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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Festival of Lights | St. Cloud
 Moonlight Ski | St. Cloud
 6th Annual Sons of Norway Barneloped | St. Cloud
 Breakfast Club – Red Wing to Hong Kong | St. Cloud
 Annie | St. Joseph
 Tour De Danse | St. Cloud
 Dancing with Many Voices | St. Cloud

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

MARCH

March Madness | Cold Spring
 Empty Bowls Soup Sampler Benefit | St. Cloud

APRIL

Earth Day 1/2 Marathon | St. Cloud
 Chocolate Fantasy | St. Cloud
 iRock Run 5k | Cold Spring
 Central MN Car Show | St. Cloud

MAY

Apple Duathlon | Sartell

JUNE

Rapids River Days | Sauk Centre
 Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud
 Granite City Days | St. Cloud
 Home Tour & Wine Tasting | St. Cloud
 SummerFest | Sartell
 Waite Park Family Fun Fest

JULY

Hometown Pride Days | Cold Spring
 Rock-Fest | Rockville
 Stearns County Fair | Sauk Centre
 Sidewalk Sale & Crazy Days | St. Cloud
 66th Annual St. Cloud Fireworks
 Church of St. Joseph Parish Festival
 Wine Tasting | St. Joseph
 St. Cloud Air Show

AUGUST

Rock N' Block Party | Sartell
 Take A Day Off On the Mississippi River | Sartell
 St. Cloud Antique Auto Club
 MN Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival | St. Cloud
 St. Cloud Antique Auto Club Car Show & Swap Meet

SEPTEMBER

CMBA Fall Tour of Homes | St. Cloud
 St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party | St. Cloud
 Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair
 St. Cloud Pride Fest
 Millstream Arts Festival | St. Joseph

OCTOBER

Quilt Show | St. Cloud
 OktoberFest | St. Joseph
 Fall Festival | Sauk Centre

NOVEMBER

Storybook Christmas Boutique | St. Cloud

DECEMBER

Winter Nights & Lights Parade | St. Cloud

Resident Services

Administration.....	(320) 656-3620
Assessor.....	656-3680
Auditor/Treasurer.....	656-3900
Building Facilities.....	656-3611
Corrections.....	656-6150
County Attorney.....	656-3880
County Commissioners.....	656-3601
Emergency Management.....	259-3940
Environmental Services.....	656-3613
Extension Service.....	255-6169
Human Resources.....	656-3606
Human Services.....	656-6000
Information Technology.....	656-6050
Parks & Recreation.....	255-6172
Public Health.....	656-6155
Public Works.....	255-6180
Recorder.....	656-3855
Sheriff.....	259-3700
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Stearns County History (St. Cloud, County Seat)

Before settlement, Stearns County was home to the Dakota, Sioux, Chippewa and Ojibwa tribes. In the 1800s, explorers began arriving and many fur trading posts were established. In the 1850s, many immigrants settled in the Stearns area for its fertile soil and were involved in agriculture. Officially established in 1855, Stearns County was originally named Stevens County after Gov. Isaac I. Stevens. The name was later changed to Stearns to honor Territorial Council member Charles T. Stearns, an active participant in the founding of the county. St. Cloud was designated the county seat in the 1860s, and many efforts were made by the county government to build roads, bridges and schools and assist residents. In 1913, an attempt was made to move the county seat to Albany, but due to a lack of signatures on the petition, St. Cloud would remain the home of Stearns County affairs. Today Stearns County is home to approximately 147,076 residents.

Stearns County Communities

CITIES:

ALBANY – pop. 2,113
AVON – pop. 1,315
BELGRADE – pop. 714
BROOTEN – pop. 616
COLD SPRING – pop. 3,751
EDEN VALLEY – pop. 954
ELROSA – pop. 178
FREEPORT – pop. 469
GREENWALD – pop. 177
HOLDINGFORD – pop. 723
KIMBALL – pop. 704
LAKE HENRY – pop. 86
MEIRE GROVE – pop. 144
MELROSE – pop. 3,145
NEW MUNICH – pop. 344
PAYNESVILLE – pop. 2,262
RICHMOND – pop. 1,268
ROCKVILLE – pop. 2,530
ROSCOE – pop. 108
ST. ANTHONY – pop. 79
ST. AUGUSTA – pop. 3,065
ST. CLOUD (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 67,136
ST. JOSEPH – pop. 6,114
ST. MARTIN – pop. 283
ST. ROSA – pop. 46
ST. STEPHEN – pop. 803
SARTELL – pop. 13,915
SAUK CENTRE – pop. 3,945
SPRING HILL – pop. 49
WAITE PARK – pop. 6,796

**Populations are approximate.*

TOWNSHIPS:

ALBANY – pop. 1,473
ASHLEY – pop. 287
AVON – pop. 2,341
BROCKWAY – pop. 2,504
COLLEGEVILLE – pop. 3,483
CROW LAKE – pop. 370
CROW RIVER – pop. 387
EDEN LAKE – pop. 1,579
FAIR HAVEN – pop. 1,604
FARMING – pop. 1,089
GETTY – pop. 440
GROVE – pop. 535
HOLDING – pop. 1,153
KRAIN – pop. 926
LAKE GEORGE – pop. 388
LAKE HENRY – pop. 371
LE SAUK – pop. 1,685
LUXEMBURG – pop. 704
LYNDEN – pop. 1,871
MAINE PRAIRIE – pop. 1,764
MELROSE – pop. 886
MILLWOOD – pop. 982
MUNSON – pop. 1,472
NORTH FORK – pop. 289
OAK – pop. 640
PAYNESVILLE – pop. 1,533
RAYMOND – pop. 302
ST. JOSEPH – pop. 2,281
ST. MARTIN – pop. 509
ST. WENDEL – pop. 2,242
SAUK CENTRE – pop. 1,085
SPRING HILL – pop. 475
WAKEFIELD – pop. 2,915
ZION – pop. 493

Stearns County Communities

ALBANY

Albany was first settled in 1863 and the area was originally known as Schwinghammer Settlement. As the railroad arrived in 1871, the community was renamed Albany after Albany, New York, from where many settlers originated. Albany was incorporated in 1890 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Albany is home to approximately 2,113 residents.

COLD SPRING

The first settlers, mostly of German descent, traveled along the Red River Oxen Trail, where they rested and stopped near present day Cold Spring. Settlers were attracted to the area because it resembled the German countryside. Cold Spring was established in 1856 and today is home to approximately 3,751 residents.

KIMBALL

The first post office in the Kimball area was established in 1867 and the community was originally known as Kimball Prairie. Kimball Prairie was renamed Kimball in 1887 and as the railroad arrived the area began to grow. Early businesses included a general store, livery stable, creamery and filling station and a church and school were constructed to meet the growing needs of its residents. Today Kimball is home to approximately 704 residents.

MELROSE

The first settlers arrived in the 1850s as two brothers, Warren and Napoleon Adley, established a homestead on the Sauk River. By 1867, a hotel, stage coach station, post office and school had been built and the city was incorporated in 1887. It was named after Melrose, Scotland, the area the Adley brothers originated from. Today Melrose is home to approximately 3,145 residents.

PAYNESVILLE

Paynesville was named after its first settler, Edwin E. Payne, who arrived to the area in 1857 and served as its first postmaster. Payne platted streets and businesses were established and the area began to prosper. Paynesville was incorporated in 1887 and railroad development sparked growth. Today Paynesville is home to approximately 2,262 residents.

ROCKVILLE

Located southwest of St. Cloud, Rockville is a relatively new city. The old city of Rockville merged with Rockville Township and the city of Pleasant Lake in 2002. Today Rockville is home to approximately 2,530 residents.

Stearns County Communities

ST. CLOUD (COUNTY SEAT)

Once a way station on the Red River Trails, St. Cloud developed from three separate settlements and unified to offset hardship. The city was incorporated in 1856 and is named after the Parisian suburb, Saint Cloud, by John Wilson. Since the 1880s, granite quarries have operated in St. Cloud, deeming the area "Granite City." Today St. Cloud is home to approximately 67,136 residents.

ST. JOSEPH

As many travelers and explorers arrived to the area, St. Joseph began as a German settlement in 1854. It is home to the world's only operating Schwalbach Mechanical Clock which was built in 1906 by Mathias Schwalbach. Schwalbach was a master clock tower builder from the Rhine country and his clock can be found in the Church of St. Joseph. Today St. Joseph is home to approximately 6,114 residents.

SARTELL

Sartell was once known as the "Third Rapids," named by a French fur trader. In 1854 Joseph B. Sartell arrived to the area and opened a flour mill on the Watab River. In the 1880s, along with his brothers, Joseph B. Sartell opened the Sartell Lumber Company. In 1907, Sartell was incorporated and named after its founder. Today Sartell is home to approximately 13,915 residents.

SAUK CENTRE

In 1857, Alexander Moore and other settlers staked out the boundaries of what would become Sauk Centre. A dam was built that same year and the city grew around the logging and milling industry on the river. Sauk Centre was incorporated as a village in 1876. The city is home to Sinclair Lewis, a world-famous novelist and America's first winner of the Nobel Prize for literature. Today Sauk Centre is home to approximately 3,945 residents.

WAITE PARK

Development in Waite Park began in the 1840s as travelers crossed the Sauk River. Once known as Waite's Crossing, Waite Park is named after Henry Chester Waite of St. Cloud. Waite was a landowner, attorney, statesman and entrepreneur who became Minnesota's first attorney. In 1983 Waite Park was incorporated as a village. Today Waite Park is home to approximately 6,796 residents.

Parks & Recreation

HEIMS MILL CANOE ACCESS

32324 County Rd. 1 | St. Cloud

Heims Mill Canoe Access provides access to the Sauk and Mississippi Rivers and features a picnic area with a grill. Visitors can enjoy bird watching and fishing.

LAKE KORONIS REGIONAL PARK

14076 Bluefield Rd. | Paynesville

Located on 312 acres, Lake Koronis Regional Park features a boat access, picnic area with shelter, play area, swimming beach, campground and walking trails.

LAKE SYLVIA WAYSIDE & ACCESS

32574 County Rd. 17 | Melrose

Located on three acres, Lake Sylvia Wayside and Access features a boat launch with fishing pier and picnic areas with tables and grills.

MAYHEW LAKE PARK

8996 30th Ave. NE | Sartell

Located on 4.4 acres near Mayhew Lake, Mayhew Lake Park features picnic tables, lake access and a fishing pier.

MILLER LANDING

7502 County Rd. 138 | St. Cloud

Miller Landing features canoe access to the Sauk River and a picnic site with a grill.

QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

1802 County Rd. 137 | Waite Park

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ST. MARTIN CANOE ACCESS

27427 Sauk Landing Rd. | Paynesville

The St. Martin Canoe Access provides canoe access to the Sauk River. The St. Martin Jaycee Park is located nearby that features a ball field.

SPRING HILL COUNTY PARK

31938 County Rd. 14 | Melrose

Located on 82 acres, Spring Hill Park features an open-air shelter, horseshoe pits, play area, canoe access, nature areas, canoe camping sites and trails.

UPPER SPUNK LAKE COUNTY PARK

17626 County Rd. 9 | Avon

Located on 7 acres, Upper Spunk Lake County Park features picnic areas with grills, canoe launch and shoreline fishing.

WARNER LAKE COUNTY PARK

1485 Country Rd. 143 | Clearwater

Located on 241 acres, Warner Lake County Park features an open-air shelter, picnic shelters, camping facilities, swimming beach, boat launch, fishing pier, play area and year-round trails for cross-country skiing, biking and walking.

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Fire. Flood. Theft. War. Forces such as these have threatened manuscripts ever since these integral pieces of our cultural history have existed. Shortly after World War II, a war that was especially catastrophic for manuscripts, Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, took a bold and visionary step to create a new library dedicated to preserving the fate of priceless manuscripts held in monasteries and libraries. Teams from this non-profit facility, the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML), have been photographing manuscript collections across Europe, Ethiopia, the Middle East, and south India ever since.

HMML's mission is to identify, digitally photograph, catalog, and archive endangered manuscripts belonging to threatened communities around the world. Having formed partnerships with more than 480 libraries and archives, HMML has photographically preserved over 125,000 medieval, renaissance, and early-modern manuscripts. These resources have become essential tools for global manuscript research, and are available through HMML's online catalog, OLIVER, and image database, *Vivarium*.

By contrast, HMML is also home to one of the world's newest manuscripts—*The Saint John's Bible*. Entirely handwritten with quills on calfskin vellum and illuminated with gold leaf, *The Saint John's Bible* is the first Bible of its kind to be commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in more than 500 years. After more than ten years of continuous work by a team of scribes and artists in Wales, the project was completed in 2011. Select original pages from *The Saint John's Bible* are always on display at HMML, and reproduced editions of all seven volumes—as well as fine art prints, note cards, and other books produced from the beautiful imagery—are available at the HMML gift shop and online at www.saintjohnsbible.org/store.

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Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

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

HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/15/12 - 02/28/13; 09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/13/14
(South) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/15/14

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/13 - 04/30/13
(Early Canada Goose) 09/01/13 - 09/20/13

CROW

03/01/13 - 03/31/13; 07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

(Archery) 09/14/13 - 12/31/13
(Youth) 10/17/13 - 10/20/13
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/17/13 - 10/18/13
(Firearm 2A & 3A) 11/09/13 - 11/17/13
(Firearm 1A) 11/09/13 - 11/24/13
(Firearm 3B) 11/23/13 - 12/01/13
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SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/14/13 - 11/30/13

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GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/15/12 - 01/01/13; 09/14/13 - 01/01/14

WOODCOCK

09/22/12 - 11/05/12

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 09/28/13 - 10/13/13

TURKEY

09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

(North) 10/26/13 - 04/30/14
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MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14
(South) 11/02/13 - 02/28/14

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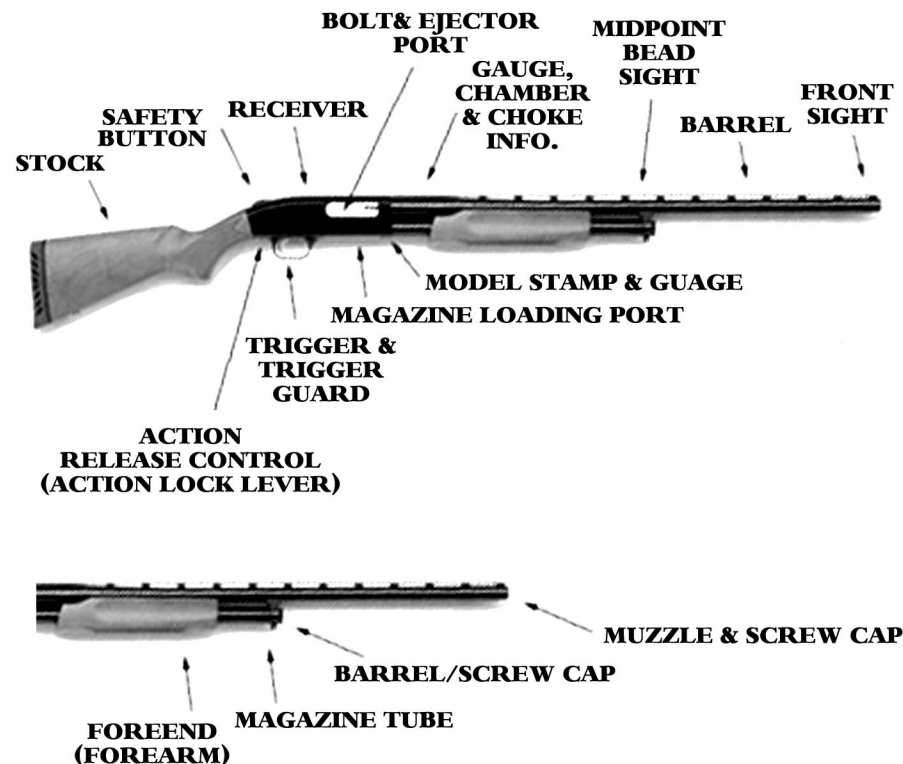
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(South Zone) 11/02/13 - 01/05/14

BOBCAT

11/24/12 - 01/05/13; 11/30/13 - 12/05/13

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Hunting Safety



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 five 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 in Minnesota, 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.

2013 Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/12 - 02/24/13

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/12/12 - 02/24/13; 05/11/13 - 02/23/14

LARGEMOUTH BASS*

05/12/12 - 02/24/13

SMALLMOUTH BASS*

(Catch & Release) 09/10/12 - 02/24/13

LAKE TROUT*

(BWCA) 12/31/11 - 03/31/12

(Outside BWCA) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12

05/12/12 - 09/30/12

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/12 - 03/31/12; 04/01/12 - 01/13/12













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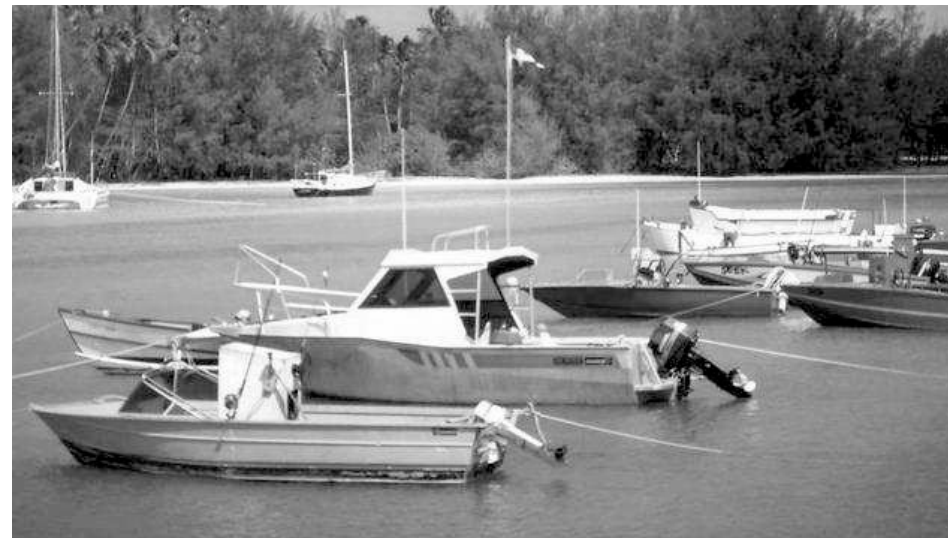
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Common Fish Species

 Bass	 Crappie	 Smelt
 Catfish	 Muskellunge	 Sunfish
 Carp	 Northern Pike	 Trout
 Cisco-Tullibee-Herring	 Salmon	 Walleye



Boating Safety

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 gunwale, 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.

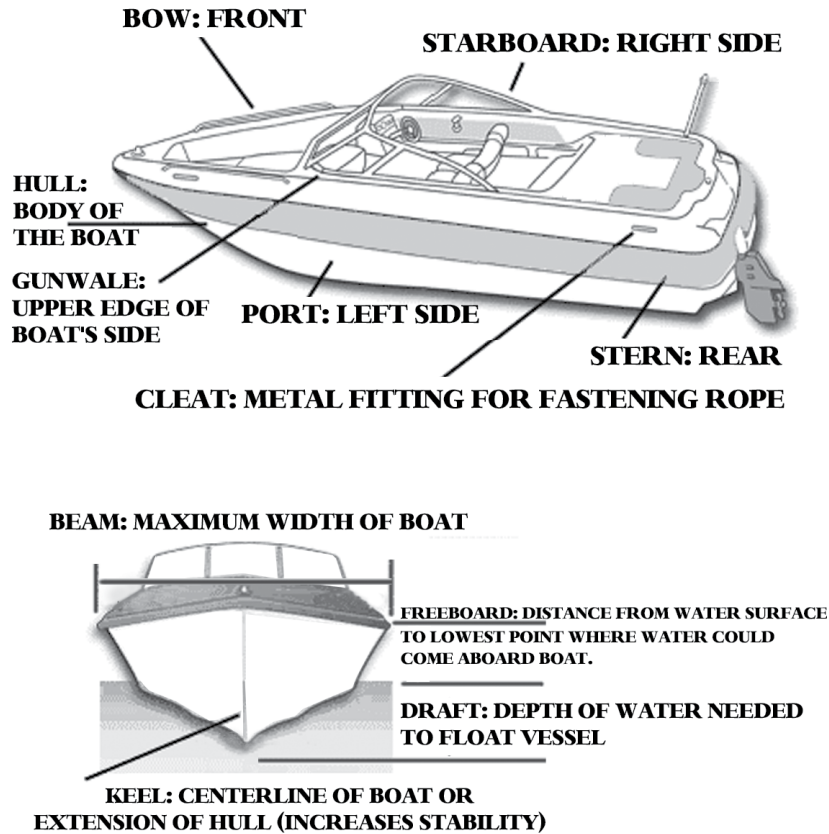
Turn boat at slow rates of speed.

Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.

Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



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.



Tips on Recycling & Living Greener



Recycle as much as you can. Even simple everyday things, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, can make a huge difference.



Switch your incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones. Save money and energy.



Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.



Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity. Eyeglasses, household items, electronics and even vehicles can be accepted.



Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.



Recycle your used batteries. This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.



Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.



Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.



Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.



Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.



Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and re-purpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.



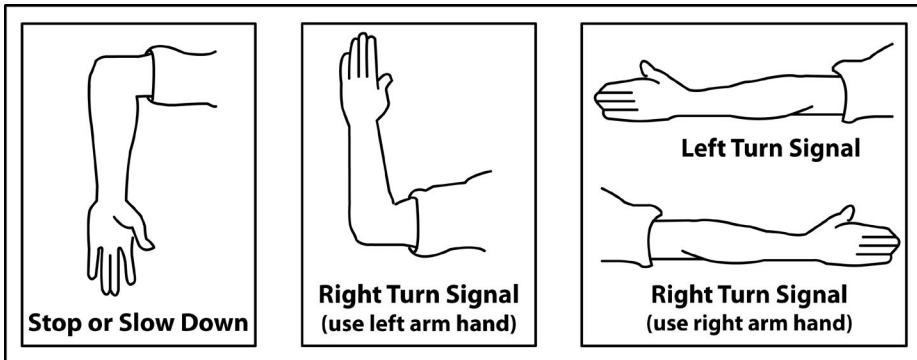
Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.



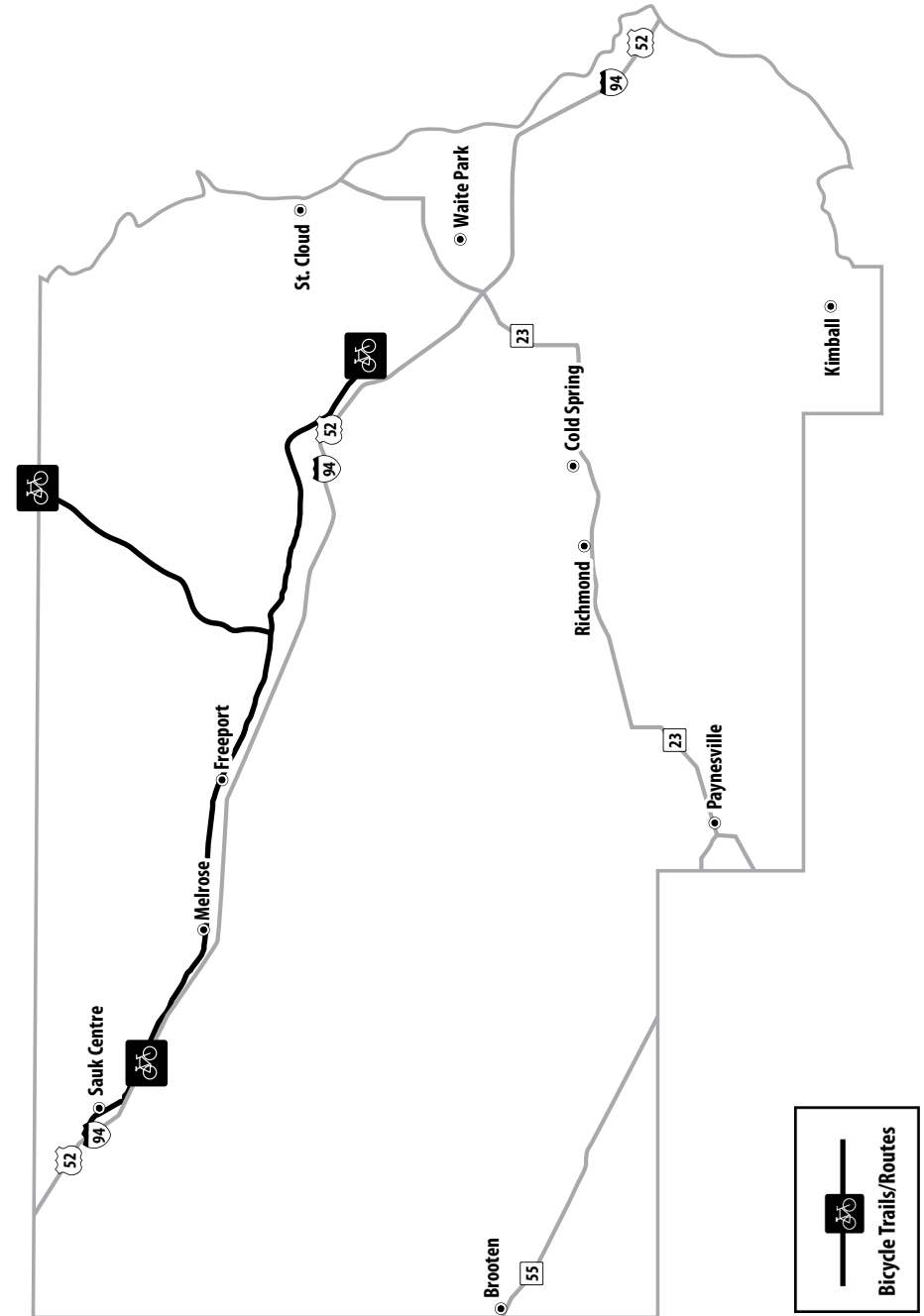
Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.

Bicycle Safety

- 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.



Bicycle Trails



ATV Safety

- 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.



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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.

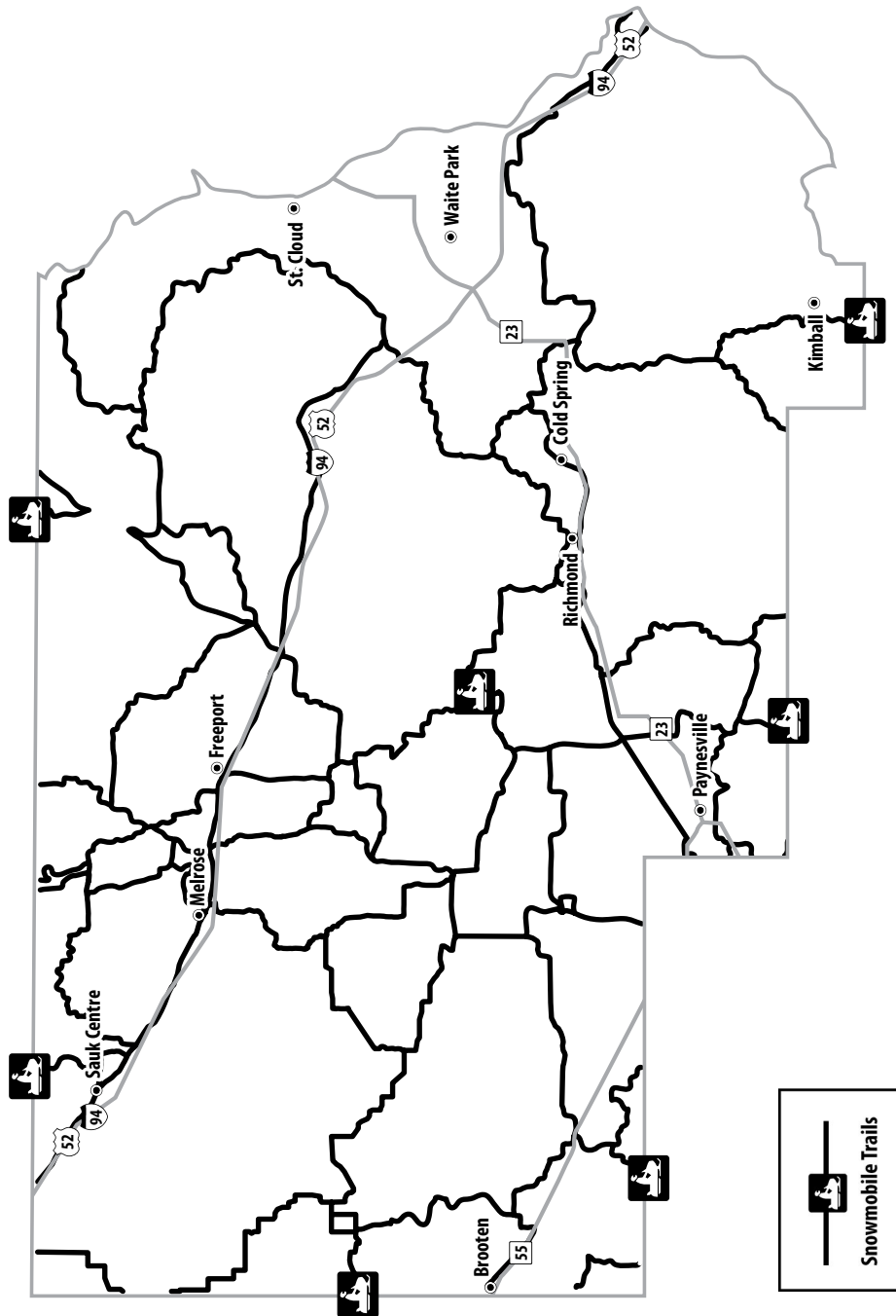
Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.

Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Common Trail Signs



Snowmobile Trails



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Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

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 sunscreen 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

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

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:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

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 antifreeze/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.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

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 ask 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.

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