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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Bridal Expo | La Crosse
Gun Show | La Crosse
Midwest Farm Show | La Crosse
Winter Rec Fest | La Crosse
Midwest Farm Show | La Crosse
Winter Rec Fest | La Crosse
Junior Ski Jumpers Competition | Westby
Great Tri-State Rail Sale | La Crosse

FEBRUARY

Ice Fishing Contest | Mondovi
Tuna Hotdish Smackdown | Stockholm
Festival of Arts | Alma
Yes Holmen | Holmen
Snowflake Ski Jump | Westby
Boat, Sport, Travel, RV and Hunting Show | La Crosse
Mardi Gras Costume Ball | La Crosse
Greater La Crosse Golf Expo | La Crosse
Family Fest | La Crosse

MARCH

Alma Fireman's Chili Feed
Spring Equinox Festival | Stockholm
Stockholm St. Patrick's Day Parade
Shamrock Shuffle | Mondovi Sweet, Sweet Spring | Coon Valley
La Crosse Area Home & Builders Show
Custom Auto Show | La Crosse
Flea Market | La Crosse
Greater La Crosse Golf Show
Model Railroad Show | La Crosse
Spring String Festival | La Crosse
St. Patrick's Day Parade | La Crosse
Polar Plunge | La Crosse
Maple Syrup Fest | Lanesboro

APRIL

Lefse Time Anniversary Event | Fountain City
Easter Egg Hunt | Alma
Flood Run | Alma
Alma Ice Break
Village Wide Rummage Sale | Trempealeau
Antique Show | La Crosse
Beer, Wine & Cheese Festival | La Crosse
Wellness Expo | La Crosse
Wisconsin Rumble | La Crosse
Easter Egg Hunt | Westby
Carve In 2 at Bekkum Library | Westby
Frokost Norwegian Breakfast | Westby
Harlem Globe Trotters | La Crosse

MAY

100 Mile Garage Sale | Throughout the Area
Great River Birding & Nature Festival | Alma
Broiler Days | Arcadia
Memorial Ride | Arcadia
Kids with Cancer Event | Osseo
Fresh Art Spring Tour | Pepin
Blues Bash | Trempealeau
Hipbreaker Bike Tour | Trempealeau
Reggae Fest | Trempealeau
Wienerfest | La Crosse
Blues Bash | La Crosse
La Crosse Fitness Festival
May Faire | La Crosse
River to Ridge Run/Walk | La Crosse
Riverside Family Fun Fair | La Crosse
Annual WAMO Dart Tournament | La Crosse
Midwest Music Fest | La Crosse
Vernon Trails Annual Community Bike Ride
Viroqua Main Street Arts & Crafts Crawl
Syttende Mai Norwegian Festival | Westby
Syttende Mai Banquet & Coronation | Westby
West Salem Village-Wide Rummage Sale
Midwest Tenkara Fest | Coon Valley

JUNE

Summer Festival | Alma
Strawberry Festival | Alma Center
Durand Funfest
Trout Day Celebration | Fountain City
Bass Tournament | Fountain City
Rhubarb Festival | Fountain City
Music in the Park | Pepin
Tour de Pepin | Pepin
Festival Foods Salute to the 4th | La Crosse
Freedom Fest | La Crosse
Island Days | La Crosse
Mid Summer Dance | La Crosse
Artspire | La Crosse
Ranger Rally | La Crosse
Veteran's Memorial Ride | La Crosse
Watercross Races | La Crosse
La Crosse Area Day
Lobsterfest | La Crosse
Norskedalen's Midsummer Fest
Coulee Rock Club Gem & Mineral Show | Onalaska
Upper Mississippi Outdoor Expo | Onalaska
Celebrate Onalaska | Onalaska
Butterfest | Sparta
Rock & Gem Show | Viroqua
Hamburgers in the Park | Westby
City-Wide Garage Sale | Westby
Dairy Days | West Salem
Winneshiek Landing Day | DeSoto

JULY

Catfish Days | Trempealeau
Pepin County Junior Fair | Arkansaw
NTPA Regional Tractor Pull | Ettrick
Trempealeau County Fair | Galesville
Mondovi Friendship Days
Stockholm Art Fair
Art Fair on the Green | La Crosse

JULY (CONTD)

Barron Island Rendezvous | La Crosse
La Crosse Interstate Fair
Jazz Party & Art Show in the Park | La Crosse
Krazy Daze | La Crosse
Rail Fair | La Crosse
Riverfest | La Crosse
Catgut Paddle | La Crosse
Youth Outdoor Fest | La Crosse
Outdoor Art Fair | Onalaska
4th of July Fireworks | La Farge, Westby
Bluegrass & Gospel Festival | Viroqua
Maxwell Street Days | Viroqua
A Sprint Triathlon | Viroqua
Driftless Music Festival | Viroqua
Westby's Garden Party
Norskedalen Fair & Soiree | Westby

AUGUST

Alma Rod & Gun Club Horse Pull
Blues on the Chippewa | Durand
Car Show and Cruise | Durand
Ettrick Fun Days
Lions Club Festival | Fountain City
Polka Fest | Fountain City
Team Bass & Walleye Tournament | Fountain City
Battle of the Tongs | Fountain City
Buffalo County Fair | Mondovi
Bangor Lions Fun Daze
Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull
Labor Day Celebration | Hillsboro
Kornfest | Holmen
Lions Car Show | Holmen
Miss Holmen Pageant
WI High School Regional Rodeo | Holmen
Bark in the Park | La Crosse
Centurytel's Sand on the Riverfront | La Crosse

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

AUGUST (CONTD)

Great River Folk Festival | La Crosse
 Great River Jazz Fest | La Crosse
 Irishfest | La Crosse
 Pride Fest | La Crosse
 Coulee Con | La Crosse
 Wild West Days | Viroqua
 Snowflake Open Golf Tournament | Westby
 Canoe and Du | West Salem

SEPTEMBER

Alma Music & Art Festival
 Taste of Durand Fall Festival
 Old Time Farm Fest | Fountain City
 City-Wide Garage Sale | Galesville
 Rocco's Memorial Gun Show | Onalaska
 Lake Pepin Food, Wine & Cider Festival |
 Pepin
 Laura Ingalls Wilder Days | Pepin
 Village Wide Rummage Sale | Trempealeau
 Tri-Quest | Holmen
 Applefest | La Crescent
 Elvis Explosion | La Crosse
 Lipizzaner Stallions | La Crosse
 Between the Bluffs Plein Air Festival |
 La Crosse
 La Crosse Storytelling Festival
 Rocco's Memorial Gun Show | Onalaska
 Cranberry Festival | Warrens
 Bicycle Festival | La Crosse

OCTOBER

Alma Area Museum Quilt Show
 Haunted Halloween Walk | Alma
 Kinstone Open House | Fountain City
 Not-So-Spooky Hike | Fountain City
 Apple Affair | Galesville
 Apple Affair Bike Tour | Galesville
 Fall Fresh Art Tour | Pepin

OCTOBER (CONTD)

Fields of Terror | Pepin
 Flyway Film Festival | Pepin
 Honeycrisp Hootenanny | Trempealeau
 Historic Downtown La Crosse Day
 UW-La Crosse Centennial Celebration
 UW-La Crosse Homecoming Weekend
 Viroqua Partners City-Wide Rummage Sale
 Viroqua Partners Safe Trick-or-Treat
 Outdoor Quilt Show | Westby
 Oktoberfest | La Crosse

NOVEMBER

Tundra Swan Watch | Alma
 Holiday Fair | La Crosse
 Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner | La
 Crosse
 Majesty of Christmas Pageant | Holmen
 Holiday Fair | La Crosse
 Thanksgiving Day Dinner | La Crosse
 Viroqua Fire Dept. Toys For Tots Chili Supper
 Viroqua Partners Twinkle Fest
 Fall Bazaar | Westby
 Rotary Holiday Lights | La Crosse

DECEMBER

Holiday House Walk | Alma
 Hometown Holiday with Santa | Alma
 Durand Dazzle Day
 Illuminated Parade | Durand
 Stockholm Country Christmas
 CFC PTO School Holiday Show | Fountain City
 Caroling of the Choirs | Viroqua
 Old Fashioned Christmas | Westby

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

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 County Clerk785-9581
 County Surveyor.....785-9626
 County Treasurer.....785-9711
 Emergency Management.....789-4811
 Emergency Services Department785-9634
 Facilities Department.....785-9770
 Finance Department.....785-9580
 Health Department.....785-9872
 Highway Department.....786-3810
 Human Services.....785-5875
 Information Technology.....785-9601
 Land Conservation Department785-9867
 Parks (Shelter Reservations)785-9770
 Sheriff.....785-9629
 Solid Waste.....785-9572
 Veterans Service785-9719

VERNON COUNTY

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 Attorney637-5357
 County Clerk.....637-5380
 County Treasurer.....637-5365
 Health Department.....637-5251
 Highway Department.....637-5452
 Human Services.....637-5210
 Information Technology.....637-5310
 Land & Water Conservation.....637-5480
 Sheriff.....637-2123
 Solid Waste.....634-2900
 Veterans Service.....637-5274

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

BUFFALO COUNTY

Aging & Disability	(608) 685-6324
Child Support	685-6322
Clerk Of Court	685-6212
Coroner	685-4433
Corporation Counsel	685-6236
County Clerk	685-6209
Court Administration	685-6234
District Attorney	685-6236
Emergency Management	685-6298
Extension	685-6256
Health & Human Services	685-4412
Highway	685-6226
Historical Society	685-6290
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Land Information Services	685-6285
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Natural Resources	685-6224
Recycling	685-6298
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Register of Probate	685-6202
Sheriff	685-4433
Surveyor	685-6232
Treasurer	685-6215
Veterans Services	685-6219
Zoning	685-6218

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

Aging & Disability	(715) 538-2001
Child Support	538-2311 Ext. 312
Circuit Court	538-2311 Ext. 5
Corporation Counsel	538-2311 Ext. 245
County Clerk	538-2311 Ext. 201
Emergency Management	538-2311 Ext. 215
Extension	538-2311 Ext. 208
Information Systems	538-2311 Ext. 334
District Attorney	538-2311 Ext. 279
Human Resources	538-2311 Ext. 224
Land Management	538-2311 Ext. 223
Land Records	538-2311 Ext. 343
Maintenance	538-2311 Ext. 282
Public Health	538-2311 Ext. 6
Register of Deeds	538-2311 Ext. 244
Senior Services	538-2311 Ext. 250
Sheriff	538-4509
Treasurer	538-2311 Ext. 219
Veterans Services	538-2311 Ext. 217

PEPIN COUNTY

Child Support	(715) 672-8941
Circuit Court	672-8861
County Clerk	672-8857
District Attorney	672-8939
Economic Development	672-5709
Extension Office	672-5214
Health Department	672-5961
Highway Office	672-8171
Human Services	672-8941
Land Conservation	672-8665
Natural Resources	672-8476
Recycling	672-8704
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Trempealeau County's name is derived from the French phrase "La Montagne Qui Trempe Dans L'Eau" which translates to "Mountain that is steeped in Water." The area received its name in 1731 and was based off of the mountain that is found near the village of Trempealeau that is surrounded by water. The first permanent settlers were fur traders who arrived in 1840s looking to establish new trading posts. Early on business and industry revolved around fur trading. Eventually agriculture replaced the trading industry as the largest in the county. By 1900 Trempealeau County had a population of 23,114 people. Today Trempealeau County is home to approximately 27,754 residents.

CITIES:

ARCADIA – pop. 2,925
BLAIR – pop. 1,246
GALESVILLE – pop. 1,481
INDEPENDENCE – pop. 1,336
OSSEO – pop. 1,629
WHITEHALL (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,558

VILLAGES:

ETTRICK – pop. 501
PIGEON FALLS – pop. 387
PRESTON – pop. 966
STRUM – pop. 1,024
TREMPEALEAU – pop. 1,518

TOWNS:

ALBION – pop. 670
ARCADIA – pop. 1,693

TOWNS (CONTD):

BURNSIDE – pop. 572
CALEDONIA – pop. 795
CHIMNEY ROCK – pop. 322
DODGE – pop. 439
ELEVA – pop. 637
ETTRICK – pop. 1,377
GALE – pop. 1,511
GALESVILLE – pop. 1,447
HALE – pop. 1,075
INDEPENDENCE – pop. 1,212
LINCOLN – pop. 864
PIGEON – pop. 953
SUMNER – pop. 846
TREMPEALEAU – pop. 1,627
UNITY – pop. 558
WHITEHALL – pop. 1,600

**Populations are approximate.*

ARCADIA

Arcadia was founded in 1855 by four men from Dodge County who came looking to set up a new area for trade and business. The community was originally named Bishop's Settlement, after the town's founder. The town was renamed Arcadia after the area had reminded a settler of the mountainous region in Greece by the same name. The railroad was completed in the area in 1873 and with it brought in larger populations of people. One year later the town was officially platted on January 27, 1874. Today Arcadia is home to approximately 2,925 residents.

GALESVILLE

Galesville was named in honor of Judge George Gale. The community grew fast and was founded, settled and platted in 1854. Galesville was named the first county seat of Trempealeau County soon after it was platted. The community lost the county seat in 1876 to Whitehall which took away some hotel and legal business. The railroad came through the area in 1883 bringing in larger populations and business continued to thrive. Today Galesville is home to approximately 1,481 residents.

OSSEO

Osseo's name was derived from the Indian word "ossi" which translates to "stone". The name is also featured in the "Song of Hiawatha" and "Osseo the son of the evening star", two songs that were created by Native Americans. The first homes in Osseo were built in 1860, and all the timber for the buildings were made from jack pines native to the area. Early settlers were of Norwegian descent and brought with them a rich heritage to the area. A mill was established soon after settlement and offered jobs for members of the community. A village hall was later built in 1936. Soon after Osseo was incorporated as a city in 1941. The city's Norwegian heritage is still visible today with the celebrating of many Norwegian traditions and festivals. Today Osseo is home to approximately 1,629 residents.

WHITEHALL (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1855 the first pioneers, who were attracted to the ample natural resources, reached the Whitehall area. As rail lines were built in the 1870s, Whitehall was a major stop and the access to transportation appealed to the new settlers. The community was a major trading area in the county thanks to the new busy railroad. The area began to develop and by the 1880s Whitehall housed a mill, tobacco warehouse, a creamery, a pickling station, three elevators, two banks and a newspaper. Whitehall was later incorporated in 1887 and continued to grow. Today Whitehall is home to approximately 1,558 residents.



Pepin County was originally inhabited by Dakota Indians who lived in the area for thousands of years before the first European settlers came in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. Originally Pepin County was parts of both Chippewa and Dunn Counties but was later separated on February 25, 1858 when it was created by a special act of the Wisconsin Legislature. Many of the early settlers were attracted to the rich fertile soil that was used for agriculture. Pepin County's proximity to the Mississippi River also was a major attraction that helped draw people to the area. Railroads and steamboat travel helped bring in larger populations to the area making Pepin County an industrial and commercial hub. By 1900 Pepin County had a population of 7,905 residents. Today Pepin County is home to approximately 7,293 residents.

CITIES:

DURAND (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,931

VILLAGES:

PEPIN – pop. 837

STOCKHOLM – pop. 66

TOWNS:

ALBANY – pop. 662

DURAND – pop. 694

FRANKFORT – pop. 386

LIMA – pop. 758

PEPIN – pop. 580

STOCKHOLM – pop. 75

WATERVILLE – pop. 878

WAUBEEK – pop. 432

**Populations are approximate.*

DURAND (COUNTY SEAT)

Durand was first settled in 1856 when Miles Durand Prindle came up on the Chippewa River. Prindle platted the land and named the city after himself. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the area and schools, churches and businesses were established. The first post office was established in 1858 and the community was incorporated as a village in 1871. Eventually Durand was incorporated as a city on April 12, 1887. Durand became the largest wheat growing producer in the area, making it one of the more prosperous communities in the county. A boom in population increased when a steel bridge was constructed in 1902 that crossed the Chippewa River making travel easier for everyone in the community. Today Durand is home to approximately 1,931 residents.

PEPIN

Pepin was first settled in 1846 by two French brothers who were trappers named Pepin. The community was known as a steamboat boom town and was the summer home of wealthy Chicago socialites and famous author Mark Twain. Pepin is also credited as the hometown of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of "Little House in the Big Woods" and "Little House on the Prairie". The fishing industry was very prominent for the town. In the 1890s, Pepin would annually bring in \$125,000 to \$250,000 with most of the fish being sent to New York. Today Pepin is home to approximately 837 residents.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm was first settled in 1852 by Eric Peterson, a farmer who came to the area because of the fertile land for agriculture. The post office was established years later in 1860. The community was incorporated in 1903 and as businesses were established the community continued to grow. Today Stockholm is home to approximately 66 residents.

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The first settlement in Buffalo County was in Fountain City in 1939. Before white settlers arrived, the area was inhabited by Dakota and Sioux Indians. Many early settlers were attracted to the abundance of trees for timber. The lumber industry became very prosperous in the county and aided the arrival of railroads and steamboat traffic on the Mississippi River. With the decline of the lumber industry towards the end of the 1800s agriculture became very prominent and was the largest industry in the county. Wheat was the main crop, making Buffalo County one of the largest exporters of wheat in Wisconsin. By 1900 Buffalo County had a population of 16,765 people. Today Buffalo County is home to approximately 13,425 residents.

CITIES:

ALMA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 781

BUFFALO CITY – pop. 1,013

FOUNTAIN CITY – pop. 992

MONDOVI – pop. 2,561

VILLAGES:

COCHRANE – pop. 390

NELSON – pop. 372

TOWNS:

ALMA – pop. 389

BELVIDERE – pop. 442

BUFFALO – pop. 657

CANTON – pop. 316

CROSS – pop. 378

DOVER – pop. 534

GILMANTON – pop. 472

GLENCOE – pop. 492

LINCOLN – pop. 864

MAXVILLE – pop. 343

MILTON – pop. 518

MODENA – pop. 321

MONDOVI – pop. 453

MONTANA – pop. 314

NAPLES – pop. 591

NELSON – pop. 603

WAUMANDEE – pop. 525

**Populations are approximate.*

ALMA (COUNTY SEAT)

Alma was first settled in 1848 by two Swiss men who came to the area to cut wood which would be used as fuel for steamboats. They built a shack and decided to stay. The original name for the community was Twelve Mile Bluff because of the steep river bluffs that the city was built under. The name was changed to Alma after the battle on the Alma River in 1854 that took place in Russia and the community was selected as the county seat. Railroads arrived in 1885 and brought larger populations as well as business and industry. Another large increase in the population came after the U.S. Lock and Dam #4 was built in 1935 and after the Dairyland Power Cooperative plant was established. Today Alma is home to approximately 781 residents.

BUFFALO CITY

Buffalo City was chartered in 1859, making it the oldest incorporated city in Buffalo County. At one time it was the smallest city in the United States. Buffalo City was named after the county as well as after three brothers who raised buffalo on top of the bluffs that overlooks the city. Today Buffalo City is home to approximately 1,013 residents.

FOUNTAIN CITY

Originally named Holmes Landing, Fountain City was the home of the first permanent settlement in Buffalo County in 1839. Holmes Landing was named in honor of a family of the first settlers who often traded with the Sioux and Chippewa Indian tribes. Original industries in the area included timber and farming. The community was incorporated as a city in 1889 and businesses, churches and schools were established. Its name was changed to Fountain City shortly after incorporation because it had many water streams that are found north of the city. Old Time Farm Fest takes place every labor day weekend in the town to celebrate the rich history of agriculture. Today Fountain City is home to approximately 992 residents.

MONDOVI

Mondovi was first settled in 1855 by Harvey P. Farrington, a businessman from the eastern United States. The first store was established shortly after in 1857. The populations increased with the arrival of the railroad to the community. The North Western Line Railroad laid its tracks through the town and established a station. The community was a prosperous railroad community and became an important shipping area for most of the county. This soon led to Mondovi becoming the largest town in the county after its incorporation in 1899. Agriculture also played an important role for the residents of Mondovi. Main crops included, oats barley and wheat. Today Mondovi is home to approximately 2,561 residents.



The first permanent settler in the area was fur trader Nathan Myrick in 1841. He set up a trading post with Eben Weld on what was referred to at the time as Barron's Island. The lumber industry began over-taking the fur trade business and by 1848 Myrick had noted that there were already eleven sawmills on the Black River. La Crosse became the main site for cargo boats to unload their goods. Local merchants were middlemen, collecting commission for storing and forwarding goods. The growing demand for boats to be built and fixed became an important industry which helped the village grow. La Crosse County was formed from Crawford County in 1851. In 1856 the La Crosse settlement became a city and the first mayoral election took place with Thomas Benton Stoddard as the first mayor of La Crosse. The La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad was completed in October of 1858 and the Southern Minnesota Railroad was built from Wells, Minnesota, connecting La Crosse to the west. Eventually bridges were built across the Mississippi River ending the need for ferries. By 1900 La Crosse County had a population of 42,997. Today, La Crosse County is home to approximately 111,791 residents with the city of La Crosse as the county seat.

CITIES:

LA CROSSE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 51,840

ONALASKA – pop. 16,644

VILLAGES:

BANGOR – pop. 1,400

HOLMEN – pop. 7,342

ROCKLAND – pop. 628

WEST SALEM – pop. 4,731

TOWNS:

BANGOR – pop. 583

BARRE – pop. 1,014

BURNS – pop. 979

CAMPBELL – pop. 4,441

FARMINGTON – pop. 1,733

GREENFIELD – pop. 1,538

HAMILTON – pop. 2,301

HOLLAND – pop. 3,042

MEDARY – pop. 1,455

ONALASKA – pop. 7,658

SHELBY – pop. 4,592

WASHINGTON – pop. 738

**Populations are approximate.*

CAMPBELL

In 1851, the town of Campbell was settled. It was named for former Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, Erasmus D. Campbell. In May of 1851 one of the area's first settlers Joseph French arrived. Most of the settlers were of French Canadian descent, primarily from Quebec. They settled the area that is part of a large island bordered by the Mississippi and Black Rivers and Lake Onalaska. The island is known as "French Island". Today, Campbell is home to approximately 4,441 residents.

LA CROSSE (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1841 La Crosse was settled by fur traders. They had a trading post and traded heavily with the Ho-Chunk Native Americans. In 1848 the lumber industry over-took the fur trade. The town grew rapidly at this point, expanding from six to eight homes, to a population of 745 in a three year period. On March 14th, 1856 La Crosse became a city as well as county seat. Today, La Crosse is home to approximately 51,840 residents.

ONALASKA

In 1851, Onalaska was founded by Thomas G. Rowe, a New York Native. Rowe named the settlement Onalaska after a favorite poem titled, "The Pleasures of Hope," by Thomas Campbell. The site of Onalaska is located on a ridge that overlooks Lake Onalaska, the Black River, the Mississippi River and the bluffs three miles away in Minnesota. Early industry was led by lumbering, but today the community is widely recognized as the sunfish capital of the world. Today, Onalaska is home to approximately 16,644 residents.

ROCKLAND

The first settlers landed in the area in the mid 1800s. They were primarily of German, Dutch and Irish descent. They cleared the forested land and built homes and farms. As the population grew, small businesses became established which included a sawmill, a feed mill and several cheese factories. The first town meeting was held in 1856. The town had only five one-room school houses until the 1960's when they were included into surrounding school districts. Today, Rockland is home to approximately 628 residents.

WEST SALEM

The first settler Thomas Leonard arrived in 1851. He moved to the area from New England and along with his family, built the first log cabin on the settlement. A neighboring village, Neshonoc, was founded by Monroe Palmer. There was a rival between the two towns until the railroad arrived. Leonard donated his land to the railroad and a depot was built there, meanwhile Palmer wanted the railroad to buy his land. Leonard's village over-took Neshonoc when most of its settlers moved to what was to become West Salem. The name originally suggested for Leonard's village was Rupert however, West Salem was the name that was chosen. Today, West Salem is home to approximately 4,731 residents.



Vernon County was named after president George Washington's home Mt. Vernon and the green pastures located throughout the area. Vernon County was originally named Bad Axe County but it was renamed in 1862 because residents thought "Bad Axe" was considered unfavorable. Early on Vernon County was formed from portions of Richland and Crawford counties. The first settlers arrived to the area in the spring of 1844. John McCullough was considered the first settler of Vernon County which was then part of Crawford County. Many settlers were farmers and were attracted to the lush lands for agriculture as well as the Mississippi River to the west. Populations increased with the rise of agriculture and the introduction of steamboats in the upper Mississippi River. In 1900 Vernon County had a population of 28,351. Today Vernon County is home to approximately 29,324 residents with the city of Viroqua as the county seat.

CITIES:

VIROQUA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,335

WESTBY – pop. 2,045

VILLAGES:

CHASEBURG – pop. 306

COON – pop. 683

COON VALLEY – pop. 714

DE SOTO – pop. 366

GENOA – pop. 263

LA FARGE – pop. 775

ONTARIO – pop. 476

READSTOWN – pop. 395

STODDARD – pop. 799

VIOLA – pop. 667

TOWNS:

BERGEN – pop. 1,317

CHRISTIANA – pop. 871

TOWNS (Cont).

CLINTON – pop. 1,354

FOREST – pop. 583

FRANKLIN – pop. 923

GREENWOOD – pop. 770

HAMBURG – pop. 848

HARMONY – pop. 739

HILLSBORO – pop. 1,302

JEFFERSON – pop. 974

KICKAPOO – pop. 566

LIBERTY – pop. 167

STARK – pop. 349

STERLING – pop. 713

UNION – pop. 531

WEBSTER – pop. 676

WHEATLAND – pop. 533

WHITESTOWN – pop. 509

**Populations are approximate.*

DE SOTO

De Soto was originally recognized as Winneshiek Landing until it was renamed "Desoto" in honor of Hernando De Soto who discovered the Mississippi River. Early industry was led by logging and businesses included sawmills, breweries, hotels, a creamery and a variety of specialty shops. Its proximity to the Mississippi River allowed for easy transport of goods and the area continued to develop until the arrival of the railroad in 1882 which halted river traffic. Today De Soto is home to approximately 366 residents.

HILLSBORO

In 1850 the earliest settlers to the area began to arrive. Hillsboro was named after early settlers Valentia Hill and his brothers. One of the first businesses was the saw mill which was followed by a grist mill on the Baraboo River. From there a blacksmith, hotel and school were established. In the 1880s the first creameries were established and the first hospital was established in 1911. Today Hillsboro is home to approximately 1,302 residents.

LA FARGE

The first post office in the La Farge area was established in 1863 a few miles south of its present site. The first postmaster Mr. S.W. Green named the post office La Farge after coming across the French name in a book. The post office was relocated to an area referred to as De Jean's Corners, and from there the village got its start. The first hotel The La Farge House was established in 1895. Soon after a photography studio, general store and a stave and heading factory were also established. The railroad was built through the village in 1897 and the community began to thrive and was incorporated in 1899. Today La Farge is home to approximately 775 residents.

VIROQUA (COUNTY SEAT)

Moses Decker Viroqua's first settler arrived in 1846 along with his sons built a cabin. The village was platted in 1850 by Samuel McMichael and in 1851 Decker, along with the community constructed a house that was needed for a meeting place. It also served as a courthouse and later became a school and a church. In 1852 Decker donated forty acres of land to help Viroqua become the new county seat of Vernon. Today Viroqua remains the county seat and is home to approximately 4,335 residents.

WESTBY

The Westby area was originally occupied by the Sac, Fox and Winnebago Indian tribes. Their population decreased in the area after the Black Hawk War of 1832. In 1837 the Winnebago ceded all their land that was east of the Mississippi to the United States and in 1848, Norwegian immigrants began settling in the area. Ole T. Westby established a general store in 1867. When the railroad was built through the area, a station was built and named Westby, honoring Ole T. Westby. In 1896 Westby became incorporated as a village and was incorporated as a city in 1920. Today Westby is home to approximately 2,045 residents.

BLACK HAWK PARK

De Soto | (608) 648-3314

Located in De Soto, Black Hawk Park features camping, canoe, boat and motor rentals, backwater flatbottom rides, and boat launches.

DUCK EGG COUNTY FOREST

Irish Ridge Rd. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7335

Located in Viroqua, Duck Egg County Forest offers fishing, hunting, hiking and horseback riding.

ESOFEA/RENTZ MEMORIAL PARK

Park Rd. | Westby | (608) 634-3037

Located in Westby, Rentz Memorial Park features 16 rustic campsites, 8 electric campsites, 4 full hookup RV sites, hiking trail, picnic shelter, trout pond, open areas for softball or kickball or volleyball, and a section of the North Fork Bad Axe River running through it.

GOOSE ISLAND PARK

W6488 Cty. Rd. G1 | Stoddard | (608) 788-7018

Located in Stoddard, Goose Island Park features a campground, Canoe and Kayak rentals, a boat launch, playground equipment, a swimming beach, nature trails, volleyball and basketball courts, and a miniature golf course.

HOLDEN PARK

Arkansaw | (715) 672-8665

Located in Durand, Holden Park features 18 campsites, rifle ranges, fishing opportunities, a swimming beach and picnic areas.

JERSEY VALLEY COUNTY PARK

Co. Rd. X | Westby | (608) 637-5485

Located in Westby, Jersey Valley County Park features a man-made lake, beach, swimming area, picnic pavilion and a hiking trail.

KOORYUMJIAN - LOST CREEK COUNTY FOREST

Pine Rd. | Hillsboro | (608) 637-5476

Located in Hillsboro, Kooyumjian - Lost Creek County Forest offers fishing, hunting and hiking.

MERRICK STATE PARK

Fountain City | (608) 687-4936

Located 3 miles north of Fountain City, Merrick State Park offers over 2 miles of hiking trails and cross-country ski trails in the winter months. The park also features fishing, canoeing and camping opportunities as well as excellent wildlife viewing areas.

PERROT STATE PARK

Trempealeau | (608) 534-6409

Located in Trempealeau, Perrot State Park features 12.5 miles of hiking trails and 9 miles of cross-country ski trails. The park also offers kayak and canoe rentals, 102 campsites and a nature center.

PIETREK PARK

Arcadia | (715) 538-2311

Located on 100 acres four miles north of Arcadia, Pietrek Park features nature trails, picnic areas, a picnic shelter, campsites and restroom facilities.

RUNGE HOLLOW RECREATION AREA

County Rd. Y | Westby | (920) 424-3050

Located in Westby, Runge Hollow Recreation Area Features a boat launch and fishing pier.

SIDIE HOLLOW COUNTY PARK

E6051 Co. Rd. Xx | Viroqua | (608) 637-7335

Located 3 miles from the city of Viroqua, Sidie Hollow County Park features 74 campsites, 2 picnic shelters, 38 acre lake, trout streams, fishing piers, a boat launch, multi-use hiking and mountain bike trails and two playground areas.

TAMARACK CREEK BOG NATURAL AREA

Trempealeau | (608) 534-6409

Located in Perrot State Park in Trempealeau, Tamarack Creek Bog Natural Area features hiking and cross-country ski trails and hunting and fishing opportunities.

TIFFANY BOTTOMS WILDLIFE AREA

Nelson | (608) 685-6222

Located on 12,500 acres in Nelson, the Tiffany Bottoms Wildlife Area offers hiking trails and 14 public boat launches. It also offers hunting and fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

TREMPEALEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Centerville | (608) 539-2311

Located on 5,617 acres near Centerville, Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge offers many opportunities to view wildlife. The refuge features hiking trails, bicycle trails, cross-country ski trails, fishing opportunities, and a public boat launch with parking facilities. Hunting is allowed in the refuge with a special permit. Only hand-powered craft and boats with electric motors can be used in the refuge.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE & FISH REFUGE

Onalaska | (608) 783-8405

Located on the Mississippi River near Onalaska, the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge features nature trails, fishing piers, boat launches and wildlife watching opportunities.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

N4668 Cty. Rd. VP | West Salem | (608) 786-4011

Located in West Salem, Veterans Memorial Park features canoeing, fishing opportunities, recreational trails, baseball fields, a beach volleyball court, outdoor shuffleboard, shelter houses, and a campground.

WAYSIDE PARK & COON PRAIRIE TRAIL

Hwy. 14 | Westby

Located in Vernon County, Wayside Park features hiking, biking, in-line skating, jogging, and cross-country skiing.

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

E13660 Hwy. 33 | Ontario | (608) 337-4775

Located in the Kickapoo River Valley, Wildcat Mountain State Park features hiking trails and nature trails, camping sites, horseback riding, and canoe rentals.

HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery and Crossbow ~ Sept. 14 - Jan. 5, 2020
 Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*
 Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a state-wide season. Oct. 5 - 13
 Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 - 6
 Gun ~ Nov. 23 - Dec. 1
 Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 - 11
 December 4-day antlerless hunt ~ Dec. 12 - 15
 Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt
 *Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units. Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2020

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted
 Sept. 4 - Oct. 8
 with aid of bait, with all other legal methods not using dogs
 All other zones where dogs are permitted
 Sept. 4 - 10
 with aid of dogs only
 Sept. 11 - Oct. 1
 with aid of dogs, with aid of bait, with all other legal methods
 Oct. 2 - 8
 with aid of bait, with all other legal methods not using dogs

WILD TURKEY

2019 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 13 - 14
 Spring 2019
 Period A April 17 - 23
 Period B April 24 - 30
 Period C May 1 - 7
 Period D May 8 - 14
 Period E May 15 - 21
 Period F May 22 - 28
 Fall 2019
 Zones 1 - 5 September 14 - Jan. 5, 2020
 Zones 6 - 7 Sept. 14 - Nov. 22

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit
 Northern zone Sept. 14 - Feb. 29, 2020
 Southern zone Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Feb. 29, 2020
 Squirrels (gray and fox) Statewide ~ Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020

FURBEARERS

Coyote
 Hunting: Continuous open season
 Trapping: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
Fox, red and gray
 Hunting: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
 Trapping: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
Beaver
 Trapping:
 Zone A (northwest) Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 Zone B (northeast) Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 Zone C (south) Nov. 2 - Mar. 31, 2020
 Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2020
Mink & Muskrat
 Statewide Oct. 26 - Mar. 8, 2020
 Mississippi River zone Nov. 11 - Mar. 8, 2020
Bobcat
 Hunting:
 Period 1 - Oct. 19 - Dec. 25
 Period 2 - Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Trapping:
 North and south zones, Period 1 Oct. 19 - Dec. 25
 North and south zones, Period 2 Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2020
Fisher North and South Zones Oct. 19 - Jan. 5, 2020
Otter North zone Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 South zone Nov. 2 - Mar. 31, 2020

Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping:
 Resident Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
 Non-resident Nov. 2 - Feb. 15, 2020

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant
 Statewide Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Jan. 5, 2020
Bobwhite quail
 Statewide Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Dec. 11
Ruffed grouse
 Zone A Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Zone B Oct. 19 - Dec. 8
Sharp-tailed grouse Season is under review.
Hungarian partridge Statewide (closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties) Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Jan. 5, 2020

*Please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call:
 1 (888) 936-7463.

The Best of Wisconsin Outdoors

Fishing:

Bass: Pelican Lake, Oneida County
 Walleye: Lake Winnebago, Winnebago County
 Muskellunge: Big Saint Germain Lake, Vilas County
 Northern Pike: Lake Mendota, Dane County

Hiking:

Devil's Lake State Park, Sauk County
 Ice Age Trail, Throughout Wisconsin
 Amnicon Falls State Park, Douglas County
 Copper Falls State Park, Ashland County

Golf Courses:

Whistling Straits, Sheboygan County
 Milwaukee Country Club, Milwaukee County
 Erin Hills, Washington County
 Blackwolf Run, Sheboygan County

Mountain Biking:

Rock Lake, Bayfield County
 Hickory Ridge, Chippewa County
 Alpine Valley, Walworth County
 Pleasant View, Dane County

Skiing:

Bruce Mound, Clark County
 Granite Peak, Marathon County
 Christie Mountain, Rusk County
 Cascade Mountain, Columbia County



Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



Bicycle Pre-Ride Checklist



ARCADIA COUNTRY CLUB

340 Golf Ln. | Arcadia | (608) 323-3626

BANGOR LANES

106 16th Ave. N | Bangor | (608) 486-2015

BIG RIVER THEATER

121 S Main St. | Alma | (608) 685-4859

BLACK RIVER EXPRESS CANOE RENTAL

301 Washington Ave. S | Melrose | (608) 488-7017

BRUSH TROPHY ROOM MUSEUM

W22660 Soby Ln. | Galesville | (608) 539-5030

CASTLEROCK MUSEUM

402 S 2nd St. | Alma | (608) 685-4231

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LA CROSSE

207 5th Ave. S | La Crosse | (608) 784-2652

CLEMENTS FISHING BARGE

108 Main St. | Genoa | (608) 689-2800

DURAND VISITOR THEATRE

110 E Main St. | Durand | (715) 672-3456

EAGLE CAVE RESORT, LLC

16320 Cavern Ln. | Blue River | (608) 537-2988

ELMARO VINEYARD

N14756 Delaney Rd. | Trempealeau | (608) 534-6456

ELMER'S AUTO & TOY MUSEUM

W903 Elmers Rd. | Fountain City | (608) 687-7221

ETTRICK GOLF CLUB

22952 Fairway Ave. | Ettrick | (608) 525-6262

HILLSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Maple St. | Hillsboro | (608) 489-3192

KINSTONE

S3439 Cole Bluff Ln. | Fountain City | (608) 687-3332

LA CROSSE COMMUNITY THEATRE

118 5th Ave. N | La Crosse | (608) 784-9292

LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

145 West Ave. S | La Crosse | (608) 782-1980

LA CROSSE QUEEN CRUISES

405 E Veterans Memorial Dr. | La Crosse | (608) 784-8523

LAURA INGALLS WILDER MUSEUM

306 3rd St. | Pepin | (715) 513-6383

MARCUS LA CROSSE CINEMA

2032 Ward Ave. | La Crosse | (608) 784-1422

MINNESOTA MARINE ART MUSEUM

800 Riverview Dr. | Winona | (507) 474-6626

MISSISSIPPI THUNDER SPEEDWAY

2895 WI-35 | Fountain City | (507) 429-9639

MT. LA CROSSE SKI AREA

N5549 Old Town Hall Rd. | La Crosse | (608) 788-0044

OLD COURTHOUSE MUSEUM

315 W Madison St. | Durand | (715) 672-5653

OLD ST. MARYS CHURCH MUSEUM

606 W Broadway St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7396

PARK BOWL

202 N Main St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7183

PEARL ST BREWERY

1401 Saint Andrew St. | La Crosse | (608) 784-4832

PEPIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

315 W Madison St. | Durand | (715) 672-5423

PEPIN DEPOT MUSEUM

806 3rd St. | Pepin | (715) 442-6501

POLISH CULTURAL INSTITUTE

102 Liberty St. | Winona | (507) 454-3431

RIVOLI THEATRE

117 4th St. N | La Crosse | (608) 785-2058

ROCK IN THE HOUSE

440 N Shore Dr. | Fountain City | (608) 687-6106

ROLLING GREENS GOLF COURSE

1324 W 3rd Ave. | Durand | (715) 672-8139

SAND CREEK BREWING COMPANY

320 Pierce St. | Black River Falls | (715) 284-7553

SERENDIPITY COUNTRY CLUB INC

S4129 Cty. Rd. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7708

SEVEN HAWKS VINEYARDS

17 North St. | Fountain City | (608) 687-9463

SWARTHOUT MUSEUM

112 9th St. S | La Crosse | (608) 782-1980

TEMPLE THEATRE

116 S Main St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-8190

THE FOREAKER SCHOOL

606 W Broadway St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7396

THE GROVE GOLF COURSE

211 Walnut Dr. | Cochrane | (608) 248-2800

THE SHERRY-BUTT HOUSE

795 N Main St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7396

TOP SHOTS POOL & DARTS

137 4th St. S | La Crosse | (608) 782-6622

TOWNSHIP BOWL

S2060 Cty. Hwy. HH | Hillsboro | (608) 489-2272

TREMPEALEAU MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB

W24411 Fairway Dr. | Trempealeau | (608) 534-7417

VALLEY GOLF CLUB

S80 Golf Rd. | Mondovi | (715) 926-4913

VERNON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

410 S Center Ave. | Viroqua | (608) 637-7396

VERNON SQUARE CINEMA

210 Fairgrounds Rd. | Viroqua | (608) 637-5245

VILLA BELLEZZA

1420 3rd St. | Pepin | (715) 442-2424

WALSH GOLF CENTER

4203 Cty. Rd. B | La Crosse | (608) 781-0838

WESTBY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

111 Bekkedal Ave. | Westby | (608) 634-4101

WINGS OVER ALMA NATURE CENTER

118 N Main St. | Alma | (608) 685-3303

10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



2. Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



3. Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



5. The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



7. You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



9. Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



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ALMA

BUFFALO COUNTY CLERK

407 S Second St. | Alma | (608) 685-6209

KWIK TRIP (#802)

603 N Main St. | Alma | (608) 685-3879

ARCADIA

HOWARD'S HARDWARE HANK

379 S Dettloff Dr. | Arcadia | (608) 323-3939

ARCADIA FARM AND HOME

1475 E Wilson Ave. | Arcadia | (608) 323-7744

BLAIR

EXPRESS MART

126 N Spring St. | Blair | (608) 989-2781

CHASEBURG

TIPPY TOE INN

307 Depot St. | Chaseburg | (608) 452-3367

COCHRANE

WAUMANDEE COUNTRY STORE

52017 Cty. Rd. U | Cochrane | (608) 626-3111

DURAND

DURAND TRAVEL STOP

610 Hwy. 10 | Durand | (715) 672-5125

PEPIN COUNTY CLERK

740 W 7th Ave. | Durand | (715) 672-8857

ETTRICK

ETTRICK EXPRESS MART

301 S Washington St. | Ettrick |
(608) 525-2820

FOUNTAIN CITY

KWIK TRIP #835

41 Southshore Dr. | Fountain City |
(608) 687-8591

GALESVILLE

MEGA HOLIDAY (#3732)

17544 N Main St. | Galesville | (608) 582-3300

MIKE'S BAR & GRILL

19833 E Gale Ave. | Galesville | (608) 582-2517

GENOA

CAPTAIN HOOKS BAIT & TACKLE

108 Main St. | Genoa | (608) 689-2800

HILLSBORO

HILLSBORO COUNTY MARKET

E18590 State Hwy. 33 | Hillsboro |
(608) 489-2423

HOLMEN

HOLMEN ACE HARDWARE

205 S Holmen Dr. | Holmen | (608) 526-3361

HOLMEN PAWN & GUN INC

116 Holmen Dr. N | Holmen | (608) 526-3345

HOLMEN (CONTD)

HOLMEN QUICK STOP

402 Holmen Dr. | Holmen | (608) 333-3445

INDEPENDENCE

PIETREK SERVICE STATION

23884 Burrows Rd. | Independence |
(715) 985-3715

LA CROSSE

ACE OF LA CROSSE

4242 Mormon Coulee Rd. | La Crosse |
(608) 788-9950

DICKS SPORTING GOODS 1187

4400 WI 16 | La Crosse | (608) 406-3684

DNR LA CROSSE SERVICE CENTER

3550 Mormon Coulee Rd. | La Crosse |
(608) 785-9020

LA CROSSE COUNTY CLERK

400 4th St. N Rm. 1210 | La Crosse |
(608) 785-9581

QUILLENS ISLAND

201 Sky Harbour Dr. | La Crosse |
(608) 783-6603

WALMART STORE #5127

4622 Mormon Coulee Rd. | La Crosse |
(608) 788-1870

LA FARGE

PREMIER COOPERATIVE

210 W Main St. | La Farge | (608) 625-2324

MONDOVI

MONDOVI ACE HARDWARE

735 E Main St. | Mondovi | (715) 926-4289

MONDOVI HARDWARE CO.

109 S Eau Claire St. | Mondovi |
(715) 926-4289

NELSON

HANDY MART

S110 Hwy. 25 S | Nelson | (715) 673-4344

ONALASKA

EMMAS MIDWAY DELI & BAIT SHOP

N5610 County Rd. OT | Onalaska |
(608) 783-3540

FARM & FLEET OF LA CROSSE

9438 US Hwy. 16 | Onalaska | (608) 781-3130

GANDER OUTDOORS

1200 Crossing Meadows Dr. | Onalaska |
(608) 779-0453

LA CROSSE ARCHERY

1231 Oak Forest Dr. | Onalaska |
(608) 781-7752

SHAFERS BOATS & BAIT LLC

W7221 North Shore Ln. | Onalaska |
(608) 781-3100

WALMART STORE #1679

3107 Market Pl. | Onalaska | (608) 781-8282

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OSSEO

STOCKMAN FARM SUPPLY

12524 Frontage Rd. | Osseo | (715) 597-2805

PEPIN

RIVER ROAD BP

300 3rd St. | Pepin | (715) 442-3033

READSTOWN

KICKAPOO KWIK STOP

Hwy. 14 W | Readstown | (608) 629-5775

STODDARD

GOOSE ISLAND CAMPGROUND

W6488 Cty. Rd. G | Stoddard | (608) 788-7018

WATERS EDGE MOTEL MARINA CAMPGROUND

201 N Pearl St. | Stoddard | (608) 788-7018

STRUM

STRUM CENEX CONVENIENCE STORE

514 E Main St. | Strum | (715) 672-8947

TREMPEALEAU

FAT CAT BAIT & FISHING SUPPLY LLC

11364 Main St. Ste. A5 | Trempealeau | (608) 534-5359

RIVER STOP, LLC

24013 3rd St. | Trempealeau | (608) 534-7400

TREMPEALEAU (CONTD)

TOAD'S COVE CAFE

W25128 State Rd. 54/35 | Trempealeau | (608) 539-2683

VIROQUA

NELSON MILL & AGRI CENTER

217 N Center Ave. | Viroqua | (608) 637-2192

WALMART STORE # 971

1133 N Main St. | Viroqua | (608) 637-8511

WESTBY

PREMIER COOPERATIVE

405 S Main | Westby | (608) 634-3184

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GENERAL INLAND TROUT

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GENERAL INLAND FISHING

May 2 to March 7, 2021

LARGEMOUTH BASS NORTHERN ZONE HARVEST

May 2 to March 7, 2021

SMALLMOUTH BASS NORTHERN ZONE HARVEST

June 20 to June 14

LARGE AND SMALLMOUTH BASS SOUTHERN ZONE HARVEST

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LARGE AND SMALLMOUTH BASS CATCH AND RELEASE

At all other times of the year.

MUSKY - NORTHERN ZONE

May 23 to Dec. 31

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May 2 to Dec. 31

NORTHERN PIKE

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Sept. 5 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS

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Coronavirus COVID-19



HOW IT SPREADS

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, with close contact (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths, eyes or noses of people who are nearby.

WHO'S AT HIGHER RISK

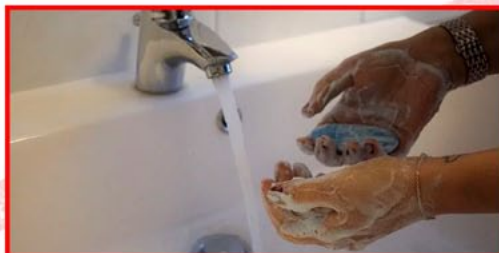
- There is limited information regarding risk factors of this new disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people.

HOW TO PROTECT OTHERS

- Stay home if you're sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick.
- Clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



"Source: CDC"; "Materials developed by CDC", Available on the CDC website for free: www.cdc.gov

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.

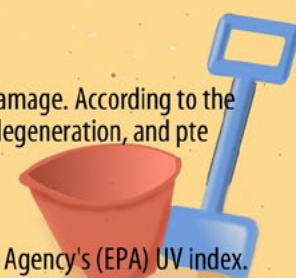
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• 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.

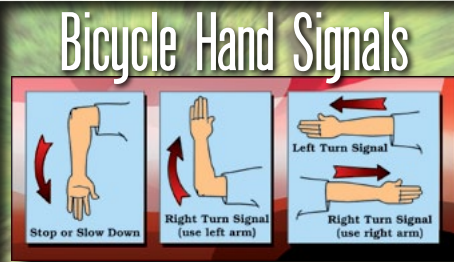
• UV index

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.



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.



Drink lots of Water!



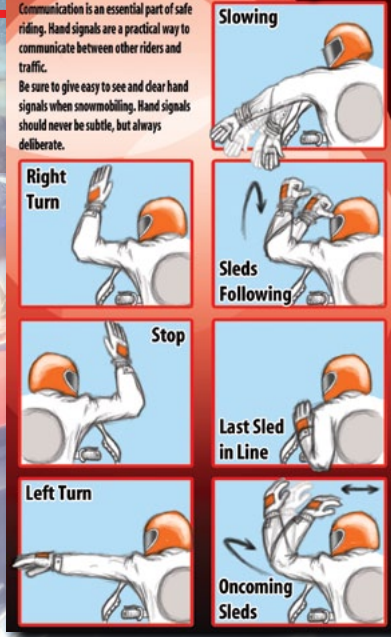
Know Your ATV

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.

- 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

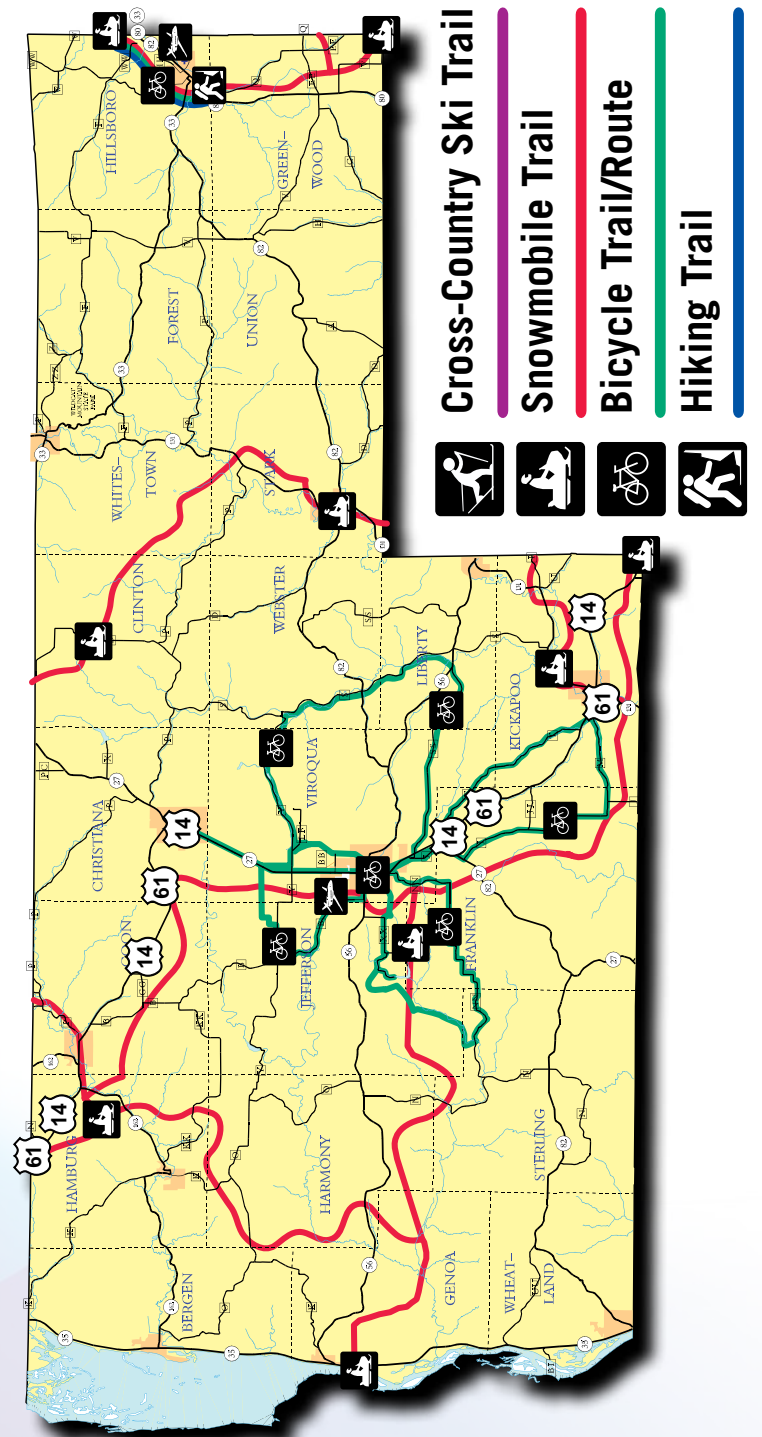
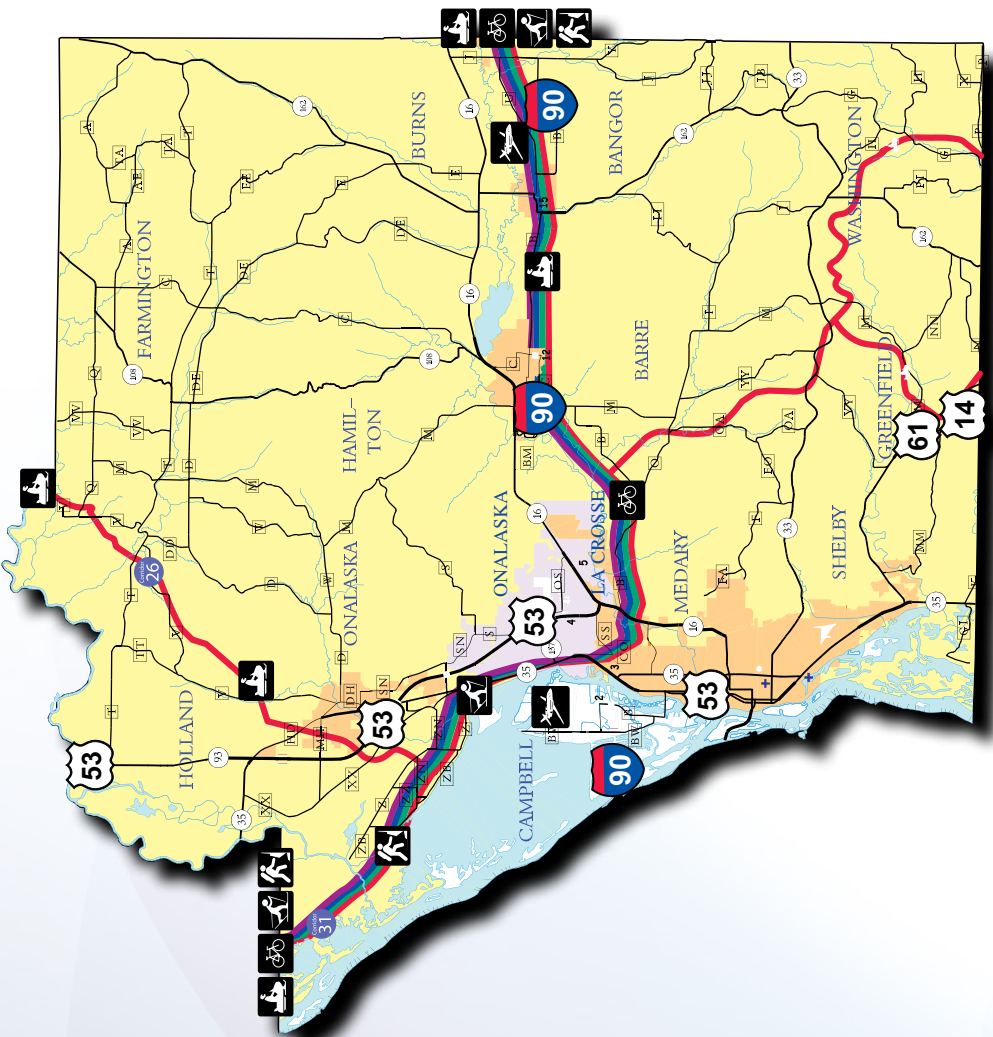




PRIVATE PROPERTY NO TRESPASSING



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.



LA CROSSE COUNTY TRAILS

VERNON COUNTY TRAILS



Cross-Country Ski Trail  

Snowmobile Trail  

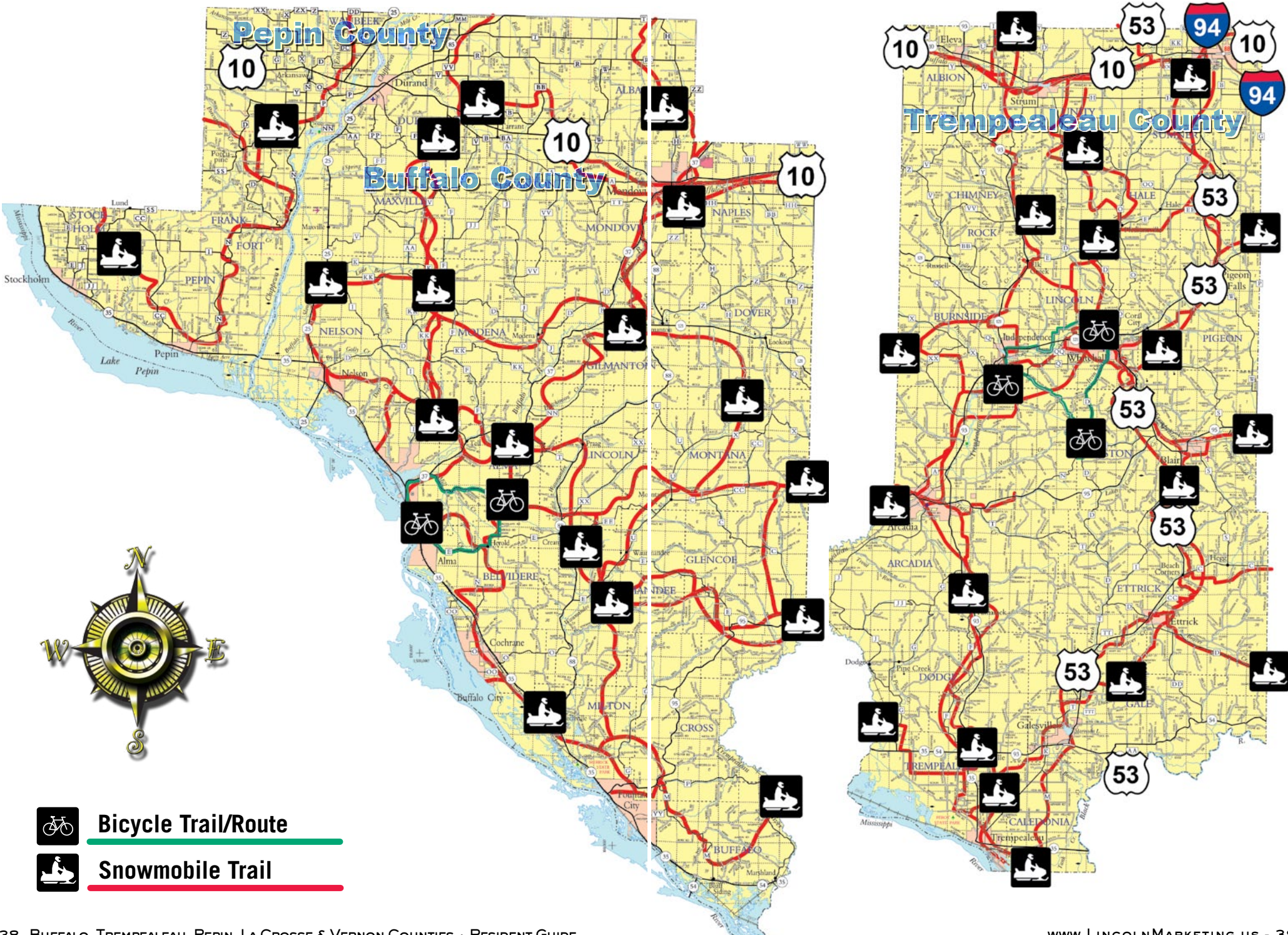
Bicycle Trail/Route  

Hiking Trail  

OUTDOOR Fun Facts

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



Beef Chili

With Borlotti Beans, Poblano Peppers and Sharp Cheddar Cheese



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

1 PREP Rinse and dry all produce. Trim, then thinly slice **scallions**, separating the greens and whites. Mince **garlic**, core and seed **poblano peppers**, then cut into ½-inch squares. Drain and rinse **beans**.

2 COOKING THE BEEF Pour large drizzle of oil in a large, pan over medium-high heat. Once oil is brought to a simmer add the **beef**, breaking up the meat into pieces. Cook, tossing occasionally, until browned at the edges and no longer pink, 5-6 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from pan and set aside.

3 COOK THE VEGGIES Remove pan from heat and carefully pour out / discard any excess grease left by **beef**. Return the pan to medium-high heat and add **scallion whites, poblanos, and garlic**. Cook, tossing, until lightly browned and softened (5-6 minutes).

4 SPICE IT UP Now add your **2 tsp of cumin, 2 tsp sugar** and **2 1/2 of chili powder** into the pan and toss to coat veggies. Cook until fragrant (about 1-2 minutes).

Ingredients	4 person
• Scallions	6
• Garlic	4 Cloves
• Poblano Peppers	2
• Borlotti Peppers	26.8 oz
• Ground Beef	20 oz
• Cumin	2 TSP
• Chili Powder	2 1/2 TSP
• Sugar	2 TSP
• Beef Stock Concentrate	1 Cup
• Crushed Tomatoes	27.52 oz
• Sharp Cheddar Cheese	1 Cup
• Sour Cream	8 TSP

5 LET IT SIT & SIMMER Now add the **beef stock concentrate, beans, crushed tomatoes, beef,** and 2 cups water to pan and stir to combine. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and let simmer until thick and stew-like (about 10 minutes). Season with salt and pepper.

6 PLATE & SERVE Time to divide the chili between bowls. Top it with sour cream, sprinkle sharp cheddar and scallion greens (to your liking) and serve.

Bon Appétit!

PREP: 10 MIN TOTAL: 30 MIN

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Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

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

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

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

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

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

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

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

- Dengue
- Encephalitis
- Malaria
- Yellow Fever

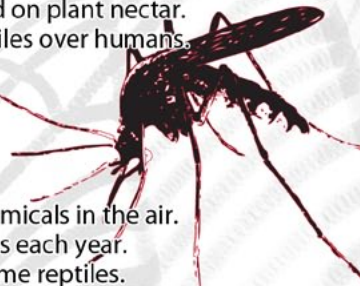
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats)
- Encephalitis

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

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

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



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



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

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

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

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



Tick Removal

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



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

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

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

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



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