the community was given its present name. In 1879 a post office was started on Samuel Mather's farm and Echo was incorporated in 1893. The original plat of Echo included 26 blocks of land, however the railway company vacated all but nine blocks in 1889. Today Echo is home to approximately 278 residents.

## **GRANITE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)**

Located in Yellow Medicine, Chippewa and Renville Counties, Granite Falls was platted on land belonging to Henry Hill in 1872 and its name was derived from the granite and gneiss deposits located near the Minnesota River. Ample natural resources and access to water attracted many settlers and the community grew quickly. George Daniels served as the first postmaster and a dam, mill and reservoir were constructed to harness the power of the nearby river. Granite Falls was selected as the county seat which was moved from Yellow Medicine City and the area grew steadily. Today Granite Falls is home to approximately 2,897 residents.

## **HANLEY FALLS**

Hanley Falls was established in 1884 as rail lines were constructed. The community was named in honor of John A. Hanley, an officer of the railroad. Streets were platted by the railway company and the plat design was based on the plat of Washington D.C. In 1894 Hanley Falls was incorporated as a village and the area is now widely recognized for its annual threshing show held every August. Today Hanley Falls is home to approximately 304 residents.

## **HAZEL RUN**

Hazel Run was settled in 1871 and named after the nearby creek. The community was platted in 1884 as a railway village and a post office was established by Guttorm Halvorson Fostvedt. In 1902 Hazel Run was incorporated and the area has continued to prosper. Today Hazel Run is home to approximately 63 residents.

## **PORTER**

First known as Lone Tree Station, Porter was platted in 1881 and renamed after the L.C. Porter Milling Company which established the first grain elevator in the area. In 1898 Porter was incorporated and a schoolhouse was constructed. The community is now recognized as the birthplace of the first Culligan Water softener, built by Emmett J. Culligan who lived in the area. Today Porter is home to approximately 183 residents.

## **ST. LEO**

In 1880 the first post office in the St. Leo area was established on the farm of Valentine Lenz and early industry was led by agriculture. In 1896 a church was constructed and named in honor of Pope Leo and the village adopted the name. St. Leo was incorporated in 1940 and the community has continued to thrive. Today St. Leo is home to approximately 100 residents.

## **WOOD LAKE**

Wood Lake was first settled in 1868 and named for the nearby lake. In 1873 the community was organized and streets were platted in 1884. Francis Robson served as the first postmaster and the lush prairie and fertile soil attracted residents. In 1891 Wood Lake was incorporated and railroad expansion prompted growth. Today Wood Lake is home to approximately 439 residents.

# Chippewa County History

# Chippewa County Communities



Chippewa County was established in 1862 and named after the nearby Chippewa River. Montevideo was selected as the county seat and by 1880 its population had reached 5,408. Early industry was led by agriculture and the area continued to grow as rail lines were constructed. By 1900 the population of Chippewa County had reached 12,499. Today Chippewa County is home to approximately 12,441 residents.

- CITIES:**  
**CLARA CITY** - pop. 1,360  
**MAYNARD** - pop. 366  
**MILAN** - pop. 369  
**MONTEVIDEO (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 5,383  
**WATSON** - pop. 205

- TOWNSHIPS:**  
**BIG BEND TOWNSHIP** - pop. 257  
**CRATE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 247

- GRACE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 134  
**GRANITE FALLS TOWNSHIP** - pop. 222  
**HAVELOCK TOWNSHIP** - pop. 189  
**KRAGERO TOWNSHIP** - pop. 164  
**LEENTHROP TOWNSHIP** - pop. 396  
**LONE TREE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 256  
**LOURISTON TOWNSHIP** - pop. 211  
**MANDT TOWNSHIP** - pop. 175

- RHEIDERLAND TOWNSHIP** - pop. 328  
**ROSEWOOD TOWNSHIP** - pop. 303  
**SPARTA TOWNSHIP** - pop. 814  
**STONEHAM TOWNSHIP** - pop. 260  
**TUNSBURG TOWNSHIP** - pop. 183  
**WOODS TOWNSHIP** - pop. 242  
*\*Populations are approximate.*

**CLARA CITY**  
 Clara city was settled in 1880 and named in honor of the wife of Theodore F. Koch, who was a colonizer and prominent real estate developer throughout the state of Minnesota. Railroad development allowed for growth and by 1881 the area housed a post office, railroad depot, windmill and water tank. Clara City was incorporated in 1891 and the area has continued to grow. Today Clara City is home to approximately 1,360 residents.

**MAYNARD**  
 In 1887 Maynard was platted by John M. Spicer on land belonging to J.V.H. Bailey and L.D. Ruddock. By 1889 a post office was established and businesses included grain elevators, grocery stores, banks, hardware shops and specialty shops. In 1897 Maynard was incorporated and 2022 marked the city's 135th anniversary. Today Maynard is home to approximately 366 residents.

**MILAN**  
 In 1879 the first post office in the Milan area was founded by Thorbjorn Anderson and the area was settled the following year. Streets were laid out by the railway company in 1880 and in 1883 Milan was incorporated. By 1890 businesses included general stores, lumberyards, a bank, creamery and specialty shops and by 1905 its population had reached 450. Today Milan is home to approximately 369 residents.

**MONTEVIDEO (COUNTY SEAT)**  
 Originally a trading post, Montevideo was platted in 1870 and its name means, "Mount of Vision." Fertile soil attracted residents and early industry was dominated by agriculture. The community was incorporated in 1879 and selected as the county seat. In 2004 Montevideo received the All-America City Award which is the oldest community recognition program in the country awarded to ten communities each year in honor of their individual civic accomplishments. Today Montevideo is home to approximately 5,383 residents.

**WATSON**  
 Watson was platted in 1879 and named by officers of the railway. A post office was established that same year and in 1883 Watson was incorporated. The area is widely recognized as having been home to the oldest co-op elevator in the nation, the Watson Farmers Elevator, which was established in 1886. Today Watson is home to approximately 205 residents.



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## LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY PARK

2299 337th Ave. | Dawson | (320) 598-7444

Located on 250 acres NE of

Dawson. Lac qui Parle County Park features trails, both equine and walking, fishing opportunities, playground equipment and picnic areas.



## LAC QUI PARLE STATE PARK

14047 20th St. NW | Watson | (320) 435-4033  
 Located on 1,057 acres, the Lac qui Parle State Park serves as a wildlife preservation area with white-tailed deer, bald eagles and features fishing opportunities, public hunting areas, cross-country ski trails and campground.

## MEMORIAL PARK

5507 MN-67 | Granite Falls | (320) 564-3011  
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## MORRIS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

43875 230th St. | Morris | (320) 589-1001  
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## ORAAS COUNTY PARK

1963-1977 US. 59 | Clarkfield | (320) 564-5841  
 Located south of Clarkfield, Oraas County Park features a campground, picnic areas and playground equipment.

## SALT LAKE

2100 111th Ave. | Marietta | (320) 734-4451  
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## TIMM COUNTY PARK

T-191 | Wood Lake | (320) 226-1440  
 Located near Wood Lake, the Timm County Park features a campground, swimming area, fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

## Chippewa County Parks

### WEGDAHL PARK

Enjoy a beautiful picturesque park located along the Minnesota River just 5 miles south of Montevideo. The location is scenic, offers two new year-around cabin rentals, rentable camper sites with electricity, two shelters that can be reserved, a playground and a lot of open space. It is located next to a boat access and a paved bike path connecting you to Montevideo. Reservations can be made on line at <http://www.co.chippewa.mn.us/notice.htm>.

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## ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD HOUSE MUSEUM

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## CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

151 Arnie Anderson Dr. | Montevideo |  
(320) 269-7636

## FAGEN FIGHTERS WWII MUSEUM

2450 540th St | Granite Falls |  
(320) 564-6644

## GRAND THEATRE

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## HISTORIC CHIPPEWA CITY

151 Arnie Anderson Dr. | Montevideo |  
(320) 269-7636

## LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY MUSEUM

250 8th Ave. | Madison | (320) 598-7678

## LAC QUI PARLE MISSION

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## LUND-HOEL HOUSE

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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



### Fox, Gray & Red

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

### 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  
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# FISHING SEASONS, MN

## INLAND WATERS

### Lake Trout

12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

### Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

### Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

## Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

## White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

## Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

## Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

## Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

## Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

## Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

## Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

## Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

## Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

## Sturgeon

catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

## Smallmouth Bass

catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

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Do  
**NOT**

Transport  
Invasive:

- Fish
- Invertebrates
- Aquatic Plants



# CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

## KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

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

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

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

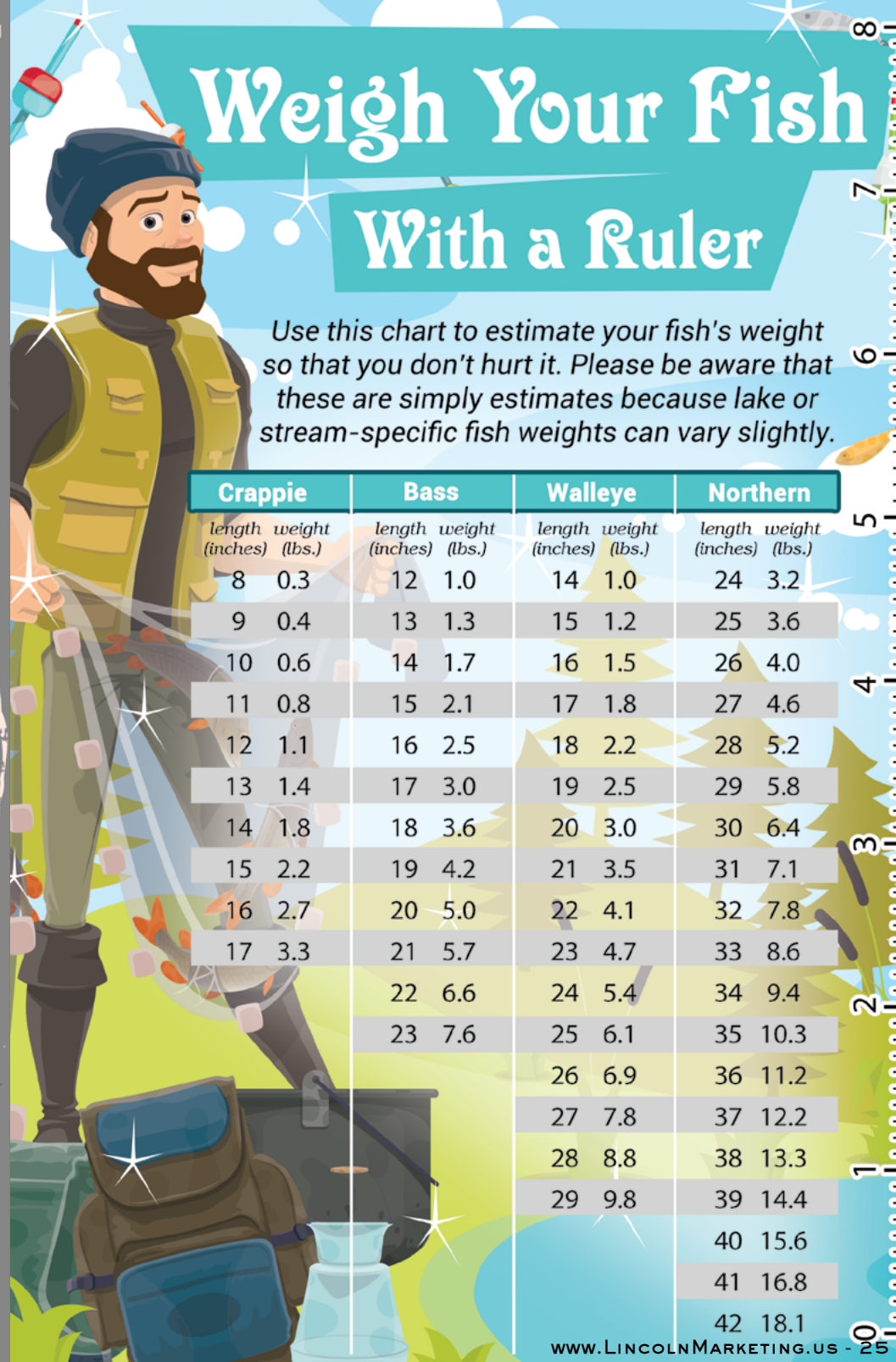


**By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.**

# Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



# Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

Choose a type of grass that thrives in your area. 3" is the optimal height for most grasses, it allows the roots to become strong and healthy. It also helps to absorb more water. Don't bag the lawn clippings, it's a natural fertilizer. Keep your mower blades sharp.



Don't water every day. Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Your lawn should get about an inch of water each week, whether it be from rain fall or a sprinkler. Water your lawn in the early morning, preferably before 10am. Watering at night time can create fungus growth.



Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.



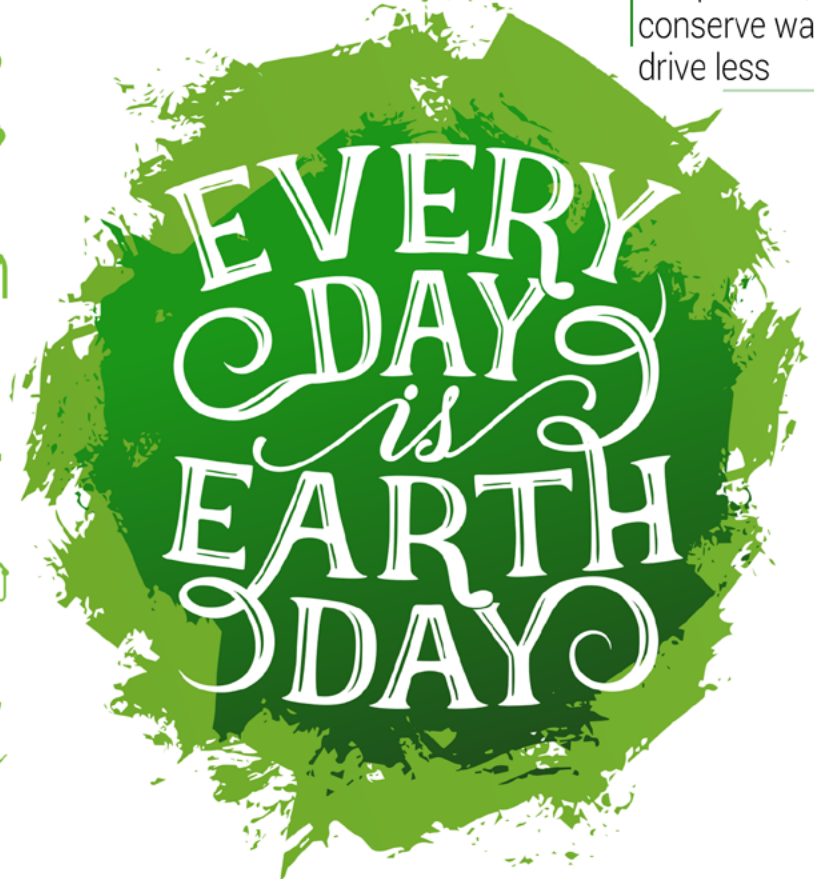
## GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



**Community/Home Gardens:** Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

**Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

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

**Local Food:** Buy local sustainable food.

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

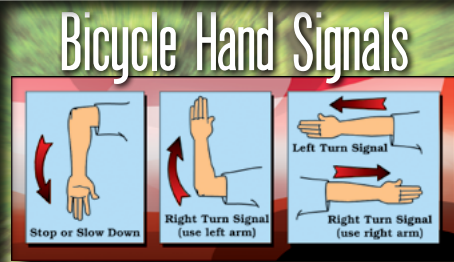
**Upcycle Crafts:** Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.





# Be Aware of your Surroundings

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



## Drink lots of Water!



# Know Your ATV

**Read the owner's manual** and know your vehicle thoroughly.

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

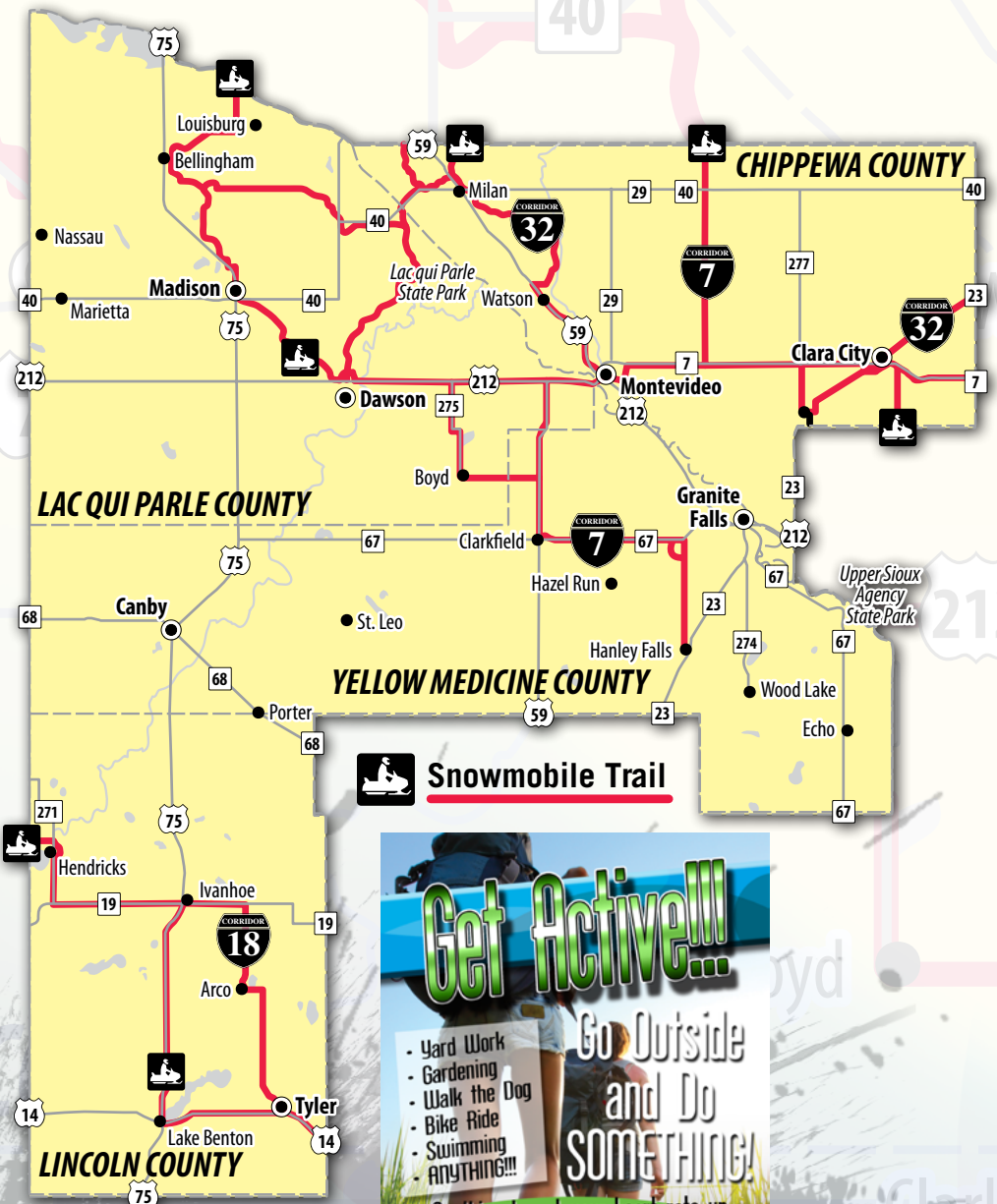
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy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

## Snowmobile Hand Signals



**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
NO TRESPASSING

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



 **Snowmobile Trail**

**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!

## 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.*

# BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

## INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

**1** Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

**2** Preheat your oven to 400°F.

**3** Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

**4** Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

**5** Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

**6** In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

**7** Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

**8** Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

**9** Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

**10** Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.



## BARBECUE DO'S:

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

## BARBECUE DON'TS:

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



Enjoy your delicious  
buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3 Days:

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

### 3 Weeks:

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

### 3 Months:

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

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

## DOG PARKS

### CENTENNIAL DOG PARK

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# Bird Feeder Care Tips



With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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