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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## **JANUARY**

St. Wenceslaus Snowman Celebration | New Prague

## **FEBRUARY**

Polar Plunge | Prior Lake

Mother & Son Super Hero Bash | Shakopee

Home Remodeling Fair | Savage

## **MARCH**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Belle Plaine

Fire Department Fish Fry | Belle Plaine

Easter Egg Hunt | Elko New Market, Prior Lake, Shakopee

Leprechaun Party | Prior Lake

Ladies Night Out | Jordan

Spring-A-Ding | Prior Lake

## **APRIL**

Clean Up Day | Prior Lake

Arbor Day Celebration | Savage

Flashlight Egg Scramble | Savage

Clean Up Day | Shakopee

Flashlight Egg Scramble | Savage

## **MAY**

1/2 Marathon & 5K | New Prague

Silent Auction Fundraiser | New Prague

Memorial Day Parade | Prior Lake

## **JUNE**

Dan Patch Days | Savage

Law Enforcement 5K Torch Run | Savage

Movie in the Park | Shakopee

Wheels Bike Event | Shakopee

Big Fun Day! | Shakopee

Police Department Torch Run for Special Olympics | Shakopee

Shakopee

## **JULY**

Independence Day Celebration | Belle Plaine

Bar-B-Q Days | Belle Plaine

Scott County Fair | Jordan

Antique Tractor Club Show | New Prague

Lakefront Music Festival | Prior Lake

St. Mark's Julifest | Shakopee

Relay for Life | Shakopee

Minnesota River Arts Fair | Shakopee

Happy Birthday America Parade | Shakopee

Movie in the Park | Shakopee

Fourth of July Fireworks and Events | Prior Lake

## **AUGUST**

Scott County's Largest Beanbag Tournament | Jordan

St. Wenceslaus Parish Festival | New Prague

SMSC Wacipi Pow Wow | Prior Lake

Night to Unite | Savage | Shakopee | Prior Lake

St. Mary's Parish Festival | Shakopee

Friday Night Water Fights | Shakopee

Parks & Recreation's Summer Carnival | Shakopee

Heimatfest | Jordan

## **SEPTEMBER**

Classic Car Cruise | New Prague

Dozinky Days Celebration | New Prague

Minnesota Renaissance Festival | Shakopee

Movie in the Park | Shakopee

## **OCTOBER**

Scenic Byway 1/2 Marathon & 5K | Belle Plaine

Business Trick or Treat | Belle Plaine, Jordan

Halloween Bash & Party | Savage

Fire Department Open House and Fire Expo | Savage

World's Largest Corn Maze Run | Shakopee

Trail of Terror | Shakopee

Pumpkins in the Park | Shakopee

Scary Skate & Spooky Family Fun Night | Shakopee

Painting with Pumpkins | Shakopee

Scott County Senior Expo | Shakopee

Fire Department Open House | Prior Lake

## **NOVEMBER**

Autumn Arts & Crafts Festival | Shakopee

Family Fun Night | Shakopee

## **DECEMBER**

Holiday Tree Lighting | Belle Plaine

Holiday Express | Belle Plaine

DecemBRRR Dazzle | Prior Lake

Santa Cop Night | Savage

Secret Holiday Shop | Savage

Holiday Festival | Shakopee

Skate with Santa | Shakopee

*\*Events are subject to change*

## DISC GOLF

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also an inexpensive sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.



# RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

## COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION .....	(952) 496-8100
ASSESSOR & AUDITOR .....	496-8167
ATTORNEY .....	496-8240
AUDITOR .....	496-8167
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS .....	496-8260
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES .....	496-8475
COMMUNITY SERVICES .....	445-8432
CUSTOMER SERVICE .....	496-8150
COURT ADMINISTRATION .....	496-8200
ELECTIONS .....	496-8560
EMERGENCY .....	<b>911</b>
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT .....	496-8308 EXT. 2
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	455-7750
LIBRARY .....	496-8010
PARKS DEPARTMENT .....	496-8752
PLANNING .....	496-8653
PUBLIC HEALTH .....	496-8555
PUBLIC WORKS .....	496-8346
RECORDER/LANDRECORDS .....	496-8150
SHERIFF .....	496-8300
TRANSIT .....	496-8346
TREASURER .....	496-8150
VETERAN SERVICES .....	496-8176
WORKFORCE CENTER .....	496-8686

## CITY HALLS

BELLE PLAINE .....	(952) 873-5553
ELKO NEW MARKET .....	461-2777
JORDAN .....	492-2535
NEW PRAGUE .....	758-4401
PRIOR LAKE .....	447-9800
SAVAGE .....	882-2660
SHAKOPEE .....	233-9300

## POLICE DEPARTMENTS

BELLE PLAINE .....	(952) 873-4307
ELKO NEW MARKET .....	461-6068
JORDAN .....	492-2009
NEW PRAGUE .....	758-2791
PRIOR LAKE .....	440-3555
SAVAGE .....	882-2600
SHAKOPEE .....	233-9400

## FIRE DEPARTMENTS

BELLE PLAINE .....	(952) 873-6820
ELKO NEW MARKET .....	461-2777
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Scott County is named in honor of General Winfield Scott and was established in 1853. Originally home to Native Americans, Scott County was settled in the 1850's. Farms and communities were quickly founded and the area began to grow. Native American trails and ox cart trails became roads and the Minnesota River provided necessary transportation of goods. Agriculture dominated early industry and wheat became the principal crop. Corn and potato production increased and there was a growing interest in dairy cattle, oxen and swine. In the late 1870's Scott County was a major flax producer. Flour mills, breweries, creameries, brickyards and specialty shops were established and the area continued to develop. Scott County has grown dramatically from a population of 15,147 in 1900 to now over approximately 131,939 residents.

## **CITIES:**

- BELLE PLAINE** – pop. 6,865
- ELKO NEW MARKET** – pop. 3,943
- JORDAN** – pop. 5,528
- NEW PRAGUE** – pop. 6,812
- PRIOR LAKE** – pop. 25,220
- SAVAGE** – pop. 28,335
- SHAKOPEE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 34,662

## **TOWNSHIPS:**

- BELLE PLAINE** – pop. 1,262
- BLAKELEY** – pop. 824
- CEDAR LAKE** – pop. 2,983
- CREDIT RIVER** – pop. 5,368
- HELENA** – pop. 1,978
- JACKSON** – pop. 1,572
- LOUISVILLE** – pop. 1,722
- NEW MARKET** – pop. 3,787
- SAND CREEK** – pop. 1,750
- SPRING LAKE** – pop. 3,738
- ST. LAWRENCE** – pop. 679

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## **BELLE PLAINE**

Once home to fur traders, Belle Plaine was settled in 1853 by Judge Andrew Gould Chatfield. He purchased land and platted the town with Major Robert H. Rose and William H. Smith. Belle Plaine, French for beautiful prairie, began to grow and soon was a paddle boat stop along the Minnesota River. By 1900 a grist mill, foundry, sawmills, breweries and brick yards were thriving. Today Belle Plaine is home to approximately 6,865 residents.

## **ELKO NEW MARKET**

The newest community in Scott County, Elko New Market began as two separate communities, Elko and New Market. Settled in 1858, Elko began as a railway village and New Market was first known as Jackson. The two communities existed independently until they were merged in 2007 by an election. It is widely known for the Elko Speedway, attracting thousands of visitors each year. Today Elko New Market is home to approximately 3,943 residents.

## **JORDAN**

In 1853 Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes arrived to the Jordan area to establish a sawmill. Settlement began and by 1860, Jordan was home to a post office, hotel, tavern, school, churches and mills. Biblically named after the River Jordan, the community was incorporated in 1891. With two railroad lines passing through the community, Jordan began to flourish and a variety of general stores and specialty shops were founded. Today Jordan is home to approximately 5,528 residents.

## **NEW PRAGUE**

Under Bishop Joseph Cretin's advice, Anton Phillipp arrived to the New Prague area in 1856 and built a cabin. Settlers began to arrive and New Prague was incorporated in 1877, named in honor of Prague, Czech Republic and the area's bohemian roots. By 1875 a mill was constructed and industry was agricultural based. A cooperative creamery was established in 1912 and a cooperative oil company followed in 1925. Industry began to diversify and New Prague continued to grow. Today New Prague is home to approximately 6,812 residents.

## **PRIOR LAKE**

Once known as Spring Lake, Prior Lake was settled in 1852 by William H. Calkins. Calkins claimed land and built a grist mill with the intention of platting a town. The community grew slowly until the arrival of the railroad in 1872 and Spring Lake was renamed Prior Lake in honor of Charles H. Prior, a local landowner and railroad worker. Feed mills, flour mills, general stores, saloons and specialty shops were booming by 1890 and the agricultural community became a resort haven for Twin Cities citizens. Today Prior Lake is home to approximately 25,220 residents.

## SAVAGE

Savage began as a trading post in 1852 named Hamilton. Settlers arrived and a post office was established with the arrival of the railroad in 1865. In 1902 Marion Willis Savage, a prominent Minneapolis business owner purchased a racehorse by the name of Dan Patch and built a race-track on the outskirts of Hamilton. Due to heavy promotion, the residents of Hamilton grew to adore Savage and his horse. The community was renamed in his honor and the town quickly grew. Today Savage is home to approximately 28,335 residents.

## SHAKOPEE (COUNTY SEAT)

Located in the lower Minnesota River Valley, Shakopee has been home to Native Americans for thousands of years. Burial mounds in Memorial Park date back approximately 2,000 years. At the time of the first European settlers, Dakota Indians inhabited the valley. Chief Sakpe settled his tribe along the river banks in the 1700s; his village was called Tinta Otunwe, "village of the prairies," and located east of Shakopee's present downtown. Today Shakopee is home to approximately 34,662 residents.

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	4 person
• Cloves	3/4 TSP
• Nutmeg	1/4 TSP
• Cinnamon	1 TSP
• Rum Extract	1TBSP
• Vanilla Extract	1TBSP
• Coconut Cream	2 cans
• Coconut Milk	1 can
• Evaporated Milk	1 can
• Sweetened Condensed Milk	3 cans
• Cinnamon Sticks for garnish	

### 2 THE FLAVORS

Now add your **Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Cloves, Rum Extract & Vanilla Extract**. And mix/blend it up once again. These measurements can be added to in moderation to fit your personal taste.

### 3 LET IT SIT & SERVE

You are more than welcomed to serve it right after mixing but for the best results, let your final concoction sit for an hour or two, to allow all of the flavors to set in.

### 1 Mixing

Open your cans of **Coconut Milk, Coconut Cream, Sweetened Condensed Milk & Evaporated Milk**. Then using a large pot or mixing bowl, pour all of the contents of each can into the large pot or mixing bowl. Now grab a whisk or hand blender to mix.

### 4 THE GARNISH

**Coquito** is an excellent Holiday Beverage and if your looking to dress it up a little upon serving feel free to add a **cinnamon stick** or two, as well as a little bit of whip cream to top it off.

*Bon Appétit!*

**PREP: 10 MIN TOTAL: 30 MIN**

# Word Scramble

## VALLEYFAIR RIDES

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RGNEEEAD \_\_\_\_\_

INIGTHWDL \_\_\_\_\_

REIODLISU \_\_\_\_\_

LIRGHOERTNTNSH \_\_\_\_\_

TTELRI \_\_\_\_\_

HOLRHLRIGE \_\_\_\_\_

NERTSOM \_\_\_\_\_

NHUATEDROCNYN \_\_\_\_\_

CRSMEARLB \_\_\_\_\_

ILEEWEHSRRF \_\_\_\_\_

SCTEPURA \_\_\_\_\_

RENEGADE

EXCALIBUR

MONSTER

HIGH ROLLER

THUNDER CANYON

POWER TOWER

FERRIS WHEEL

CORKSCREW

STEEL VENOM

SUPER CAT

NORTHERN LIGHTS

WILD THING

DELIRIOUS

TILTER

SCRAMBLER

## VALLEYFAIR TRIVIA/FUN FACTS

•Valleyfair was opened by two local businessmen in 1976. At its opening the park featured twenty attractions. Today it has over seventy-five attractions.

•Local radio station KDWB hosted a contest which awarded a new car to the contestant who can ride roller coasters like the Wild Thing for the longest continuous amount of time. In 2005, two riders who endured seventeen days of nearly continuous roller coaster rides were named joint winners of the competition.

•Valleyfair's first attraction for children was Half Pint Park, created in 1988. Later attractions included Berenstain Bear Country, KidWorks, and the Foam Ball Factory. In 2011, Planet Snoopy debut (four years after the Mall of America's Camp Snoopy changed its Peanuts brand).

•The oldest ride at the Valleyfair is its forty-eight horse carousel, which was transferred from Excelsior Amusement Park. The oldest roller coaster in the park is the High Roller, opened in 1976.

•The park's tallest rollercoaster is the Wild Thing, at two hundred and seven feet. Its height was limited by federal aviation laws.

•Valleyfair's Xtreme Swing is the world's second largest swinging thrill ride. The largest is the Skyhawk at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

•Roller coasters were originally inspired by coal carts, and log chute rides were inspired by real log chutes.

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# NATIVE AMERICAN LANDMARKS

Boiling springs, sacred mounds, ox-cart trails, and the Shakopee-Mdewakanton Indian Reservation, stand as testaments to Scott County's rich Native American history.

Maka Yusota, or Boiling Springs, is a well in Savage considered sacred to the Dakota tribe. The springs bubble as if they're boiling due to the trap-and-release of water in a blanket of fine sand. Even during harsh Minnesota winters, the springs never completely freeze. In the Dakota mythology, springs are home to sacred and mysterious beings. In 2002, Maku Yusota became the first Dakota sacred site in Minnesota to be included in the National Register of Historic Places.

For thousands of years, Native American tribes have constructed impressive mounds to commemorate religious celebrations, notable gatherings, and burials. Riverside mounds built five hundred to two thousand years ago by the Dakota tribe can still be seen in Shakopee.

Thousands of fur traders, explorers, and pioneers passed through Scott County's Red River Valley trails. The trails were created by Dakota people to link their permanent settlements along the Minnesota River. Later used as "ox cart trails," these worn, dirt paths made newcomers' settlement and industry possible.

The Shakopee-Mdewakanton Indian Reservation is a community of Mdewakanton Dakota people named after Chief Shakopee, who settled in modern-day Shakopee around 1768. The tribe has funded park improvements, emergency safety equipment, road work, and other public works throughout Scott County. They also contribute to national and international charities and schools.

For more information about Native American mounds, read "The Headless Bison Calf: An Archaeological Mystery," by David Mather, available online. Be sure to visit Dakota mounds, Boiling Springs, or the Red River trails to experience some of Scott County's ancient beauty for yourself!



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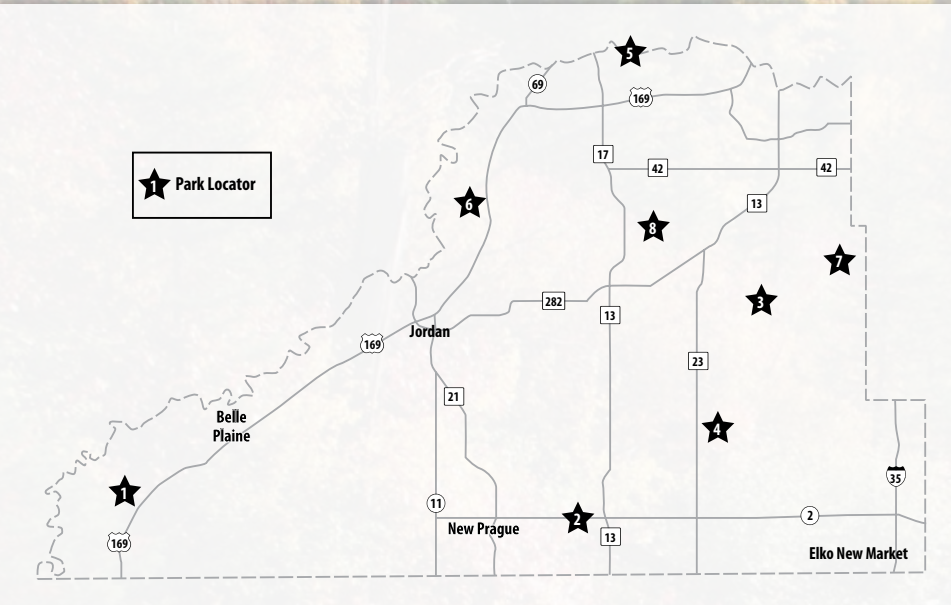


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- ★ **DOYLE-KENEFICK FUTURE REGIONAL PARK\*** | Jordan | (952) 496-8752 | 490 Acres
- ★ **THE LANDING** | Shakopee | (763) 694-7784 | 88 Acres
- ★ **MINNESOTA VALLEY STATE RECREATION AREA** | Jordan | (952) 492-6400 | 4,299 Acres
- ★ **MURPHY-HANREHAN PARK RESERVE** | Savage | (763) 694-7777 | 2,786 Acres
- ★ **SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK** | Prior Lake | (952) 496-8752 | 354 Acres

\*Currently under development. Facilities listed will be available upon completion.

# The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

**Hiking:**  
 Superior Hiking Trail, Lake Superior  
 Silver Creek Trail, Jay Cooke State Park  
 North River Trail, Afton State Park  
 Glacial Pothole Trail, Interstate State Park  
 Sioux Hustler Trail, Superior National Forest

**Fishing:**  
**Bass:** Lake Vermilion, Tower  
**Walleye:** Leech Lake, Walker  
**Muskellunge:** Lake Oscar, Holmes City  
**Northern Pike:** Lake of the Woods, Warroad

**Golf Courses:**  
 Interlachen, Edina • Spring Hill, Wayzata  
 Hazeltine National, Chaska  
 Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik  
 The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower

**Mountain Biking:**  
 Cuyuna Lakes, Ironton • Lebanon Hills, Eagan  
 Elm Creek Park, Champlin • Brewer Park, Duluth  
 Spirit Mountain, Duluth • Piedmont, Duluth

**Skiing:**  
 Lutsen Mountains, Lutsen • Afton Alps, Afton  
 Elm Creek Winter Rec. Area, Maple Grove  
 Powder Ridge Ski Area, Kimball  
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# AREA ATTRACTIONS

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(612) 227-0033

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203 W Prairie St. | Belle Plaine |  
(952) 873-2333

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410 N Cedar St. | Belle Plaine |  
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(763) 694-7777

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(952) 226-4777

## **MEADOWS AT MYSTIC LAKE GOLF COURSE**

2400 Mystic Lake Blvd. NW | Prior Lake |  
(952) 233-5533

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3525 145th St. W | Shakopee |  
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## **MYSTIC LAKE CASINO & HOTEL**

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(800) 262-7799

## **NEW PRAGUE COMMUNITY POOL**

410 Lexington Ave. N #300 | New Prague |  
(952) 758-1753

## **PRIOR LAKE PLAYERS**

5660 Credit River Rd. SE | Prior Lake |  
(952) 447-4485

## **RIDGES AT SAND CREEK**

21775 Ridges Dr. | Jordan | (952) 492-2644

## **RIVER VALLEY YMCA & POOL**

3575 N Berens Rd. NW | Prior Lake |  
(952) 230-9622

## **SANDVENTURE AQUATIC PARK**

1101 Adams St. | Shakopee | (952) 233-3840

## **SCOTT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

235 S Fuller St. | Shakopee | (952) 445-0378

## **SEVER'S CORN MAZE**

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1 Valleyfair Dr. | Shakopee | (952) 445-7600

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240 Water St. | Jordan | (952) 492-3322

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

## OPENERS

09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide  
09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide  
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

## HUNTING

### Bear

08/11/23 Bear baiting start date Permit areas & no-quota area  
09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

### Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide  
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless  
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide  
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas  
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas  
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas  
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

### Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24  
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

### Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide  
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

### Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

### Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone  
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

### Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

### Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline  
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide  
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide  
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide  
04/19/23 - 04/25/23 - B season - Statewide  
04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide  
05/3/23 - 05/9/23 - D season - Statewide  
05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide  
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide  
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 Fall - Statewide

## TRAPPING

### Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24 North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

### Fox

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone  
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

### Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide  
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

### Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Squirrel

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Gray & Fox Statewide

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  - *1<sup>st</sup> Tue of Every Month Guys & Girls Bingo 6:30pm*
  - *Meat Raffle Wed - 5:30pm & Sat after Bingo*
  - *Free Juke Box & Dart Sunday 6-8pm*
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Friday 11am - 9pm Food. Bar Closes at Midnight  
Saturday 7am - 12:30pm Breakfast, Lunch/Dinner until 9. Bar closes at 11pm  
Sunday 7am - 1pm Breakfast ONLY. Bar Closes at 8pm

# FISHING SEASONS

## OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

## INLAND WATERS

### General

Largemouth bass - 05/28/22 - 02/26/23  
Statewide excluding northeastern Minnesota

Smallmouth bass - 05/28/21 - 09/11/22  
Statewide excluding northeastern Minnesota

Lake sturgeon and shovelnose sturgeon - 06/16/22 - 04/14/23  
Statewide inland waters

Lake trout - 01/15/22 - 03/31/22  
Statewide inland waters

Lake trout - 05/14/22 - 09/30/22  
Statewide inland waters

Walleye, sauger and northern pike - 05/14/22 - 02/26/23  
Statewide inland waters

Muskellunge - 06/04/22 - 12/01/22  
Statewide inland waters

Lake sturgeon and shovelnose sturgeon - 06/16/22 - 04/14/23  
Statewide inland waters

## Northeast

Smallmouth and largemouth bass - northeastern Minnesota - 05/14/22 - 02/26/23  
Northeastern Minnesota

## LAKE SUPERIOR

Brook and brown trout - 4/16/22 - 9/30/22  
Lake Superior and tributaries above posted boundaries

Brook trout and splake - 04/16/22 - 09/05/22

Lake Superior and tributaries

Rainbow trout catch-and-release only 4/16/22 - 9/30/22

Lake Superior and tributaries above posted boundaries

Walleye and northern pike - 05/14/22 - 03/01/23  
Lake Superior and tributaries

Lake trout - 12/01/21 - 10/02/22  
Lake Superior and tributaries

## STREAM TROUT

### General

Stream trout in lakes - 01/15/22 - 03/31/22  
Outside or partly outside the BWCA

Stream trout - 05/07/22 - 09/30/22  
Excludes southeastern Minnesota

Stream trout in lakes - 05/14/22 - 10/31/22  
Statewide

### Southeast

Stream trout catch-and-release 01/01/22 - 04/15/22  
Southeastern Minnesota

Stream trout catch-and-release 09/15/22 - 10/15/22  
Southeastern Minnesota

Stream trout - 04/16/22 - 09/14/22  
Specific southeastern state parks and cities

## STREAM TROUT (CONTD.)

Stream trout catch-and-release - 09/15/22 - 04/14/23  
Specific southeastern state parks and cities

## FREE FISHING

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend 05/07/22 - 05/08/22  
Statewide

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend 06/10/22 - 06/11/22  
Statewide

Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend 01/14/23 - 01/16/23  
Statewide

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## Operating Watercraft

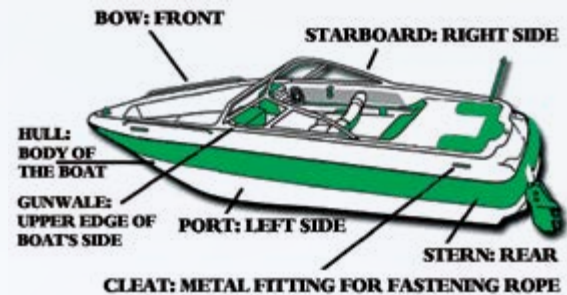
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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.

## **Eat Breakfast**

A healthy balanced breakfast every morning is very important. It allows your body to run smoothly throughout the day and can help with weight control while lowering your cholesterol levels. It will improve things like concentration, performance and strength. Also studies have shown that women who skip breakfast have a higher chance of developing diabetes and men who skip breakfast have a higher chance for heart disease.

## **Eat Your Greens**

Leafy greens and vegetables contain phytochemicals which help to fight diseases. This will help against things like metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer and strokes. Vegetables are also rich in fiber which helps with hunger. The recommended amount of vegetables for the average person is around 2 ½ cups a day.

## **Drink Enough Water**

Many people don't get enough water throughout the day. It is recommended that the average person drinks roughly a half gallon a day which is equal to about eight 8 ounce glasses. Water helps rid the body of toxins and with unwanted weight gain by flushing out by-products of fat in your system. Water also helps your immune system, energy levels, focus and mood.

## **Take a Walk During Lunch Break**

Your body and mind benefit greatly when getting out for a quick walk. A walk can help with weight management, blood pressure, bone strength, balance and coordination. Plus it helps you focus by getting extra blood flow and oxygen to your brain. Also a lot of people don't get enough vitamin D in their diet and getting outside is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are getting your vitamin D.

## **Get Up and Move**

It is important to try and get around 10,000 steps in per day. It is very hard on our bodies when we are slumped over a desk or kicked back in a recliner all day. Studies have shown that just from walking more you can lower your risk of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. It may be hard to get the 10,000 steps in every day but doing small things like getting up from your desk every so often and doing a lap around the office or parking farther away from your destination will help.

## **Floss and Brush**

This might not seem like the most significant health issue but it is very important. If you don't floss and brush daily you build up plaque on your teeth and at the gum lines. This can lead to things like gum disease and if not treated can enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the arteries causing things like heart disease, diabetes, erectile dysfunction in males and delayed conception for women.





# 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

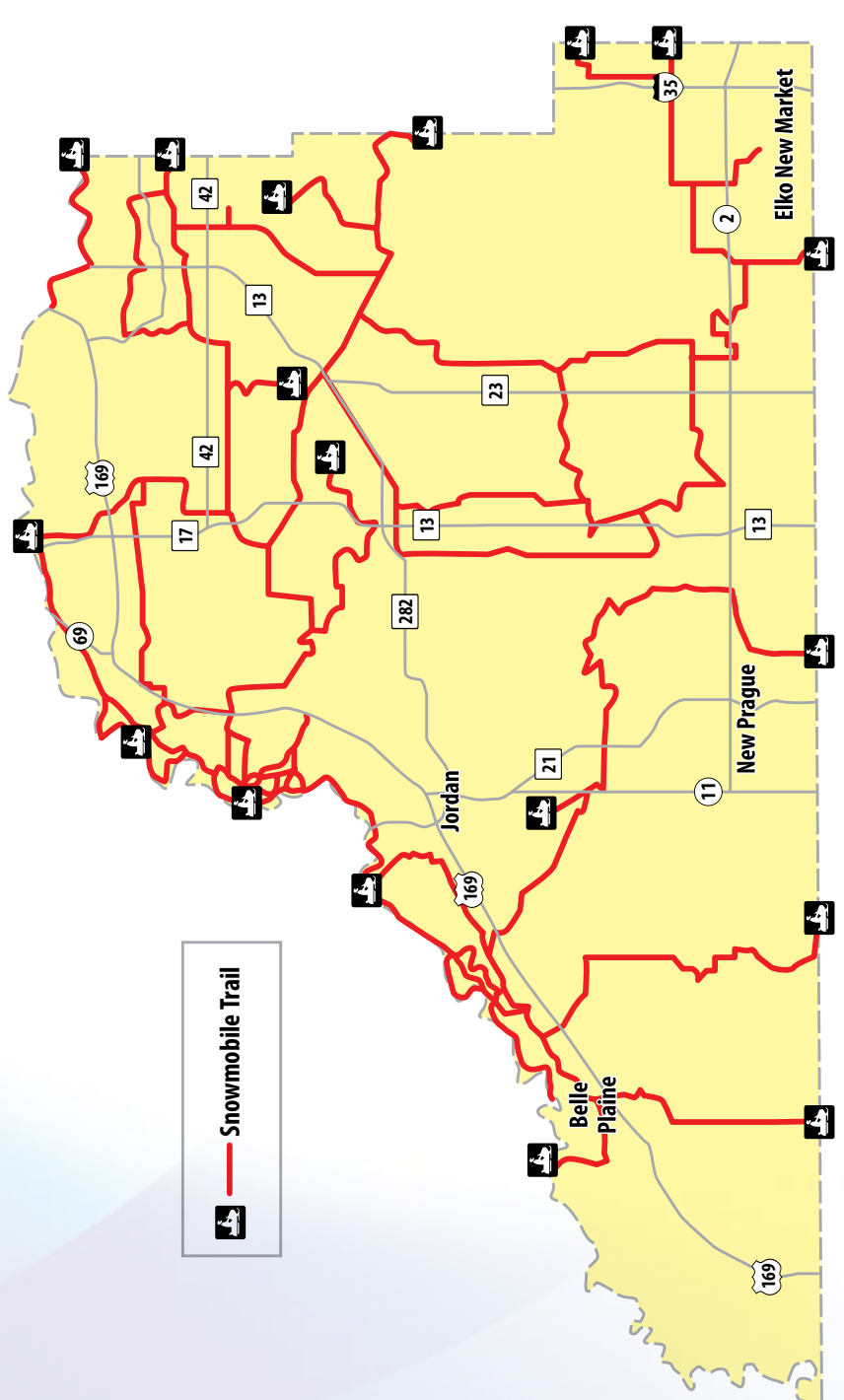
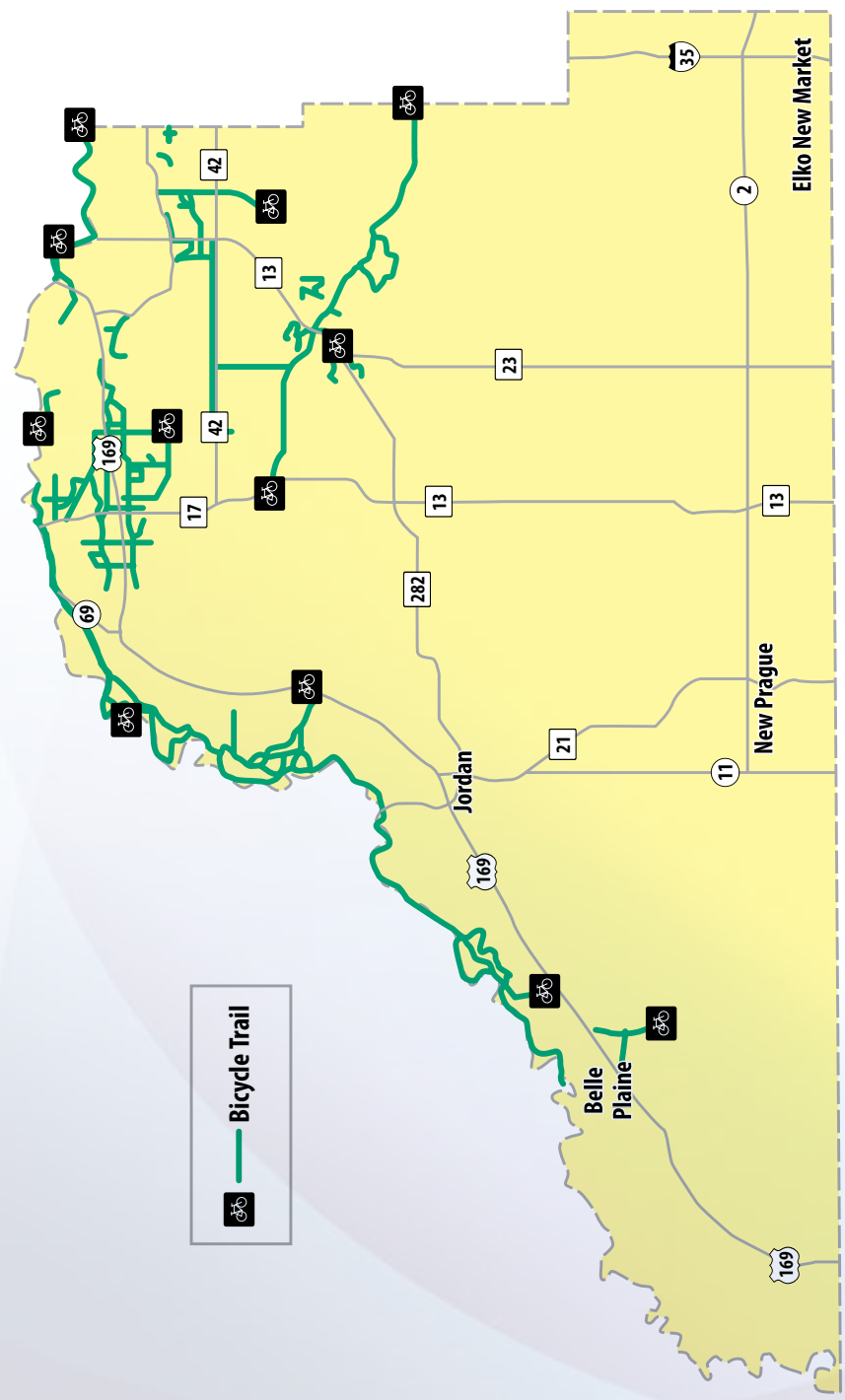


**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
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Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state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

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# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 100% SAFE ICE!!!**

## 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!**



# ICE FISHING

*Find the Perfect Spot*



- Trying to figure out where to drill your fishing holes can be tough. A couple ways to make this easier is to buy a map that shows the contour and depth of the lake or look online for a suitable map.
- Before drilling holes, check your map or online for areas with drop-offs, sandbars, mounds of rocks or weed lines. If the first spot you chose to drill holes is not producing any fish, don't sit there and wait. Drill new holes at a new location to find the fish. You may not have to move far, just try new holes at different depths. It's not easy moving all your gear around while drilling holes, but if you want to catch fish you have to find them.
- Early in the ice fishing season, the fish will tend to stay in shallower waters. Later in the season the fish will move to deeper waters. At the end of the season, the fish will start to move into shallower waters again.
- Walleye, sauger and perch tend to hang out near the bottom. Northern pike stay off the bottom while they are in shallow water and stay near the bottom when in deeper waters. Panfish will be at different depths depending on what they are eating. Trout don't sit around: they will be at random depths and areas in the search of food. If you have a fish finder it will make it a lot easier to judge the fish type and depth to set the bait.



# 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.



# FIREWOOD

**Burn it where you get it!**



Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth are a couple of invasive pests that have killed millions of trees in United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. In the United States we do 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!***

# Travel

Choosing the perfect destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

### Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

### Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back

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