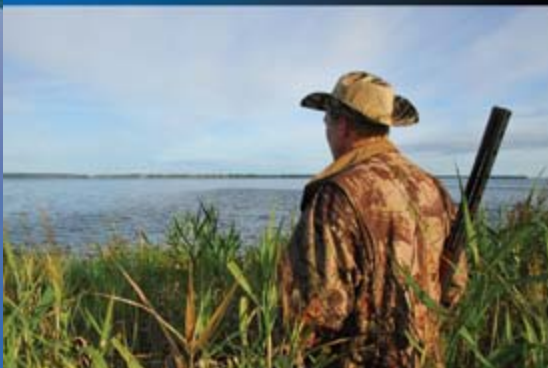




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JANUARY

Gingerbread Arts & Crafts Show | St. Cloud
Festival of Lights | St. Cloud
Moonlight Ski | St. Cloud
6th Annual Sons of Norway Banelopet | St. Cloud
Breakfast Club – Red Wing to Hong Kong | St. Cloud
Tour De Danse | St. Cloud
Dancing with Many Voices | St. Cloud
Holiday Cheer After the New Year | Elk River
Fire and Ice | Elk River
Pins 4 Paws | Zimmerman
Bulldog Cheerleading Classic | Zimmerman

FEBRUARY

Youth Choir Festival | St. Cloud
Gingerbread Arts & Crafts Show | St. Cloud
Saint Cloud Sportsmens Boat, Camping and Vacation Show | St. Cloud
Central MN Wellness Expo | St. Cloud
Boat Show | St. Cloud
Farm Show | St. Cloud
Elk River Classic Ice Hockey Tournament

MARCH

Empty Bowls Soup Sampler Benefit | St. Cloud
McCoy's 2nd Annual 5k for CAER/Local food shelf | Elk River
Shiver Elk River 5K

APRIL

Central Minnesota Winter Horse Fest | St. Cloud
Freedom Flight Fundraiser Steak Fry | St. Cloud
Mississippi Music Fest | St. Cloud
Chocolate Fantasy | St. Cloud
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MAY

Taste of Elk River
Elk River Area Youth Day
Memorial Day Services | Sherburne County
World's Largest Garage Sale | St. Cloud
Change A Life Fundraiser | St. Cloud
Fifties Car Hop Theme | St. Cloud
Wild West Days | Zimmerman

JUNE

Freedom Days | Becker
Big Lake Spud Fest
Arts Alliance Member's Show | Elk River
Rum River Festival | Princeton
Miss Princeton Pageant
Rum River Parade | Princeton
Spalt Fest | St. Cloud
Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud
Granite City Days | St. Cloud
Home Tour & Wine Tasting | St. Cloud
ATV Raffle | Zimmerman

JULY

Fireman's Dance | Clear Lake
Elk River Relay for Life
4th of July Celebration | Princeton, St. Cloud
Sidewalk Sale & Crazy Days | St. Cloud
Culpepper & Merriweather Circus | Zimmerman
Sherburne County Fair | Elk River
Annual St. Cloud Fireworks
St. Cloud Air Show

AUGUST

Lion Chicken BBQ | Clear Lake
Special Olympics Bocce & Softball | Elk River

SEPTEMBER

Wapiti Rendezvous | Elk River
St. Cloud Pride Fest
CMBA Fall Tour of Homes | St. Cloud
St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party | St. Cloud

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest Craft Fair | Becker
Fun Fall Family Extravaganza | Elk River
Trick-or-Treat | Sherburne County
Fireman's Halloween Open House | Princeton

NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day | Becker
Holiday Lighting Contest | Princeton
Mini Dazzle Parade | Princeton
Storybook Christmas Boutique | St. Cloud

DECEMBER

BLCC Holiday Social | Big Lake
Winter Gala Fundraiser | Princeton
Claus & Paws | Princeton
Annual Winter Nights & Lights Parade | St. Cloud
Granite City Train Show | St. Cloud
Celebrate the Season | Zimmerman
Winter Nights & Lights Parade | St. Cloud

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CITIES:

- BECKER** – pop. 4,200
- BIG LAKE** – pop. 9,799
- CLEAR LAKE** – pop. 485
- ELK RIVER (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 23,231
- PRINCETON** – pop. 4,754
- ST. CLOUD** – pop. 67,136
- ZIMMERMAN** – pop. 5,316

TOWNSHIPS:

- BALDWIN** – pop. 5,636
 - BECKER** – pop. 4,711
 - BIG LAKE** – pop. 8,137
 - BLUE HILL** – pop. 1,359
 - CLEAR LAKE** – pop. 2,123
 - HAVEN** – pop. 2,703
 - LIVONIA** – pop. 4,818
 - ORROCK** – pop. 3,564
 - PALMER** – pop. 3,063
 - SANTIAGO** – pop. 2,240
- *Populations are approximate.*

BECKER

Once known as Pleasant Valley, Becker grew as a community in the 1850s. Upon arrival of the railroad in 1867, the area began to grow. Pleasant Valley was renamed Becker after George Loomis Becker, who was instrumental with the construction of the railroad. Today Becker is home to approximately 4,200 residents.

BIG LAKE

Located along the Mississippi River, Big Lake originated as an agricultural community in the mid 1800s. Settlers were attracted to the Mississippi River where it could be utilized for transportation and power. By 1864, a hotel, blacksmith shop, mills and general stores were established. Before refrigeration, most of the ice in Twin Cities' iceboxes was acquired from Big Lake. Today Big Lake is home to approximately 9,799 residents.

CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake was incorporated as a village in 1900 and businesses and creameries were established. 1917 marked the completion of the Clear Lake High School and the railroad arrived in 1924. Clear Lake was incorporated as a city in 1970 and has since continued to grow. Today Clear Lake is home to approximately 485 residents.

ELK RIVER (COUNTY SEAT)

Named after the herds found in the area by Zebulon Pike, Elk River was settled in the mid 1800s. Pioneers utilized the nearby Elk River and Mississippi Rivers for power and transportation. In 1855, Elk River was platted as a village and the community continued to grow. By 1872 Elk River was selected as Sherburne's County Seat. The Village of Elk River and the Township of Elk River were consolidated in 1978. Today Elk River is home to approximately 23,231 residents.



PRINCETON

Named after John S. Prince, a lumber manufacturer from St. Paul, Princeton was first settled in 1849 and platted in 1855. Within 10 years, sawmills, flour mills, blacksmith shops, hotels and general stores were thriving. The first newspaper, "The Princeton Appeal," was issued in 1873. Early industry included logging, manufacturing and agriculture, and by 1902 Princeton produced the most potatoes in the Northwest. Today Princeton is home to approximately 4,754 residents.

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ZIMMERMAN

Zimmerman began as a community called Lake Fremont after the explorer John C. Fremont. In 1910, Lake Fremont was incorporated as a village and it was not until 1967 that Lake Fremont was renamed Zimmerman in honor of Moses Zimmerman, an influential farmer who assisted with the development of the railroad. Today Zimmerman is home to approximately 5,316 residents.



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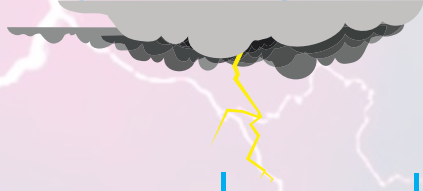
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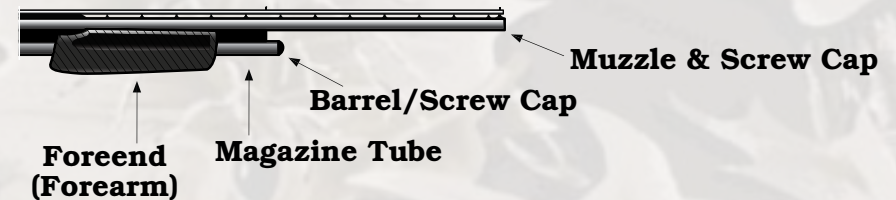
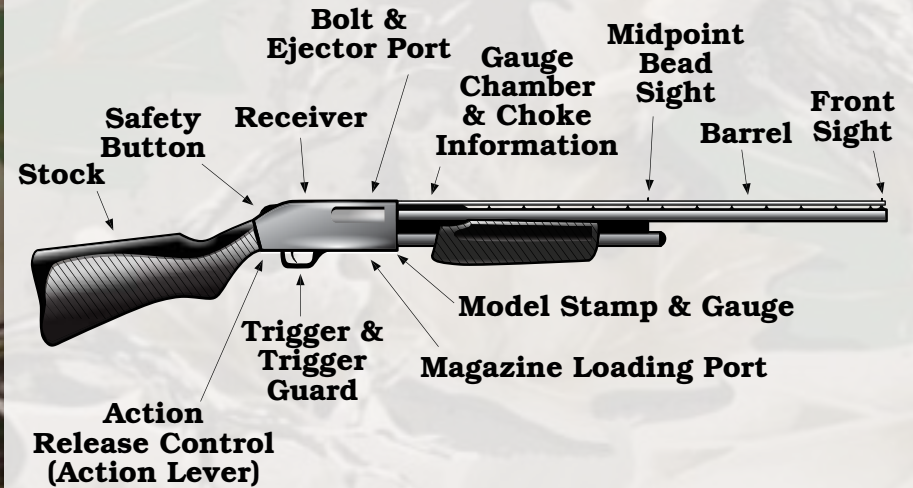
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 Cisco-Tullibe-Herring	 Salmon	 Walleye

Operating Watercraft

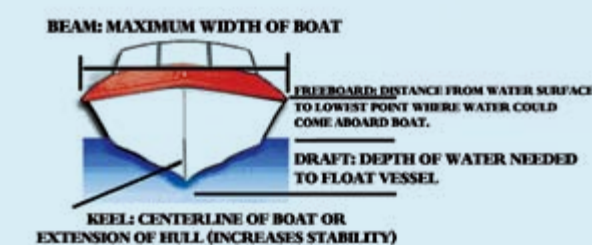
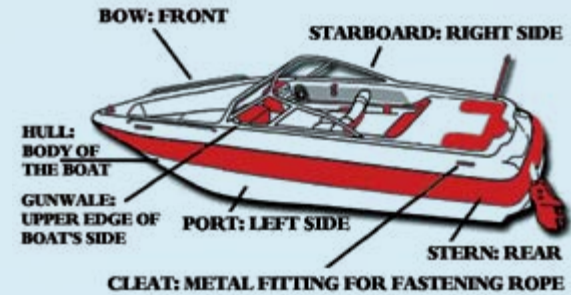
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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.

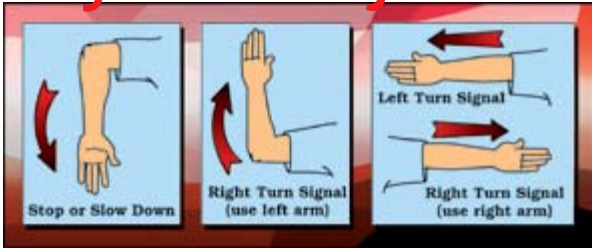


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All Watercraft Must Have...

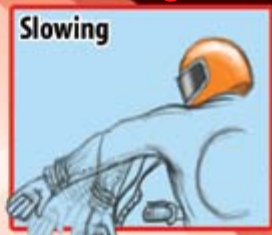
- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
IN AN ENCLOSED 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.



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

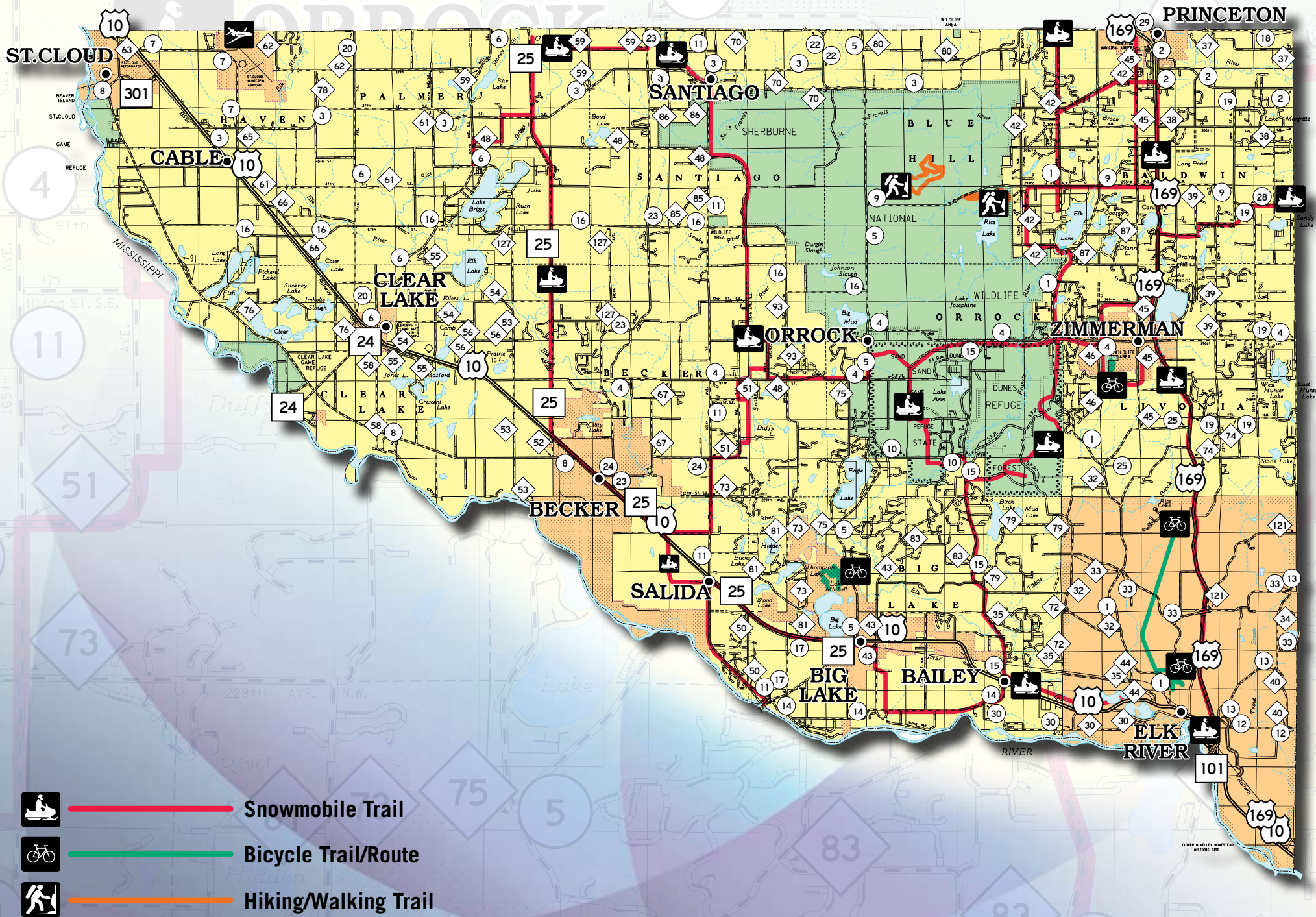
Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

- 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 TRAILS



Hey!
check
it out!!!

color me!



SILLY JOKEs...

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?
A: Because its hard to run in squares!

Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?
Doctor: Use a pencil 'till I get there..!

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?
A: The food!

The Perfect homework excuse...
Teacher: Where is your homework?
Student: I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school!

Q: Who invented fractions?
A: Henry the 1/8th!

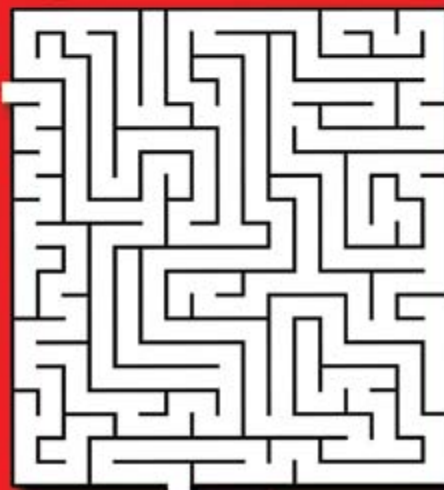
Q: Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?
A: Because if he lifted up both legs it would fall over!

Q: What runs but never walks?
A: Water!

Q: Did you hear about the fool who keeps going around saying "no"?
A: "No...?" Oh, so it's you!?



Can you find your way?



Math Time

12	+	11	+	7	=	
+		+		+		+
18	+	19	+	16	=	
+		+		+		+
12	+	13	+	4	=	
=		=		=		=
+		+		=		



End Here!

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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