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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Family Night at the Itasca Curling Club | Grand Rapids
White Oak Sled Dog Classic | Deer River
Deer River Winter Fest

FEBRUARY

Ely ArtWalk
Ely Winter Festival
Annual Chili Bowl | Grand Rapids
Bridal Expo | Grand Rapids
Hurlbut-Ziemer Ice Fishing Contest | Marble
Itasca Symphony Orchestra | Grand Rapids

MARCH

Fun Fair Carnival & Expo | Duluth
WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race | Ely
Northern Minnesota Builder's Show | Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Area Boat Show
Once in a Lifetime Perch Tournament | Grand Rapids
Jaycee's Home, Sport & Travel Show | Grand Rapids

APRIL

Arrowhead Home & Builders Show | Duluth
Art for Earth Day Gallery Hop | Duluth
Homegrown Music Festival | Duluth
Easter Egg Hunt | Throughout Iron Range
Last Chance Bonspiel | Hibbing

MAY

Christopher & Banks MS Walk | Duluth
Dulcimer Day in Duluth Folk Music Festival
Memorial Day Parade | Duluth
Grand Rapids Farmer's Market
Old Car Cruise Night | Grand Rapids
Stockcar Races | Grand Rapids
Fishing Opener BBQ | Grand Rapids
Dylan Days | Hibbing
North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn's Swap Meet & Consignment Auction | Blackberry

JUNE

Grandma's Marathon | Duluth
Larkin Hoffman MS 150 Bike Tour | Duluth
Lincoln Park District Walleye Open | Duluth
Minnesota State H.O.G. Rally | Duluth
Park Point Art Fair | Duluth
Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival | Duluth
Babbitt Walleye Whamma | Ely
Finnish American Summer Festival | Ely
Peter Mitchell Fun Days Dock Dogs | Ely
Spring Dance | Grand Rapids
Bigfork Wilderness Days
Softball Tournament | Grand Rapids
Bluegrass Festival | Grand Rapids
Judy Garland Festival | Grand Rapids
Hibbing Jubilee
Shifters Car Show | Hibbing

JULY

Downtown Duluth Sidewalk Days
Finn Fest in Duluth
Northshore Dragon Boat Festival | Duluth
Spirit Valley Days | Duluth
Blueberry Art Festival | Ely
Boundary Waters Blues Festival | Ely
All Spartan Class Reunion | Keewatin
Keewatin Centennial Fireworks
Round Robin Canoe Race | Grand Rapids
National Lumberjack Championships | Keewatin
Prior Lake Water Ski Show | Keewatin
Two-Town Ten Trillion | Nashwauk
4th of July Parade | Nashwauk, Keewatin, Grand Rapids
Coleraine City Band Concert
Juried Art Show | Bigfork
Deer River Wild Rice Festival
Timberman Triathlon | Grand Rapids
Woodcraft Festival | Grand Rapids
Mississippi River Music Festival | Grand Rapids
Shootin the Rapids | Grand Rapids
Mi-Gwitch Mahnomen Celebration | Morse
MacRostie Art Center Garden Tour | Grand Rapids
Krazy Dayz Sales | Grand Rapids

Local Area Events

JULY CONTD.

Larry Maki Memorial Stockcar Race | Grand Rapids
Northstar Stampede Rode | Effie
Northern Cruisers Car Show | Grand Rapids
Mines & Pines | Hibbing
Lions Club Fly'n-Drive In Pancake Breakfast | Bigfork
Harris Township Centennial Celebration
Women on Water Fishing Tournament | Grand Rapids
Calumet Centennial
Worldwide Photowalk | Grand Rapids
South St. Louis County Fair | Proctor

AUGUST

Brewhouse Triathlon | Duluth
Glensheen's Festival of Fine Art and Craft | Duluth
Bayfront Blues Festival | Duluth
Looney Days | Ely
Juried Art Exhibition | Grand Rapids
Star of the North Youth Golf Tournament | Grand Rapids
Labor Day Shootout | Hibbing
Arts & Crafts Fair | Bigfork
White Oak Rendezvous | Deer River
Tall Timber Days | Grand Rapids
Greater Grand Rapids Rodeo
White Oak Casino Anniversary Celebration | Deer River
Dave Wohlers Memorial | Grand Rapids
Fish-A-Rama & Family 5k Fun Race | Coleraine
Threshing & Antique Show | Blackberry
Itasca County Fair | Grand Rapids
Real Horsepower & A Little Ox Power | Grand Rapids
St. Louis County Fair | Hibbing

SEPTEMBER

Chisholm Fire Days
Burrito Union 10-hr Triathlon | Duluth
Grandma's Oktoberfest Celebration | Duluth
NorthShore Inline Marathon | Duluth
Bovey Farmer's Days
Harvest Moon Festival | Ely
Goods From the Woods | Grand Rapids
12k Woodtick Run | Grand Rapids

OCTOBER

Halloween Trick-or-Treat | Throughout Iron Range
Boo at the Zoo | Duluth
Haunted Ship | Duluth
Midnight Sun Grand Traverse | Duluth
Wolf Family Rendezvous | Ely

NOVEMBER

Area-Wide Craft Sales | throughout Iron Range
AMSOIL Duluth National Snocross
Bentleyville "Tour of Lights" | Duluth
Gales of November | Duluth
Gobble Gallop Race | Duluth
PAVSA Art Auction | Duluth
The Polar Express Train Ride | Duluth
Cabin Crafters Craft Sale | Grand Rapids
Christmas Lights & Carols | Grand Rapids

DECEMBER

Glensheen Holiday Brunches | Duluth
Holiday Banquet & City Lights Tour | Duluth
Holiday Gallery Stroll | Duluth
Holiday Spirit in the Lights | Duluth
Weihnachtsfest | Duluth
A Northwoods Christmas | Ely
Star of the North Hockey Tournament | Grand Rapids
Christmas Program | Grand Rapids
Formal Colonial Christmas Dinner | Deer River

Resident Services

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| Auditor/Treasurer | 327-2860 |
| Court Administration | 327-2870 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| Environmental Services | 327-2857 |
| Extension Service | 327-7486 |
| Health & Human Services | 327-2941 |
| Information Services | 327-2862 |
| Land Department | 327-2855 |
| Parks Department | 327-2855 |
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| Transportation | 327-2853 |
| Veterans Services | 327-2858 |

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| Attorney | 726-2323 |
| Auditor/Treasurer | 279-2520 |
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History of the Iron Range

ITASCA COUNTY

Itasca County was originally inhabited by Indians and later fur trappers, until loggers were attracted to the white pines in the area in 1829. By 1872, over 17 lumber camps had been established and more followed. As lumbermen needed supplies, stopping places such as Grand Rapids were built throughout the area which often included a hotel, saloon, general store and warehouse. In 1874 a post office was established in Grand Rapids by Lowe Seavey and by 1880, the Iron Range was full of loggers. Settlers began arriving and a school house was built in 1887 in Grand Rapids. In 1890 the Winnipeg Railroad line reached the Grand Rapids area and roads were improved, causing the county to boom. After incorporation in 1891, Grand Rapids successfully battled LaPrairie for the county seat. By 1900 Itasca County had a population of 4,573. Today Itasca County is home to approximately 44,512 residents.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

St. Louis County is the second largest county in the United States, spanning over 6,000 square miles of picturesque wilderness and over 500 lakes. Dakota and Chippewa Indians occupied St. Louis County area until French fur traders and missionaries arrived. Daniel Duluth, a soldier and explorer from France, is believed to have established one of the first trading posts on the shores of Lake Superior in the 1600s. Once known as part of Superior County, St. Louis County was established in 1855 and is named after the St. Louis River. By 1900 St. Louis County had a population of 82,932. With the discovery of iron ore, St. Louis County forms part of the Iron Range where taconite mining continues today and is home to the fastest and largest lift bridge in the world, allowing ships to pass through the canals of Lake Superior. Visitors can also enjoy many recreational activities as the Superior National Forest, Voyageurs National Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness are located here. Today St. Louis County is home to approximately 196,864 residents.

Iron Range Communities

BIGFORK – pop. 443

BOVEY – pop. 665

CALUMET – pop. 355

COHASSET – pop. 2,541

CHISHOLM – pop. 4,594

COLERAINE – pop. 1,008

DEER RIVER – pop. 918

DULUTH – pop. 84,284

EFFIE – pop. 85

ELY – pop. 3,473

EVELETH – pop. 3,582

GRAND RAPIDS – pop. 8,743

HIBBING – pop. 16,209

KEEWATIN – pop. 1,070

LAPRAIRIE – pop. 593

MARBLE – pop. 672

NASHWAUK – pop. 915

SQUAW LAKE – pop. 94

TACONITE – pop. 293

TOWER – pop. 477

VIRGINIA – pop. 8,480

WARBA – pop. 176

**Populations are approximate.*

BIGFORK

Loggers, fur traders and trappers were the first to develop the area known as Bigfork. The first settler, Damase Neveau, claimed land and built a log cabin near the Big Fork River in 1892. As a result, the community was named after the Big Fork River. The first post office was established in 1902 and incorporation followed in 1907. Today Bigfork is home to approximately 443 residents.

BOVEY

Located in Arbo Township, Bovey was developed as a logging site and many locals were involved in the mining industry. Erick Johnson opened the first store in 1903. A year later he established the post office and the community was platted on 40 acres of forested land. Incorporation soon followed. Today Bovey is home to approximately 665 residents.

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CALUMET

Calumet was first settled by loggers and miners in 1880. The area was named after Indian peace pipes. As the Hill Mine was established, Calumet became an official community. A general store, hardware store, blacksmith shop, women's clothing store, cigar factory, butcher shop, ice house, livery barn, public sauna and 14 saloons were opened by 1900. In 1908 a post office was established and Calumet was incorporated in 1909. Today Calumet is home to approximately 335 residents.

CHISHOLM

Originally called "Meebeega" meaning "Rough Earth" by the Chippewa Indians, Chisholm was first explored by E.J. Longyear in 1892. Located in the heart of the Iron Range, Chisholm was platted and incorporated as a village in 1901. Due to the high amount of mining work and close proximity to the railroad, Chisholm grew dramatically. There were over 6,000 residents and over 500 buildings by 1908 until a forest fire destroyed the town. Building codes were improved and within a year, over 70 fireproof buildings had been constructed. In 1934 Chisholm became a city and residents continue to celebrate Chisholm Fire Days in celebration of their perseverance. Today Chisholm is home to approximately 4,594 residents.

COHASSET

Located in Bass Brook Township, Cohasset was named after an Indian word for pine trees. In 1892 a post office was established and the community was incorporated in 1902. Minnesota Power, one of Minnesota's largest electrical production operations, is located here. Today Cohasset is home to approximately 2,541 residents.

COLERAINE

Settled by miners and loggers, Coleraine was named after Thomas F. Cole, a prominent figure in the northern iron mines. The community was developed in 1904 by John Campbell Greenway as an Oliver Mining town. In 1906 a post office was established and by 1909 Coleraine was incorporated. Today Coleraine is home to approximately 1,008 residents.

DEER RIVER

Settled by fur traders and loggers, Deer River was established in 1894. As the community developed, Deer River was known as a booming lumberjack town. With the arrival of the railroad in 1898, the population dramatically increased. Roads, sidewalks and businesses were then built to accommodate the growing needs of the community. Today Deer River is home to approximately 918 residents.

Iron Range Communities

DULUTH (COUNTY SEAT)

Duluth was originally occupied by Dakota and Chippewa Indians. French explorers arrived in the 1600s and began trapping and trading fur. Daniel Duluth was sent by the French to settle disputes between the tribes and to progress the fur trading industry, thus the area came to be known as Duluth. Upon settlement, Duluth was the only port in the United States with access to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans where lumber, wheat and iron ore were shipped. The arrival of the railroad furthered its progress. Duluth was soon the fastest growing and largest city in the United States until a stock market crash in 1873. With the abundance of natural resources, Duluth recovered and is the largest city on the North Shore. Today Duluth is home to approximately 84,284 residents.

EFFIE

As the Minneapolis and Rainy River Railway arrived to the area, development in Effie began. The first post office was established by Eva R. Wenaus in 1903 and named the community after her daughter, Effie Wenaus. Today Effie is home to approximately 85 residents.

ELY

Occupied by the Chippewa Indians, Ely was explored by French fur traders. As prospectors arrived in search of gold, rich iron ore deposits were discovered here in 1883. On the shores of Shagawa Lake a mining village was established called "Florence." As more iron deposits were discovered west, the settlement moved and was renamed "Ely" after Samuel Ely, a miner from Michigan. The shipment of iron ore began in 1888 and sawmills and logging industries were established to meet the growing needs of the mines. As the industries in Ely began to boom, the railroad was extended to simplify the transport of goods. As of 1916 Ely was a widely known tourist attraction. Today Ely is home to approximately 3,473 residents.

EVELETH

Eveleth was platted in 1892 and is named after Erwin Eveleth. Eveleth was a timber cruiser sent from Michigan to purchase the local pinelands. As iron ore was discovered in 1895, the town relocated closer to the mineral deposits and in 1902 Eveleth was incorporated as a city. Mining continues to be the leading industry. Eveleth is known as the hockey capital of Minnesota, home to the world's largest hockey stick. Today Eveleth is home to approximately 3,582 residents.

Iron Range Communities

GRAND RAPIDS

Logging camps and trading posts were the first buildings in the area known as Grand Rapids. In 1872 the Potter Company General Store was built and the post office was established in 1874. Named after the Mississippi rapids, Grand Rapids was first incorporated as a village in 1891. A year later the community successfully battled LaPrairie for the county seat. In 1957 Grand Rapids was incorporated as a city. The Blandin Paper Company, internationally recognized for making the lightest weight coated paper ever produced, is located here. Today Grand Rapids is home to approximately 8,743 residents.

HIBBING

Hibbing was established in 1893 by Frank Hibbing, a German miner who discovered iron ore in the area and the area was once known as the “Iron Capitol of the World.” When a large deposit of ore was found two miles south in the 1920s, Hibbing moved to its present location. Over 20 businesses and 180 houses were moved by logs and steel wheels at the cost of \$16 million, taking several years to complete. The remains of buildings at the old location can still be found. Hibbing is widely known for its famous former residents, most notably, Bob Dylan. Today Hibbing is home to approximately 16,209 residents.

KEEWATIN

In 1904 large deposits of iron ore were discovered and settlement of Keewatin began. The area is named after an Indian word meaning “north wind.” As a slow growing community, development in Keewatin did not begin until the Great Northern Railroad arrived in 1909. Today Keewatin is home to approximately 1,070 residents.

LA PRAIRIE

Located in Grand Rapids Township, LaPrairie developed as a logging community. The area was first known as Neal’s Landing after Neal Carr, changed to Nealsville, renamed Saginaw and finally deemed LaPrairie. In 1890 the railroad arrived, the first post office was established and LaPrairie was incorporated. Today LaPrairie is home to approximately 593 residents.

MARBLE

Albert F. Gross built the first homestead in the area known as Marble in 1888, who founded the Gross-Marble Mining Company. The community was then platted by the Oliver Mining Company in 1908 and the post office was soon established. Today Marble is home to approximately 672 residents.

Iron Range Communities

NASHWAUK

The first mining community in Iron Range, Nashwauk was platted in 1902 with incorporation soon following. As the community developed, many families began to arrive and the population of Nashwauk grew dramatically from 220 in 1902 to 2,080 in 1920. Today Nashwauk is home to approximately 915 residents.

SQUAW LAKE

Located in Max Township, Squaw Lake was developed as a trade center on the Great Northern Railway. The first post office was established in 1923 and Squaw Lake was incorporated in 1940. Today Squaw Lake is home to approximately 94 residents.

TACONITE

Taconite was platted by the Oliver Mining Company and is the location of the earliest iron mining experimentation. The first post office was established in 1906 and the community was incorporated in 1909. Today Taconite is home to approximately 293 residents.

TOWER

Incorporated in 1889, Tower is the oldest city north of Duluth. It is located near the southern shores of Lake Vermillion. While looking for gold, prospectors discovered hematite with rich deposits of iron in the area. The Soudan Mine, an underground mine, was established and Tower began to thrive. Today Tower is home to approximately 477 residents.

VIRGINIA

Virginia was originally called “Qeechaquepagem” or “lake of the north birds” by the Cherokee tribe. In 1890 the first settlers arrived hoping to find gold. Instead, large iron deposits were discovered and the town was incorporated in 1892. After twice being destroyed by fire, all buildings in Virginia were required to be brick, concrete or stone in 1900. Virginia Rainy Lake Lumber was built in 1909 and was the largest white pine mill worldwide. Today Virginia is home to approximately 8,480 residents.

WARBA

Developed as a logging community, Warba is named after an Indian word “Waiba” meaning “white swan” or “resting place.” Located in Feeley Township, Warba’s first post office was established in 1901 and platted in 1904 by Thomas J. Feeley. Today Warba is home to approximately 176 residents.

Parks & Recreation

ALDER POND TRAIL

Located on 6 miles of aspen and hardwood forest, the Alder Pond Trail was developed as hunting trails and is open for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. *Located east of Grand Rapids.*

AMEN LAKE TRAIL

Located on 4.5 miles of the Chippewa National Forest, the Amen Lake Trail is open for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. *Located south of Amen Lake and west of Long Lake.*

BASS LAKE COUNTY PARK

Located on 663 acres of spruce, aspen, cedar and red and white pines, Bass Lake County Park features multi use trails for hiking, horse-back riding and biking. Facilities include 29 camp sites and five tent sites with picnic tables, fire grates, tent pad and/or camper slots, lakeshore access and a public beach. *Located 11 miles east of Effie or 11 miles west of Togo.*

BEAR HEAD LAKE STATE PARK

Located 15 miles southeast of Tower, Bear Head Lake State Park features wildlife viewing opportunities, nature trails, camping sites, canoe areas and swimming areas. *Located in Ely.*

BIG RIDGE TRAIL

Located on 6 miles of forest near Swan Lake, the Big Ridge Trail is open for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. *Located south of Swan Lake.*

DRUMBEATER ISLAND NATURAL AREA

Located on 17 acres of island within Pokegama Lake, Drumbeater Island Natural Area was developed to provide a wildlife habitat and undeveloped lakeshore for fish. *Located southwest of Grand Rapids.*

GUNN PARK

Located on 50 acres of spruce, aspen and red and white pines, Gunn Park was developed by the Blandin Paper Company in the 1960s. Facilities include a reservable open-air pavilion with picnic tables, playground equipment, a fishing pier and ballfields. *Located north of Grand Rapids in Arbo Township.*

FURLONG FAMILY MEMORIAL PARK

Located on 8 acres of Norway pines, Furlong Family Memorial Park was donated in memory of John Furlong and features carry-in access to Loon Lake. *Located south of Marble.*

STONE RIDGE TRAIL

Located on 6 miles of aspen and hardwood forest, the Stoney Ridge Trail was developed as hunting trails and is open for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. *Located north of Nashwauk.*

WABANA TRAIL

Located on 6 miles of forest and wildflowers, the Wabana Trail is open for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. *Located northeast of Grand Rapids.*

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2011-12 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.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/18/10 - 02/28/11; 09/17/11 - 02/28/12

GRAY & RED FOX

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/11 - 04/30/11
(Early Canada Goose) 09/03/11 - 09/22/11

CROW

03/01/11 - 03/31/11; 07/15/11 - 10/15/11

BEAR

09/01/11 - 10/16/11

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/11 - 10/30/11

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/11 - 11/07/11

DEER

(Archery) 09/17/11 - 12/31/11
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/20/11 - 10/21/11;
10/29/11 - 10/30/11
(Firearm) 11/05/11 - 11/27/11
(Muzzleloader) 11/26/11 - 12/11/11

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/17/11 - 11/30/11

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK

09/24/11 - 11/07/11

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 10/01/11 - 10/16/11

TURKEY

10/01/11 - 10/30/11

PHEASANT

10/15/11 - 01/01/12

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/22/11 - 10/26/11

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN

11/26/11 - 12/04/11

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/23/10 - 02/28/11;
10/22/11 - 04/30/12
(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;
10/29/11 - 04/30/12

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/10 - 02/28/11;
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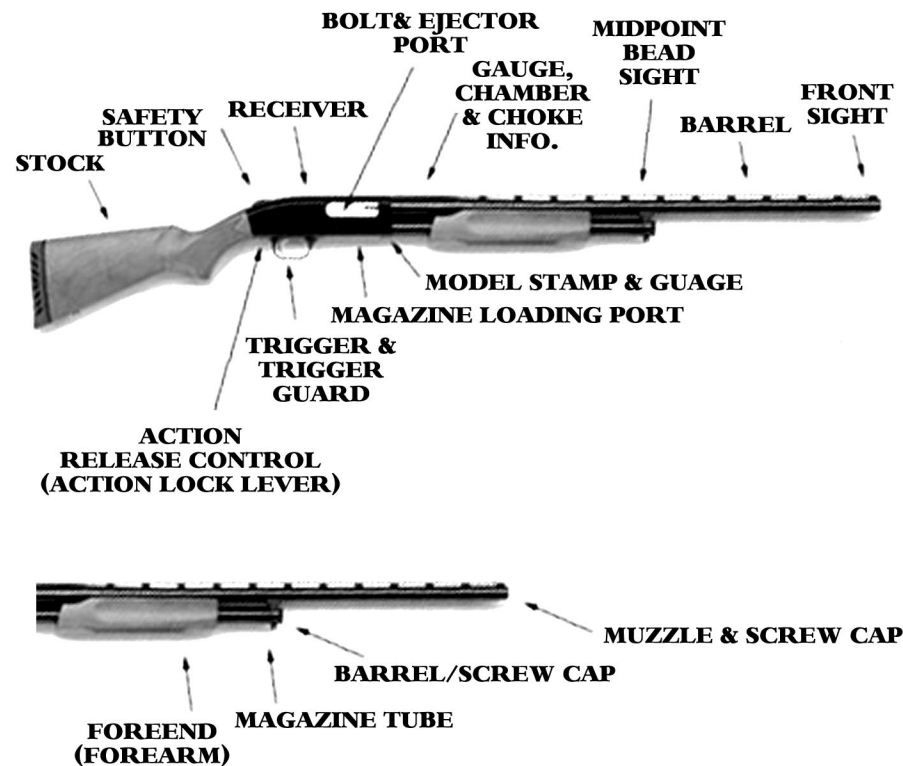
OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/11 - 01/07/12

BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

11/26/11 - 01/07/12

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.

2011-12 Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/11 - 02/27/11

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/14/11 - 02/26/12

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/14/11 - 02/26/12

SMALLMOUTH BASS

05/14/11 - 02/26/12

(Catch & Release) 09/12/11 - 02/26/12

LAKE TROUT

05/14/11 - 09/30/11

(Lake Superior) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

(Boundary Waters) 01/01/11 - 03/31/11

(Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast Zone) 04/01/11 - 04/13/11

(Streams) 04/16/11 - 09/14/11

(All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/16/11 - 09/30/11

MUSKELLUNGE

06/04/11 - 12/01/11

TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND





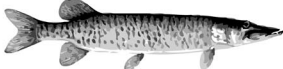







02/19/11 - 02/21/11; 06/10/11 - 06/12/11

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/07/11 - 05/08/11

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 665-4236.*

Common Fish Species

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|  Bass |  Crappie |  Smelt |
|  Catfish |  Muskellunge |  Sunfish |
|  Carp |  Northern Pike |  Trout |
|  Cisco-Tullibe-Herring |  Salmon |  Walleye |



Boating Safety

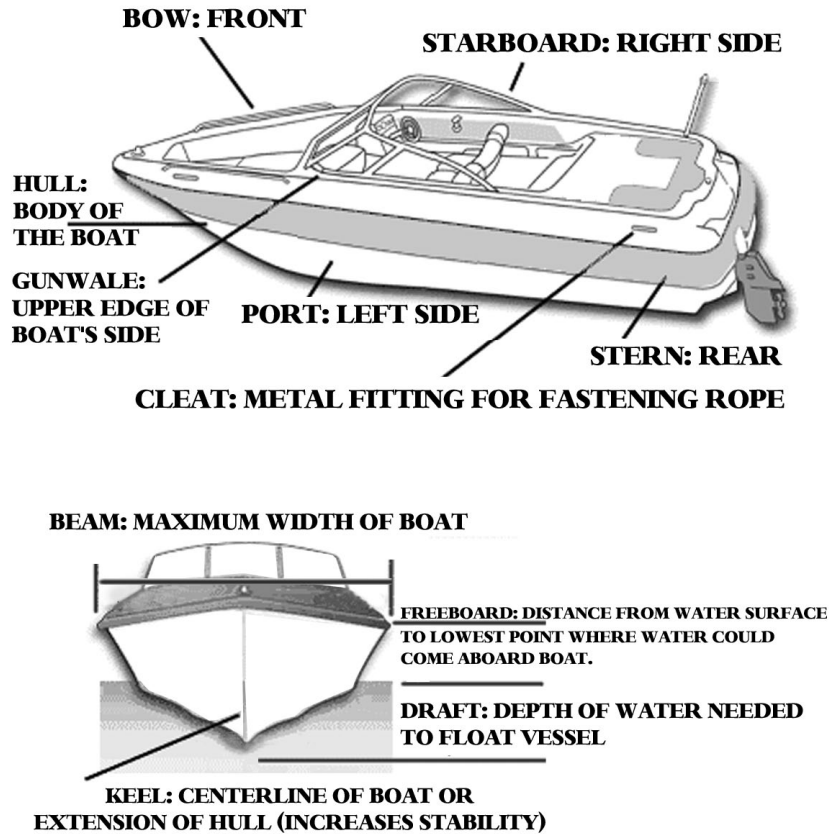
Operating Watercraft

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.

ATV Safety

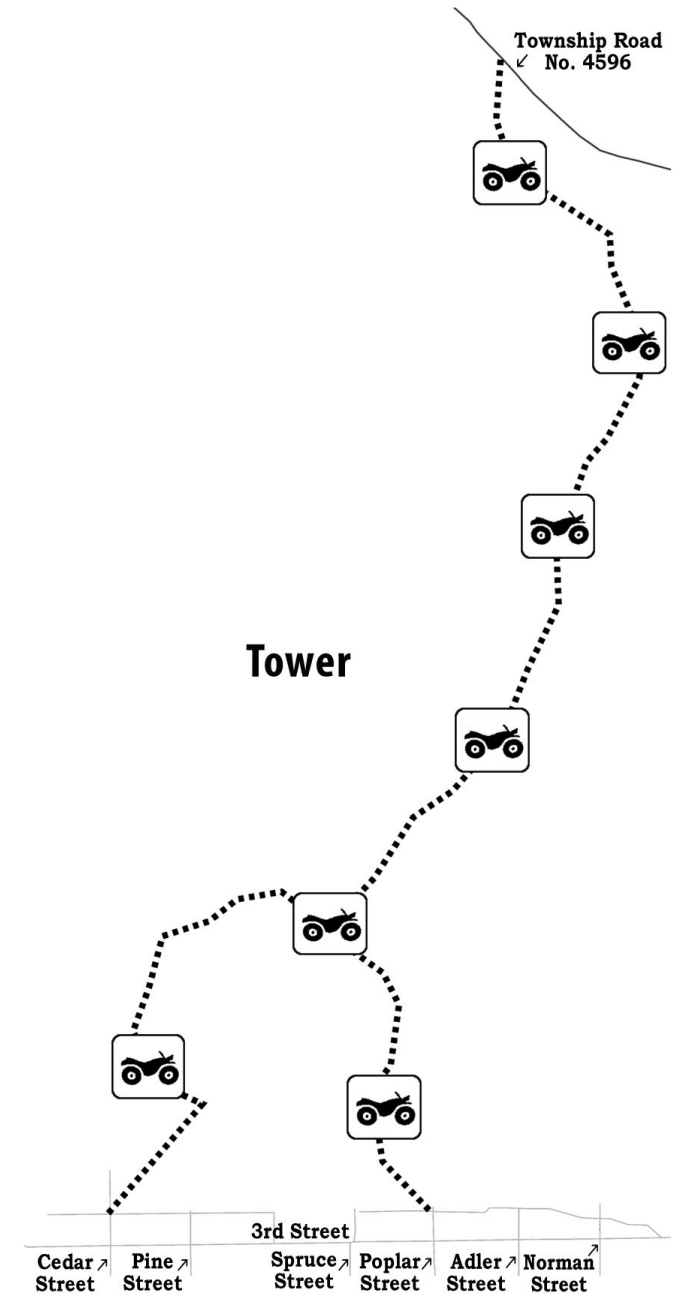
- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate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

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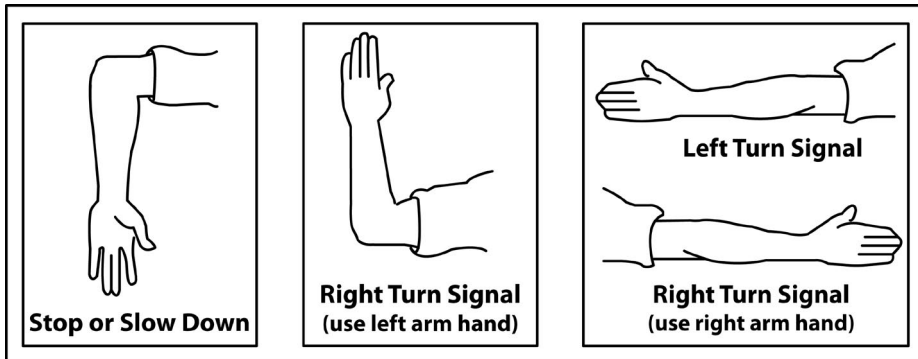
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ATV Trails



Bicycle Safety

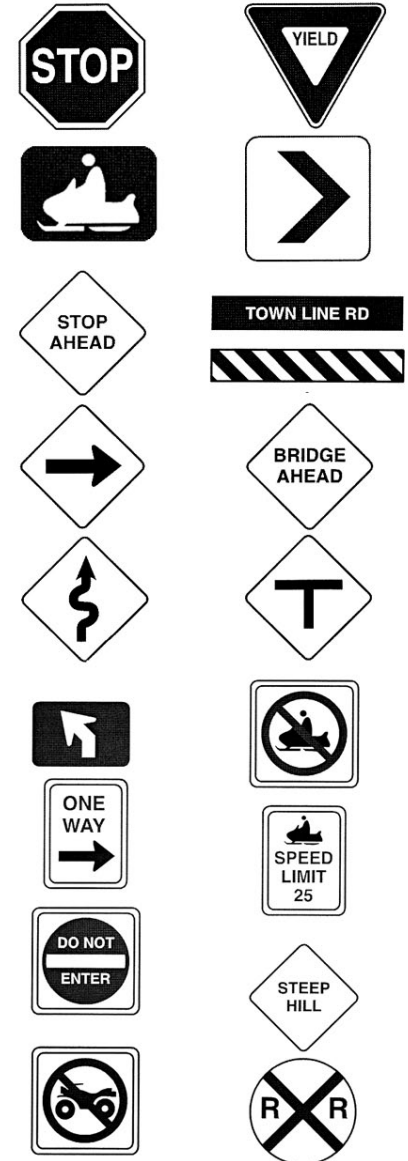
- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with 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.



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.

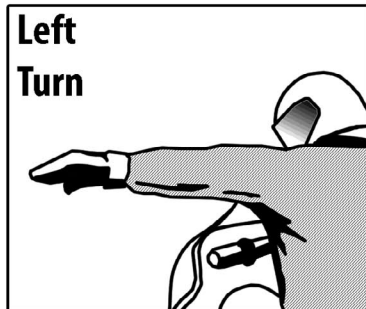
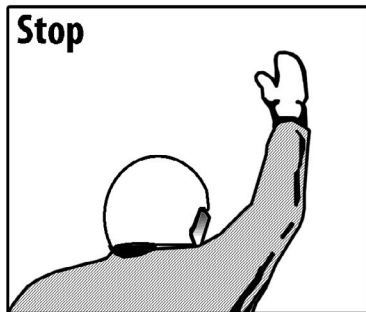
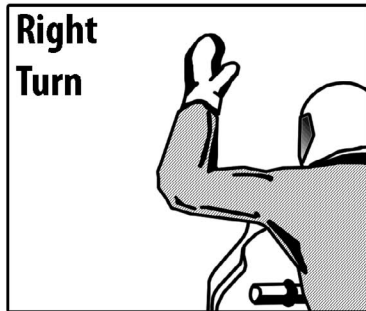
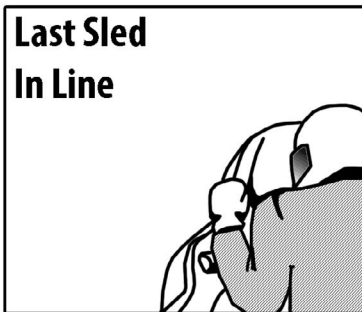
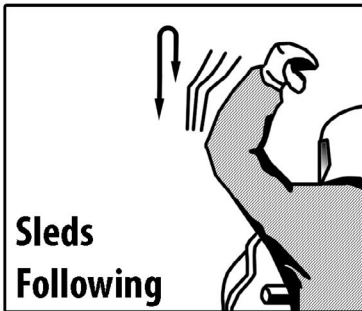
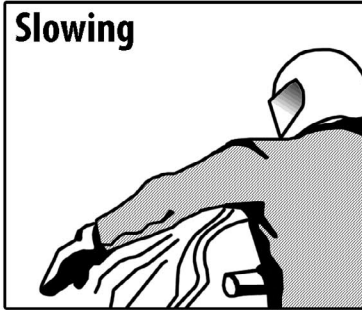
Common Trail Signs



Snowmobile Safety

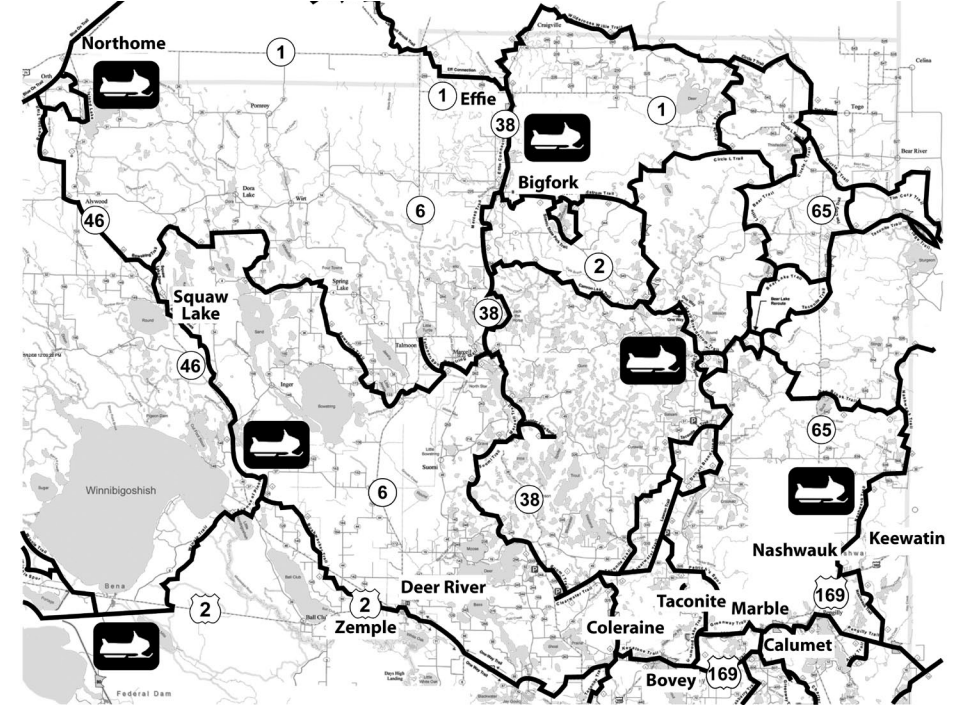
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

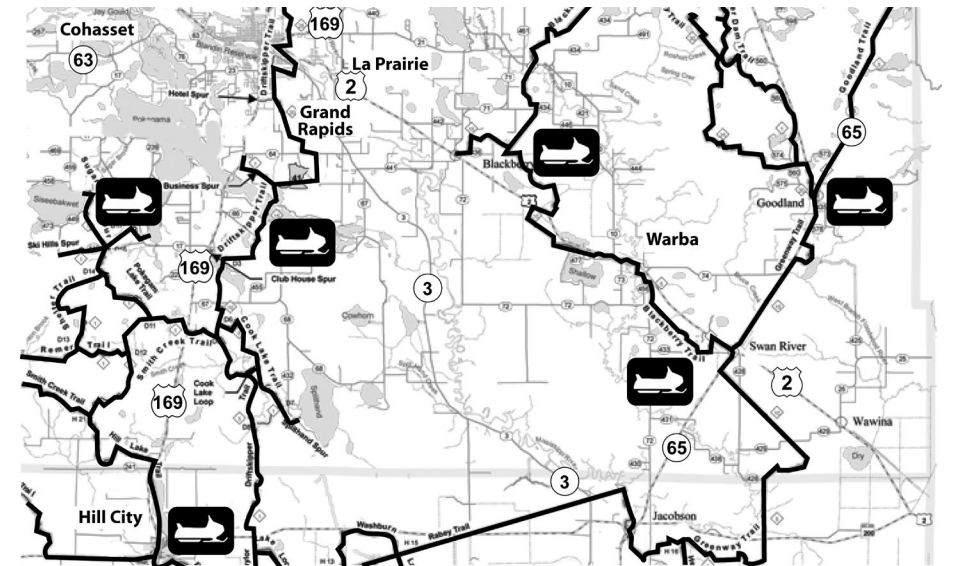


Snowmobile Trails

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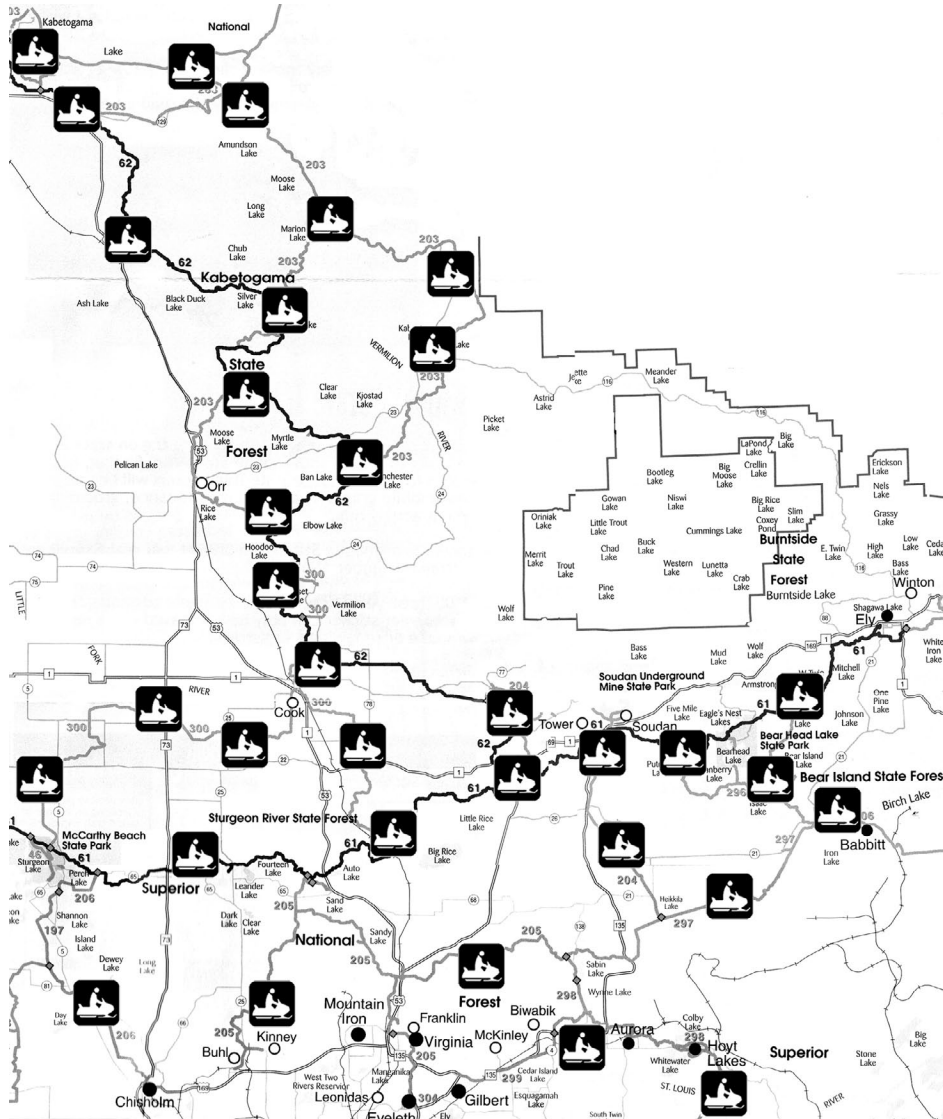


SOUTH ITASCA COUNTY



Snowmobile Trails

ST. LOUIS COUNTY



2011-12 Minnesota Vikings Schedule

SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday 09/11/11 | @ San Diego Chargers | 3:15PM CST |
| Sunday 09/18/11 | vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers | 12:00PM CST |
| Sunday 09/25/11 | vs. Detroit Lions | 12:00PM CST |

OCTOBER

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| Sunday 10/02/11 | @ Kansas City Chiefs | 12:00PM CST |
| Sunday 10/09/11 | vs. Arizona Cardinals | 12:00PM CST |
| Sunday 10/16/11 | @ Chicago Bears | 7:20PM CST |
| Sunday 10/23/11 | vs. Green Bay Packers | 7:30PM CST |
| Sunday 10/30/11 | @ Carolina Panthers | 12:00PM CST |

NOVEMBER

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| Monday 11/14/11 | @ Green Bay Packers | 7:30PM CST |
| Sunday 11/20/11 | vs. Oakland Raiders | 12:00PM CST |
| Sunday 11/27/11 | @ Atlanta Falcons | 12:00PM CST |

DECEMBER

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| Sunday 12/04/11 | vs. Denver Broncos | 3:05PM CST |
| Sunday 12/11/11 | @ Detroit Lions | 12:00PM CST |
| Sunday 12/18/11 | vs. New Orleans Saints | 12:00PM CST |
| Saturday 12/24/11 | @ Washington Redskins | 12:00PM CST |

JANUARY

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| Sunday 01/01/12 | vs. Chicago Bears | 12:00PM CST |
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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

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.

Emergency Numbers For Kids

KEEP A COPY OF THIS LIST NEAR EACH PHONE IN YOUR HOUSE

MY ADDRESS: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOM AT WORK: _____

MOM CELL PHONE: _____

DAD AT WORK: _____

DAD CELL PHONE: _____

NEIGHBOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

POISON CONTROL: 1-800-222-1222

EMERGENCY DIAL

911

2012 CALENDAR

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