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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Historic Point Basse Ice Harvest | Nekoosa
Port Edwards Lions Fisheree | Port Edwards
Blizzard Busters Ice Fisheree | Rosholt
Arctic Run Model Railroad Show & Sale | Stevens Point
Nepco Park Cross Country Ski Event | Wisconsin Rapids
Winter Fest | Wausau
Winter Brew Fest | Wausau
Lake Sherwood Fisheree | Wisconsin Rapids
FFA Alumni Ice Fisheree | Rosholt
NASP Badger State Winter Games (Jan-Mar) | Wausau
Frostbite Road Race/Winter Walk | Stevens Point
Hockey Unlimited | Marshfield
Frosty Family Days | Marshfield

FEBRUARY

Pacelli Lenten Fish Fry | Stevens Point
Souper Snow Sculpture Spectacular | WI Rapids
Winter Family Fun Day | Marshfield
Annual Pours for Paws | Stevens Point
Holistic Healing & Wellness Fair | Stevens Point
Portage County Seed Share | Stevens Point
Frozen Pickleball Tournament | Stevens Point
Tri Norse Annual Ski Jump Tournament | Stevens Point
Annual Battle at the Bulls Falls | Wausau
Marshfield Area Cultural Fair
Marshfield Farm Show
Cabin Fever 5k/3k Run/Walk | Marshfield
Whiskey & Wine Fest | Marshfield
Central WI Gun Show | Marshfield
Annual In-House 8 Ball Pool Tournament | Rosholt
Annual Brat Fry | Pittsville

MARCH

Marshfield Area Empty Bowls | Marshfield
Nekoosa Walleye Days (March-April) | Nekoosa
Lions Pancake Breakfast | Port Edwards
State Gymnastics Meet | Wisconsin Rapids
Deputies' Assn. Garbage Bag Sale | Stevens Point
Annual Chili Cook Off | Stevens Point
Dueling Against Cancer | Plover

APRIL

Taste of Wine & Cheese Benefit | Stevens Point
Easter Egg Hunt | Stevens Point
Prairie Chicken Festival | Wisconsin Rapids
Motocross at Dyracuse | Wisconsin Rapids
Art Bash | Stevens Point
Spring Ice Skating Show | Stevens Point
State Firefighters Memorial Service | Wisconsin Rapids
Worlds Largest Trivia Contest | Stevens Point
Pysanky Egg Dying Exhibit | Port Edwards
Annual Mead Science Symposium | Marshfield

MAY

Memorial Day Observance & Ceremony | Pittsville
City-Wide Garage Sales | Pittsville
Memorial Day Services | Rosholt
Portage County Cultural Festival | Stevens Point
O'so Honor Flight Fun Run/Walk 5k | Plover
Arts, Crafts & More Show | Nekoosa
Village-Wide Rummage Sale | Park Ridge
Spring in Marshfield Craft & Vendor Fair
Heart of WI Gem & Mineral Show | Marshfield
Marshfield Spring & Garden Festival

JUNE

Auburndale Music Fest | Auburndale
June Dairy Breakfast & Brunch | Stevens Point
Pioneer Festival | Nekoosa
WI Korean War Memorial Ceremony | Plover
Fire District Steak Fry | Rosholt
Great Plover Golf Outing | Plover
Sculpture Park Summer Celebration | Stevens Point
WRYSA Baseball Invitational | Wisconsin Rapids
Cranberry Blossom Festival | Wisconsin Rapids
Tri-Norse Mudder | Wisconsin Rapids
Cow Pie Classic | Marshfield
Small Town Baseball State Championship | Marshfield
Youth Duck Banding Day | Milladore
Annual Summer Golf Outing | Wisconsin Rapids
Monster Hall Music Fest | Nekoosa, Amherst
Heritage Days | Plover
"Lucky" Summer Hummer Golf Outing | Wisconsin Rapids
Renewable Energy & Sustainable Energy Fair | Stevens Point
Community Pancake Breakfast | Wisconsin Rapids
Chalkfest | Wausau
Concerts on the Square (June-Aug) | Wausau
Wings Over Wausau Airshow
Run on the Runway | Wausau
Dairy Fest | Marshfield
Golf Scramble | Marshfield

JULY

Tater Toot Car Show | Almond
Portage County Fair | Amherst
Independence Day Celebration | Marshfield
Hub City Days & Duathlon | Marshfield
Heart & Sole Road Race | Pittsville
Legions & Lions 4th of July Celebration | Pittsville
Fireworks Display | Rosholt
Celebrate Plover & Fireworks | Plover
4th of July Parade | Stevens Point

JULY (CONTD)

WI State Water-Ski Championships | Wisconsin Rapids
WI Model A Reunion | Wisconsin Rapids
Riverfront Rendezvous | Stevens Point
Kennel Club Dog Show | Marshfield
WI District 4 Holstein Show | Marshfield
Celebrate Vesper Day | Vesper
Liberty Classic Quarter Horse Show | Marshfield
Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet | Stevens Point
Taste & Glow Balloon Fest | Wausau
Wausau Hmong Festival
Lake Camelot Summer Frolic | Nekoosa
Annual Adapted Kayaking Event | Wisconsin Rapids
Marshfield Parish Pull
Lifest | Amherst

AUGUST

Little Britches Rodeo | Amherst
WI State Jersey Show | Marshfield
Ride to Remember Motorcycle Rally | Marshfield
Central WI State Fair | Marshfield
Bluegrass in the Pines Festival | Rosholt
St. Adalbert's Picnic | Rosholt
Old Tractor Club Tractor Show | Rudolph
Taste of the Town | Stevens Point
Gun Show | Wisconsin Rapids
WRYSA Fast Pitch Softball Invitational | Wisconsin Rapids
CWSF Draft Horse Show | Marshfield
Classic Car & Motorcycle Cruise | Port Edwards
Fun Fest | Port Edwards
Lactic Edge Triathlon | Stevens Point
Larry Fest | Nekoosa
Central WI Military Show | Wausau
Music in the Park Port Edwards
Corn on the Curb | Stevens Point
Paddle Fest | Stevens Point
Big Bull Falls Blues Fest | Wausau
A Mile of Music | Amherst

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Celebrate Amherst River Fest | Amherst
- WI Trappers Assn. Fall Rendezvous | Marshfield
- Maple Fall Fest | Marshfield
- Lake Arrowhead Craft Show | Nekoosa
- Rippin' thru Rosholt | Rosholt
- Riverfront Jazz Festival | Stevens Point
- Pacelli Panacea | Stevens Point
- Art in the Park | Stevens Point
- Dozynki Harvest Festival | Stevens Point
- Poin Fest | Stevens Point
- The Downtown "Grand Affair" | Wisconsin Rapids
- Portage County Fair | Rosholt
- Splash of Red Cranberry Tour (Sept.-Oct) | Pittsville
- Walk for Hope & Run for Awareness | Stevens Point
- Fire Dept. Street Dance | Nekoosa
- Beer & Bacon Fest | Wausau
- Historic Point Basse Harvest | Nekoosa
- Rock N Roll Corn Fest | Vesper
- Wisconsin Fall Classic - WTA | Nekoosa
- Cranberry Clash | Wisconsin Rapids
- Wausau's ARTrageous Weekend
- Fall Kick Off Craft & Vendor Fair | Marshfield

OCTOBER

- "Get Fired Up" | Marshfield
- Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show | Marshfield
- Halloween & Spooktacular Family Night | Milladore
- Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Festival | Nekoosa
- Historic Point Basse Spirit Walk | Nekoosa
- Haunted Halloween Ride | Pittsville
- Fire Dept. Open House | Plover
- Rake-A-Thon | Stevens Point
- WIAA State Cross Country Tourn. | Wisconsin Rapids
- Cranberry Marsh Tours | Wisconsin Rapids
- Hidden Studio Arts Tour | Stevens Point
- Harvest Fest | Wausau

OCTOBER (CONTD)

- Blossom of Lights | Wausau
- Octoberfest | Marshfield
- Fall Color Hike | Marshfield
- Fall Beer & Cider Walk | Marshfield

NOVEMBER

- Fire Department Pumpkin Run | Hewitt
- Veteran's Day Celebration | Area Wide
- Alpine Holiday | Marshfield
- Veteran's Day Observance | Pittsville
- Tinsel Trail Arts & Crafts Show | Stevens Point
- Rekindle the Spirit | Wisconsin Rapids
- Wakely's Winterfeast | Wisconsin Rapids
- Winter Farmers Market (Nov-April) | Stevens Point
- Rotary Winter Wonderland (Nov-Dec) | Marshfield
- Hometown Family Christmas (Nov-Dec) | Nekoosa
- Main Street Holiday Parade | Marshfield
- Paws & Pancakes Fundraiser | Marshfield
- Marshfield Eagles Club Craft/Vendor & Flea Market

DECEMBER

- Historic Point Basse Heritage Hollyday | Nekoosa
- Santa Visits | Park Ridge
- Christmas in the Pines & Enchanted Forest | Rosholt
- Rudolph's Country Christmas | Rudolph
- Victorian Christmas | Sharon
- Holiday Arts & Crafts Show | Wisconsin Rapids
- Annual Christmas Tree Walk | Wisconsin Rapids
- Holiday Christmas Parade | Stevens Point
- Holiday Parade | Wausau
- NYE Party | Nekoosa
- Christmas Craft Show | Marshfield

**Events are subject to change.*

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

MARATHON COUNTY, WI

Administrator.....	(715) 261-1400
Aging & Disability Resource Center.....	261-6070
Central Wisconsin Airport.....	693-2147
Clerk of Courts.....	261-1300
Conservation Planning Zoning.....	261-6000
Corporation Counsel.....	261-1140
County Clerk.....	261-1500
County Treasurer.....	261-1150
District Attorney.....	261-1111
Emergency Management.....	261-1229
Facilities & Capital Management.....	261-6980
Finance.....	261-1170
Health Department.....	261-1900
Highway Department.....	261-1800
Information Technology.....	261-6700
Library.....	261-7200
Medical Examiner.....	261-1199
Parks Recreation Forestry.....	261-1550
Register of Deeds.....	261-1470
Sheriff.....	261-1200
Social Services.....	261-7500
Solid Waste.....	446-3101
UW Extension.....	261-1230
Veterans.....	261-1141

PORTAGE COUNTY, WI

Aging/Disability Resource Center..	(715)346-1401
Clerk of Courts	346-1364
Corporation Counsel	346-1368
County Clerk	346-1351
District Attorney	346-1300
Emergency Management	343-1400
Finance Department	346-1330
Health & Human Services	345-5350
Highway Department	345-5230
Housing Authority	346-1392
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Maintenance Department	346-1598
Parks & Forestry	346-1433
Purchasing Department	346-1241
Planning & Zoning	346-1334
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PORTAGE COUNTY, WI (CONTD.)

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Veteran's Services	346-1310

WOOD COUNTY, WI

Aging/Disability Resource Center..	(888)486-9545
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Corporation Counsel.....	421-8465
County Clerk.....	421-8460
District Attorney.....	421-8515
Emergency Management.....	421-8500
Finance Department.....	421-8463
Health Department.....	421-8911
Highway Department.....	421-8875
Human Resources.....	421-8457
Human Services.....	421-8600
Information & Technology.....	421-8433
Land & Water Conservation.....	421-8475
Maintenance & Purchasing Department..	421-8404
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Planning & Zoning.....	421-8466
Register of Deeds.....	421-8450
Safety & Risk Management.....	421-8412
Sheriff.....	421-8700
Social Services (Marshfield).....	387-6374
Social Services (Wisconsin Rapids).....	421-8600
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Marathon County was founded in 1807 and attracted European settlers with its plentiful pine forests and Big Bull Falls rapids, ideal for lumber and paper manufacturing. The county seat, Wausau, was the local Chippewa tribe's annual hunting spot, and means "faraway place" in Ojibwe. Wausau was established as county seat in 1850 and grew from a town to a city in 1872. Wausau's Employers, Mutual Liability Insurance Company, issued America's first workers compensation policy and advocated for workplace safety programs throughout the nation. Marathon County's insurance industry continues to play a major role in the local economy, along with one of Wisconsin's top dairy production industries. Marathon County is currently home to approximately 134,063 residents.

CITIES:

Abbotsford - pop. 2,310

Colby - pop. 1,852

Dorchester - pop. 876

Kronenwetter - pop. 5,369

Marshfield - pop. 19,118

Mosinee - pop. 3,988

Rib Mountain - pop. 5,651

Rothschild - pop. 5,269

Schofield - pop. 2,169

Spencer - pop. 1,925

Wausau (county seat) - pop. 39,106

Weston - pop. 14,868

**Populations are approximate.*

COLBY

Located in Clark and Marathon Counties, Colby was named after Gardner L. Colby, whose father assisted with the development of the Wisconsin Central railroad in the 1870's. In 1885, Joseph Steinwand created the famous Colby cheese which made the community one of the great cheese producing areas in the country. Colby cheese was the only natural cheese native to the United States. Today Colby is home to approximately 1,852 residents.

DORCHESTER

Located in Clark and Marathon Counties, Dorchester was originally inhabited by Indians. Settled by German and Norwegian immigrants in 1873, Dorchester is home to several Indian burial grounds. Upon arrival of the railroad, the community began to develop and was platted in 1874. The first church was built a year later and the first newspaper, "The Reporter" was issued in 1990. Today Dorchester is home to approximately 876 residents.

KRONENWETTER

Once home to Indians, Kronenwetter was settled in the mid 1800s. The community was known as Keelerville and in 1857 Sebastian Kronenwetter arrived to the area, establishing a sawmill and a hotel. In 1885 Kronenwetter was voted into the Wisconsin State Assembly and the community was named in his honor in 1886. Development of Kronenwetter began in the 1990's as the Wozella brothers built stores, blacksmith shops, mills and homes for community workers. The town began to grow as industry was established. Today Kronenwetter is home to approximately 5,369 residents.

MARSHFIELD

Once known as an agricultural trade center, Marshfield was named after John J. Marshfield, a founder of the community. Several railroad lines formed a junction within the city limits and many manufacturing industries were established here, attracting settlers. By 1872 a post office had been established and the first frame house had been built by 1874. Timber was plentiful and the rivers and railroad assisted in the transportation of lumber to nearby sawmills. Today Marshfield is home to approximately 19,118 residents.

MOSINEE

A lumber town, Mosinee was settled by John I. Moore in 1836 who built the community's first sawmill. As the lumber industry began to grow, grocery stores, saloons, a tannery, blacksmith shop and gristmill were built to accommodate the growing needs of the community. Originally known as Little Bull Falls, Mosinee, meaning "Great River," was named in 1857. As the railroad arrived in 1875, lumber and goods were easily transported, allowing for community growth. Today Mosinee is home to approximately 3,988 residents.

RIB MOUNTAIN

Settled by German immigrants, Rib Mountain was once part of Weston. Mining, farming and logging dominated early industry. The town Erickson was then established in 1905 and was later renamed to Flieth. The community was recognized as Flieth until 1930 when it was again renamed to Rib Mountain. The "Ribs" in Rib Mountain is believed to have been the burial site of legendary Paul Bunyan and Mosinee Hill the burial site of Babe the Blue Ox. In 1937 Rib Mountain was home to one of the first ski areas in North America and now is the site of Rib Mountain State Park and the Granite Peak Ski Area. Today Rib Mountain is home to approximately 5,651 residents.

ROTHSCHILD

Once part of Weston; Rothschild was established in 1909 along the Wisconsin River while the Marathon Paper Mills were being constructed. Upon establishment of the mills, a post office, barber shop, general stores, saloons, boarding houses, drug stores and a school were built to fulfill the growing needs of mill workers and their families. In 1917 Rothschild was incorporated as its own village and a police department was formed in 1936. Today Rothschild is home to approximately 5,269 residents.

SPENCER

Once known as Waltham, Spencer was founded in 1871 by Rueben Ring. A year later, John K. Hayward arrived to the area and he was elected as the first public official. Hayward changed the name Waltham to Spencer in 1874. As the Wisconsin Central Railroad arrived in the 1870's many new settlers and mill owners established homes within the community. Today Spencer is home to approximately 1,925 residents.

WAUSAU (COUNTY SEAT)

Once known as Big Bull Falls, Wausau grew as a milling town. In 1846 Walter McIndoe arrived and assisted with the organization of the community and Marathon County. Wausau, meaning "far away place," was platted in 1852 as the County Seat and incorporated as village in 1861. With an influx of German immigrants, businesses, churches and schools began to thrive and Wausau was incorporated as a city in 1872, electing August Kickbush as the first official Mayor. Because of its ideal location along the Wisconsin River, diverse economy and avid community development, Wausau has grown to be the largest community within Marathon County. Today Wausau is home to approximately 39,106 residents.

WESTON

In 1856 Weston was known as Eau Claire, a community near the Wisconsin and Eau Claire Rivers. Eau Claire officially changed to Weston in 1856 and included sections of Rothschild and Rib Mountain until the early 1900's. Weston grew slowly as milling and agricultural community and was not incorporated as a village until 1997. Today Weston is home to approximately 14,868 residents.

PORK Carnitas TACOS



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs **pork shoulder**, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 **onion**, diced
4 **garlic cloves**, minced
1 **jalapeño pepper**, seeded and minced
1 **tblsp ground cumin**
1 **tblsp chili powder**
1 **tsp smoked paprika**
1 **tsp salt**
1/2 **tsp black pepper**
1 **orange**, juiced
1 **lime**, juiced
1/4 cup **cilantro**, chopped
Corn tortillas
Toppings of **your choice** (such as **chopped onions, diced tomatoes, sliced avocado, shredded lettuce, sour cream, and salsa**)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 In a large pot or Dutch oven, **heat** some oil over **medium-high heat**. Add the **pork** and **sear** until **browned** on all sides.
- 2 Add the diced **onion**, minced **garlic**, and minced **jalapeño pepper** to the pot. **Cook** until the onion is softened and the garlic is fragrant, about **3-5 minutes**.
- 3 Add the ground **cumin**, **chili powder**, smoked **paprika**, **salt**, and **black pepper** to the pot. Stir to coat the **pork** and **vegetables** with the spices.
- 4 Add the **orange juice**, **lime juice**, and enough **water** to cover the **pork** by about an inch. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for **2-3 hours** or until the **pork** is very tender.
- 5 Remove the lid and continue to **simmer** until the liquid has reduced and the **pork** is browned and crispy on the outside.
- 6 Use two forks to **shred** the **pork** into bite-sized pieces. Stir in the chopped **cilantro**.
- 7 To serve, **warm** up the **corn tortillas** and place some of the **pork carnitas** on each tortilla. Add your desired toppings and serve immediately.

Enjoy your delicious pork carnitas tacos!

PREP: 20 MIN • TOTAL: 2+ HOURS



Formed in 1836, Portage County was named after the portage of the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers. Early inhabitants included Sac and Menomonee Indians and settlers began arriving in the mid 1800's. Mills were built along the rivers and lumber and paper manufacturing became popular. The first home was built in 1843 in present day Stevens Point. As prime locations for mills were taken, agriculture became an industrial staple with many involved in cranberry farming. By 1848 the population of Portage County had grown dramatically, with the population in the thousands. In 1868 the county seat moved from Plover to Stevens Point and the county courthouse was built by 1871. Today Portage County is home to approximately 70,019 residents.

CITIES:

ALMOND – pop. 429

AMHERST – pop. 1,046

EAU PLEINE – pop. 773

PLOVER – pop. 12,123

ROSHOLT – pop. 489

STEVENS POINT (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 26,717

**Populations are approximate.*

ALMOND

Originally a stagecoach stop between Stevens Point and Berlin, settlers began arriving to Almond in the 1850's. By 1890 a post office had been established. Almond was named after a town in New York and streets were platted by 1900. The railroad arrived in 1901 and the community began to grow. Today Almond is home to approximately 429 residents.

AMHERST

The first homes were built in Amherst in the mid 1800's. The name Amherst is believed to have been suggested by Gilbert Park after Amherst, Nova Scotia. Settlers were attracted to the fertile soil and pristine landscape and by 1854 a gristmill had been built and other businesses including a bank, blacksmith shop, general stores and warehouses soon followed. Streets were platted and the community began to boom as the railroads arrived. Today Amherst is home to approximately 1,046 residents.

EAU PLEINE

Eau Pleine, meaning "full water," was settled in the 1860's. The community formed around the railroad and residents utilized the nearby water power for mills. Graphite deposits were discovered here in the 1880's and the Portage County Graphite and Mineral Paint Manufacturing Company was established by Frank E. Taggart, which ran until 1921. Today Eau Pleine is home to approximately 773 residents.

PLOVER

Plover was first established in 1836 and streets were platted in 1845. The first newspaper was published in 1856 and was called the Plover Herald. Plover was originally called Plover Portage until 1857 and the community was the county seat with a variety of established businesses. As Stevens Point continued to grow, its residents battled Plover for the county seat. By 1868 the county seat had moved to Stevens Point and a rivalry between the two communities ensued due to fraudulent vote counts. Today Plover is home to approximately 12,123 residents.

ROSHOLT

Rosholt was named after J. G. Rosholt, who built a sawmill in the mid 1800's. In 1893 a post office was established and in 1903 streets were platted. As the railroad arrived, Rosholt continued to grow as lumber and potato farming led the industry. Today Rosholt is home to approximately 489 residents.

STEVENS POINT (COUNTY SEAT)

Once a trading post along the Wisconsin River, Stevens Point is named after George Stevens who founded the community in 1838. Stevens was a logger who built the first mill in the area. By 1847 streets were platted and Stevens Point grew to over 200 people. The county seat was moved from Plover to Stevens Point in 1868 after much scrutiny from Plover residents. Along with lumber and paper milling, agriculture remains a predominant industry due to the fertile soil. Due to a diversified economy, the population of Stevens Point has continued to grow. Today Stevens Point is home to approximately 26,717 residents.



Originally inhabited by Indians, Wood County was settled in the mid 1800's. Established in 1856 from Portage County, Wood County was named after Judge Joseph Wood. Judge Wood was an active legislator who assisted with the establishment of the county. Ample timber and plentiful rivers attracted many settlers to the area. Sawmills and paper manufacturing businesses were the focal point of Wood County towns. The first school was built in 1842 by Rev. J. S. Hurlbut. In 1856 Grand Rapids was originally selected as the county seat until it was moved to Wisconsin Rapids. Townships were also organized in 1856 and Wood County began to thrive with the advent of the railroads. Manufacturing and agriculture led the industry with many farming cranberries. Today Wood County is home to approximately 75,555 residents.

CITIES:

ARPIN – pop. 322

GRAND RAPIDS – pop. 7,801

MARSHFIELD – pop. 19,118

NEKOOSA – pop. 2,590

PORT EDWARDS – pop. 1,818

PITTSVILLE – pop. 866

VESPER – pop. 554

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 18,435

***Populations are approximate.*

ARPIN

In the 1890's, Arpin was established by John and Antoine Arpin. The Arpins built a sawmill and the community began to thrive. A railroad depot was then built to accommodate the milling industry and Arpin was organized in 1901. Today Arpin is home to approximately 322 residents.

GRAND RAPIDS

First settled in 1838, Grand Rapids grew quickly between 1839 and 1860 due to the establishment of paper mills and lumberyards. In 1856 the first court house was built and banks and businesses soon followed. The first newspaper, the Wood County Reporter, was published in 1857. Today Grand Rapids is home to approximately 7,801 residents.

MARSHFIELD

Once known as an agricultural trade center, Marshfield was named after John J. Marshfield, a founder of the community. Several railroad lines formed a junction within the city limits and many manufacturing industries were established here, attracting settlers. By 1872 a post office had been established and the first frame house had been built by 1874. Timber was plentiful and the rivers and railroad assisted in the transportation of lumber to nearby sawmills. Today Marshfield is home to approximately 19,118 residents.

NEKOOSA

In 1893, streets were platted and paper mills were built in present day Nekoosa as timber was plentiful. Originally named Pointe Basse, Nekoosa was incorporated in 1907. The Nekoosa Paper Company provided many jobs for residents and was the chief industry in the area. The community was later renamed after an Indian word for "swift running water." Today Nekoosa is home to approximately 2,590 residents.

PORT EDWARDS

Once known as Frenchtown, Port Edwards grew around a sawmill built by John Edwards and Henry Clinton in 1840. Settlers were involved in the timber business and the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Company provided many jobs. In 1869 the name Frenchtown was changed to Port Edwards and was then incorporated in 1902. Today Port Edwards is home to approximately 1,818 residents.

VESPER

Sam Boynton was the first settler to arrive to the Vesper area in the mid 1800's. When the Girard and Drape Company established a sawmill in 1874, the Vesper area began to grow and the first schoolhouse and post office were built. Vesper continued to grow until 1894 when a series of fires claimed many businesses and homes. Agriculture then paved the way for new businesses and Vesper soon rebuilt. Today Vesper is home to approximately 554 residents.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT)

Originally named "Ahdawagam" or "two-sided rapids," Wisconsin Rapids was once the site of two cities, Grand Rapids and Centralia. Because of the prime location of rivers and ample timber, Wisconsin Rapids grew as a paper milling and manufacturing community. Cranberry farming and agriculture also led the industry in the community. Wisconsin Rapids consolidated in 1920 and became the county seat for Wood County. Today Wisconsin Rapids is home to approximately 18,435 residents.

AL TECH PARK

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BUKOLT PARK

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This park features boat ramps, fishing, picnic area, ADA accessible playground (not wheelchair friendly), restrooms, skate park, sports fields, swimming area and trails.

CARRIE FROST PARK

8664 County Hwy. BB | Bancroft | (715) 345-5257
Located on 7 acres, Carrie Frost Park features a picnic area and snowmobile shelter.

CATE PARK

4186-4298 Tomorrow River Rd. | Amherst | (715) 346-1433
Located on 9 acres, Cate Park overlooks the Amherst Mill Pond and features a picnic area with a fishing access.

COLLINS PARK

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Located on 21 acres near Collin Lake, Collins Park features a boat launch, campground, playground and swimming beach.

DEWEY SHOOTING RANGE

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DEXTER PARK

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Located on 1,235 acres near Lake Dexter, Dexter Park features a campground, enclosed shelter, playground, beach areas, handicapped fish access, boat launch and a hiking trail.

DUBAY PARK

4501 County Rd. E | Junction City | (715) 346-1433
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GALECKE PARK

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This park features fishing, picnic area, playground, swimming area, trails, restrooms and Cross Country Skiing.

JORDAN PARK

5800 Jordan Rd. | Stevens Point | (715) 346-1433
Located on 271 acres near the Plover River, Jordan Park features a campground, picnic lodge, pavilion, boat launch, playground, nature center, hiking trail, swimming beach and baseball field.

LAKE EMILY PARK

3968 Park Dr. | Amherst Junction | (715) 346-1433
Located on 143 acres near Lake Emily, Lake Emily Park features a boat launch, picnic area, picnic lodges, playground, hiking trail, swimming beach and baseball field.

LAKE HELEN PARK

3204 Lake Helen Rd. | Rosholt | (715) 346-1433
Located on 10 acres near Lake Helen, Lake Helen Park features a picnic shelter with an enclosed kitchen, boat launch, picnic area, playground, volleyball court and horseshoe pits.

LAKE PACAWA PARK

1831 Maple Dr. | Plover | (715) 345-5257
Located on 50 acres, Lake Pacawa Park features a ball diamond, two soccer fields, ADA accessible playground, splash pad, band shell pavilion, dock, unpaved beach, picnic areas, walking trail and a shelter house for rent with restrooms.

NEPCO LAKE PARK

1410 Griffith Ave. | WI Rapids | (715) 421-8422
Located on 125 acres near Nepco Lake, Nepco Lake Park features a beach area, playground, handicapped fish access, enclosed and open shelters, and a hiking trail.

NORTH WOOD COUNTY PARK & CAMPGROUND

7500 Park Ln. | Arpin | (715) 421-8422
Located on 172 acres near the Yellow River, North Wood County Park features a 225 foot suspension bridge, frisbee golf course, campground, shelter, playground, beach areas and a hiking trail.

PETERSON PARK

4658 N. Tree Lake Dr. | Rosholt | (715) 677-4504
Located on 4 acres near Tree Lake, Peterson Park features a boat launch, picnic area, swimming beach and playground.

PIFFNER PIONEER PARK

1100 Crosby Ave. | Stevens Point | (715) 346-1531
This park features an ADA accessible playground (not wheelchair friendly), boat ramps, fishing, picnic area, restrooms and trails.

PLOVER RIVER SKI TRAIL

5307 WI-66 | Stevens Point | (715) 346-1433
Located on 6 miles of trails, the Plover River Ski Trail features a beginner and intermediate ski course, and a lodge.

POWERS BLUFF PARK

6990 Bluff Dr. | Arpin | (715) 421-8422
Located on over 150 acres, Powers Bluff Park features a Scientific Preservation Area, Indian dance rings, burial grounds, shelter, handle tow lifts for winter tubing, skiing and snowboarding, playground equipment and a hiking trail.

SOUTH WOOD COUNTY PARK & CAMPGROUND

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Located on 332 acres near Lake Wazeecha, South Wood County Park features a campground, frisbee golf course, boat launch, shelter and a hiking trail.

STANDING ROCKS PARK

7695 Standing Rocks Rd. | Stevens Point | (715) 346-1433
Located on 524 acres, Standing Rocks Park features over 10 miles of trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.

SUNSET LAKE PARK

1092 Sunset Lake Rd. | Amherst Junction | (715) 346-1433
Located on 18 acres near Sunset Lake, Sunset Beach features a boat launch and swimming beach.

WOLF LAKE PARK

7687 Wolfe Lake Rd. | Almond | (715) 346-1531
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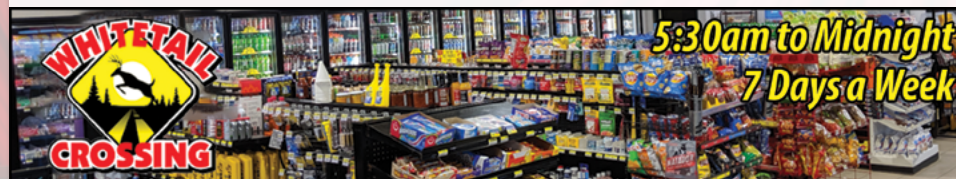
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Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13, 2024

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 – 6, 2024

Gun ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2024

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 – 11, 2024

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 12 – 15, 2024

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025*

*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.

BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Sept. 2 – 8, 2024

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1, 2024

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10, 2024

with aid of bait only

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 4 – Oct. 8, 2024

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide ~ Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

Bobwhite quail

Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Zone B ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season

Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ March 15, 2025

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone ~ Oct. 19 – April 15, 2025

Central Zone ~ Oct. 26 – March 22, 2025

Southern Zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 15, 2025

Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 11 – March 9, 2025

Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping

Period 1 ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 25

Period 2 ~ Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025

Fisher

Trapping

North & South Zones ~ Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Non-resident ~ Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck ~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ Apr. 13 & 14

Spring 2024

Period A ~ Apr. 17-23

Period B ~ Apr. 24-30

Period C ~ May 1-7

Period D ~ May 8-14

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period E ~ May 15-21

Period F ~ May 22-28

Fall 2024

Statewide Sept. 14-Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23, 2024-Jan. 5 2025

**Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.*

Check the WI DNR website for updates

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>

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Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.  **HAPPY HUNTING!**

- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.

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

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FISHING SEASONS

2024-2025 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1, 2024; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch & release)

January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

General Inland Trout

May 4 (5 a.m.) - October 15

General Inland Fishing

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

June 15 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release

At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest

May 25 - December 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - December 31

Northern Pike

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Walleye

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Lake Sturgeon

February 10 - February 25 (spearing)
September 7 to September 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends

Jan. 20-21, 2024
June 1-2, 2024
Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

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



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



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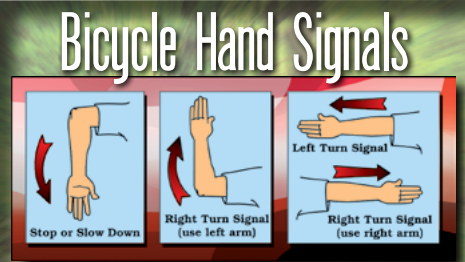
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- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and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



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

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

Snowmobile Hand Signals

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



- 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.

PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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

YOUR Help is NEEDED!



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Emerald Ash Borer

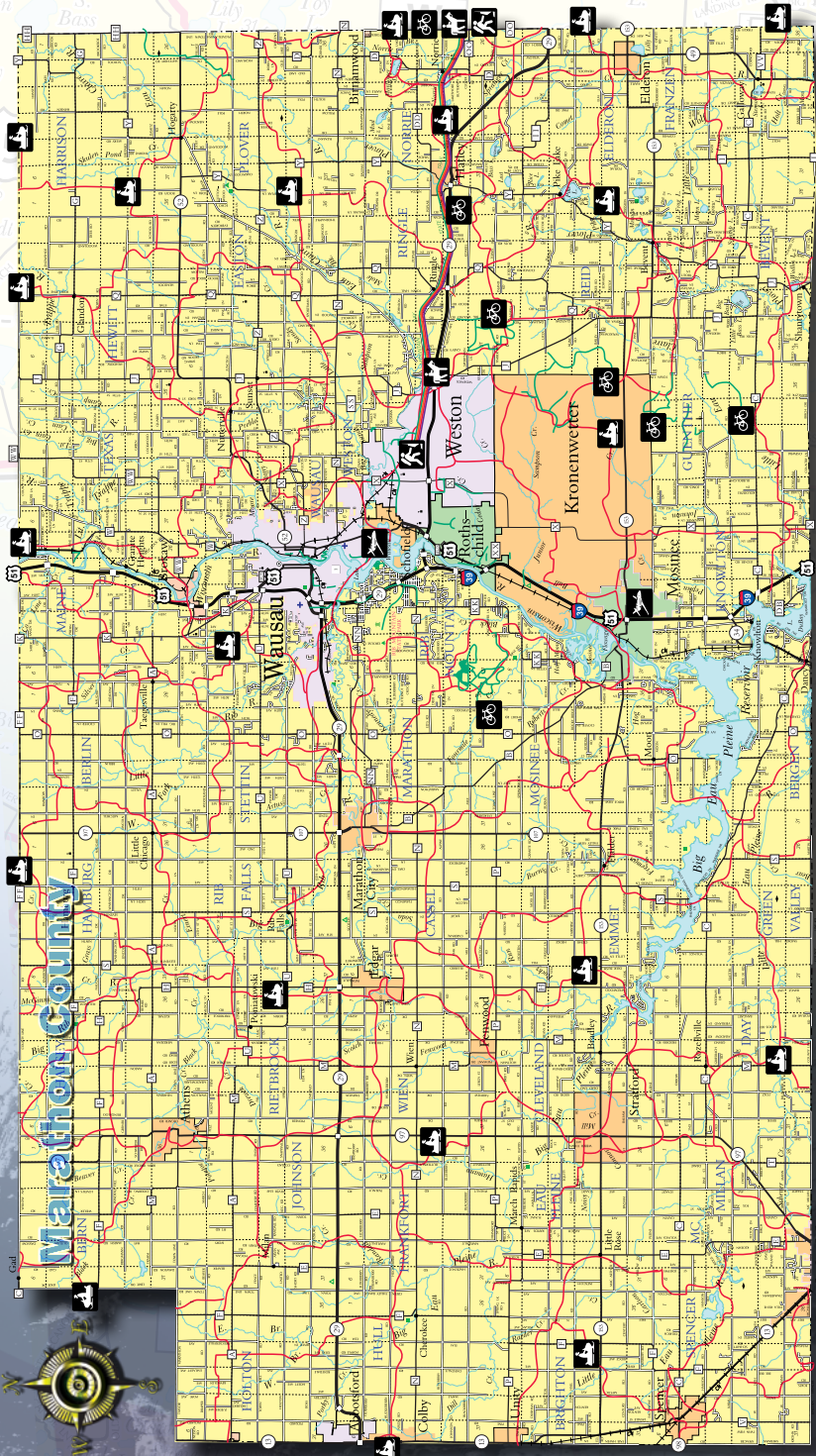
Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

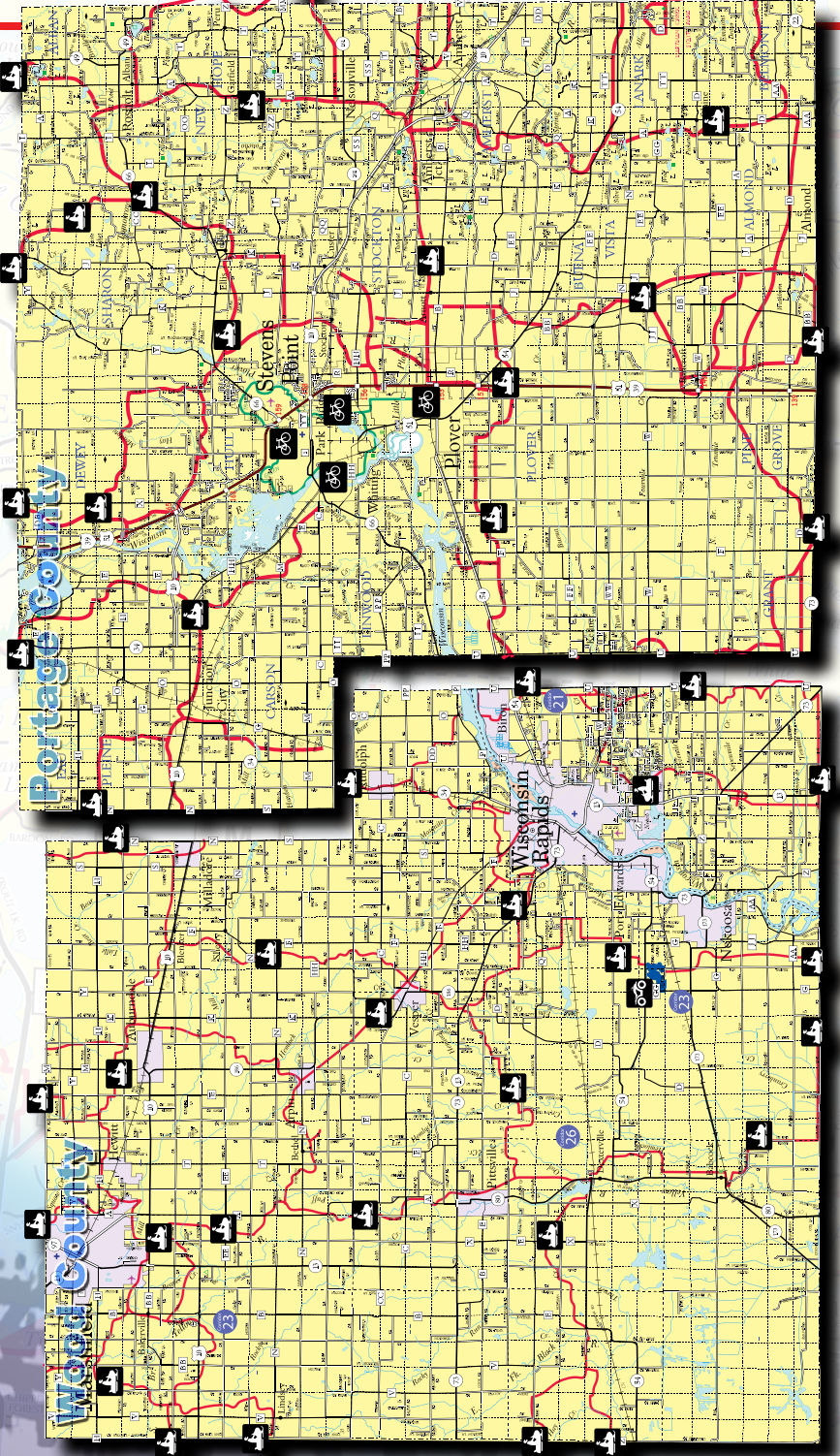
LOCAL AREA TRAILS



A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding or in-line skating on certain trails. A state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking. Wisconsin state trail pass fees are the same for residents and non-residents.

Wisconsin resident or non-resident state trail pass fees
 \$25 - Annual
 \$5 - Daily

- Snowmobile Trail
- ATV Trail
- Bicycle Trail/Route
- Airport Locator
- Hiking
- Biking
- Cross-country skiing
- Horseback riding



Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

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



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



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



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



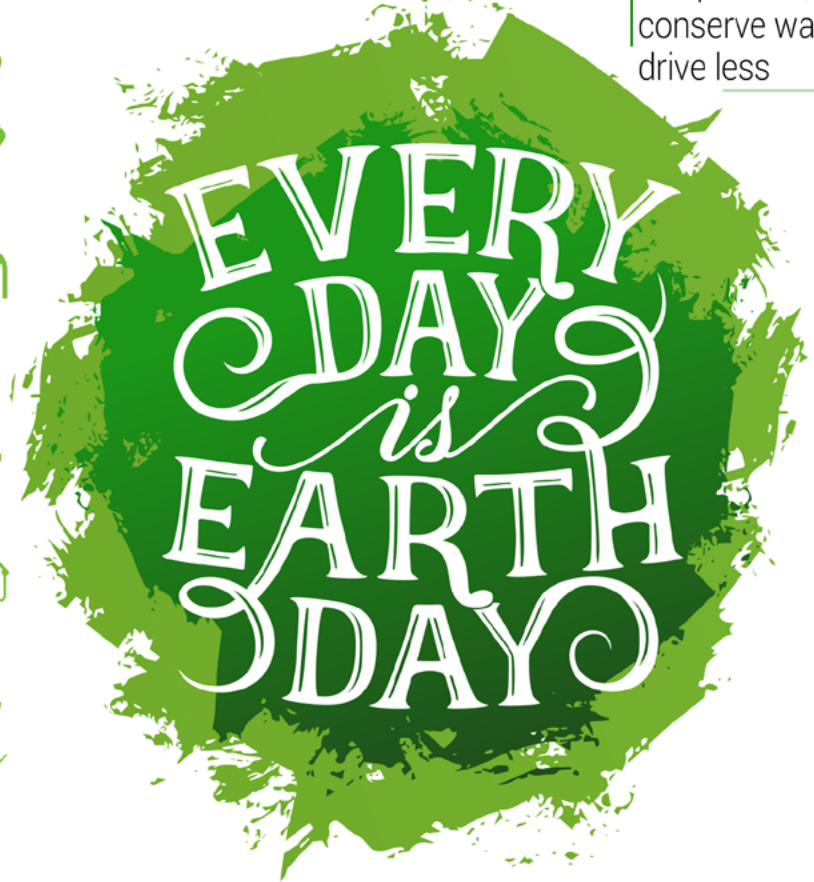
GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



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



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

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

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

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

3 Weeks:

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

3 Months:

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

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

DOG PARKS

Two Hearts Dog Park

224 S 4th St. | Wausau | (715) 261-1550

Off-Leash Dog Area at Oak Island Park

500 River Dr. | Wausau | (715) 261-1550

Off-Leash Dog Area at Riverside Park

100 Sherman St. | Wausau | (715) 261-1550

Off-Leash Dog Area at Memorial Park

505 Memorial Park Rd. | Wausau |

(715) 261-1550

Weston Dog Park

6001 Rogan Ln. | Weston | (715) 359-9988

Sandy's Bark Park

151221 Baltimore Ln. | Wausau |

(715) 842-0983

Paws and Play Dog Park

2100 S Peach Ave. | Marshfield |

(715) 305-0832

Point Dog Park

601 Mason St. | Stevens Point |

(715) 346-1531

Off-Leash Dog Area at Mead Park

1201 W Whitney St. | Stevens Point |

(715) 346-1531

Dog Exercise Area at Standing Rocks Park

7695 Standing Rocks Rd. | Stevens Point |

(715) 346-1433

Rapids Room to Zoom Dog Park

2550 Saratoga St. | Wisconsin Rapids |

(715) 421-8240

Room to Roam Dog Park of Rome

1351 Apache Ave. |

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(715) 886-

7878



Travel

Choosing the
perfect
destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back



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