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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

No events to list at the time of publication

FEBRUARY

Polar Fest | Detroit Lakes
Detroit Lakes Minnesota Ice Harvest and Palace Festival
Annual Poles n' Holes Fishing Derby | Detroit Lakes
Puzzlepalooza | Perham
Cabin Fever Days | Frazee
Annual Chocolate Fantasy Fundraiser | Detroit Lakes
Cool Kites on the Lake | Detroit Lakes
Annual Detroit Lakes Vintage Snowmobile Rally

MARCH

Mardi Gras | Detroit Lakes

APRIL

Hello Spring Show | Pelican Rapids
Vergas Maple Syrup Fest
Easter Egg Hunt | Detroit Lakes
St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Perham
Acton Children's Business Fair | Perham
The Gathering Decoy Show | Perham
Detroit Lakes Craft Beer Tour

MAY

Annual Festival of Birds | Detroit Lakes
Be Buddies Not Bullies 5k | Detroit Lakes
Lake Region Run (May-June) | Fergus Falls
Street Faire at the Lakes | Detroit Lakes

JUNE

Tuesdays in the Park begin (June-Aug) | Detroit Lakes
Rodeo Fest Week | Hawley
Turtle Fest & Parade | Perham
Fergus Falls SummerFest
Running Wild Trail Run | Pelican Rapids
Cruise DL Night (June-Aug) | Detroit Lakes
Pelican Market (June-Oct, Fridays) | Pelican Rapids
Friendship Festival | Pelican Rapids
Walleye Tournament | Battle Lake
Audubon Summer Fest
Shada Shoot Out | Pelican Rapids

JULY

Chief Wenonga Days | Battle Lake
4th of July Fireworks | Detroit Lakes
Art in the Park | Detroit Lakes, Pelican Rapids
Phelps Mill Art Festival | Underwood
Northwest Water Carnival & Parade | Detroit Lakes
West Otter Tail County Fair | Fergus Falls
East Otter Tail County Fair | Perham
Frazee Turkey Days | Frazee
Henning Festival
Muskie Days | Nevis
July 4th Parade | Erhard
Houston Hoedown Days Craft & Flea Market Shop, Move & Groove | Fergus Falls
Pelican Fest | Pelican Rapids
Cars in the Park | Pelican Rapids
Independent Musician's Festival | Fergus Falls
Vergas Looney Days (July-Aug)
Relay for Life | Perham

AUGUST

WeFest | Detroit Lakes
Young Life Triathlon | Detroit Lakes
Famous Turkey BBQ | Henning
Fall Festival | Parkers Prairie
Black Powder Rendezvous/Pioneer Days | Perham
Crazy Days | Perham
Watermelon Days | Vining
Otter Fest | Ottertail
Becker County Fair | Detroit Lakes
Fly-in Drive-in | Pelican Rapids
Finn Creek Summer Folk Festival

SEPTEMBER

Dick Beardsley Races | Detroit Lakes
Pumpkin Fest | Detroit Lakes
Zorbaz Beer Run | Detroit Lakes
Annual Hairyman Festival | Vergas
Anna Lake Animal Sanctuary's Annual Festival | Fergus Falls
Celebrate Aging Expo | Perham
Deep Roots Festival | Frazee

OCTOBER

Halloween Hoopla | Detroit Lakes
Oktoberfest | Henning, Pelican Rapids, Perham
Vergas Lions Halloween Party
Annual Haunted House | Detroit Lakes
Trick-Or-Treating at Ecumen | Detroit Lakes

NOVEMBER

Frazee Festival of Trees
Lighted Horse Parade | Pelican Rapids
FOCUS Christmas Plus Bazaar | Perham
Perham Parade of Lights
Annual Christmas Tree Festival | New York Mills
Vergas Santa Claus Days
Old Fashioned Christmas | Pelican Rapids
Lighting of Peteyville | Pelican Rapids

DECEMBER

Battle Lake Craft Fair | Battle Lake
Christmas at the Barn | Pelican Rapids
Otterdazzle | Ottertail
Grand Parade of Lights | Detroit Lakes
Light Up the Lakes | Detroit Lakes

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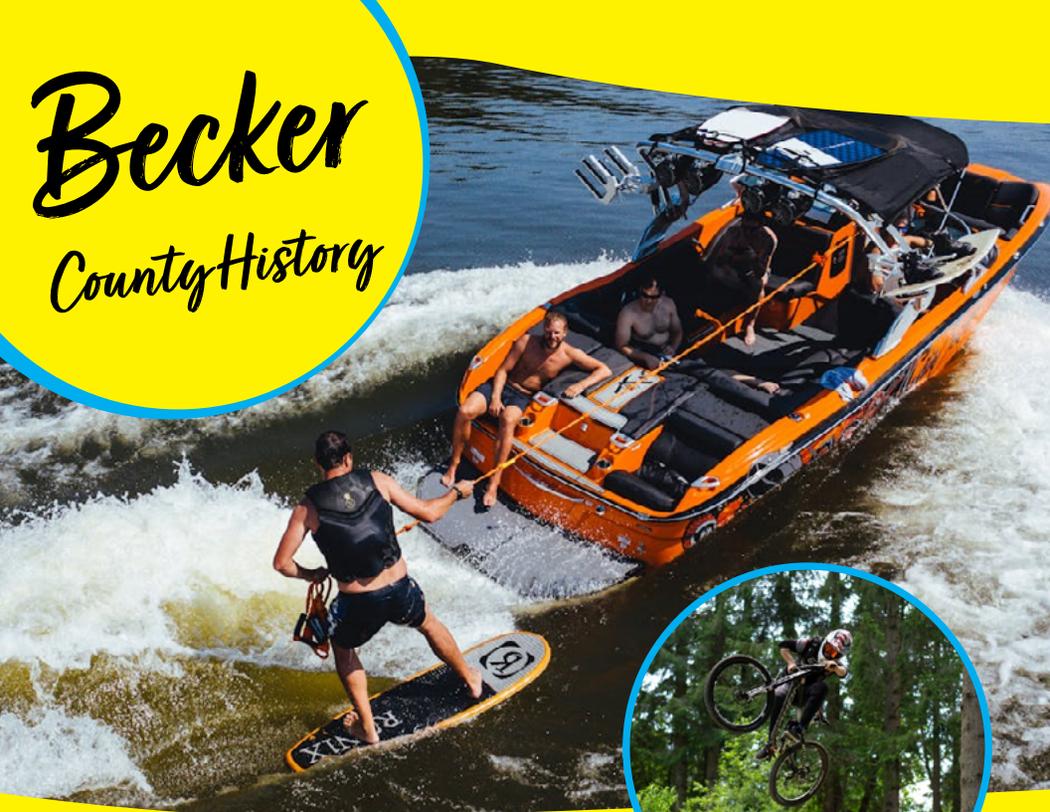
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Becker County History

Becker County Communities



Becker County was established on March 18, 1858 by a US act of legislature. The county is located in the Park Region and is considered one of Minnesota's most beautiful recreation areas. It was named for Brigadier General George Loomis Becker of St. Paul. It was given its name in 1857, soon after Minnesota was a state. Becker was one of three men who were elected to Congress, however only two could go. He was chosen to stay behind, but with the promise that the state would name the next county after him. Chippewa Indians occupied the land until 1867 when white settlers began to arrive and a treaty was signed establishing the White Earth Reservation, located in the northern part of Becker County. In 1871 Colonel George Johnston, founder of Detroit Lakes, began settlement by building a flour mill. Soon after that the Northern Pacific Railroad was constructed through Becker and the town grew rapidly. By 1900 Becker County had a population of 14,375 people. Currently, Becker County contains over 400 lakes, 11 communities and Detroit Lakes is its county seat. Today Becker County's population is approximately 32,504 residents.

AKELEY – pop. 412
AUDUBON – pop. 519
CALLAWAY – pop. 234

DETROIT LAKES (COUNTY SEAT) –
pop. 8,569
FRAZEE – pop. 1,350
LAKE PARK – pop. 881

OGEMA – pop. 184
WOLF LAKE – pop. 57
*Populations are approximate.

AUDUBON

Audubon was named in honor of John J. Audubon, an ornithologist who studied birds. Audubon had three previous names before it settled on its current name after a visit of John J. Audubon's niece to the community. The town was established in 1871 and settlement began quickly with the arrival of railroads to the area. By 1876 the town had a store, blacksmith shop, two saloons, a hotel, an inn, a market, three attorneys, one physician and a local newspaper. Finally in 1881 Audubon was incorporated. Today Audubon is home to approximately 519 residents.

CALLAWAY

Callaway was organized in 1906 and was named in honor of William R. Callaway of Minneapolis, a general passenger agent of the Soo Railway. Originally Callaway was named Baxter, but changed its name after incorporation in 1907. Populations increased as the railroads arrived to the area bringing new settlers with them. Early industry was based around agriculture. Callaway was one of the largest exporters of grain, livestock, hay and potatoes in the area. Today Callaway is home to approximately 234 residents.

DETROIT LAKES (COUNTY SEAT)

The city of Detroit Lakes derived its name from the beautiful Detroit Lake. This lake is said to have been named by a French traveler who was a Catholic missionary. The traveler camped for a night on the northern shore of the lake which looks onto a straight long sandbar that stretches straight down the lake. The French word for straight is detroit, hence the city's name. The lake itself appeared on state maps in 1860, but the township was not fully organized until 1871. Detroit Lakes has been the county seat of Becker County since its organization. In 1881 the first village election was held and in 1903 a city charter was first adopted. Detroit Lakes is now known as a tourist destination because of the abundance of lakes in the area. It is located between over 400 lakes which are all within 25 miles of its city limits. Today Detroit Lakes is home to approximately 8,569 residents.

FRAZEE

Early settlement began in 1870 as settlers were attracted to the land for agriculture and the abundance of timber. Frazee was platted in 1873 and later incorporated in 1891. It was named in honor of Randolph L. Frazee who owned a lumber mill, flour mill and general store in town. He was a representative in the 1875 legislature. By the end of the nineteenth century Frazee was home to one of the largest saw mills in the state. Today Frazee is home to approximately 1,350 residents.

Becker County Communities

LAKE PARK

Officially organized in 1871 by Daniel McKay and George Osborne, Lake Park was known as Liberty until 1876. Prior to settlement, the town was known as Garden of Eden. The many lakes that surround the town site were named by the Ojibway Indians. Railroads entered the area in 1871 and introduced new populations to the community. In 1881, nine years after the first building was constructed in the town site, Minnesota legislature passed an act which incorporated the village of Lake Park. Today Lake Park is home to approximately 881 residents.

OGEMA

The city of Ogema was organized in 1915. Ogema's name was derived from the Ojibwe Indian word for "chief" and was probably named after a prestigious member of society who either settled in the area or made a significant contribution. Early settlers were farmers who were attracted to the area for its lush prairies perfect for agriculture. The community was incorporated as a village on October 28, 1907, and separated from White Earth township on March 18, 1908. Ogema had a station along the Soo Line railroad and populations increased as settlers came in after the station was built. Today Ogema is home to approximately 184 residents.

WOLF LAKE

Wolf Lake was first settled in 1888 by immigrants from Finland. It wasn't until 1896 that the city was officially organized. It was named after the large Wolf Lake that lies to the west. The lake itself is said to have been named by the settlers because of its shape. In addition, many wolves, bears and deer were killed there during the first few years of settlement. The community was not officially established as a village until 1949. Today Wolf Lake is home to approximately 57 residents.

Otter Tail County History



Otter Tail County holds a rich history dating back to 11,000 B.C. While modern dwellings began forming in the mid 1800s, there was life on the prairie over 10,000 years ago. Proof was found near the Otter Tail community of Pelican Rapids where the remains of "Minnesota Woman" were found while road crews were reconstructing a highway. In the late 1800s most of the towns were built along the railroad lines. Lumber was a major industry at the time because of the pine and hardwood forests. In the 1870s there were approximately 2,000 residents living in the area. Many people spoke Norwegian, Swedish, German and also English. Otter Tail County was officially established in 1858 by an act of legislature. It was later organized in 1868 and Fergus Falls became its county seat in 1872. Today, Otter Tail County is home to approximately 57,303 residents.

- BATTLE LAKE – pop. 875
- BLUFFTON – pop. 462
- CLITHERALL – pop. 528
- DALTON – pop. 241
- DEER CREEK – pop. 339
- DENT – pop. 184
- ELIZABETH – pop. 172
- ERHARD – pop. 150

- FERGUS FALLS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 13,138
- HENNING – pop. 719
- NEW YORK MILLS – pop. 1,158
- OTTER TAIL – pop. 451
- PARKERS PRAIRIE – pop. 991
- PELICAN RAPIDS – pop. 2,374
- PERHAM – pop. 2,985

- RICHVILLE – pop. 124
 - ROTHSAY – pop. 478
 - UNDERWOOD – pop. 319
 - URBANK – pop. 59
 - VERGAS – pop. 311
 - VINING – pop. 78
 - WADENA – pop. 3,980
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Otter Tail County Communities

BATTLE LAKE

Originally inhabited by Dakota Indians, Battle Lake was named after a large battle between 50 Ojibway Indians and a tribe of Dakota Indians that took place in 1795. Battle Lakes first white settlers arrived in the mid 1800s and quickly began to build the community. The first post office operated early before the town was platted and operated from 1871 through

1874. The village was platted in 1881 and later incorporated in 1891. Battle Lake was established as a railroad community and had a station on the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the community and businesses, schools and churches were established. Today Battle Lake is home to approximately 875 residents.

FERGUS FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

Fergus Falls was founded in 1857 by Joseph Whitford, a blacksmith and steamboat engineer. Whitford had named the area Fergus Falls after James Fergus, who had funded his expedition that brought him to the area. The townsite was sold in 1870 to George B. Wright who built a dam and mill in the village. Fergus Falls became one of the largest lumber producing communities in the county. The town was incorporated as a village and named the county seat of Otter Tail in 1872. Populations increased as railroads entered the area in the 1870s. Fergus Falls finally was incorporated as a city in 1881. Fergus County in Montana is also said to have the same honor of being named after James Fergus. Today Fergus Falls is home to approximately 13,138 residents.

HENNING

Originally inhabited by Dakota Indians, Henning was organized in 1878 on Battle Lake. The community was originally called East Battle Lake. In 1884 the name was changed to Henning in honor of John O. Henning, a pharmacist who was one of the first settlers in the area. Populations increased rapidly as a railroad station was established in the community. On September 24, 1887 Henning was incorporated and many businesses, schools, churches and an inn were established in the community. Henning is currently home to many recreational activities including fishing and hiking trails. Today Henning is home to approximately 719 residents.

NEW YORK MILLS

Yankees from New York were the first settlers that arrived to the area looking for land to set up mills and to establish a new community. New York Mills was platted on October 12, 1883, and incorporated on May 27, 1884. One of the first settlers, Randolph L. Frazee, owned most of the townsite land and had a sawmill, which he sold to the New York Mills Company in 1873. The community expanded with more sawmills built by Dr. Van Aerman, commissioner of pensions in Washington, D.C. The community gained its name from the New York Mills company whom got its upstart in New York City. The Northern Pacific Railroad came in 1871 and with it brought in populations of people looking for land and jobs from the mills. Many of the first Yankee settlers left the area towards the end of the 19th century. Many Finnish immigrants remained in the area and their heritage is still strong in the community to this day. Today New York Mills is home to approximately 1,158 residents.

PARKERS PRAIRIE

Parkers Prairie was named in honor of the founder of the area by a man named Parker. The community was settled in 1867 and got its start as a small farming community. The original name for the town was Jasper but it was renamed to its current name in 1873 to honor the first settler and founder. The town was platted in 1880 and churches, a school, an inn and a saloon were established. The railroads arrived the same year and with it brought in new settlers to the area. The town was incorporated in 1903 and finally in 1904 the town received a station on the Soo Line railroad. Today Parkers Prairie is home to approximately 991 residents.

PELICAN RAPIDS

Pelican Rapids was named after the Pelican River which received its name from native Ojibwe Indians. Many settlers were fur traders looking for new areas to establish trading posts. Pelican Rapids was founded by W. G. Tuttle, who came from New York in 1870 and built a sawmill. The community was platted in 1872 and later incorporated December 10, 1883. Early industry included agriculture, manufacturing, and wood products. The village had a Great Northern Railway station which brought in larger populations. Pelican Rapids is also home to the oldest human skeleton found in North America. The "Minnesota Woman" skeleton which was discovered in 1931 is said to be over 10,000 years old. Today Pelican Rapids is home to approximately 2,374 residents.

PERHAM

Perham was organized on March 19, 1872 and was originally called Marion Lake. In March 1877 it was renamed after Josiah Perham to honor him as the first president of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Josiah Perham wanted to link the Pacific Ocean with Lake Superior by railway and went through Otter Tail County to do so. Populations increased after the arrival of railroads to the area in 1871. Early settlers were farmers who came to the area because of the fertile land for agriculture. The city was then incorporated on February 14, 1881. Today Perham is home to approximately 2,985 residents.

WADENA

Originally a trading post along the Crow Wing River, Wadena was settled in 1871. As rail lines were constructed, businesses were established, and the area began to grow. Its name is derived from an Ojibwe word meaning "little round hill" and as the area continued to develop, Wadena was selected as the county seat. Today Wadena is home to approximately 3,980 residents.



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- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
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HUNTING

Bear

08/15/25 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/25 - 10/19/25 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/13/25 - 12/31/25 Archery - Statewide
10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Early Antlerless
10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Youth - Statewide
11/8/25 - 11/23/25 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/8/25 - 11/16/25 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/22/25 - 11/30/25 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/29/25 - 12/14/25 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone
12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone



Fox, Gray & Red

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Jack - Statewide
09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/20/25 - 02/28/26 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/13/25 - 11/30/25 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/13/25 - 01/4/26 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/11/25 - 01/4/26 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Youth - Statewide
04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Archery - Statewide
04/16/25 - 04/22/25 Spring - A season - Statewide
04/23/25 - 04/29/25 Spring - B season - Statewide
04/30/25 - 05/6/25 Spring - C season - Statewide
05/7/25 - 05/13/25 Spring - D season - Statewide
05/14/25 - 05/20/25 Spring - E season - Statewide
05/21/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - F season - Statewide
10/4/25 - 11/2/25 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone
12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone

Fox

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
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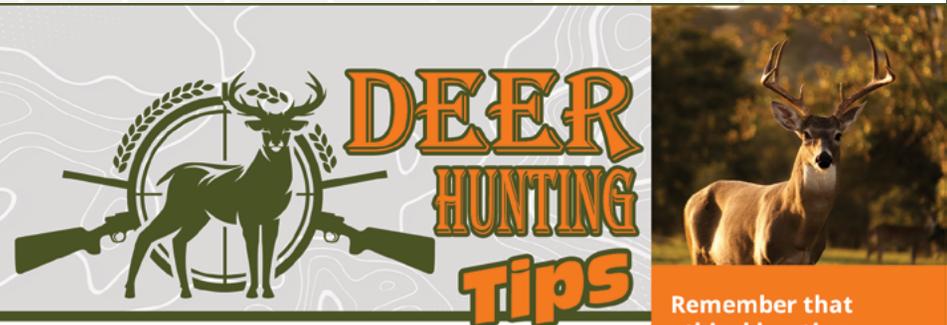
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- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.

Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.  **HAPPY HUNTING!**

FISHING SEASONS



INLAND WATERS

Lake Trout

12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

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

Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

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• **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.

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do
NOT
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Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



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Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

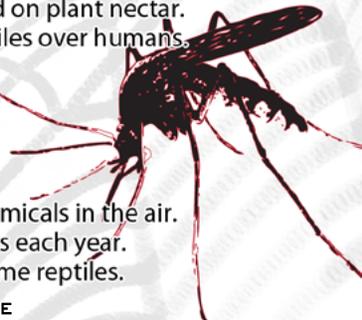
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

• Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
• Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

Blacklegged (Deer) Tick
Lyme disease
Anaplasmosis
Babesiosis
Ehrlichiosis
Powassan virus disease

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Lone Star Tick
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Heartland virus disease
Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

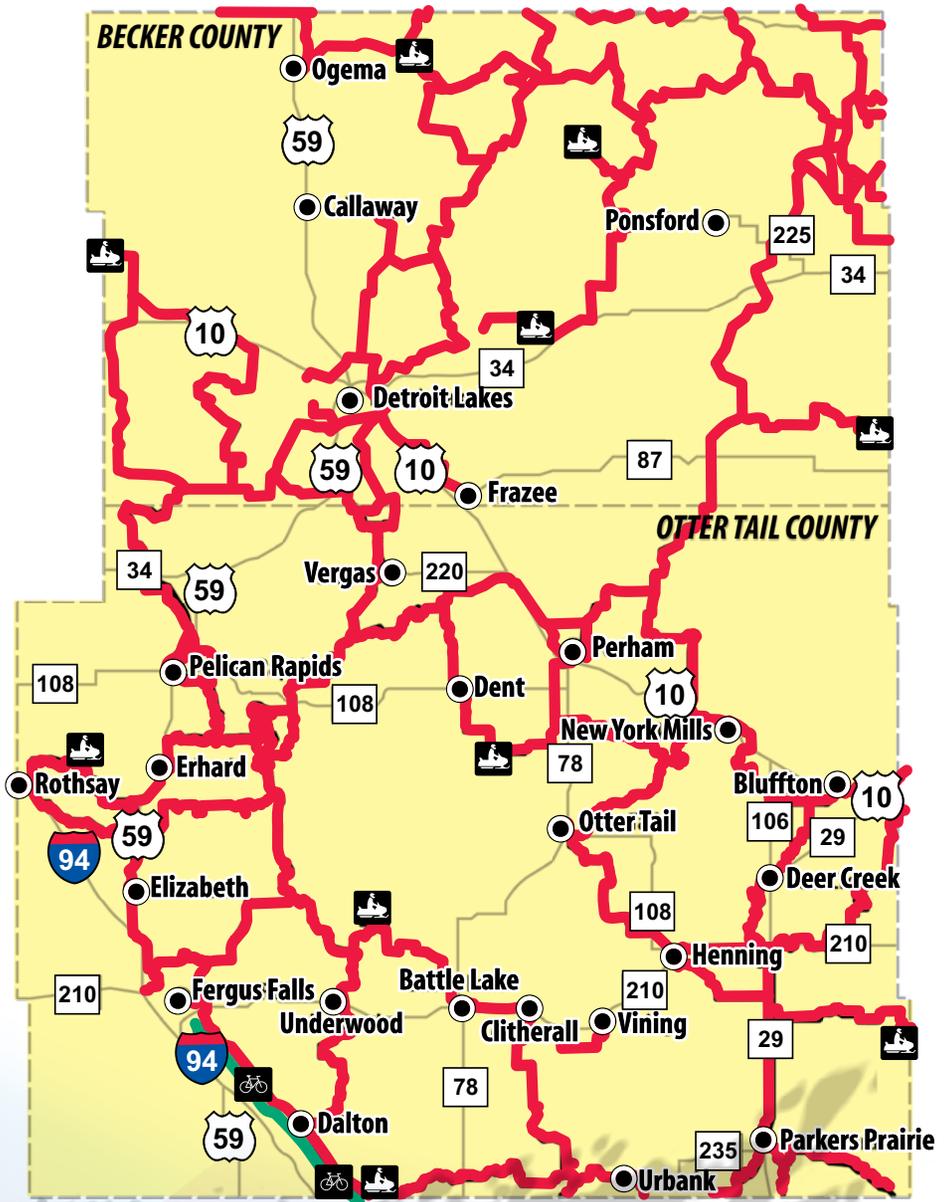
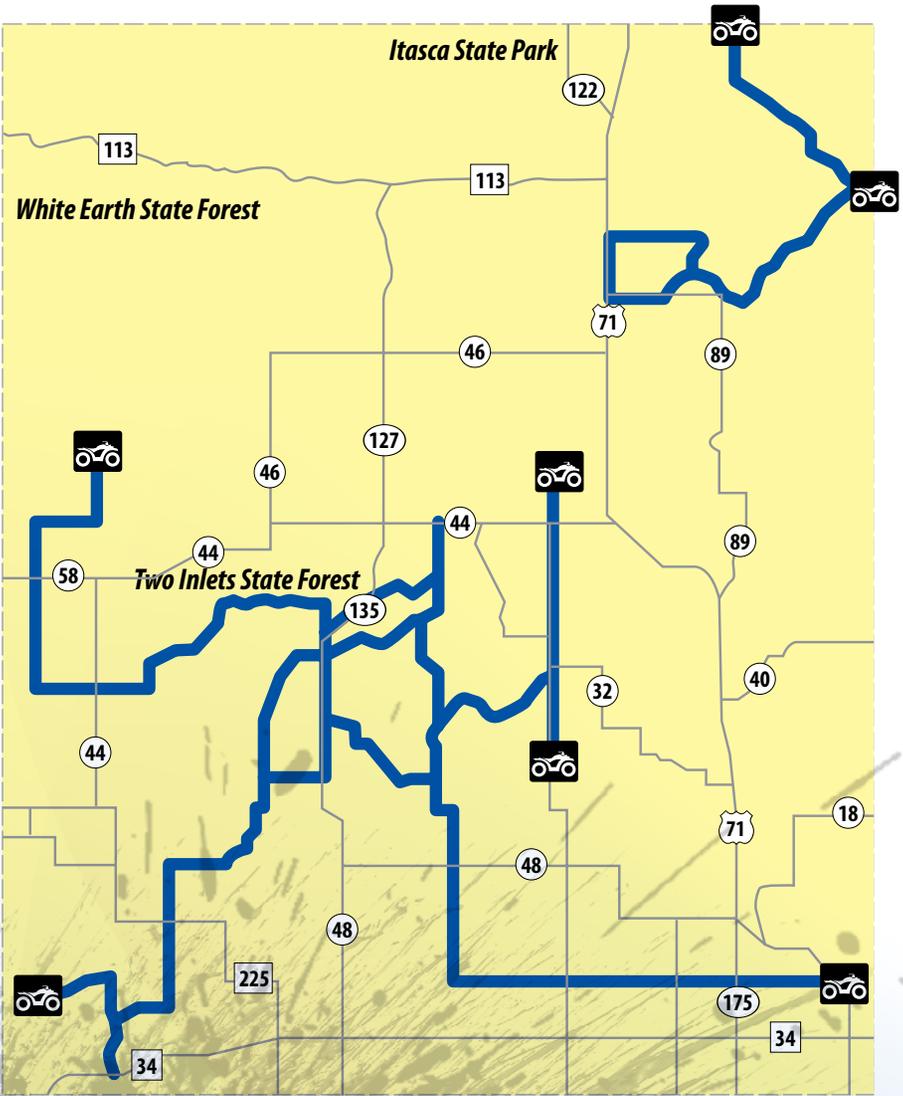
1-Know when and where you're at risk
• Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July

- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent
• DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
• Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks
• Shower after being outdoors
• Check at least once a day
• Remove ticks ASAP!





 **ATV Trail**

 **Bicycle Trail/Route**

 **Snowmobile Trail**

So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

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?

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• Trying to figure out where to drill your fishing holes can be tough. A couple ways to make this easier is to buy a map that shows the contour and depth of the lake or look online for a suitable map.

• Before drilling holes, check your map or online for areas with drop-offs, sandbars, mounds of rocks or weed lines. If the first spot you chose to drill holes is not producing any fish, don't sit there and wait. Drill new holes at a new location to find the fish. You may not have to move far, just try new holes at different depths. It's not easy moving all your gear around while drilling holes, but if you want to catch fish you have to find them.

• Early in the ice fishing season, the fish will tend to stay in shallower waters. Later in the season the fish will move to deeper waters. At the end of the season, the fish will start to move into shallower waters again.

• Walleye, sauger and perch tend to hang out near the bottom. Northern pike stay off the bottom while they are in shallow water and stay near the bottom when in deeper waters. Panfish will be at different depths depending on what they are eating. Trout don't sit around: they will be at random depths and areas in the search of food. If you have a fish finder it will make it a lot easier to judge the fish type and depth to set the bait.



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