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Area Guide



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

January-February

Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby – Luverne

March

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Luverne

Mulligan Stew & Wild Game Feed –

Round Lake

Spaghetti Feed – Edgerton

April

Love the Burger Battle (April-May) – Luverne

May

Citywide Rummage Sale – Luverne

Ghost Walk Tours (Memorial Day - Labor Day,

Saturdays) – Pipestone

Pipestone City-Wide Rummage Sales

Larry Olsen Music Fest – Round Lake

Car Cruise-In – Pipestone

June

Buffalo Days – Luverne

Friendship Days – Hills

Water Tower Festival – Pipestone

Windsurfing Regatta & Music Festival –
Worthington

Touch a Truck – Luverne

Tour De Loop – Luverne

July

Hot Dog Nite – Luverne

Rock County Fair – Luverne

4th of July – Luverne

Fourth of July Celebration – Hills

Annual Dutch Festival – Edgerton

Car Cruise-In – Pipestone

Pipestone Pow Wow

Old Fashioned Fourth of July – Worthington

International Festival – Worthington

Crazy Days – Worthington & Pipestone

Quartziter Days – Jasper

Annual Horned Trout Fishing Tournament |
Round Lake

4th of July Parade – Edgerton

Dutch Fun Run – Edgerton

City Band Concerts – Worthington

Pipestone County Fair (July-Aug) –
Pipestone

August

Car Cruise-In – Pipestone

Nobles County Fair – Worthington

Rock County Tractor Ride – Luverne

Citywide Rummage Sale – Pipestone

Annual Kids' Fishing Derby – Pipestone

Night to Unite – Worthington

Luverne Marketplace Sip & Shop

Annual Grape Stomp – Round Lake

September

Annual Tri-State Band Festival – Luverne

Pipestone National Monument Public Lands

Day – Pipestone

Car Cruise-In – Pipestone

King Turkey Day – Worthington

5K & 10K Run – Worthington

Rock County Tractor Ride

Edgerton Annual Girls Night Out

Relay for Life – Luverne

Fall Festival – Edgerton

Chamber Golf Scramble – Luverne

Run B4 Wine 5k – Round Lake

October

Trunk N' Treat – Luverne

Halloween at Pioneer Village – Worthington

St. Leo's Fall Festival – Pipestone

Annual Paranormal Weekend – Pipestone

Downtown Candy Walk & Trunk or Treat –

Pipestone

November

Santa Train & Light The Night – Luverne

Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction – Pipestone

Community Thanksgiving Dinner –
Worthington

Christmas Tree Forest – Worthington

Christmas Light Contest (Nov-Dec) –
Edgerton

Christmas Parade of Lights – Edgerton

Annual Lights at the Lodge – Pipestone

December

Winterfest – Luverne

Santa Claus & Santa's Workshop – Pipestone

Christmas at Pioneer Village – Worthington

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Corrections / Probation Director	283-5077
Highway Department	283-5010
Land Management Office / Planning and Zoning / SWCD	283-8862
Lands Records Office / Recording and Assessing	283-5022
License Center	283-5024
Public Health / SWHHS.....	283-5066
Sheriff	283-5000
Social Services / SWHHS	283-5070
Veterans Services	283-5061
University of Minnesota Extension, Rock County	283-1302

Nobles County

Administrator	(507) 295-5201
Assessor	295-5208
Attorney	295-5298
Auditor-Treasurer	295-5258
Community Services Director/Human Services.....	295-5213
Emergency Management	295-5212
Environmental Services Director	295-5322
Extension.....	295-5313
Library Director	295-5340
Park Superintendent	468-2224
Public Works Director	295-5322
Recorder	295-5268
Rock Nobles Community Corrections	295-5310
Sheriff	295-5400
Veterans Services	295-5292

Pipestone County

Administrator.....	(507) 825-1200
Building and Grounds.....	825-1160
County Assessor.....	825-1150
County Attorney.....	825-4266
County Auditor.....	825-1140
County Extension.....	825-1190
County Probation.....	825-1125
County Recorder.....	825-1135
County Sheriff.....	825-1100
County Transit.....	825-1180
County Treasurer.....	825-1130
Court Administration.....	690-7004
Emergency Management	825-1172
Health & Human Services.....	825-5024
Highway Office.....	825-1245
Human Resources.....	825-1203
Information Technology.....	825-1234
Soil and Water Conservation District.....	825-1185
Veteran Services.....	825-1171



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Rock County was founded in 1857. It is located in the southwestern corner of Minnesota and borders South Dakota and Iowa. The county gets its name from a quartzite rock outcrop called “the Mound,” which spans three square miles and is 175 feet high at its highest point. Its county seat is Luverne, which hosts fun, unique festivals throughout the year. Citizens of Rock County played an important role during World War II, and the county houses war artifacts at its military museum and county historical museum. Rock County is the place to go to visit prairie land: there are 1,500 acres of vibrant prairie filled with wildlife at Blue Mound State Park, and 800 acres of untilled prairie land at Touch the Sky Prairie. It is also home to an array of local businesses. Rock County is home to approximately 9,687 residents.

Cities:

- Beaver Creek - pop. 297
- Hardwick - pop. 198
- Hills - pop. 686
- Jasper - pop. 633
- Kenneth - pop. 68
- Luverne (County Seat) - pop. 4,745
- Magnolia - pop. 222
- Steen - pop. 180

Townships:

- Battle Plain Township - pop. 233
- Beaver Creek Township - pop. 391
- Clinton Township - pop. 292
- Denver Township - pop. 212
- Kanaranzi Township - pop. 286
- Luverne Township - pop. 493
- Magnolia Township - pop. 250
- Martin Township - pop. 451
- Mound Township - pop. 257
- Rose Dell Township - pop. 214
- Springwater Township - pop. 266
- Vienna Township - pop. 183

**Populations are approximate.*

Beaver Creek

Incorporated in 1884 after Worthington and Sioux Falls railroad chugged through the area. Charles Williams, a local developer, donated 80 acres to the area and the first post office was constructed in his home. Beaver Creek is now home to about 297 people.

Hills

Hills, MN is a flat area with rolling plains. Not named after the topography of the area, but after the president of Sioux city, Fredric C. Hills. Hills, MN is home to approximately 686 people.

Jasper

Named after a type of quartz rock, Jasper is a small town near the border of South Dakota. In 1927 a local photographer by the name of Lucille Handberg, took a picture of a tornado, that was later used by famous bands Deep Purple & Siouxsie and the Banshees as their album covers. Jasper is now home to around 633 people.

Luverne (County Seat)

The perfect place to raise a family, Luverne, MN has both modern influence and old school charm. The town motto is “Love the Life!” It is best known for the friendly atmosphere and happy residents. A great place to stop in and visit for a day, or take the week off and enjoy all it has to offer. There is something for everybody in Luverne. With its well maintained parks and clean atmosphere, you won’t regret visiting the area. Luverne is home to around 4,745 residents.

Magnolia

In its early years Magnolia was called Drake after Elias F. Drake, president of the Minnesota Valley Railroad who had a large farm here. In May Of 1886 it was re-named Magnolia after the village in Rock county Wisconsin. The suggestion came from Philo Hawes, who had lived in WI previously. It is now home to around 222 people.

Steen

Named after immigrants from Norway, John P. Steen and his brother, Ole P. Steen, was platted in the summer of 1888 and incorporated in 1942. Settled by German immigrants, it was originally called Virginia. The first post office was located in a furniture store. It is now home to around 180 people.



Nobles County was established in 1857. It is named after William H. Nobles, a Minnesota legislator. After Sioux Native Americans killed over 35 white settlers during the Spirit Lake Massacre of 1857, many remaining settlers moved away. The St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad (now the Union Pacific Railroad) was built in 1871 and attracted more settlers. Worthington, an agricultural hub near beautiful Lake Okabena, was appointed as county seat in 1873. Today, Nobles County is home to about 21,378 residents. Visit to enjoy the county's wonderful historic district, public parks, and more.

Cities:

- Adrian - pop. 1,209
- Bigelow - pop. 235
- Brewster - pop. 473
- Dundee - pop. 68
- Ellsworth - pop. 463
- Kinbrae - pop. 12
- Lismore - pop. 227
- Round Lake - pop. 376
- Rushmore - pop. 342
- Wilmont - pop. 339
- Worthington (County Seat) - pop. 12,764

Townships:

- Bigelow Township - pop. 384
- Bloom Township - pop. 213
- Dewald Township - pop. 291
- Elk Township - pop. 284
- Graham Lakes Township - pop. 251
- Grand Prairie Township - pop. 227
- Hersey Township - pop. 257
- Indian Lake Township - pop. 259
- Larkin Township - pop. 218
- Leota Township - pop. 463
- Lismore Township - pop. 232
- Little Rock Township - pop. 260
- Lorain Township - pop. 278
- Olney Township - pop. 232
- Ransom Township - pop. 271
- Seward Township - pop. 259
- Summit Lake Township - pop. 368
- Westside Township - pop. 258
- Wilmont Township - pop. 228
- Worthington Township - pop. 316

**Populations are approximate.*

Adrian

The St. Paul and Dakota Railroad Company was the creator of Adrian. A Railroad employee surveyed the town site in May 1876 and track-laying crews arrived in August of that same year. A city plat was dedicated on August 28 and filed on October 4. Today the city is home to approximately 1,209 people.

Bigelow

In 1871 Bigelow appeared on the map. The town was named after St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company president Charles Henry Bigelow (who also was director of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railway). After the railway passed through the town in 1872, it began its rise. Started with only a tent, for refuge, for construction workers, it is now home to approximately 235 people.

Brewster

Originally named Hershy, the towns name was changed to Brewster to avoid confusion (there was already a town named Hershy in WI. along the same St. Paul & Sioux City Railway). Established in 1872 and beginning with a lumber yard, blacksmith and grain business, the first president of the village was Leon Morris. Of the 28 ballots cast, only 1 person opposed the presidency. Brewster is now home to about 473 people.

Rushmore

The Worthington and Sioux Falls Railway was the sole reason the town was developed. For the first two years, it was uninhabited. Then in May of 1878 S.M. Rushmore arrived from New York City, along with others, and opened a general store. In August of 1878 the town was renamed Rushmore (formerly Miller Station) after the pioneer that brought the crowds in. It is now home to around 342 people.

Wilmont

After a dispute on the part of residents over the name of the town (some wanting Willumet, others wanting Lamont) an agreement was made on Wilmont. For twenty one years the area had no easy form of transportation but in 1899 the Burlington railroad was created, providing access to others in the area. The town is now home to approximately 339 residents.

Worthington (County Seat)

Like most other towns in the area, Worthington owes its existence to the railroads. In 1871, the St. Paul & Sioux City Railway Company set a path, and a town was born. The Homestead Act (which gave settlers 160 acres of land, free of charge, as long as they improved the land) had people in a frenzy to settle land. Worthington is now called a micropolitan area and is home to an estimated 12,764 residents.



Pipestone County has been home to mammoth-hunters circa 8000 BC, Dakota and Sioux Native American tribes in the 1600's, French traders and explorers during America's initial settlement, and many more. Both the county and its county seat, Pipestone, were named after their red pipestone quarries. Pipestone County was founded in 1857, but was considered dangerous "Indian Territory" until about 1863. In the decades that followed, Pipestone became a thriving railroad town lined with beautiful buildings constructed with Sioux quartzite from the county's own quarries. Today, Pipestone is home to about 9,596 residents and offers a popular historic district, a performing arts center, festivals, three local airports, and more.

Cities:

- Edgerton - pop. 1,189
- Hatfield - pop. 54
- Holland - pop. 187
- Ihlen - pop. 63
- Jasper - pop. 633
- Pipestone (County Seat) - pop. 4,317
- Ruthton - pop. 241
- Trosky - pop. 86
- Woodstock - pop. 124

Townships:

- Aetna Township - pop. 201
- Altona Township - pop. 192
- Burke Township - pop. 246
- Eden Township - pop. 294
- Elmer Township - pop. 275
- Fountain Prairie Township - pop. 199
- Grange Township - pop. 244
- Gray Township - pop. 234
- Osborne Township - pop. 324

- Rock Township - pop. 184
- Sweet Township - pop. 448
- Troy Township - pop. 318

**Populations are approximate.*

Edgerton

In 1876, Alonzo Kingsbury, A.A. Dodge and M. M. Gunsolus claimed land in the area, now known as Edgerton. Three years later, the Southern Minnesota Railroad rolled through the area and boosted visitation to the town. It is now home to around 1,189 people.

Jasper

Named after a type of quartz rock, Jasper is a small town near the border South Dakota. In 1927 a local photographer by the name of Lucille Handberg, took a picture of a tornado, that was later used by famous bands Deep Purple & Siouxsie and the Banshees as their album covers. Jasper is now home to around 633 people.

Pipestone (County Seat)

Named after the soft stone, formed from passing glaciers, pipestone was used by Native Americans to make pipes for religious ceremonies. It was entirely populated by Native Americans until the area was founded by Charles Bennett and Daniel Sweet in 1876. It was incorporated in 1881. Nowadays, Pipestone is a leader in wind technology and is thriving because of it. Almost 800 wind towers create the areas top resource. It is home to approximately 4,317 residents.

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HELP FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Rock County Veterans Services

Eric Oye -
Veterans Service Officer
204 E Brown St.
Luverne, MN 56156
Office: 507-283-5061
Fax: 507-283-5078

Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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PREP: 7 MIN • TOTAL: 30 MIN

PARKS & RECREATION

Blue Mounds State Park

1410 161st Street | Luverne | (507) 283-6050

Buffalo Bill Park

517 S Donaldson St. | Luverne

City Park

700 E Main St. | Luverne | (507) 449-2388

Dragonfly Park

500 James St. | Luverne

Erickson Park

903 4th St. SE | Pipestone

Evergreen Park

1403 N Blue Mound Ave. | Luverne

Ewert Recreation Center

115 N Hiawatha Ave. | Pipestone |
(507) 825-5834

Flag Park

219 W Main St. | Luverne

Harmon Park

700-798 6th St. SE | Pipestone | (507) 825-3324

Hawkeye County Park

Co. Rd. 76 & Town Ave. | Round Lake

Hawkinson Park

N Cottage Grove Ave. | Luverne

Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic Site

27160 Co. Rd. 2 | Comfrey | (507) 628-5591

Joe Roberts Field

1120
N Blue
Mound
Ave. |
Luverne

Kolbert Park

800 W Warren St.
| Luverne

Leon H. Moore Park

N. Hiawatha Ave. | Pipestone | (507) 825-3324

Longhorn Park

406 E Adams Ave. | Luverne

Maka-Oicu County Park

Town Ave. | Fulda

Moccasin Park

400 E Luverne St. | Luverne

Nobles County Park

12533 Tripp Rd. | Dundee | (507) 468-2224

Palisades State Park

25495-25491 485th Ave. | Garretson, SD |
(605) 594-3824

Pickeral County Park

29773 Palm Ave. | Worthington

Pipestone Family Campground

919 N. Hiawatha Ave. | Pipestone |
(507) 825-2455



Prairie Moon Park

1008 Roundwind Rd. | Luverne

Riverside Field & Park

609 E Main St. | Luverne

Rotary Park

911 S Kniss Ave. | Luverne

Schoneman Park

940 US Hwy. 75 | Luverne

Sitting Bull Park

707 N Estey St. | Luverne

Southwest Park

5th St. & 8th Ave. SW | Pipestone |
(507) 825-3324

Split Rock Creek State Park

336 50th Avenue | Jasper | (507) 348-7908

Sportsman County Park

33587 280th St. | Worthington

Sunrise Prairie County Park

20079 330th Street | Rushmore

Touch the Sky Prairie

171st St. | Hardwick | (507) 283-4061

Veterans Memorial Park

1200 N Elm St. | Luverne

Water Tower Park

500 2nd St. NE | Pipestone | (507) 825-3324

Westview Park

1200 2nd St. NW | Pipestone | (507) 825-3324

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Disc Golf



AREA ATTRACTIONS

Blue Mound Ice Arena

601 W Hatting St. | Luverne | (507) 449-9138

Brandenburg Gallery & Touch the Sky Prairie

213 E. Luverne St. | Luverne | (507) 283-1884

Carnegie Cultural Center

205 N. Freeman Ave. | Luverne | (605) 321-2055

Dayton House

1311 Fourth Ave. | Worthington | (507) 727-1311

Deuschle Studio

1294 131st St. | Luverne | (507) 920-9466

Herreid Military Museum

213 E Luverne St. | Luverne | (507) 283-4061

Hinkly House

217 N. Freeman | Luverne | (507) 449-2115

Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers

400 N. Hiawatha Ave. | Pipestone | (507) 825-3734

Luverne Aquatics & Fitness Center

802 N Blue Mound Ave. | Luverne | (507) 449-5036

Luverne Country Club

1520 111th St. | Luverne | (507) 283-4383

Memorial Auditorium

714 13th St. | Worthington | (507) 376-9101

Nobles County Art Center

407 12th St., Suite 3 | Worthington | (507) 372-8245

Nobles Historical Museum

225 9th St. | Worthington | (507) 295-5397

Palace Theatre

104 East Main St. | Luverne | (507) 283-4339

Pioneer Village

1600 Stower Dr. | Worthington | (507) 295-5397
(Open Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Pipestone County Museum

113 S. Hiawatha | Pipestone | (507) 825-2563

Pipestone Family Aquatic Center

510 6th St. SE | Pipestone |
Summer (507) 825-7946
Winter (507) 825-5834

Pipestone Performing Arts Center

104 E. Main Street | Pipestone | (507) 825-2020

Prairie Ally

308 N Blue Mound Ave. | Luverne | (605) 951-0227

Prairie View Complex

705 W Dodge St. | Luverne

Rock County Courthouse & Veterans Memorial

213 E. Luverne | Luverne | (507) 283-5065

Rock County Historical Museum

312 E. Main St. | Luverne | (507) 283-2122

Rock County Sportsman's Club

1477 111th St. | Luverne | (507) 227-2609

Skydive Adventures

941 US-75 | Luverne | (605) 274-9970

Tri-State Museum

415 5th Ave. | Belle Fourche | (605) 723-1200

Verne Drive-In

1607 S. Kniss Ave. | Luverne | (507) 283-0007

Winnewissa Falls & Nicollet Expedition Marker

36 Reservation Ave. (Near Leaping Rock on the cliff line to the north of the waterfall) | Pipestone | (507) 825-5464

WWII Veteran's Memorial

418 Lake Ave. | Worthington

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You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses by phone: 1 (888) 665-4236.

HUNTING

Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10



Fox, Gray & Red

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide



*Check the MN DNR website for updates.
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Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

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Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

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Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do **NOT**
Transport Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



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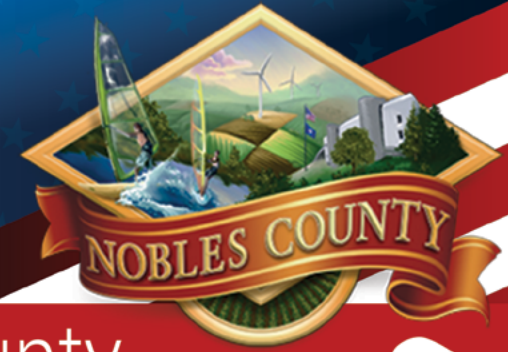
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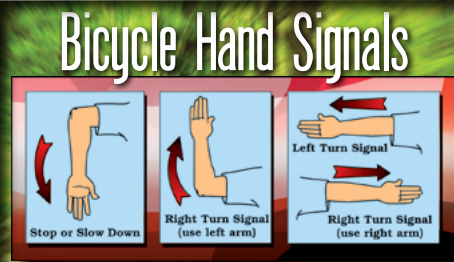
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

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



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

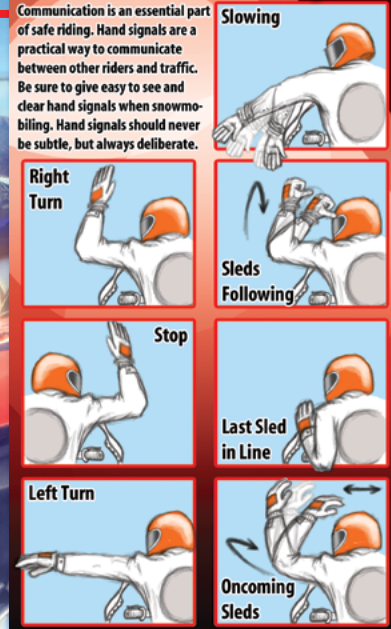
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

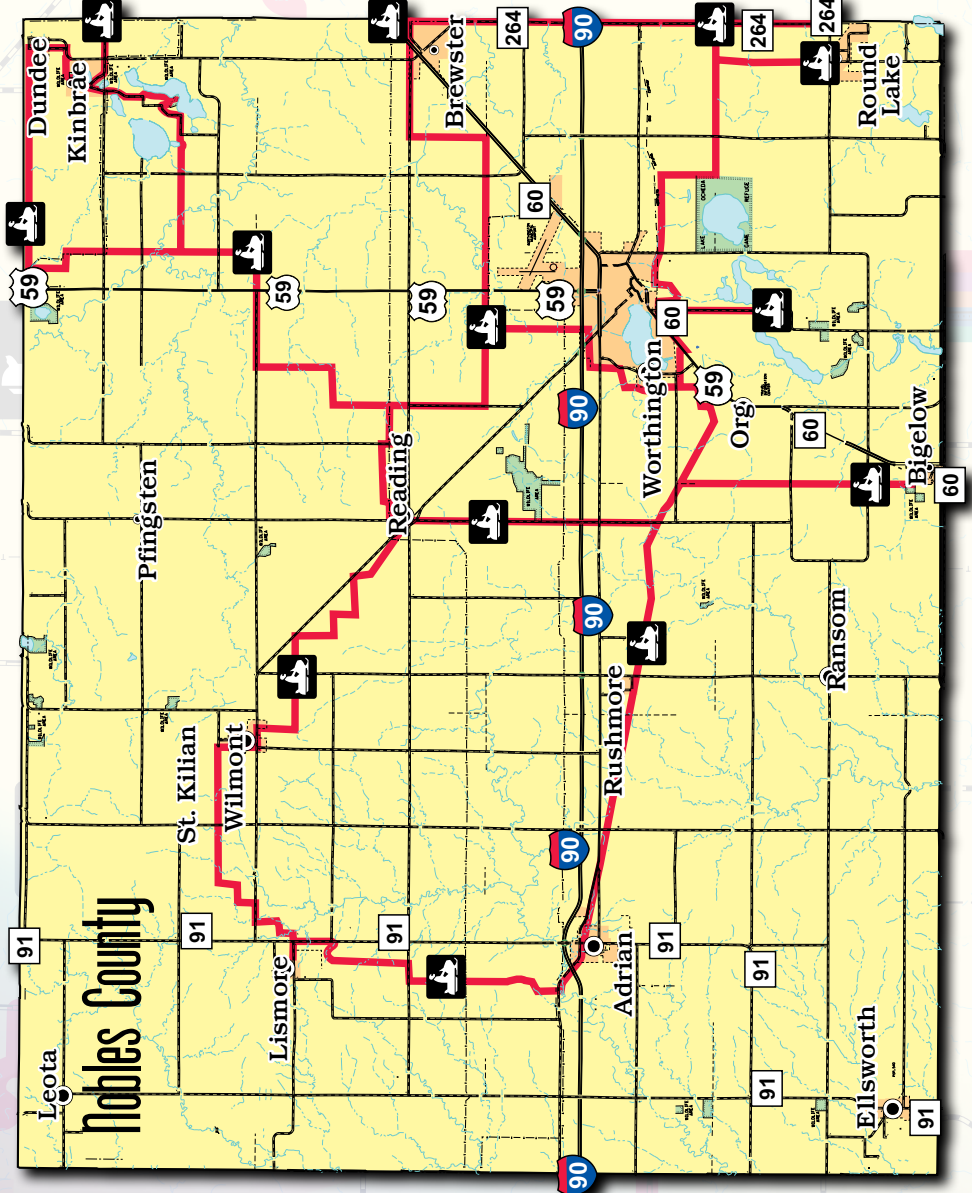
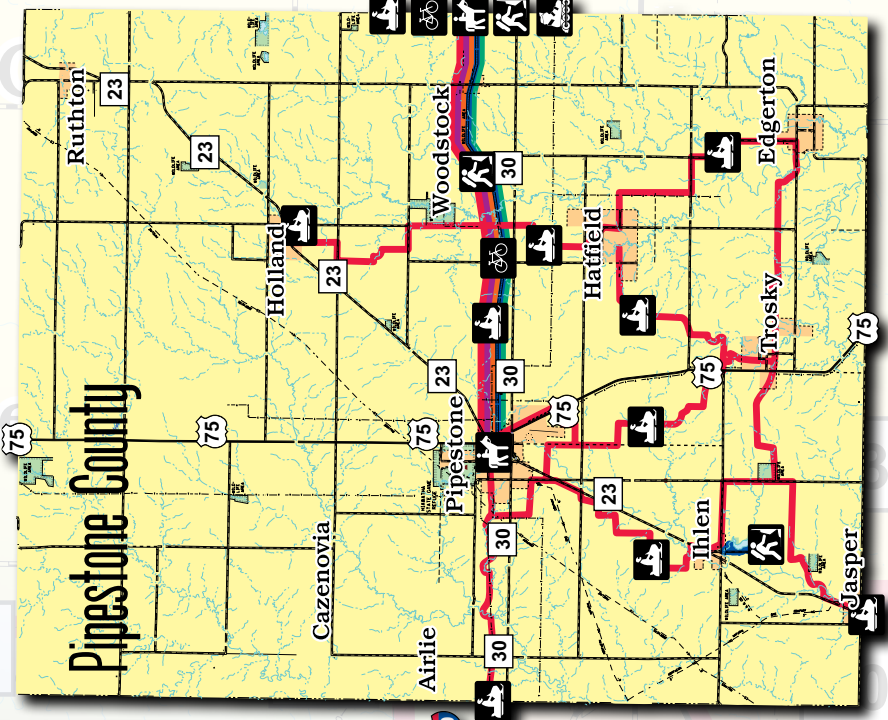
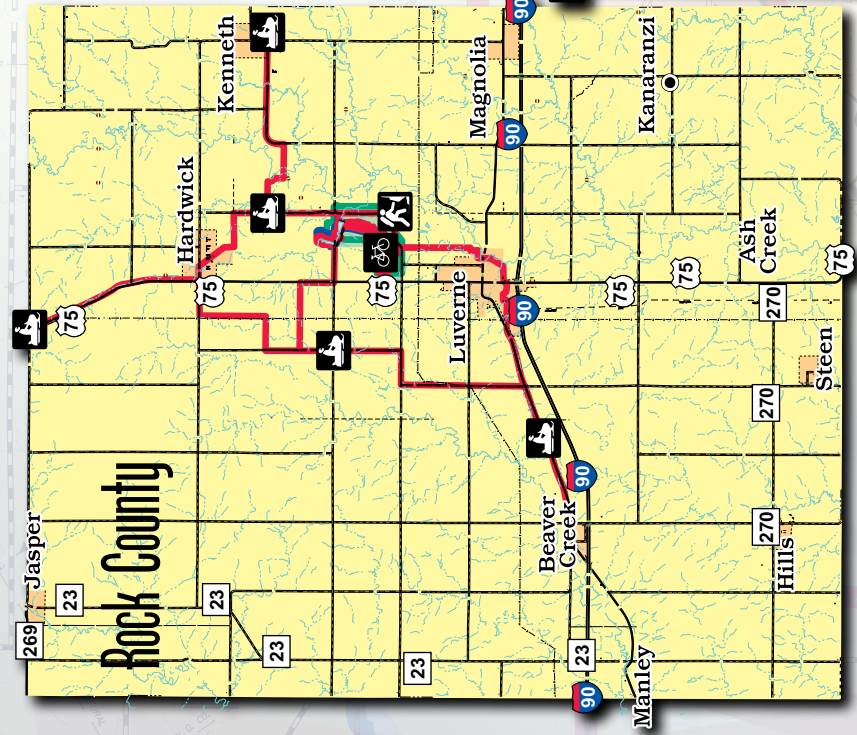
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.








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NO TRESPASSING

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

AREA RECREATION TRAILS



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NUTCRACKER CAPITAL OF THE MIDWEST

The over 5,800-piece nutcracker collection at The History Center is attracting hundreds of visitors who have read about the unique, handmade items and want to see them firsthand.

The nutcrackers are displayed in all shapes, sizes and colors and have origins in fascinating places all over the world.

Donated from Betty Mann's personal collection, they now have a permanent home tastefully displayed in the History Center on East Main Street in Luverne.

Internationally known tourism expert Roger Brooks said he was "blown away" by the display and informed Luverne leaders that nutcrackers could be that niche attraction to make the town a tourism destination.

"This is flat out amazing," he said. "This is worth getting off the interstate for."

And visitors are indeed coming off the interstate for Luverne's nutcrackers.

During Luverne's 150th anniversary celebration, the History Center accommodated more than 1,000 visitors, many of whom were drawn to the nutcrackers.

Who knew something so quirky could be so popular? Local leaders are now taking Brooks' advice and Luverne is on the map and developing a growing presence online as the "Nutcracker Capital of the Midwest."

During the holidays especially, the town goes "nutty for nutcrackers," with businesses, residents and organizations displaying their own personalized, life-sized nutcrackers.

An annual nutcracker scavenger hunt sends participants all over town exploring the nutcrackers and learning their names for a chance at cash prizes.

A nutcracker mascot makes surprise appearances at community events, and a 3-foot-tall nutcracker named for Luverne's founder, Philo Hawes, moves from business to business in a cat and mouse game of "Where's Waldo?" Only, in Luverne, the game is "Where's Philo?" Christmas 2017 saw the unveiling of nutcrackers in Luverne City Park near the Rock River with lights and music creating a magical nutcracker holiday wonderland.

All this nutcracker nonsense is working. Word is getting out, and curious visitors are increasingly exploring Luverne to experience the nutcracker phenomena for themselves.

But wait, there's more, be sure to check out the three, eight-foot tall, fine-art nutcrackers that are displayed on Main Street.

Luverne is already known as a gem on the prairie for travelers to stop in and enjoy the beautiful shaded neighborhoods, historic points of interest, clean and inviting parks and trails and the acclaimed Rock County Veterans Memorial and Veterans Memorial Building and Military Museum.

Our nutcrackers are nutty, no doubt, but we're pleased their fans are discovering our town and all the other wonderful and surprising attractions our little home on the prairie has to offer.

View the nutcracker collection at The History Center, 312 East Main Street, Luverne, MN. Open Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. For questions, call 507-282-2122 or email rcmuseum@gmail.com.

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Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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Autumn Foliage

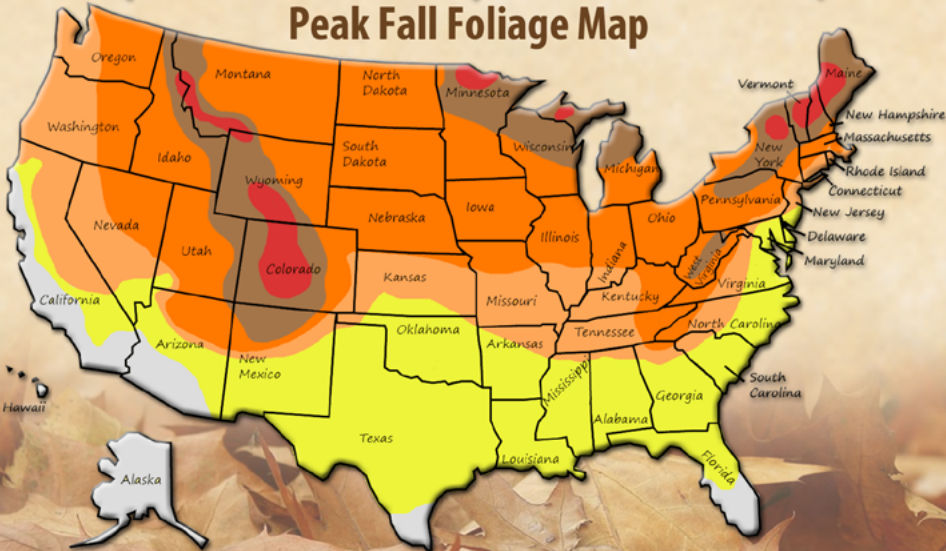


In the spring and summer tree leaves are green, producing nutrients for the tree. The green color comes from cells in the leaves containing chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs sunlight for energy to transform carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates.

In the fall, shortening days and cooling temperatures makes the leaves stop producing nutrients. The chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears. The different colors of each tree and tree type are due to the mixing of varying amounts of the chlorophyll residue and other pigments in the leaf during the fall season.



Peak Fall Foliage Map



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