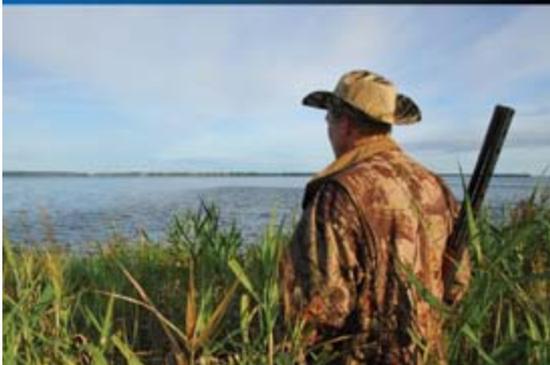




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FEBRUARY

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Ice Race Weekend | Garrison
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Palisade Mid-Winter Festival
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Tournament | Garrison

MARCH

Commerce and Sports Show | Aitkin
Wine & Canvas | Isle
1st Annual Wahkon Inn Northern &
Perch Contest | Wahkon

APRIL

Lake Mille Lacs Area Job/Career Fair | Onamia
Spring Fling | Deerwood
Easter Egg Hunt | Hill City
Hill City Fire Department Fish Fry | Hill City
Bronzeback Blow Out Fundraiser | Isle

MAY

Area Wide Garage Sales | Hill City
Pow Wow & Arts & Craft Show | Onamia
2016 Governor's Fishing Opener | McGregor

JUNE

Foley Fun Days
Military Personnel Fishing Tournament | Isle
Wave Wacker Fishing Tournament | Isle
Family Fun Day | McGregor
McGregor Area Fishing Tournament
Gateway to the Northland Parade | Milaca
Big Give | Onamia
Onamia Days
Recreation Day | Onamia
Miss Princeton Pageant
Rum River Festival | Princeton

JULY

Aitkin County Fair | Aitkin
Riverboat Heritage Days | Aitkin
Crosby - Ironton 4th of July Celebration
Art in the Park | Hill City
Friends of Don Sather 5K Event | McGregor
Mille Lacs Band Annual Pow Wow | Onamia
4th of July Fireworks | Pease
Pork Chop Dinner & Fireworks | Princeton
Isle Days Celebration | Isle
Garrison Play Days | Garrison

AUGUST

Summer Fest | Deerwood
Fly-In/Drive-In | Milaca
Mille Lacs Lake Toy Harley Run | Onamia
Mille Lacs County Fair | Princeton
Riverboat Days | Aitkin
Wahkon Days | Wahkon

SEPTEMBER

Festival of Adventures | Aitkin
Mud River Music Fest | Aitkin
Wild Rice Days | McGregor
Chili Fest | Princeton
Wahkon Area Autumn Fest

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest | Aitkin, Deerwood
Halloween Haunted House | Hill City
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Treasurer	983-8304
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In 1855 the Mille Lacs Lake Indian Reservation was established by treaty that set aside 61,000 acres for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Within two years, Mille Lacs County was established from parts of Benton and Isanti Counties and townships were organized in 1858. The name Mille Lacs is French for “thousand lakes,” and the community of Milaca was selected as the county seat. As the railroad was constructed the area began to develop and settlers began to arrive to stake land claims. In 1900 the population of Mille Lacs County had reached 8,066 and the area continued to grow with the development of highways and businesses. Mille Lacs Lake, spanning over 200 square miles, has since become a popular destination for recreational enthusiasts as it is the second largest lake in Minnesota. Today Mille Lacs County is home to approximately 26,383 residents.

BOCK – pop. 110

FORESTON – pop. 539

ISLE – pop. 909

MILACA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,003

ONAMIA – pop. 907

PEASE – pop. 198

PRINCETON – pop. 4,763

WAHKON – pop. 209

**Populations are approximate.*

BOCK

Located in Borgholm Township, Bock was first known as Tosca. The community was established by the Great Northern Railway Company in the late 1800s and Tosca was renamed Bock in honor of the Bock brothers from New Ulm who had constructed a mill. A post office was founded in 1892 with Coleman Bridgeman serving as the area’s first postmaster. In 1923 Bock was incorporated as a village and the area has continued to thrive. Today Bock is home to approximately 110 residents.

FORESTON

Foreston was founded as a lumber town and the community was first named Bridgeman in 1882. A post office was established with Coleman Bridgeman serving as the first postmaster. The town was then renamed Foreston after the dense hardwoods found throughout the area and the community was incorporated as a village in 1889. Today Foreston is home to approximately 539 residents.

ISLE

Isle was settled in 1891 as a port on Mille Lacs Lake and the community was named due to its close proximity to Malone Island. In 1894 Charley Malone established a general store and hotel, attracting new residents to the area. In 1896 Malone served as Isle’s first postmaster and in 1913 as the community’s first mayor. Churches and schools were constructed and the area continued to develop. Today Isle is home to approximately 909 residents.

MILACA (COUNTY SEAT)

Milaca was first settled in the 1880s as a logging community and the area was originally recognized as Oak City. Streets were platted in 1892 and the first post office was established in 1883. Its name is derived from Mille Lacs Lake and Milaca was incorporated in 1897. The community was selected as the county seat in 1920 and has continued to grow. Today Milaca is home to approximately 3,003 residents.

ONAMIA

Onamia was established by the Great Northern Railway Company in the late 1880s and its name was derived from nearby Lake Onamia. A post office was founded in 1898 and streets were platted by Oscar E. Garrison in 1901. In 1908 Onamia was incorporated as a village and the community has continued to thrive. Today Onamia is home to approximately 907 residents.

PEASE

Located in Milo Township, Pease was settled in 1894. A hotel and sawmills were then constructed and the area continued to develop upon the arrival of the railroad in 1886. The community was incorporated as a village in 1923 and has continued to grow. Today Pease is home to approximately 198 residents.

PRINCETON

Princeton was first settled in 1854 and named after John S. Prince, a St. Paul resident who assisted with platting the community's streets in 1855. A post office was established in 1867 and Princeton was incorporated as a village in 1877. As the railroad was constructed businesses were established including a potato factory and brickmaking plant. Princeton was selected as the original county seat where it remained until 1920 when it was moved to Milaca. Today Princeton is home to approximately 4,763 residents.

WAHKON

Tucked along Mille Lacs Lake's South Shore, Wahkon was the earliest settlement in the Mille Lacs Lake area, beginning its history in 1885. It was platted on the southeast shore of Mille Lacs Lake by the Soo Railroad Company near the site of the old town of Lawrence, once an American Indian trading post.

Robert and Ben Briggs built a log cabin near the old site of the Soo Line Depot, acted as land surveyors and located men on claims as families began moving into the area. In 1907, with the coming of the railroad, the Wahkon town site was set up and in 1912 it was incorporated as a village.

Wahkon was a typical "boom town" of the early days with American Indians, lumberjacks, ox and horse teams filling the town's streets. The town became a rail terminal and the docking point for large logging company steamers that transported logs from all points around the lake.

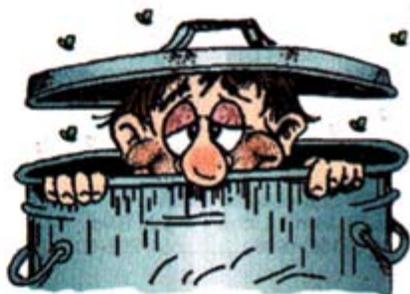
Mille Lacs and Aitkin County Trivia

- Aitkin County is named after William Alexander Aitken, an American Fur Company fur trader.
- Princeton is named after John S. Prince, a lumber manufacturer who founded a saw mill in the area for its abundance of white pine trees.
- Mille Lacs' name comes from the French translation of the Ojibwe's "Country of All Sorts of Lake." The French named the area "La Region de Mille Lacs," or "Region of a Thousand Lakes."
- Isle City and Isle Harbor Township are named for Malone Island (or "The Big Island" in Ojibwe), Mille Lacs Lake's largest island, which shelters the area from storms.
- Established in 1885, Wahkon was the earliest settlement in the Mille Lacs Lake area.
- Judy Garland, a singer and the actress who played Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," performed in Aitkin as a child.
- Jean Keene, known as the Eagle Lady, was born in Aitkin. Keene regularly fed hundreds of bald eagles with barrels and garbage cans full of fish.
- Rich clay deposits and accessible trains made Princeton one of Minnesota's largest brick manufacturing towns in the twentieth century. Princeton's brick industry, known as Brickton, produced over four million bricks per year.
- Princeton is home to the Federal Aviation Administration, which provides all Minnesotan pilots with flight plans and weather information.
- Rum River was named Spirit River in Dakota, and re-interpreted as "Rum" River by the French.

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AITKIN (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,948

HILL CITY – pop. 610

MCGRATH – pop. 63

MCGREGOR – pop. 378

PALISADE – pop. 108

TAMARACK – pop. 54

**Populations are approximate.*

AITKIN (COUNTY SEAT)

Aitkin was settled in 1870 as a railway station on the Great Northern Railway. The first settler was Nathaniel Tibbetts who arrived to the area in 1871 to stake land claims. Aitkin was then organized and named in honor of local fur trader William Alexander Aitkin. The community was selected as the county seat and a post office was established in 1872 with Tibbetts serving as the first postmaster. Aitkin was incorporated as a village in 1889 and has continued to develop. It is now recognized for its annual World Famous Fish House Parade showcasing fish houses from around the area. Today Aitkin is home to approximately 1,948 residents.

HILL CITY

Originally home to loggers, Hill City was settled in 1900 and platted by the Hill City Realty Company. Early industry included manufacturing, lumbering and agriculture and a variety of businesses and hotels were established to meet the growing needs of the community. A post office was founded in 1901 and Hill City was incorporated as a village in 1911. Hill City's proximity to Hill Lake has made this area a popular destination for recreational enthusiasts and the community has continued to grow. Today Hill City is home to approximately 610 residents.

MCGRATH

Located in Williams Township, McGrath was settled in 1895 by loggers and first recognized as Elmwood. In 1907 James McGrath, a local lumberman, donated 40 acres for a village site and the community was renamed in his honor. In 1908 a post office was established and businesses soon followed. Today McGrath is home to approximately 63 residents.

MCGREGOR

McGregor was settled in the late 1880s as a railway village along the Soo Line Trail. In 1890 a post office was established and the community began to grow. Businesses were established and McGregor was incorporated as a village in 1903. Today McGregor is home to approximately 378 residents.

PALISADE

Located in Logan Township, Palisade was named by the Soo Line Railroad due to the tall ridge of the Mississippi River. A post office was established in 1910 and the area began to grow with the development of businesses. Today Palisade is home to approximately 108 residents.

TAMARACK

Settled in 1874, Tamarack began as a railway village and its first post office was established in 1898. Its name is derived from the tamarack trees cleared for tracks by the Great Northern Railway Company throughout the area. Tamarack was incorporated as a village in 1921 and has continued to thrive. Today Tamarack is home to approximately 54 residents.

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Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Winter Energy Saving Techniques

Windows

- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.
- You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Air Leaks and Insulation

- Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Check your attics insulation. Depending on what climate you live in there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace - Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace - Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

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Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season 09/17/16 - 02/28/17	Spring Turkey "D" season 05/04/16 - 05/10/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (South) Hunting & Trapping 10/24/15 - 03/15/16	Spring Turkey "E" season 05/11/16 - 05/17/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (South) Hunting & Trapping 10/22/16 - 03/15/17	Spring Turkey "F" season 05/18/16 - 05/31/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (North) Hunting & Trapping 10/17/15 - 03/15/16	Fall Turkey season 10/01/16 - 10/30/16
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (North) Hunting & Trapping 10/15/16 - 03/15/17	Bear Hunt Lottery Deadline 05/06/16
Crow Hunting (1st season) 01/01/16 - 01/15/16	Bear Baiting start date 08/12/16
Crow Hunting (2nd season) 03/01/16 - 03/31/16	Bear season 09/01/16 - 10/15/16
Crow Hunting (3rd season) 09/01/16 - 10/31/16	Elk Hunt Lottery Deadline 06/17/16
Crow Hunting (4th season) 12/15/16 - 12/31/16	Snipe and Rail Hunting season 09/01/16 - 11/07/16
Spring Turkey Hunt Lottery Deadline 01/22/16	Mourning Dove season 09/01/16 - 11/09/16
Spring Turkey "A" season 04/13/16 - 04/19/16	Early Canada Goose season 09/03/16 - 09/22/16
Spring Turkey "B" season 04/20/16 - 04/26/16	Pheasant season 10/15/16 - 01/01/17

Youth Waterfowl Day-Tentative 09/10/16	Deer Hunt - Muzzleloader season 11/26/16 - 12/11/16
Waterfowl season opener-Tentative 09/24/16	Fisher and Pine Marten-north of I-94 and US Hwy 10 only 11/26/16 - 11/30/16
Sandhill Crane season-NW zone-Tentative 09/10/16 - 10/16/16	Bobcat - Hunting & Trapping-north of I-94 and US Hwy 10 only 11/26/16 - 01/08/17
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, Hungarian Partridge season 09/17/16 - 01/01/17	Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone 10/24/15 - 05/15/16
Sharptailed Grouse season 09/17/16 - 11/30/16	Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone 10/29/16 - 05/15/16
Woodcock season 09/24/16 - 11/07/16	Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone 10/31/15 - 05/15/16
Prairie Chicken Hunt Lottery Deadline 08/19/16	Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone 10/29/16 - 05/15/17
Prairie Chicken season 09/24/16 - 10/02/16	Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - north zone 10/24/15 - 02/29/16
Take-a-Kid Hunting weekend 09/24/16 - 09/25/16	Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - north zone 10/29/16 - 02/28/17
Antlerless Deer and Special Hunt Lottery Deadline 09/08/16	Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat-south zone 10/31/15 - 02/29/16
Deer Hunt - Special Youth Deer season 10/20/16 - 10/23/16	Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat-south zone 10/29/16 - 02/28/17
Deer Hunt - Archery season 09/17/16 - 12/31/16	Furbearer Trapping - Otter - north zone 10/29/16 - 01/08/17
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 1A 11/05/16 - 11/20/16	Furbearer Trapping - Otter - south zone 10/29/16 - 01/08/17
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 2A and 3A 11/05/16 - 11/13/16	
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 3B 11/19/16 - 11/27/16	

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 646-6367
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Bowfishing - 2016 season
04/30/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth Bass - 2016 Season -South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/28/16 - 09/11/16

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2016 season -North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/14/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2016 early Catch and Release season Only -South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
05/14/16 - 05/27/16

Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County
05/23/15 - 02/28/16

Largemouth Bass - 2016 season -South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County
05/28/16 - 02/26/17

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Catch and Release season only (statewide)
09/14/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth Bass - 2016 Catch and Release season only (statewide)
09/12/16 - 02/26/17

Stream Trout (Winter) SE - 2016 season Catch and Release season only
01/01/16 - 04/15/16

Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2016 season Catch and Release season only
09/15/16 - 10/15/16

Stream Trout in streams SE - 2016 season
04/16/16 - 09/14/16

Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2016 season
04/16/16 - 09/30/16

Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (entirely within the BWCA)-2016 season
01/01/16 - 03/31/16

Lake and Stream Trout - Winter (outside or partly outside the BWCA) - 2016 season
01/16/16 - 03/31/16

Lake Trout (summer) - 2016 season
05/14/16 - 09/30/16

Take-a-Mom fishing weekend
05/07/16 - 05/08/15

Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2015 season
05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2016 season
05/14/16 - 02/26/17

Take-a-Kid fishing weekend
06/03/16 - 06/05/16

Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2016 season
06/04/16 - 12/01/16

Ice houses must be off the ice each night unless attended south of Hwy 10, Hwy 34, Hwy 200 and Hwy 2
03/07/16

Ice houses must be off the ice each night unless attended north of Hwy 10, Hwy 34, Hwy 200 and Hwy 2
03/21/16

Dark House Sparring-2015 season
11/15/15 - 02/28/16

Dark House Sparring-2016 season
11/15/16 - 02/26/17
Sucker Sparring - 2015 season
04/25/15 - 02/28/16

Sucker Sparring - 2016 season
04/30/16 - 02/26/17

Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Sparring - 2015 season
04/25/15 - 02/14/16

Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Sparring - 2016 season
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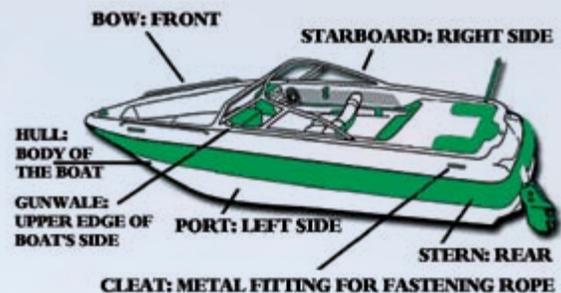
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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 GUN WALE, 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.

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 OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



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.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



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.

Know Your ATV





Drink lots of Water!

- 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.

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

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/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

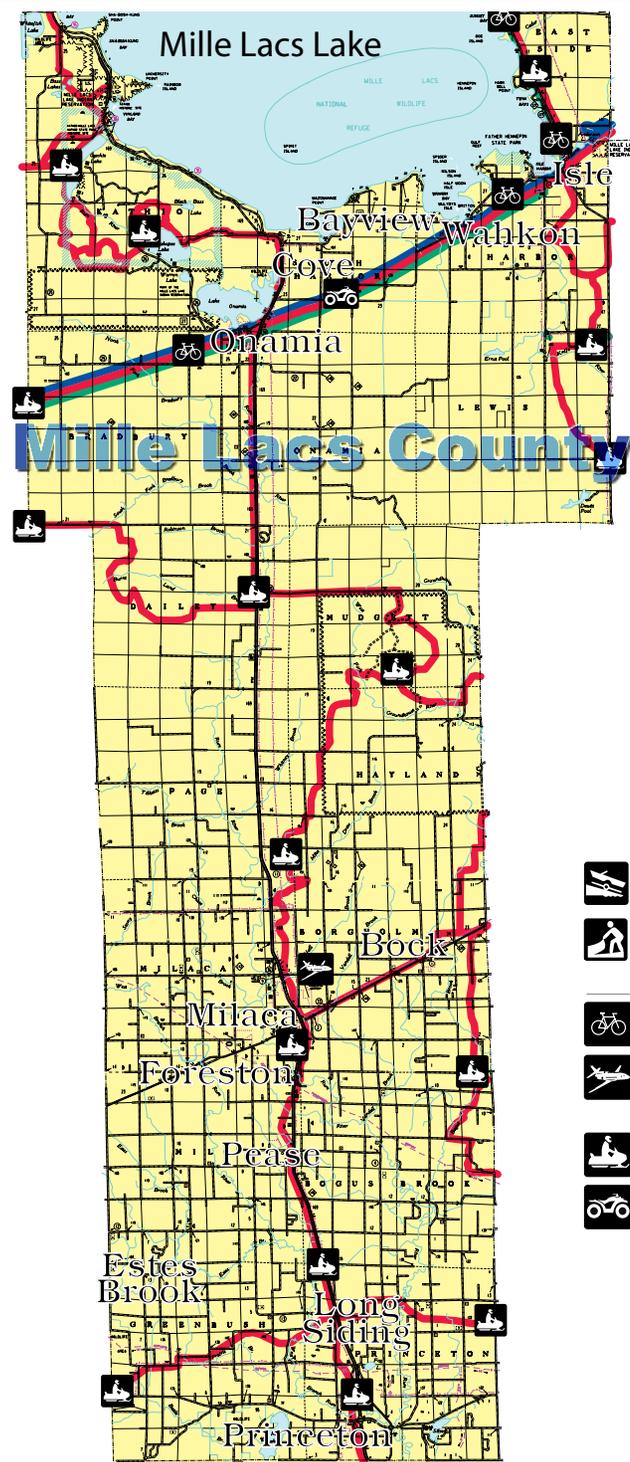
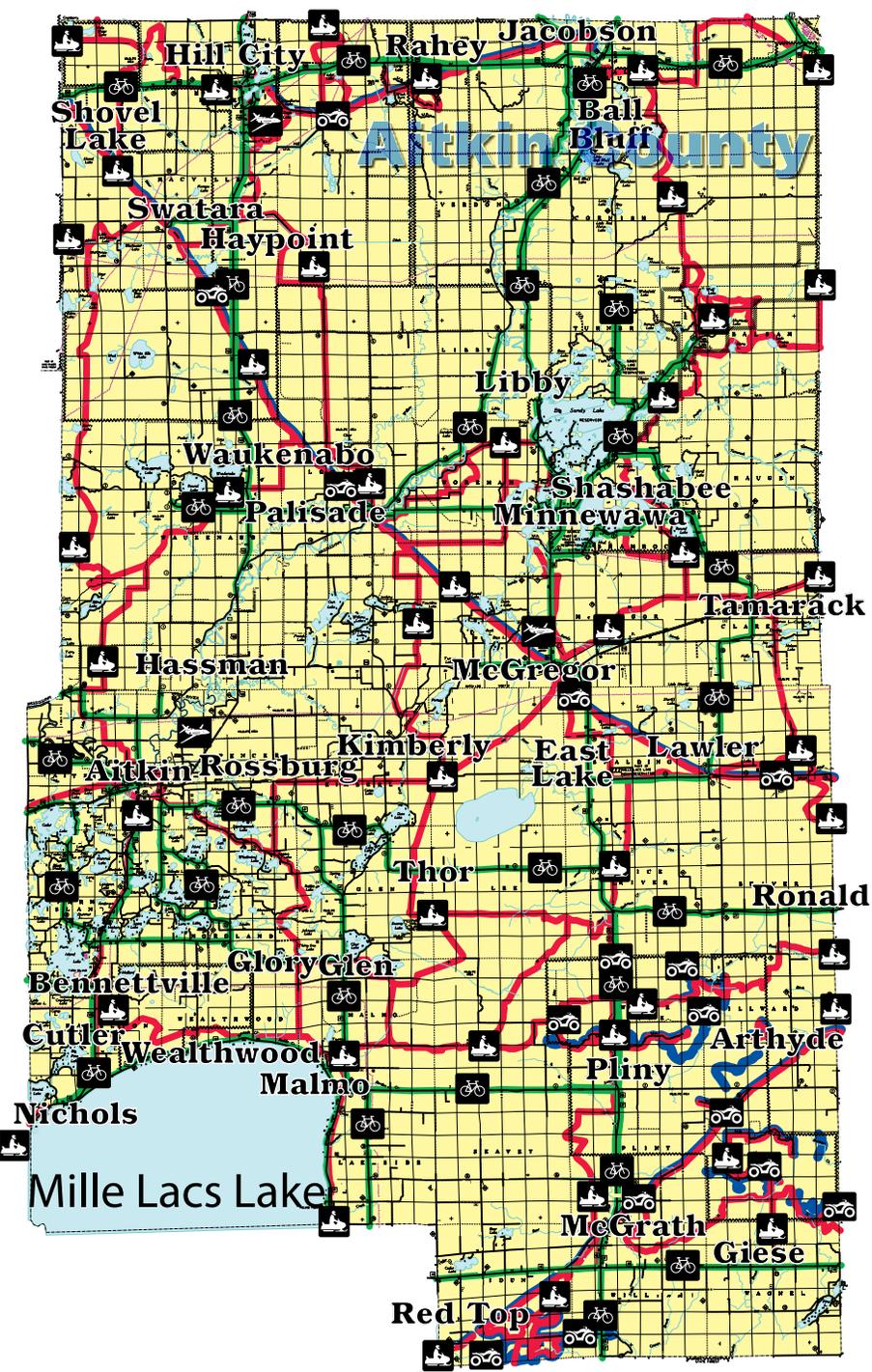
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy 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.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

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PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



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:

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 anti-freeze/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.



SAFETY 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 sun-screen 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.



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