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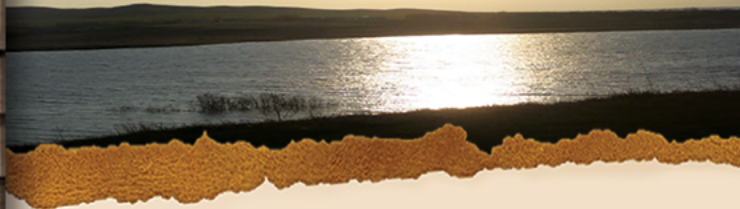
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# Local Area Events

## JANUARY

Chamber Banquet | Circle  
Annual Farm & Ranch Banquet | Glendive  
National Hard Spring Wheat Show | Williston

## FEBRUARY

MDF Badland Bruisers Banquet | Glendive  
Gun Show | Glendive  
Celebrating Chocolate | Sidney

## MARCH

Hockey Home Games | Sidney  
MonDak Ag Days & Trade Show | Sidney

## APRIL

Spring Fling Arts, Crafts & Vendor Show | Glendive

## MAY

Early Bird Golf Scramble | Sidney  
Band Day Festival | Williston  
Cinco De Mayo | Watford City

## JUNE

Garage Sale Day | Circle  
Take a Kid Fishing Day | Terry  
Jordan Matched Bronc Ride | Circle  
Annual Country RC Fun Fly | Terry  
McKenzie County Fair | Watford City  
Fort Union Rendezvous | Fort Union  
Upper Missouri Valley Fair | Williston  
API Golf Tournament | Sidney  
Sunrise Festival of the Arts | Sidney  
Annual Children's Fishing Derby | Watford City

## JULY

Fireworks at the Park | Circle  
Christmas in July | Circle  
4th of July Rodeo | Terry  
Terry Yippie | Terry  
Brockway & Circle Dairy Day  
Richey Rodeo  
Dawson County Fair  
Richland County Fair & Rodeo (July-Aug) | Sidney  
Arnegard's July 4th Celebration | Arnegard  
Jaycees Fireworks | Sidney  
Old Fashioned 4th Celebration | Lambert  
Sunset Fest | Sidney  
History Alive! | Fort Buford  
Fort Peck Summer Theatre (Weekends, July-Aug)

## AUGUST

McCone County Fair & PRCA Rodeo  
Wibaux County Fair  
Prairie County Fair  
High School & Youth Rodeo | Circle  
Alexander's Old Settlers Day | Alexander (Aug-Sept)  
Annual Ribfest & Street Fair | Watford City

## SEPTEMBER

Town & Country Appreciation Day | Circle  
Gathering of the Gamers | Glendive  
Chokecherry Run | Lewistown  
The Haunt at Cottonwood Forest Pumpkin Patch (Sept-Oct) | Williston

## OCTOBER

Eastern MT Ag Summit & Tractor Show | Circle  
Badlands Board Fest | Glendive  
FallFest | Sidney  
Trail of Treats | Watford City

## NOVEMBER

Arts, Crafts & Home Demonstration Show | Circle  
Glendive Turkey Trot  
Richey Winter Bazaar  
Christmas Stroll and Parade of Lights | Sidney  
Parade of Lights | Watford City  
Holiday Lights Parade | Williston  
Silver Bells | Fairview

## DECEMBER

Christmas Open House | Circle, Richey  
MonDak Ethnic Christmas | Sidney  
Coyote Calling Contest | Terry

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# Richland County History



Richland County, originally a part of Dawson County, was founded on May 27, 1914. The County Seat is Sidney. Richland County is, and always has been, ranch and farm territory. The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project was established in 1902 and supplies irrigation to the area. Sugar beet and oat production in Richland County is number one out of all 56 counties in Montana. Richland County is home to the Elm Coulee oil Field. This field was discovered in the Williston Basin, in 2000. Horizontal drilling techniques which perforate the productive rock parallel to the beds, instead of the traditional vertical drilling, are used. In 2006 the field was producing around 100,000 barrels per day. Predictions on the total amount of oil in the Elm Coulee Field range anywhere from 270 million barrels to 500 million barrels, putting it in the top 20 largest oil fields in the United States. Today Richland County is home to approximately 11,491 people.

# Richland County Communities

**City:**  
Sidney-(County Seat)  
- pop. 6,346

**Town:**  
Fairview - pop. 896

**Census-designated places**  
Crane pop. - 102  
Fox Lake pop. - 158  
Savage pop. - 714  
\*Populations are approximate

**SIDNEY - (County Seat)**  
Sidney was incorporated in 1911 and is the County Seat of Richland County and has an approximate population of 5,181. It is a large draw for shopping in Eastern Montana as it is one of the largest cities. Sidney Health Center is a comprehensive medical facility, established in 1907 featuring a state of the art cancer center as well as an assisted living facility. Also, The MonDak Heritage Center and Art Gallery has an extensive collection of artifacts and resources dating back to the end of the 19th century and upholding its history. In 2011, Sidney celebrated its Centennial and continues to grow. The current population is approximately 6,346.

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# Dawson County History

# Dawson County Communities



Dawson was founded on January 15th, 1869 and is known to be one of the oldest counties of the state. It originated from the northern half of Big Horn County. Its name comes from Major Andrew Dawson, manager of the Fort Benton Trading Post for the American Fur company from 1856 to 1864. Partly badlands with views aplenty, Dawson County has many beautiful rock formations and area attractions. Makoshika State Park is a prime example of unusual rock formations. Yellowstone River also flows through part of the county providing wonderful boating and fishing opportunities for its residents. At this time, Dawson is called home by nearly 8,904 people.

**City**  
Glendive (county seat) - pop.  
4873

**Census-designat-  
ed place**  
West Glendive - pop. 1998

**Town**  
Richey - pop. 1104

**Unincorporated  
communities**  
Bloomfield  
Lindsay

## Glendive (County Seat)

Glendive is considered to be an agricultural hub of Eastern Montana. Although the town is tucked between the Yellowstone River and the Badlands it has many great sites to see, such as the rugged terrain and jagged rock formations in the area. The Makoshika State Park is just east of Glendive that has 11,000 acres that contains stunning badlands known to conceal dinosaur fossils. At this time Glendive has approximately 4,873 residents.

## Richey

North of the county seat of Glendive sits the tiny community of Richey (pop. 164 as of the 2020 U.S. Census), located betwixt the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers. According to the town's website, Richey is primarily an agricultural community, but oil and gas mining are gaining traction. Fort Peck Lake is located nearby and offers a multitude of recreational activities.

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# McKenzie County History



McKenzie County, named after Alexander McKenzie (a North Dakota political figure), was established on March 8, 1883. The County Seat is Watford City (first established in Alexander and then in Schafer). McKenzie County is part of the legendary Lewis and Clark Trail. Accompanied by Sakakawea, Captain Meriwether Lewis & Captain William Clark traveled throughout these rolling plains on their historic voyage. Rich with various game, McKenzie County's first settlers were hunters & trappers. Much in the ways and under the laws of the old west, the area was sparsely populated by rifle toting cowboys and "cattle kings" herding cattle from Texas. Teddy Roosevelt owned two ranches here. His love for the badlands was well known. In a 1913 autobiography, Theodore Roosevelt said, "There were all kinds of things I was afraid of at first, ranging from grizzly bears to 'mean' horses and gun-fighters; but by acting as if I was not afraid I gradually ceased to be afraid... The worst of all fears is the fear of living." Oil was discovered in McKenzie County in the 1950's. Today McKenzie County is part of the North Dakota Oil Boom, giving North Dakota one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. There were many factors to the boom. The discovery of shale gas (Natural Gas) reserves throughout the area and the nations' need for domestic nonrenewable energy were contributing factors to the boom. The population is approximately 14,704 people. Outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, boating or simply enjoying the beautiful wild landscapes of McKenzie County are available for all to enjoy.

# McKenzie County Communities

## Cities:

Alexander - pop. 319  
 Arnegard - pop. 282  
 Watford City-(County Seat) - pop. 6,207

## Census-designated places:

East Fairview - pop. 76  
 Four Bears Village - pop. 500  
 Mandaree - pop. 596

\* Populations are approximate

## WATFORD CITY - (County Seat)

Watford City was established in 1913. It was built after the Great Northern Railroad train arrived in 1914. Towns people and businesses flocked to Watford City, eventually turning surrounding areas like Schafer, into ghost towns. The town was incorporated in 1915 but was originally named Watford by Dr. Vaughan G. Morris, after his hometown of Watford, Ontario. They added "City" to it a year later so as to not be confused with Wolford (Pierce County, ND). As of late, Watford City is part of the Bakken Field, making it part of North Dakotas' oil boom. The current population is approximately 6,207.



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- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

## BARBECUE DON'TS:

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



# WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA FACTS

*County Seat:* Watford City serves as the county seat of McKenzie County.

*Oil Boom Impact:* Similar to other parts of McKenzie County, Watford City experienced significant growth and development due to the Bakken oil boom. This led to an influx of people, businesses, and infrastructure projects.

*Historic Main Street:* Watford City's Main Street has a historic charm, featuring unique shops, restaurants, and businesses that provide a glimpse into the town's past.

*Long X Trading Post:* This historical site was a major trading post during the late 1800s and early 1900s. It played a crucial role in facilitating trade and communication in the region.

*Theodore Roosevelt's Connection:* While not directly in Watford City, the nearby Theodore Roosevelt National Park is named after the former U.S. president who spent time in the region and was instrumental in conserving natural areas.

*Cultural Events:* Watford City hosts various cultural events, fairs, and festivals throughout the year, bringing the community together and showcasing local talent.

*Pioneer Museum:* The McKenzie County Heritage Park Pioneer Museum offers insights into the area's history and pioneers, displaying artifacts, photographs, and exhibits related to the region's heritage.

*Recreational Activities:* Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy activities like fishing, hunting, hiking, and camping in the surrounding natural areas.

*Growth and Development:* The population of Watford City saw significant growth due to the oil industry, resulting in changes in the local economy, infrastructure, and services.

*Education and Community:* The town's educational institutions, community centers, and recreational facilities provide a foundation for residents to connect and engage.

*Renewable Energy:* Alongside the oil industry, Watford City and the surrounding area have also seen developments in renewable energy, such as wind power projects.

*Rural Beauty:* Watford City's location in the picturesque North Dakota Badlands offers stunning views and unique landscapes.

# SIDNEY, MONTANA FACTS

*Rich History:* Sidney has a rich history as a railroad town and was named after Sidney Walters, the vice president of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

*County Seat:* Sidney is the county seat of Richland County, Montana.

*Agricultural Hub:* The region around Sidney is known for its agricultural productivity, with farming and ranching being important industries. The fertile soil and favorable climate support the growth of crops and livestock.

*Yellowstone River:* Sidney is situated along the Yellowstone River, which is the longest undammed river in the lower 48 states of the U.S. The river provides recreational opportunities and scenic views.

*Outdoor Recreation:* The area around Sidney offers various outdoor recreational activities, including fishing, hunting, camping, and boating. The nearby lakes and rivers attract outdoor enthusiasts.

*MonDak Heritage Center:* This local museum showcases the history and culture of the MonDak region, which includes Montana and North Dakota. It features exhibits related to art, history, and paleontology.

*Oil and Energy:* Similar to McKenzie County, Sidney is also in proximity to the Bakken Formation, a significant oil-producing region. Oil production has had an impact on the local economy and infrastructure.

*Fair and Rodeo:* Sidney hosts the Richland County Fair and Rodeo, an annual event that includes rodeo performances, live music, carnival rides, and various attractions.

*Agricultural Expositions:* The Sidney Agricultural Research Center is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and focuses on research related to agriculture in the region. It hosts educational events and expositions.

*Lewis and Clark Trail:* Sidney is located near the route followed by the Lewis and Clark Expedition during their journey of exploration. The area holds historical significance related to their travels.

*Small-Town Charm:* Sidney retains a small-town atmosphere with a close-knit community feel. This can be appealing to those who enjoy a slower pace of life.

*Gateway to North Dakota:* Sidney is situated near the border with North Dakota, making it a potential stop for travelers entering Montana from the east.

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### ELK

#### Bow

#### E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7

Fri, 09/05/2025 - Sun, 09/28/2025

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### ELK

#### Regular

#### E3, E4

Fri, 09/05/2025 - Sun, 01/04/2026

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#### E5

Fri, 09/05/2025 - Sun, 01/04/2026

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#### E6

Fri, 10/03/2025 - Thu, 11/06/2025

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### E1E, E2, E1W

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### Youth Season

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Fri, 10/31/2025 - Wed, 12/31/2025

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Fri, 10/10/2025 - Sun, 11/02/2025

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### Bow

M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11

Fri, 09/05/2025 - Sun, 09/28/2025

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## RUFFED GROUSE

### Regular

Restricted

Sat, 09/14/2024 - Sun, 01/05/2025

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## TURKEY

### Fall - Regular

All open units

Sat, 10/12/2024 - Sun, 01/05/2025

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### Spring - Regular

All open units

Sat, 04/12/2025 - Sun, 05/18/2025

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### Spring - Youth

All open units

Sat, 04/12/2025 - Sun, 05/18/2025

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# HUNTING SEASONS MT

Hunting Seasons: Courtesy of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks'  
 Website: <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/seasons/>

## HUNTING SEASONS 2025

### Montana Antelope Seasons

900 series: Aug. 15 - Nov. 9  
 Archery: Sept. 6 - Oct. 10  
 General: Oct. 11 - Nov. 9

### Montana Bighorn Sheep Seasons

Archery: Sept. 6 - Sept. 14  
 General: Sept. 15 - Nov. 30

### Montana Black Bear Seasons

Spring: Apr. 15 - May 31 or June 15  
 Spring Hound Training: May 26 - June 15  
 Archery: Sept. 6 - Sept. 14  
 Fall: Sept. 15 - Nov. 30

### Montana Deer & Elk Seasons

Archery: Sept. 6 - Oct. 19  
 Youth, deer only: Oct. 16 - Oct. 17  
 General: Oct. 25 - Nov. 30  
 Shoulder seasons: Aug. 15 - Feb. 15,  
 varying dates before and/or after the  
 archery and general seasons  
 Muzzleloader: Dec. 13 - 21  
 Backcountry - HD's 150, 280, 316  
 General: Sept. 15 - Nov. 30



### Montana Bison Seasons

Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2024

### Moose

Archery: Sept. 6 - Sept. 14  
 General: Sept. 15 - Nov. 30

### Mountain Goat

Archery: Sept. 6 - Sept. 14  
 General: Sept. 15 - Nov. 30

### Mountain Lion

Archery (without dogs): Sept. 3 - Oct. 16  
 Fall (without dogs): Oct. 25 - Nov. 30  
 Winter: Dec. 1 - April 14  
 Resident Hound Training Season: Dec.  
 2 - April 14

### Upland Game Birds Seasons

Mountain Grouse: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1  
 Partridge: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1 (except for  
 portion of Carbon County, where it is  
 Sept. 1 - Jan. 10)  
 Ring-necked Pheasant: Oct. 11 - Jan. 1  
 Youth Hunt: Sept. 27 - Sept. 28  
 Sage Grouse: Sept. 1 - Sept. 30  
 Sharp-tailed Grouse: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1  
 Falconry: Sept. 1 - March 31

### Turkey

Spring: April 15 - May 31  
 Fall: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1

### FURBEARER SEASONS

*For general reference only. 2024*

#### Trapping Districts 1, 2 & 3

Beaver: Nov. 1 - Apr. 15, 2024  
 Bobcat: Dec. 1 - Feb. 15, 2024\*

#### Trapping Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7

Beaver: Sept. 1 - May 31, 2024  
 Bobcat: Dec. 1 - Mar. 1, 2024\*

#### Portion of Trapping District 6

Swift Fox: Nov. 1 - Jan. 15, 2024\*  
 Fisher, Marten: Where open: Dec. 1 - Feb.  
 15, 2024\*  
 Mink, Muskrat, Otter: Nov. 1 - Apr. 15,  
 2024\*

*\* May close earlier when the quota is reached.*

*\*At the time of publication not all 2025 season dates  
 were available.*

*\*These dates are provided only as a general reference.  
 Check current regulations for specific dates at  
<https://fwp.mt.gov/> or scan the QR code*



You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, through the Electronic License System.  
 Online: (North Dakota) <https://gf.nd.gov/> or (Montana) <https://fwp.mt.gov/>  
 ELS agents available throughout your County:

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**Big Sky Hardware**  
 18 E Main | Richey, MT | 406-773-5531

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**Ranch And Farm Wholesale Supply**  
 207 N Harmon Ave. | Glendive, MT |  
 406-365-4711

**Runnings Supply Inc**  
 1806 N Merrill Ave. | Glendive, MT |  
 406-377-8233

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**Big Boys Toys**  
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 701-842-3301

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**SAVAGE**  
**Valley Fuel**  
 Mt. Hwy. 16 S | Savage, MT | 406-776-2354

**SIDNEY**  
**High Caliber Sports**  
 440 N Central Ave. | Sidney, MT |  
 406-433-1800

Certain species licenses are issues by lottery & require additional application procedures. Contact the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for license availability & eligibility. Online: [www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov), By Phone: (701) 328-6300, or Scan The QR Code



**RESIDENT**  
**FISHING, HUNTING, FURBEARER CERTIFICATE**  
 (Prerequisite for All Hunting/Fishing Licenses) \$1.00  
**GENERAL GAME & HABITAT LICENSE**  
 (Prerequisite for Hunting Licenses) \$20.00  
**COMBINATION**  
 (fishing, general game & habitat, small game & furbearer licenses.) (General Ages 16+) \$52.00  
**SMALL GAME LICENSE**  
 (General Ages 16+) \$10.00  
**SANDHILL CRANE PERMIT\***  
 \$10.00  
**DEER**  
 (Gun 1st Lottery) \$30.00  
 (Bow) \$30.00  
 (Youth Gun/Bow) (Ages 16 & Under) \$10.00  
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 (Bow) \$30.00  
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**FISHING**  
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 (Senior Citizen 65+ & Permanently Disabled) \$5.00  
 (Paddlefish) \$10.00

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**FISHING, HUNTING, FURBEARER CERTIFICATE**  
 (Prerequisite for All Hunting/Fishing Licenses) \$2.00  
**GENERAL GAME & HABITAT LICENSE**  
 (Prerequisite for Hunting Licenses) \$20.00  
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 (State-Wide) \$153.00  
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 (General) \$15.00  
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**MONTANA FISHING SEASONS**

**2023 Montana Fishing Seasons**

- Lakes & Reservoirs** - Open all year
- Rivers & Streams**
  - *Western District* - 3rd Sat in May through Nov. 30 unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.
  - *Eastern District* - Open all year
- *Central District* - Open all year, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.

## Fort Peck Reservoir and Recreation Area c/o US Army Corps of Engineers

Fort Peck, MT | 406-526-3411  
According to the official state travel site of Montana, Fort Peck Lake is Montana's largest body of water. 50+ different kinds of fish swim in its reservoir. Visitors can swim, boat, or fish in its vast expanses. It is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## Makoshika State Park

1301 Snyder St. | Glendive, MT | 406-377-6256  
According to the Montana State Parks website, Makoshika is Montana's largest state park and features interesting badlands, campgrounds, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops fossil remains, and interpretive exhibits for children at the park's visitors center.

## Lewis & Clark

Eleven States: ID, IL, IA, K S, MO, MT, NE, ND, OR, S D, WA

Between May 1804 and September 1806, 31 men, one woman, and a baby traveled from the plains of the Midwest to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. They called themselves the Corps of Discovery. In their search for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, they opened a window into the west for the young United States.



## Health Benefits of the Outdoors

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



**Stress Reduction:** Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

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

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

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

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

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

**OUTDOOR Fun Facts**

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

# 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

### South Paw Dog Park

22nd Ave NW | Sidney, MT | 406-433-2809

### Doc Nelson Dog Park

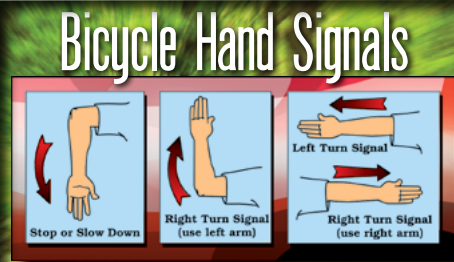
1505-1305 W Pheasant Ridge St. | Watford City,  
ND | 701-842-3665





# Be Aware of your Surroundings

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



## Drink lots of Water!



# Know Your ATV

## Read the owner's manual

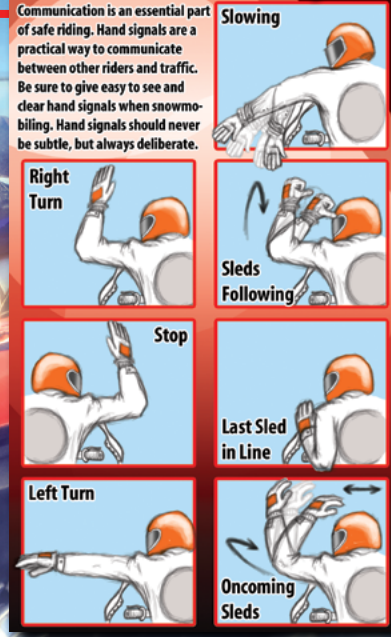
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

# 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.

## 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.



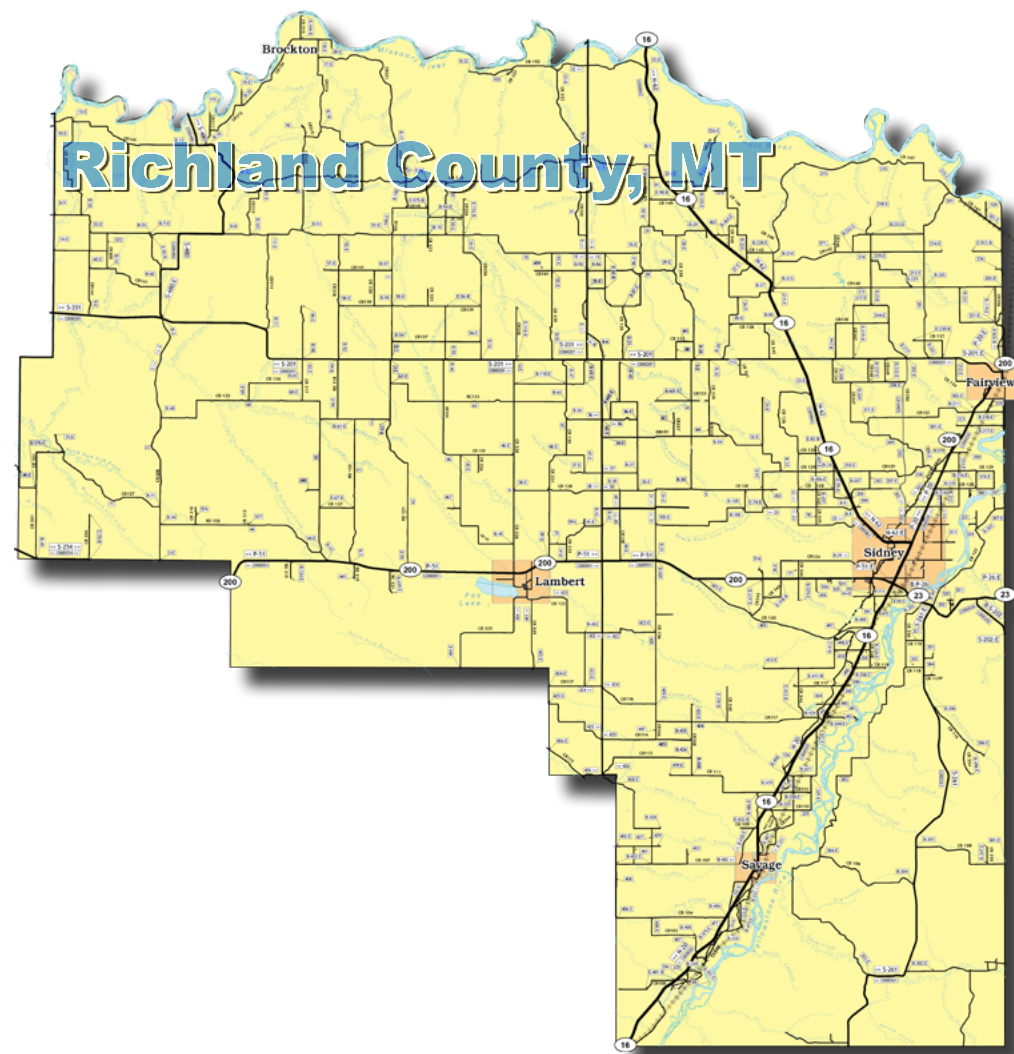
**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
NO TRESPASSING

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.

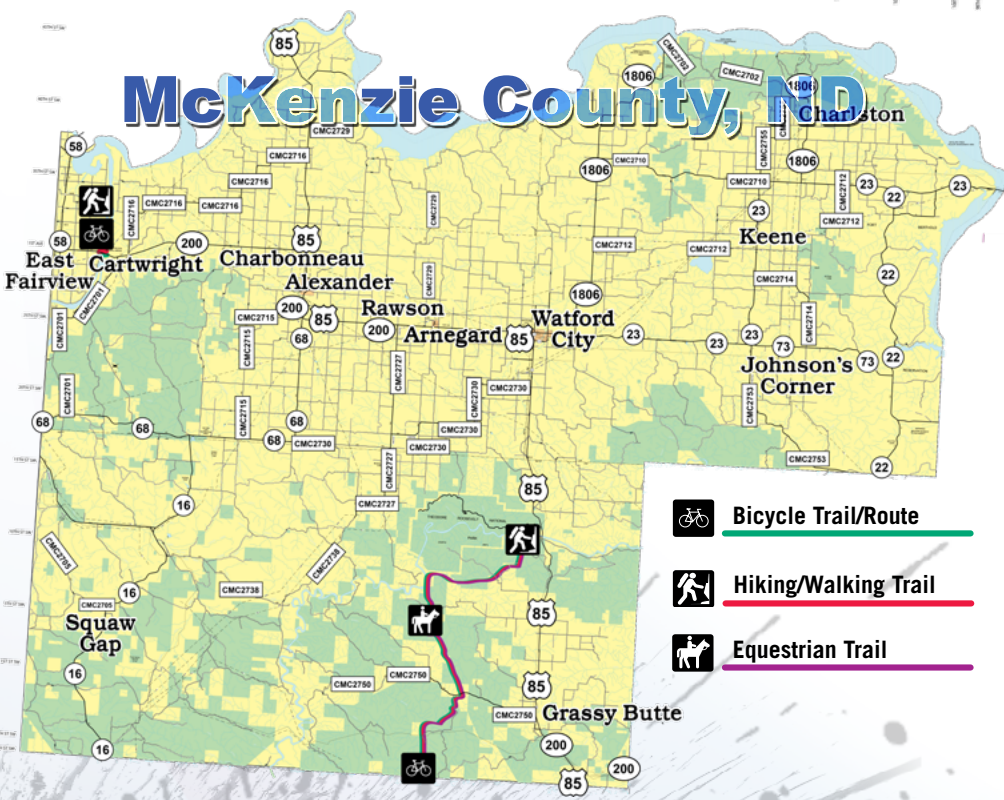
# LOCAL AREA TRAILS



## Richland County, MT



## McKenzie County, ND



-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **Equestrian Trail**

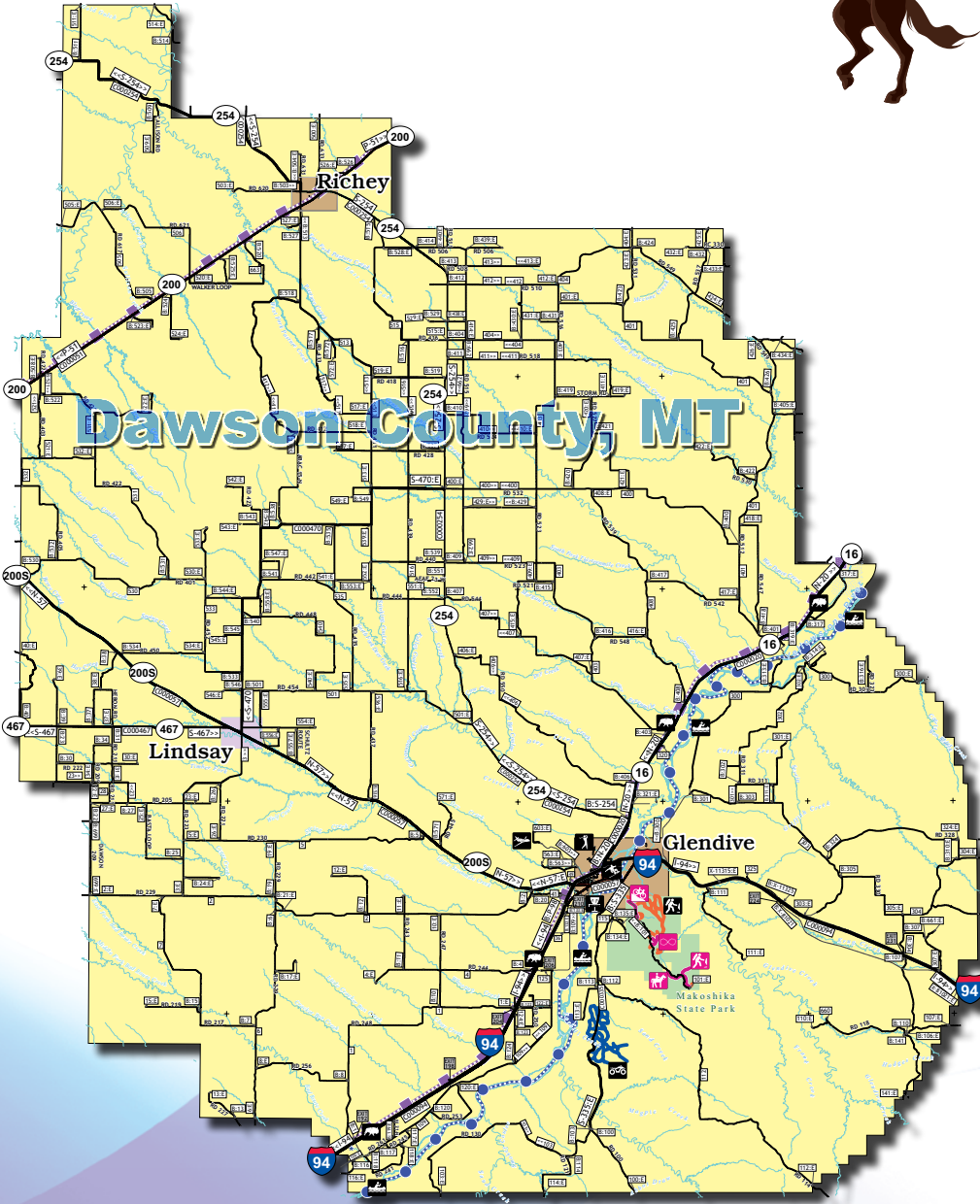
## Hiking Safety Tips

Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being gone.

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also a cheap sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.

## Disc Golf





## Closing up the cabin

### Some Common Things To Check Inside The Cabin

- Make sure the water and electric are set up for winter
- Set the thermostat to the correct temperature for the area
- If you don't heat in the winter and live in a cold area, drain the pipes
- Turn off the hot water heater
- Winterize appliances that use water
- Clean the furnace filter
- Inspect the sump pump
- Unplug computers and major appliances (Leave the door cracked on the refrigerator if you unplug it)
- Seal your linens in a container
- Remove perishable food
- Close dampers and seal the fireplace

### Some Common Things To Check Outside The Cabin

- Look for air leaks around the cabin and seal with caulk or insulation
- Insulate pipes in crawl spaces with heat tape or heat cables
- Open cabinet doors so heat can get to the pipes under the sink
- Clean and store boats and equipment
- Winterize gas-powered equipment
- Remove leaves and debris around the cabin
- Store lawn furniture and decorations
- Mow
- Clean gutters and inspect roof
- Drain hoses and sprinklers
- Inspect your septic tank
- Take the dock in



# GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



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



# EVERY DAY is EARTH DAY



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

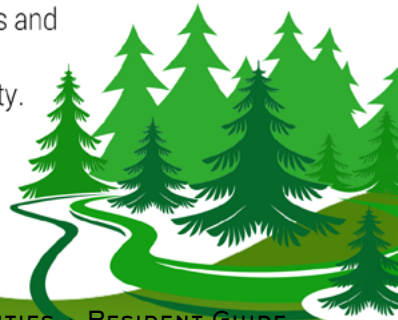
**Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

**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.



# COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

## How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

### What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

### What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

### How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

### Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



# CREAMY *Dill* CHICKEN



Simple *meal* with a *Gourmet* Feel

## INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 2 Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- 3 Add the chicken breasts to the skillet and cook for 6-7 minutes on each side, until browned and cooked through. Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside.
- 4 Pour the chicken broth into the skillet and use a spatula to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.
- 5 Stir in the heavy cream, Dijon mustard, and dried dill weed. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sauce has thickened.
- 6 Return the chicken breasts to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the top. Allow the chicken to cook in the sauce for an additional 1-2 minutes, until the chicken is heated through.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped fresh parsley over the top of the chicken before serving.

*Enjoy your delicious  
creamy dill chicken!*

PREP: 7 MIN • TOTAL: 30 MIN



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