

FREE RESIDENT GUIDE

Brown & Watonwan
Counties, Minnesota

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- Hunting & Fishing Seasons • DNR License Centers
- Area History • Outdoor Recreation Trails • Park & Rec. Info

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Brown County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Snofest | New Ulm

FEBRUARY

Ice Fishing Derby | Sleepy Eye
State St. Theater Co. Winter Gala | New Ulm
Hillclimb | New Ulm

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Parade | New Ulm
Trade Fair and Living History Event |
New Ulm
Farm Show | New Ulm
Home & Health Show | New Ulm
Miss Sleepy Eye Coronation | Sleepy Eye
Snowmobile Hillclimb | Sleepy Eye
Fasching/Schell's Bock Fest | New Ulm
Freeze Your Caboose Run-Walk | St. James

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Sleepy Eye
Annual Spring Gift & Craft Show | Odin

MAY

Bacchaus Fest | New Ulm
Mai Fest | New Ulm
City Wide Garage Sale | Watonwan

JUNE

Auto Fest | New Ulm
Riverside Days | Springfield
Taste of St. James | St. James
Railroad Days & Parade | St. James
Quiltistry (Held every other year) | New Ulm
Summer Sizzler (June 30-July 1) | Butterfield

JULY

Bavarian Blast | New Ulm
Blues Festival | Madelia
Park Days | Madelia
Watonwan County Fair | St. James
Party in the Park | Sleepy Eye

AUGUST

Brown County Free Fair | New Ulm
Fire Dept Hog Roast | Ormsby
Buttered Corn Days Celebration | Sleepy Eye

SEPTEMBER

HermannFest | New Ulm
Younger Brothers Capture Reenactment |
Madelia
Labor Day Celebration | Godahl
City Wide Garage Sales | Springfield
Watonwan County Relay for Life
Threshermen's Steam and Gas Engine Show |
Butterfield

OCTOBER

Pumpkinfest | New Ulm
Oktoberfest | New Ulm

NOVEMBER

Shopping Opener | New Ulm
Parade of Lights | New Ulm
Holiday Craft & Gift Show | New Ulm
Day of Giving | New Ulm

DECEMBER


Christmas Luminaries | New Ulm
Winter Carnival | St. James
Jingle Bell Ticket Drawing | Springfield
Community Christmas Party | Butterfield

**For more information on events throughout
Brown and Watonwan County, visit:
www.exploreminnesota.com*

**Events are subject to change.*

DISC GOLF

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also an inexpensive sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.



Brown County

Administration	(507) 233-6600
Assessor	233-6606
Auditor/Treasurer	233-6613
Brown County Heartland Express Bus Service	359-2717
Economic Assistance/Development.....	794-7992
Child Support	354-8246
Highway	233-5700
Human Resources	233-6605
License Bureau.....	359-6570
Planning / Zoning.....	233-6640
Records	233-6653
Sheriff	233-6700
Veterans Services	233-6636

Watonwan County

Administration	(507) 375-1236
Assessor	375-1205
Auditor/Treasurer	375-1210
Court Services.....	375-1294
Information Technology	375-2525
Attorney.....	375-3373
Extension.....	375-1275
License Bureau.....	375-1219
Planning / Zoning.....	375-1225
Records	375-1216
Sheriff	375-3121
Public Works	375-3393
Transportation.....	375-7385
Veterans Services	375-1254

FIREWOOD



Burn it where you get it!

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



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

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

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

Brown County History



*B*rown County, named in the honor of Joseph Renshaw Brown, a trader, businessman, Indian agent, politician, speculator, and inventor. Brown County was established on February 18, 1856 and named New Ulm the county seat. The size of Brown County covered forty-two thousand square miles until it was reduced to its current size when Minnesota became a State in 1858 and more counties were founded. Early settlement came mostly from Germans and Norwegians who were attracted to the rivers and lush prairies. The county's population expanded rapidly after a railroad was extended from New Ulm to Springfield. By 1900 the population of Brown County reached 19,787. Today Brown County is home to approximately 25,862 residents.

Brown County Communities

CITIES:

COBDEN – pop. 36
COMFREY – pop. 382
EVAN – pop. 86
HANSKA – pop. 402
NEW ULM – pop. 13,522 (County Seat)
SLEEPY EYE – pop. 3,599
SPRINGFIELD – pop. 2,152

TOWNSHIPS:

ALBIN – pop. 329
BASHAW – pop. 255
BURNSTOWN – pop. 260
COTTONWOOD – pop. 938
EDEN – pop. 321

HOME – pop. 800
LAKE HANSKA – pop. 322
LEAVENWORTH – pop. 336
LINDEN – pop. 343
MILFORD – pop. 793
MULLIGAN – pop. 245
NORTH STAR – pop. 325
PRAIRIEVILLE – pop. 346
SIGEL – pop. 432
STARK – pop. 384
STATELY – pop. 206

**Populations are approximate.*

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NEW ULM (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1856, New Ulm was founded and selected as Brown County seat and incorporated by German settlers from Chicago, IL in 1857. New Ulm is named after the city of Ulm in the province of Wurttemberg, Germany because it was the home of many of the German settlers. The city acted as an important gateway and trading area as new settlers moved in. New Ulm was nearly destroyed by Indians in 1862 after the Dakota Conflict and residents quickly rebuilt. Today New Ulm is home to a rich German heritage and is home to a population of 13,522 residents.

SLEEPY EYE

Sleepy Eye is named after Sleepy Eye Lake which is located on the North and West side of the town. Sleepy Eye Lake was named after a chief of a band of Sioux Indians named "ISH-TAK-HA-BA" or Chief Sleepy Eye. Sleepy Eye was settled in the early 1860's and was established in 1872. Early industry from the flour mill in Sleepy Eye drew in larger populations. Today Sleepy Eye is home to approximately 3,599 residents.

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield was settled in 1869 by predominantly Scandinavian, Irish and German immigrants. The original name of the settlement was Burns after railroads expanded and brought in new settlers. It was incorporated in 1881 and changed its name to Springfield because of a natural flowing spring that is located within the city. Today Springfield is home to approximately 2,152 residents.



Watowan County was named after the Watowan River derived from the Dakota word Watowan meaning "where fish bait bounds." The river flows east through the northern section of the county. It was established in 1860 and in 1870 the directors of the St. Paul and Sioux City railroads decided to make the county seat, St. James, the midpoint between the two cities. Today Watowan County has a population of approximately 10,896 people. The county has twelve townships and eight cities.

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Watonwan County Communities

CITIES:

- BUTTERFIELD** – pop. 586
- DARFUR** – pop. 108
- LA SALLE** – pop. 87
- LEWISVILLE** – pop. 250
- MADELIA** – pop. 2,308
- ODIN** – pop. 106
- ORMSBY** – pop. 131
- ST. JAMES** – pop. 4,605 (County Seat)

TOWNSHIPS:

- ADRIAN** – pop. 173
 - ANTRIM** – pop. 115
 - BUTTERFIELD** – pop. 297
 - FIELDON** – pop. 246
 - LONG LAKE** – pop. 346
 - MADELIA** – pop. 393
 - NELSON** – pop. 309
 - ODIN** – pop. 206
 - RIVERDALE** – pop. 338
 - ROSENDALE** – pop. 357
 - ST. JAMES** – pop. 294
 - SOUTH BRANCH** – pop. 303
- *Populations are approximate.*

BUTTERFIELD

Butterfield started by 10 men and 7 women, making the total population 17. That was in 1870, two years later the first store was built in the city. It was torn down soon after due to lack of business but over the next 20 years the populations (and number of stores) would grow significantly. By 1895 the population was over 400, the city had several stores, a school and a handful of churches. The population didn't grow much over the next 100 years, the maximum population reaching 634 in 1980. The current population is approximately 586.

MADELIA

Madelia was originally named Wapaca when it was established on September 10, 1857. Its name was changed in memory of the daughter of one of the founding fathers, Philander Hartshorn. Madelia is home to the place of capture of the Younger Brothers, who were both members of the Jesse James gang. Both men were captured after the famous Northfield bank robbery. Madelia currently is home to approximately 2,308 residents.

ST. JAMES (COUNTY SEAT)

St. James the county seat of Watonwan County, was named by the president of the railroad E.F. Drake and future Governor of Minnesota Henry Hastings Sibley in 1867. It was built up after the railroad was extended 22 miles from Lake Crystal to its current location. Today St. James boasts a population of approximately 4,605 residents.



Word Search

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 BELSNAKESEPEPKFOLUNDE
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 FOP IHPBENBXNYEAKSBSI
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- HANSKA
- LEAVENWORTH
- NEWULM
- PRAIRIEVILLE
- COMFREY
- SPRINGFIELD
- ROSENDALE
- DARFUR
- MEDELIA
- COTTONWOOD
- SLEEPYEYE
- BURNSTOWN
- BASHAW
- ANTRIM
- BUTTERFIELD
- RIVERDALE
- STJAMES
- ODIN
- FIELDON
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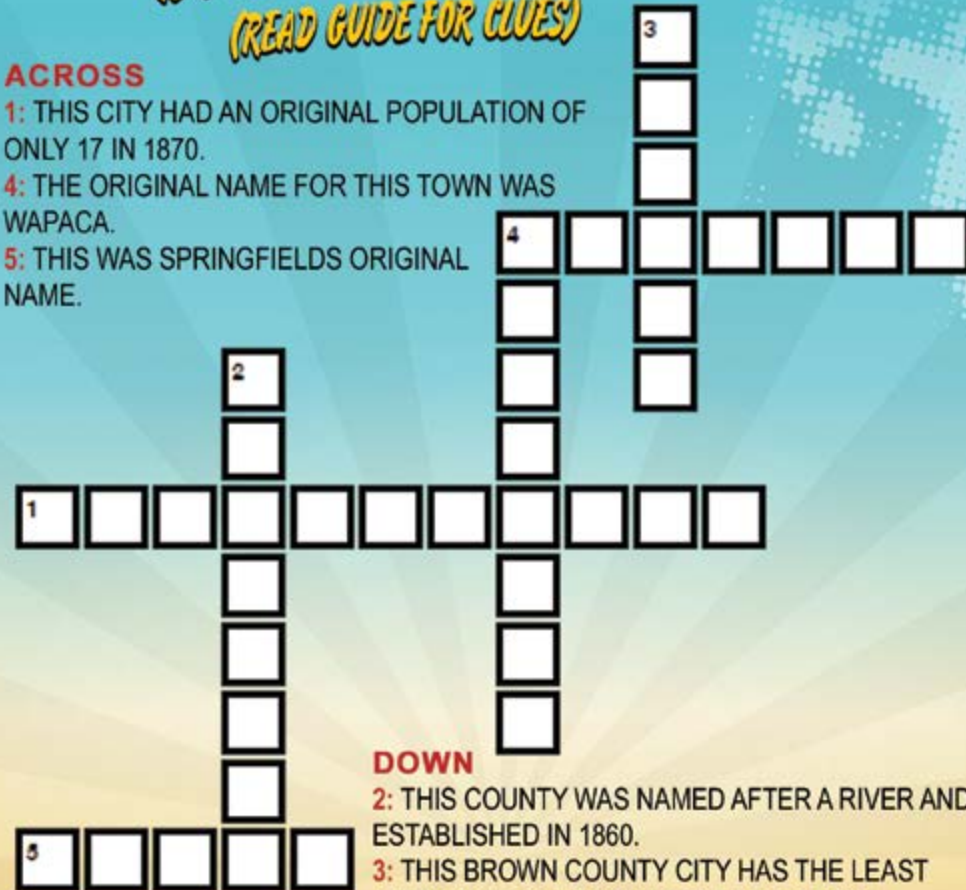
Crossword Puzzle

Brown & Watonwon

(READ GUIDE FOR CLUES)

ACROSS

- 1: THIS CITY HAD AN ORIGINAL POPULATION OF ONLY 17 IN 1870.
- 4: THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR THIS TOWN WAS WAPACA.
- 5: THIS WAS SPRINGFIELD'S ORIGINAL NAME.



DOWN

- 2: THIS COUNTY WAS NAMED AFTER A RIVER AND ESTABLISHED IN 1860.
- 3: THIS BROWN COUNTY CITY HAS THE LEAST APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 36.
- 4: THIS TOWNSHIP IN BROWN COUNTY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION OF 245, AND THE NAME IS ALSO USED AS A TERM WHEN PLAYING GOLF.

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.

Intensity Examples

Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
 - Jumping rope
 - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

AREA ATTRACTIONS

BROWN COUNTY:

August Schell Brewing Company

1860 Schell's Rd. | New Ulm | (507) 354-5528

Brown County Historical Society

2 N Broadway St. | New Ulm | (507) 233-2616

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

605 N State St. | New Ulm | (507) 354-4158

Defender's Monument

Center Street | New Ulm

Harkin Store

66250 Co. Rd. 21 | New Ulm |
(507) 628-5591

Kiesling House

220 N Minnesota St. | New Ulm |
(507) 351-2636

New Ulm Civic Center

1212 North Franklin St. | New Ulm |
(507) 233-8400

New Ulm's Glockenspiel

327 N Minnesota St. | New Ulm |
(507) 233-4300

Skate Park

315 1st N St. | New Ulm | (507) 359-8344

Sleepy Eye Depot Museum

100 Oak St. Northwest | Sleepy Eye |
(507) 794-5053

BROWN COUNTY (CONTD.):

Springfield Community Center

33 South Cass Ave. | Springfield |
(507) 723-3517

The Hermann Monument Society

10 Monument St. | New Ulm | (507) 359-8233

The Lyric 3 Cinemas

1 North German St. | New Ulm |
(507) 354-9050

Veigel's Kaiserhoff

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(507) 359-2071

WATONWAN COUNTY:

Band Box Recreation

612 1st Ave. South | St. James |
(507) 375-4021

Madelia Theater

117 West Main St. | Madelia | (507) 642-3333

Skate Park

38 7th Ave. S | St. James | (507) 375-3241

St James Historical Society & Museum

600 Third Ave. S | Saint James | (507) 380-7024

Truman Historical Association Museum

109 West Ciro St. | Truman | (507) 776-7889

Watonswan County Historical Museum

423 Dill Ave. SW | Madelia | (507) 642-3247

The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

Hiking:

Superior Hiking Trail, Lake Superior
Silver Creek Trail, Jay Cooke State Park
North River Trail, Afton State Park
Glacial Pothole Trail, Interstate State Park
Sioux Hustler Trail, Superior National Forest

Fishing:

Bass: Lake Vermilion, Tower
Walleye: Leech Lake, Walker
Muskellunge: Lake Oscar, Holmes City
Northern Pike: Lake of the Woods, Warroad

Golf Courses:

Interlachen, Edina • Spring Hill, Wayzata
Hazeltine National, Chaska
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower

Mountain Biking:

Cuyuna Lakes, Ironton • Lebanon Hills, Eagan
Elm Creek Park, Champlin • Brewer Park, Duluth
Spirit Mountain, Duluth • Piedmont, Duluth

Skiing:

Lutsen Mountains, Lutsen • Afton Alps, Afton
Elm Creek Winter Rec. Area, Maple Grove
Powder Ridge Ski Area, Kimball
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik

HUNTING SEASONS

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:

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

OPENERS

09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide
09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

HUNTING

Bear

08/11/23 Bear baiting start date Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide
04/19/23 - 04/25/23 - B season - Statewide
04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide
05/3/23 - 05/9/23 - D season - Statewide
05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
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Bobcat

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Squirrel

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Gray & Fox Statewide

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FISHING SEASONS

OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauger 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23
1, minimum size 54"

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.
5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state
5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass 5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

Largemouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

Smallmouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24

Catch-and-release only

Crappie	Continuous	10
Sunfish	Continuous	20
Rock Bass	Continuous	30
White Bass	Continuous	30
Channel Catfish	Continuous	5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

Flathead Catfish 4/1/23 - 11/30/23
2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

Perch
Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

Bullhead Continuous 100

Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot Continuous, No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50).

Smelt Continuous No limit
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon 3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon 6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Paddlefish	No open season
Longnose and Shortnose Gar	Continuous 10 combined

FREE FISHING

Take a kid fishing weekend
June 9-11, 2023
Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information/dates by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367 or www.dnr.state.mn.us or scan the QR code



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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.

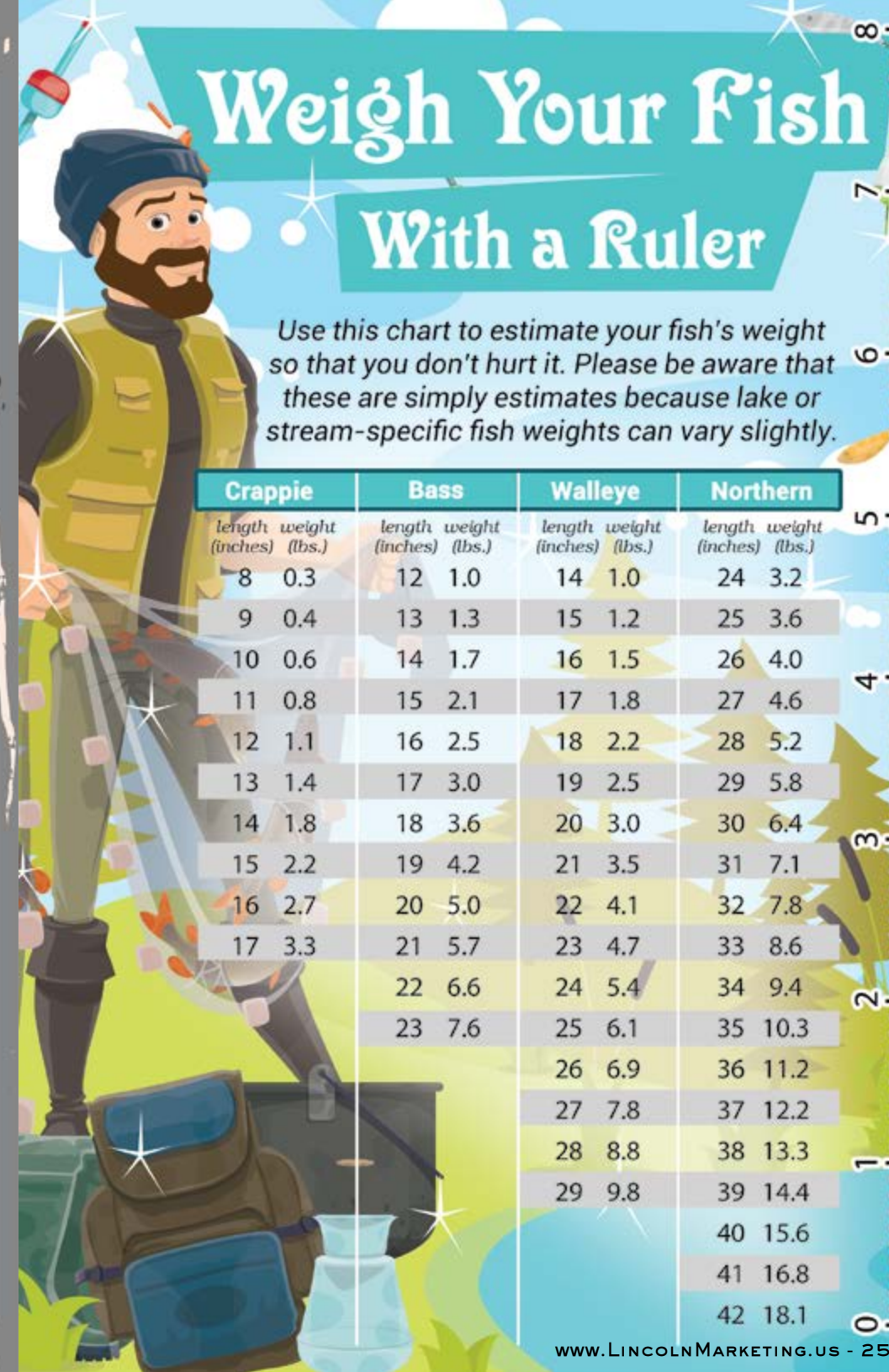


By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

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

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

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

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

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

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

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

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

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

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

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

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

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



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



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

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

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

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



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important. Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward. Do not squeeze the ticks' body. Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite. Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.

Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

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

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

- 1-Know when and where you're at risk
 - Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
 - Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
 - Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick
- 2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent
 - DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
 - Permethrin 0.5% on clothing
- 3-Check yourself for ticks
 - Shower after being outdoors
 - Check at least once a day
 - Remove ticks ASAP!



Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

Choose a type of grass that thrives in your area. 3" is the optimal height for most grasses, it allows the roots to become strong and healthy. It also helps to absorb more water. Don't bag the lawn clippings, it's a natural fertilizer. Keep your mower blades sharp.



Don't water every day. Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Your lawn should get about an inch of water each week, whether it be from rain fall or a sprinkler. Water your lawn in the early morning, preferably before 10am. Watering at night time can create fungus growth.



Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.



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.



RECREATION TRAILS

-  In-Line Skating
-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  Disc Golf Course
-  Hiking/Walking Trail
-  Snowmobile Trail



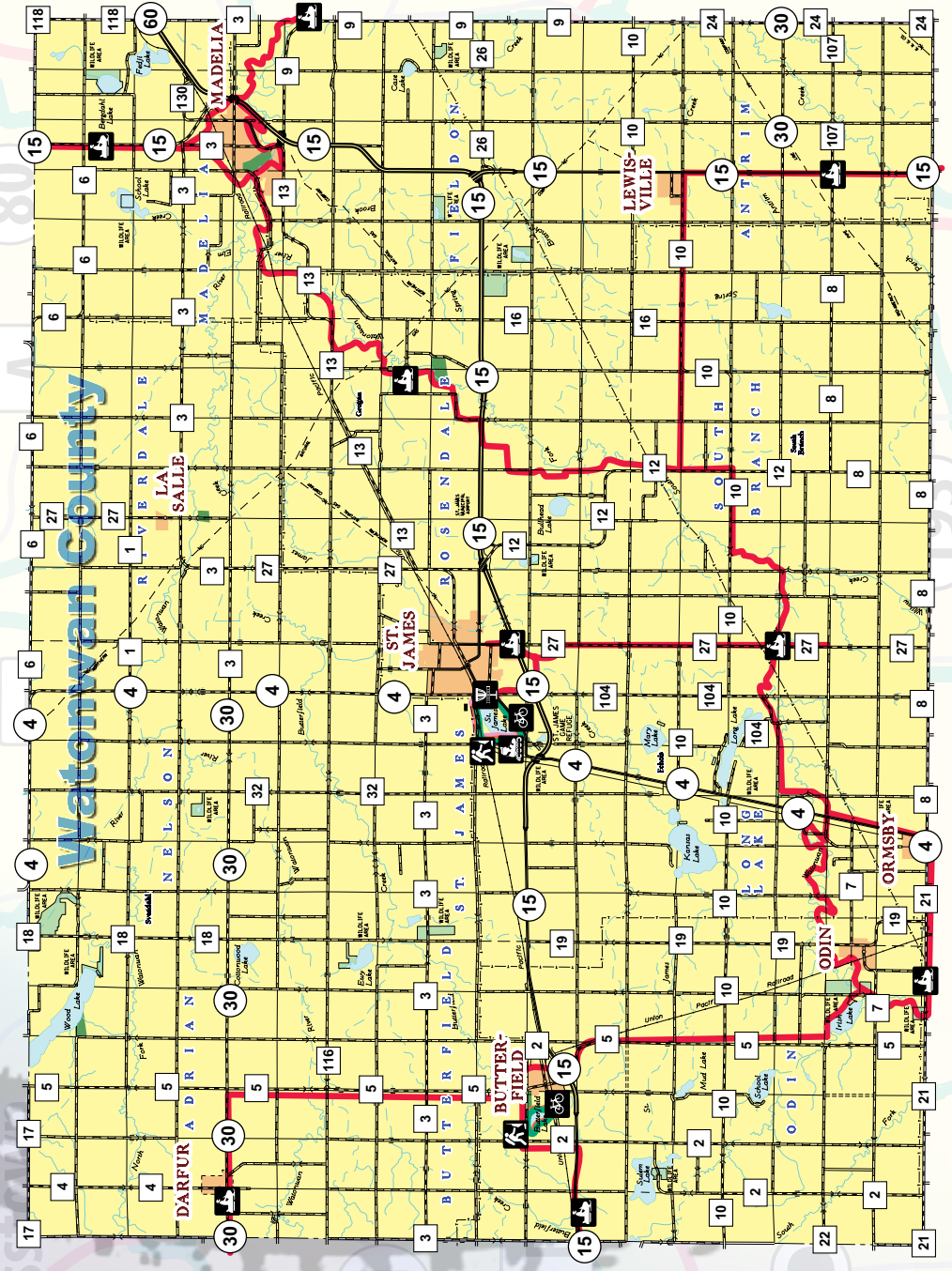
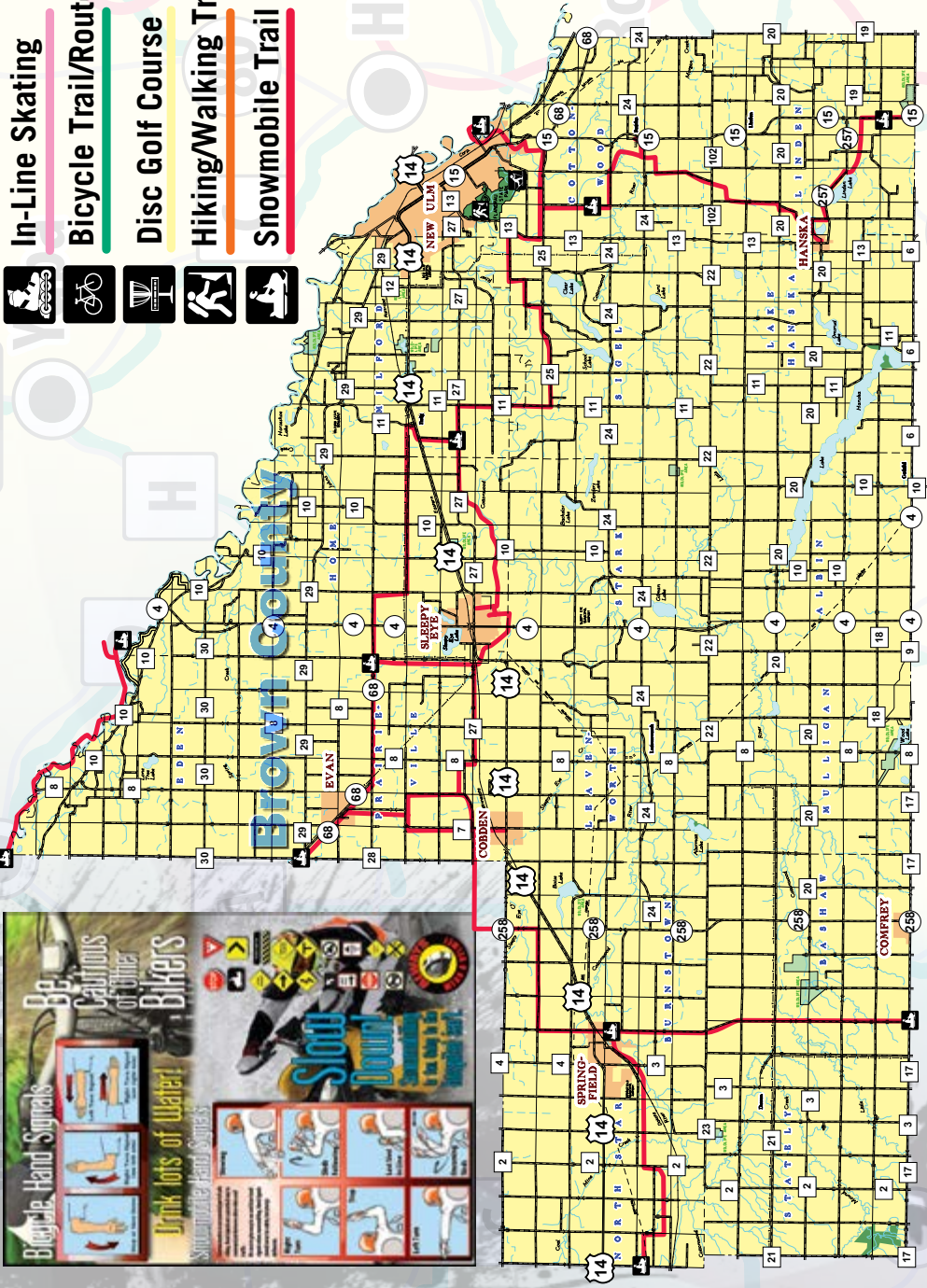
Be Cautious of Other Bikers

Slow Down

Drink lots of Water!

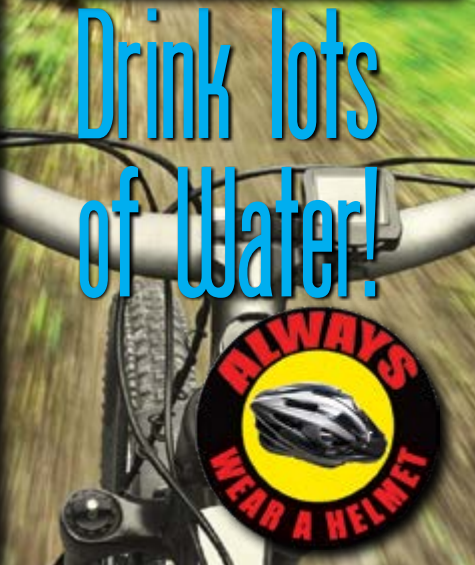
Bicycle Hand Signals

Slow Down



Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

PORK *Carnitas* TACOS



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs pork shoulder, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 onion, diced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp chili powder
1 tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 orange, juiced
1 lime, juiced
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
Corn tortillas
Toppings of your choice (such as chopped onions, diced tomatoes, sliced avocado, shredded lettuce, sour cream, and salsa)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat some oil over medium-high heat. Add the pork and sear until browned on all sides.
- 2 Add the diced onion, minced garlic, and minced jalapeño pepper to the pot. Cook until the onion is softened and the garlic is fragrant, about 3-5 minutes.
- 3 Add the ground cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, salt, and black pepper to the pot. Stir to coat the pork and vegetables with the spices.
- 4 Add the orange juice, lime juice, and enough water to cover the pork by about an inch. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 2-3 hours or until the pork is very tender.
- 5 Remove the lid and continue to simmer until the liquid has reduced and the pork is browned and crispy on the outside.
- 6 Use two forks to shred the pork into bite-sized pieces. Stir in the chopped cilantro.
- 7 To serve, warm up the corn tortillas and place some of the pork carnitas on each tortilla. Add your desired toppings and serve immediately.

Enjoy your delicious
pork carnitas tacos!

PREP: 20 MIN • TOTAL: 2+ HOURS

BARBECUE

- KEEP YOUR GRILL GRATE CLEAN
- DON'T USE LIGHTER FLUID
- HEAT UP YOUR GRILL BEFORE YOU START
- KEEP THE LID DOWN WHILE COOKING
- MEAT COOKS BETTER WHEN AT ROOM TEMPERATURE
- DON'T OVER CROWD THE GRILL WITH TOO MANY ITEMS
- DON'T CONSTANTLY FLIP YOUR FOOD



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