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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Snow Ball | Bemidji
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FEBRUARY

Annual BRRRmidji Plunge | Bemidji
Minnesota Finlandia | Bemidji
Candlelit Ski Tours | Bemidji
Brrrmidji Polar Daze | Bemidji
Candle Light Ski Tour | Bemidji

MARCH

The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade | Bemidji
Gun Show | Bemidji
Lake Bemidji Pond Hockey Classic | Bemidji

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Bemidji
Home Sport & Travel Show (April-March) | Bemidji
Tiny Tots Health and Wellness Fair | Bemidji
Festival of Nations | Bemidji

MAY

Beltrami Multi-Vendor Indoor Garage Sale | Bemidji
Annual Paul Bunyan Coop Celebration | Bemidji
Bemidji Chorale Spring Concert | Bemidji

JUNE

Bemidji Youth Rally
Depot Day | Bemidji
Annual Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic | Bemidji
Annual Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival (June-July)
Bike Bemidji Loop the Lake Festival | Bemidji
Chippewa Triathlon | Cass Lake

JULY

The Birchmont Golf Tournament | Bemidji
Art in the Park | Bemidji
Anishinaabe Art Festival | Bemidji
Moon Dance Jam | Walker
Big Bog Festival | Kelliher
4th of July Traditional Pow Wow | Red Lake
Watermark Art Festival | Bemidji
*Woodcarvers' Festival | Blackduck
Dragon Boat Festival (July-Aug) | Bemidji
Crazy Days | Walker
Kelliher Days Festival

AUGUST

Beltrami County Fair | Bemidji
Lumberjack Scramble Golf Tournament | Bemidji
*Backwoods Bash | Blackduck
Red Lake Nation Fair & Pow Wow
BlackduckCar Show & Swap Meet
Leech Lake Regatta | Walker
Leech Lake Block Party | Walker
WalkerBay Day

SEPTEMBER

North Country Arts & Crafts Workshop | Bemidji
Bemidji State University Homecoming | Bemidji
Babes Burnout Car Show | Bemidji
Annual Fall Festival | Hines
Harvest Moon - Moondance Event | Walker

OCTOBER

Bemidji Blue Ox Marathon
Annual BSU/NTC All Campus Health fair | Bemidji
Scarecrow Festival | Bemidji
Bark n' Boo | Bemidji
Boo Bash | Bemidji
Boo Dash 5k Trail Run | Bemidji
Charlie Berens Live at the Sanford Center | Bemidji

NOVEMBER

Night We Light Celebration & Illuminated Parade | Bemidji
First City of Lights Event | Bemidji
Santas Workshop | Bemidji
Jack Frost Jubilee | Bemidji
Kid Dash Reindeer Run | Bemidji
Carts of Care Food & Toy Drive | Bemidji
Christmas Window Display Contest (Nov-Dec) | Bemidji
Tour of Homes (Nov-Dec) | Bemidji

***Backwoods Bash (Blackduck):**

Begin the 5k with a white shirt and end with it covered in colors. Register by August 1st to guarantee yourself a t-shirt. Race day registration starts at 8am. The run is not timed. Also at the Backwoods Bash is a parade, a water contest with the fire department, and a corn feed.
Contact: 218-835-4803

***Annual Woodcarvers Festival (Blackduck):**

Annually, for a quarter century, Rain or shine, it is always held on the last Saturday in June. The town explodes with visitors that pack into town to experience this festival. Many wood carvers, from around the nation, bring crafts to display and sell. Along with the artists, food/drink vendors will be in attendance making sure no one goes hungry. Also, don't miss the "Uff-DaTacos" and freshly squeezed lemonade to wash it down.

We will be having a raffle for you to participate in as well. Each year, tickets are sold and a local carver donates one special piece to raffle off. The drawing for this beautiful work of art is held at the end of the day when the lucky winner is notified.

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this annual, unique experience!
For more information go to www.blackduckmn.com or call 218-835-4949

DECEMBER

Sankta Lucia Festival | Bemidji
Annual Winter Bird Count (Dec 14 - Jan 5) | Bemidji

**For more information on events throughout Beltrami County, visit: www.exploreminnesota.com.*

**Events are subject to change*

**Some locations have seasonal hours, be sure to call ahead.*

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Disc Golf



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Beltrami County was named in honor of Giacomo Costantino Beltrami, an Italian explorer who founded the most northern sources of the Mississippi river. Beltrami County was established on February 28, 1866. Bemidji was named county seat thirty years later in 1896. Beltrami County's area included about two-thirds of the southern part of the county as well as part of present day Clearwater County. Settlers were attracted to the abundance of timber in the area. The lumber industry was very influential in the county until its decline in the mid 1900s when agriculture took over as the top industry. In 1900 the population of Beltrami County had reached 11,030 residents. Beltrami County is a big tourist destination today because of the high amounts of lakes, recreational activities, history and rich heritage in the area. Today Beltrami County is home to approximately 43,835 residents.

CITIES:

BEMIDJI (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 13,541
BLACKDUCK – pop. 761
FUNKLEY – pop. 16
KELLIHER – pop. 306
SOLWAY – pop. 73
TENSTRIKE – pop. 207
TURTLE RIVER – pop. 80
WILTON – pop. 195

TOWNSHIPS:

ALASKA – pop. 207
BATTLE – pop. 63
BEMIDJI – pop. 3,360
BENVILLE – pop. 69
BIRCH – pop. 123
BUZZLE – pop. 303
CORMANT – pop. 215
DURAND – pop. 187
ECKLES – pop. 1,098
FROHN – pop. 1,554
GRANT VALLEY – pop. 1,548
HAGALI – pop. 341
HAMRE – pop. 16
HINES – pop. 713
HORNET – pop. 241
JONES – pop. 294
KELLIHER – pop. 159
LAMMERS – pop. 524
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LEE – pop. 38
LIBERTY – pop. 663

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PORT HOPE – pop. 626
QUIRING – pop. 95
ROOSEVELT – pop. 232
SHOOKS – pop. 203
SHOTLEY – pop. 57
SPRUCE GROVE – pop. 67
STEENERSON – pop. 30
SUGAR BUSH – pop. 206
SUMMIT – pop. 274
TAYLOR – pop. 123
TEN LAKE – pop. 1,152
TURTLE LAKE – pop. 1,186
TURTLE RIVER – pop. 1,162
WASKISH – pop. 123
WOODROW – pop. 78

CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES:

LITTLE ROCK – pop. 1,055
PONEMAH – pop. 874
RED LAKE – pop. 1,430
REDBY – pop. 957

**Populations are approximate.*

BEMIDJI (COUNTY SEAT)

Bemidji's name was derived from the Leech Lake Indian word Bemidjigumaug, which means "river or route flowing crosswise." It was also named after Chief Bemidji, an elder of the tribe. Early inhabitants were hunters and grew a large amount of rice in the area. Settlers first arrived to the area in the mid 1880s. Many were attracted to the rich agricultural land and wood for timber. The Bemidji area became very successful because of the trading and logging industry in the late 1800s. Bemidji was incorporated in 1896 and populations increased because of railroads and industry entering the area. By the early 1900s the Bemidji Crookston sawmill was considered the second largest in the nation. Bemidji is the most populous city in Beltrami County and was named the county seat in 1896. Railroads declined in the area in the 1940s and were replaced by automobile traffic and new highway systems. Bemidji is a popular tourist destination today because it is home to the mythical Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues and stories. Today Bemidji is home to approximately 13,541 residents.

BLACKDUCK

Blackduck was named after the abundance of species of duck that can be found throughout Minnesota. The village was developed as the center of a lumbering district in the early 1900s. Lumber was the main industry until its decline in the mid 1900s. Agriculture became very prosperous in Blackduck and still continues to thrive. Today Blackduck is home to approximately 761 residents.

FUNKLEY

Funkley was incorporated as a village on January 14, 1904. Funkley was named in honor of Henry Funkley, a lawyer from Bemidji. It was originally named Hovey Junction for the Minnesota and International Railway station. The town was established in 1903 and business soon entered the area. The post office was also established in 1903 and was in operation until 1967. Today Funkley is home to approximately 16 residents.



HINES

Hines was named in honor of the William Hines family, one of the first that settled in the area. It was originally named Blackduck Township but was renamed in 1915 after postal confusion with the city of Blackduck. Hines was established in 1904 and businesses started arriving. Like much of the area, settlers were attracted to Hines because of the logging industry. Populations increased with the introduction of railroads in the area. Today Hines is home to approximately 713 residents.

KELLIHER

Kelliher was named in honor of A. O. Kelliher, a former agent for many lumber companies in the area. The city was incorporated as a village on October 3, 1903. Populations increased because of its location on the Minnesota and International Railway. Early industry included agriculture and logging. Today Kelliher is home to approximately 306 residents.

NEBISH

Nebish's name is derived from the Ojibway word anibish, which simply means "tea." The post office was established in 1898. The railroad was extended from Nebish into Bemidji in 1905. Nebish became a prosperous town and an agricultural center soon after the railroads were introduced. Populations and businesses in Nebish began to decline after The Minneapolis, Red Lake, and Manitoba Railway closed its operation and its tracks were removed in 1939. Today Nebish is home to approximately 340 residents.

SOLWAY

Solway was named after Solway Firth, an inlet from the Irish Sea between England and Scotland. The post office began in 1898 and populations grew slowly because of arriving businesses and industry. Many of Solway's buildings were erected in the late 1800s. A fire destroyed much of the town in 1905 and 1910. Today Solway is home to approximately 73 residents.

TENSTRIKE

Tenstrike was named by M.R. Brown, the mayor of Crookston, Minnesota after he had success with trading posts in the area. He was quoted in saying that he had made a "Tenstrike" in locating his trading posts in the area. Tenstrike was incorporated as a village on March 11, 1901. Railroads reached Tenstrike by 1900. Populations increased with the arrival of industry and a variety of mills, churches, schools, businesses and manufacturing centers started thriving. Today Tenstrike is home to approximately 207 residents.

TURTLE RIVER

Turtle River was named after the Turtle Lake and Turtle River that flows through it. Construction of the town began in 1899 by Fred DeSilver, who built a hotel and several stores. Railroads were introduced in 1901 and increased the population of the area. The post office was opened in 1899 and was operated until 1944. Two fires had destroyed most of the buildings in Turtle River in the early 1900s. Residents quickly rebuilt and business and agriculture started thriving again. Today Turtle River is home to approximately 80 residents.

WASKISH

Waskish was originally named Wahwaushkayshe, which was shortened to Washkish, and then again to the current Waskish. The first building was erected in 1902. Waskish's first post office was established in 1910. Populations grew slowly with the arrival of businesses and the logging industry to the area. Today Waskish is home to approximately 123 people.

WILTON

Wilton was named after many of the villages and towns found all over the eastern United States and England. Wilton was incorporated on May 26, 1906. Railroads were introduced to the area in the early 1900s. The first post office was established in 1900 and businesses, churches and schools started thriving in the area. Populations increased with the rise of the lumber industry and the introduction of agriculture in the area. Today Wilton is home to approximately 195 residents.

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AREA TRIVIA/FUN FACTS

- Beltrami County was named after one of its first explorers, an Italian, Count Beltrami.
- Originally, Beltrami County was part of Bemidji County, but in 1889 legislatures authorized the 137 townships to be separated into Beltrami County.
- Beltrami County was fully organized in 1889, and named Bemidji as its county seat.
- Beltrami County hosts 2 Native American Reservations. Red Lake & Leech Lake.
- Beltrami County is made up of 116,000 acres of lakes and rivers and 459,000 acres of state forest land.
- There are 86 townships in Beltrami County.
- In 1902, Beltrami voted 28 full townships and 2 half townships to the newly created Clearwater County.
- In 1923 Lake of the Woods County was created and gave the county its present size of 1,604,695 acres.
- Beltrami County Borders 8 other counties in Minnesota.
- After a 2.1% increase from 2010, Beltrami County is home to roughly 45,375 residents.
- Bemidji is often referred to as the "First City on the Mississippi" since it marks the beginning of the Mississippi River. It is where the river starts its journey to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Bemidji is home to Bemidji State University, which was founded in 1919. The university is known for its strong programs in environmental studies, arts, and sciences.
- The city is famous for its Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues, which are iconic landmarks. The statues are located on the shore of Lake Bemidji and attract numerous visitors each year.
- Lake Bemidji, located in the city, is a popular recreational spot for fishing, boating, and other water activities. It offers opportunities for walleye, muskie, and bass fishing.
- Bemidji is rich in Native American history and culture. The city lies in the heart of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, and the Ojibwe people have a strong presence in the area.
- Bemidji has a vibrant arts scene with numerous galleries, theaters, and cultural events. The city hosts the annual Bemidji Sculpture Walk, featuring outdoor sculptures by local and regional artists.
- Bemidji is known for its beautiful natural surroundings, including forests, lakes, and trails. It is surrounded by the Chippewa National Forest, which offers opportunities for hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing.
- The city has a thriving winter sports scene. It is a popular destination for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. Bemidji has hosted events like the US National Pond Hockey Championships and the International Eelpout Festival.
- Bemidji is home to the Paul Bunyan Playhouse, one of the oldest professional summer stock theaters in the United States. Established in 1951, it showcases a variety of theatrical productions during the summer season.
- The city has a strong sense of community and is known for its friendly residents. Bemidji has been recognized as one of the "Best Small Towns in America" and has a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

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.

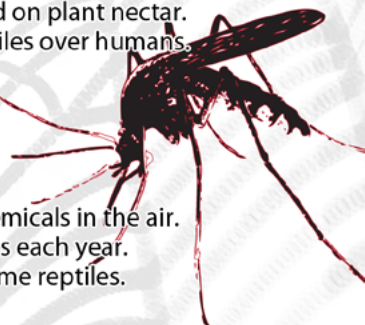
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- 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.



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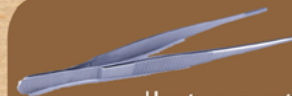
Diseases & Prevention

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!



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Lake Bemidji State Park is located ten minutes north of Bemidji and features a campground, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobile trails, picnic areas, boating, swimming areas and fishing opportunities.

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

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

HUNTING

Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

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

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

Grouse

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

Pheasant

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

Wild Turkey

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

TRAPPING

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

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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!**

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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

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03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

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Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

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Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye

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Largemouth Bass

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

Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

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Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

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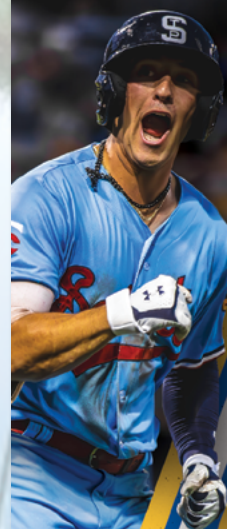
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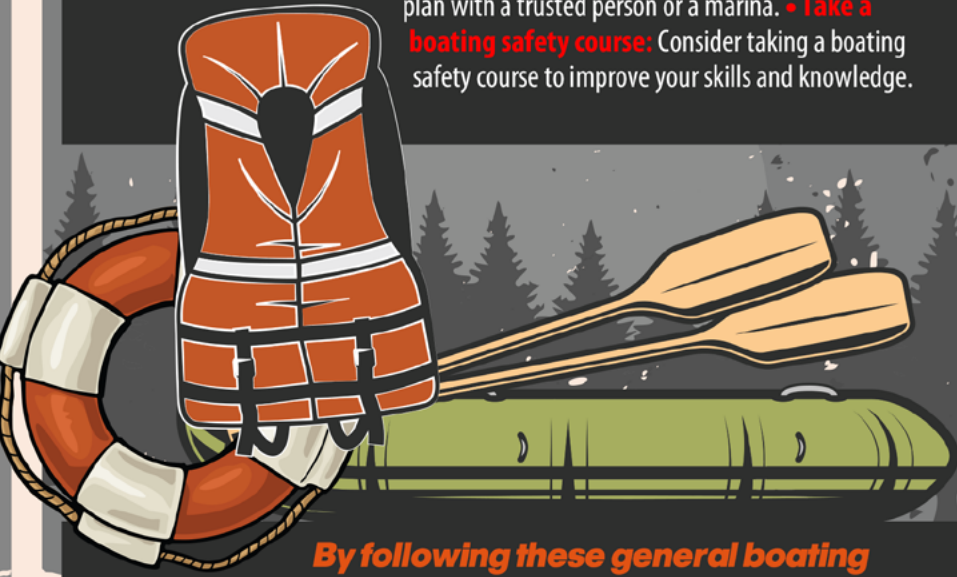
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Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **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.

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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?

DOG PARKS

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CREAMY *Dill* CHICKEN



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

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

*Enjoy your delicious
creamy dill chicken!*

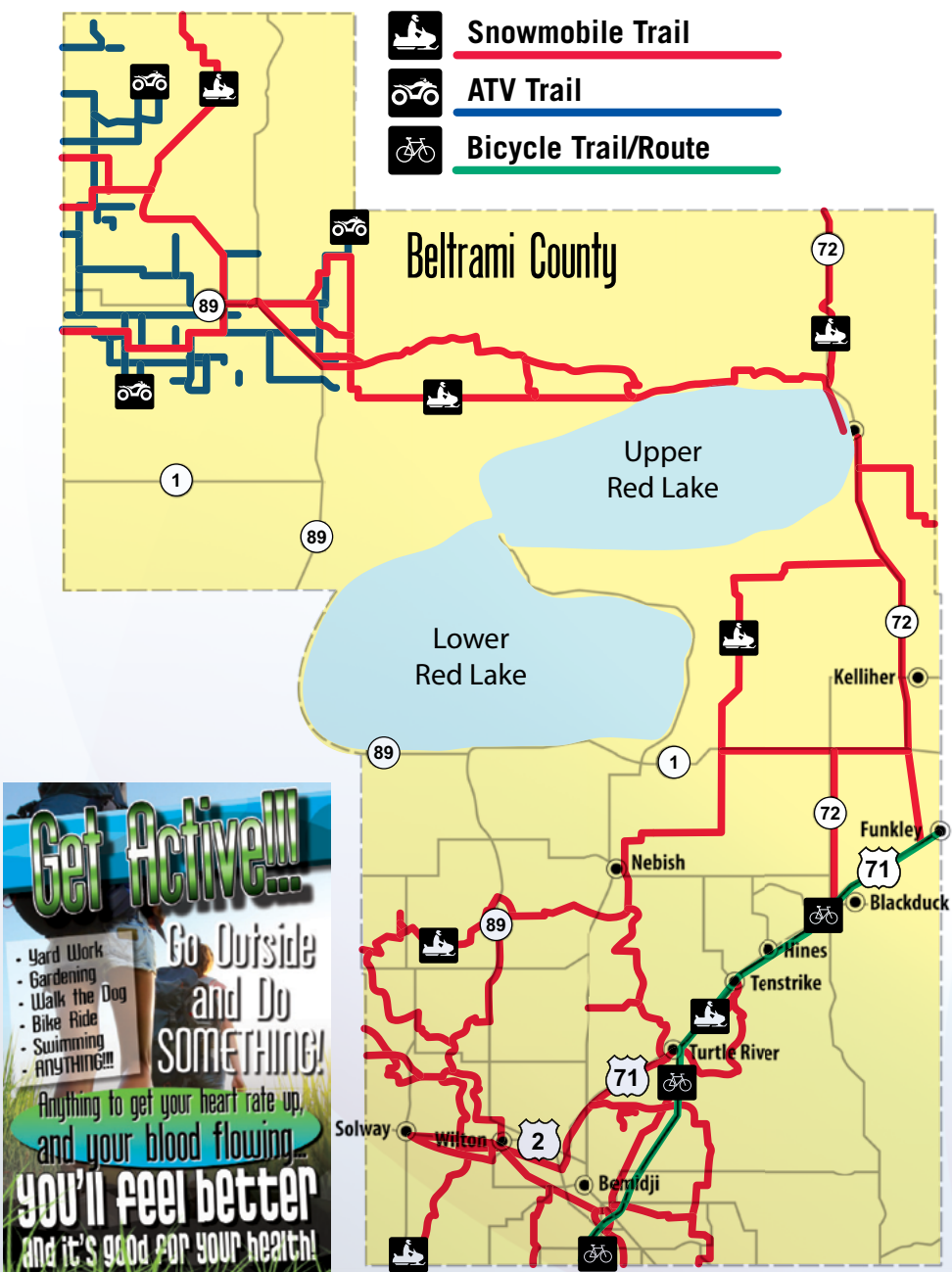
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Health Benefits of the Outdoors



Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

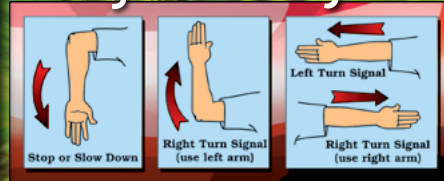
Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

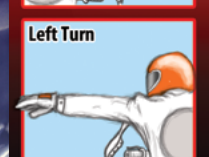
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- 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

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



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.

COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



Be smart...

Take good care of your skin



The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

- **Protect your skin**

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

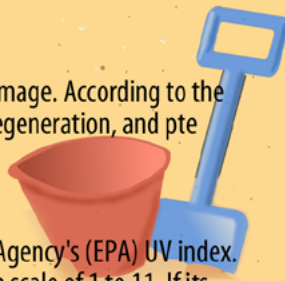
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sun screens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

- **Protect your eyes**

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

- **UV index**

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If its low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



CLEAN DRAIN DISPOSE DRY

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Clean - aquatic plants, mud, and animals from watercraft, trailers and equipment.

Drain - all water including bait containers by removing drain plugs and keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft, verify water drained. To keep bait refill the bait container with bottle or tap water.

Dispose - of unwanted bait in the trash, never release into the wild.

Dry - for five hot/dry days, if unable then Spray/Flush all water containing compartments and trailer with very hot water.

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