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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Spaghetti Supper - Hutchinson
Meat & Gift Card Raffle - Hutchinson
Steak Fry - Hutchinson
Food Drive - Hutchinson
Drift Riders Snowmobile Club Display - Hutchinson
Grape Vine Wine Tasting - Hutchinson
Gopher Campfire Anniversary Banquet - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Girl Scout Cookie Sale
3-D Indoor Archery Shoot - Hutchinson
FFA Chili Feed - Hutchinson
Elks Lodge Enchilada Dinner - Hutchinson
Bridal Fair - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Baseball Pancake Breakfast
UCC Old-Fashioned Soup Supper - Hutchinson
Blizzard Blast - Hutchinson
Gopher Campfire Family Fishing Contest - Hutchinson

FEBRUARY

Spaghetti Supper - Hutchinson
Strike Out the Violence Bowlathon - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Hockey Day
Fish Fry - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Area Boat & RV Show
Valentine Dinner & Dance - Hutchinson
Grape Vine Wine Tasting - Hutchinson
Home, Landscape & Garden Show - Hutchinson
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - Hutchinson
Snow Golf Tournament - Hutchinson
Elks Lodge All You Can Eat Fajitas - Hutchinson

MARCH

MCCL Running/Walking Club Kick Off - Hutchinson
Multicultural Week - Hutchinson
Breast Cancer 3 Day Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Daffodil Days - Hutchinson
St. Anastasia Rummage Sale - Hutchinson
Darwin Rod & Gun Club Fresh Smelt Fry - Hutchinson
Jaycees Comedy Night - Hutchinson
Crow River Builders Assn. Tour of Homes - Hutchinson
Snow Pros Snowmobile Swap Meet - Hutchinson
Gopher Campfire Wild Game Feed - Hutchinson
Chili Feed - Hutchinson
Jaycees Spring Flower Sales - Hutchinson
Elks Lodge Shrimp Boil - Hutchinson
Spring Arts & Crafts Show - Hutchinson

APRIL

Hutchinson Jaycees Spring Flower Sales
Crow River Arts Youth Art Exhibit - Hutchinson
Women's Night Out - Hutchinson
Ridgewater College Family Fun Night - Hutchinson
Meat & Gift Card Raffle - Hutchinson
Easter Bunny Visits - Hutchinson
Bluebird Day - Hutchinson
Chicken Dinner - Hutchinson
City Wide Easter Egg Hunt - Hutchinson
Rummage Sale - Hutchinson
Crow River Singers Spring Concert
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk - Hutchinson
Elks Lodge Chicken Picatta Dinner - Hutchinson
BASICS Benefit Concert - Hutchinson

Local Area Events

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Pancake Breakfast - Hutchinson
OSL Auction - Hutchinson
Habitat for Humanity Spaghetti Dinner - Hutchinson
Spring IAAP Seminar - Hutchinson
Celebrate Earth Day - Hutchinson
Take a Kid Birding Day - Hutchinson
Indoor Garage Sale - Hutchinson
Animal Shelter Party & Silent Auction - Hutchinson
Crow River Arts High School Art Exhibit - Hutchinson
Winsted Easter Egg Hunt

MAY

Rummage Sale - Hutchinson
Church Garage Sale - Hutchinson
May Day Tea - Hutchinson
City Wide Garage Sales - Hutchinson
Jaycees Sandbox Fill - Hutchinson
Hutchinson FFA Chapter Banquet
Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast - Hutchinson
McLeod County & Hutchinson Garden Club Plant Sale
Mother's Day "Communi-Tea" - Hutchinson
Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk - Hutchinson
Pancake Feed - Hutchinson
Veterans Presentation - Hutchinson
Bike, Blade & Board Bonanza - Hutchinson
Heart of MN Paws on Parade - Hutchinson
Big Band Boogie Night - Hutchinson
Motorcycle & Classic Car Run - Hutchinson
Tree Auction - Hutchinson
Women's Spring Fling - Hutchinson
Art & Entertainment Expo - Hutchinson
Ladies Only Shotgun Fun Shoot - Hutchinson
USO Dance - Hutchinson
Cardiac Rehab Reunion Walk - Hutchinson
Grape Vine Wine Tasting - Hutchinson
Jewelery Trunk Show - Hutchinson
Memorial Day Parade & Service - Hutchinson
McLeod County Auction - Hutchinson
Herb Walk - Hutchinson
Water Carnival Button Night - Hutchinson
Memorial Day Service - Winsted

JUNE

Glencoe Days
Dairy Day Celebration - Glencoe
Heatwole Thrashing Ass. Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Performance Road Ride - Hutchinson
Corvettes for a Cause - Hutchinson
Canoe Paddle - Hutchinson
Bear Lake Rummage Sale - Hutchinson
Hatch Junior League Baseball Tournament - Hutchinson
Victory Celebration - Hutchinson
Police Dept. Senior Fishing Outing - Hutchinson
Jaycees Water Carnival - Hutchinson
Gathering for the Gazebo - Hutchinson
Run By the River 8k, 5k, 1 Mile Kids Run - Hutchinson
Father/Daughter Tea - Hutchinson
Little Crow Riders Horse Show - Hutchinson
Senior Dance - Hutchinson
MN Wild Road Tour - Hutchinson
Peace Lutheran Garage Sale - Hutchinson
ATHC Golf Tournament Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet - Hutchinson
Ice Cream Social - Hutchinson
Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Winstock - Winsted

JULY

VFW Grilled Pork Chop Dinner - Hutchinson
Show of Wheels Car Show - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Crazy Days
Ducks Unlimited Fun Shoot - Hutchinson
RiverSong Music Festival - Hutchinson
Power Pull Nationals - Hutchinson
KWS Memorial Ride - Hutchinson
Ladies Invitational - Hutchinson
Tom Orth Memorial Foundation Golf Event - Hutchinson
Orange Spectacular - Hutchinson
Hometown Golf Challenge - Hutchinson
Prairie Days - Lester Prairie
White Squirrel Festival - Plato

Local Area Events

AUGUST

National Night Out - throughout McLeod County
Gopher Campfire Outing - Hutchinson
Oakdale Invitational - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Hockey Area Ass. Golf Outing
Relay for Life - Hutchinson
Lindsay Whalen Night - Hutchinson
Heatwole Threshing Show - Hutchinson
Scramble for Life Golf Tournament - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Baseball Golf Outing
Hutchinson 3 Person Relay
MN Garlic Festival - Hutchinson
McLeod County Fair - Hutchinson
Youth Conservation Field Day - Hutchinson
Elks Lodge Chicken & Sweet Corn Dinner - Hutchinson
Kids Carnival - Hutchinson
Wine Tasting - Hutchinson
Family Fun Olympics - Hutchinson
St. Anastasia Cemetery Living History Tour - Hutchinson
Pola-Czesky Days - Glencoe
Summer Festival - Winsted

SEPTEMBER

Crow River & Oakdale Golf Club Scramble - Hutchinson
Ducks Unlimited Banquet - Hutchinson
Heart of Minnesota Rummage & Sale - Hutchinson
St. Anastasia Fall Festival - Hutchinson
Citywide Garage Sales - Hutchinson
Baldry Golf Classic - Hutchinson
Wheels With a Cause Road Rally - Hutchinson
Red's Hot Fundraiser - Hutchinson
Rally Sunday at Peace Lutheran - Hutchinson
Taste of Hutchinson
Arts & Crafts Festival - Hutchinson
Meat Raffle - Hutchinson
Elk's Gun Show - Hutchinson
Pork Chop Dinner - Hutchinson
McLeod County Senior Expo - Hutchinson
St. Willibrord's Fall Festival - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Model Railroad Show
Girls Swim Team/Elks Breakfast - Hutchinson

OCTOBER

Holiday Pet Portrait Fundraiser - Hutchinson
United Way Fundraising Campaign - Hutchinson
Spaghetti Supper - Hutchinson

NOVEMBER

Chili Supper - Hutchinson
Passport to Hutchinson Ladies Weekend
Meat Raffle - Hutchinson
Historic Hutchinson Quilt Auction
Shop 'Till You Drop - Hutchinson
Holiday Arts & Craft Sale - Hutchinson
Women's Candlelight Dinner - Hutchinson
Taste of Home Cooking Show - Hutchinson
Holiday Sampler Showcase - Hutchinson
Minnesota State Pigeon Show & Auction - Hutchinson
"Communi-Tea" Hutchinson
Hospice Share 'N Care Dinner - Hutchinson
Santa Arrives - Hutchinson

DECEMBER

Holly Days Lighted Parade - Glencoe
Downtown Sleigh Rides - Hutchinson
Spaghetti Supper - Hutchinson
Santa Visits - Hutchinson
Women's Candlelight Dinner - Hutchinson
Trees & Traditions - Hutchinson
Crow River Singers Winter Concert - Hutchinson
Fare for All - Hutchinson
Meat Raffle - Hutchinson
Trucks & Toys for Children - Hutchinson
Little Crow Archery Open House - Hutchinson
Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale - Hutchinson
Girl Scout Holiday Bake Sale - Hutchinson
Holiday Craft & Gift Extravaganza - Hutchinson
Children's Christmas Program - Hutchinson
Winsted Winter Festival

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Attorney.....	864-1265
Auditor.....	864-1260
Central Services.....	864-1326
Court Administration.....	864-1281
Emergency.....	911
Environmental Services.....	864-1259
Extension Service.....	587-0770
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Geographic Information Systems.....	234-0230
Highway Department.....	234-0234
Information Services.....	864-1325
License Center.....	864-1312
Parks Department.....	587-0770
Planning & Zoning.....	864-1291
Public Health.....	864-3185
Recorder.....	864-1327
Sheriff.....	864-5191
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McLeod County History *(Glencoe, County Seat)*

As land was acquired from Sioux Indians in 1851, settlement of McLeod County began. Organized in 1856, the county was named after Martin McLeod. McLeod was a fur trader and explorer. Settlers were attracted to the prairies for agriculture and the dense woods for building supplies. Early industry included logging, milling and farming. As the railroad arrived in the 1870s, the area began to thrive and Glencoe was selected as the county seat. Today McLeod County is home to approximately 37,165 residents.

CITIES:

- BISCAY** – pop. 108
- BROWNTON** – pop. 784
- GLENCOE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 5,550
- HUTCHINSON** – pop. 13,913
- LESTER PRAIRIE** – pop. 1,747
- PLATO** – pop. 317
- SILVER LAKE** – pop. 799
- STEWART** – pop. 536
- WINSTED** – pop. 2,418

TOWNSHIPS:

- ACOMA** – pop. 1,258
- BERGEN** – pop. 948
- COLLINS** – pop. 524
- GLENCOE** – pop. 608
- HALE** – pop. 1,016
- HASSAN VALLEY** – pop. 786
- HELEN** – pop. 897
- HUTCHINSON** – pop. 1,181
- LYNN** – pop. 634
- PENN** – pop. 360
- RICH VALLEY** – pop. 789
- ROUND GROVE** – pop. 325
- SUMTER** – pop. 622
- WINSTED** – pop. 1,045

**Populations are approximate.*



McLeod County Communities

BISCAY

Located in Hassan Valley Township in the center of McLeod County, Biscay is the site of Minnesota's first creamery. Today Biscay is home to approximately 108 residents.

BROWNTON

Settlers began arriving to the area of Brownton in 1856. Named after Charles Brown, Brownton was established in 1878 as the railroad arrived. Today Brownton is home to approximately 784 residents.

GLENCOE (COUNTY SEAT)

Founded in 1855 by John Harrington Stevens, Glencoe was the first settlement in McLeod County. Martin McLeod named Glencoe after a Scottish city and Glencoe was voted as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1896. Today Glencoe is home to approximately 5,550 residents.

McLeod County Communities

HUTCHINSON

Hutchinson was first settled by John, Judson and Asa Hutchinson, in 1855. The Hutchinson brothers were famous singers who arrived from New Hampshire to explore McLeod County. In 1857, Hutchinson was incorporated and the community quickly grew. Today Hutchinson is home to approximately 13,913 residents.

LESTER PRAIRIE

Located in Bergen Township, Lester Prairie was first settled in 1856 and named after John Lester, a land owner. The community was almost destroyed by the Sioux Uprising in 1862 and floods in 1897, but residents rebuilt and Lester Prairie continued to grow. Today Lester Prairie is home to approximately 1,747 residents.

PLATO

Located in southeast McLeod County, Plato was incorporated in 1888. It is one of the most prosperous farming communities in Minnesota. Today Plato is home to approximately 317 residents.

SILVER LAKE

Once known as Fremont, Silver Lake was platted by John J. Jerabek and John S. Totusek in 1881. Today Silver Lake is home to approximately 799 residents.

STEWART

Settlers arrived to the Silver Lake area in the late 1860s and were attracted to the ample timber and access to steamboat traffic. Today Stewart is home to approximately 536 residents.

WINSTED

Originally known as Lake Eleanor, Winsted was settled in 1846 by James Baird, a fur trader and trapper. The community was platted in 1857 by Eli F. Lewis and Winsted grew slowly. A sawmill was established in 1866 and Winsted was incorporated in 1887. Today Winsted is home to approximately 1,045 residents.



Parks & Recreation

BUFFALO CREEK PARK

Dairy Ave. | Plato

Located on 46 acres, Buffalo Creek Park features a picnic shelter, grills, nature trail and cross-country ski trails, duck pond, fishing pier and playground equipment. Buffalo Creek Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. For reservations, call (320) 587-0770.

LAKE MARION REGIONAL PARK

Hwy. 15 | Hutchinson

Located on 86 acres, Lake Marion Park features a campground, picnic shelters, wooded hiking trail and cross-country ski trails, boat launch, swimming beach, fishing pier and playground equipment. Lake Marion Regional Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. Overnight stays at the camp-

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LAKE MARION REGIONAL PARK CONTD.

ground are \$22 with electric hook-up or \$15 without. One week's stay with electric is \$116 and \$79 without. One month's stay with electric is \$400 and \$270 without. For more than four people, an additional \$1 per person per day is required. For reservations, call (320) 328-4479.

PIEPENBURG REGIONAL PARK

County Rd. 73 | Hutchinson

Located on 156 acres near Belle Lake, Piepenburg Regional Park features a campground, picnic shelters, hiking trail and cross-country ski trails, boat launch, swimming beach, fishing pier and playground equipment. Piepenburg Regional Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. Overnight stays at the campground are \$22 with electric hook-up or \$15 without. One week's stay with electric is \$116 and \$79 without. One month's stay with electric is \$400 and \$270 without. For more than four people, an additional \$1 per person per day is required. For camping reservations, call (320) 328-4479.

STAHL'S LAKE PARK

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Located on 127 acres near Stahl's Lake, Stahl's Lake Park features a picnic shelter, grills, nature trail and cross-country ski trails, duck pond, boat canal and a tree nursery. Stahl's Lake Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. For reservations, call (320) 587-0770.

SWAN LAKE PARK

County Rd. 16 | Hutchinson

Located on 82.5 acres, Swan Lake Park features a picnic shelter, grills, nature trail and cross-country ski trails, duck pond and fishing pier. Swan Lake Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. For reservations, call (320) 587-0770.

WILLIAM MAY PARK

Zion Ave. | Winsted

Located 70 acres of forest, William May Park features a picnic shelter and grills. William May Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. For reservations, call (320) 587-0770.



Local Area Attractions

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35 Washington Ave. E | Hutchinson | (320) 587-0999

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

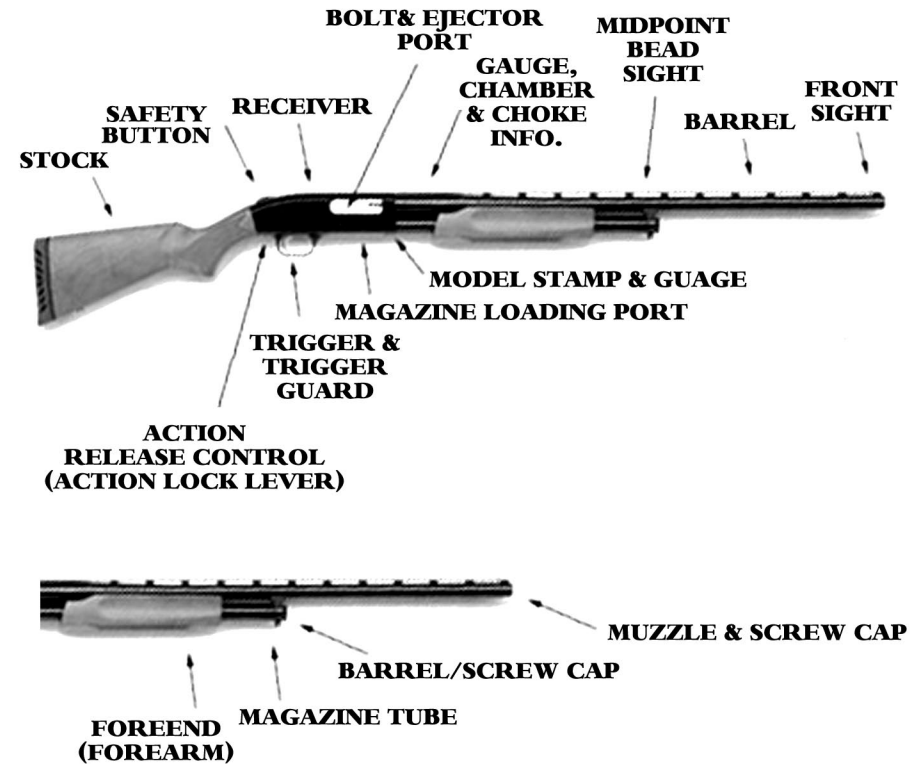
OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(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.

Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/10 - 02/27/11

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/01/10 - 02/27/11; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/15/10 - 02/27/11; 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;

04/16/11 - 09/14/11

(All Zones) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

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

MUSKELLUNGE

06/05/11 - 12/01/11

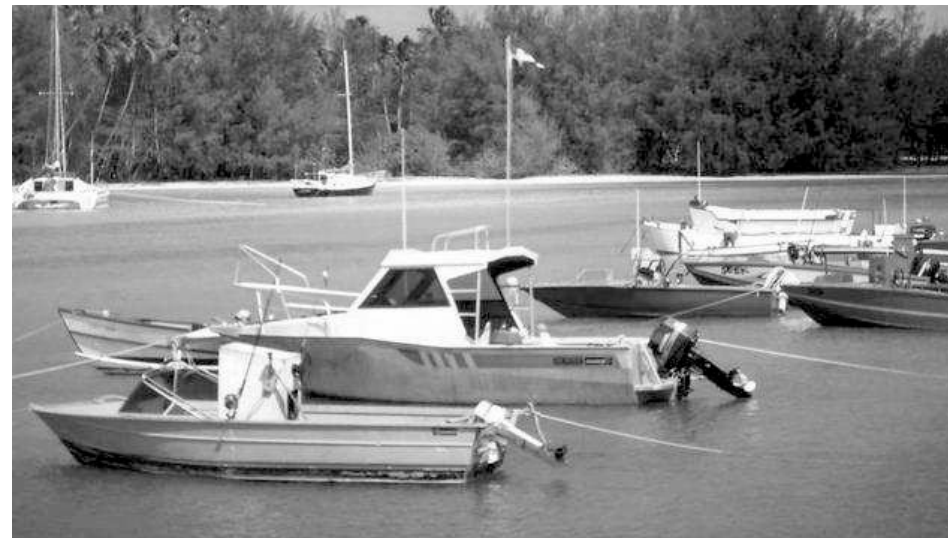
TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND

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

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/07/11 - 05/08/11

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Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

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

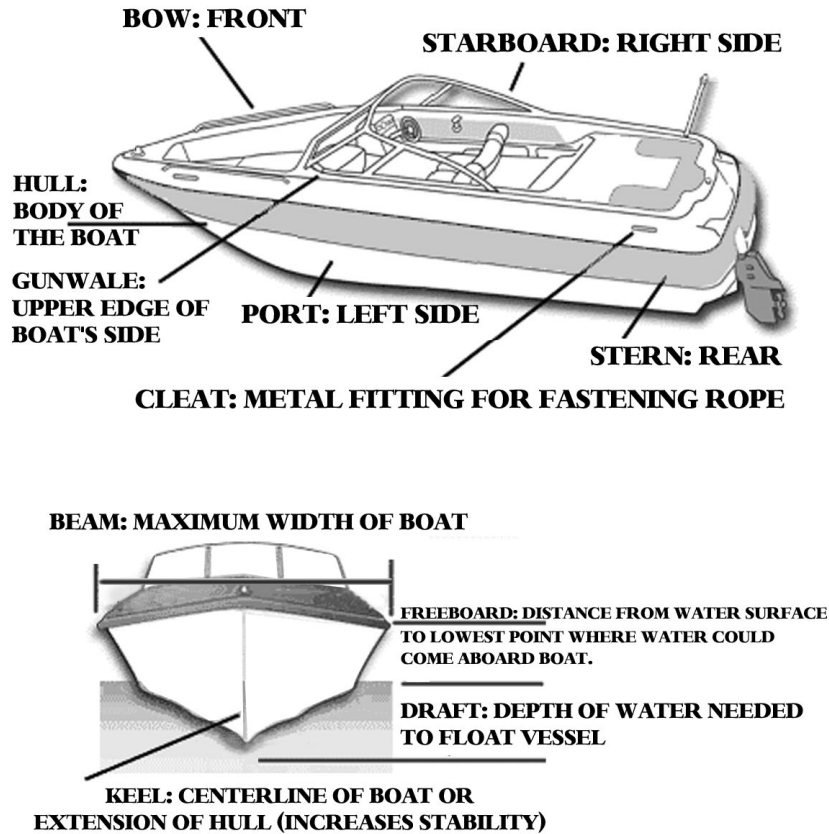
- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.
- Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.
- Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.
- In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.
- Turn boat at slow rates of speed.
- Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.
- Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Common Fish Species

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

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.

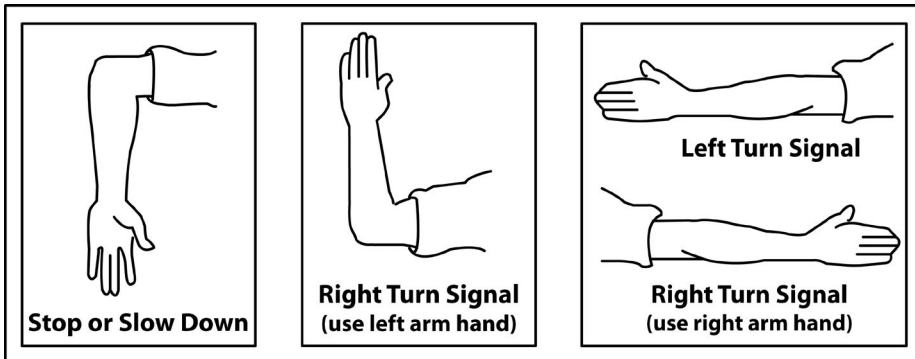
ATV Safety

- 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.

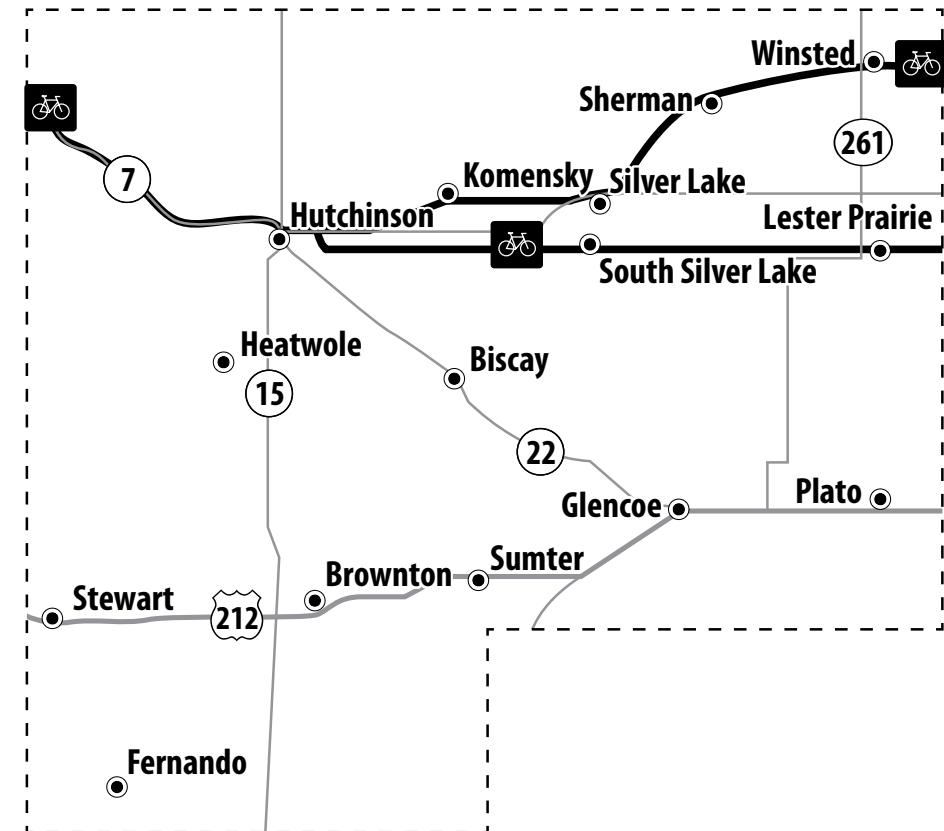


Bicycle Safety

- 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.



McLeod County Bicycle Trails



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.

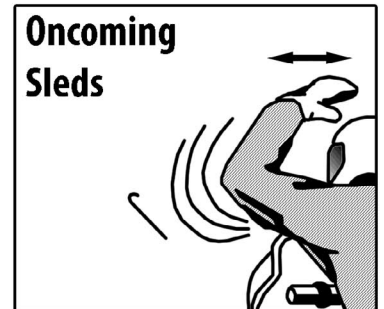
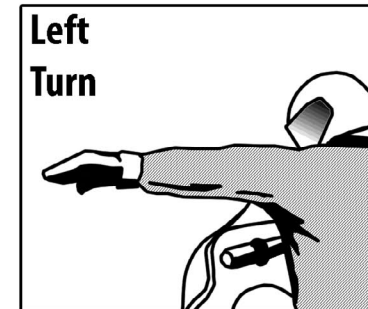
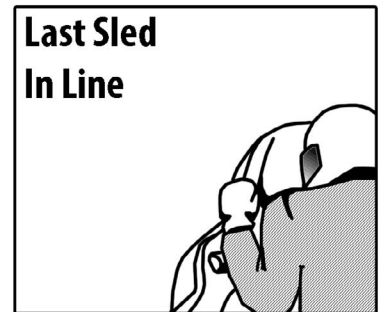
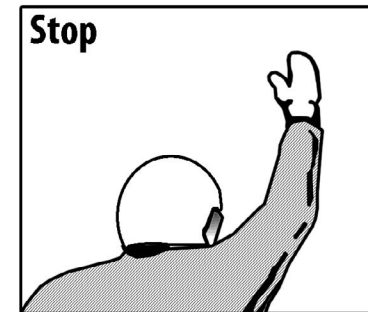
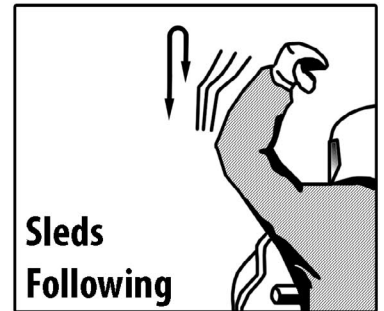
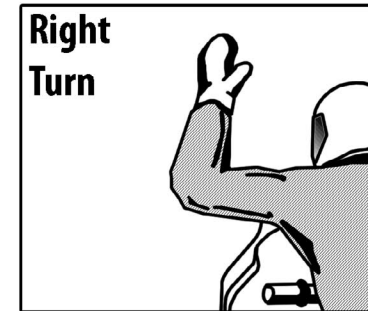
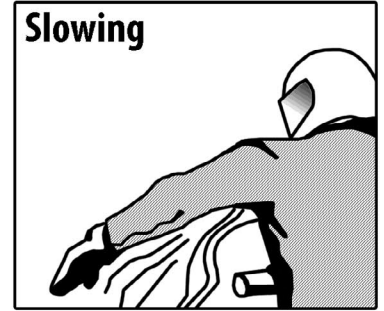
Common Trail Signs



Snowmobile Safety

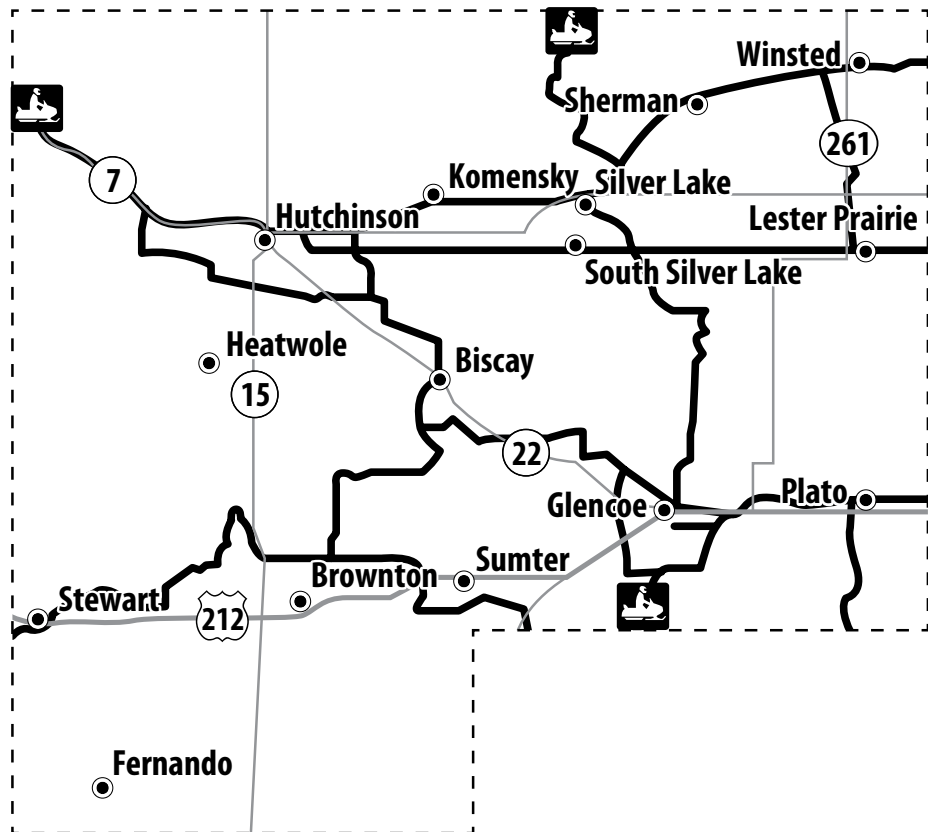
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

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





McLeod County Snowmobile Trails



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Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

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

FLASHLIGHTS

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

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

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

LIST OF VALUABLES

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

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



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

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



FIRES

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

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

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

Airway:

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

Breathing:

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

Circulation:

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

HEART ATTACK

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

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

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

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

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

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

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

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

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

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

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

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

CHOKING

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

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

CALL 911.

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

Loosen tight clothing.

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

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

POISON PREVENTION

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

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

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

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

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

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