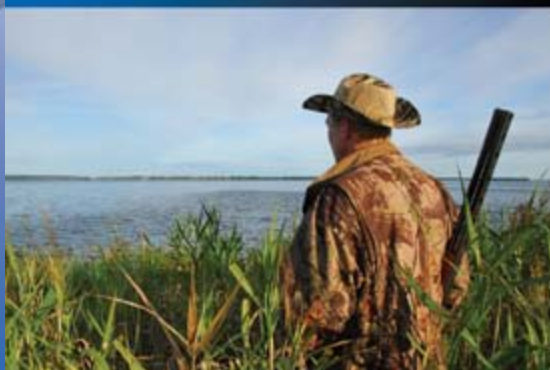




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Third Crossing Sled Dog Rendezvous | Frazee  
Northern Pike Fishing Contest | Lake Adley  
New Years Eve Gala | Perham

## FEBRUARY

Polar Fest | Detroit Lakes  
Frostbite Festival | Fergus Falls  
Talvi Juhla Winter Celebration |  
New York Mills

## MARCH

New York Mills Show  
Business Expo | Pelican Rapids

## APRIL

A Taste Of The Lakes | Detroit Lakes  
Easter Eggstravaganza | Fergus Falls  
Festival of Quilts | Fergus Falls  
Easter Egg Hunt | New York Mills  
Lions Smelt Fry | Parkers Prairie  
Easter Egg Hunt | Parkers Prairie  
Easter Egg Hunt | Pelican Rapids  
Vergas Maple Syrup Fest

## MAY

Festival of Birds | Detroit Lakes  
Bicycle Rodeo | Parkers Prairie

## JUNE

Walleye Tournament | Battle Lake  
Antique Boat & Motor Display |  
Detroit Lakes  
Quake the Lake Powerboat Races |  
Detroit Lakes  
Street Faire at the Lakes | Detroit Lakes  
SummerFest | Fergus Falls  
Frazee All-City Rummage Sale  
Craze Dayz | Frazee  
Rodeo Fest Week | Hawley  
Miss New York Mills Pageant  
International Friendship Fest |

## JUNE CONT.

Pelican Rapids  
Perham Turtle Fest

## JULY

Chief Wenonga Days | Battle Lake  
4th of July Beach Bash | Detroit Lakes  
Arts & Crafts in the Park | Detroit Lakes  
Becker County Fair | Detroit Lakes  
Phelps Mill Art Festival | Detroit Lakes  
Water Carnival | Detroit Lakes  
West Otter Tail County Fair | Fergus Falls  
Frazee Turkey Days  
Henning Festival  
Fireman's Street Dance | Lake Park  
Muskie Days | Nevis  
New York Mills Anniversary Celebration  
Lund Boat Fishing Tournament |  
New York Mills  
Turkey Festival | Pelican Rapids  
East Otter Tail County Fair | Perham  
Run Around The Rose | Vergas

## AUGUST

Art of the Lakes | Battle Lake  
Callaway Block Party  
WeFest | Detroit Lakes  
Young Life Triathlon | Detroit Lakes  
Phelps Mill Festival | Fergus Falls  
Crazy Days | Henning  
Famous Turkey BBQ | Henning  
Finn Creek Festival | New York Mills  
Fall Festival | Parkers Prairie  
Heritage Festival | Perham  
Vergas Looney Days  
Watermelon Days | Vining

## SEPTEMBER

Dick Beardsley 1/5 Marathon | Detroit Lakes  
End of Summer Luau | Detroit Lakes  
Tamarac Fall Festival | Detroit Lakes  
GeoFest Midwest | Fergus Falls

## OCTOBER

Halloween Hoot | Detroit Lakes  
Oktoberfest | Frazee  
Sugar and Spice Craft Fair | Frazee  
Lindig Farms Fall Festival | Fergus Falls  
October Fest | Henning  
Pumpkin Carving | Henning  
Oktoberfest | Pelican Rapids  
Harvest Fest | Perham  
Vergas Lions Halloween Party  
Maple Leaf Day | Vergas

## NOVEMBER

Bountiful Bazaar Fest | Detroit Lakes  
Santa's Grand Parade of Lights | Detroit Lakes  
Frazee Festival of Trees  
Lighted Horse Parade | Pelican Rapids  
FOCUS Christmas Plus Bazaar | Perham  
Perham Parade of Lights

## DECEMBER

December Craft Show | Battle Lake  
Candles & Carols Concert | Detroit Lakes  
Santa Claus Day | Frazee  
Santa Day | Henning  
Community Christmas Party |  
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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 32,076 residents.

**AKELEY** – pop. 412

**AUDUBON** – pop. 445

**CALLAWAY** – pop. 200

**DETROIT LAKES (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 8,030

**FRAZEE** – pop. 1,377

**LAKE PARK** – pop. 782

**OGEMA** – pop. 143

**WOLF LAKE** – pop. 31

*\*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 445 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 200 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 8,030 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 1,377 residents.

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## LAKE PARK

Lake Park was settled in 1870 by Daniel McKay and George Osborne. It was officially organized in September 1871. The town was known as Garden of Eden prior to settlement. In 1870 it was called Liberty and the name was later changed to Lake Park in 1876. The many lakes which 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 782 residents.

## OGEMA

The city of Ogema was organized in 1915. Ogemas 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 143 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 31 residents.



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 it's county seat in 1872. Today, Otter Tail County is home to approximately 57,159 residents.

- BATTLE LAKE** – pop. 772
- 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. 13,471
- HENNING** – pop. 719
- NEW YORK MILLS** – pop. 1,158

- OTTER TAIL** – pop. 451
- PARKERS PRAIRIE** – pop. 991
- PELICAN RAPIDS** – pop. 2,374
- PERHAM** – pop. 2,559
- RICHVILLE** – pop. 124
- ROTHSAY** – pop. 478
- UNDERWOOD** – pop. 319
- URBANK** – pop. 59
- VERGAS** – pop. 311
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- WADENA** – pop. 3,980

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## 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 686 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 13,471 residents.

## HENNING

Originally inhabited by Dakota Indians, Henning was organized in 1873 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 2,559 residents.



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The Lakes are a people magnets enriching the entire region. This year the City celebrated the reopening of the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area, a downhill and cross country skiing facility which will draw more people to the lakes area for recreation.

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*\*For more information on events throughout Becker and Otter Tail Counties, visit: [www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com).*

In 1882, fifty of Becker County's founders formed the Pioneer Settlers Union, a society to preserve their county's history. Twenty-five years later, a complete history of Becker County was published.

Alvin H. Wilcox used resources that the Pioneer Settlers Union had gathered to write *A Pioneer History of Becker County Minnesota*, a complete history of the county, in 1907. The volume includes geographical information, histories of each city and township in the county, profiles of soldiers' lives, information about Native American culture and the formation of White Earth Reservation, illuminating letters, author's memoirs, and more. The book's captivating stories describe the county's worst winter, a Chippewa chief's anger about reservation conditions, and friends during road construction, and other entertaining episodes. Wilcox's history is still the most complete edition published about Becker County history and can be read for free online.

The Becker County website points out that: "A great deal of history has occurred since [1907], but no other edition has been printed to attempt to bring that history up to date." For example, Becker considered Native American history and genealogy a mystery, suggesting that it was equally likely that the Chippewa were Mongolian, Scandinavian, or Hebrew, as "descended from the man in the moon." The Becker County Historical Society and Museum provide more current information in their preservation of artifacts, displays, and other media.



## Do you share the Becker pioneers' pride in history?

Submit your stories about Becker or Otter Tail County for a chance to be published in our upcoming guides! Send your name, phone number, email address, and historical vignette to: [info@lincolnmarketing.us](mailto:info@lincolnmarketing.us).

For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157.

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas/dates:

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

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

## RACCOON, RED FOX, GRAY FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM

### (NORTH) HUNTING & TRAPPING

10/17/15 - 03/15/16

### (SOUTH) HUNTING & TRAPPING

10/24/15 - 03/15/16

## FURBEARER TRAPPING

### MINK AND MUSKRAT

#### NORTH ZONE

10/24/15 - 02/29/16

#### SOUTH ZONE

10/31/15 - 04/30/16

## BEAVER

#### NORTH ZONE

10/24/15 - 04/30/16

#### SOUTH ZONE

10/31/15 - 04/30/16

## CROW HUNTING

### (1ST SEASON)

01/01/15 - 01/15/15

### (2ND SEASON)

03/01/15 - 03/31/15

### (3RD SEASON)

09/01/15 - 10/31/15

### (4TH SEASON)

12/15/15 - 12/31/15

## TURKEY

### SPRING

04/15/15 - 05/28/15

### FALL

10/03/15 - 11/01/15

## DEER HUNT

### ARCHERY SEASON

09/19/15 - 12/31/15

### FIREARM SEASON - 1A

11/07/15 - 11/22/15

### FIREARM SEASON - 2A AND 3A

11/07/15 - 11/15/15

### FIREARM SEASON - 3B

11/21/15 - 11/29/15

### MUZZLELOADER SEASON

11/28/15 - 12/13/15

## SMALL GAME - RABBITS, SQUIRRELS

09/19/15 - 02/28/16



*All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.*

**Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:**

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

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## Becker County

### AUDUBON

ORTONS TESORO AUDUBON  
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AUDUBON, MN 56511  
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DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-9092

CENEX C-STORE DETROIT LAKS  
911 E HWY 34  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-3190

FOUR CORNERS  
18203 CO HWY 29  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-0923

L & M SUPPLY  
1100 HWY 59 S  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-1171

HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #72  
233 FRAZEE ST E  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-4883

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DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 847-1126

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DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
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38632 HEIGHT OF LAND RD  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 841-1503

COUNTY 6 BP & BAIT  
24997 CO HWY 6  
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501  
(218) 846-2390

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ALL-IN-ALL FRAZEE  
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FRAZEE, MN 56544  
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LAKE PARK, MN 56554  
(218) 532-2365

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910 S HWY 10 DR  
LAKE PARK, MN 56554  
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OSAGE BAIT & TACKLE  
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OSAGE, MN 56570  
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55735 COUNTY HIGHWAY 44  
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470  
(218) 732-5235

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32152 CO HWY 35  
PONSFORD, MN 56575  
(218) 573-3262

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35974 WHALEY'S RD  
PONSFORD, MN 56575  
(218) 573-3610

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30388 COUNTY HWY 35  
PONSFORD, MN 56575  
(218) 573-3631

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WAUBUN, MN 56589  
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40419 ELBOW LAKE RD  
WAUBUN, MN 56589  
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### WOLF LAKE

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38555 WAGON TRAIL LOOP  
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FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE RESORT  
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BATTLE LAKE, MN 56515  
(218) 495-3326

THE CORNER STORE ON OTTER LAKE  
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BATTLE LAKE, MN 56515  
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### CLITHERALL

RON'S READY MART  
21136 CTY HWY 5  
CLITHERALL, MN 56524  
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### DALTON

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DALTON CORNER STORE  
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DALTON, MN 56324  
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DALTON, MN 56324  
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DEER CREEK, MN 56527  
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DEER CREEK EXPRESS STOP  
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DEER CREEK, MN 56527  
(218) 462-9777

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DENT, MN 56528  
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FLOPPIE CRAPPIE  
202 MAIN ST  
DENT, MN 56528  
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DENT, MN 56528  
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DUCHARME CORNER STORE  
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DENT, MN 56528  
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ELIZABETH, MN 56533  
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### ERHARD

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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537  
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LAKEWAY MARKET  
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56538  
(218) 736-7977

MILLS FLEET FARM  
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56538  
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WALMART SUPERCENTER #1696  
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537  
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SUNMART EXPRESS #338  
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537  
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GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER  
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FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537  
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HENNING, MN 56551  
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NEW YORK MILLS, MN 56567  
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OTTERTAIL, MN 56571  
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SUPERMARKET  
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PARKERS PRAIRIE, MN 56361  
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COOPERATIVE OF URBANK  
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PARKERS PRAIRIE, MN 56361  
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PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572  
(218) 863-2811

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209 S BROADWAY  
PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572  
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CORMORANT STORE  
10839 CO HWY 5  
PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572  
(218) 532-2440

## PERHAM

GENE'S SPORT SHOP  
150 E MAIN ST  
PERHAM, MN 56573  
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WHISPERING PINES RESORT OF  
BIG PINES  
46362 COUNTY HWY 8  
PERHAM, MN 56573  
(218) 346-3188

PERHAM BP  
410 W MAIN ST  
PERHAM, MN 56573  
(218) 346-6525

PERHAM OASIS  
43937 FORT THUNDER RD  
PERHAM, MN 56573  
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## RICHVILLE

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35387 NORTHERN LIGHTS  
TRAIL  
RICHVILLE, MN 56576  
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WAGON WHEEL  
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RICHVILLE, MN 56576  
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## ROTHSAY

ROTHSAY TRUCK STOP  
544 CENTER ST  
ROTHSAY, MN 56579  
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## UNDERWOOD

UNDER MART  
300 FRONTAGE AVE W  
UNDERWOOD, MN 56586  
(218) 826-6100

UNDERWOOD QUIK STOP  
29346 STATE HWY 210  
UNDERWOOD, MN 56586  
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## VINING

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VINING, MN 56588  
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04/18/15 - 09/14/15

Stream Trout in streams SE - 2015 season

04/18/15 - 09/30/15

Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/28/16

Bowfishing - 2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/14/16

Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Spearing -  
2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/28/16

Sucker Spearing - 2015 season

05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2015 season  
-North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to  
International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St.  
Louis County

05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2015 season

05/09/15 - 09/30/15

Lake Trout (summer) - 2015 season

05/23/15 - 09/13/15

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Season -South and West of  
U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except  
Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

05/23/15 - 02/28/16

Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -South and West of  
US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except  
Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County

06/05/15 - 06/07/15

Take-a-Kid fishing weekend

06/06/15 - 12/01/15

Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2015 season

09/14/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 late Catch and Release Only  
season-South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth  
to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in  
St. Louis County

09/14/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Catch and Release season  
only (statewide)

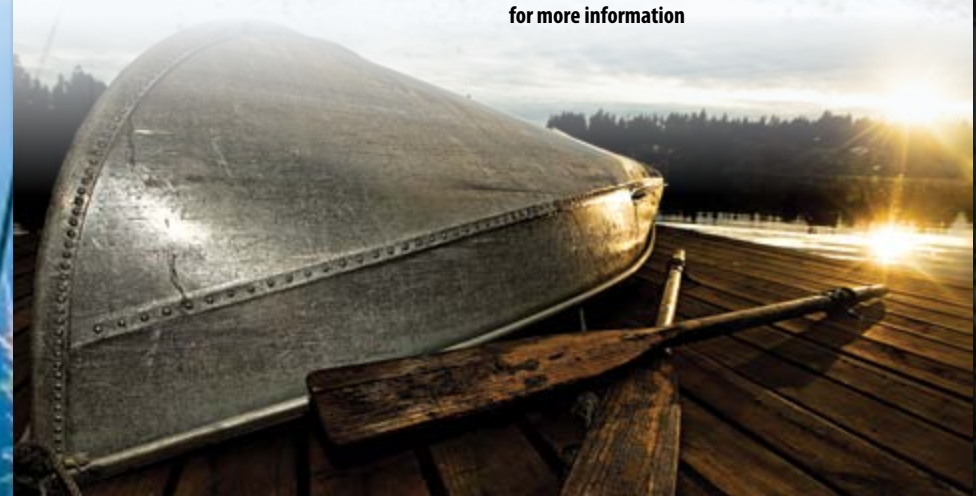
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Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2015 season Catch and  
Release season only

11/15/15 - 02/28/16

Dark House Spearing-2015 season

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## Operating Watercraft

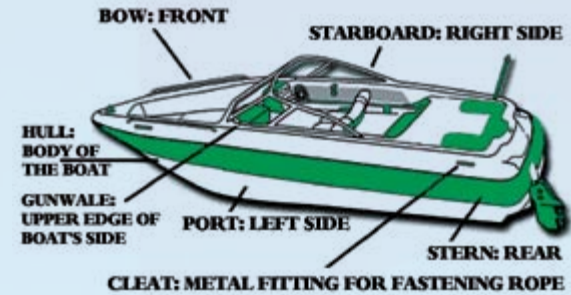
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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.



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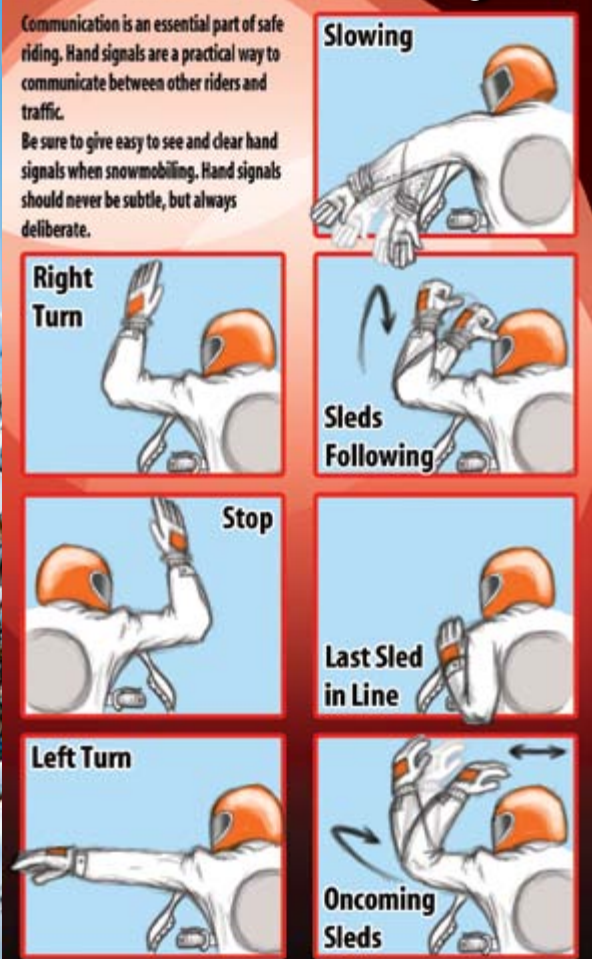
## All Watercraft Must Have...

- 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



## Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly.

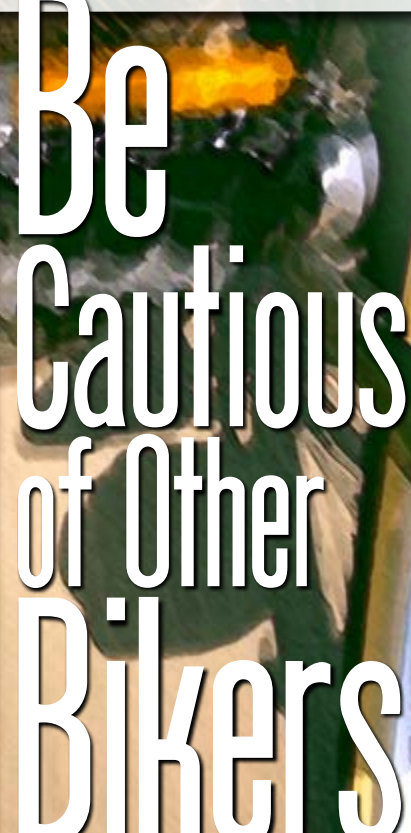
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds 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

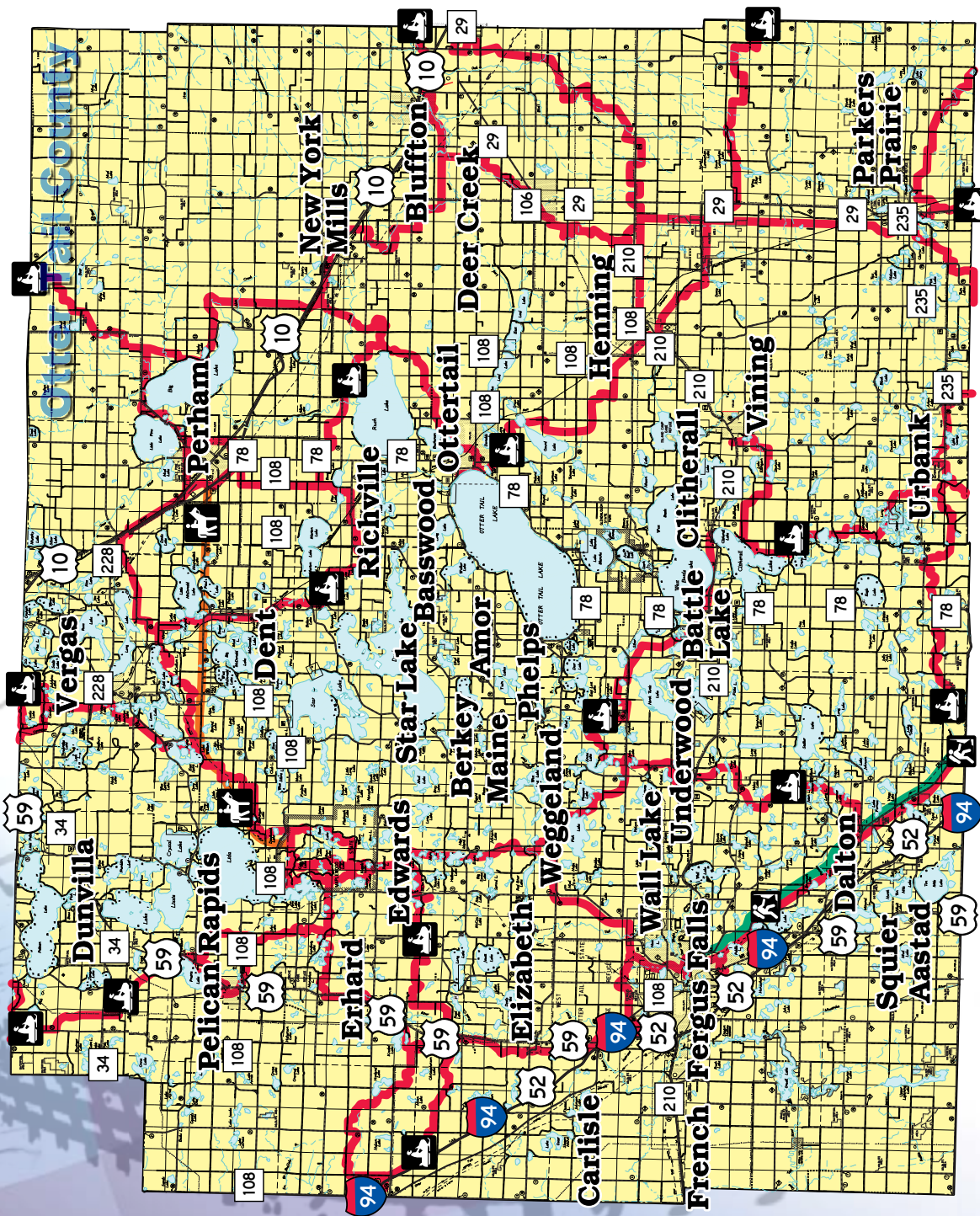
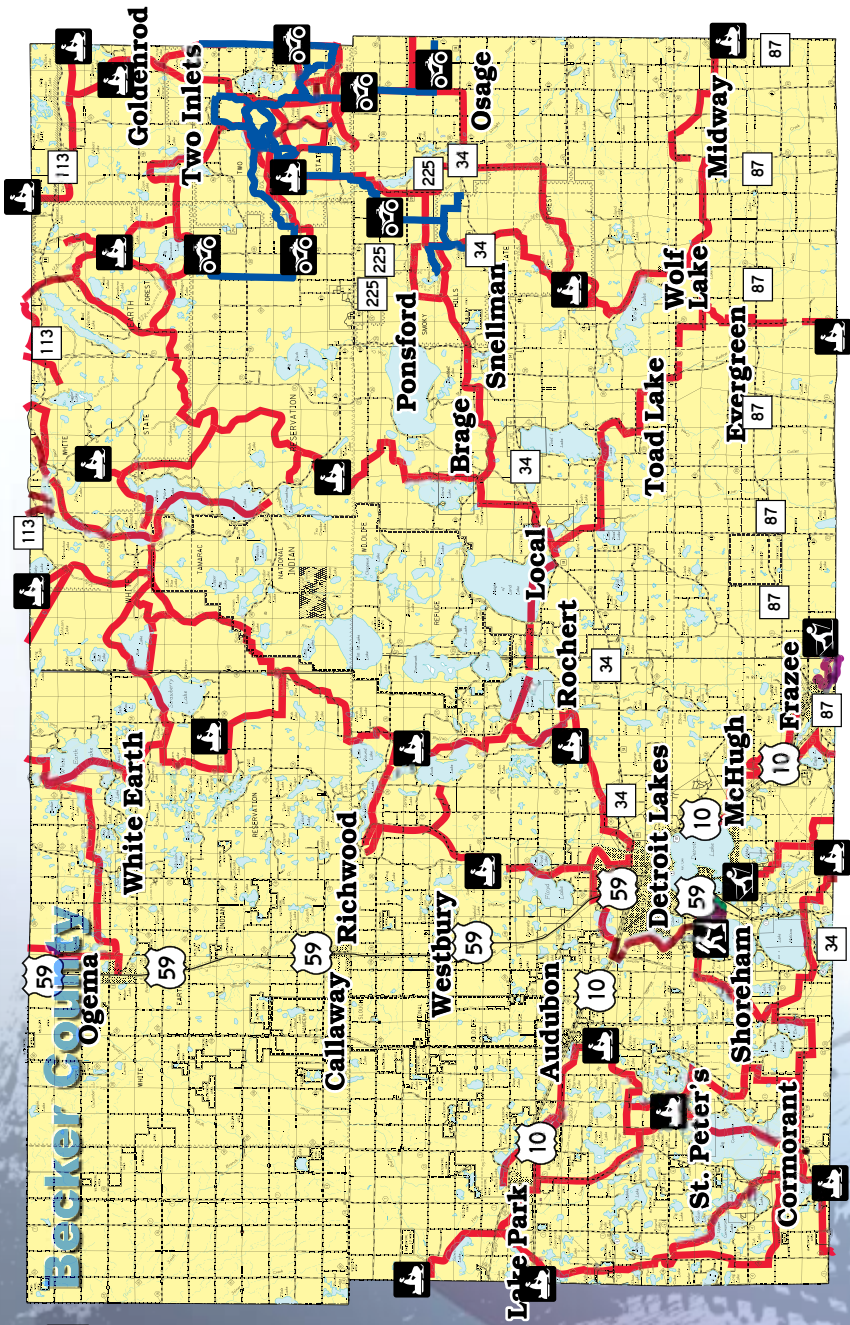
all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

- 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 RECREATION TRAILS



# 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 with these symptoms:**

### POISON PREVENTION

**Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.**

**Lock up your poisons and medications.** Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

**Follow directions carefully.** Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

### Keep

**your pets safe from household chemicals, too.** Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any 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.



## 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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