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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Barn Dance | River Falls
Hudson Lions Breakfast Buffet
Winter Fun Day | Frederic
Wedding Fair | St. Croix Falls

FEBRUARY

Hot Air Affair | Hudson
Ice Fishing Contest | St. Croix County
Luck Winter Carnival
CandleLight Ski | St. Croix Falls
Winter Carnival & Fishing Contest | Clam Falls
Swedish "Palt" Dinner | McKinley
Hot Air Balloon Affair | Hudson
Hudson Lions Breakfast Buffet
Ice Fishing Derby | Spring Valley

MARCH

Pancake Breakfast at Camp St. Croix
Spring Showcase | Hudson
St. Ann's Flea Market | Turtle Lake
Funster Fishing Contest | Ellsworth
Daffodil Days | Ellsworth
Annual Chicken Feed | Ellsworth
Master Egg Hunt | Ellsworth
Easter Vigil, Service of Light & Fireworks | Beldenville
Relay for Life | River Falls
Spring Fling Business Expo | Ellsworth
Spring Showcase | Hudson

APRIL

Spring in Bloom | Nugget Lake County Park
Woodland Flowers in Bloom |
Kinnickinnic State Park
Bowl for Kid's Sake | Hudson
Community Center Bash/Auction | Cushing
Spring in Bloom (through June) | Plum City, Spring Valley
Woodland Flowers in Bloom (through June) | River Falls
River Falls Farmer's Market (through October)
Spaghetti Dinner | Ellsworth
Spring Flood Run | Plum City

MAY

100 Mile Garage Sale | St. Croix County
House to House Garage Sale | New Richmond
Syttende Mai | Woodville
Spring Sparkler | New Richmond
"UFFDA" Trail Run | Woodville
Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast | Wanderoos
Annual Trout Fishing Contest | Ellsworth
Memorial Day Chicken Feed | Prescott

JUNE

Somerset Pea Soup Days
Park Art Fair | New Richmond
Good Neighbor Days | Roberts
Apple River Country Splash | Somerset
SCVR Round Barn Rally | North Hudson
Town & Country Day | River Falls
River Rock Music Fest | Hudson
Apple River Days | Somerset
American Patriot Rally Fun Fest | Hudson
Booster Days | Hudson
Trimbell Tractor Fun Run | Ellsworth
Free Fishing Weekend | Pierce County
Ellsworth Lions Club Kids Fishing Contest | Plum City
Bay City Fest
Free Concerts at the Wall Amphitheater (through July) | River Falls
Town & Country Day | River Falls
Maiden Rock Summer Fest
Man's Best Friend Dog Show | Ellsworth
Ellsworth Cheese Curd Days
Truck Demo Derby | Ellsworth
Have A Heart Motorcycle Run | River Falls
Ellsworth Cheese Curd Days | Ellsworth

JULY

July Booster Days | Hudson
River Falls Days
Fun Fest | New Richmond
Willow River Run & Walk | Hudson
St. Croix Music & Art Festival | Hudson
St. Croix County Fair | Glenwood City
4th of July Parade | Clam Falls
4th of July Celebration | Wanderoos, Spring Valley
Memory Days | Centuria
InterCounty Fair | Turtle Lake
Maiden Rock 4th of July Celebration
Spring Valley 4th of July Celebration
Rod & Gun Club Chicken Feed | Ellsworth
Polka Fest & Community Garage Sale | Ellsworth
Ellsworth Street Dance
Jazz in July | Prescott
Stockholm Art Fair
Plum City Summer Fest
Children's Fishing Contest | Plum City
Annual Beldenville Old Car Show & Swap Meet
Finish Line Walk | Ellsworth
Elmwood UFO Days

AUGUST

Rib-Blues Fest | Prescott
Hammond Fun Days
Star Prairie Ox Cart Days
Pepperfest | North Hudson
First Responders Benefit Street Dance | Turtle Lake
Charles E. Lewis Day | Lewis
Cars, Crafts & Rock-n-Roll in the Park | Turtle Lake
Cushing Fun Day
Lion's Classic Car & Truck Show | Dresser
Moon Lake Threshing Bee | Turtle Lake
Elmwood Farmer's Market (through October)
Rib Fest | Ellsworth
National Night Out | Ellsworth
Pierce County Fair | Ellsworth
Hudson Pepper Festival | Hudson
Demo Derby | Ellsworth
El Paso Days
Civil War Re|Enactors Exhibit | Hudson
Memorial Bike Run | Ellsworth

SEPTEMBER

Prescott Daze
Art on the Kinni | River Falls
Kinni Willow 20 Mile | Hudson
Spring Valley Dam Days
Circle K Orchard Apple Fest | River Falls
Autumn Trek Bicycle Tour | River Falls
Autumn Taste Walk | Hudson
Clayton Tractor & Truck Pull
St. Ann's Harvest Dinner/Bazaar | Turtle Lake
The River Road Hwy. 87 Ramble | Cushing
Prescott Daze
Trimbelle Old Equipment Show | Ellsworth
Art on the Kinni | River Falls
Kinni River Run 25K | River Falls
Fall Woodland Colors (through October) | Prescott, River Falls
Rod & Gun Club Chicken Feed | Ellsworth
Chile Feed | Ellsworth
Spring Valley Dam Days
Annual Ellsworth Rod & Gun Club Pheasant Benefit
Annual Circle K Orchard Apple Festival | River Falls
Autumn Trek Bicycle Tour | River Falls

OCTOBER

St. Croix Days
Hilltop Fall Pumpkin Party | Hudson
Lion's Fall Classic Car Show | Frederic
Auxiliary Craft & Bake Sale | St. Croix Falls
Railfest Model Railroad Show | Turtle Lake
Toy Tractor Show | Turtle Lake
Halloween Contest | Plum City
Rod & Gun Club Chicken Feed | Ellsworth
October Fest | River Falls
Harvest Moon Barn Dance | River Falls
Pumpkin Party in the Park | Ellsworth

NOVEMBER

Patchwork Quilt Show | Hudson
Christmas Tour of Homes & Craft Sale | Hudson
Light Up Night | Hudson
Candle Light Stroll | Hudson
River Dazzle Extravaganza | River Falls
Christmas Lighting | Plum City
Tree of Spirit Lighting | Ellsworth

DECEMBER

Candle Light Stroll | Hudson
Reindeer in the Park | Hudson
Annual Christmas Parade | New Richmond
Holiday Festival | Baldwin
Menorah Lighting | Baldwin
Christmas in Somerset
Chamber Christmas | Turtle Lake
Christmas Lights in the Park | Turtle Lake
Reindeer in the Park | Hudson
Elmwood Community Holiday Dinner
Ellsworth Customer Appreciation Days
Santa Day | Ellsworth
Holiday Concert | Ellsworth
River Dazzle | River Falls

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Land Management.....	273-6746
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Treasurer	273-6743
UW Extension	273-6781
Zoning.....	273-6747

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Highway Department	796-2227
Human Services	381-4310
Information & Technology	386-4726
Land & Water Resources	684-2874
Parks Department	684-2874
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Pierce County was originally part of St. Croix County until 1853. The area was first settled in 1827 by military officers, led by Philander Prescott. Because of high land prices, initial growth was slow. Early industry was based on timber and agriculture, with many mills located along river banks. Ellsworth was selected as the county seat in 1861 and as the railroad arrived, Pierce County continued to develop. Communities were established near former lumber camps and the area continued to attract new residents. Today Pierce County is home to approximately 40,254 residents.

BAY CITY – pop. 489
CLIFTON – pop. 1,799
DIAMOND BLUFF – pop. 501
EL PASO – pop. 813
ELLSWORTH (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,284
ELMWOOD – pop. 799
GILMAN – pop. 891
HARTLAND – pop. 840
ISABELLE – pop. 322
MAIDEN ROCK – pop. 695
MARTELL – pop. 1,196
OAK GROVE – pop. 1,622

PLUM CITY – pop. 570
PRESCOTT – pop. 4,222
RIVER FALLS – pop. 15,209
ROCK ELM – pop. 605
SALEM – pop. 609
SPRING LAKE – pop. 652
SPRING VALLEY – pop. 1,310
TRENTON – pop. 1,853
TRIMBELLE – pop. 1,641
UNION – pop. 725

**Populations are approximate.*

BAY CITY

Originally named Saratoga, Bay City was settled in 1855 on the property of A.C. Morton. When the community was replatted in 1886, it was renamed Bay City. Due to its proximity to the Mississippi River, early industry involved fishing, pearl harvesting and timber milling. Bay City was incorporated in 1909 with Roy W. Tucker serving as its first president. Today Bay City is home to approximately 489 residents.

ELLSWORTH (COUNTY SEAT)

First settled in the 1850s by Anthony Huddleston, Ellsworth was named in honor of Civil War Colonel, Elmer E. Ellsworth. First known as Perry, Ellsworth was platted in 1862. Businesses were established and the community was incorporated in 1887. After securing the county seat, the courthouse was designed after the Wisconsin State Capitol building. It has since been widely recognized as, “the Cheese Curd Capitol of Wisconsin.” Today Ellsworth is home to approximately 3,284 residents.

ELMWOOD

Settlers began arriving to the Elmwood area in the 1870s. The first mill was built along Cady Creek and logging camps were scattered throughout. Elmwood was incorporated in 1905 and as the logging industry slowed, residents turned to farming and agriculture. With UFO sightings in the 1970s, Elmwood was widely recognized as, “the UFO Capitol of the World”. Today Elmwood is home to approximately 799 residents.

EL PASO

El Paso was established in 1859 with the first meeting held in G.P. Walker’s home. Construction of a schoolhouse attracted new residents, but due to difficulty building roads, growth in El Paso was slow. Today El Paso is home to approximately 813 residents.

GILMAN

Named in honor of Sallie Gilman, wife of the President of the Northwestern Lumber Company, Gilman began as a logging camp in the 1850s. City streets were named after Sallie’s children and as the railroad arrived, Gilman began to grow. Today Gilman is home to approximately 891 residents.

HARTLAND

Hartland was settled by Sylvanus Warren in 1837 and the community was first named Warren in his honor. By 1845 Hartland was home to several mills, a racetrack, baseball diamond, inns and resorts. The post office was established in 1846 with William Clark serving as the area’s first postmaster. As the railroad arrived, the community was renamed Hartland and was incorporated in 1892. Today Hartland is home to approximately 840 residents.

MAIDEN ROCK

First known as Harrisburg, Maiden Rock was settled in 1854 by John D. Trumbull and Albert Harris. By 1857 Maiden Rock housed general stores, a boarding house, school and church. The community continued to thrive and by 1900 there was an opera house, doctors, dentists, machinery dealers, lumberyards and a variety of specialty shops. Today Maiden Rock is home to approximately 695 residents.

OAK GROVE

Once part of Clifton, Oak Grove was settled in 1848. Due to its location, flour mills and lumber mills were established along the river and by 1880 housed seven schools, three churches and a post office. Today Oak Grove is home to approximately 1,622 residents.

PLUM CITY

Settled in 1856 by the Moser family, Plum City was named after wild plum trees found throughout the area. Attracted to the pristine landscape and ample wildlife, a variety of settlers arrived and established homes along Plum Creek. Today Plum City is home to approximately 570 residents.

PRESCOTT

The Prescott area was settled in 1840 and the community was named in honor of Philander Prescott, army agent. Due to its prime location, Prescott became a shipping and trading center. Supplies, products and passengers were easily transported along the river. Its population had reached 1,138 by 1870 and the area continued to grow. Today Prescott is home to approximately 4,222 residents.

SPRING VALLEY

Spring Valley was settled in 1857 by lumbermen and logging crews. As iron ore was discovered in 1891, Spring Valley began to thrive. Businesses, entertainment and housing were established to meet the needs of the miners. In 1895 the community was incorporated and its population reached 1,000. Today Spring Valley is home to approximately 1,310 residents.

RIVER FALLS

Joel Foster was the first settler to arrive to the River Falls area in 1848. The location of River Falls was ideal for milling and flour mills and sawmills lined the shores. By 1860 there were general stores, blacksmith shops and specialty shops and a college preparatory school. With construction of the railroad in 1890, River Falls continued to develop rapidly. Today River Falls is home to approximately 15,209 residents.



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In 1840, the first settlement in the area was located at the mouth of the Willow River. The land was settled by Louis Massey and Peter Bouchea. The legislature of Wisconsin created the county of St. Croix that same year and named it after the St. Croix River. By 1849, resident Moses Perrin opened a boarding house in what is now the city of Hudson. The United States Land Office was established in Hudson in 1849, which helped increase the population and the community was selected as the county seat. The primary industry for the area was farming and in 1881, wheat had become the main crop. Today St. Croix County is home to approximately 63,155 residents.

- BALDWIN** – pop. 2,667
- CADY** – pop. 710
- CYLON** – pop. 629
- DEER PARK** – pop. 227
- EAU GALLE** – pop. 882
- EMERALD** – pop. 691
- ERIN PRAIRIE** – pop. 658
- FOREST** – pop. 590
- GLENWOOD CITY** – pop. 1,183
- HAMMOND** – pop. 1,153
- HUDSON (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 12,719
- KINNICKINNIC** – pop. 1,400
- NEW RICHMOND** – pop. 8,375
- NORTH HUDSON** – pop. 3,463

- PLEASANT VALLEY** – pop. 430
 - RICHMOND** – pop. 1,556
 - ROBERTS** – pop. 969
 - RUSH RIVER** – pop. 498
 - SOMERSET** – pop. 2,635
 - SPRINGFIELD** – pop. 808
 - ST. JOSEPH** – pop. 3,436
 - STANTON** – pop. 1,003
 - STAR PRAIRIE** – pop. 2,944
 - TROY** – pop. 3,661
 - WARREN** – pop. 1,320
 - WILSON** – pop. 176
 - WOODVILLE** – pop. 1,104
- *Populations are approximate.*

BALDWIN

Founded by Dana Reed Bailey, Baldwin was originally known as Clarkesville. Flour mills and sawmills were built near the river and in 1871 the railroad arrived. The community was renamed Baldwin after the West Wisconsin Railroad president, D.A. Baldwin. Today Baldwin is home to approximately 2,667 residents.

GLENWOOD CITY

Settled in 1880, Glenwood City was named after the nearby ample forests. As the railroad arrived in 1885, Glenwood City began to grow and lumber mills were established. By 1890, Glenwood City was the major trading center of the St. Croix River Valley. As timber resources were exhausted, agriculture dominated industry. Today Glenwood City is home to approximately 1,183 residents.

HAMMOND

Settled in 1855, Hammond was named in honor of early developer R.B. Hammond. The community was platted in 1857 and the area began to grow. With the advent of the railroad, more settlers arrived to Hammond and businesses were established. Today Hammond is home to approximately 1,113 residents.

HUDSON (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1840, Hudson was founded by Louis Massey and Peter Bouchea. They set up a community near the mouth of the Willow River, of which it was also named. In 1848, the name was changed to Buena Vista - a name that better suited the area's beautiful views. People were drawn to the area for its lumber industry which was at the time the foremost industry. In 1852 the first mayor, A.D. Gray, petitioned to change the city's name to Hudson, as many travelers noticed the resemblance of the St. Croix River to the Hudson River in New York. The railroad came to Hudson in 1871 and helped increase the population dramatically. Today Hudson is the county seat of St. Croix County and is home to approximately 12,719 residents.

KINNICKINNIC

Founded in the mid 1800s, settlers were attracted to the rivers, streams and pastures of the Kinnickinnic area. The community is named after the Indian word Kinnickinnic, meaning what is mixed as a tobacco substitute. As the railroad was built, Kinnickinnic began to grow. Today Kinnickinnic is home to approximately 1,400 residents.

NEW RICHMOND

New Richmond was founded in 1857 and was named after Richmond Day who surveyed the community. By 1880 many businesses had been established and in 1899 a deadly tornado almost destroyed the town, wiping out entire blocks. Within five months, most of the community was rebuilt. Today New Richmond is home to approximately 8,375 residents.

SOMERSET

Joseph and Louis Parent, who were French-Canadian explorers, came to the St. Croix area in 1850 looking to homestead. They established their settlement on the bluffs above the mouth of the Apple River. Since potatoes grew well here, the spot was named La Pointe de la Pomme de Terre, which translates to point of the apples of the earth. Settlers Samuel and Hud Harriman arrived at the Apple River in 1856. They founded a mill, store and logging empire. Since the area closest to the St. Croix was already settled, they settled north where they built a dam for a mill. They platted a village and named it Somerset in honor of their father's birthplace, Somerset County, England. In 1856, the community became established as a township. Today Somerset is home to approximately 2,635 residents.

WOODVILLE

Named for the dense woods occupying the area, Woodville was first settled in 1870 by J. M. S. Anderson. Anderson built the first sawmill and the railroad arrived soon after in 1872. Anderson was also the community's first postmaster, establishing a post office in 1875. By 1907, a restaurant, butcher and specialty shops were built and incorporation followed in 1911. Today Woodville is home to approximately 1,104 residents.



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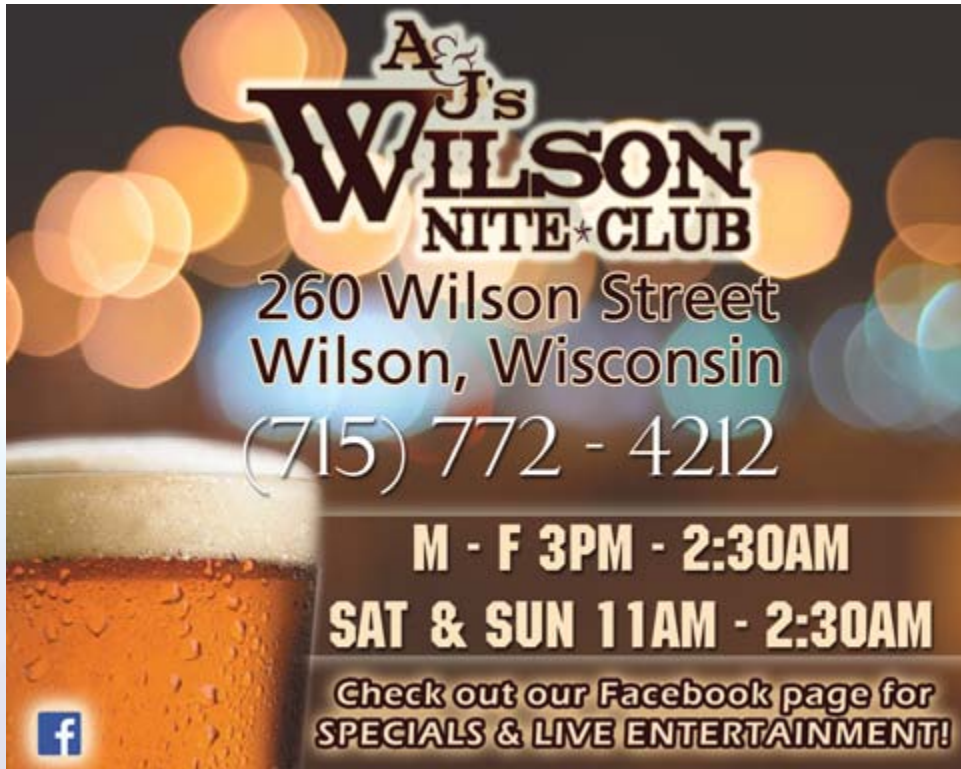
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- HAVE A PLACE, EVERYONE KNOWS, TO GO TO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED.
- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY AN EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
- LISTEN FOR LOUD, CONTINUOUS RUMBLING WITH NO BREAKS IN IT LIKE THUNDER.

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MERCORD MILL PARK

In 1852, Mercord Mill Park was the site of a sawmill and later utilized as a flour mill. Visitors can enjoy views of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers. Facilities include picnic tables, grills and a boat landing. Located in Prescott.

NUGGET LAKE COUNTY PARK

Located on 752 acres of semi-wilderness, Nugget Lake County Park features modern campsites, hiking trails, excellent year round fishing, cross country skiing and nature programs. Facilities include two playgrounds, horseshoe pits, picnic area, dock and boat launch, canoe/boat/kayak rentals, cabins and bait shop. Located in Plum City.

PINE LAKE PARK

Located on 7 acres near Pine Lake, Pine Lake Park features a boat launch with fishing pier and a picnic shelter with grills. Located in Erin Prairie.

STANTON COUNTY FOREST

Located on 40 acres, the Stanton County Forest features hiking trails and is open for hunting. Located in Deer Park.

TROY PARK

Located on 7 acres near the St. Croix River, Troy Park features picnic areas with grills, swimming beach with beach house and horseshoe pits. Located in Troy.

WILLOW RIVER STATE PARK

Located on 2,891 acres near Little Falls Lake, Willow River State Park features a campground, boat launch, hiking trails, picnic areas, swimming beach and nature center. Located in Hudson.

VILLAGE PARK IN MAIDEN ROCK

Village Park features river views, picnic shelter, camping sites, and a fishing and boating dock. Located in Maiden Rock.

VILLAGE PARK ON MAIN STREET

Village Park features river views, picnic tables and shelter, camping sites, ball park, trout pond, fish food vending machines, and a fishing and boating dock. Located in Plum City.

BAY CITY CAMPGROUND

Bay City Campground features river views, rustic tenting, fish cleaning area, pavillion, sandy beach, public picnic area, children's play area and a public boat launch. Located in Bay City.

BUTTERNUT PARK

Butternut Park features camping and hiking trails. Facilities include a softball diamond, basketball court, playground, picnic shelters and grills. Located in Elmwood.

CRYSTAL CAVE

Crystal Cave is Wisconsin's longest cave featuring spectacular views of stalagmites, stalactites and rippling flowstone. Guided tours, education programs, gem panning, and a nature trail are available. Located in Spring Valley.

EAU GALLE RECREATION AREA

Located on 150 acres, Eau Galle Resort features a beach, two boat launches, campground, foot and equestrian trails. Facilities include picnic areas, playgrounds, volleyball courts, grills and a bait shop. Located in Spring Valley.

EVERTS RESORT & CAMPGROUND

Everts Resort and Campground features excellent fishing on the Mississippi River. Facilities include fully equipped cabins, campsites, boat ramps, boat rentals and a bait shop. Located in Hager City.

FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park features views of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers and is home to a farmer's market, changing artist exhibitions, and educational programs. Facilities include a reservable indoor multipurpose room, covered pavilion, covered gazebo, reservable amphitheater, visitor's center and children's play area. Located in Prescott.

GAS-LITE CAMPGROUNDS

Gas-Lite Campgrounds features excellent trout fishing and primitive campsites. Facilities include a softball diamond, playground, picnic shelters and grills. Located in Ellsworth.

GLEN HILLS PARK

Located on 700 acres near Glen Lake, Glen Hills Park features a dam, campground, golf course, boat launch with fishing pier, hiking trails, picnic shelters, playground equipment, canoe and boat rentals and a swimming beach. Located in Glenwood City.

HIGHLAND RIDGE CAMPGROUND

Highland Ridge Campground features campsites, tent sites, hiking and equestrian trails, cross country skiing and nature programs. Facilities include playground, picnic areas and Interpretive Center. Located in Spring Valley.

HOFFMAN PARK

Hoffman Park features camping sites for camper trailers, motor homes and tents. Facilities include two ice rinks and a warming house. Located in River Falls.

HOMESTEAD PARK

Located near Perch Lake, Homestead Park features a handicap accessible fishing pier, hiking trails, picnic areas, playground equipment, visitor center, canoe and boat rentals and scuba-diving facilities. Located in Hudson.

KINNICKINNIC COUNTY FOREST

Located on 80 acres, the Kinnickinnic County Forest features hiking trails and is open for hunting. Located in River Falls.



HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery & Crossbow | Sept. 17 - Jan. 8 2017
Youth Deer Hunt | Oct. 8 & 9
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities | Oct. 1 - 9
Gun | Nov. 19-27
Muzzleloader | Nov. 28 - Dec. 7
Statewide Antlerless Hunt | Dec. 8-11

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant | Oct. 15 (9 am) - Dec. 31
Bobwhite Quail | Oct. 15 (9 am) - Dec. 7
Hungarian Partridge | Oct. 15 (9 am) - Dec. 31
* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties
Ruffed Grouse
Zone A | Sept. 17-Jan. 31, 2017
Zone B | Oct. 15-Dec. 8
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.
Crow | Sept. 17-Nov. 17 & Jan. 18, 2017-Mar. 20, 2017

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose | Sept. 1-15
Early Teal Season | Sept. 1-7
Regular Duck and Goose
Dates will be established in mid April.
Woodcock | Sept. 24-Nov. 7
Mourning Dove | Sept. 1-Nov. 29

FURBEARERS

Coyote
Hunting Continuous open season.
Trapping | Oct. 15-Feb. 15, 2017
Beaver
Trapping Only
Zone A (Northwest) | Nov. 5-Apr. 30, 2017
Zone B (Northeast) | Nov. 5-Apr. 30, 2017
Zone C (South) | Nov. 5-Mar. 31, 2017
Zone D (Mississippi River) | Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2017

FURBEARERS (Contd)

Mink and Muskrat
Trapping Only
Statewide | Oct. 22-Mar. 5, 2017
Mississippi River Zone | Nov. 14**-Mar. 5, 2017
**Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 14, whichever occurs first.
Fox (Red and Gray)
Hunting and Trapping | Oct. 15-Feb. 15, 2017
Bobcat
Hunting and Trapping - Permits required
Period 1 | Oct. 15-Dec. 25
Period 2 | Dec. 26-Jan. 31, 2017
Fisher
Trapping Only - Permits required
Various zones | Oct. 15-Dec. 31
Otter
Trapping Only - Permits required
North Zone | Nov. 5-Apr. 30, 2017
Central Zone | Nov. 5-Mar. 31, 2017
South Zone | Nov. 5-Mar. 31, 2017
Raccoon
Hunting and Trapping
Resident | Oct. 15-Feb. 15, 2017
Non-resident | Oct. 29-Feb. 15, 2017
Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare
No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt | Apr. 9 & 10
Open Zones
Spring Period A | Apr. 13-19
Period B | Apr. 20-26
Period C | Apr. 27-May 3
Period D | May 4-10

TURKEY (Contd)

Period E | May 11-17
Period F | May 18-24
Fall Statewide | Sept. 17-Nov. 18
Zones 1-5 | Sept. 17-Dec. 31

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted | Sept. 7-Oct. 11
with aid of bait
with all other legal methods not using dogs
All other zones where dogs are permitted | Sept. 7-13
with aid of bait
with all other legal methods not using dogs
Sept. 14-Oct. 4
with aid of dogs
with aid of bait
with all other legal methods
Oct. 5-11 with aid of dogs only

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit
Northern Zone | Sept. 17-Feb. 28, 2017
Southern Zone | Oct. 15 (9 AM)-Feb. 28, 2017
Squirrels (Gray and Fox) | Sept. 17-Jan. 31, 2017

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See 2016 Small Game Regulations for more details

*Please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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 5 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, 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.

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

Online: dnr.wi.gov, Toll Free: 1 (888) 936-7463 or visit one of the

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FISHING SEASONS

Season Dates (2016 - 2017)

Early inland trout (Catch and release)
January 2 - May 6

General inland trout
May 7 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15 proposed

Largemouth bass northern zone
May 7 - March 5

Smallmouth bass northern zone catch and release
May 7 - June 17

Smallmouth bass northern zone harvest
June 18 - March 5

Large and smallmouth bass southern zone
May 7 - March 5

Musky - northern zone
May 28 - Nov. 30

Musky - southern zone
May 7 - Dec. 31

Northern pike
May 7 - March 5

Walleye
May 7 - March 5

Lake sturgeon
September 3 - September 30

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Summer
June 4 - 5
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January 21-22, 2017

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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!**



Operating Watercraft

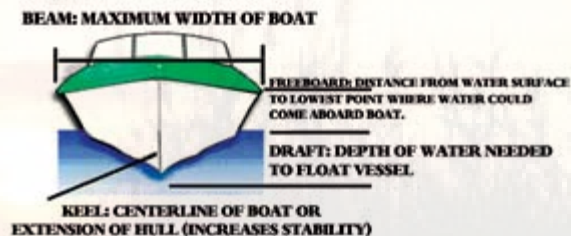
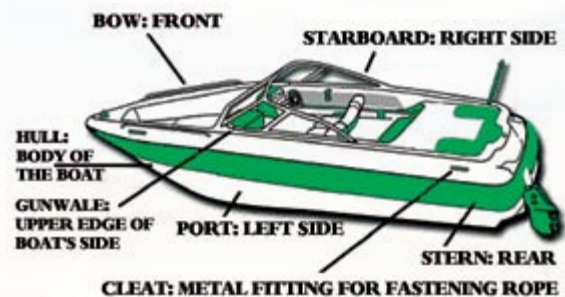
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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 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 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.

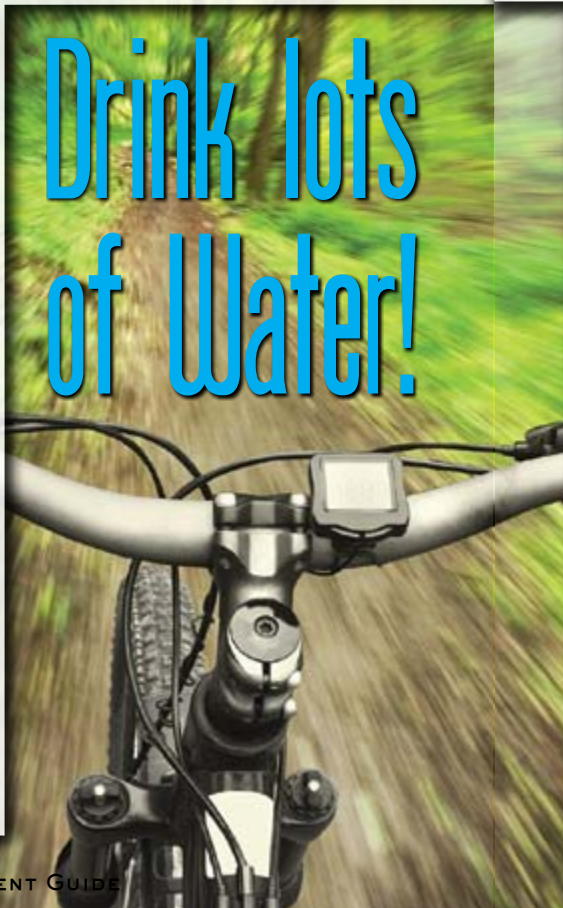
Know Your ATV



Be Cautious of Other Bikers

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

Drink lots of Water!



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

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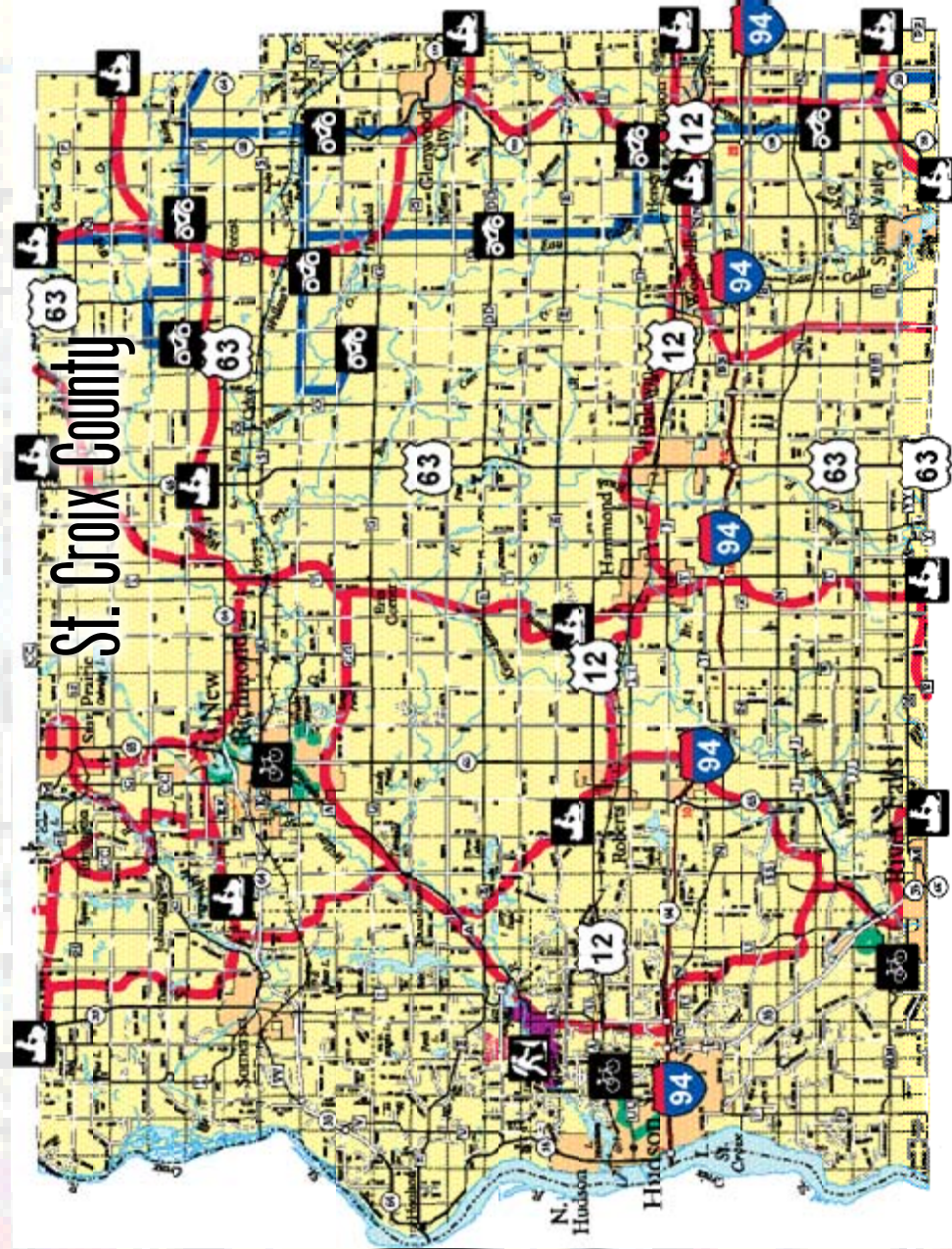
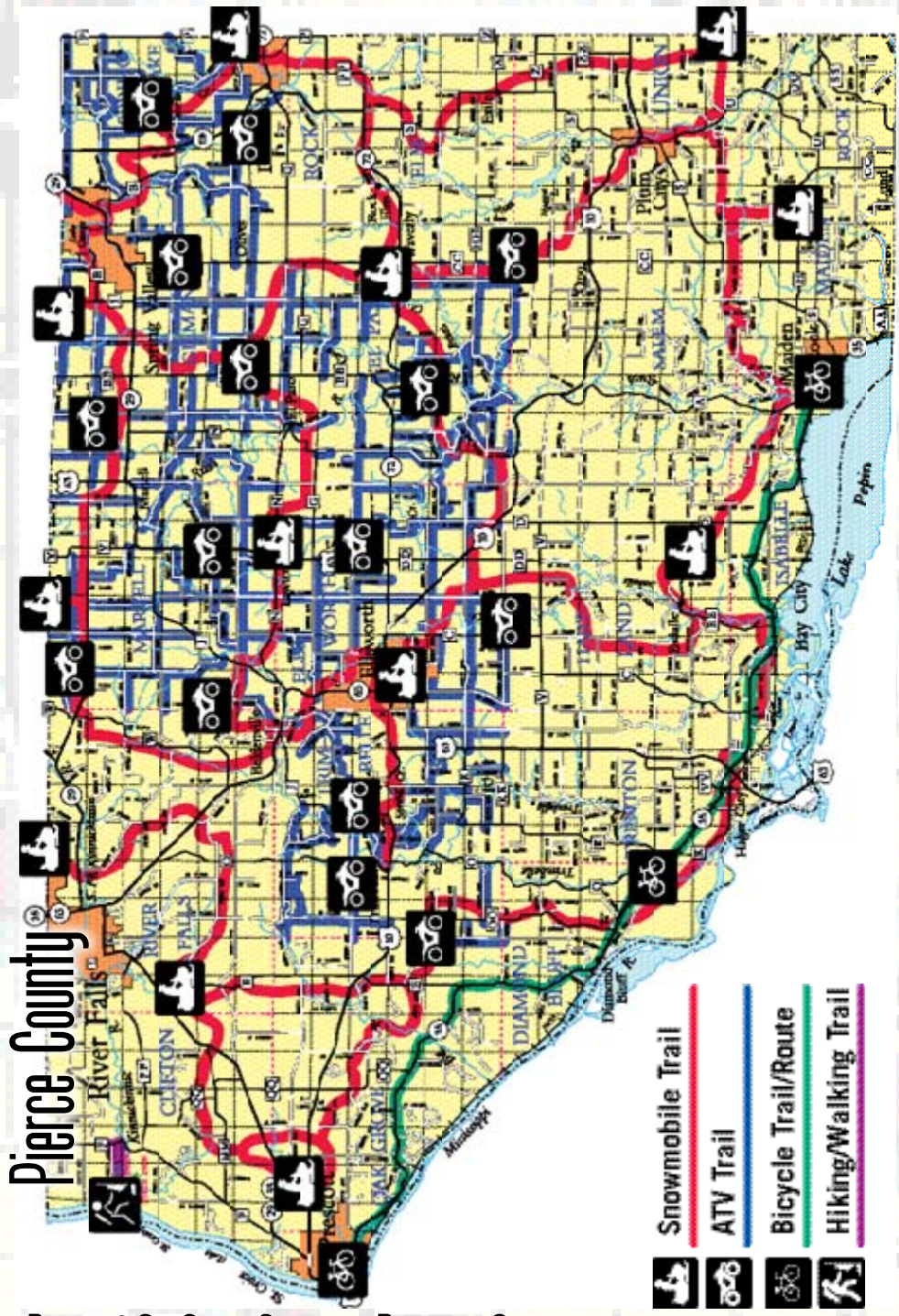
- Please respect private property and no trespassing signs.
- Stay on trails.
- Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.



- 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.



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.



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.

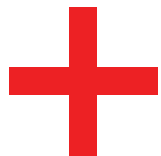
KIDS:

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 seek medical attention immediately.

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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