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## JANUARY

Annual Sisseton Winter Show

## FEBRUARY

Arctic Open | Clinton  
Winterfest | Ortonville

## MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Parade | Benson  
Annual Chili Cook-Off | Benson  
Sports & Leisure Show | Ortonville  
Annual Pheasants Forever Banquet | Ortonville

## APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Benson  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Sisseton

## MAY

Syttende Mai | Benson  
Cinco De Mayo Fest | Millbank

## JUNE

Pioneerland Band Festival | Benson  
Clinton Day  
Car & Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet | Sisseton  
Fort Sisseton Historical Festival  
Sisseton City Wide Rummage Sale  
It Takes a Spark Cancer Walk | Milbank  
Valley Queen Cheeseburger Day | Milbank  
Jr. Golf Tournament (June-July) | Ortonville

## JULY

Kid Day | Benson  
Big Stone County Fair | Clinton  
Ortonville Couples Golf Tournament  
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate hosts its annual Wacipi (Pow-wow)  
Celebrate Sisseton & SHS Alumno Weekend  
4th of July Celebration | Milbank  
Q Fest | Milbank  
Farley Fest | Milbank

## AUGUST

Swift County Fair | Appleton  
Annual Cornfest | Ortonville  
Traverse County Fair | Wheaton  
Annual Glacial Lakes 4-H Rodeo | Sisseton

## SEPTEMBER

Applefest | Appleton  
Oak Tree Classic | Ortonville  
Mule Days | Benson

## OCTOBER

Fall Craft Fair | Benson  
Harvest Madness | Ortonville

## NOVEMBER

Annual Holiday Open House Extravaganza | Sisseton  
Lighted Parade & Chili Cook-Off | Sisseton

## DECEMBER

Santa Day | Ortonville  
Hometown Christmas | Milbank  
Parade of Lights | Milbank

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Once home to Indian tribes, Big Stone County was established in 1862 and its name was derived from the Indian phrase “inyan tankinyan” meaning “Big Stone.” Settlers were attracted to the prairie and ample natural resources and Ortonville was selected as the county seat in 1881. By 1900 its population had reached 8,731 and had grown to 9,607 by 1950. As industry began to slow, its population had begun to decline. The area has now become a popular region for recreational enthusiasts with its many snowmobile trails, hunting land and fishable lakes. Today Big Stone County is home to approximately 5,251 residents.

## CITIES:

**BARRY** – pop. 22

**BEARDSLEY** – pop. 224

**CLINTON** – pop. 391

**CORRELL** – pop. 43

**GRACEVILLE** – pop. 585

**JOHNSON** – pop. 28

**ODESSA** – pop. 101

**ORTONVILLE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 1,931

## TOWNSHIPS:

**AKRON** – pop. 180

**ALMOND** – pop. 178

**ARTICHOKE** – pop. 78

**BIG STONE** – pop. 227

**BROWNS VALLEY** – pop. 390

**FOSTER** – pop. 111

**GRACEVILLE** – pop. 193

**MALTA** – pop. 88

**MOONSHINE** – pop. 141

**ODESSA** – pop. 136

**ORTONVILLE** – pop. 2,046

**OTREY** – pop. 98

**PRIOR** – pop. 200

**TOQUA** – pop. 85

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## BARRY

In 1879 the Barry brothers arrived to the area and first called the community Lowell after their hometown in Massachusetts. A general store was constructed the following year and a post office was established in 1881. Maria M. Barry served as its first postmaster and Lowell was renamed in honor of the Barry family who were influential in the community. By 1891 Barry housed a blacksmith shop, lumberyard, grain elevator and a bowling alley. Today Barry is home to approximately 22 residents.

## BEARDSLEY

Beardsley was named after W. W. Beardsley who platted its streets in 1880. A post office was established in 1881 and Henry Stonebraker constructed the first business. In 1891 Beardsley was incorporated and the community continued to develop with the arrival of the railroad. Today Beardsley is home to approximately 224 residents.

## CLINTON

First known as Central, Clinton was settled in 1877 as a farming community. A post office was established in 1878 with Peter McCormick serving as its first postmaster. McCormick also founded the first store and lumberyard and in 1885 the community was platted and renamed Clinton. The area was comprised of a variety of businesses including grain elevators, general stores, feed mills, a plow factory and a creamery and in 1907 Clinton held the first county fair. Today Clinton is home to approximately 391 residents.

## CORRELL

Located in Akron Township, Correll was named in honor of D. N. Correll who platted streets in 1879. Henry L. Holmes served as its first postmaster in 1880 and a railway station was constructed the following year. In 1890 the land in the area was purchased by the Thomas F. Koch Land Company who sold it to Charles F. Woods. In 1893 Woods established the Farmers Elevator and industry was led by agriculture. Today Correll is home to approximately 43 residents.

## GRACEVILLE

Graceville was founded in 1877 and named for Bishop Thomas Langdon Grace of St. Paul. The community was incorporated in 1881 and over 200 acres were purchased by Bishop John Ireland. By 1890 Graceville housed grain elevators, roller and flour mills, livestock and horse breeders, a railway station, Catholic convent and a school. Today Graceville is home to approximately 585 residents.

## JOHNSON

Named after a railway worker, Johnson was settled in 1880 and its first post office was established in 1883. By 1895 the area boasted several grain elevators, general stores, a lumberyard, livery stable, railway station, hotel, school, bank, creamery and a blacksmith shop and in 1903 Johnson was incorporated. Today Johnson is home to approximately 28 residents.

## ODESSA

Odessa was first settled by A. D. Beardsley in 1870. Beardsley was influential in the community who served as a railroad agent, lumberman, postmaster and a store owner. Streets were platted in 1879 and by 1895 Odessa was incorporated and housed several grain and flour mills. Today Odessa is home to approximately 101 residents.

## ORTONVILLE (COUNTY SEAT)

Ortonville was first settled in 1871 by Cornelius Knute Orton and the community was named in his honor. Orton platted streets in 1872 and established a post office in 1875. The proximity to Big Stone Lake attracted many residents and by 1881 Orton was organized as a village and selected as the county seat. A courthouse was built in 1902 and by 1915 Ortonville housed a variety of businesses including a hotel, hospital, library and a movie theatre. Today Ortonville is home to approximately 1,931 residents.



Once home to Indian tribes, Traverse County was established in 1862 and its name was derived from Lake Traverse. Settlers were attracted to the lush prairie and access to water and Browns Valley was selected as the county seat in 1878 until it was moved by voters in 1886 to Wheaton where it remains. By 1900 its population had reached 7,573 and had grown to 8,053 by 1950. As industry began to slow, its population had begun to decline and is now the least populated county in Minnesota. Today Traverse County is home to approximately 3,573 residents.

### CITIES:

**BROWNS VALLEY** – pop. 588  
**DUMONT** – pop. 102  
**TINTAH** – pop. 66  
**WHEATON (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 1,383

### TOWNSHIPS:

**ARTHUR** – pop. 96  
**CLIFTON** – pop. 81  
**CROKE** – pop. 74  
**DOLLYMOUNT** – pop. 74  
**FOLSOM** – pop. 131

**LAKE VALLEY** – pop. 239

**LEONARDSVILLE** – pop. 133

**MONSON** – pop. 143

**PARNELL** – pop. 55

**REDPATH** – pop. 32

**TARA** – pop. 111

**TAYLOR** – pop. 97

**TINTAH** – pop. 48

**WALLS** – pop. 72

**WINDSOR** – pop. 48

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## BROWNS VALLEY

Browns Valley, the oldest community in Traverse County, was first known as Lake Traverse as it was founded by Joseph R. Brown in 1866 and was selected as the first county seat. Brown's son Samuel served as the area's first postmaster in 1867 and the community was renamed after the death of his father in 1870. Streets were platted in 1878 and Browns Valley was incorporated in 1881 and the county seat was moved to Wheaton in 1886. Today Browns Valley is home to approximately 588 residents.

## DUMONT

Dumont was established in 1884 as rail lines were laid by the Fargo and Southern Railroad. Streets were platted the following year and the first post office was founded in 1886. In 1898 Dumont was incorporated and recently celebrated 125 years of history in 2010. Today Dumont is home to approximately 102 residents.

## TINTAH

Tintah, Indian for "prairie," was established as a railway station was constructed in 1872. In 1880 Charles Smith served as the area's first postmaster and the community was organized the following year. In 1887 streets were platted and by 1889 Tintah was incorporated. Today Tintah is home to approximately 66 residents.

## WHEATON (COUNTY SEAT)

First known as Lake Valley, Wheaton was settled in 1879. A post office was established and the community was renamed Wheaton after surveyor Daniel Thompson Wheaton of the Fargo and Southern Railroad. Streets were platted in 1884 and by 1887 Wheaton was incorporated and selected as the county seat. Industry was dominated by agriculture and early businesses included general stores, a flour mill, church, school and a hotel. Today Wheaton is home to approximately 1,383 residents.



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Once home to Indian tribes, Swift County was established in 1870 and named in honor of Minnesota Governor Henry A. Swift. Settlers were attracted to the fertile farmland and Benson was selected as the county seat. A courthouse was constructed in 1897 that was declared a national historic site in 1976. By 1900 Swift County's population had reached 13,503 and had grown to 15,837 by 1950. As industry began to slow, development began to slow. Today Swift County is home to approximately 10,823 residents.

## CITIES:

**APPLETON** – pop. 2,920

**BENSON (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 2,969

**CLONTARF** – pop. 149

**DANVERS** – pop. 88

**DE GRAFF** – pop. 112

**HOLLOWAY** – pop. 94

**KERKHOVEN** – pop. 658

**MURDOCK** – pop. 265

## TOWNSHIPS:

**APPLETON** – pop. 201

**BENSON** – pop. 318

**CAMP LAKE** – pop. 191

**CASHEL** – pop. 125

**CLONTARF** – pop. 72

**DUBLIN** – pop. 136

**EDISON** – pop. 115

**FAIRFIELD** – pop. 148

**HAYES** – pop. 191

**HEGBERT** – pop. 103

**KERKHOVEN** – pop. 248

**KILDARE** – pop. 167

**MARYSLAND** – pop. 90

**MOYER** – pop. 109

**PILLSBURY** – pop. 260

**SHIBLE** – pop. 100

**SIX MILE GROVE** – pop. 150

**SWENODA** – pop. 140

**TARA** – pop. 108

**TORNING** – pop. 421

**WEST BANK** – pop. 175

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## APPLETON

Settled by Addison Phelps in 1868, Appleton was first known as Phelps and later Clarksfield. The community was founded in 1871 and renamed Appleton for Samuel Appleton of Wisconsin. The first post office was established in 1872 and streets were platted on a former Indian camp site. Railroad development allowed for growth and in 1881 Appleton was incorporated. Today Appleton is home to approximately 2,920 residents.

## BENSON (COUNTY SEAT)

The Benson area was settled in 1866 and the first store was constructed by A. W. and W. V. Lathrop in 1869. Streets were platted by Charles A. F. Morris and the community was named in honor of Anoka politician Benjamin H. Benson in 1870. The community was selected as the county seat and railroad development allowed for growth. Benson quickly became a trade center for the area and businesses included hotels, saloons, pharmacies, general stores, factories, a bank, library and hospital. Today Benson is home to approximately 2,969 residents.

## CLONTARF

Clontarf was settled and platted in 1876 by the Catholic Colonization Bureau in an effort to attract Irish-Catholic immigrants. A post office was established with Dominick F. McDermott serving as its first postmaster and the community was named by Bishop John Ireland after a village in Ireland. In 1904 Clontarf was incorporated and housed a bank, grain elevator, general store and variety shops. Today Clontarf is home to approximately 149 residents.

## DANVERS

The first post office in the Danvers area was established in 1892. The community was named after Danvers, Massachusetts, from where many settlers originated. As a railway station was constructed Danvers began to grow and the community was incorporated in 1900. Today Danvers is home to approximately 88 residents.

## DE GRAFF

The Catholic Colonization Bureau established and platted streets in the De Graff area in 1875. The community was named for Andrew De Graff, a railway officer of St. Paul and a post office was established. In 1881 De Graff was incorporated and industry was led by agriculture. Today De Graff is home to approximately 112 residents.

## HOLLOWAY

Located in Edison and Moyer Townships, Holloway was first known as Norton. A post office was established in 1889 and as the railroad arrived the community was renamed Holloway after a local farmer. In 1903 Holloway was incorporated and businesses were established. Today Holloway is home to approximately 94 residents.

## KERKHOVEN

Kerkhoven was settled in 1865 and first recognized as Pillsbury. Streets were platted in 1870 and a post office was established the following year. The community was renamed in 1883 in honor of Johannes Kerkhoven, a stockholder of the Great Northern Railroad. Today Kerkhoven is home to approximately 658 residents.

## MURDOCK

Murdock was founded and platted in 1878 by Samuel Sabin Murdock, a local landowner and railway commissioner. A post office was established that same year with George Botham serving as its first postmaster. In 1881 Murdock was incorporated and businesses were constructed. Today Murdock is home to approximately 265 residents.

## MILBANK & SISSETON CITY HISTORY

### MILBANK

Milbank is city and the county seat of Grant County, South Dakota. The city sits along the South Fork of the Whetstone River. It was founded in 1880 when a railway was built through the area and named after the railroad director, Jeremiah Milbank. The city was incorporated in 1894. Milbank is where American Legion Baseball started and is now played in all fifty states. Today Milbank is home to approximately 3,353 residents.

### SISSETON

Sisseton is city and the county seat of Roberts County, South Dakota. Sisseton has a number of attractions like the Nicollet Tower and is near the "Song to the Great Spirit" building on the campus of Sisseton Wahpeton College. The city is named for the Sisseton (Sissetowan) division of the Native American Sioux. Today Sisseton is home to approximately 2,470 residents.

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211 S 3rd St. | Milbank | (605) 432-2351

## MILBANK GRIST MILL

4th Ave. & Flynn Dr. | Milbank |  
(605) 432-6656

## MILLSTONE FAMILY RESTAURANT

1107 E 4th Ave. | Milbank | (605) 432-6866

## NICOLLET TOWER & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

45356 SD-10 | Sisseton | (605) 698-7672

## ORTONVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

145 Golf Course Rd. | Ortonville |  
(320) 839-3606

## ORTONVILLE SWIMMING POOL

328 Otto Ave. | Ortonville | (320) 487-0140

## STAVIG HOUSE MUSEUM

112 1st Ave. W | Sisseton | (605) 698-4561

## SWIFT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

2135 Minnesota Ave. | Benson |  
(320) 843-4467

## TRAVERSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

1201 Broadway | Wheaton | (320) 563-8520

## VALLEY VIEW ANTIQUES

1192 Hwy. 12 | Ortonville | (320) 839-3138

## VALLEY VIEW COUNTRY CLUB

11916 Swenumson Dr. | Sisseton |  
(605) 698-3742

## WHEATON COUNTRY CLUB

6401 State Hwy. 27 | Wheaton |  
(320) 563-4079

## WHEATON SWIMMING POOL

104 9th St. N | Wheaton | (320) 563-4110

## WHEATON LANES

402 N 5th St. | Wheaton | (320) 563-4333

## WHETSTONE CREEK GOLF COURSE

14626 Hwy. 15 | Milbank | (605) 432-4124

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7 Weekends of Huzzah & Cheers!

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# HUNTING SEASONS, MN

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.

## 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

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

### Fox

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

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### Squirrel

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

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or scan the QR code



# FM 92.1

# MADISON - DAWSON

[www.klqpfm.com](http://www.klqpfm.com)

# HUNTING SEASONS, SD

For general information on firearm safety training Contact the SD GFP.

For specific zone areas/dates: Online: [www.gfp.sd.gov](http://www.gfp.sd.gov),

Telephone: 605.223.7660, or scan the QR code.

CARRY YOUR LICENSE ON YOUR SMARTPHONE DEVICE:



Before heading into the field this fall, log into your GFP online licensing account from your smartphone device to view your small game, fishing or trapping license and take a picture or screenshot of it with your device (Android, iPhone, etc.). This electronic version is now an acceptable method of carrying a small game, fishing or trapping license. If you choose to print and carry a paper copy of your small game, fishing or trapping license, that continues to be an allowed practice.

**Duck Season** - Low Plains North  
Start: Sep 21, 2024  
End: Dec 3, 2024

**Duck Season** - Low Plains Middle  
Start: Sep 21, 2024  
End: Dec 3, 2024

**Duck Season** - Low Plains South  
Start: Oct 26, 2024  
End: Jan 7, 2025

**Duck Hunting** - High Plains  
Start: Oct 12, 2024  
End: Jan 16, 2025

**Canada Goose** - Early  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Sep 30, 2024

**Canada Goose** - Unit 2  
Start: Nov 4, 2024  
End: Feb 16, 2025

**Mountain Lion Season** - Custer State Park Access Permit  
See application for all season dates.

**Elk Season** - Custer State Park Firearm  
Start: Oct 1, 2024  
End: Oct 31, 2024

**Deer Season** - East River Landowner  
Start: Nov 23, 2024  
End: Dec 8, 2024

**Deer Season** - West River Special Buck  
Start: Nov 16, 2024  
End: Dec 1, 2024

**Deer Season** - East River Special Buck  
Start: Nov 23, 2024  
End: Dec 8, 2024

**Youth Waterfowl** - Nonresident  
See respective unit and species for specific dates.

**Nonresident Waterfowl**  
See respective unit and species for specific dates.

**Deer Season** - National Wildlife Refuge Deer  
See application for season dates.

**Elk Season** - Black Hills Firearms  
See application for season dates.

**Elk Season** - Prairie  
See application for season dates.

**Elk Season** - Custer State Park Early Archery  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Sep 30, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Spring Prairie  
Start: Apr 13, 2024  
End: May 31, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Spring Mentored  
Start: Apr 13, 2024  
End: May 31, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Fall Mentored  
Start: Nov 1, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

**Canada Goose** - Unit 3  
Start: Jan 11, 2024  
End: Jan 19, 2024

**Mountain Lion Season** - Black Hills  
Start: Dec 26, 2023  
End: Apr 30, 2024

**Deer Season** - Nonresident Archery Private Land  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Jan 1, 2025

**Deer Season** - Nonresident Archery Public Land  
Start: Oct 1, 2024  
End: Jan 1, 2025

**Turkey Season** - Spring Prairie Archery  
Start: Apr 13, 2024  
End: May 31, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Spring Black Hills  
Start: Apr 27, 2024  
End: May 31, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Spring Black Hills Archery  
Start: Apr 27, 2024  
End: May 31, 2024

**Turkey Season** - Spring Custer State Park  
Start: Apr 27, 2024  
End: May 19, 2024

**Grouse Season**  
Start: Sep 21, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

**Partridge Season**  
Start: Sep 21, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

**Pheasant Season** - Traditional  
Start: Oct 19, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

**Pheasant Season** - Youth Only  
Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Oct 6, 2024

**Pheasant Season** - Resident Only  
Start: Oct 12, 2024  
End: Oct 14, 2024

**Quail Season**  
Start: Oct 19, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

**Cottontail Rabbit Season**  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Mar 31, 2025

**Tree Squirrel Season**  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Mar 31, 2025

**Crow Season**  
Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Oct 31, 2024

**Crow - Second Season**  
Start: Mar 1, 2025  
End: Apr 30, 2025

## Snipe Season

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Oct 31, 2024

## Mourning Dove Season

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Nov 9, 2024

## Youth Waterfowl

Start: Sep 7, 2024  
End: Sep 8, 2024

## August Management Take

Start: Aug 17, 2024  
End: Aug 31, 2024

## Canada Goose - Unit 1

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Dec 16, 2024

## Canada Goose - Unit 3 (Bennett County, Second Season)

Start: Jan 11, 2025  
End: Jan 19, 2025

## Light Goose Conservation Order

Start: Feb 19, 2024  
End: May 15, 2024

## Light Goose Season

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Jan 10, 2025

## White-fronted Goose Season

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Dec 10, 2024

## Sandhill Crane Season

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Nov 24, 2024

## Tundra Swan Season

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Jan 10, 2025

## Turkey Season - Fall

Start: Nov 1, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2025

## Turkey Season - Spring Prairie

Start: Apr 12, 2025  
End: May 31, 2025

## Turkey Season - Spring Prairie Archery

Start: Apr 12, 2025  
End: May 31, 2025

## Turkey Season - Spring Black Hills

Start: Apr 26, 2025  
End: May 31, 2025

## Turkey Season - Spring Black Hills Archery

Start: Apr 26, 2025  
End: May 31, 2025

## Turkey Season - Spring Custer State Park

Start: Apr 26, 2025  
End: May 18, 2025

## Mountain Lion Outside Black Hills Fire Protection District

Start: Jan 1, 2024  
End: Jan 31, 2024

## Antelope Season - Archery (Season closed during firearms season)

Start: Aug 17, 2024  
End: Oct 31, 2024

## Antelope Season - Firearms

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Oct 13, 2024

## Deer Season - Archery

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Jan 1, 2025

## Deer Season - Muzzleloader

Start: Dec 1, 2024  
End: Jan 1, 2025

## Deer Season - Apprentice and Mentored Start: Sep 14, 2024

End: Jan 1, 2025

## Deer Season - Black Hills

Start: Nov 1, 2024  
End: Nov 30, 2024

## Deer Season - West River

Start: Nov 16, 2024  
End: Dec 1, 2024

## Deer Season - West River 30A

Start: Nov 9, 2024  
End: Nov 12, 2024

## Deer - West River 30A, Second Season

Start: Nov 25, 2024  
End: Dec 1, 2024

## Deer Season - East & West River Antlerless

Start: Dec 14, 2024  
End: Dec 22, 2024

## Deer Season - East River

Start: Nov 23, 2024  
End: Dec 8, 2024

## Deer Season - Custer State Park

Start: Nov 1, 2024  
End: Nov 30, 2024

## Custer State Park Trophy Buffalo

Start: Nov 18, 2024  
End: Jan 17, 2025

## Custer State Park Non-Trophy Buffalo

Start: Oct 7, 2024  
End: Nov 15, 2024

## Bighorn Sheep Season - Black Hills

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Dec 31, 2024

## Bighorn Sheep Season - Custer State Park

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Dec 31, 2024

## Elk Season - Landowner Black Hills Archery

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Sep 30, 2024

## Elk Season - Landowner Black Hills

See application for season dates.

## Elk Season - Landowner Prairie

See application for season dates.

## Antelope Season - Special

Start: Sep 28, 2024  
End: Oct 13, 2024

## Deer Season - East River Nonresident Landowner

Start: Nov 23, 2024  
End: Dec 8, 2024

## Antelope Season - Nonresident Archery Public/Private Land (Season closed during firearms season)

Start: Aug 17, 2024  
End: Oct 31, 2024

## Elk Season - Black Hills Archery

Start: Sep 1, 2024  
End: Sep 30, 2024

*\*Disclaimer: The dates listed are tentative, for more details go to: <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt/>*

# 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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dates:*

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(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2024-25 license year is effective until Feb. 29, 2025.)

## Best Prices on Off-Sale in the Area

- Full Bar
- 10 Video Lottery Machines
- Weekend Specials
- Free Popcorn



## BIG STONE LIQUOR STORE

(605) 862-8166

457 Main St. • Big Stone City SD

Open Mon-Sat 9AM | Closed Sundays

(Hours subject to change)



## 2024 Resident Fees

ANNUAL FISHING.....	\$28
ONE-DAY FISHING.....	\$8
COMBINATION LICENSE.....	\$55
JUNIOR COMBINATION (6-18).....	\$27
SENIOR COMBINATION (65 and over).....	\$40
SENIOR ANNUAL FISHING (65 and over).....	\$12
SETLINE.....	\$5
HOOP NET.....	\$10
HABITATSTAMP.....	\$10

## 2024 Non Resident Fees

ANNUAL FISHING.....	\$67
YOUTH FISHING (under 18).....	\$0
THREE-DAY FISHING.....	\$37
ONE-DAY FISHING.....	\$16
HABITATSTAMP.....	\$25

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT
Walleye (includes Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye)	4 (only one 20" or longer)
Northern Pike	6
Muskellunge, Tiger Muskie	Catch & Release Only
Trout, Salmon, Splake (any combination)	5
Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass (any combination)	5
Pearch	15
Crappie	15
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Orangespotted in any combination)	15
White Bass/Rock Bass	No Limit
Catfish (any combination)	10
Sturgeon	Season Closed
Paddlefish	Available by special permit only
Smelt	5 gallons
Lake Herring/Lake Whitefish/Bullhead/Rough Fish	No limit

**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.**

# 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

### Big Stone Lake State Park

35889 Meadowbrook  
State Park Rd. | Ortonville  
(320) 839-3663

### Milbank Dog Park

Fair Street | Milbank

### Waggin' Tails Dog Park

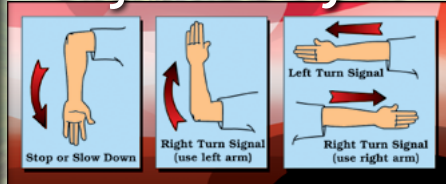
US-12 & 22nd St. S | Benson  
(320) 843-4775



# 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

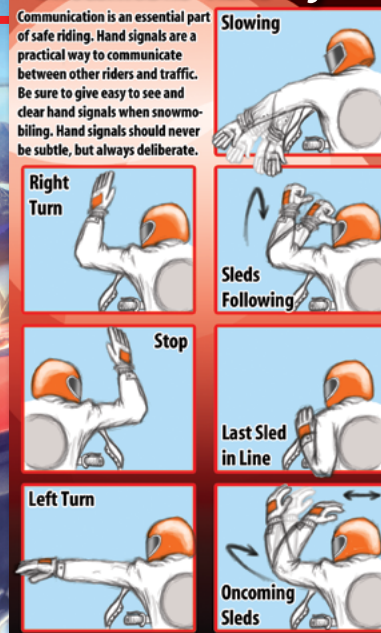
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

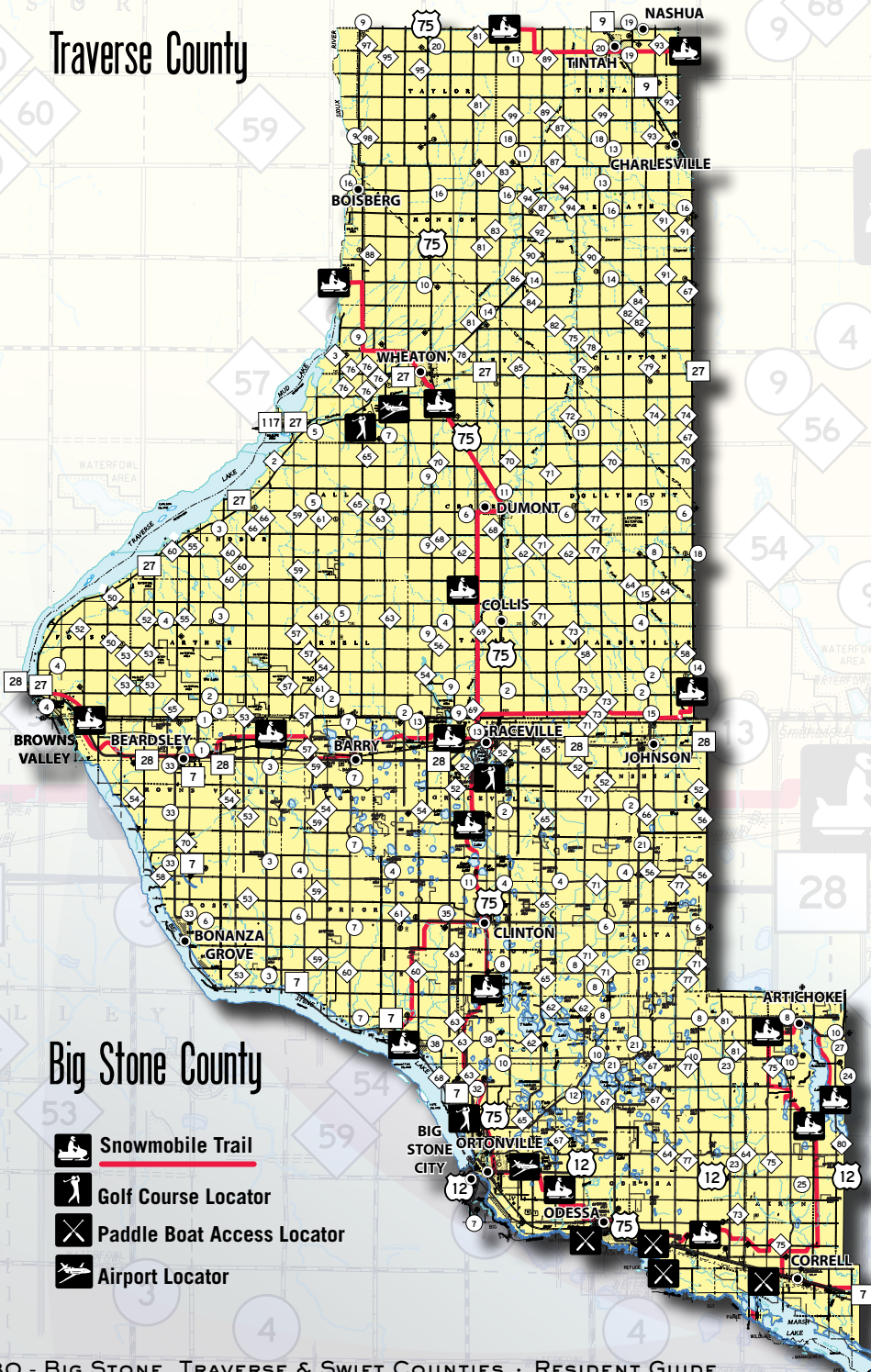


**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
**NO TRESPASSING**

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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

# LOCAL TRAILS

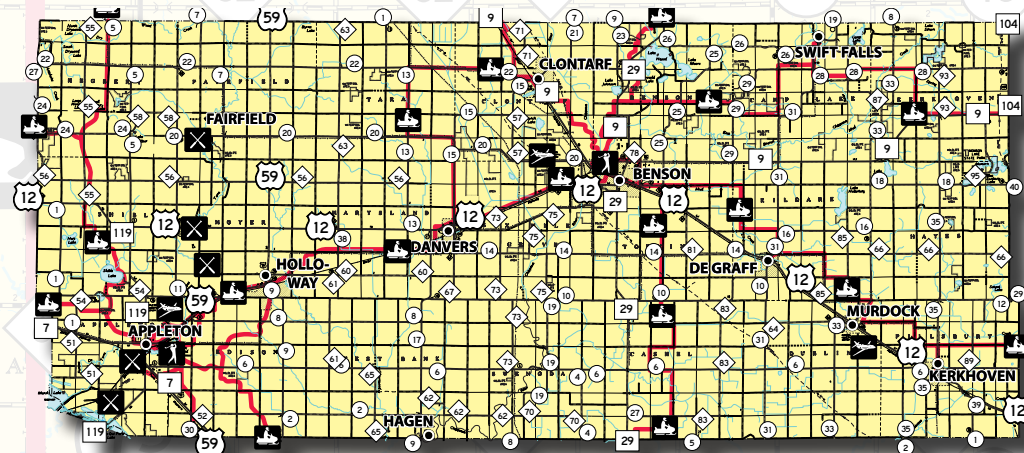
## Traverse County



## Big Stone County

- Snowmobile Trail
- Golf Course Locator
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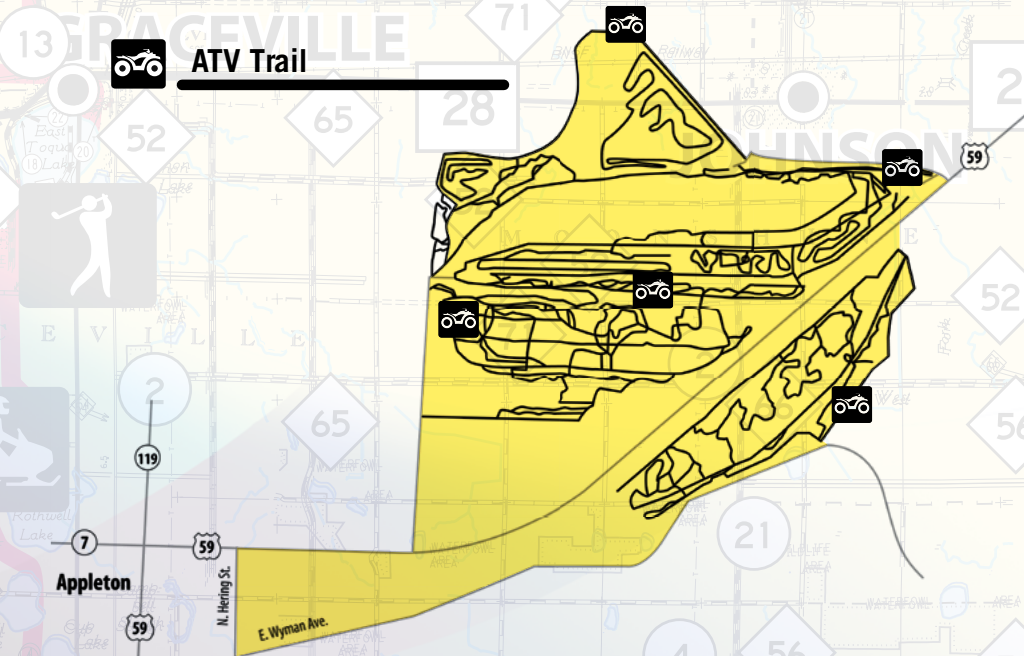
## Swift County



Snowmobile Trail

## Appleton Recreation Park ATV Trails

ATV Trail



# Tilapia

## Baked in Garlic Butter



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

### INGREDIENTS

4 tilapia fillets  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
4 tablespoons butter, melted  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Fresh parsley, chopped  
(optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Pat the tilapia fillets dry with paper towels and place them in a baking dish.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- 5 Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- 8 Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

Enjoy your delicious  
and healthy tilapia  
baked in garlic butter!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



### BARBECUE DO'S:

- 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.



# 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.*



# 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!





# Let Wildlife be Wild

- ✧ Bringing a wild animal home will stress it out. The stress can cause health problems or even death. Most wild animals see people and domestic animals as a threat.
- ✧ Wild animals can carry diseases and parasites that can affect humans and domestic animals.
- ✧ The diet requirements of a wild animal are very hard to replicate in captivity. Without a complete diet wild animals run a high risk of having nutritional deficiencies that can lead to deformations or death. On the other hand for local birds providing supplemental food and water may be beneficial with correct practice.
- ✧ Wild animals raised by humans don't learn their normal behaviors or survival skills and shouldn't be released into the wild.
- ✧ If you come across an injured animal don't try and help it until contacting your local wildlife agency to see what they recommend.
- ✧ It's illegal for an unauthorized citizen to raise wild animals in most states.



- A healthy animal in its natural environment has the best chance of survival.
- A young wild animal by itself does not mean it's an orphan. It is common for adults to leave their young unattended while they forage or hunt.
- Wild animals are not very safe as pets.
- It is false that the human scent on a wild animal will make the parents reject it.



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...and support the community you live in!