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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Winter Fete | Bloomington
Arctic Fever | Excelsior, Shorewood & Tonka Bay
Art Shanty Festival | Medicine Lake
Healthy Life Expo | Minneapolis
Twins Fest | Minneapolis
Winter Bicycle Pub Crawl | Minneapolis
Lions Club Snoball Open | Orono

FEBRUARY

Carnaval Brasileiro | Minneapolis
City of the Lakes Loppet | Minneapolis
Kids' Fest | Minnetonka
Fire & Ice Festival | Plymouth
Chilly Open | Wayzata

MARCH

Mad Hatter's Ball | Excelsior
Harvest Moon Member Potluck | Long Lake
Home Improvement & Design Expo | Maple Grove
Eco-Fair | Minnetonka

APRIL

Arbor Day | Deephaven
Longevity Expo | Maple Grove
Minneapolis Recycle Run 5K
Earth Day at the Midtown Global Market | Minneapolis
Easter Egg Hunt at the Parks | Minneapolis
Minicon | Minneapolis
Twin Cities International Film Festival | Minneapolis
Spring Time Art Celebration | Plymouth

MAY

Bike Rodeo | Crystal
Memorial Day Parade | Excelsior
Golden Valley Days Art & Music Festival
HCA Members' Spring Show | Hopkins
Main Street Days | Hopkins
Arbor Day Festival | Maple Grove
May Day Festival & Parade | Minneapolis
Craft Beer Bicycle Pub Crawl | Minneapolis
Trista Day | Minnetrista
Wayzata Art Experience

Arts in the Park | Bloomington
Earle Brown Days Festival | Brooklyn Center
Tater Daze | Brooklyn Park
Father Hennepin Festival | Champlin
Hennepin County Fair | Corcoran
Edina Art Fair
Art on the Lake | Excelsior
HCA Members' Spring Show | Hopkins
SummerFest | Long Lake
Maple Grove Days
Pride Rainbow Run | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Pride Festival | Minneapolis
Heart Beat 5000 5K Run & Walk | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Improv Festival | Minneapolis
Svenskarnas Dag Swedish Heritage Day | Minneapolis
Northern Spark Festival | Minneapolis
Nature Valley Bike Festival | Minneapolis
Stone Arch Bridge Festival | Minneapolis
Minnetonka Summer Fest
Burwell Art Fair | Minnetonka
Marching Band Festival | Osseo
Wayzata Art Experience

JULY

4th of July Celebration | throughout Hennepin County
Air Expo | Eden Prairie
Crazy Days Fair & Festival | Excelsior
Hopkins Arts Festival
Maple Grove Days & Art Fair
Life Time Minneapolis Triathlon
Minneapolis Aquatennial Festival
Twin Cities Carifest | Minneapolis
Groundbreaker Battle Festival | Minneapolis
Norway Day | Minneapolis
HFA Run for Blood 1/4 Marathon & 5K | Minneapolis
Basilica Block Party | Minneapolis
Midwest Tomato Fest | Minneapolis
Red, White & Boom | Minneapolis
Roots, Rock & Deep-Blues Festival | Minneapolis
Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival | Minneapolis
Sommerfest | Minneapolis
Lake Minnetonka Celebration
Celebration of Agates | Minnetonka
Spirit of the Lakes Festival | Mound
Duk Duk Daze | New Hope
Ride for Home | St. Louis Park
Habitat 500 Bike Ride | St. Louis Park

AUGUST

Twin Cities Beer Fest | Bloomington
Antique Car Run | Crystal
Deephaven Days & Triathlon
Tour de Tonka Miles of Smiles |
Excelsior & Minnetonka
Twin City Polo Classic | Independence
Corn Days | Long Lake
Joint Jaunt 5K & 10K | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Polish Festival | Minneapolis
Powderhorn Art Fair | Minneapolis
Uptown Art Fair | Minneapolis
Homegrown Experience | Minneapolis
Bike & Bite | Minneapolis
Loring Park Art Festival | Minneapolis
Minnesota Fringe Festival | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Lung Run & Walk | Minneapolis
St. Vincent de Paul Harvest Festival | Minneapolis
Water Ski Show | Plymouth
Urban Wildlife 1/2 Marathon & 5K | Richfield
Charity Golf Classic | Shorewood

SEPTEMBER

ScrapFest | Bloomington
River Rendezvous | Bloomington
Fall Arts, Crafts & Gift Show | Bloomington
Mud Factor Hardcore 5K Mud Run | Brooklyn Park
Fall Into the Arts Festival | Edina
Apple Days | Excelsior
Classic Boat Rendezvous | Excelsior
Taste of the Lakes | Excelsior & Minnetonka
Heritage Fest | Independence
Loretto Fun Fest
Maple Grove Autumn Arts Festival
Festival of Lights | Maple Plain
Bolder Dash 5K & 10K | Minneapolis
Fall into the Arts Show | Minneapolis
Dash for Dads 5K for Prostate Cancer | Minneapolis
Women Run the Cities 5K & 10 Mile | Minneapolis
American Pottery Festival | Minneapolis
Kramarczuk's Kielbasa Festival | Minneapolis
Nordic Roots Festival | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Pagan Pride | Minneapolis
Incredible Festival | Mound
Lupus Walk for Hope | Plymouth
Fire Department 5K Run & Walk | Plymouth
James J. Hill Celebration | Wayzata

OCTOBER

World's Largest Indoor Trick or Treat | Bloomington
Anime Fusion | Bloomington
Harvest Festival & Maze | Brooklyn Park
Fall on the Farm | Brooklyn Park
Halloween 1900 Style | Brooklyn Park
Oktoberfest Festival | Deephaven
Eden Prairie Lioness Art & Craft Show | Eden Prairie
Fall Craft & Gift Show | Maple Grove
Chicago Avenue Project | Minneapolis
Dream Mile 5K & 10K | Minneapolis
ACS Strides Against Breast Cancer | Minneapolis
Home Improvement & Design Expo | Minneapolis
Gaylaxicon | Minneapolis
Northtown Mall Fall Craft Show & Sale | Minneapolis
Home & Modern Living Show | Minneapolis
Healthy Life Expo | Minneapolis
Twin Cities Marathon | Minneapolis
Zombie Pub Crawl | Minneapolis
Ducks on Parade | Plymouth
Halloween on the Creek | Plymouth
Hald Haunted Halloween Celebration | Richfield

NOVEMBER

Boo Blast | Wayzata
Edina Craft Show & Sale
Blomington Fall Craft & Gift Show
Taste of Golden Valley
Home Improvement & Design Expo | Maple Grove
Medina Winter Craft & Gift Show
Harvest Jam Acoustic Music Experience | Minneapolis
Holiday Gift Show | Minneapolis
Christmas Gift Show | Minneapolis
Oak View Elementary Craft Show | Osseo
Spring Park Tree Lighting
Arts of the Holiday Show & Sale | Wayzata

DECEMBER

Holiday Lights Tour | Bloomington
Holiday Social | Brooklyn Center
Christmas Events & Community Show | Excelsior
Holidazzle Parade | Minneapolis
Old Fashioned Christmas | Plymouth
New Year's Eve Celebration | Plymouth
Candlelight & Ice | Richfield
Indoor Winter Farmers Market | Wayzata
Holiday Celebration | Wayzata

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

DEEPHAVEN

General Information	(952) 474-4755
Parks & Recreation	474-4755
Fire Department	960-1650
Police Department	474-7555

EXCELSIOR

General Information	(952) 474-5233
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Police Department	474-3261

GREENWOOD

General Information	(952) 474-6633
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Police Department	474-3261

INDEPENDENCE

General Information	(763) 479-0527
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Fire Department	479-0520
Police Department	479-0500

LONG LAKE

General Information	(952) 474-6633
Parks & Recreation	476-2855
Fire Department	473-9701
Police Department	249-4700

MAPLE PLAIN

General Information	(763) 479-0516
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Police Department	479-0500

MINNETONKA

General Information	(952) 939-8200
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Fire Department	939-8598
Police Department	939-8500

MINNETONKA BEACH

General Information	(952) 471-8878
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Fire Department	472-3555
Police Department	249-4700

MINNETRISTA

General Information	(952) 446-1660
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Police Department	446-1131

MOUND

General Information	(952) 472-0600
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Fire Department	472-3555
Police Department	472-0621

ORONO

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PLYMOUTH

General Information	(763) 509-5000
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Police Department	509-5160

SHOREWOOD

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Fire Department	474-5364
Police Department	474-3261

SPRING PARK

General Information	(952) 471-9051
Parks & Recreation	471-9051
Fire Department	472-3555
Police Department	472-0621

TONKA BAY

General Information	(952) 474-7994
Parks & Recreation	474-2947
Fire Department	960-1650
Police Department	474-3261

VICTORIA

General Information	(952) 443-4210
Parks & Recreation	443-4255
Fire Department	443-2771
Police Department	361-1231

WAYZATA

General Information	(952) 404-5300
Parks & Recreation	404-5337
Fire Department	960-1650
Police Department	404-5340

WOODLAND

General Information	(952) 474-4755
Parks & Recreation	474-4755
Fire Department	960-1650
Police Department	474-7555



The Minnetonka Lakes area was originally home to Dakota and Ojibwe Indians who considered the land as sacred. The region provided the tribes with excellent hunting grounds and ample fishing opportunities. After land treaties were signed in 1851, the Minnetonka Lakes area opened for settlement. Lake Minnetonka was named by Governor Alexander Ramsey, who combined the Indian words of “minne” and “tonka,” meaning big waters. Settlements were established along the shores and by 1853 a hotel was built. The area quickly became one of the most sought after vacation destinations and tourism dominated early industry. Steamboats were introduced in 1861 and streetcar lines were constructed in 1905, allowing for rapid growth. President William Howard Taft and Frank Lloyd Wright each had summer cottages near Lake Minnetonka in the early 1900s. The area housed the Big Island Amusement Park and later the Excelsior Amusement Park until 1973. In 1990 the Steamboat Minnehaha was brought from the depths of Lake Minnetonka and restored, offering visitors a glimpse of the ferry service that was once popular. Today the Minnetonka Lakes area is home to approximately 181,419 residents.

DEEPHAVEN – pop. 3,775
EXCELSIOR – pop. 2,291
GREENWOOD – pop. 812
INDEPENDENCE – pop. 3,546
LONG LAKE – pop. 1,795
MAPLE PLAIN – pop. 1,983
MINNETONKA – pop. 50,081
MINNETONKA BEACH – pop. 593
MINNETRISTA – pop. 5,960
MOUND – pop. 9,546

ORONO – pop. 7,732
PLYMOUTH – pop. 71,486
SHOREWOOD – pop. 7,426
SPRING PARK – pop. 1,852
TONKA BAY – pop. 1,545
VICTORIA – pop. 6,643
WAYZATA – pop. 3,884
WOODLAND – pop. 469

**Populations are approximate.*

DEEPHAVEN

Located near Lake Minnetonka, Deephaven was founded in the 1880s and named in honor of the excellent harbor. In 1882 the Minnetonka Yacht Club was established, which now boasts over 500 members. In 1895 the historic Cottagewood General Store was founded, which has since become a local landmark. Today Deephaven is home to approximately 3,775 residents.

EXCELSIOR

Founded by colonists from New York in 1853, the name Excelsior was derived from the short poem, “Excelsior,” written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. A streetcar line brought travelers from Lake Harriet in Minneapolis to the shores of Lake Minnetonka as the area was popular for day trips. The community originated as a vacation haven for Twin Cities residents and was home to the Excelsior Amusement Park from 1925 to 1973. Today Excelsior is home to approximately 2,291 residents.

GREENWOOD

Greenwood was settled in 1855 and officially organized in 1858. It was platted by Thomas A. Holmes and named after the lush woodlands found in the area. The historic Old Log Theater, Minnesota’s oldest professional theater established in 1940, is located here where audiences can still enjoy performances year-round. Today Greenwood is home to approximately 812 residents.

INDEPENDENCE

Independence was settled in 1845 and organized in 1858. Its name is derived from nearby Lake Independence, which was named in honor of its discovery on July 4th, 1854. Independence was incorporated in 1974 and currently houses the Twin Cities Polo Grounds. Today Independence is home to approximately 3,546 residents.

LONG LAKE

First recognized as Cumberland, Long Lake was settled in 1855 and renamed after the local lake. A post office was established in 1856 and by 1875, a hotel, flour mill, general store and social hall were constructed. In 1898 the Minnesota Fruit Growers Association was founded, which promoted local raspberry and strawberry growth. Today Long Lake is home to approximately 1,795 residents.

MAPLE PLAIN

Settled in 1854 near Lake Independence, Maple Plain was named after the numerous sugar maple trees found throughout the area. In 1868 the railroad arrived and a post office was built in 1871. As early local farmers experienced crop failures, many harvested ginseng and shipped it to markets in China as it was plentiful throughout the Maple Plain area. Today Maple Plain is home to approximately 1,983 residents.

MINNETONKA

Minnetonka was first settled by Simon Stephens and Calvin Tuttle along Minnehaha Creek in 1852. Pioneers were attracted to the lush forests and ample water power, and a mill was established. Factories were then built and the area was one of the largest commercial centers in Hennepin County at the time. The community was named after the nearby lake and soon was a popular summer vacation spot. In 1960 the population of Minnetonka reached 25,000 and in 1968 the city was incorporated. Today Minnetonka is home to approximately 50,081 residents.

MINNETONKA BEACH

Minnetonka Beach was settled in 1872 and in 1883, streets were platted and the community was named. It was the site of the Old Hotel Lafayette in 1882 which made the area a popular summer resort destination. As roads were constructed in 1887, Minnetonka Beach continued to develop and was incorporated by 1894. Today Minnetonka Beach is home to approximately 593 residents.

MINNETRISTA

First recognized as German Home, Minnetrista was first settled in 1854 and organized in 1859. The community was renamed Minnetrista, a Dakota word meaning crooked waters. The Yellowstone Trail, one of the first transcontinental auto routes in America, passed through the community in the early 1900s, which attracted many new residents. In 1959 Minnetrista was incorporated as a village, and as a city in 1974. Today Minnetrista is home to approximately 5,960 residents.

MOUND

Named after Indian mounds found throughout the area, Mound began as a resort community with summer homes located along the shores. As rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow and permanent residences replaced vacation homes. In 1946 Mound Metalcraft was established, which produced the famous Tonka toy trucks. Today Mound is home to approximately 9,546 residents.

ORONO

The Orono area was first settled by Henry A. Brackett, who named the area Orono Point, in honor of an Indian chief. The community was established in 1889 from the southern half of Medina and had a population of 600 by 1900. In 1955 Orono was incorporated and has continued to grow. Today Orono is home to approximately 7,732 residents.

PLYMOUTH

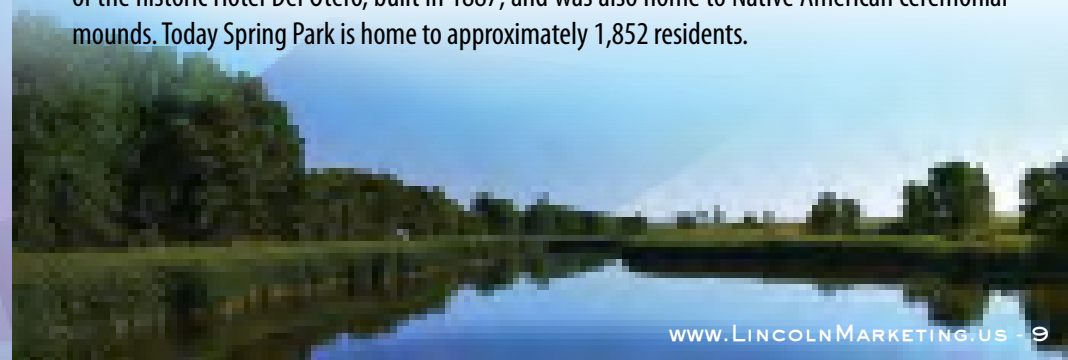
Plymouth was first settled by Antoine LeCounte in 1852 and the community was organized and named in 1858. By 1863 Plymouth was home to schools, churches, hotels and a post office. Its population reached 1,074 by 1880 and as roads were built, Plymouth grew dramatically as transportation improved. Today Plymouth is home to approximately 71,486 residents.

SHOREWOOD

Once part of Excelsior Township, Shorewood was settled in 1853. Named after the ample woodland along the shores of Lake Minnetonka, Shorewood originated as a logging community. It was incorporated in 1956 by local residents to avoid annexation from nearby communities. Today Shorewood is home to approximately 7,426 residents.

SPRING PARK

Settled in 1850, Spring Park was named after the medicinal springs found in the area. Streets were platted in 1880 and the community was a popular resort area for residents of the Twin Cities, which housed a top of the line baseball park, dance pavilion and playground. It was the site of the historic Hotel Del Otero, built in 1887, and was also home to Native American ceremonial mounds. Today Spring Park is home to approximately 1,852 residents.



TONKA BAY

Tonka Bay was first settled in 1853 by Peter Gideon and Stephen Hull. The Lake Park Hotel was built in 1879 and the area attracted many summer visitors. Tonka Bay was incorporated in 1901 and as permanent homes were built, schools and churches were established. Today Tonka Bay is home to approximately 1,545 residents.

VICTORIA

Victoria was first settled in 1852 and in 1856 the name Victoria was chosen to settle disagreements between families on Lake Bavaria. Families on the north side of the lake donated 30 acres for a church and the families on the south side named the church St. Victoria. The fertile soil attracted settlers from Germany, Holland and Switzerland. Farmers grew a variety of crops from wheat, berries, potatoes, carrots, corn to cabbage. The arrival of the railroad in 1882 drew even more settlers. Today Victoria is home to approximately 6,643 residents.

WAYZATA

Settled in 1852, Wayzata was platted in 1854 and incorporated in 1884. The name Wayzata is derived from the Dakota word, "Wazyata," meaning at the pines, the north. The area began as a summer retreat, as tourists were attracted to the pristine landscape of Lake Minnetonka. The historic Lady of the Lake steamer carried passengers across Lake Minnetonka and the Wayzata dock once boasted over 90 various steamboats. Today Wayzata is home to approximately 3,884 residents.

WOODLAND

Originally home to the Native American landmark Spirit Knob, Woodland was settled in 1855 and organized in 1858. The area first consisted of the village of Maplewoods and the Groveland Homeowners Association, which sought to improve the land. The area remained a summer community until 1882 when permanent residences replaced summer cottages. In 1948 Maplewoods residents united with the Groveland Homeowners Association to incorporate the city of Woodland, its name a combination of both areas. Today Woodland is home to approximately 469 residents.

BASS LAKE

Location: Plymouth
Size: 175 acres
Access: East shore off Bass Lake Rd.
Maximum Depth: 33 ft.

CHRISTMAS LAKE

Location: Excelsior
Size: 256 acres
Access: Northwest shore off State Hwy. 7
Maximum Depth: 87 ft.

LAKE INDEPENDENCE

Location: Maple Plain
Size: 845 acres
Access: East shore off Co. Rd. 19
Maximum Depth: 58 ft.

LAKE MINNETONKA

Location: Wayzata
Size: 14,005 acres
Access: Multiple access points around lake including Northeast corner off Co. Rd. 101 at Wayzata Bay, North shore off N Shore Dr. at Crystal Bay, West shore off Co. Rd. 110 at Cooks Bay
Maximum Depth: 133 ft.

LONG LAKE

Location: Long Lake
Size: 262 acres
Access: West shore off US Hwy. 12
Maximum Depth: 35 ft.

MEDICINE LAKE

Location: Plymouth
Size: 887 acres
Access: Northwest shore off Co. Rd. 4
Maximum Depth: 52 ft.

SAUNDERS LAKE

Location: Mound
Size: 71 acres
Access: NA
Maximum Depth: 32 ft.

WHALETAIL LAKE

Location: Minnetrista
Size: 558 acres
Access: South shore off of Highland Rd.
Maximum Depth: 22 ft.



ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
 - The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
 - Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
 - Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
 - Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



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BAKER PARK RESERVE

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 Located on 2,700 acres near Lake Independence, Baker Park Reserve features campsites, a boat launch with fishing opportunities, canoe and kayak access, recreational trails, dog trails, geocaching opportunities, sledding hill, golf course, picnic areas and playground equipment.

CARVER PARK RESERVE

7025 Victoria Dr. | Victoria | (763) 694-7650
 Located on 3,300 acres, Carver Park Reserve features campsites, a boat launch with fishing opportunities, canoe and kayak access, recreational trails, dog trails, off-leash dog area, geocaching opportunities, sledding hill, archery range, picnic areas, playground equipment and is home to the Grimm Farm Historic Site and Lowry Hill Nature Center.

CLIFTON E. FRENCH REGIONAL PARK

12605 Rockford Rd. | Plymouth | (763) 694-7750
 Located on 300 acres near Medicine Lake, Clifton E. French Regional Park features a boat launch with fishing opportunities, canoe and kayak access, swimming beach, recreational trails, dog trails, geocaching opportunities, sledding hill, picnic areas and playground equipment.

EAGLE LAKE REGIONAL PARK

11000 Bass Lake Rd. | Plymouth | (763) 694-7695
 Located on 230 acres between Plymouth and Maple Grove, Eagle Lake Regional Park features fishing opportunities, canoe and kayak access, recreational trails, dog trails, geocaching opportunities, sledding hill, golf course and picnic areas.

GALE WOODS FARM

7210 Co. Rd. 110 W | Minnetrista | (763) 694-2001
 Located on 410 acres near Whaletail Lake, Gale Woods Farm features a working educational farm, fishing pier, canoe and kayak access, orchards, recreational trails and picnic areas.

GLEN LAKE GOLF & PRACTICE CENTER

14350 Co. Rd. 62 | Minnetonka | (763) 694-7824
 Operated by the Three Rivers Park District, the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center features a 9-hole executive golf course for all skill levels.

LAKE MINNETONKA REGIONAL PARK

4610 Co. Rd. 44 | Minnetrista | (763) 694-7754
 Located on 292 acres, Lake Minnetonka Regional Park features a boat launch with fishing opportunities, canoe and kayak access, swimming beach, recreational trails, dog trails, geocaching opportunities, picnic areas and playground equipment.

NORENBERG GARDENS

2865 Northshore Dr. | Wayzata | (763) 559-6700
 Located near Lake Minnetonka on the former estate of Frederick Norenberg, Grain Belt Brewery Founder, the Norenberg Gardens features formal flower gardens, a variety of perennials and annuals, daylily collection and an ornamental boathouse.

Certain invasive species that can threaten natural resources and their use have been designated as prohibited invasive species in Minnesota. It is unlawful (a misdemeanor) to possess, import, purchase, transport, or introduce these species except under a permit for disposal, control, research, or education. The prohibited invasive species in Minnesota include the following and any hybrids, cultivars, or varieties of the species listed below.

AQUATIC PLANTS

- African oxygen weed
- Aquarium watermoss or giant salvinia
- Australian stone crop
- Curly-leaf pondweed
- Eurasian water milfoil
- European frog-bit
- Flowering rush
- Hydrilla
- Indian swampweed
- Purple loosestrife
- Water aloe or water soldiers
- Water chestnut

FISH

- Bighead carp
- Black carp
- Grass carp
- Round goby
- Rudd
- Ruffe
- Sea lamprey
- Silver carp
- White perch
- Zander

INVERTEBRATES

- Zebra mussel

Transportation prohibitions:

Current state law prohibits transportation of all aquatic plants (with a few exceptions). This law will not only help prevent the spread of Eurasian water milfoil, but it will also reduce the risk of zebra mussels being transported while attached to aquatic plants. It will also reduce the inadvertent transport of other harmful plants into or within the state.

Under state law, it is unlawful to:

- Transport aquatic plants on public roads, except as allowed in statute.
- Transport zebra mussels and other prohibited species of animals on a public road.
- Place or attempt to place into Minnesota waters, a boat, seaplane, or trailer that has aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited invasive species attached.



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Walleye, Sauger, Northern Pike	(May 14th – Feb 26th)
Muskellunge (Muskie)	(Jun 4th – Dec 1st)
Largemouth Bass Catch and Release season	(May 28th – Feb 26th) (May 14th – May 27th)
Smallmouth Bass Catch and Release season	(May 28th – Feb 26th) (May 14th – May 27th) (Sept 12th – Feb 26th)
Lake Trout (Lake Superior)	(Dec 1st – Oct 2nd)
Lake Trout (summer)	(May 14th – Sept 30th)
Lake Trout (winter) (lakes outside or partially within the BWCA)	(Jan 16th – Mar 31st) (including Ram, Clearwater, Seagull, East Bearskin, & Snow bank Lakes)
Lake Trout (winter) (inside BWCA)	(Jan 1st – Mar 31st)
Stream Trout in streams (summer)	(Apr 16th – Sept 30th)
Stream Trout in lakes (summer)	(May 14th – Oct 31st)
Stream Trout (winter) (lakes outside or partially within the BWCA)	(Jan 16th – Mar 31st)
Stream Trout (winter) (inside BWCA)	(Jan 1st – Mar 31st)
Catfish, Channel Catfish, Flathead	Continuous (Apr 1st – Nov 30th)
Lake/Shovelnose sturgeon Catch and release	(Jun 18th – Apr 16th, 2017)

Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend (Jan 16th, 17th, & 18th)

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend (June 3rd, 4th, & 5th)

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend (May 7th & 8th)

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Right Turn 	Slowing
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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



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.

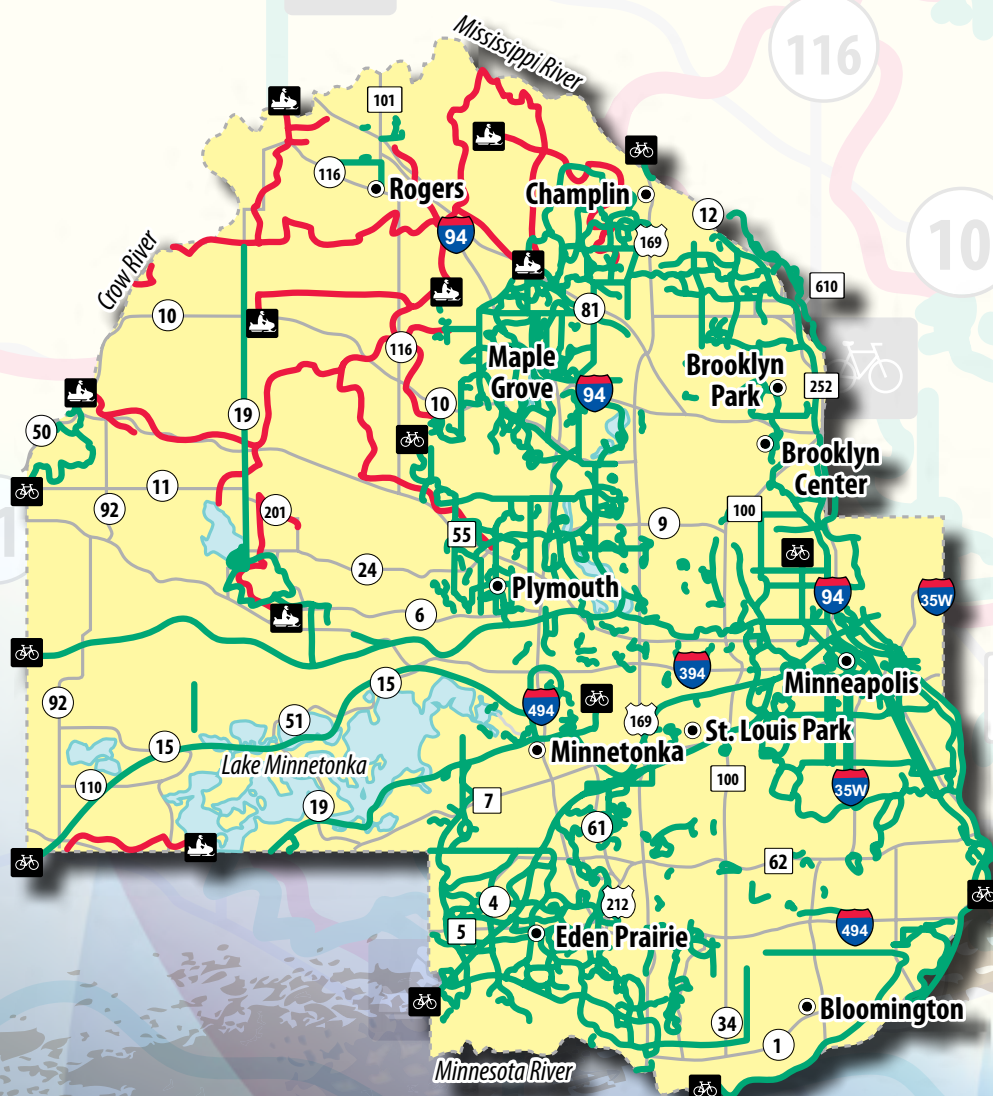
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy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

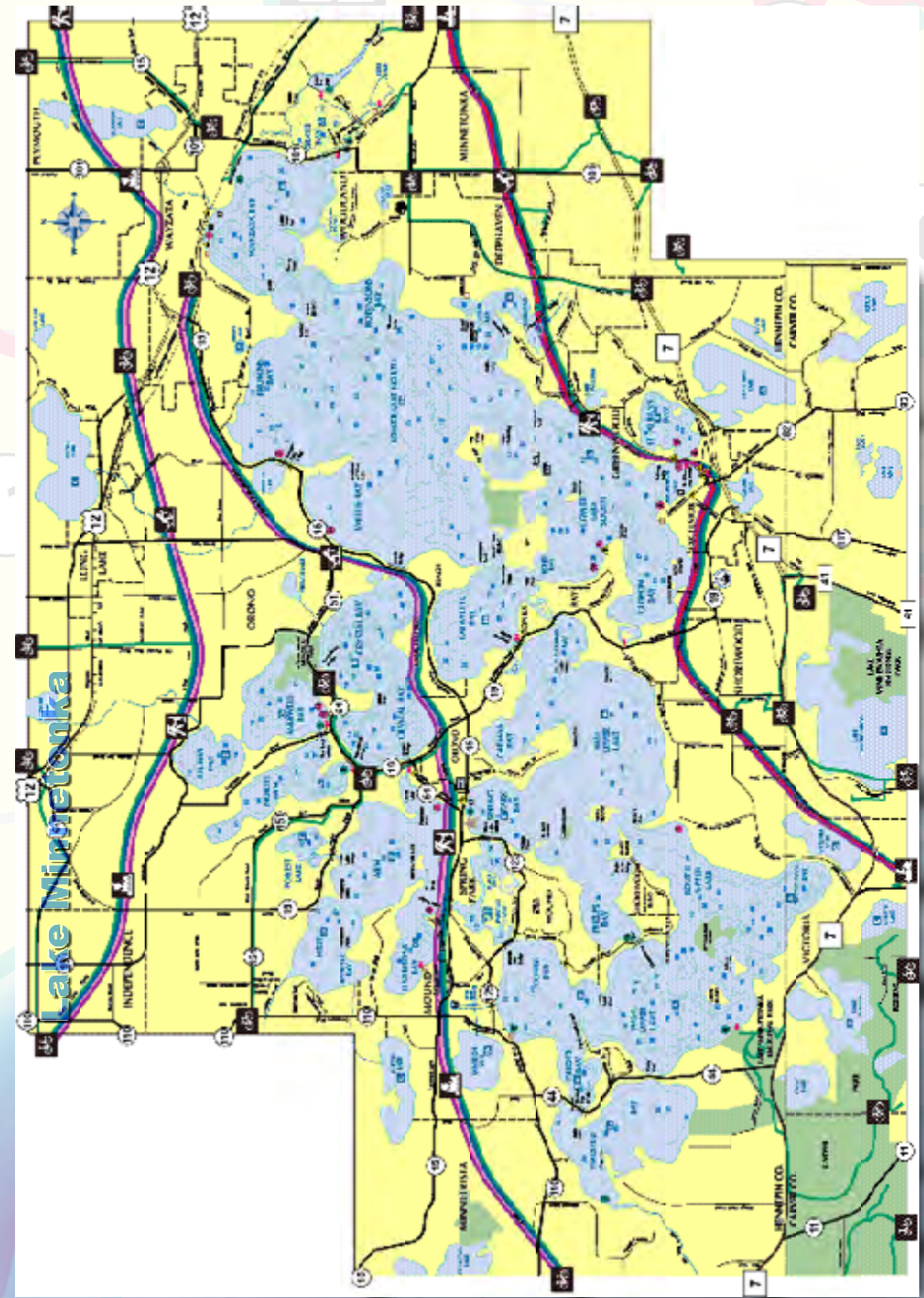
Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.



LOCAL TRAILS

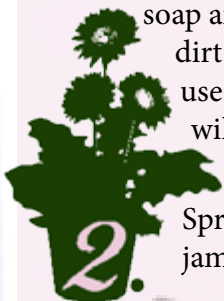


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10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



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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.



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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