

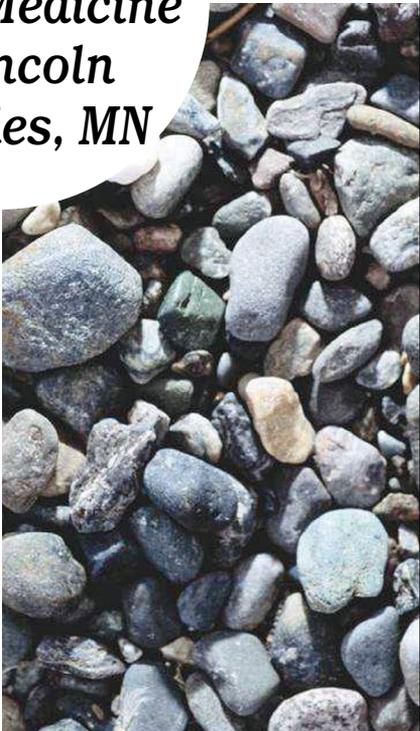
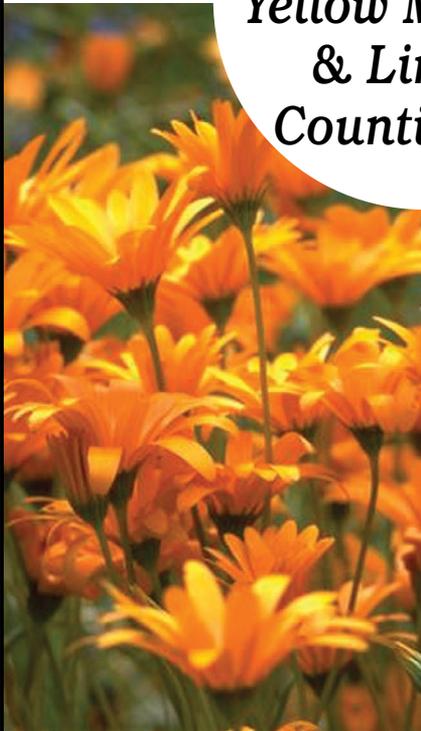


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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Arctic Blast | Canby
Whopper Feed | Dawson
Ducks Unlimited Banquet | Dawson
Ole & Lena Days | Granite Falls
Chili Fest | Montevideo
Beer Pong Championship | Montevideo
Tri-County Fishing Derby | Montevideo
March of Dimes Benefit | Porter

FEBRUARY

Winterfest | Dawson
Taste Dawson
Great Western MN Get Together | Dawson
Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed | Dawson
Bowl for Hospice | Dawson
Dawson-Boyd Baseball Assn. Coyote Derby
Ice Fishing Derby | Hendricks
Liver & Onion Feed Fundraiser | Montevideo
Spaghetti Scholarship Supper | Montevideo
Sno Rider Run | Ortonville

MARCH

Greater MN Ag Day | Dawson
Sports & Leisure Show | Ortonville
Graceville St. Patrick's Day Parade
Wild Game Feed | Lake Benton
KDM Meet & Greet Breakfast | Montevideo
Pheasants Forever Banquet | Montevideo
Big Stone Health Care Gala | Ortonville
Chicken & Fish-Fry | Ortonville

APRIL

Spring Spruce Up | Canby
Spring Showcase | Canby

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Spring Shop Hop | Dawson
Legion Baseball Smelt Fry | Dawson
Fine Arts Celebration | Granite Falls
Bird Watching Weekend | Madison & Marietta
Around the Town Rummage Sale | Madison
Historical Society Banquet | Montevideo
Heritage Hill Spring Swap Meet | Montevideo
Border Walleye Challenge | Ortonville
Porter Market Day Sale | Porter
Ridgeview Hospice Benefit | Tyler
Easter Egg Hunt | Wood Lake
Southwestern Prairie Banquet | Wood Lake
Woody's Bar Chili Cook-Off | Wood Lake

MAY

Larry Olsen Music Fest | Lake Benton
City Wide Rummage Sales | Lake Benton
Caregivers Celebrity Dinner | Montevideo
Syttende Mai Festival | Hendricks & Milan
Memorial Day | Lake Benton & Milan

JUNE

Boyd Good Time Days
Hat Daze | Canby
Clarkfield Heart of the Prairie Days
Dawson Riverfest
Western Fest Stampede Rodeo | Granite Falls
Saddle Horse Holiday | Lake Benton
125th Celebration | Maynard
Oak Tree Classic | Ortonville
Family Best Ball Tourney | Ortonville
Pork Chop Supper | Porter

Local Area Events

JULY

Yellow Medicine County Fair | Canby
Prairie Fest Celebration | Clara City
Ag Golf Day | Dawson
Dawson Treasure Days
4th of July Boat Parade | Hendricks
Buffalo Ridge Trap Shoot | Lake Benton
Summerfest | Madison
Stinker Day | Madison
4th of July Celebration | Maynard & Prinsburg
5k Run & Eagle Chase | Milan
Appreciation Supper | Milan
Heritage Hill Threshing Show | Montevideo
Big Stone County Fair | Ortonville
Couples Golf Tourney | Ortonville
Lincoln County Fair | Tyler
Aebleskiver Days | Tyler
Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday | Watson
MN Harvest Fest | Watson

AUGUST

Crazy Days | Canby
Kid's Night Out | Canby
State Park Fun Walk | Granite Falls
Pioneer Power Threshing Show | Hanley Falls
Polska Kielbasa Days | Ivanhoe
Te Tonka Ha Rendezvous | Lake Benton
Benton-Fremont Days | Lake Benton
Hedoka Knap | Lake Benton
Heritage Day | Madison
Chippewa County Fair | Montevideo
Cornfest | Ortonville
Patio Tourney | Ortonville
Porter Harvest Festival
Wood Lake Fair

SEPTEMBER

Market & Flea Market Day | Lake Benton
Lake Benton Craft Fair
Lac qui Parle County Fair | Madison
Air Fair | Madison
Pampered Stroll | Madison

OCTOBER

Ghoul's Night Out | Dawson
Oktoberfest | Canby & Madison
Car Show | Madison
Around the Town Rummage Sale | Madison
Meander Art Crawl | Dawson, Milan & Ortonville
Harvest Fest | Ortonville
UMC Meatball Extravaganza | Wood Lake

NOVEMBER

Women's Fall Festival | Canby
Fall Craft Show | Clara
Gnometown Extravaganza | Dawson
Holiday Shopping Preview Weekend | Dawson
Norsefest | Madison
Milan Craft Fair
ECI Vendor Fair | Ortonville
Veterans' Supperama | Wood Lake

DECEMBER

Holiday Celebration | Canby
Holiday Shopping Preview Weekend | Dawson
Opera House Christmas Show | Lake Benton
Holiday Tree Walk | Lake Benton
Santa Claus Day | Lake Benton
Christmas Promotion | Madison
Santa Day | Wood Lake

Residential Services

LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY

Assessor	(320)598-3187
Auditor/Treasurer	598-7444
County Attorney	598-3701
County Commissioner	668-2626
Environmental Office	598-3132
Family Services	598-7594
Highway Department	598-3878
License Bureau	598-7444
Maintenance	598-3363
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	269-7447
County Attorney	269-7138
County Commissioner	367-2891
Emergency Management	269-2121
Environmental Office	269-6231
Family Services	269-6401
Highway Department	269-2151
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	269-2139

Residential Services

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

Assessor	(320)564-3628
Auditor/Treasurer	564-3132
County Attorney	564-5832
County Commissioner	269-6793
Environmental Office	564-3331
Emergency Management	564-5895
Family Services	564-2211
Highway Department	564-3331
License Bureau	564-4641
Maintenance	564-3132
Recorder	564-2529
Sheriff.....	564-2130
University of Minnesota Extension	669-4471
Veterans Affairs	564-3134
Soil & Water Conservation	564-3699

LINCOLN COUNTY

Assessor	(507)694-1441
Auditor/Treasurer	694-1529
County Attorney	247-5515
County Commissioner	368-4884
Environmental Office	694-1344
Emergency Management	694-1463
Family Services	694-1452
Highway Department	694-1461
License Bureau	694-1529
Maintenance	694-1461
Recorder	694-1430
Sheriff.....	694-1664
University of Minnesota Extension	694-1470
Veterans Affairs	368-4256
Soil & Water Conservation	694-1630



Lac qui Parle County History

MADISON, COUNTY SEAT

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 by 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

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.*

Lac qui Parle County Communities

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 office 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 Lutfisk 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.

Lac qui Parle County Communities

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

GRANITE FALLS, COUNTY SEAT

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 by 1900 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.

Yellow Medicine County Communities

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 was 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.

Yellow Medicine County Communities

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.

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Chippewa County History

MONTEVIDEO, COUNTY SEAT

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.*

Chippewa County Communities

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. Rud-dock. 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 2012 marks the city's 125th 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.



Lincoln County History

IVANHOE, COUNTY SEAT

Lincoln County was established in 1873 from part of Lyon County and named in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Ivanhoe was selected as the county seat and by 1880 its population had reached 2,945. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and railroad expansion prompted development. By 1900 the population of Lincoln County had reached 8,966 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Lincoln County is home to approximately 5,896 residents.

CITIES:

- ARCO** - pop. 75
- HENDRICKS** - pop. 713
- IVANHOE (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 559
- LAKE BENTON** - pop. 683
- TYLER** - pop. 1,143

TOWNSHIPS:

- ALTA VISTA TOWNSHIP** - pop. 212
- ASH LAKE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 177
- DIAMOND LAKE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 231
- DRAMMEN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 141
- HANSONVILLE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 122
- HENDRICKS TOWNSHIP** - pop. 220
- HOPE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 292
- LAKE BENTON TOWNSHIP** - pop. 244
- LAKE STAY TOWNSHIP** - pop. 143
- LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 159
- MARBLE TOWNSHIP** - pop. 195
- MARSHFIELD TOWNSHIP** - pop. 231
- ROYAL TOWNSHIP** - pop. 205
- SHAOKATAN TOWNSHIP** - pop. 192
- VERDI TOWNSHIP** - pop. 240

**Populations are approximate.*

Lincoln County Communities

ARCO

Arco was originally recognized as Arola when streets were platted in 1900 and the first post office was established that same year. Its name was derived from the Italian city Arcola and was shortened to avoid postal confusion with an already established railroad station of the same name. The community was reincorporated in 1903 and railroad development allowed for growth. Today Arco is home to approximately 75 residents.

HENDRICKS

The first post office in the Hendricks area was established in 1884 and the community was incorporated in 1900. Its location near rail lines allowed the community to become a trading center between Minnesota and South Dakota. The community is now home to the Buffalo Wind Farm, one of the largest wind farms in the nation. Today Hendricks is home to approximately 713 residents.

IVANHOE (COUNTY SEAT)

Ivanhoe was platted in 1889 and its name was derived from a character created by Sir Walter Scott. A post office was established and the community was incorporated in 1901. Ivanhoe was selected as the county seat after it was moved from Lake Benton and the area continued to develop. The community is widely recognized for its Polska Kielbasa Days celebrated every August, that pays homage to its first settlers. Today Ivanhoe is home to approximately 559 residents.

LAKE BENTON

Lake Benton was named in honor of Senator Benton who served until 1851. The community was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Ivanhoe in 1902. Lake Benton is widely recognized as the "Original Wind Power Capital of the Midwest," as over 600 wind turbines border the nearby Buffalo Ridge and the area houses the Heritage Museum and Wind Power Learning Center of Southwest Minnesota. Today Lake Benton is home to approximately 683 residents.

TYLER

Tyler was named in honor of C.B. Tyler, a prominent businessman, and the first post office was established in 1879. Railroad expansion allowed for growth and Tyler's population grew dramatically. Streets were platted and the community was incorporated in 1887. Early businesses included saloons, banks, hat shops, grocery stores, hotels, a movie house and a wide variety of specialty shops. Today Tyler is home to approximately 1,143 residents.

Local Area Attractions

ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD HOUSE MUSEUM

163 9th Ave. | Granite Falls | (320) 564-3734

ANTIQUÉ EMPORIUM

129 St. Olaf Ave. N | Canby | (507) 223-5066

BIG STONE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE CROSSINGS AT MONTEVIDEO

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DANEBOÐ LUTHERAN CHURCH COMPLEX

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HERITAGE & WINDPOWER LEARNING CENTER

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HINTERLAND VINEYARDS & WINERY

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**For more information on attractions throughout the area, visit: www.exploreminnesota.com.*



Tips on Recycling & Living Greener

Recycle as much as you can. Even simple everyday things, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, can make a huge difference.

Switch your incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones. Save money and energy.

Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.

Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity. Eyeglasses, household items, electronics and even vehicles can be accepted.

Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.

Recycle your used batteries. This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.

Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.

Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.

Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable



styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.

Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.



Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and re-purpose old items. Punch



holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.



Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.

Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.





Local Parks & Recreation

APPLETON AREA OHV PARK

1000 15th St. S | Benson | (320) 289-1527

Located on over 300 acres northeast of Appleton, the Appleton Area OHV Park features 6 miles of trails for ATVs, off highway motorcycles and snowmobiles, motorcycle practice track and a picnic area.

BIG STONE LAKE STATE PARK

35889 Meadowbrook S.P. Rd. | Ortonville | (866) 857-2757

Located on 986 acres, the Big Stone Lake State Park serves as a wildlife preservation area with white-tailed deer, raccoons, ground squirrels, meadowlarks, pheasants, bobolinks, wild turkeys, mourning doves, thrashers, and features wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities, hiking trails, a swimming beach, picnic areas and a campground.

BIG STONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

44843 Co. Rd. 19 | Odessa | (320) 273-2191

Located on 22,521 acres, the Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge serves as a wildlife preservation area with white-tailed deer, western vagrants, upland game, native prairies and features wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities, public hunting areas and interpretive hiking trails.

BUFFALO LAKE COUNTY PARK

629 N 11th St. | Montevideo | (320) 269-7447

Located north of Ortonville, Buffalo Lake County Park features a swimming beach, fishing opportunities, playground equipment, ball fields and picnic areas.

CAMDEN STATE PARK

1897 Camden Park Rd. | Lynd | (507) 865-4530

Located on 2,245 acres near the Red River, the Camden State Park serves as a wildlife preservation area with native and restored prairies, and features wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities, the Dakota Overlook, equestrian, hiking, biking and snowmobile trails, picnic areas and a campground.

HOLE IN THE MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK

P.O. Box 369 | Lake Benton | (507) 368-9350

Located near Lake Benton, the Hole in the Mountain County Park serves as a wildlife preservation area that supports over 25 species of butterflies, snipes, savannah, vesper and clay-colored sparrows, bobolinks and dickcissels, and features biking, hiking and cross-country ski trails, and a ski lift.

Parks & Recreation

LAC QUI PARLE STATE PARK

14047 20th St. NW | Watson | (866) 857-2757

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.

MORRIS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

43875 230th St. | Morris | (800) 248-5865

Located on over 51,000 acres, the Morris Wetland Management District serves as a wildlife preservation area with prairie pothole habitats, wetland dependent birds, and features hiking areas, and public hunting areas.

NORTHERN TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

44843 Co. Rd. 19 | Odessa | (320) 273-2191

Located on 4,392 acres, the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge serves as a northern tallgrass prairie preservation area with waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, upland game, white-tailed deer, red fox, coyotes and ground squirrels.

NORWEGIAN CREEK COUNTY PARK

P.O. Box 369 | Lake Benton | (507) 368-9350

Located on 128 acres near Lake Benton, the Norwegian Creek County Park features a campground, picnic areas, swimming beach with bath house and fishing opportunities.

ORAAS COUNTY PARK

1320 13th St. | Granite Falls | (320) 564-3331

Located south of Clarkfield, Oraas County Park features a campground, picnic areas and playground equipment.

PICNIC POINT COUNTY PARK

P.O. Box 369 | Lake Benton | (507) 368-9350

Located on 43 acres on Lake Shaokatan, Picnic Point County Park features a campground, picnic areas, swimming beach with bath house, fishing opportunities and playground equipment.

SALT LAKE

2100 111th Ave. | Marietta | (320) 743-4451

Located on the border of Minnesota and South Dakota, Salt Lake is the only alkaline wetland in Minnesota and serves as a wildlife preservation area with over 150 species of birds, making it one of the top bird watching locations in the area.

SWEDE'S FOREST, HOMME-KOLLIN UNIT

175 Co. Rd. 26 | Windom | (507) 831-2900

Located on 207 acres in the Minnesota River Valley, Swede's Forest serves as a wildlife preservation area that supports the rare five-lined skink, painted turtles, waterfowl, great blue herons, eastern bluebirds, red-winged blackbirds, whitetail deer and features hiking and snowshoeing areas, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

THIELKE LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

243 2nd St. NW | Ortonville | (320) 734-4451

Located North of Ortonville, the Thielke Lake Wildlife Management Area serves as a wildlife preservation area with western grebes, great blue herons, black terns and ring-billed gulls, and features wildlife viewing opportunities.

TIMM COUNTY PARK

1320 13th St. | Granite Falls | (320) 564-3331

Located near Wood Lake, the Timm County Park features a campground, swimming area, fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

UPPER SIOUX AGENCY STATE PARK

5908 Hwy. 67 | Granite Falls | (320) 564-4777

Located on 1,280 acres near the junction of the Yellow Medicine and Minnesota Rivers, the Upper Sioux Agency State Park serves as a historic site with open prairie knolls, bluffs and forested areas, and features equestrian, hiking, skiing and snowmobile trails, wildlife viewing opportunities, and a campground.



DNR License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System.

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

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY LICENSE BUREAU

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Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/13 - 02/23/14

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/11/13 - 02/23/14

LARGEMOUTH BASS*

05/11/13 - 02/23/14

SMALLMOUTH BASS*

(Catch & Release) 09/09/13 - 02/23/14

LAKE TROUT*

(BWCA) 12/29/12 - 03/31/13

(Outside BWCA) 01/12/13 - 03/31/13

05/11/13 - 09/30/14

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/13 - 03/31/13

(Catch & Release) Spring: 04/01/13 - 04/12/13

Summer: 05/11/13 - 10/31/13

Fall: 09/15/13 - 09/30/13

(All Lakes) 05/11/13 - 10/31/13

Muskie

06/01/13 - 12/01/13

Take-a-kid fishing weekend

06/07/13 - 06/09/13

*At time of publication, not all 2013 seasons were posted.

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367.

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Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.

Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.

Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.

Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.

Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.

In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.

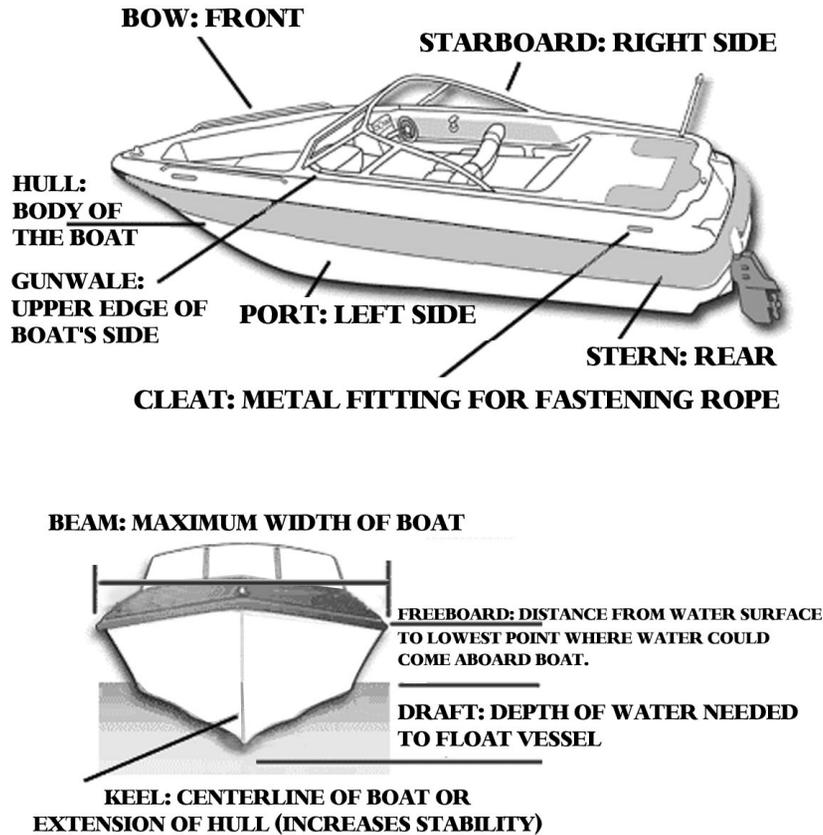
Turn boat at slow rates of speed.

Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.

Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



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 on board within reach of the controls.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

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.



Improving Lakes, Rivers & Streams

- Use phosphorus-free fertilizers to help control algae growth. Phosphorus helps to feed algae. Excessive algae makes swimming and fishing unpleasant, and stresses fish and wildlife.
- Bag your lawn clippings or use them for compost. Grass and leaves also contain phosphorus which promote algae growth. Trimmings that end up in streets end up polluting lakes and streams.
- Utilize rain barrels for gardening to help reduce runoff, as runoff transports pollutants to lakes and streams.
- Pick up after your pets, as their waste causes algae growth and has bacteria.
- Use alternative methods for controlling pests and weeds, or limit your chemical use to the minimum amount required.
- Maintain your lawn by seeding bare patches, aerating and allowing your grass to grow between 2½-3 inches to prevent soil erosion and promote strong roots.
- Swap your lawn for native plants, as native plants have deeper roots which prevent soil erosion.
- Be aware of what you put down drains and toilets. Oils, paints and hazardous chemicals should never be flushed. Hazardous waste should be disposed of in the proper manner.
- Utilize environmentally friendly household products, such as dish washing soap and laundry detergent.
- Conserve water by turning it off when not needed, as it reduces the amount of water that needs to be treated for consumption.
- Utilize porous pavers for walkways and driveways to lower the amount of water runoff.
- For more information on improving lakes, rivers and streams, call the MNDNR at (888) 665-4236.



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Minnesota Hunting Seasons

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Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas:

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

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

HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/13/14
(South) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/15/14

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/13 - 04/30/13
(Early Canada Goose) 09/01/13 - 09/20/13

CROW

03/01/13 - 03/31/13; 07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

(Archery) 09/14/13 - 12/31/13
(Youth) 10/17/13 - 10/20/13
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/17/13 - 10/18/13
(Firearm 2A & 3A) 11/09/13 - 11/17/13
(Firearm 1A) 11/09/13 - 11/24/13
(Firearm 3B) 11/23/13 - 12/01/13
(Muzzleloader) 11/30/13 - 12/15/13

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/14/13 - 11/30/13

HUNTING, CONTD.

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/14/13 - 01/01/14

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 09/28/13 - 10/13/13

TURKEY

09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

(North) 10/26/13 - 04/30/14
(South) 11/02/13 - 04/30/14

MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14
(South) 11/02/13 - 02/28/14

OTTER

(North Zone) 10/26/13 - 01/05/14
(South Zone) 11/02/13 - 01/05/14

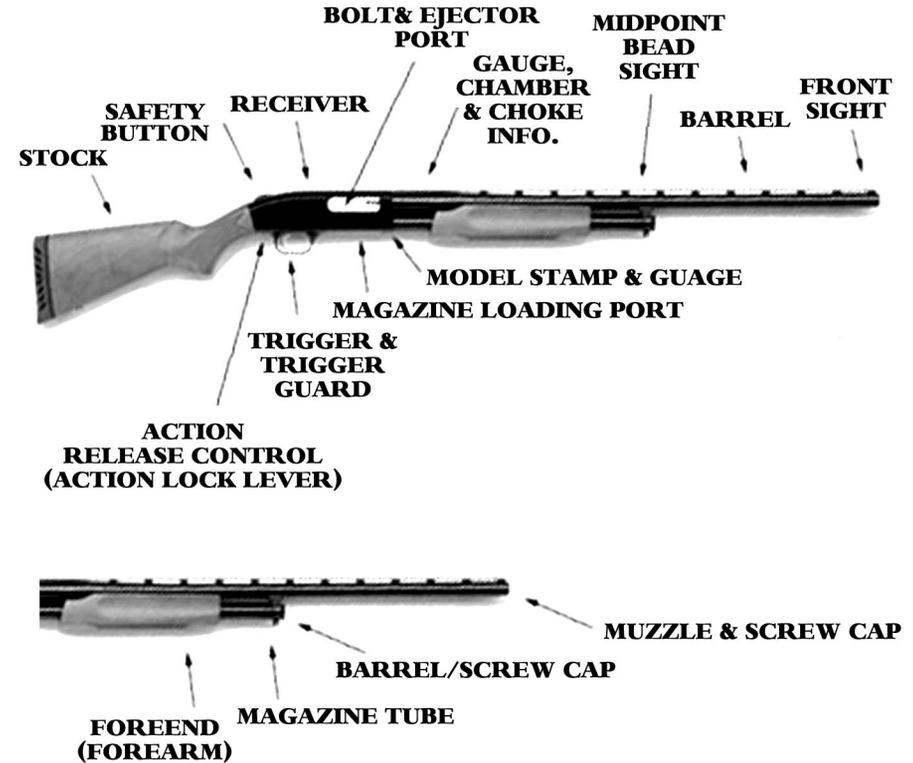
BOBCAT

11/24/12 - 01/05/13; 11/30/13 - 12/05/13

**At the time of publication not all of the 2013-2014 Minnesota Hunting Seasons were available.*

Contact www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information

Hunting Safety



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly in Minnesota, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

Bicycle Safety

Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.

Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.

Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.

Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.

When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.

Cross only at intersections.

Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.

Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.

Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.

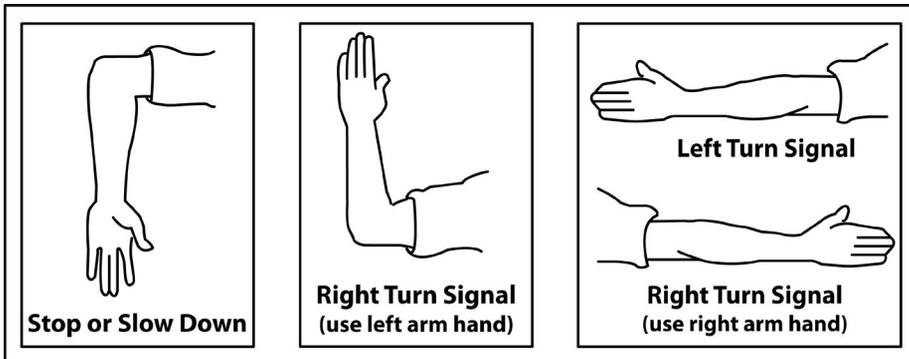
Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.

Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.

When biking with friends, ride in a single file.

Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.

Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

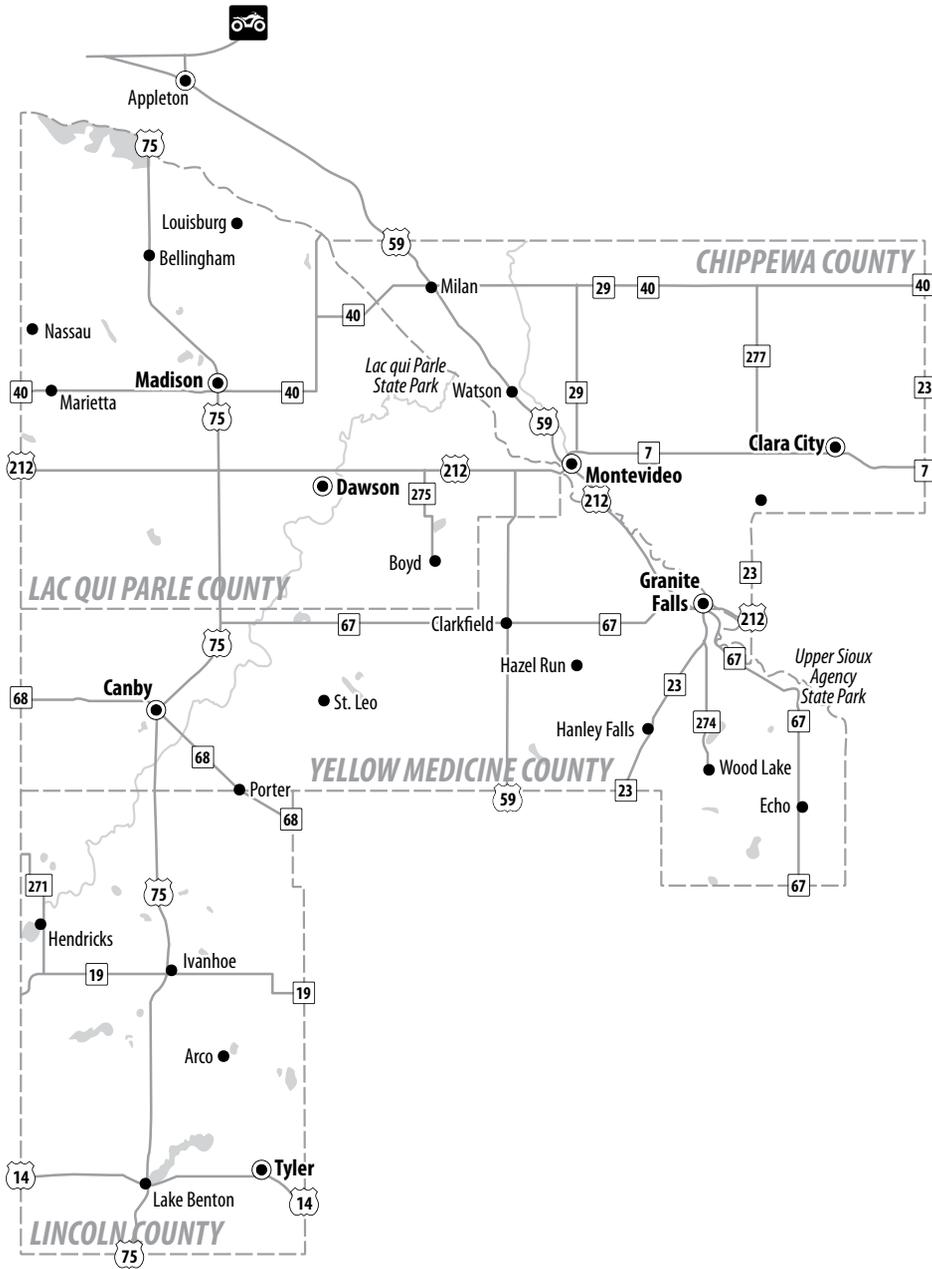


ATV Safety

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



Appleton Area Recreation OHV Park



Snowmobile Safety

Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.

Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.

If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.

Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.

Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.

Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.

Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.

Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.

Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.

Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.

Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.

Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.

Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

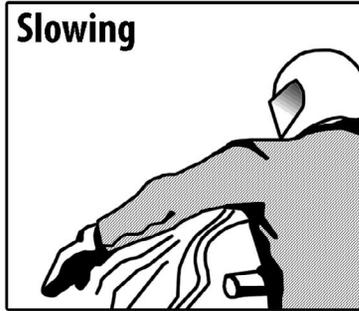
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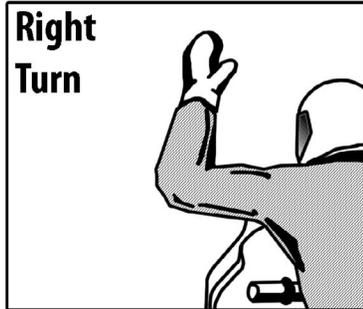
Snowmobile Safety

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

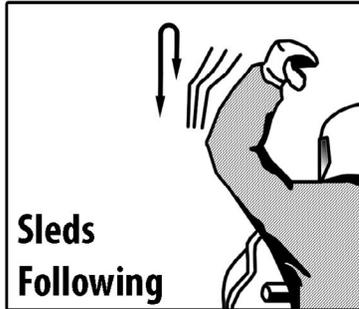
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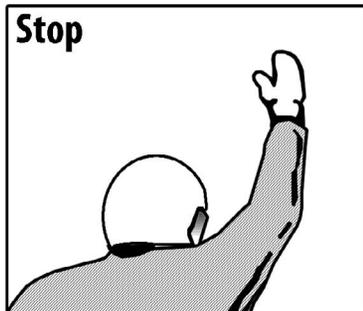
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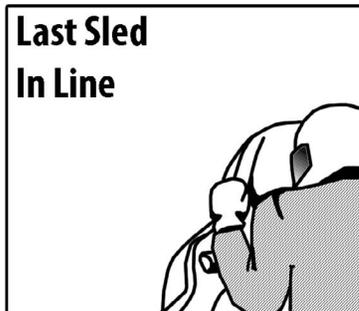
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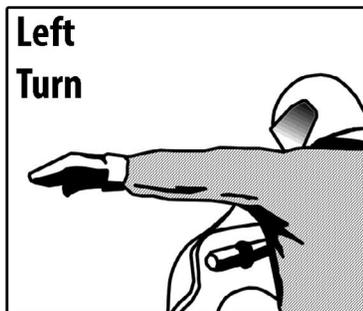
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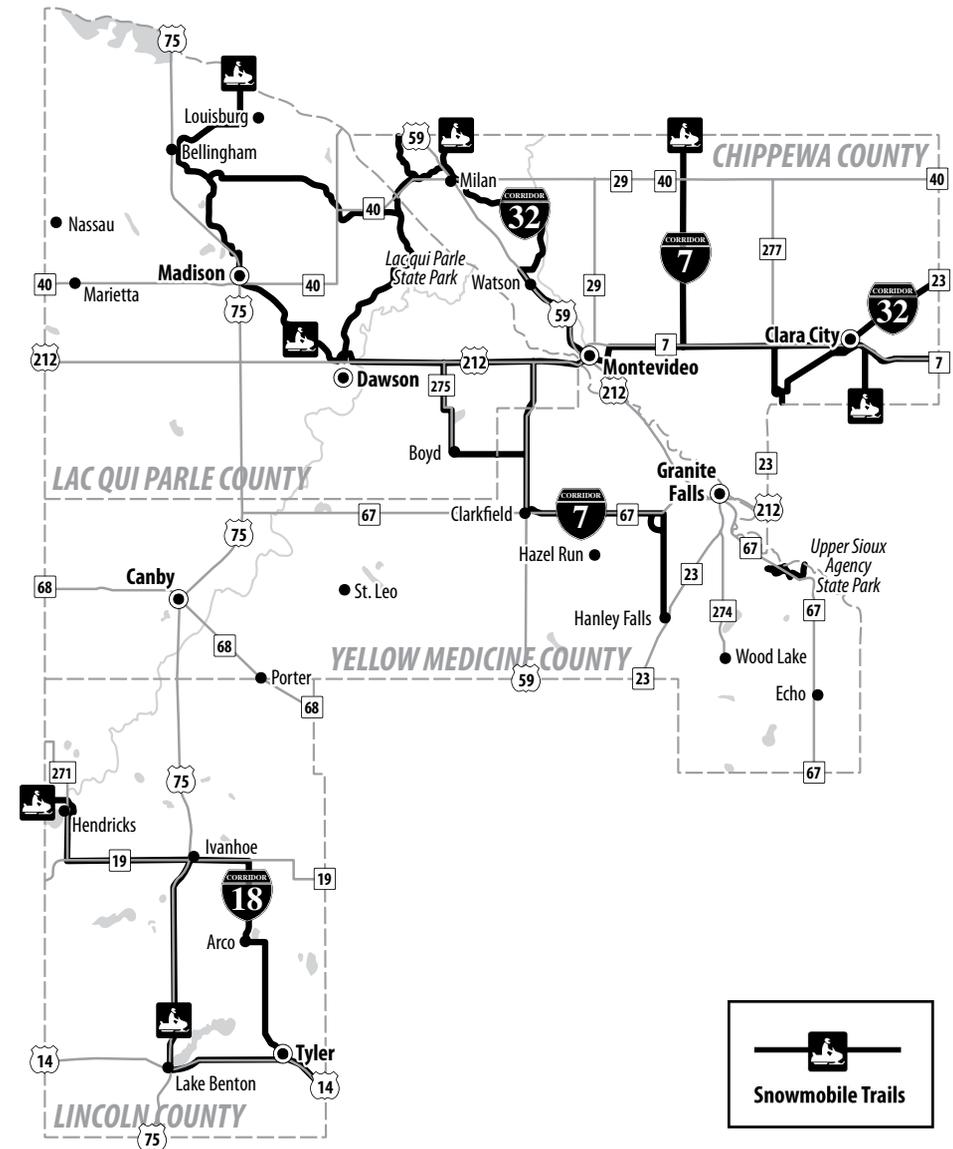


Left Turn



Oncoming Sleds

Local Area Snowmobile Trails



Home Safety

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit. Motion sensors and timers help deter burglars.
- Dead-bolts and peep-holes should be placed on all outside doors.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should have locks and be in good working order.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Use an engraver to mark computers, cameras, stereos, TV's, tools, yard equipment, etc.
- Never leave valuables, expensive jewelry, or large amounts of cash at home. If you must, keep a list of your valuables with serial numbers to assist in insurance claims.
- Keep your car locked at all times and store all valuables out of sight.
- Guns should always be stored unloaded and with a gunlock.
- Become part of a neighborhood watch or program that is similar.
- Be suspicious of unusual people or vehicles in your neighborhood. Document the date, time, description and license plate number to give to law enforcement if needed.
- When on vacation, do not advertise your absence. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted friend or neighbor to give the impression you are home by stopping by to take out trash, shovel snow, mow the lawn, etc.



Carbon Monoxide Safety

PREVENTION

- Install carbon monoxide detectors near every bedroom, gas appliance and in your RV, camper or motor home and test them monthly.
- Have flues, chimneys and all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a professional annually.
- Make sure fireplaces, wood stoves, dryers, furnaces and water heaters are properly vented to the outside.
- Only burn clean and untreated wood.
- Never idle your car or gas powered vehicle in the garage, with or without the garage door open.
- Toxic fumes build up quickly and can easily contaminate your home.
- Never use gas-powered engines like weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, lawnmowers or portable generators in enclosed areas.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors or in any closed area.
- Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Never sleep in a room or area heated with a gas or kerosene space heater that does not have proper ventilation.

SYMPTOMS

- Headaches, severe fatigue, vomiting, nausea, muscle and joint pain, dizziness, tingling, vertigo
- Attention and multi-tasking problems, short-term memory problems, word-finding problems
- Irritability, temper, loss of interest, sleep disturbance, anxiety, lack of motivation
- Eating and swallowing difficulties, vision problems, lack of muscular coordination, speaking difficulty, ringing in the ears
- Seizures, tremors, balancing problems, shortness of breath

Carbon monoxide poisoning is easily confused with flu-like symptoms. Serious long-term health risks or death can result if warning signs are ignored. Carbon monoxide can affect you for days, weeks, months or years. High levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal within minutes.

TREATMENT

- Immediately take the victim out to fresh air.
- If the victim cannot be removed, open every window and door.
- All appliances should be turned off.
- Take the victim to an emergency room as quickly as fast as possible, or call 911.

Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

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

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

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

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

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

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

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

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

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

CHOKING

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

POISON PREVENTION

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

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

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

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 ask 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.

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