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Columbia County



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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Winterfest (Jan-Feb) | Baraboo

## FEBRUARY

Winter Festival | Wisconsin Dells  
Bald Eagle Watching Day | Prairie du Sac

## MARCH

RAHS Choraliers Home Show | Reedsburg  
Downtown Baraboo Brew Haha

## APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Reedsburg, Franklin  
Fire House Spaghetti Supper | Reedsburg  
Wine Walk | Portage

## MAY

Spring Fair on the Square | Baraboo  
Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade | Portage  
St. Mary's Best Fest | Portage  
Annual Bulldog Stomp Cancer Benefit Run/Walk  
| Pardeeville  
BobFest | Spring Green  
Arbor Day Celebration | Franklin  
Polka Fest | Wisconsin Dells

## JUNE

ArtJune | Baraboo  
Spring Green Arts & Crafts Show  
Canal Days | Portage  
Summer Solstice Festival | Sauk City  
Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration  
Back to the '50s on Hwy. 60 | Arlington  
Summer Concert Series (Jun.-Aug.) | Reedsburg

## JULY

Independence Day Celebration | Area Wide  
Reedikulus Day | Reedsburg  
Independence Celebration | Franklin  
Sauk County Fair | Baraboo  
Columbia County Fair | Portage  
Caz Celebration | Cazenovia  
Relay for Life | Prairie du Sac  
Freedom Fest | Reedsburg

## AUGUST

Gandy Dancer Festival | Mazomanie  
Taste of Portage  
Badger Steam & Gas Engine Show | Baraboo  
St. John's Fun Fest | Spring Green  
Spring Green Car Show  
Susie the Duck Day | Lodi  
Rio Street Dance  
Old Fashioned Day Festival | Baraboo  
National Night Out | Area Wide  
WI State Cow Chip Throw & Festival |  
Prairie du Sac  
Pardeeville Community Car & Truck Show  
Crafts For Paws | Sauk City  
Cranes of the World Festival | Baraboo  
Cow Chip Classic Run/Walk | Prairie du Sac  
Cow Chip Arts & Craft Fair | Prairie du Sac  
End of Summer Throwback Festival |  
Wisconsin Dells  
Midwesty Fest | Wisconsin Dells  
Best Dam Bike Tour | Baraboo  
Community Wide Garage Sales | Reedsburg  
Classic Car & Truck Show at Taste of Portage  
PDFD Pork in the Park | Poynette

## SEPTEMBER

Baraboo River Rendezvous  
Pardeeville Watermelon Festival  
Wild West Days | Mazomanie  
Wo-Zha-Wa Days Festival | Wisconsin Dells  
Annual Tri-Lazy | Fall River  
Sorghum Fest | Fall River  
Brew-B-Que | Lodi  
Lazy Beaver Canoe Race | Reedsburg  
BeetleFest | Spring Green  
Reedsburg Fire Department Arts & Craft Show  
Annual Wisconsin Dells Rally  
Annual Muscle Car Adventures | Wisconsin Dells  
Annual BaraBLUES | Baraboo  
Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, Crafts & Hal-  
loween Celebration | Baraboo

## OCTOBER

Fall Fair on the Square | Baraboo  
Autumn Color Train Rides | North Freedom  
Fall Art Tour | Baraboo  
Railway Pumpkin Special | North Freedom  
Fermentation Fest | Reedsburg  
Dells On Tap Weekend | Wisconsin Dells

## OCTOBER (CONTD)

Spring Green Fall Art Tour  
Bison Ridge Ranch Fall Fest | Packwaukee  
Parktoberfest | Prairie du Sac  
Wisconsin Dells Fall Wine Walk

## NOVEMBER

Downtown Baraboo Fall Wine Walk  
Holly Jolly Light Parade | Baraboo  
Lighted Holiday Parade | Portage  
Railway Santa Express (Nov.-Dec.) | North Freedom  
Battle in the Bog | Reedsburg

## DECEMBER

The Very Merry Holiday Fair | Baraboo  
Breakfast with Santa | Columbus  
Holly Jolly | Sauk Prairie  
Randolph Holiday Bazaar  
Annual Sauk Prairie Holiday Shop | Prairie du Sac

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Clerk of Courts .....	355-3287
County Clerk .....	355-3286
District Attorney .....	355-3280
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Emergency Management .....	355-3200
Health & Human Services .....	355-4200
Health Care Center .....	524-7500
Highway & Transportation .....	355-4855
Human Services .....	355-4200
Land Resources & Environment.....	355-3245
Management Information Systems .....	355-3555
Planning & Zoning .....	355-3285
Register in Probate .....	355-3226
Register of Deeds .....	355-3288
Sheriff .....	355-3207
Surveyor .....	355-4474
Treasurer/Real Property Lister.....	355-3275
UW Extension .....	355-3250
Veteran Services .....	355-3260

## Columbia County

Accounting .....	(608) 742-9645
Child Support .....	742-9610
Clerk of Courts .....	742-2191
County Clerk .....	742-9654
District Attorney .....	742-9650
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Land & Water Conservation .....	742-9670
Management Information Systems .....	742-9626
Planning & Zoning .....	742-9660
Register in Probate .....	742-9636
Register of Deeds .....	742-9677
Sheriff .....	742-4166
Surveyor/Land Info .....	742-9616
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Sauk County was first settled in 1838 as pioneers arrived to stake land claims. The area was originally home to Indians and as a military road was constructed, Sauk County began to thrive. Ample natural resources and access to water continued to attract pioneers and early industry was led by agriculture. Railroad development allowed for growth and businesses, churches and schools were established to meet the needs of its residents. Baraboo was selected as the county seat and by 1900 the population of Sauk County had reached 33,006. Today Sauk County is home to approximately 65,763 residents.

**CITIES:**

- BARABOO (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 12,556
- REEDSBURG** – pop. 9984
- WISCONSIN DELLS\*** – pop. 2,942

**VILLAGES:**

- CAZENOVIA\*** – pop. 318
- IRONTON** – pop. 253
- LA VALLE** – pop. 367
- LAKE DELTON** – pop. 3,501
- LIME RIDGE** – pop. 162
- LOGANVILLE** – pop. 300
- MERRIMAC** – pop. 420
- NORTH FREEDOM** – pop. 701
- PLAIN** – pop. 773
- PRAIRIE DU SAC** – pop. 4,420

**VILLAGES (CONTD):**

- ROCK SPRINGS** – pop. 362
- SAUK CITY** – pop. 3,518
- SPRING GREEN** – pop. 1,628
- WEST BARABOO** – pop. 1,627

**TOWNS:**

- BARABOO** – pop. 1,816
- BEAR CREEK** – pop. 497
- DELLONA** – pop. 1,199
- DELTON** – pop. 2,024
- EXCELSIOR** – pop. 1,410
- FAIRFIELD** – pop. 1,078
- FRANKLIN** – pop. 696
- FREEDOM** – pop. 416
- GREENFIELD** – pop. 909
- HONEY CREEK** – pop. 749

**TOWNS (CONTD):**

- IRONTON** – pop. 650
- LA VALLE** – pop. 1,203
- MERRIMAC** – pop. 868
- PRAIRIE DU SAC** – pop. 3231
- REEDSBURG** – pop. 1,236
- SPRING GREEN** – pop. 1,585
- SUMPTER** – pop. 1,021
- TROY** – pop. 773
- WASHINGTON** – pop. 904
- WESTFIELD** – pop. 611
- WINFIELD** – pop. 752
- WOODLAND** – pop. 783

*\*Located in adjacent county or counties.  
\*\*Populations are approximate.*

**BARABOO (COUNTY SEAT)**

First known as Adams, Baraboo was settled in 1838 by Abe Wood. The community was renamed Baraboo due to its proximity to the Baraboo River. Sawmills were established and the area grew dramatically. Baraboo was incorporated in 1883 and as the Ringling Brothers Circus was established in 1884, Baraboo was widely recognized as “the Circus City.” It was selected as the county seat and has continued to prosper.

**CAZENOVIA**

Located in Sauk and Richland Counties, Cazenovia was named after Cazenovia, New York, from where many settlers originated. Access to water attracted settlers and the area began to develop. By 1890 businesses included an iron furnace, pharmacy, mill, restaurant, general store and specialty shops.

**IRONTON**

Ironton was first settled by William Cochran in 1846 and named for the iron ore deposits found in the area. Jonas Tower built the first iron furnace, dam and mill and the community grew as settlers arrived to work the iron mines. Ironton quickly became a trading center and a post office, mill, church and school were established.

**LA VALLE**

“La Valle,” meaning “the valley,” was first settled by Samuel Karstetter in 1847 originally part of Marston. By 1858 the area housed a school, church, post office and lumber mills. As rail lines were completed in 1872, La Valle continued to grow and by 1890 La Valle boasted blacksmith shops, a hotel, wagon shop, lively stable, hardware store, saloon, factory and specialty shops.

**LAKE DELTON**

Lake Delton was platted in 1850 by Edward Norris and the community was first named Norris in his honor. Its name was changed to Delton and in 1926 it was changed to Mirror Lake. The following year a dam was constructed on Dell Creek to attract tourists to the area and a reservoir was established called Lake Delton. The community was renamed again and became a popular resort area. In 1954 Lake Delton was incorporated and the area continued to grow. In 2008 the dam for Lake Delton failed and the lake was drained which resulted in much damage. Repairs were made and within a year Lake Delton was restored.

**LIME RIDGE**

Lime Ridge was named after lime deposits discovered in the area and ample timber, water power and iron ore attracted settlers. The first post office was established in 1858 with Charles Cushman serving as postmaster. By 1913 Lime Ridge was incorporated and the community boasted a hotel, dam, mill, general store and several churches.

**LOGANVILLE**

Loganville was named in honor of early settler Chancey P. Logan and in 1855 the first post office was established with S.N. Kinsley serving as postmaster. Kinsley also served as the first teacher of the area and by 1877 mills were constructed and the area began to grow. A.D. Gibson established the first general store and by 1890 the population of Loganville reached 200 and the community housed hotels, a doctor’s office and an assortment of specialty shops.

## MERRIMAC

Once known as Brown's Cabin, Matt's Ferry and Collomar, the community was renamed Merrimack by Mrs. J.G. Train after Merrimack County in New Hampshire. Chester Mattson served as the area's first postmaster and in 1899 Merrimack was incorporated. In 1950 Merrimac was officially given its current spelling and is now home to the Merrimac Ferry, started in 1848, and is the only free ferry in all of Wisconsin still in use.

## NORTH FREEDOM

The first house in North Freedom was constructed by John Hackett in 1856 and the community was originally known as Hackett's Corners. The construction of a mill began to draw settlers and the first store was established in 1871 by John Ladd. In 1873 W.C.T. Newell platted streets and railroad expansion prompted growth. The community was renamed North Freedom and was incorporated by 1893.

## PRAIRIE DU SAC

Prairie du Sac was named for the Sauk or Sac Indians that originally inhabited the area and streets were platted by David B. Crocker, Calvin Frinka and John LaMesuere in 1840. Crocker established the first store in the area and a variety of businesses soon followed. The community was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Baraboo.

## REEDSBURG

Reedsburg was first settled by James Babb in 1848. A sawmill and gristmill were then built by David C. Reed and the community was named in his honor. As rail lines were constructed, Reedsburg continued to develop and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of its residents.

## SAUK CITY

Originally known as Harszthy and then Westfield, Sauk City was renamed after the Indians that resided in the area. Berry Haney was the first settler to arrive in 1838 and streets were platted by Count Augustine Haraszthy in 1845. Businesses were established and the area developed quickly. In 1854 Sauk City was incorporated and today is the oldest incorporated village in all of Wisconsin.

## WEST BARABOO

First known as Lyons, West Baraboo was platted in 1846. The first hotel was constructed in 1848 by James Webster and a school was established. Ample timber and access to water power attracted settlers and the area began to grow. The first school was organized in 1850 and businesses soon followed. West Baraboo was incorporated in 1956 and the community has continued to thrive.

## WISCONSIN DELLS

Located in Adams, Columbia, Juneau, and Sauk Counties, Wisconsin Dells was originally a famous reference point for traders and explorers and was founded in 1857 upon the arrival of the railroad. The community was first known as Kilbourn and is one of the oldest resort areas in all of Wisconsin. The natural beauty attracted tourists from across the country, many of whom became permanent residents. The community continued to grow and it is now widely recognized as the "Waterpark Capital of the World," due to its numerous indoor and outdoor waterparks found throughout the area.



Columbia County was first settled by fur traders and originally home to Indians. As lands were opened for settlement, Columbia County began to grow and ample natural resources attracted many pioneers. Construction of the railroad allowed for development and settlements became communities. Portage was selected as the county seat and Columbia County continued to thrive. Businesses, churches and schools were established to meet the needs of its residents and by 1900 its population had reached 31,121. Today Columbia County is home to approximately 58,490 residents.

### CITIES:

**COLUMBUS\*** – pop. 5540  
**LODI** – pop. 3,189  
**PORTAGE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 10,581  
**WISCONSIN DELLS\*** – pop. 2,942

### VILLAGES:

**ARLINGTON** – pop. 819  
**CAMBRIA** – pop. 767  
**DOYLESTOWN** – pop. 297  
**FALL RIVER** – pop. 1,712  
**FRIESLAND** – pop. 356  
**PARDEVILLE** – pop. 2,115  
**POYNETTE** – pop. 2,528  
**RANDOLPH\*** – pop. 1,811  
**RIO** – pop. 1,059  
**WYOCENA** – pop. 1,543

### TOWNS:

**ARLINGTON** – pop. 902  
**CALEDONIA** – pop. 1,391  
**COLUMBUS** – pop. 643  
**COURTLAND** – pop. 529  
**DEKORRA** – pop. 2,309  
**FORT WINNEBAGO** – pop. 821  
**FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE** – pop. 885  
**HAMPDEN** – pop. 552  
**LEEDS** – pop. 771  
**LEWISTON** – pop. 1,227  
**LODI** – pop. 3,281  
**LOWVILLE** – pop. 1,010  
**MARCELLON** – pop. 1,094  
**NEWPORT** – pop. 586  
**OTSEGO** – pop. 694  
**PACIFIC** – pop. 2,705  
**RANDOLPH** – pop. 767

### TOWNS: (CONTD.)

**SCOTT** – pop. 911  
**SPRINGVALE** – pop. 518  
**WEST POINT** – pop. 1,970  
**WYOCENA** – pop. 1,667  
*\*Located in adjacent county or counties.  
 \*\*Populations are approximate.*

**ARLINGTON**

In 1871 Arlington was platted by David Bullen and Mrs. Sarah Pierce and a post office was established with Mrs. Adeline C. Paine serving as postmaster. Rail lines were completed and the community became a shipping place for grain. By 1875 Arlington housed general stores, a blacksmith shop, hotel and several specialty shops.

**CAMBRIA**

The Langdon brothers arrived to the Cambria area in 1844 and established a sawmill and general store. They platted streets and called the community Florence, but the area was recognized as Langdon's Mill. Its name was changed to Belleville and as more settlers arrived, the community was renamed Cambria. By 1881 Cambria boasted a hotel, banks, creamery, canning factory, sawmill and an assortment of specialty stores.

**COLUMBUS**

Located in Columbia and Dodge Counties, the first settler of Columbus was Elbert Dickason in 1839 who built a home and a small sawmill. James T. Lewis was the first lawyer to the area and later went on to become Governor of Wisconsin from 1864 to 1865. The community is said to have been named after Christopher Columbus and a statue and a museum were constructed to honor his legacy.

**DOYLESTOWN**

In 1865 Lemuel H. Doyle purchased land with the intent of establishing a village and streets were platted by Alfred Topliff. The community was recognized as Doylestown in his honor and development was slow until Mr. Doyle offered free land to anyone willing to settle. The area experienced a boom and its population grew dramatically. Churches and schools were organized and the area continued to prosper.

**FALL RIVER**

Fall River was founded by A.A. Brayton who operated a sawmill and general store and established a post office in 1847. Ample water power attracted settlers and the community became a prominent stop on the railroad. Fall River was incorporated in 1903 and at one point had one of the largest canning factories in the nation, the Fall River Canning Company.

**FRIESLAND**

Friesland was first settled in 1844 and the community was first known as Randolph Center. By 1900 businesses included a blacksmith shop, post office, wagon and carriage shop along with churches and a school. Due to postal confusion with the nearby Village of Randolph, the community was renamed Friesland after Friesland in the Netherlands from where many settlers originated.

**LODI**

Attracted to ample natural resources and access to water, Lodi was settled by the Bartholomew brothers in 1844 and founded by Isaac Palmer in 1846. Its name means "Pleasant Valley" and as a sawmill was constructed the community began to grow. In 1871 rail lines were completed and in 1872 Lodi was incorporated as a village. By 1898 its population had reached 974 and Lodi continued to prosper. In 1941 the community was incorporated as a city and Lodi is now widely recognized for its annual Susie the Duck Day, a town celebration since 1948.

**PARDEEVILLE**

In 1848 John S. Pardee, a wealthy merchant from Milwaukee, sent his agent Reuben Stedman to present-day Pardeeville to establish a store and mill. The following year Yates Ashley took over Mr. Stedman's duties and continued development in the area. The community was named in honor of Mr. Pardee, its financier, and was incorporated in 1899. By 1901 Pardeeville boasted warehouses, churches, a creamery, grain elevator, lumberyard, bank and school.

**PORTAGE (COUNTY SEAT)**

Portage was first explored by Fr. Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet in 1673. The first trading post was erected in 1792 and allowed for major transportation and trading. Portage has a unique geographical location between the Fox River and the Wisconsin River, of which one flows south and one flows north. For many years settlers had to portage their canoes from one stream to another. The town was thus known originally as "Wau-wau-onah," a Winnebago word meaning "carry on the shoulder". It was later called Le Portage and eventually shortened to Portage and was selected as the county seat.

**POYNETTE**

The Village of Poynette was named after Pierre Pauquette, an Indian trader and first permanent settler to the area and a postal spelling error led to its present spelling. The village was later platted in 1851 by Samuel B. Pinney and the area began to grow upon development of the railroad. Businesses were established and churches and schools were organized.

**RANDOLPH**

Located in Columbia and Dodge Counties, Randolph was first known as Converseville after its founder John Converse. As streets were platted its name was changed to Westford until the community was incorporated in 1869 as Randolph. By 1895 its population had reached 592 and the community continued to grow. The first library was established in 1907 and in 1936 the Hutchinson Memorial Library was completed which is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

**RIO**

In 1864 local landowner N.B. Dunlap platted streets and a nearby post office and general store were moved to the community by Delos Bundy. Within two years a grain elevator, pharmacy, physician's office and lumberyard were thriving and Rio was incorporated in 1886.

**WYOCENA**

Wyocena was platted by Major Elbert Dickason in 1846 and was one of the first settlements in Columbia County. The community was selected as the county seat until 1850 when it was moved to Portage. A post office was established with Harvey Bush serving as postmaster. The first store was opened by Jacob Rogers and Elder S.E. Miner organized the first school. By 1910 businesses included mills, a creamery, bank and specialty shops.



The *HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE* is a significant historical site located in Portage, Wisconsin. It is a well-preserved example of early 19th-century architecture and is closely tied to the history of Native American relations in the region, particularly with the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) tribe. Here is some information about the Historic Indian Agency House:

**History:** The house was constructed in 1832 by the U.S. government as a residence for John Kinzie, the Indian Agent appointed to work with the Ho-Chunk tribe. It was part of the federal government's effort to negotiate treaties and maintain peace between settlers and indigenous peoples.

**Architecture:** The Indian Agency House is a fine example of Greek Revival architecture, which was popular in the early 19th century. It features a classical temple front with columns and a symmetrical design.

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Indian Agency House was to serve as a residence for the Indian Agent and his family while they worked to implement the terms of treaties and maintain peaceful relations between settlers and Native American tribes.

**Significance:** The house is historically significant because it provides insights into the early history of Wisconsin and the interactions between Native American tribes and the U.S. government during a time of westward expansion. It also sheds light on the daily life of the Indian Agent and his family.

**Preservation:** The Indian Agency House has been carefully preserved and is open to the public as a museum. Visitors can explore the interior of the house, which is furnished with period-appropriate items, and learn about the history of the site through exhibits and guided tours.

**Ho-Chunk History:** The house is closely associated with the Ho-Chunk tribe, also known as the Winnebago. The tribe's history and interactions with the U.S. government are an integral part of the site's narrative.

**Location:** The Historic Indian Agency House is located in Portage, Wisconsin, which is situated along the Wisconsin River. The location was strategically important for trade and transportation during the 19th century.

Visiting the Historic Indian Agency House provides an opportunity to learn about the complex history of Native American relations in the Midwest during the early 19th century and gain insights into the architectural and cultural heritage of the region. Located at 1490 Agency House Rd, Portage, WI 53901. You may also visit their website, <https://www.agencyhouse.org/>.

## Health Benefits of the Outdoors



**Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.**

**Stress Reduction:** Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

**Improved Mental Health:** Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

**Increased Physical Activity:** Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

**Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function:** Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

**Connection with the Environment:** Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

**Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.**

## 400 STATE TRAIL

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W7635 County Rd. P | Pardeeville  
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## MAN MOUND STATE PARK

E13097 Man Mound Rd. | Baraboo | (808) 936-7463  
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## PARFREY'S GLEN STATE NATURAL AREA

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## Disc Golf



# HUNTING SEASONS

## DEER

### Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

### Archery and Crossbow \*Metro Sub-units only\*

Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025

**Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities:** This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13, 2024

**Youth deer hunt** ~ Oct. 5 – 6, 2024

**Gun** ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2024

**Muzzleloader** ~ Dec. 2 – 11, 2024

**December 4-day antlerless hunt** ~

Dec. 12 – 15, 2024

**Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt** ~

Dec. 24, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025\*

\*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.

## BEAR

**Zones A, B, D:** where dogs are permitted

Oct. 2 – 8

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10

with aid of bait only

with all other legal methods not using dogs

**Zones C, E, F:** where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 4 – Oct. 8

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

## SMALL MAMMALS

### Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

**Squirrels** (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

## GAME BIRDS

### Crow

Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

### Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

### Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11

### Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Zone B ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 8

**Sharp-tailed grouse** ~ Season is under review.

### Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

## FURBEARERS

### Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season

Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

### Fox, red and gray

Hunting/Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

### Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ Day after the duck season closes March 15, 2025

### Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone ~ Oct. 19 – April 15, 2025

Central Zone ~ Oct. 26 – March 22, 2025

Southern Zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 15, 2025

Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 11 – March 9, 2025

### Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping

Period 1 ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 25

Period 2 ~ Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025

### Fisher

Trapping

North and South Zones ~ Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

## FURBEARERS (CONTD)

### Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

### Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Non-resident ~ Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025

**Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck** ~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

## WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 13 – 14

Spring 2024

Period A ~ April 17 – 23

Period B ~ April 24 – 30

Period C ~ May 1 – 7

## WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period D ~ May 8–14

Period E ~ May 15–21

Period F ~ May 22 – 28

Fall 2024

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23 – Jan. 5, 2025

\*Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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# FIREWOOD

**Burn it where you get it!**



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



**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!**

# Fishing Seasons



**2024-2025  
SEASON DATES**  
(Effective Date: April  
2024; Dates Inclusive)

**Early Inland Trout** (catch and release)  
January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

**General Inland Trout**  
May 4 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15

**General Inland Fishing**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Largemouth Bass Northern Zone  
Harvest**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone  
Harvest**  
June 15 - March 2, 2025

**Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern  
Zone Harvest**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And  
Release**  
At all other times of the year.

**Musky Northern Zone Harvest**  
May 25 - Dec. 31

**Musky Southern Zone Harvest**  
May 4 - Dec. 31

**Northern Pike**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Walleye**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Lake Sturgeon**  
Feb. 10 - Feb. 25 (spearing)  
Sept. 7 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Free Fishing Weekends**  
Jan. 20-21, 2024  
June 1-2, 2024

*\*Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates:  
1 (888) 936-7463  
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Do  
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Invasive:  
• Fish  
• Invertebrates  
• Aquatic Plants



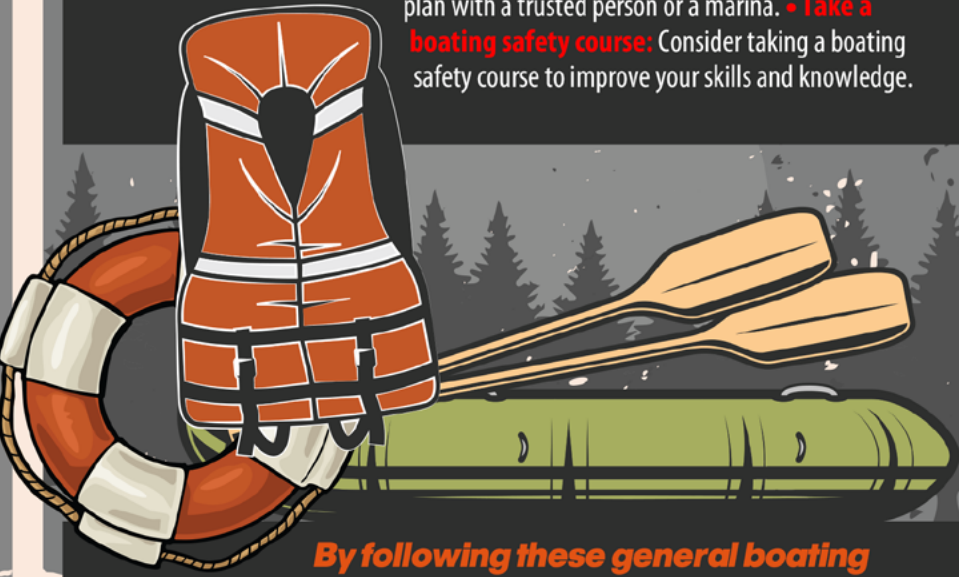
# CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

**KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...**

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

**Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:**

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



**By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.**



# MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

Do you know the Midwest fish species? Identify the fish below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

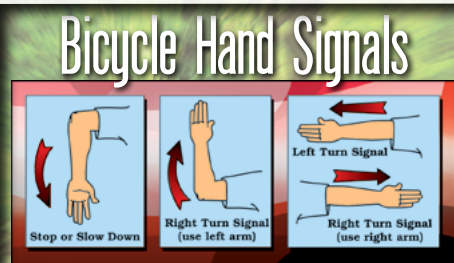
11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellung 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

# 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!



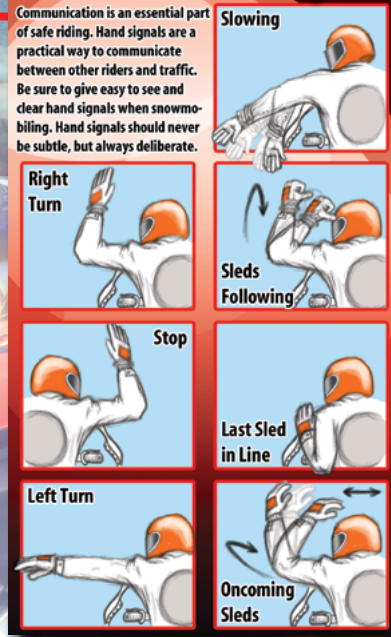
# Know Your ATV

## 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 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.



- 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.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
NO TRESPASSING

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



# GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



# EVERY DAY is EARTH DAY



**Community/Home Gardens:** Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

**Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

**Plant Trees:** Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

**Local Food:** Buy local sustainable food.

**Clean-Up Events:** Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

**Upcycle Crafts:** Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



# COMPOSTING in Your Backyard



Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

## How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while



### What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

### What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

### How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

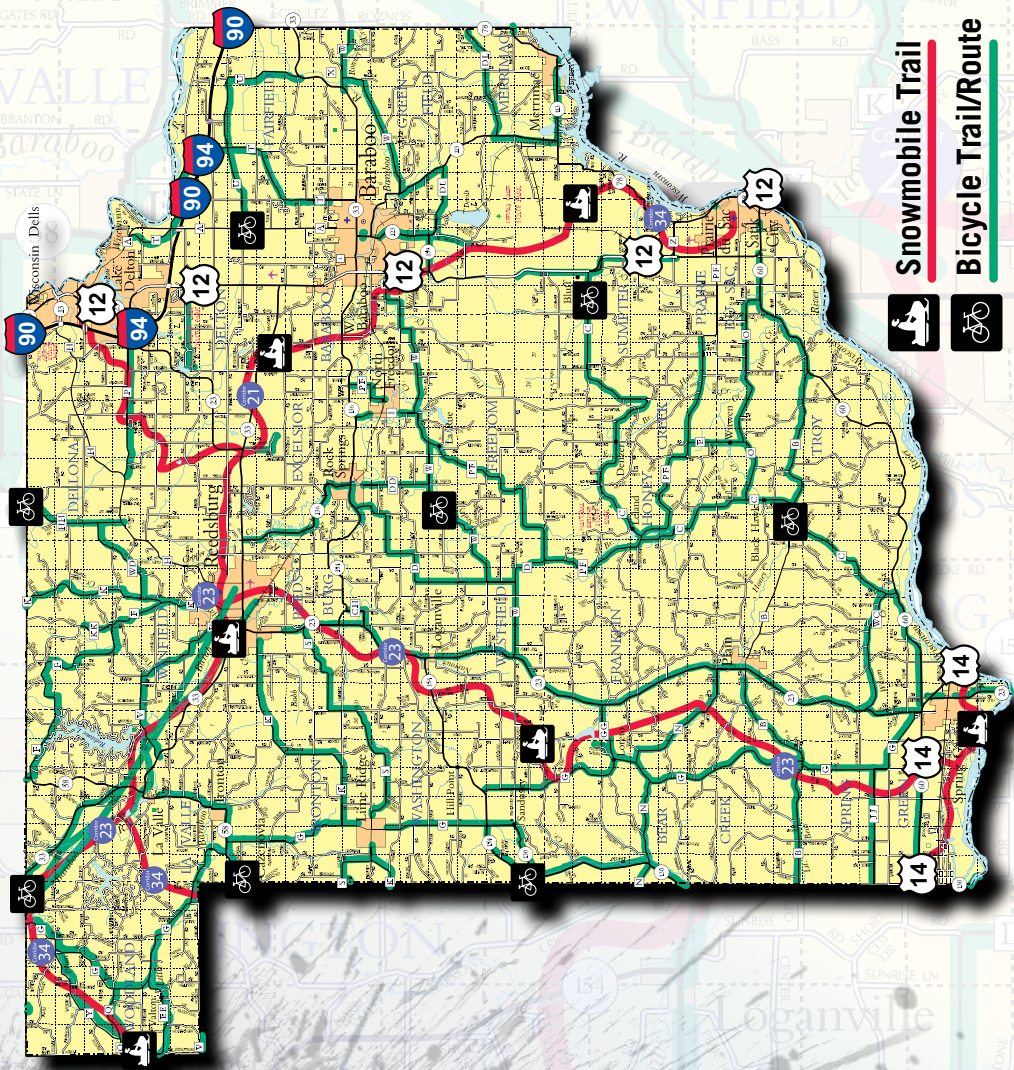
### Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.

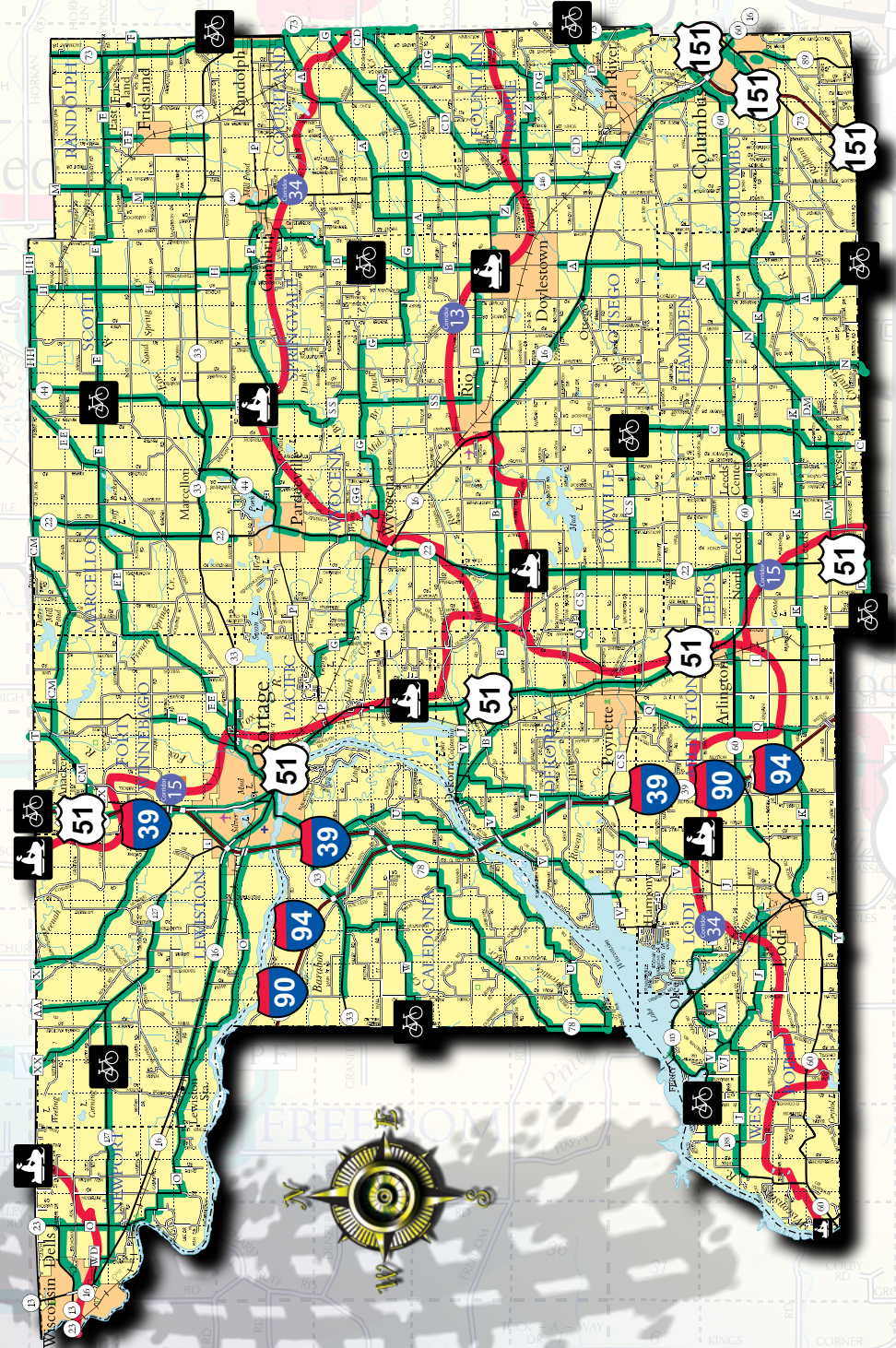


# SAUK COUNTY TRAILS

# COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAILS



 **Snowmobile Trail**  
 **Bicycle Trail/Route**



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# Tilapia

## Baked in Garlic Butter



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 tilapia fillets
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Pat the tilapia fillets dry with paper towels and place them in a baking dish.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- 5 Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- 8 Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

Enjoy your delicious and healthy tilapia baked in garlic butter!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

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# So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

**Commitment and Time:** Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

**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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# Be smart...



Take good care of your skin

*The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.*

## • Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

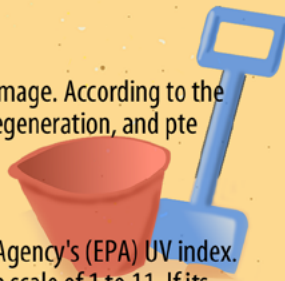
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

## • Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

## • UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If its low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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