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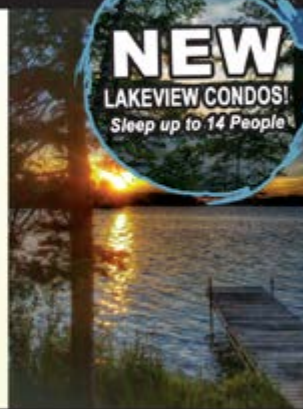
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Ashland County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

ABC Raceway Awards | Ashland
Annual Sleigh & Cutter Rally | Ashland
Big Water Film Festival (Jan-Feb) | Ashland
Iron River Fishin' Chicks Ice Fishing Contest | Delta

FEBRUARY

Annual Book Across the Bay | Ashland
Annual Toilet Seat Races | Glidden
Barstool Races & Chili Feed | Drummond
Father-Daughter Dinner Dance | Ashland
Iron River Sled Dog Race
King & Queen of the Mountain | Bayfield
North End Classic Cross Country Ski Race | Cable
Slumberland American Birkebeiner | Cable

MARCH

Bayfield Winter Festival
CBAC Spring Art Show | Washburn
Ice-O-Rama (March-May) | Ashland
Mt. Ashwabay Spring Carnival | Bayfield
Spring Home & Sport Show | Ashland
World's Longest Weenie Roast Weekend | Cable
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny | Glidden
Easter Egg Hunt | Ashland, Glidden
Bay Area Farm & Garden Show | Ashland
State Arm Wrestling Tournament | Glidden

APRIL

Ashland Gun and Knife Show
Folk Festival | Ashland

MAY

Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival | Ashland
House to House Garage Sale | Ashland
Memorial Day Ceremonies | Throughout the Area

JUNE

Annual Corny Solstice Fly-in | Cornucopia
Apostle Island Inline Marathon | Madeline Island
Bayfield in Bloom | Bayfield
Chequamegon Bay Pride Festival | Ashland
Concerts by the Lake (June-Aug) | Bayfield
Dairy Days | Burnett
Mason Days | Ashland
Superior Vistas Bike Tour | Washburn
Firemans Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast | Grand View
Cornucopia Summer Concert Series (June-Sept)

JULY

4th of July Parade & Celebrations | Ashland
Almost Fourth Fireworks | Cornucopia
Annual Fish Fry and Pie Social | Cornucopia
Bay Days Festival & Fun Run | Ashland
Bayfield 4th of July Festivities
Chequamegon Bay Duathlon | Ashland
Good Neighbor Days | Gordon
Health & Wellness Golf Benefit Tournament | Cable
Independence Day Celebration | Cable
Iron River Lions Blueberry Festival
Madeline Island 4th of July Celebration
Penokee Range Classic Bike Races | Mellen
Pioneer Days | Butternut
Port Wing Flea Market
Red Cliff Traditional Pow Wow
Washburn Brownstone Community Block Party
North Coast Car Show | Washburn

AUGUST

Annual Firehouse Picnic | Grand View
Annual Veterans Family Picnic | Ashland
Ashland County Fair | Marengo
Ashland Downtown Days
Bayfield County Fair | Iron River
Butternut Community Fair
Corny Day
Odanah Manomin Celebration & Pow Wow
Point to La Pointe Swim | Bayfield
Ashland Field Day Golf Outing
Annual Spider Lake Run | Iron River

SEPTEMBER

Annual Chequamegon MTB Festival | Cable
Annual Gun Show at the Butternut Community Park
Cable Area Fall Fest
Chequamegon Bay Golf Club's Labor Day Golf Classic | Ashland
Copper Falls Art in the Park | Mellen
Copper Falls State Park Fall Festival | Mellen
Cornucopia Art Crawl
Festival of Arts and Gallery Tour | Bayfield
Fish Boil | Port Wing
Glidden Community Fair
Glidden Labor Day Weekend Street Dance & Brat Feed
Mural Fest & Car Show | Ashland
Red Clay Classic Car Races | Ashland
Warrens Cranberry Festival

OCTOBER

Annual Apple Festival | Bayfield
Copper Falls Candlelight Hike | Mellen
Cornucopia Trunk or Treat
Cruisin the Corridor Races | Ashland
Madeline Island Family Fall Festival
Whistlestop Marathon & Festival | Ashland

NOVEMBER

Bayfield Holiday Tree Lighting
Turkey Dinner | Cornucopia
Washburn Thanksgiving Turkey Day Trot
Chick-uamegon Women's Walk/Run | Ashland
Hometown Holiday Season (Nov-Dec) | Bayfield
Hometown Holiday | Glidden

DECEMBER

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Ashland County History

Ashland County Communities



First inhabited by Chippewa Native Americans, Ashland County was originally part of La Pointe County until 1860. It was named in honor of Henry Clay's homestead in Kentucky and the city of Ashland was selected as the county seat. Early industry included farming, mining, logging and tourism. As the railroad was established, Ashland County began to boom and by 1900 its population reached 20,176. As the timber industry began to slow, development slowed and the area has become a popular recreational area. Today Ashland County is home to approximately 16,295 residents.

CITIES:

ASHLAND (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 8,118

MELLEN – pop. 775

VILLAGES:

BUTTERNUT – pop. 386

TOWNS:

AGENDA – pop. 514

ASHLAND – pop. 590

CHIPPEWA – pop. 434

GINGLES – pop. 738

GORDON – pop. 355

JACOBS – pop. 804

LA POINTE – pop. 287

MARENGO – pop. 347

MORSE – pop. 526

PEEKSVILLE – pop. 180

SANBORN – pop. 1,201

SHANAGOLDEN – pop. 146

WHITE RIVER – pop. 894

**Populations are approximate.*

ASHLAND (COUNTY SEAT)

Ashland was first settled in 1854 by Martin Beaser and the city was named after a homestead in Kentucky. Streets were platted in 1856 and Ashland was selected as the county seat. The first sawmill was built in 1872 and as the railroad arrived in 1877, Ashland began to grow. A post office was established in 1894 and the area continued to thrive. Today Ashland is home to approximately 8,118 residents.

BUTTERNUT

In 1865 the first pioneers, who were attracted to the ample natural resources, reached the Butternut area. As rail lines were built in 1871, Butternut was the last stop and the access to transportation appealed to new settlers. The area began to develop and by 1880 Butternut housed a variety of general stores, hotels, blacksmith shops, post office and wagon shops. Today Butternut is home to approximately 386 residents.

MELLEN

First known as Iron City, the community was established by the Wisconsin Central Railroad. Mellen was founded in 1888 and named in honor of railroad manager Solon Mellen. As the railroad connected the area to the Gogebic Range and Ashland, Mellen began to develop. Today Mellen is home to approximately 775 residents.

SANBORN

Settled in the late 1800s, Sanborn was named in honor of Senator A. W. Sanborn who was a local landowner and member of the Wisconsin State Senate. The community was founded in 1899 and as businesses were established, the area continued to grow. Today Sanborn is home to approximately 1,201 residents.

Bayfield County History

Bayfield County Communities



*B*ayfield County was originally part of La Pointe County. Organized in 1866, the county seat was initially located in La Pointe, then moved to Bayfield until 1892 when Washburn was finally selected by voters. Bayfield County was named after Henry Wolsey Bayfield, a member of the British Royal Navy and local surveyor. Early industry included farming, mining, logging and tourism. A land of ample natural resources, Bayfield County is home to 966 lakes and over 400 miles of streams, making this area popular for recreational enthusiasts. Today Bayfield County is home to approximately 14,926 residents.

CITIES:

BAYFIELD – pop. 570

WASHBURN (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,167

VILLAGES:

MASON – pop. 80

TOWNS:

BARKSDALE – pop. 790

BARNES – pop. 594

BAYVIEW – pop. 495

BELL – pop. 228

CABLE – pop. 840

CLOVER – pop. 228

DELTA – pop. 241

DRUMMOND – pop. 544

EILEEN – pop. 632

GRANDVIEW – pop. 486

HUGHES – pop. 407

IRON RIVER – pop. 1,008

KELLY – pop. 428

KEYSTONE – pop. 368

LINCOLN – pop. 295

MASON – pop. 330

NAMAKAGON – pop. 292

ORIENTA – pop. 104

OULU – pop. 529

PILSEN – pop. 190

PORT WING – pop. 412

RUSSELL – pop. 1,224

TRIPP – pop. 214

WASHBURN – pop. 574

**Populations are approximate.*

BARNES

Once part of Cable and Drummond, Barnes was established by the George S. Barnes family in 1888, who built a home on Island Lake. By 1909 Barnes housed a post office, saloon and grocery store. Early industry included agriculture and logging as settlers were attracted to the multitude of lakes and natural resources. The pristine landscape has since made Barnes a popular resort community. Today Barnes is home to approximately 594 residents.

BAYFIELD

As ships were allowed to enter Lake Superior in the 1850s, Bayfield was established as a harbor to transport goods and passengers. As rail lines were built in 1883, industry included logging, fishing, tourism and mining. Its population reached 500 and churches, schools, hotels, social halls and boarding houses were founded. Bayfield was first selected as the county seat until 1892 when it was moved to Washburn. The area became a popular destination for summer travelers and summer homes became permanent residences. Today Bayfield is home to approximately 570 residents.

Bayfield County Communities

CABLE

Cable was settled in 1880 as the Omaha Road was constructed and was originally part of Drummond. The area grew quickly until forest fires destroyed the city. The community was rebuilt and separated from Drummond in 1904. Early farmers grew a variety of crops including fruits, vegetables, wheat and hay. As the railroad was built, Cable became a popular summer resort community. By 1910 Cable housed churches, a school, general stores and has continued to thrive. Today Cable is home to approximately 840 residents.

DRUMMOND

Drummond was established by the Rust-Owen Lumber Company in 1882 as a logging community. A sawmill was built in 1882, followed by the arrival of the railroad. The Rust-Owen Lumber Company built a company store, horse barn, boarding house and housing for workers, but private businesses were not permitted until 1921. As the logging industry slowed, development began to slow and its population fell from 1,054 in 1930 to 776 in 1940. Today Drummond is home to approximately 544 residents.

IRON RIVER

Founded as a logging community, Iron River was settled in the late 1800s as pioneers were attracted to the fertile soil, ample timber and access to water. The community was named after the reddish brown waters found nearby and the area continued to grow. By 1900 Iron River was widely recognized as the “Blueberry Capital of the World,” and residents celebrated the Lion’s Blueberry Festival annually. It is now home to the largest population of black bears in Wisconsin and has become a popular recreational haven. Today Iron River is home to approximately 1,008 residents.

OULU

Settled by Finnish immigrants in 1889, Oulu was named after a city in Finland. Pioneers arrived to stake land claims and early industry involved mining and lumbering. In 1907 a land boom attracted more settlers and its population grew dramatically. Today Oulu is home to approximately 529 residents.

PORT WING

Founded as a logging camp, Port Wing was established in the late 1800s. Settlers were attracted to the ample timber and proximity to Lake Superior. Early industry included logging, fishing and agriculture, as residents raised dairy cattle and grew apple orchards. The area has become a popular destination for recreation enthusiasts and is home to the Port Wing Boreal Forest. Today Port Wing is home to approximately 412 residents.

RUSSELL

Originally part of Bayfield, Russell was settled in 1884 as pioneers claimed land for homesteads. Early residents were involved in lumbering, farming and fishing, and as the railroad arrived in the late 1880s, Russell continued to grow. In 1912 the community was incorporated and the area now houses a federal park, county forests and Red Cliff tribal lands. Today Russell is home to approximately 1,224 residents.

WASHBURN (COUNTY SEAT)

Washburn was established in 1883 as a harbor in Chequamegon Bay. Settlers were attracted to the vast amount of timber, prime location and brownstone. The Bay Land Improvement Company platted streets and a post office was founded. In 1885 mills and quarries were started, making Washburn an important industrial and commercial center. By 1896 Washburn was selected as the county seat, incorporating in 1904 and has since become the headquarters for the Chequamegon National Forest. Today Washburn is home to approximately 2,167 residents.

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Muzzleloader ~ Nov. 27–Dec. 6, 2023

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 7–10, 2023

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

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Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Sept. 6–12, 2023

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Sept. 13–Oct. 3, 2023

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Oct. 4–10, 2023

with aid of bait only

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 6–Oct. 10, 2023

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

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Northern zone ~ Sept. 16–Feb. 29, 2024

Southern zone ~ Oct. 14 (9 a.m.)–Feb. 29, 2024

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Statewide ~ Sept. 16–Feb. 29, 2024

GAME BIRDS

Crow

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Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 14 (9 a.m.)–Jan. 7, 2024

Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 14 (9 a.m.)–Dec. 6

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 16–Jan. 7, 2024

Zone B ~ Oct. 14–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 14 (9 a.m.)–Jan. 7, 2024

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season

Trapping ~ Oct. 14 – Feb. 15, 2024

Fox, red and gray

Hunting ~ Oct. 14 – Feb. 15, 2024

Trapping ~ Oct. 14 – Feb. 15, 2024

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 4 – April 30, 2024

Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 4 – April 30, 2024

Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 4 – March 31, 2024

Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ Day after the duck season closes March 15, 2024

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone ~ Oct. 21 – April 15, 2024

Central Zone ~ Oct. 28 – March 27, 2024

Southern Zone ~ Nov. 4 – March 15, 2024

Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 13 – March 10, 2024

Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping

Period 1 ~ Oct. 14–Dec. 25

Period 2 ~ Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2024

Fisher

Trapping

Various Zones ~ Oct. 14–Jan. 7, 2024

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 4–Apr. 30, 2024

South zone ~ Nov. 4–Mar. 31, 2024

Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident ~ Oct. 14–Feb. 15, 2024

Non-resident ~ Oct. 28–Feb. 15, 2024

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck ~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2023 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 15–16

Spring 2023

Period A ~ April 19–25

Period B ~ April 26–May 2

Period C ~ May 3–9

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period D ~ May 10–16

Period E ~ May 17–23

Period F ~ May 24–30

Fall 2023

Statewide Sept. 16–Nov. 17

Zones 1–5 ~ Nov. 18–Jan. 7, 2024

*Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

*For the latest season dates. Check the Wisconsin DNR website, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> or scan the QR code.



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- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

FISHING SEASONS

2023-2024 FISHING SEASON DATES
(Effective Date: April 1, 2023; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch & release)
Jan. 7 (5 a.m.) - May 5

General Inland Trout
May 6 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15

General Inland Fishing
May 6 - March 3, 2024

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
May 6 - March 3, 2024

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
June 17 - March 3, 2024

Large & Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest
May 6 - March 3, 2024

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch & Release
At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest
May 27 - Dec. 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest
May 6 - Dec. 31

Northern Pike
May 6 - March 3, 2024

Walleye
May 6 - March 3, 2024

Lake Sturgeon
Feb. 11 - Feb. 26 (spearing)
Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends
June 3-4, 2023
Jan. 21-22, 2023

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates:
1 (888) 936-7463
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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.

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Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.



MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

Do you know the Midwest fish species? Identify the fish below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellung 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

The Best of Wisconsin Outdoors

Fishing:

Bass: Pelican Lake, Oneida County
Walleye: Lake Winnebago, Winnebago County
Muskellunge: Big Saint Germain Lake, Vilas County
Northern Pike: Lake Mendota, Dane County

Hiking:

Devil's Lake State Park, Sauk County
Ice Age Trail, Throughout Wisconsin
Amnicon Falls State Park, Douglas County
Copper Falls State Park, Ashland County

Golf Courses:

Whistling Straits, Sheboygan County
Milwaukee Country Club, Milwaukee County
Erin Hills, Washington County
Blackwolf Run, Sheboygan County

Mountain Biking:

Rock Lake, Bayfield County
Hickory Ridge, Chippewa County
Alpine Valley, Walworth County
Pleasant View, Dane County

Skiing:

Bruce Mound, Clark County
Granite Peak, Marathon County
Christie Mountain, Rusk County
Cascade Mountain, Columbia County

FIREWOOD

Burn it where you get it!



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

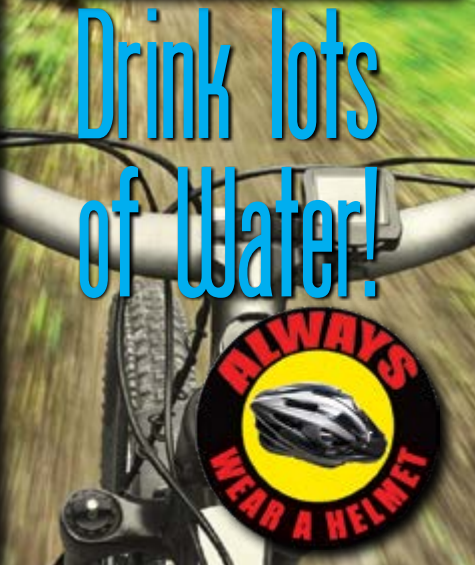
Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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.



Know Your ATV

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.

- 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.

Snowmobile Hand Signals






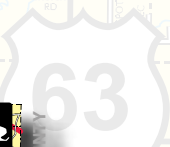
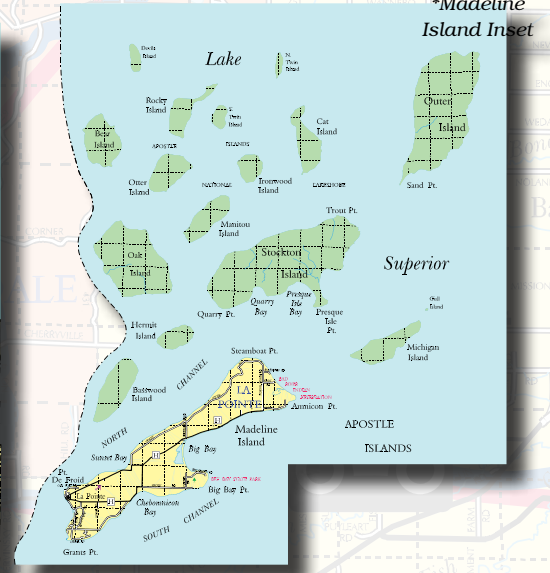
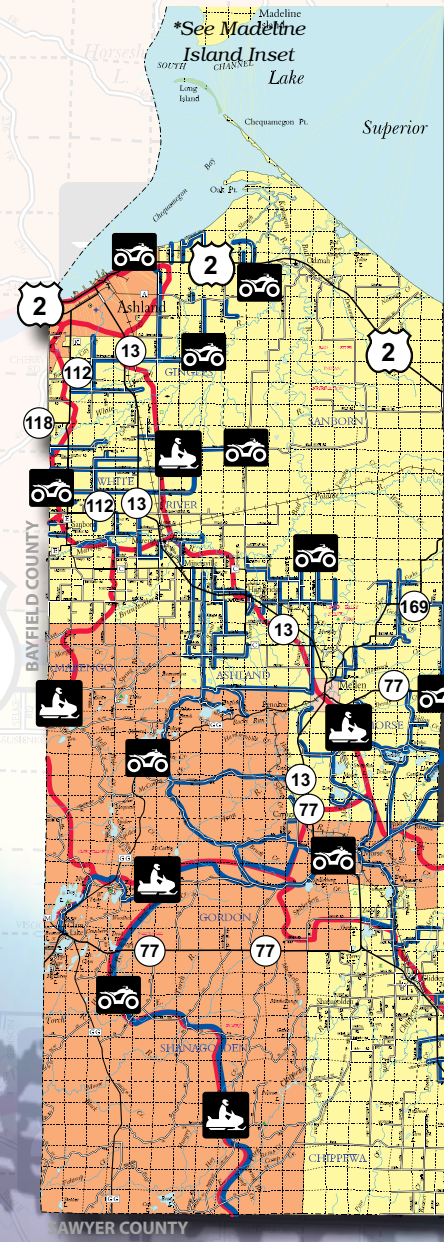
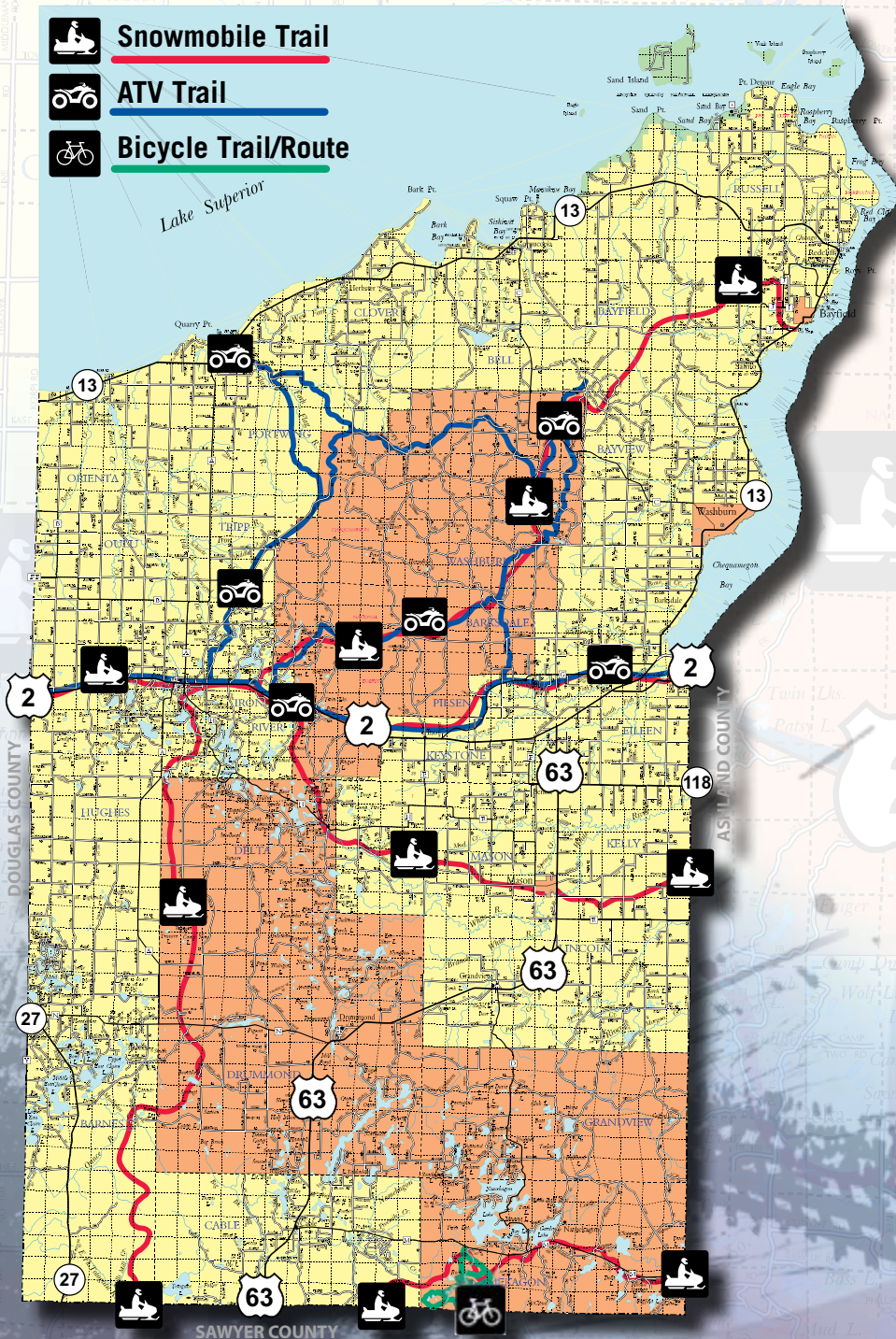
PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAILS

ASHLAND COUNTY TRAILS

-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **ATV Trail**
-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**



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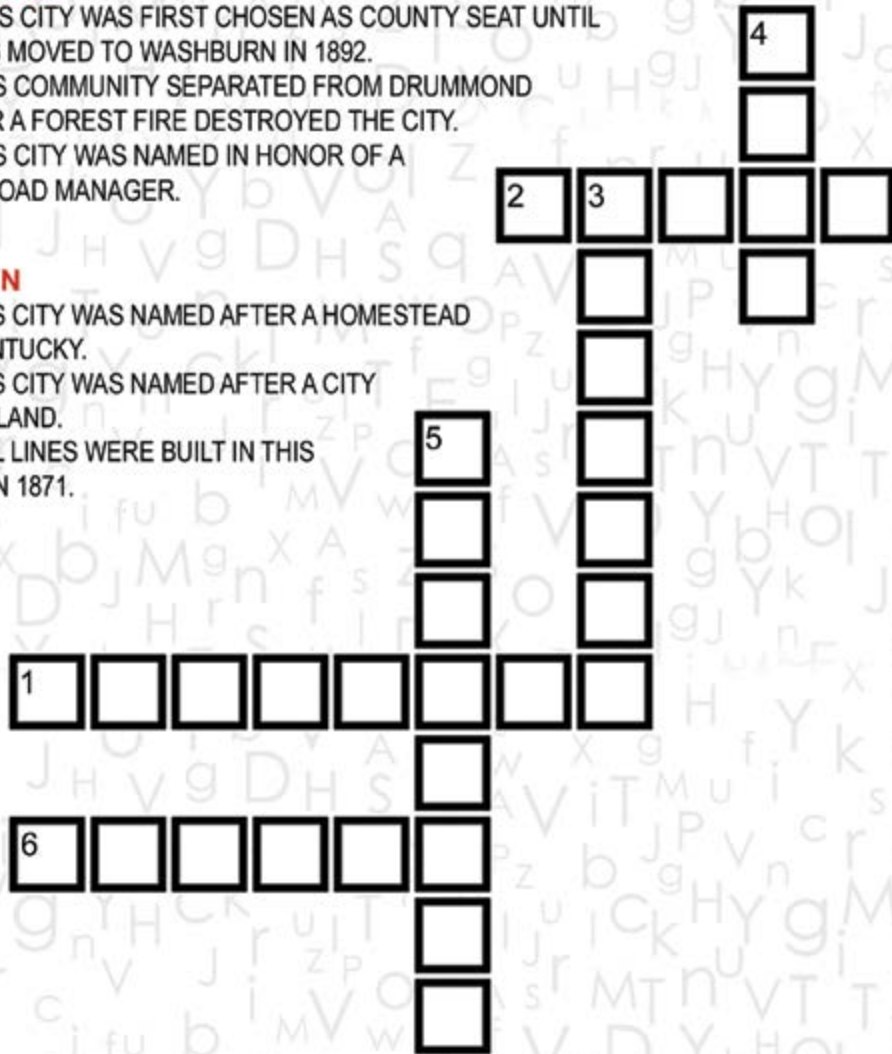
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 2: THIS COMMUNITY SEPARATED FROM DRUMMOND AFTER A FOREST FIRE DESTROYED THE CITY.
 6: THIS CITY WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF A RAILROAD MANAGER.

DOWN

- 3: THIS CITY WAS NAMED AFTER A HOMESTEAD IN KENTUCKY.
 4: THIS CITY WAS NAMED AFTER A CITY IN FINLAND.
 5: RAIL LINES WERE BUILT IN THIS CITY IN 1871.



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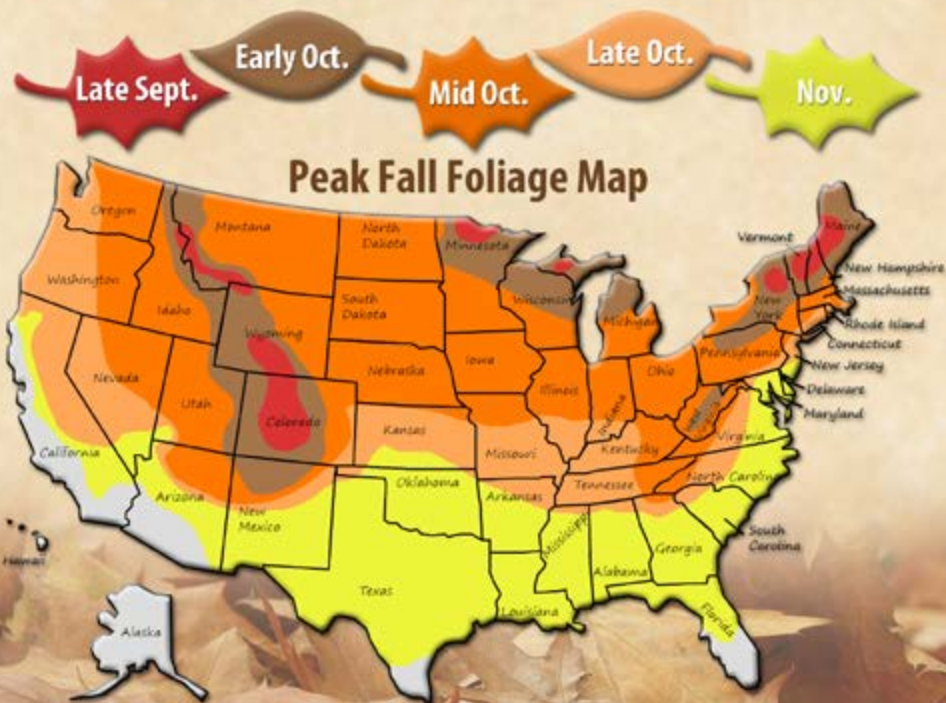
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Autumn Foliage



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.



Closing up the cabin

Some Common Things To Check Inside The Cabin

- Make sure the water and electric are set up for winter
- Set the thermostat to the correct temperature for the area
- If you don't heat in the winter and live in a cold area, drain the pipes
- Turn off the hot water heater
- Winterize appliances that use water
- Clean the furnace filter
- Inspect the sump pump
- Unplug computers and major appliances (Leave the door cracked on the refrigerator if you unplug it)
- Seal your linens in a container
- Remove perishable food
- Close dampers and seal the fireplace

Some Common Things To Check Outside The Cabin

- Look for air leaks around the cabin and seal with caulk or insulation
- Insulate pipes in crawl spaces with heat tape or heat cables
- Open cabinet doors so heat can get to the pipes under the sink
- Clean and store boats and equipment
- Winterize gas-powered equipment
- Remove leaves and debris around the cabin
- Store lawn furniture and decorations
- Mow
- Clean gutters and inspect roof
- Drain hoses and sprinklers
- Inspect your septic tank
- Take the dock in



Fall Lawn Care



In the fall grass grows fast. This is because the sun's rays are less intense during the day and the cooler temperatures at night. This makes it a great time to get your lawn good and healthy for next summer.

Here are a few things you can do to prep your lawn for next year.

- Remove the leaves from your lawn to prevent matting and fungi growth. Or mulch them up into fine pieces, which also acts as a natural fertilizer.
- Don't stop mowing. If the grass is too long come winter time it will lay over on itself and be more vulnerable to fungi.
- Aerate the soil every other year to loosen it up so water, oxygen and nutrients can get to the roots easier.
- Reseed bald or thin areas of grass around the yard.
- Fertilizing in the fall is the best time. It gives the grass important nutrients to help it stay strong and healthy through the winter.



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