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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Annual Sons of Norway Barnelopet | St. Cloud  
Annual Craft Beer Tour | St. Cloud  
Annual Snow Stomp | St. Joseph  
Moonlight Ski/Cross Country Skiing | St. Cloud  
Sauk Centre SnoFest

## FEBRUARY

Saint Cloud Sportsmens Boat, Camping & Vacation Show | St. Cloud  
Farm Show | St. Cloud

## MARCH

Home & Lifestyle Show at Convention Center | St. Cloud  
First Steps Baby Expo | St. Cloud  
Granite City Train Show | St. Cloud  
Richmond Road to Gold  
Euphoric Ink & Art Show | Waite Park  
Pot O' Gold 5k | Sartell  
Granite City Bizarre Bazaar Spring Market | St. Cloud  
Annual Wildwood Ranch Maple Syrup Tours | St. Joseph  
Farm Toy Show | Paynesville  
MN Ladies Create Retreat | Paynesville  
Lake Wobegon Community Expo | Avon  
Annual Quilt Show | St. Cloud

## APRIL

Earth Day 1/2 Marathon | St. Cloud  
Annual GREAT Gala | St. Cloud  
St. Cloud Psychic & Paranormal Wellness Fair  
Lunar Legacy | Avon  
Easter Egg Hunt | Area Wide  
Spring Out Days | Sauk Centre

## MAY

Apple Duathlon | Sartell  
Apple Multisport Festival | Sartell  
FinnngerPrints 5K Fun Run/Walk | Paynesville  
AvonAlbany Area Garage Sales  
St. Cloud Farmers Market (Saturdays)

## JUNE

Granite City Days | St. Cloud  
SummerFest | Sartell  
Waite Park Family Fun Fest  
Spunktacular Days | Avon  
Juneteenth Celebration | St. Cloud  
Music in the Park (June-Aug, Tuesdays) | Richmond  
Annual Wild West Fest | Richmond  
Clearwater Graniteman Marathon  
Brew at the Zoo | Freeport  
Town & Country Days | Paynesville

## JULY

Hometown Pride Days | Cold Spring  
Stearns County Fair (July-Aug) | Sauk Centre  
Annual St. Cloud Fireworks  
Church of St. Joseph Parish Festival  
River Lake Days | Richmond  
Parade & Fireworks | Richmond  
Fire Fest | Cold Spring  
Summer Zoo Party | Freeport  
Clearwater Heritage Festival (July-Aug)  
Sinclair Lewis Days | Sauk Centre

## AUGUST

MN Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival | St. Cloud  
St. Cloud Antique Auto Club Car Show & Swap Meet  
National Night Out | St. Cloud  
Millstream Arts Festival | St. Joseph  
Royal Party at the Zoo | Freeport  
GCBB Labor Day Arts & Crafts | St. Cloud  
Koronis Cruis 'n Night | Paynesville

## SEPTEMBER

St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party | St. Cloud  
Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair  
St. Cloud Pride Fest  
Pioneer Days | Albany  
Heritage Days | Albany  
Rocktoberfest | St. Joseph  
Zootoberfest | Freeport  
Craft & Cocktails Fair | St. Cloud  
Halfway to St. Patricks Day Event | St. Cloud  
Downtown Festi-Fall | St. Cloud  
Harvest Fest | St. Cloud

## OCTOBER

Boo at the Zoo (Saturdays) | Freeport  
Fall Maintenance Expo | St. Cloud  
Art Crawl | St. Cloud  
Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud

## OCTOBER (CONTD)

Quilt Show | St. Cloud  
Boo Bash on Main | Avon  
St. Cloud Comic & Toy Show  
Downtown Art Crawl | St. Cloud  
Annual Trick or Treat Halloween Parade | Kimball  
MTH Truck or treat | St. Cloud  
Trunk or Treat | Paynesville

## NOVEMBER

Zonta Christmas House | St. Cloud  
Santa Days at the Zoo | Freeport  
St. Cloud Gun Show  
Rusty Holiday Weekend | Waite Park  
Veterans Day Parade | St. Cloud  
Annual HolidayOpen House | St. Cloud  
Granite City Classic Competition | St. Cloud  
Holiday Kick Off Line Up of Events | Sauk Centre

## DECEMBER

Langston Hughes' Black Nativity | St. Cloud  
Winter Market Arts & Crafts Show | St. Cloud  
Rock n Roll Christmas Spectacular | St. Cloud  
Makers Market | St. Cloud

*\*Events are subject to change*



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County Commissioners.....	656-3600
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Environmental Services.....	656-3613
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- 3 ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**

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- 4 INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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- 5 ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER**

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- 6 FINE & PERFORMING ARTS**

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- 7 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**

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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 160,405 residents.

## CITIES:

- ALBANY – pop. 2,561
- AVON – pop. 1,396
- BELGRADE – pop. 740
- BROOTEN – pop. 626
- CLEARWATER – pop. 1,922
- COLD SPRING – pop. 4,025
- EDEN VALLEY – pop. 1,027
- ELROSA – pop. 211
- FREEPORT – pop. 632
- GREENWALD – pop. 222
- HOLDINGFORD – pop. 708
- KIMBALL – pop. 799
- LAKE HENRY – pop. 103
- MEIRE GROVE – pop. 179
- MELROSE – pop. 3,598
- NEW MUNICH – pop. 320
- PAYNESVILLE – pop. 2,388
- RICHMOND – pop. 1,422
- ROCKVILLE – pop. 2,448
- ROSCOE – pop. 102
- ST. ANTHONY – pop. 91
- ST. AUGUSTA – pop. 3,497
- ST. CLOUD (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 68,881

- ST. JOSEPH – pop. 7,029
- ST. MARTIN – pop. 308
- ST. ROSA – pop. 58
- ST. STEPHEN – pop. 797
- SARTELL – pop. 19,351
- SAUK CENTRE – pop. 4,555
- SPRING HILL – pop. 85
- WAITE PARK – pop. 8,341

## CENSUS-DESIGNATED:

- FAIRHAVEN – pop. 358

## TOWNSHIPS:

- ALBANY – pop. 980
- ASHLEY – pop. 262
- AVON – pop. 2,294
- BROCKWAY – pop. 2,701
- COLLEGEVILLE – pop. 3,344
- CROW LAKE – pop. 318
- CROW RIVER – pop. 327
- EDEN LAKE – pop. 1,542
- FAIR HAVEN – pop. 1,507
- FARMING – pop. 987
- GETTY – pop. 376

- GROVE – pop. 493
- HOLDING – pop. 1,139
- KRAIN – pop. 981
- LAKE GEORGE – pop. 335
- LAKE HENRY – pop. 278
- LE SAUK – pop. 1,766
- LUXEMBURG – pop. 637
- LYNDEN – pop. 1,938
- MAINE PRAIRIE – pop. 1,887
- MELROSE – pop. 759
- MILLWOOD – pop. 972
- MUNSON – pop. 1,466
- NORTH FORK – pop. 247
- OAK – pop. 595
- PAYNESVILLE – pop. 1,421
- RAYMOND – pop. 227
- ST. JOSEPH – pop. 1,924
- ST. MARTIN – pop. 545
- ST. WENDEL – pop. 2,150
- SAUK CENTRE – pop. 1,088
- SPRING HILL – pop. 368
- WAKEFIELD – pop. 2,756
- ZION – pop. 335

*\*Populations are approximate.*



Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.



## **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 2,561 residents.

## **BELGRADE**

Belgrade was platted in 1887 by the Pacific Land Company and incorporated as a village on March 19, 1888. The post office began as Crow Lake in 1871, changing to Belgrade in 1886. The railroad was also built through the area in 1886. The first house in Belgrade was built by Norwegian immigrant, Otto Christianson in 1874. The city has a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1904 Christopher Borg-erding House. Today Belgrade is home to approximately 740 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 4,025 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. Today Collegeville is home to approximately 3,344 residents.

## **EDEN VALLEY**

Located in Meeker and Stearns Counties, Eden Valley was settled in 1856. The community was first known as Pappelbush and was renamed by officers of the railroad. Eden Valley was organized in 1867 and streets were platted in 1886. By 1894 the community was incorporated and housed a post office, general store and assortment of specialty shops. Today Eden Valley is home to approximately 1,027 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 3,598 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 2,388 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 1,422 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 68,881 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 7,029 residents.

## **ST. MARTIN**

St. Martin Township was settled in 1857 and organized in 1863. The city was founded in 1866 and incorporated as a village in 1891. It was named after Saint Martin of Tours a Christian saint. The community had a post office, established as Leedston in 1868 and its name was changed in 1891. The post office was shut down in 1905 and reopened in 1928. Today St. Martin is home to approximately 308 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 19,351 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 4,555 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 8,341 residents.



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## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Season the **chicken breasts** with **salt** and **pepper** on both sides.
- 2 Heat the **olive oil** and **butter** in a large skillet over **medium-high** heat.
- 3 Add the **chicken breasts** to the skillet and cook for **6-7 minutes** on each side, until browned and **cooked** through. Remove the **chicken** from the skillet and **set aside**.
- 4 Pour the **chicken broth** into the skillet and use a spatula to scrape up any **browned bits** from the bottom of the **pan**.
- 5 Stir in the **heavy cream**, **Dijon mustard**, and dried **dill weed**. Bring the mixture to a **simmer** and cook for **2-3 minutes**, stirring frequently, until the **sauce** has **thickened**.
- 6 Return the **chicken breasts** to the skillet and spoon the **sauce** over the top. Allow the **chicken** to cook in the **sauce** for an additional **1-2 minutes**, until the **chicken** is heated through.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped **fresh parsley** over the top of the **chicken** before serving.

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless **chicken breasts**
- Salt** and **pepper**
- 1 tablespoon **olive oil**
- 1 tablespoon **butter**
- 1/2 cup **chicken broth**
- 1/2 cup **heavy cream**
- 1 tablespoon **Dijon mustard**
- 2 teaspoons dried **dill weed**
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh **parsley**

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## LAKE KORONIS REGIONAL PARK

14076 Bluefield Rd. | Paynesville | 320-276-8843  
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 Co. Rd. 17 | Melrose | 320-255-6172  
Located on three acres, Lake Sylvia Wayside and Access features a boat launch with fishing pier and picnic areas with tables and grills.

## MILLER LANDING

7502 Co. Rd. 138 | St. Cloud | 320-656-3600  
Miller Landing features canoe access to the Sauk River and a picnic site with a grill.

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER COUNTY PARK

41300 Co. Rd. 1 | Rice | (320) 255-6172  
Located on 230 acres along the Mississippi River. The park features a disc golf course, archery range, boat/canoe access, walking/biking trails and an open air shelter.

## OAK TOWNSHIP COUNTY PARK

33685 Co. Rd. 12 | Melrose  
Located on 32 acres and a 1/4 mile of the Sauk River. There is a picnic area, canoe campsite, archery range and walking/bicycle trails.

## QUARRY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

1802 Co. Rd. 137 | Waite Park | 320-255-6172  
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## ROCKVILLE COUNTY PARK & NATURE PRESERVE

11503 Glacier Rd. | St. Cloud | (320) 255-6172  
Located on 294 acres, this park features an open air shelter, camping, fishing, equestrian area, trails and a Tamarack Bog.

## SAUK RIVER REGIONAL PARK

3237 Dolores Dr. | St. Cloud | 320-253-2171  
The park features natural surface hiking trails, access to the Sauk River and a sliding hill.

## 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 Co. Rd. 14 | Melrose | 320-255-6172  
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.

## TWO RIVERS LAKE COUNTY PARK

38694 Co. Rd. 10 | Albany | 320-255-6172  
Located on 56 acres of forest, rolling hills and prairie, this park features a bicycle campsite, dog walking trail, fat tire bicycle trail, fishing pier, floating boardwalk, hiking trails, picnic area, reservable shelter, restroom, scenic overlooks and snowshoeing trails.

## UPPER SPUNK LAKE COUNTY PARK

17626 County Rd. 9 | Avon | 320-255-6172  
Located on 7 acres, Upper Spunk Lake County Park features picnic areas with grills, canoe launch and shoreline fishing.

## WARNER LAKE COUNTY PARK

1485 Co. Rd. 143 | Clearwater | 320-255-6172  
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.

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

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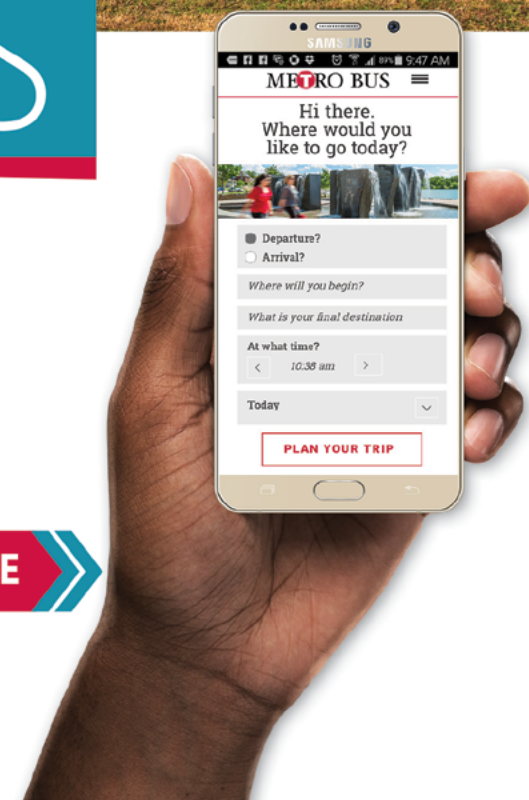
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09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide  
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas  
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11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

### Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone  
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### Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25  
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### Fox, Gray & Red

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### Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide  
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### Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone  
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

### Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide  
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

### Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

### Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide  
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide  
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide  
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide  
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide  
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide  
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

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03/01/24 - 02/28/25

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03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

### Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

### Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

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05/11/24 - 02/23/25

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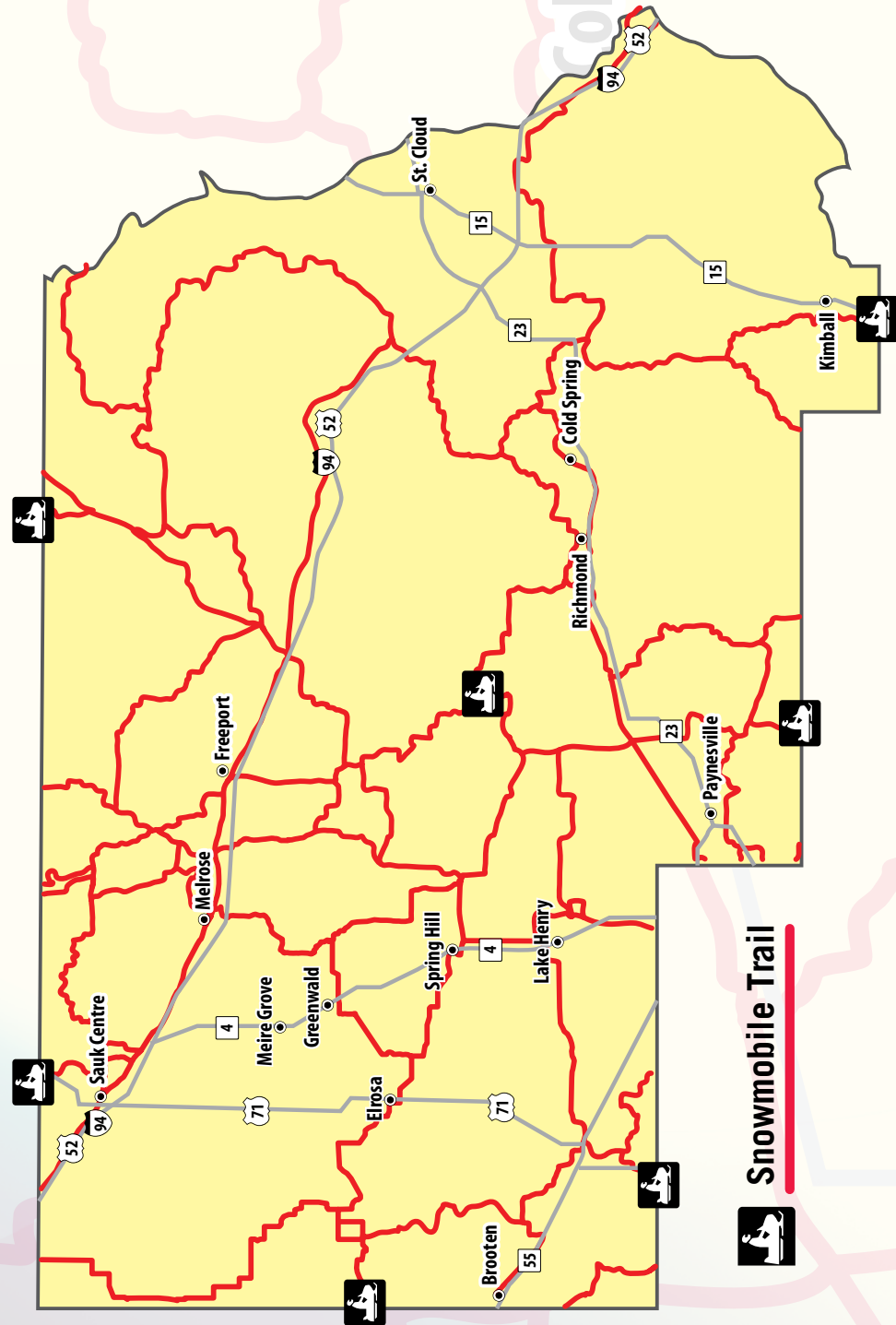
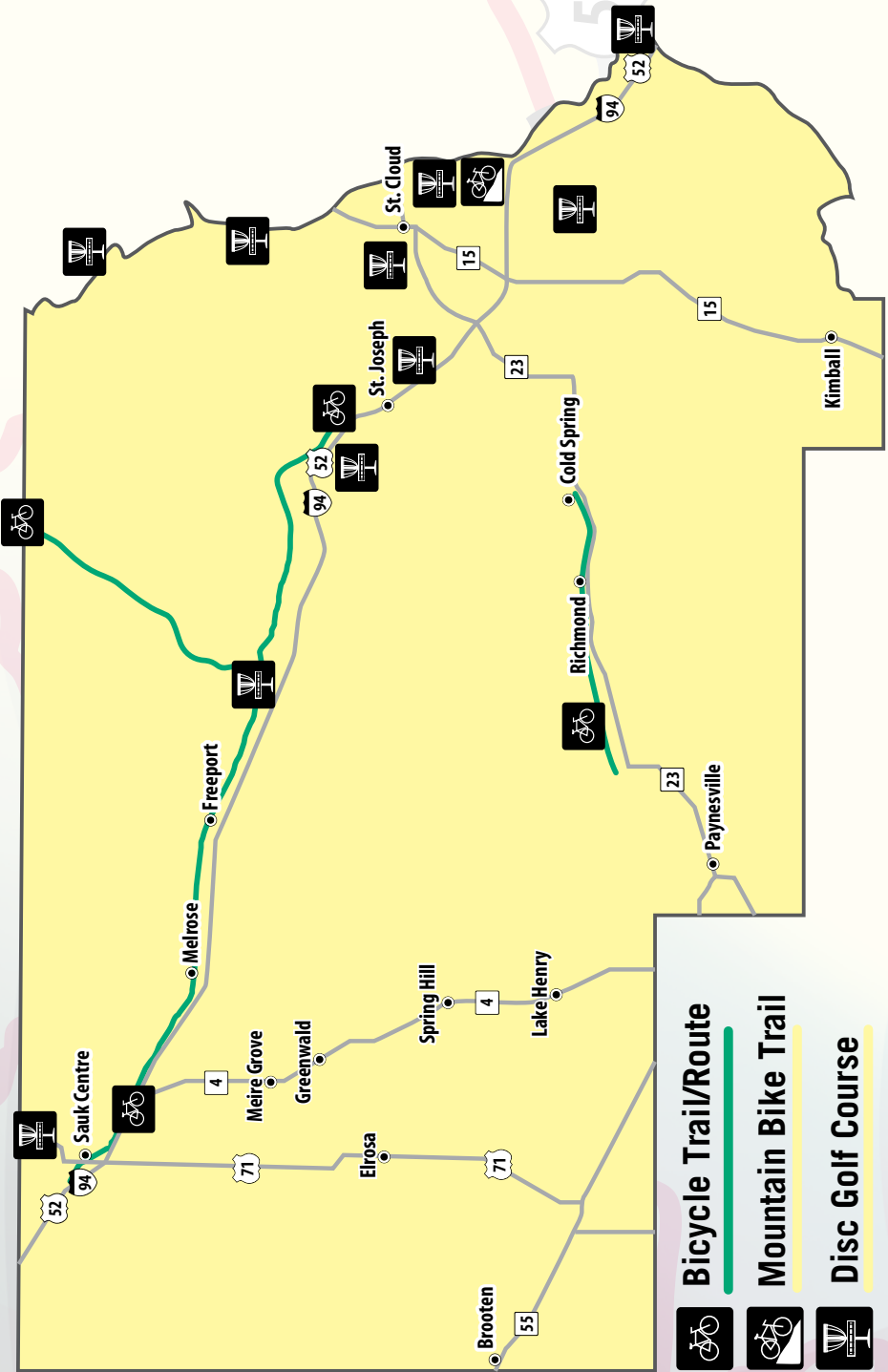
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**Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle:** Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

**Proper Nutrition:** Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

**Regular Exercise:** Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

**Routine Veterinary Care:** Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

**Spaying/Neutering:** Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

**Training and Socialization:** Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

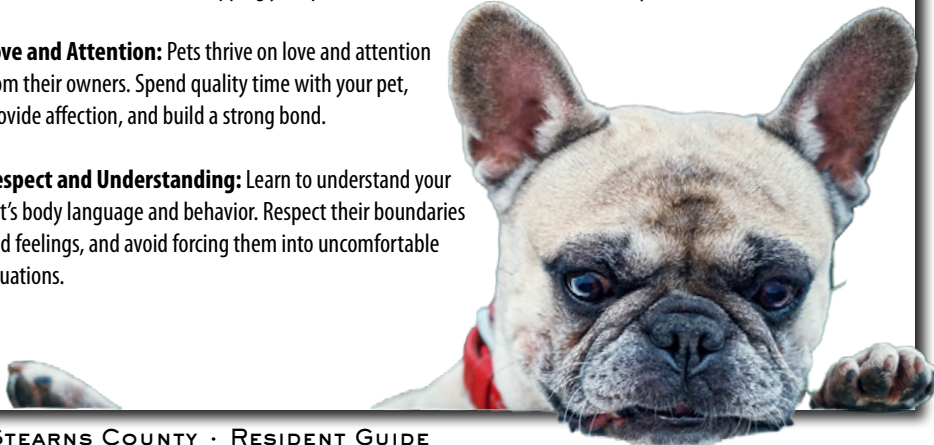
**Provide a Safe Environment:** Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

**Grooming:** Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

**Identification and Microchipping:** Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

**Love and Attention:** Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

**Respect and Understanding:** Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



**Patience and Forgiveness:** Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

*If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:*

### 3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

### 3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

### 3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

### Dog Park at Pinecone Central Park

1105 Central Park Blvd, Sartell

### Jaycees Dog Park

3700 12th St N, St Cloud

### Love's Travel Stop

8078 Crossing Dr, Rockville

### Mississippi River County Park

41300 Co Rd 1, Rice

### Two Rivers Lake County Park

(permit required/on leash)

38496 Co Rd 10, Albany

### Warner Lake County Park

1485 County Road 143, Clearwater

### Whitney Dog Park

1566 Forest Dr, St Cloud

### Wilson Park Off Leash Pet

Exercise Area

625 Riverside Dr NE, St Cloud

## DOG PARKS





# Autumn Foliage

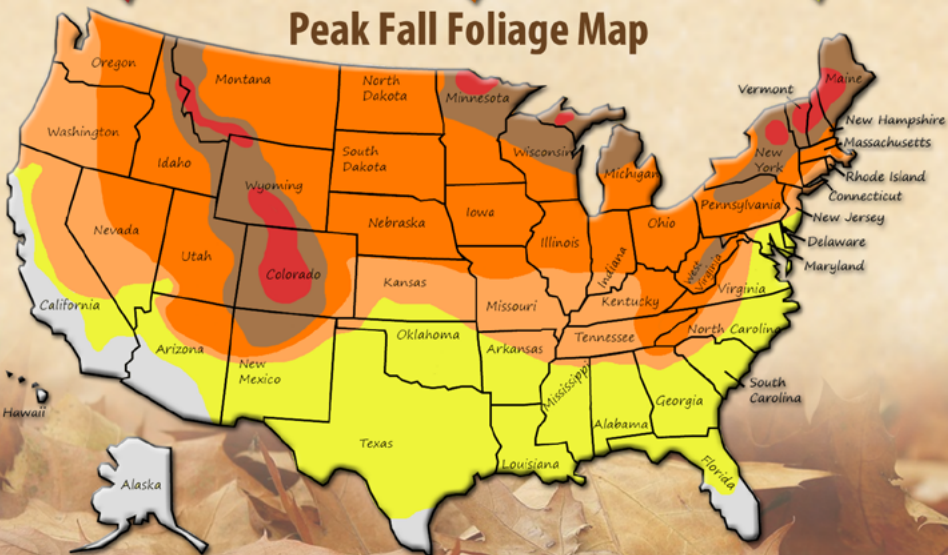


In the spring and summer tree leaves are green, producing nutrients for the tree. The green color comes from cells in the leaves containing chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs sunlight for energy to transform carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates.

In the fall, shortening days and cooling temperatures makes the leaves stop producing nutrients. The chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears. The different colors of each tree and tree type are due to the mixing of varying amounts of the chlorophyll residue and other pigments in the leaf during the fall season.



**Peak Fall Foliage Map**



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