

# Stearns County Minnesota

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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Festival of Lights | St. Cloud  
 Moonlight Ski | St. Cloud  
 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  
 Moonlight Ski - Cross Country Skiing | St. Cloud  
 Craft Beer Tour | 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  
 Snowmobile Cancer Ride | Richmond  
 Ice Fishing Derby | Rockville

## MARCH

March Madness | Cold Spring  
 Empty Bowls Soup Sampler Benefit | St. Cloud  
 Granite City Train Show at Armory | Cottage Grove  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Takin' it to the Streets at Paramount | St. Cloud  
 Home Show at Convention Center | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | 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  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud

## MAY

Apple Duathlon | Sartell  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 National Police Week | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 City Wide Clean-Up Day | Richmond

## 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  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Spunktacular Days | Avon  
 River Lake Days | Richmond

## JULY

Hometown Pride Days | Cold Spring  
 Rock-Fest | Rockville  
 Stearns County Fair | Sauk Centre  
 Sidewalk Sale & Crazy Days | St. Cloud  
 Annual St. Cloud Fireworks  
 Church of St. Joseph Parish Festival  
 Wine Tasting | St. Joseph  
 St. Cloud Air Show  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 River Lake Days | Richmond  
 Pie Baking Contest & Ice Cream Social | Richmond  
 Music in the Park | Richmond  
 Evening in Food, History & Heritage | Richmond  
 Draft Horse Show | Richmond  
 Area Garage Sales Begin | Richmond  
 Parade & Fireworks | Richmond  
 Breakfast at the Parish Center | Richmond

## 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  
 National Night Out | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Heritage Days | Albany

## 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  
 National Crime Prevention Month | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Pioneer Days | Albany

## OCTOBER

Quilt Show | St. Cloud  
 OktoberFest | St. Joseph  
 Fall Festival | Sauk Centre  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Molitor's Haunted Acres | Sauk Rapids  
 Extreme Zombie Paintball Shoot | St. Joseph

## NOVEMBER

Storybook Christmas Boutique | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Rythmic Circus | St. Cloud  
 Art Crawl | St. Cloud

## DECEMBER

Winter Nights & Lights Parade | St. Cloud  
 Research Workshop at History Museum | St. Cloud  
 Memories in Miniature | St. Cloud  
 Santa Fun Run | St. Cloud



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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.

## 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  
**FREEMONT** – 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

## 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

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## **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.

## **COLLEGEVILLE**

Collegeville Township is named such because it is where Saint John's University is located. Saint John's is a private liberal arts, men's college that has a relationship with the College of Saint Benedict, a women's college in the neighboring town of St. Joseph, allowing students to take courses on both campuses. Saint John's was founded in 1857 by the monks of Saint John's Abbey.

## **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.

## **RICHMOND**

The city of Richmond was founded in 1890, in the middle of what is known as The Horseshoe Chain of Lakes. There are 40 lakes within a 10 mile radius of Richmond, which provides residents and visitors with easy access to a wide variety of outdoor activities. Today Richmond is home to approximately 1,268 residents.

## **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.








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 **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 repurpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.

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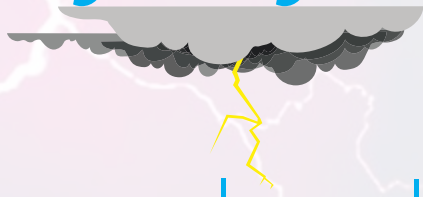
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- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
- HAVE A PLACE, EVERYONE KNOWS, TO GO TO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED.
- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT 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.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY AN EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
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## LAKE SYLVIA WAYSIDE & ACCESS

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## MAYHEW LAKE PARK

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## MILLER LANDING

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## ST. MARTIN CANOE ACCESS

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## SPRING HILL COUNTY PARK

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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

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

## WARNER LAKE COUNTY PARK

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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](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org/store).

Visitors are always welcome at HMML and are encouraged to view *The Saint John's Bible* exhibition as well as rare books, manuscripts, and related artwork that rotate on display throughout the year. The gift shop is full of seasonally relevant items that in turn support the costs of the organization. Donations fuel the digitization, archiving, and cataloging of endangered manuscript collections, and help HMML make these digitized materials freely available to users throughout the world. Visit [www.hmml.org](http://www.hmml.org) to learn more.

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09/17/16 - 02/28/17 Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season	05/10/17 - 05/16/17 Spring Turkey "E" season (hunter selected)
10/15/16 - 03/15/17 Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (North) Hunting & Trapping	05/17/17 - 05/30/17 Spring Turkey "F" season (any unfilled license)
10/22/16 - 03/15/17 Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (South) Hunting & Trapping	06/16/17 Elk Hunt Lottery Deadline
10/29/16 - 05/15/17 Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone	08/11/17 Bear Baiting start date
10/29/16 - 02/28/17 Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - north zone	08/18/17 Camp Ripley Archery Hunt Application Deadline
10/29/16 - 05/15/17 Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone	08/18/17 Prairie Chicken Hunt Lottery Deadline
10/29/16 - 02/28/17 Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat-south zone	09/01/17 - 10/31/17 Crow Hunting (3rd season)
03/01/17 - 04/30/17 Goose-Spring Light Goose conservation action	09/01/17 - 11/09/17 Mourning Dove season
03/01/17 - 03/31/17 Crow Hunting (2nd season)	09/01/17 - 10/15/17 Bear season
04/12/17 - 04/18/17 Spring Turkey "A" season (lottery/surplus)	09/01/17 - 11/06/17 Snipe and Rail Hunting season
04/19/17 - 04/25/17 Spring Turkey "B" season (lottery/surplus)	09/02/17 - 09/18/17 Early Canada Goose season
04/26/17 - 05/02/17 Spring Turkey "C" season (hunter selected)	09/07/17 Antlerless Deer and Special Hunt Lottery Deadline
05/03/17 - 05/09/17 Spring Turkey "D" season (hunter selected)	09/09/17 Youth Waterfowl Day - Tentative
05/05/17 Bear Hunt Lottery Deadline	09/15/17 - 10/21/17 Sandhill Crane season-NW zone-Tentative
	09/16/17 - 02/28/18 Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season

# HUNTING SEASONS

09/16/17 - 12/31/17 Deer Hunt - Archery season	10/28/17 - 04/30/18 Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - North zone
09/16/17 - 11/30/17 Sharptailed Grouse season	10/28/17 - 04/30/18 Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - South zone
09/16/17 - 01/01/18 Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, Hungarian Partridge season	10/28/17 - 01/07/18 Furbearer Trapping - Otter - North zone
09/23/17 Waterfowl season opener - Tentative	10/28/17 - 02/28/18 Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - North zone
09/23/17 - 09/24/17 Take-a-Kid Hunting weekend	10/28/17 - 02/28/18 Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - South zone
09/23/17 - 11/06/17 Woodcock season	10/28/17 - 10/29/17 Deer Hunt - Camp Ripley Archery Hunt - 2nd season
09/30/17 - 10/29/17 Fall Turkey season	11/04/17 - 11/19/17 Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 100A
09/30/17 - 10/08/17 Prairie Chicken season	11/04/17 - 11/12/17 Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 200A and 300A
10/14/17 - 03/15/18 Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (North) Hunting & Trapping	11/18/17 - 11/26/17 Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 300B
10/14/17 - 01/01/18 Pheasant season	11/25/17 - 01/07/18 Bobcat - Hunting & Trapping-north of I-94 and US Hwy 10 only
10/19/17 - 10/20/17 Deer Hunt - Camp Ripley Archery Hunt - 1st season	11/25/17 - 11/30/17 Fisher and Pine Marten-north of I-94 and US Hwy 10 only
10/19/17 - 10/22/17 Deer Hunt - Special Youth Deer season	11/25/17 - 12/10/17 Deer Hunt - Muzzleloader season
10/21/17 - 03/15/18 Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum (South) Hunting & Trapping	12/14/17 - 12/31/17 Crow Hunting (4th season)
10/28/17 - 01/07/18 Furbearer Trapping - Otter - South zone	



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304 Blattner Dr. | Avon | (320) 356-7992

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### **SUPER AMERICA (#4790)**

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### **WENNER COMPANY**

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### **CASEY'S GENERAL STORE**

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### **CASEY'S GENERAL STORE (#1738)**

826 Main St. | Sauk Centre | (320) 352-7845

### **FLETCHER'S BAIT**

1515 Sinclair Lewis Ave. | Sauk Centre |  
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# FISHING SEASONS

04/30/16 - 02/26/17

**Bowfishing** - 2016 season

04/30/16 - 02/19/17

**Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Spearing** - 2016 season

04/30/16 - 02/26/17

**Sucker Spearing** - 2016 season

05/14/16 - 02/26/17

**Walleye, sauger, northern pike** - 2016 season

05/14/16 - 02/26/17

**Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass** - 2016 season - North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

05/28/16 - 02/26/17

**Largemouth Bass** - 2016 season - South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County

09/12/16 - 02/26/17

**Smallmouth Bass** - 2016 Catch and Release season only (statewide)

11/15/16 - 02/26/17

**Dark House Spearing** - 2016 season

12/31/16 - 03/31/17

**Lake and Stream Trout** - Winter (entirely within the BWCA)-2017 season

01/01/17 - 04/14/17

**Stream Trout (Winter) SE** - 2017 season Catch and Release season only. Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona counties only.

01/14/17 - 03/31/17

**Trout in lakes** - Winter (outside or partly outside the BWCA) - 2017 season

04/01/17 - 11/30/17

**Flathead Catfish** - 2017 Season

04/15/17 - 10/01/17

**Stream Trout in streams, except SE** - 2017 season

04/15/17 - 09/14/17

**Stream Trout in streams SE** - 2017 season. Dodge, Goodhue, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona counties only.

05/13/17 - 02/25/18

**Walleye, sauger, northern pike** - 2017 season

05/13/17 - 02/25/18

**Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass** - 2017 season -North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

# FISHING SEASONS

05/13/17 - 05/26/17

**Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass** - 2017 early Catch and Release season Only -South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

05/13/17 - 10/01/17

**Lake Trout** (summer) - 2017 season

05/27/17 - 02/25/18

**Largemouth Bass** - 2017 season -South and West of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County

05/27/17 - 09/10/17

**Smallmouth Bass** - 2017 Season -South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

06/03/17 - 12/01/17

**Muskellunge** (Muskie) - 2017 season

09/11/17 - 02/25/18

**Smallmouth Bass** - 2017 Catch and Release season only - South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

09/15/17 - 10/15/17

**Stream Trout** (Fall) SE - 2017 season Catch and Release season only

12/30/17 - 04/01/18

**Lake and Stream Trout** - Winter (entirely within the BWCA)-2018 season

01/13/18 - 04/01/18

**Trout in lakes** - Winter (outside or partly outside the BWCA) - 2018 season

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## Operating Watercraft

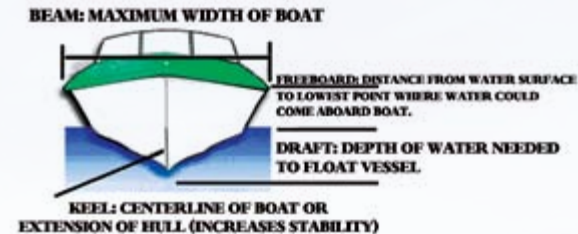
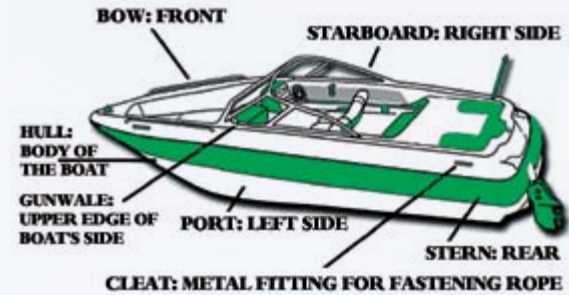
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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.

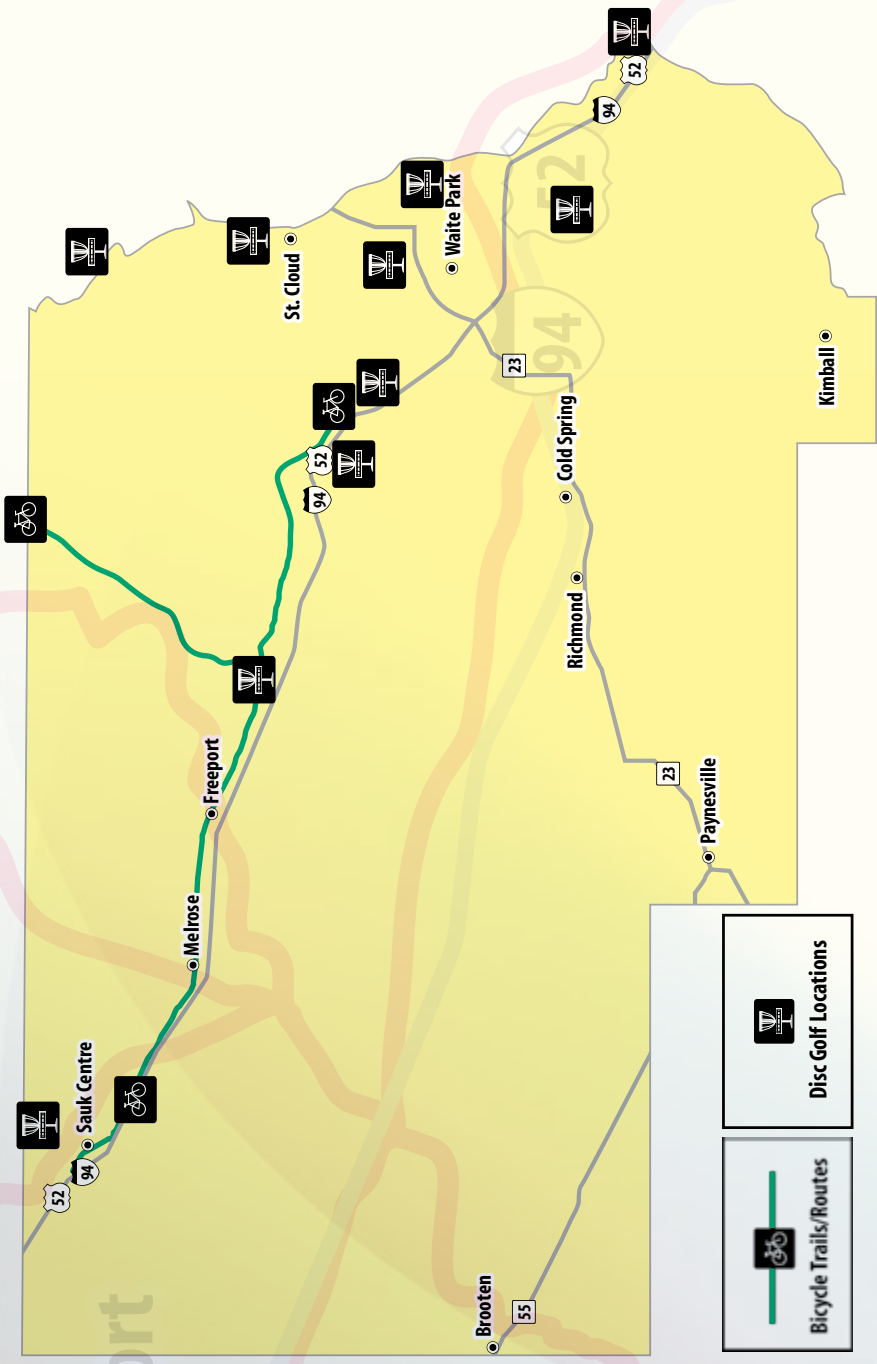
# Slow Down!

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



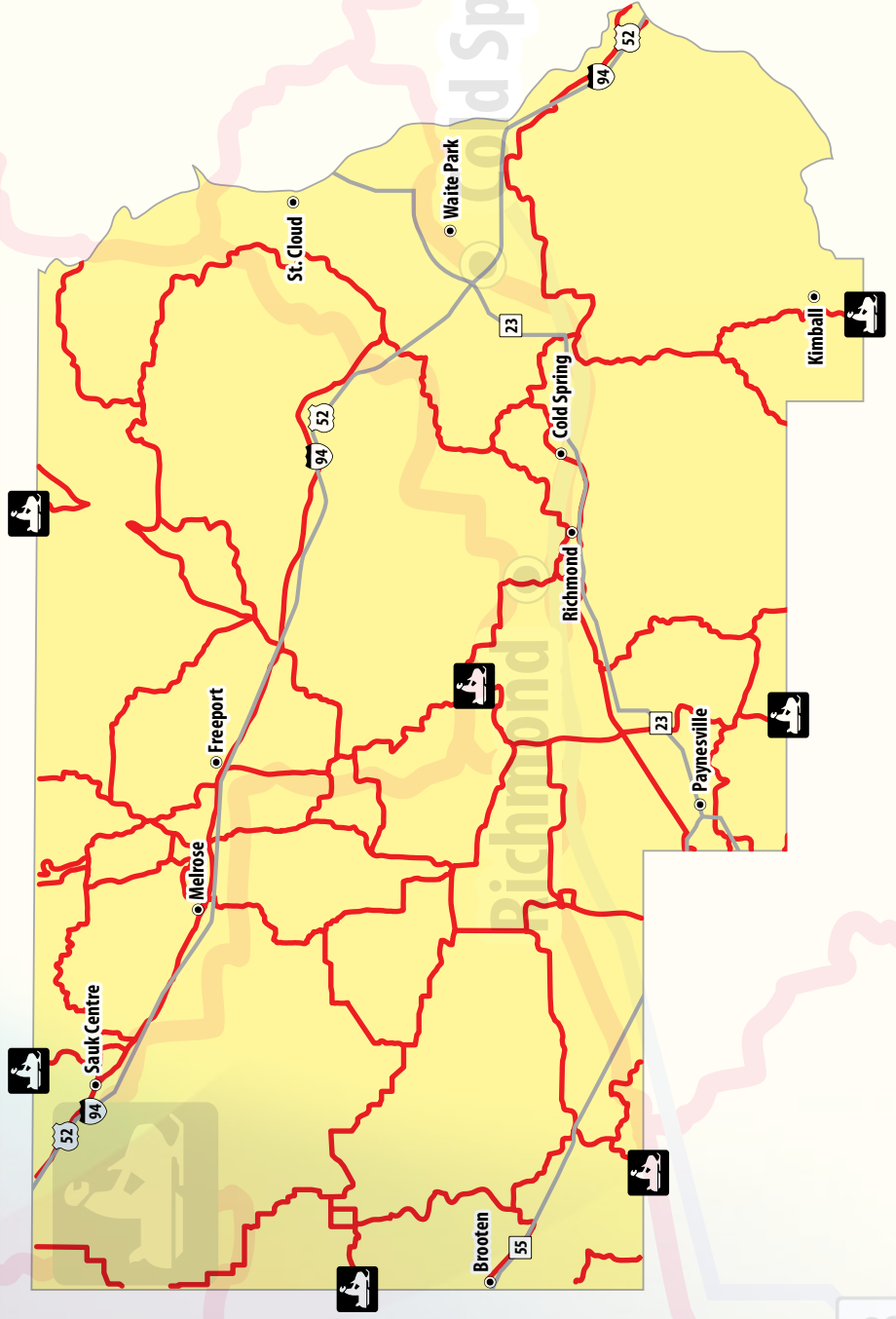
# LOCAL BIKE TRAILS & DISC GOLF COURSES

# LOCAL SNOWMOBILE TRAILS



**Bicycle Trails/Routes**

**Disc Golf Locations**



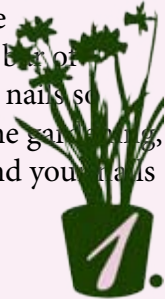


# 10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

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 Seek help Immediately.**

### 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.** 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.





# SAFETY 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 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.



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