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## JANUARY

St. Wenceslaus Snowman Celebration | New Prague  
Career Fair | Savage  
Winter Extravaganza Days | Savage

## FEBRUARY

Fundraising Valentine Gala | Prior Lake  
Polar Bear Plunge | Prior Lake  
Winter Extravaganza Days | Savage  
Ladies Night In | Shakopee

## MARCH

Wedding Expo & Bridal Consignment | Belle Plaine  
St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Belle Plaine  
Fire Department Fish Fry | Belle Plaine  
Easter Egg Hunt | Elko New Market  
Leprechaun Party | Prior Lake  
Easter Egg Hunt | Prior Lake

## APRIL

Silent Auction & Hog Roast Fundraiser | Belle Plaine  
Fire Department Spring Dance | Prior Lake  
Home Remodeling Fair | Savage  
Arbor Day Celebration | Savage  
Spring Arts & Crafts Festival | Shakopee

## MAY

Ladies Night Out | Jordan  
1/2 Marathon & 5K | New Prague  
Silent Auction Fundraiser | New Prague  
Memorial Day Parade | Prior Lake  
Bike Rodeo for Kids | Savage

## JUNE

German Days | Belle Plaine  
Cottonwood Memorial | Belle Plaine  
Fire & Rescue Days | Elko New Market  
Pork in the Park | Jordan  
Bike Rally | New Prague  
Dan Patch Days | Savage

## JULY

Independence Day Celebration | Belle Plaine  
Bar-B-Q Days | Belle Plaine  
Scott County Fair | Jordan  
St. Patrick's Parish Festival | New Prague  
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

## AUGUST

Fire Department Open House | Belle Plaine  
Old-Time Harvest Steam & Gas Engine Festival | Jordan  
Scott County's Largest Beanbag Tournament | Jordan  
St. Wenceslaus Parish Festival | New Prague  
Lakefront Days | Prior Lake  
SMSC Wacipi Pow Wow | Prior Lake  
Classic Cars in the Park Car Show | Savage  
Derby Days | Shakopee  
St. Mary's Parish Festival | Shakopee

## SEPTEMBER

Our Lady of the Prairie Parish Festival | Belle Plaine  
Fire Relief Fundraiser | Elko New Market  
Heimatfest | Jordan  
St. John's Fall Festival | Jordan  
Classic Car Cruise | New Prague  
Dozinky Days Celebration | New Prague  
Fire Department Fundraiser | Prior Lake  
Fall Community Fest | Prior Lake  
Historical Society Fundraiser | Prior Lake  
Fall Community Fest | Savage  
Minnesota Renaissance Festival | Shakopee

## OCTOBER

Scenic Byway 1/2 Marathon & 5K | Belle Plaine  
Business Trick or Treat | Belle Plaine  
Volksmarch | Jordan  
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Scott County Art Crawl | Savage  
World's Largest Corn Maze Run | Shakopee  
Trail of Terror | Shakopee

## NOVEMBER

Turkey Trot 5K | Prior Lake  
Autumn Arts & Crafts Festival | Shakopee

## DECEMBER

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Scott County is named in honor of General Winfield Scott and was established in 1853. Originally home to Indians, Scott County was settled in the 1850's. Farms and communities were quickly founded and the area began to grow. Indian 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)

Shakopee, named after Chief Shakopee, was once home to Indians. It began as an Indian village called Tinta Ottenwe or "village of the prairie." As fur trading posts were established in 1844, settlers began to arrive and Shakopee was platted in 1854 by Thomas A. Holmes. Incorporation followed in 1857 and the community was voted as the county seat. Due to its proximity to the Minnesota River, Shakopee became a bustling trade center and businesses began to thrive. As the railroad arrived in 1865, Shakopee continued to grow. By 1900 general stores, mills, schools, churches, breweries and a water bottling plant were booming. As roads became highways, Shakopee continued to develop and now is home to approximately 34,662 residents.



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## Did You Know..?

- Scott County gets its name from General Winfield Scott, a Whig candidate for presidency in 1852.
- Shakopee is named for Chief Shakopee, whose name means “the six” in Dakota. The name was given to him after his wife gave birth to sextuplet sons.
- Judge Andrew Chatfield named Belle Plaine, or “Beautiful Prairie,” on his way to court in 1853.
- New Prague was founded by Czech settlers who emigrated from Iowa after a cholera epidemic. They set out to claim land in Saint Cloud, but got lost and followed the Minnesota River to Shakopee instead. They approved of the site and named for the capital of the Czech Republic.
- Savage is named for Marion Willis Savage’s famous race horse, who held the world pacing mile record of one minute and fifty-five second for fifty-four years.
- Scott County is Minnesota’s fastest growing county.
- Canterbury Downs was the first licensed racetrack in Minnesota.
- Scott County has 36 lakes. Three are named Rice Lake for their bounty of wild rice.
- Valley Fair Amusement Park was featured in the movie “Little Big League.”
- Mystic Lake Casino was rated one of Minnesota Monthly’s “Great Places to Work” in 2009.

- Valley Fair 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 has hosted contest which award a new car 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.
- Valley Fair’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 Valley Fair 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.
- Valley Fair’s Xtreme Swing is the world’s second largest swinging thrill ride. The largest is the Skyhawk at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.
- During Halloween Season, ValleySCARE features seven ghoulish mazes, and four terrifically terrifying Scare Zones, complete with monsters, zombies, and a festival of freaks.
- Roller coasters were originally inspired by coal carts, and log chute rides were inspired by real log chutes.



## Precautions:

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

## Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
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# Do Not Open Your Windows!

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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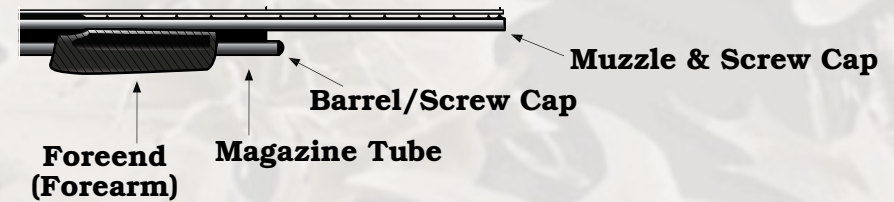
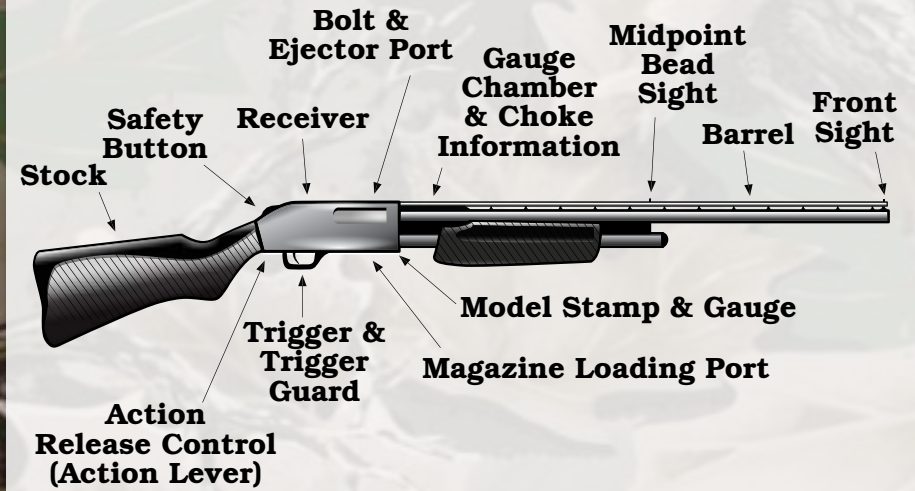
### **MUZZLELOADER SEASON**

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## **SMALL GAME - RABBITS, SQUIRRELS**

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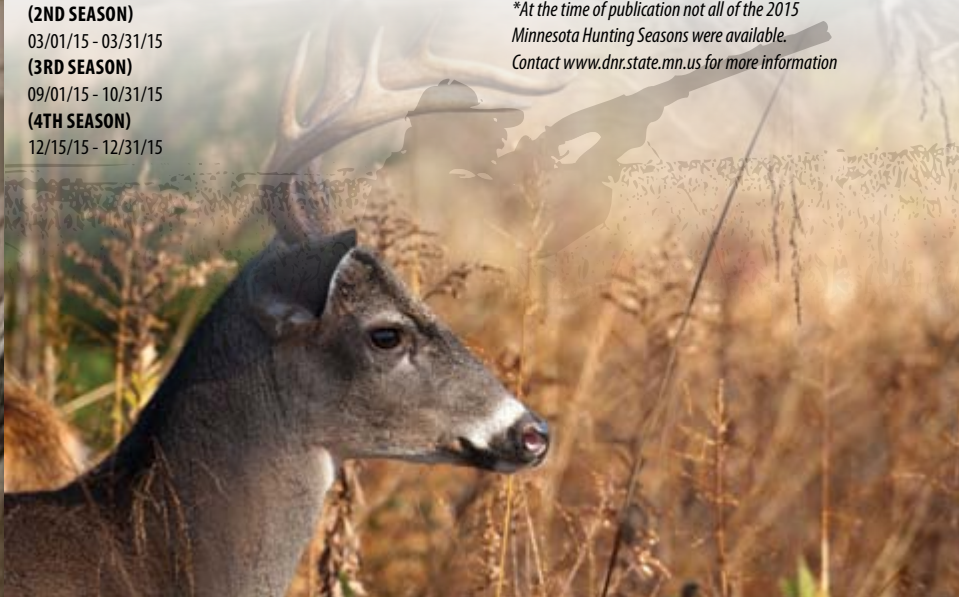
*\*At the time of publication not all of the 2015 Minnesota Hunting Seasons were available. Contact [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) for more information*



**All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.**

**Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:**

- 1.** Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
- 2.** Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
- 3.** Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
- 4.** If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
- 5.** Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.



You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov), Toll Free: 1 (888) 936-7463  
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# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



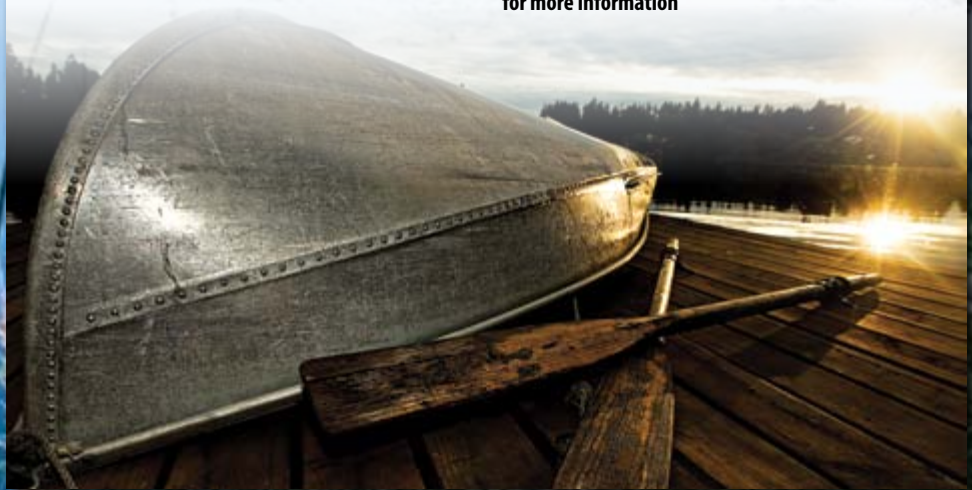
## Did you know?

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

**THIN ICE!**

# FISHING SEASONS

04/18/15 - 09/14/15 Stream Trout in streams SE - 2015 season	05/23/15 - 02/28/16 Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County
04/18/15 - 09/30/15 Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2015 season	06/05/15 - 06/07/15 Take-a-Kid fishing weekend
04/25/15 - 02/28/16 Bowfishing - 2015 season	06/06/15 - 12/01/15 Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2015 season
04/25/15 - 02/14/16 Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Sparring - 2015 season	09/14/15 - 02/28/16 Smallmouth Bass - 2015 late Catch and Release Only season-South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County
04/25/15 - 02/28/16 Sucker Sparring - 2015 season	09/14/15 - 02/28/16 Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Catch and Release season only (statewide)
05/09/15 - 02/28/16 Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County	09/15/15 - 10/15/15 Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2015 season Catch and Release season only
05/09/15 - 02/28/16 Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2015 season	11/15/15 - 02/28/16 Dark House Sparring-2015 season
05/09/15 - 09/30/15 Lake Trout (summer) - 2015 season	*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367 or go to <a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us">www.dnr.state.mn.us</a> for more information
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## Operating Watercraft

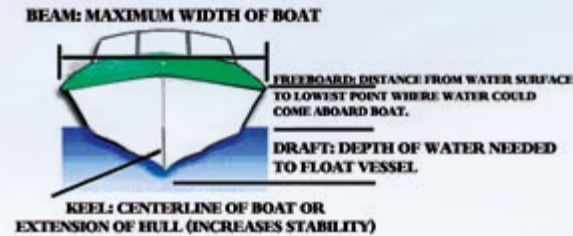
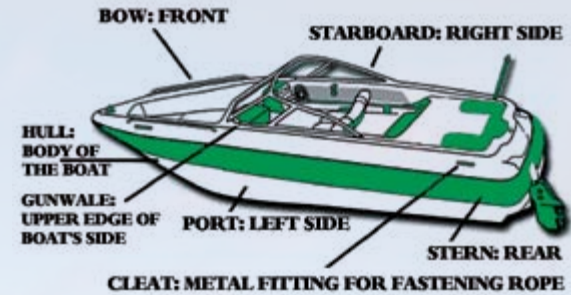
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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)

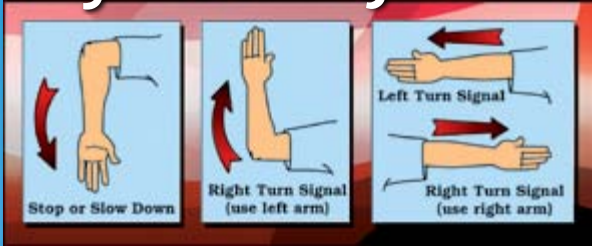
- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
  - 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.

# Bicycle Hand Signals



# Snowmobile Hand Signals

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

<b>Right Turn</b> 	<b>Slowing</b> 
<b>Stop</b> 	<b>Sleds Following</b> 
<b>Left Turn</b> 	<b>Last Sled in Line</b> 
<b>Oncoming Sleds</b> 	



## Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly.

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

# Know Your ATV





## Drink lots of Water!

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

# Be Cautious of Other Bikers

**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/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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

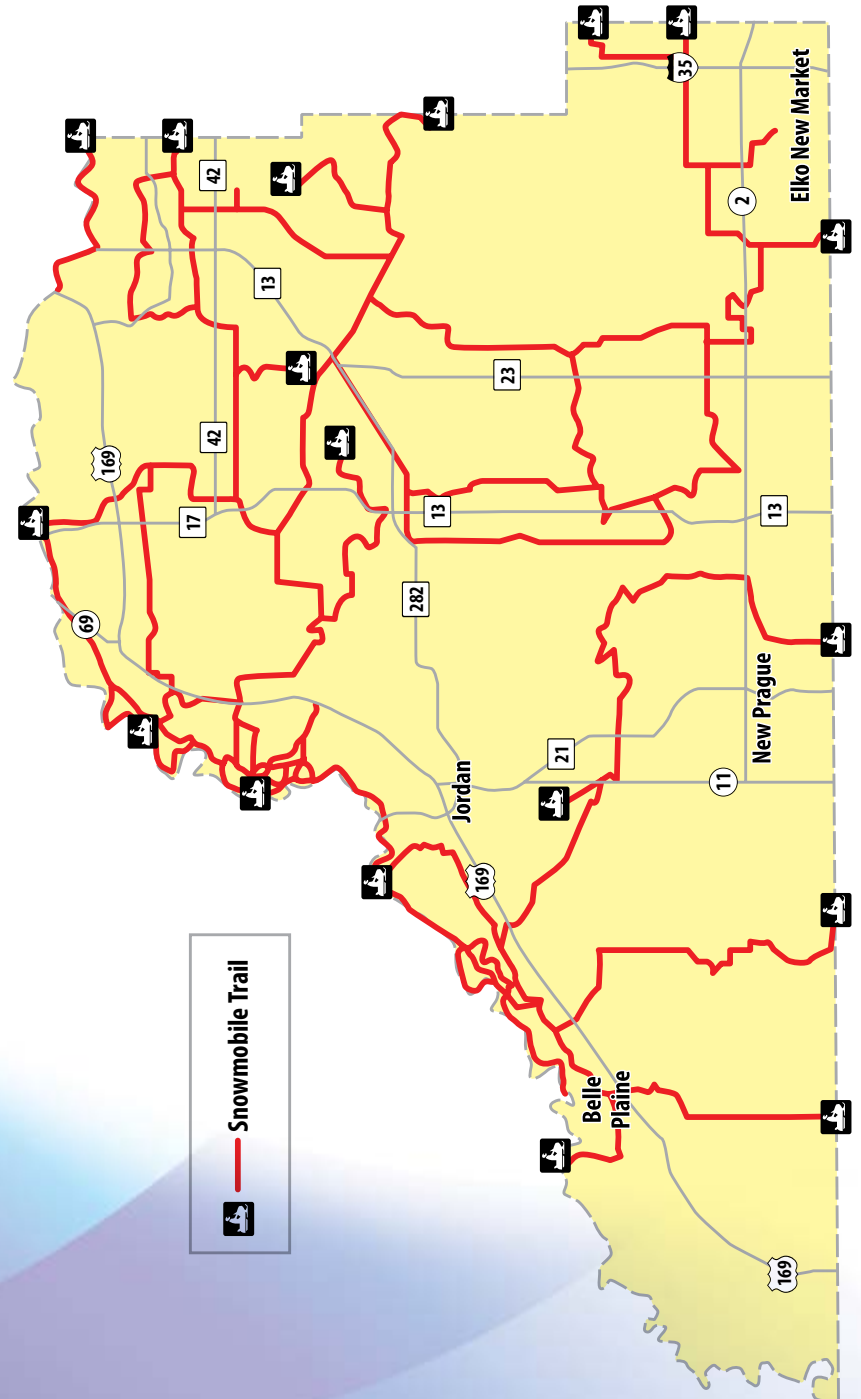
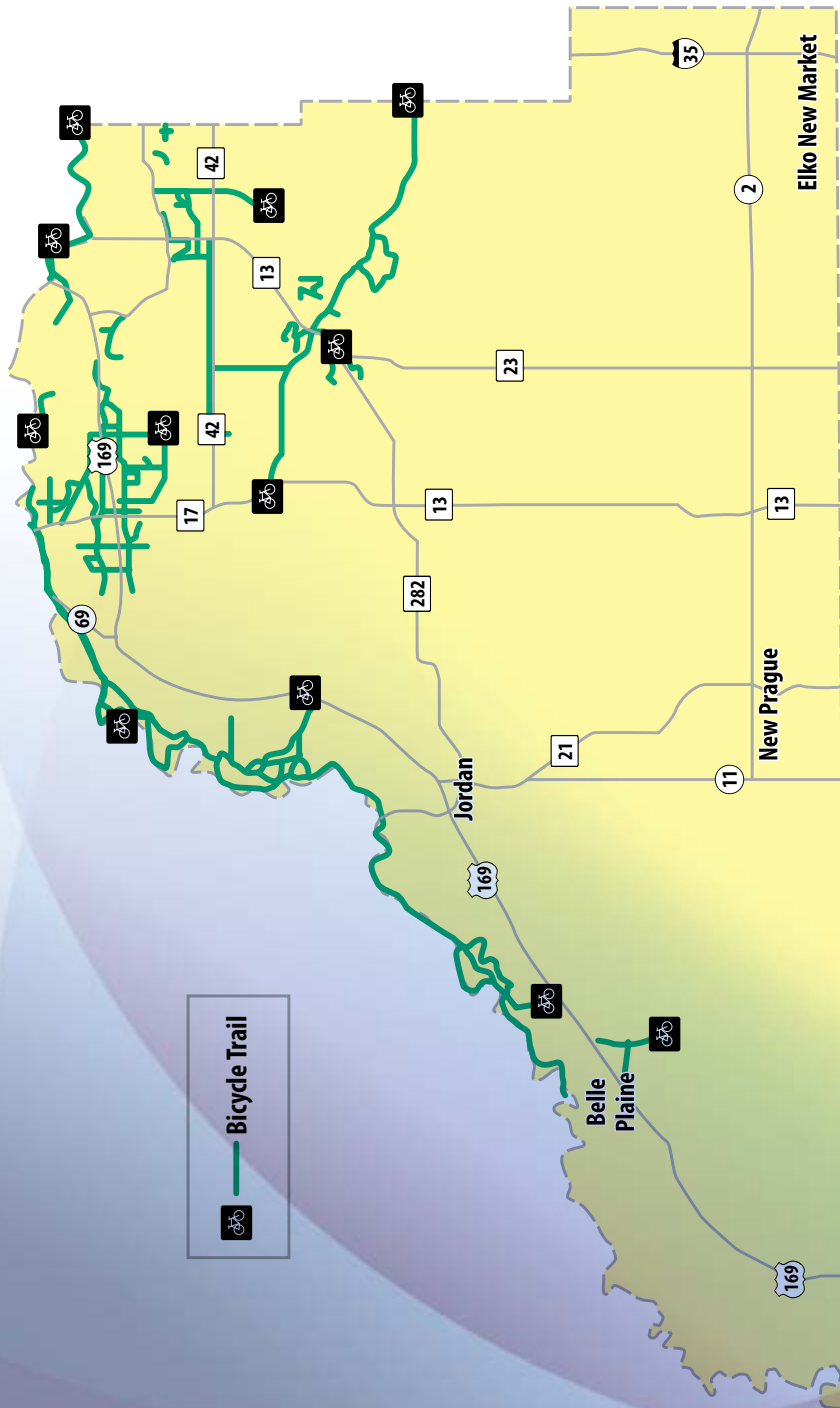
# Slow Down!

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



# AREA BICYCLE TRAILS

# AREA SNOWMOBILE TRAILS



# 10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



## PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

## KIDS:

### FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

### HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



## FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

### INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

### POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

**Lock up your poisons and medications.** Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

**Follow directions carefully.** Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

**Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too.** Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any anti-freeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



## FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

### BURNS

**For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter:** Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

#### **Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:**

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

#### **Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:**

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sun-screen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

**For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911**

**DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.**

**DO NOT remove burnt clothing.**

**Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.**

**If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.**

**Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.**

**Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.**

### CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



**IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911**

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