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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Destination Wedding Fair | Siren
Cross-Country Ski Event | Danbury
January Interim at the Audubon Center | Sandstone
Sandstone Ice Fest
Fur Post Winter Frolic | Pine City

FEBRUARY

Mid-Winter Sports Day | Grantsburg
Ice Fishing Contest | Siren
Crex Candlelight Snowshow Hike | Grantsburg
Indoor Rendezvous Trade Fair | Danbury
Pine Pond Hockey Tournament | Pine City
Fur Post Queen Charlotte's Ball | Pine City
Shooter's Association Annual Gun Show | Pine City

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Siren
St. Paddy's Day 5K & 10K Shamwalk/Run | Siren
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Webb Lake
St. Urho's Day Celebration | Finlayson
Maple Syrup Day | Sandstone

APRIL

Friends of the Library Annual Spring Gala | Grantsburg
Maple Syrupin' Time | Grantsburg
Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction, & Raffle | Webster
Easter Egg Hunt | Hinckley, Sandstone

MAY

Syreen Lilacfest | Siren
Siren Spark 5K, Blaze 13 Mile, Inferno 19 Mile | Siren
Webster Arts & Crafts Fair | Webster
Wild Edibles Luncheon | Grantsburg
Adventure Triathlon | Grantsburg
City Wide Garage Sales | Pine City
Art in the Park | Pine City
Memorial Day Parade | Pine City
Kettle River Paddlefest | Sandstone
Mother's Day Brunch | Sandstone
Sandstone Rodeo | Sandstone
Veteran's Golf Tournament | Sandstone

JUNE

Big Gust Days | Grantsburg
Burnett Dairy Day | Grantsburg
Lake Country Pedalers Family Ride | Grantsburg
Wildflowers & Wildlife Walk | Grantsburg
Music In The Park | Siren
Yellow River Echoes: A Living History Fur Trade Experience | Danbury
City Wide Garage Sales | Hinckley
Celebration Pow Wow | Hinckley
Solid Rock in the Park | Pine City
Freedom Fest | Pine City
East Central MN Pride Celebration | Pine City
War of 1812 Family Day | Pine City

JULY

World Championship Snowmobile Watercross | Grantsburg
Mug & Mammal Morning Hikes | Grantsburg
Wheels & Wildlife Bike Ride | Grantsburg
4th of July Celebration | Siren, Webster, Finlayson
Gandy Dancer Fly In-Drive In | Siren
Freedom 5K Race | Siren
Music In The Park | Siren
Burnett County Airport Fly-In & Drive-In | Webster
The Great Folle Avoine Fur Trade Rendezvous | Danbury
Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast | Danbury
Fly-In & Drive-In Breakfast | Hinckley
Hinckley Corn & Clover Festival | Hinckley
Boat Parade | Pine City
Art Fest | Pine City
City Wide Garage Sales | Sandstone
Willow River Area Days | Willow River

AUGUST

Danbury Area Lions Club Annual Oktoberfest
Burnett County Agricultural Fair | Grantsburg
Upper North Fork Paddle | Grantsburg
Grantsburg Fair | Grantsburg
Wild Rice pow-wow | Grantsburg
Summerfest | Siren
Annual Wings Over Sandpoint Fly-in | Siren
Crex Meadows Fall Wildlife Festival | Siren
Youth in the Outdoors | Siren

AUGUST (Contd.)

Music in the Park | Siren
Annual Gandy Dance Days | Webster
Taste of the Trail | Webster
National Night Out
Askov Fair & Rutabaga Festival | Askov
White Pine Logging & Threshing Show | Finlayson
Hinckley Smokin' Rib Fest | Hinckley
Highway 61 Folks Festival | Pine City
Pine City Fun Run & Parade | Pine City
Czech Booya Festival | Pine City
Pine County Fair | Pine City
Classic Car Show | Sandstone
Quarry Days | Sandstone

SEPTEMBER

Grantoberfest | Grantsburg
Run Down Hunger Walk/Run | Siren
Harvestfest & Homecoming Celebration | Siren
Central Burnett County Fair | Webster
Fall Fest | Moose Lake
North West Company Fall Gathering | Pine City
Festival of the Voyageur | Pine City
Pine City PRCA Championship Rodeo
Rock Creek Relics Threshing & Sawing Show | Rock Creek

OCTOBER

Antique & Collectible Toy Show | Grantsburg
Crex Howl-O-Ween Event | Grantsburg
Sunset with the Sandhills Crex Tours | Grantsburg
Crex Bike Rides | Grantsburg
Fall Wildlife Fest at Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area | Grantsburg

OCTOBER (Contd.)

Quilts of the Northwoods Quilt Show | Siren
Chili Cook-Off & Sportsmen's Raffle | Webster
Fall Wine Tasting | Hinckley
Highway 61 Film Festival | Pine City
Mystery at the Fur Post | Pine City
October Fest | Sandstone
Autumn at the Audubon | Sandstone
Women's Wellness & Adventure Weekend | Sandstone
Renewable Tail Run & Walk | Sandstone
Halloween Party | Sandstone

NOVEMBER

Kick Off for Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade | Siren
Holiday Craft Fair | Hinckley
Holiday Madness | Pine City
Light Up the Park | Sandstone

DECEMBER

Christmas at the Forts | Danbury
Santa Day | Grantsburg
Lunch & Skate with Santa | Siren
Santa Visits | Webster
Santa Day & Community Dinner | Hinckley
Holiday Madness and lighted parade | Pine City
Holiday Craft Fair | Sandstone
Ice Fest | Sandstone
Sandstone Holiday Dinner & Santa Day
Winter Family Escape | Sandstone
New Year's Eve at the Lake | Sandstone



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Burnett County

Administration	(715) 349-2181
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County Clerk	349-2173
Emergency Management	349-2171
Forestry & Parks	349-2157
Highway Department	349-2285
Human Services	349-7600
Land Conservation	349-2186
Maintenance	349-2189
Probate	349-2177
Sheriff	349-2121
Surveyor	349-2599
Treasurer	349-2187
Veteran Services	349-2179
Zoning	349-2138

PINE COUNTY


Assessor	(320) 591-1632
Attorney	591-1560
Auditor	591-1670
Child Support	591-1570
Court Administration	591-1500
Extension Office	591-1650
Finances	591-1588
Human Services	591-1570
Highway Department	216-4200
Land	216-4224
Probation	591-1550
Public Health	216-4140
Recorder	591-1642
Sheriff	629-8380
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Once home to Indians, Burnett County was first settled by fur traders and missionaries. It was part of Washburn County until Burnett County was officially established in 1856. The original county seat was located in Grantsburg as it was the trade and business center at the time. The Soo Line Railroad was constructed in 1884 and businesses and farms began to flourish. Early industry included lumbering, agriculture and tourism and the area began to develop. The county seat was moved to Siren in 1982 and Burnett County has continued to thrive. Today Burnett County is home to approximately 15,674 residents.

VILLAGES:

- GRANTSBURG** - pop. 1,369
- SIREN (COUNTY SEAT)** - pop. 856
- WEBSTER** - pop. 656

TOWNS:

- ANDERSON** - pop. 372
- BLAINE** - pop. 224
- DANIELS** - pop. 665
- DEWEY** - pop. 565
- GRANTSBURG** - pop. 967
- JACKSON** - pop. 765
- LA FOLLETTE** - pop. 511
- LINCOLN** - pop. 286
- MEENON** - pop. 1,172

- OAKLAND** - pop. 778
- ROOSEVELT** - pop. 197
- RUSK** - pop. 420
- SAND LAKE** - pop. 556
- SCOTT** - pop. 590
- SIREN** - pop. 873
- SWISS** - pop. 815
- TRADE LAKE** - pop. 871
- UNION** - pop. 351
- WEBB LAKE** - pop. 381
- WEST MARSHLAND** - pop. 331
- WOOD RIVER** - pop. 974

CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES:

- DANBURY** - pop. 172
- *Populations are approximate.*

GRANTSBURG

First settled in 1851 by Canute Anderson, Grantsburg was named after General Ulysses S. Grant. Anderson established its first post office and later a sawmill. Upon platting the village, Grantsburg continued to grow and the community was home to a variety of businesses including a hotel, blacksmith shops, churches, saloons and a school. The railroad arrived in 1884 and Grantsburg was incorporated in 1885. Grantsburg was selected as the county seat until 1982 when it was moved to Siren. Today Grantsburg is home to approximately 1,369 residents.

SIREN (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1870 settlers arrived to the Siren area and a post office was established in 1895 by Charles F. Segerstrom. Segerstrom named the post office Syren, a Swedish word for lilacs, and the community was called Siren. By 1900 a creamery and a general store were constructed. As the Soo Line Railroad arrived, the area began to thrive and it has been the county seat since 1982. Today Siren is home to approximately 856 residents.

WEBSTER

Webster was called Clam Lake as its first post office was established in 1896. J. D. Rice renamed the community Webster after the American lexicographer Noah Webster. In 1901 the first creamery was built and telephone service was established in 1906. Upon construction of the railroad in 1912 Webster continued to grow and develop. Today Webster is home to approximately 656 residents.

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Pine county was established in 1856 and was named for the abundance of pine trees in the area. It was formed from parts of Chisago and Ramsey Counties, and included much of the area which is present day Carlton and Aitkin Counties. Early industry was dominated by logging and communities were founded near logging sites and railroad junctions. In 1872 Pine City was selected as the county seat and the area continued to develop until 1894. It was then that the largest fire in Minnesota's history began in Hinckley which engulfed most of the county. Hundreds of people died and many were left homeless, but the area was rebuilt resiliently. Now Pine County is known for its scenery, wildlife, miles of recreational trails and history honored with the Hinckley Fire Museum, the North West Company Fur Post and many other attractions. Today Pine County is home to approximately 28,279 residents.

CITIES:

ASKOV – pop. 356
BROOK PARK – pop. 505
BRUNO – pop. 106
DENHAM – pop. 40
FINLAYSON – pop. 508
HENRIETTE – pop. 71
HINCKLEY – pop. 1,409
KERRICK – pop. 71
PINE CITY (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,285
ROCK CREEK – pop. 1,628
RUTLEDGE – pop. 195
SANDSTONE – pop. 2,792
STURGEON LAKE – pop. 372
WILLOW RIVER – pop. 391

TOWNSHIPS:

ARLONE – pop. 345
ARNA – pop. 86
BARRY – pop. 587
BIRCH CREEK – pop. 217
BREMEN – pop. 246
BROOK PARK – pop. 495
BRUNO – pop. 179
CHENGWATANA – pop. 864

CLOVER – pop. 316
CROSBY – pop. 97
DANFORTH – pop. 84
DELL GROVE – pop. 699
FINLAYSON – pop. 506
FLEMING – pop. 115
HINCKLEY – pop. 820
KERRICK – pop. 272
KETTLE RIVER – pop. 491
MISSION CREEK – pop. 590
MUNCH – pop. 222
NEW DOSEY – pop. 74
NICKERSON – pop. 247
NORMAN – pop. 247
OGEMA – pop. 298
PARK – pop. 37
PARTRIDGE – pop. 518
PINE CITY – pop. 1,249
PINE LAKE – pop. 576
POKEGAMA – pop. 2,570
ROYALTON – pop. 976
SANDSTONE – pop. 1,614
STURGEON LAKE – pop. 409
WILMA – pop. 137
WINDEMERE – pop. 1,489
**Populations are approximate.*



Hiking Safety Tips

Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being gone.

ASKOV

Askov was originally settled in 1889 by the name of Partridge. Much of the village was destroyed by the Hinckley fire in 1894, but the residents rebuilt and was renamed to Askov in 1909. Today Askov is home to approximately 356 residents.

BROOK PARK

Brook Park was originally established as a lumber camp. Most of Brook Park was demolished by the Hinckley Fire. A monument was established on the southern side of the town to honor the fire victims. Today Brook Park is home to approximately 505 residents.

BRUNO

Bruno was named after Brno, a village in the Czech Republic, as many early settlers were of Czechoslovakian descent. Bruno was incorporated in 1903 and a school was established. Today Bruno is home to approximately 106 residents.

DENHAM

Settlers were attracted to the fertile soil, access to water and Denham was established in 1908. The community began to develop and was incorporated in 1939. Today Denham is home to approximately 40 residents.

FINLAYSON

Finlayson was named in honor of David Finlayson, who established the first saw mill in the area. The community was established in 1887 and was a leader for producing lumber and potatoes. Today Finlayson is home to approximately 508 residents.

HINCKLEY

Hinckley was named in honor of Isaac Hinckley, the president of the Wilmington and Baltimore railroad company. Isaac Hinckley is also credited as a member of the Northern Pacific company. The community was incorporated in 1885 and was known as "Central Station" because of its rail location as the halfway point between St. Paul and Duluth. On September 1st, 1894 a huge fire decimated the town and surrounding area, killing hundreds of residents. A huge tourist attraction today is the Hinckley Fire Museum which was established to teach people about the history of the area before and after the fire. Today Hinckley is home to approximately 1,409 residents.

KERRICK

Kerrick was named in honor of Cassius M. Kerrick, a contractor and mechanic for the Great Northern Railway. As the railroad arrived Kerrick started to develop and businesses were established. Today Kerrick is home to approximately 71 residents.

PINE CITY (COUNTY SEAT)

Pine City was named after the abundant pine trees in the area. It was incorporated in 1881 and selected as the county seat. Railroad expansion and lumbering opportunities attracted many new residents. Soon Pine City became one of the largest timber producers in the area. Today Pine City is home to approximately 3,285 residents.

RUTLEDGE

Rutledge was originally named Kettle River before changing to its current name in 1892. The city was incorporated as a village that same year and its proximity to water allowed for development. Today Rutledge is home to approximately 195 residents.

SANDSTONE

Sandstone was named for the extensive sandstone and quarries in the area especially on the Kettle River. It was platted in 1887 and populations poured in from the extension of the railroad to the area for work in the quarry. Sandstone was one of the many communities affected by the Hinckley Fire in 1894, but was later rebuilt. Today Sandstone is home to approximately 2,792 residents.

STURGEON LAKE

The city of Sturgeon Lake was named for Sturgeon Lake which is located just outside of the city boundaries. Sturgeon Lake was originally platted by the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad as a rail stop and was incorporated in 1889. Today Sturgeon Lake is home to approximately 372 residents.

WILLOW RIVER

Willow River was incorporated in 1891 and was established as a lumber town. Northern Pacific Railroad constructed a station within the community and the area continued to grow. Today Willow River is home to approximately 391 residents.

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Thoreson American Legion Park

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Yellow Lake Narrows

27902 Yellow Lake Rd., Danbury, WI



Closing up the cabin

Some Common Things To Check Inside The Cabin

- Make sure the water and electric are set up for winter
- Set the thermostat to the correct temperature for the area
- If you don't heat in the winter and live in a cold area, drain the pipes
- Turn off the hot water heater
- Winterize appliances that use water
- Clean the furnace filter
- Inspect the sump pump
- Unplug computers and major appliances (Leave the door cracked on the refrigerator if you unplug it)
- Seal your linens in a container
- Remove perishable food
- Close dampers and seal the fireplace

Some Common Things To Check Outside The Cabin

- Look for air leaks around the cabin and seal with caulk or insulation
- Insulate pipes in crawl spaces with heat tape or heat cables
- Open cabinet doors so heat can get to the pipes under the sink
- Clean and store boats and equipment
- Winterize gas-powered equipment
- Remove leaves and debris around the cabin
- Store lawn furniture and decorations
- Mow
- Clean gutters and inspect roof
- Drain hoses and sprinklers
- Inspect your septic tank
- Take the dock in.



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

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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:

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EARLY CANADA GOOSE SEASON

09/01/19 - 09/15/19
Statewide

BEAR HUNTING

09/01/19 - 10/13/19
Permit areas and no-quota area

MOURNING DOVE HUNTING

09/01/19 - 11/29/19
Statewide

CROW HUNTING (THIRD SEASON)

09/01/19 - 10/31/19
Statewide

DEER - ANTLERLESS DEER AND SPECIAL HUNT LOTTERY DEADLINE

09/05/19
Lottery deer permit areas and special hunts

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

09/07/19 - 09/08/19
Statewide

ELK HUNT - A SEASON

09/07/19 - 09/15/19
Kittson central and Kittson northeast zones

RUFFED AND SPRUCE GROUSE, AND HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE HUNTING

09/14/19 - 01/01/20
Statewide

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

09/14/19 - 02/29/20
Statewide

DEER HUNTING - ARCHERY

09/14/19 - 12/31/19
Statewide

SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING

09/14/19 - 10/20/19
(northwest goose zone)

SHARPTAILED GROUSE HUNTING

09/14/19 - 11/30/19
Northwest zone

WOODCOCK HUNTING

09/21/19 - 11/04/19
Statewide

TAKE A KID HUNTING WEEKEND

09/21/19 - 09/22/19
Statewide

ELK HUNT - B SEASON

09/21/19 - 09/29/19
Kittson central zone

DUCK SEASON

09/21/19 - 11/19/19
North duck zone

DUCK SEASON

09/21/19 - 09/29/19
Central duck zone

DUCK SEASON

09/21/19 - 09/29/19
South duck zone

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

09/21/19 - 12/29/19
North duck zone

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

09/21/19 - 09/29/19
Central duck zone

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

09/21/19 - 09/29/19
South duck zone

PRAIRIE CHICKEN HUNTING

09/28/19 - 10/06/19
Prairie chicken quota areas

TURKEY HUNTING

09/28/19 - 10/27/19
Hunter selected permit area

ELK HUNT - C SEASON

10/05/19 - 10/13/19
Kittson central zone

DUCK SEASON

10/05/19 - 11/24/19
Central duck zone

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

10/05/19 - 12/26/19
Central duck zone

PHEASANT HUNTING SEASON

10/12/19 - 01/01/20
Statewide

SHARPTAILED GROUSE HUNTING

10/12/19 - 11/30/19
East-central zone

DUCK SEASON

10/12/19 - 12/01/19
South duck zone

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

10/12/19 - 01/02/20
South duck zone

DEER - YOUTH

10/17/19 - 10/20/19
Statewide

DEER - Camp Ripley archery hunt (first season)

10/17/19 - 10/18/19
Camp Ripley

DEER - antlerless only

10/17/19 - 10/20/19
Portions of southeastern Minnesota

BEAVER TRAPPING

10/26/19 - 05/15/20
North furbearer zone

OTTER TRAPPING

10/26/19 - 01/26/20
North zone

DEER - Camp Ripley archery hunt (second season)

10/26/19 - 10/27/19
Camp Ripley

DEER - firearm (season A)

11/09/19 - 11/17/19
200 and 300 series permit areas

DEER - firearm (season A)

11/09/19 - 11/24/19
100 series permit areas

DEER - firearm (season B)

11/23/19 - 12/01/19
300 series permit areas

DEER - muzzleloader

11/30/19 - 12/15/19
Statewide

ELK - D season

12/07/19 - 12/15/19
Kittson central zone

MINK AND MUSKRAT TRAPPING

10/26/19 - 02/28/20
North furbearer zone

BEAVER TRAPPING

11/02/19 - 05/15/20
South furbearer zone

OTTER TRAPPING

11/02/19 - 01/26/20
South furbearer zone

MINK AND MUSKRAT TRAPPING

11/02/19 - 02/28/20
South furbearer zone

BOBCAT HUNTING AND TRAPPING

12/21/19 - 01/26/20
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

FISHER AND PINE MARTEN TRAPPING

12/21/19 - 12/29/19
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

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FISHING SEASONS

MN Season Dates, 2019 - 2020

FLATHEAD CATFISH

04/01/19 - 12/01/19
Statewide inland waters

STREAM TROUT

04/13/19 - 09/30/19
Outside southeastern Minnesota

STREAM TROUT

04/13/19 - 09/15/19
Southeastern Minnesota

STREAM TROUT

04/13/19 - 09/15/19
Within specific state parks and cities

WALLEYE, SAUGER AND NORTHERN PIKE

05/11/19 - 02/23/20
Statewide inland waters

LAKE TROUT

05/11/19 - 09/30/19
Statewide inland waters

STREAM TROUT IN LAKES

05/11/19 - 10/31/19
Statewide

SMALLMOUTH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/11/19 - 02/23/20
Northeastern Minnesota

SMALLMOUTH BASS

05/25/19 - 09/08/19
Statewide outside northeastern Minnesota

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/25/19 - 02/23/20
Statewide outside northeastern Minnesota

MUSKIE

06/01/19 - 12/01/19
Statewide inland waters

LAKE STURGEON AND SHOVELNOSE STURGEON

06/16/19 - 04/14/20
Statewide inland waters

SMALLMOUTH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS CATCH AND RELEASE

09/09/19 - 02/23/20
Statewide outside northeastern Minnesota

STREAM TROUT CATCH AND RELEASE

09/16/19 - 10/15/19
Southeastern Minnesota

STREAM TROUT CATCH AND RELEASE

09/16/19 - 04/17/20
Southeastern Minnesota streams in the parks and cities listed in this item

TAKE A KID ICE FISHING WEEKEND

01/18/20 - 01/20/20
Statewide

WI Season Dates - Season Dates Inclusive (2019 - 2020 dates in parentheses)

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Northern Zone (May 4 - March 1)

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Northern Zone Catch and Release (May 4 - June 14)

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Northern Zone Harvest (June 15 - March 1)

LARGE AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

Southern Zone (May 4 - March 1)

MUSKELLUNGE

General Inland Waters
Northern Zone - inland waters north of U.S. Hwy 10 (excluding Wisconsin - Michigan boundary waters) (May 25 - Nov. 30)
Southern Zone - inland waters south of U.S. Hwy 10 (May 4 - Dec. 31)

NORTHERN PIKE

General Inland Waters (May 4 - March 1)

TROUT AND SALMON

General Inland Waters
Early season catch and release (January 5 - May 3)
General Inland Trout Season (May 4 - Oct. 15)

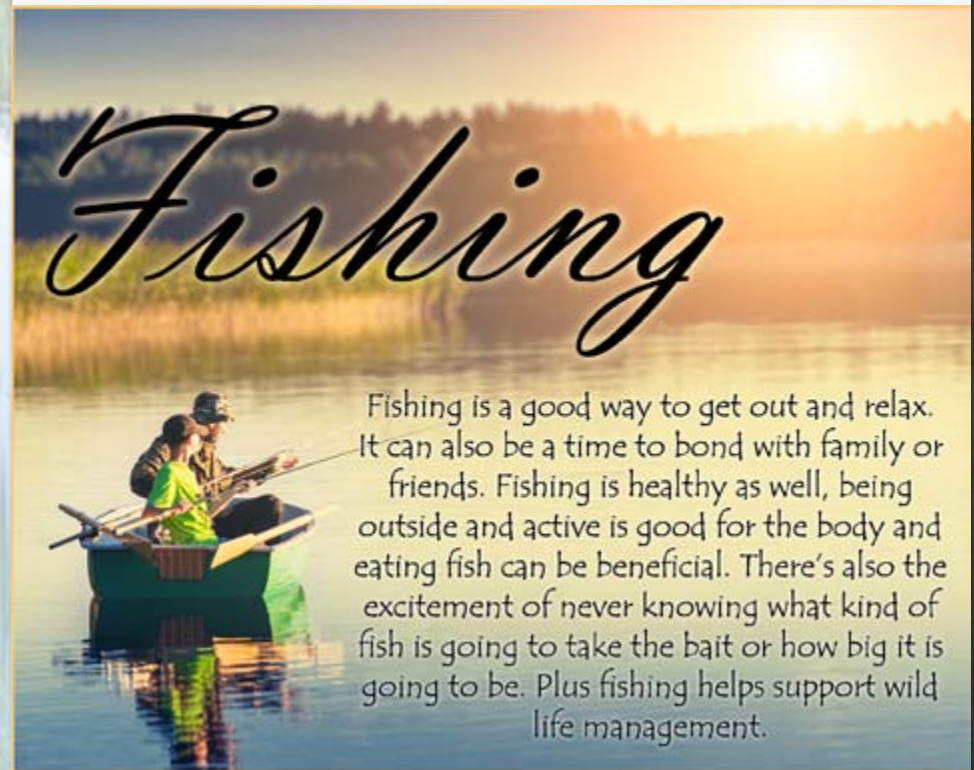
WALLEYE AND SAUGER

General Inland Waters (May 4 - March 1)

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS

Summer Free Fishing Weekend (June 1 - 2, 2019)
Winter Free Fishing Weekend (January 18-19, 2020)

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates: 1 (888) 936-7463*



Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.

Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Winter Energy Saving Techniques

Windows

- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.
- You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Air Leaks and Insulation

- Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Check your attics insulation. Depending on what climate you live in there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace - Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace - Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

- On average 18% of the energy consumed in your home is from the water heater. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to a setting around (120°F). This will save energy and can help prevent burns.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span.

Eat Breakfast

A healthy balanced breakfast every morning is very important. It allows your body to run smoothly throughout the day and can help with weight control while lowering your cholesterol levels. It will improve things like concentration, performance and strength. Also studies have shown that women who skip breakfast have a higher chance of developing diabetes and men who skip breakfast have a higher chance for heart disease.

Eat Your Greens

Leafy greens and vegetables contain phytochemicals which help to fight diseases. This will help against things like metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer and strokes. Vegetables are also rich in fiber which helps with hunger. The recommended amount of vegetables for the average person is around 2 ½ cups a day.

Drink Enough Water

Many people don't get enough water throughout the day. It is recommended that the average person drinks roughly a half gallon a day which is equal to about eight 8 ounce glasses. Water helps rid the body of toxins and with unwanted weight gain by flushing out by-products of fat in your system. Water also helps your immune system, energy levels, focus and mood.

Take a Walk During Lunch Break

Your body and mind benefit greatly when getting out for a quick walk. A walk can help with weight management, blood pressure, bone strength, balance and coordination. Plus it helps you focus by getting extra blood flow and oxygen to your brain. Also a lot of people don't get enough vitamin D in their diet and getting outside is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are getting your vitamin D.

Get Up and Move

It is important to try and get around 10,000 steps in per day. It is very hard on our bodies when we are slumped over a desk or kicked back in a recliner all day. Studies have shown that just from walking more you can lower your risk of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. It may be hard to get the 10,000 steps in every day but doing small things like getting up from your desk every so often and doing a lap around the office or parking farther away from your destination will help.

Floss and Brush

This might not seem like the most significant health issue but it is very important. If you don't floss and brush daily you build up plaque on your teeth and at the gum lines. This can lead to things like gum disease and if not treated can enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the arteries causing things like heart disease, diabetes, erectile dysfunction in males and delayed conception for women.



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!



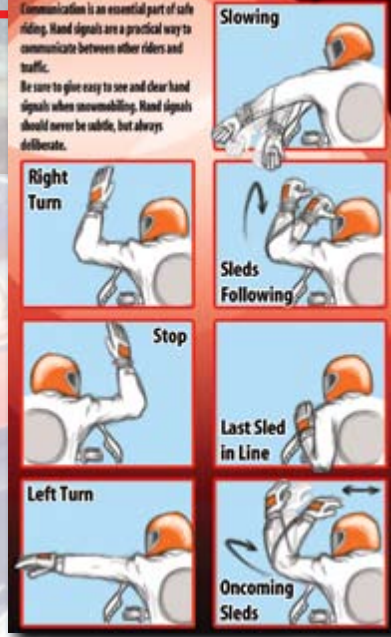
Know Your ATV

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

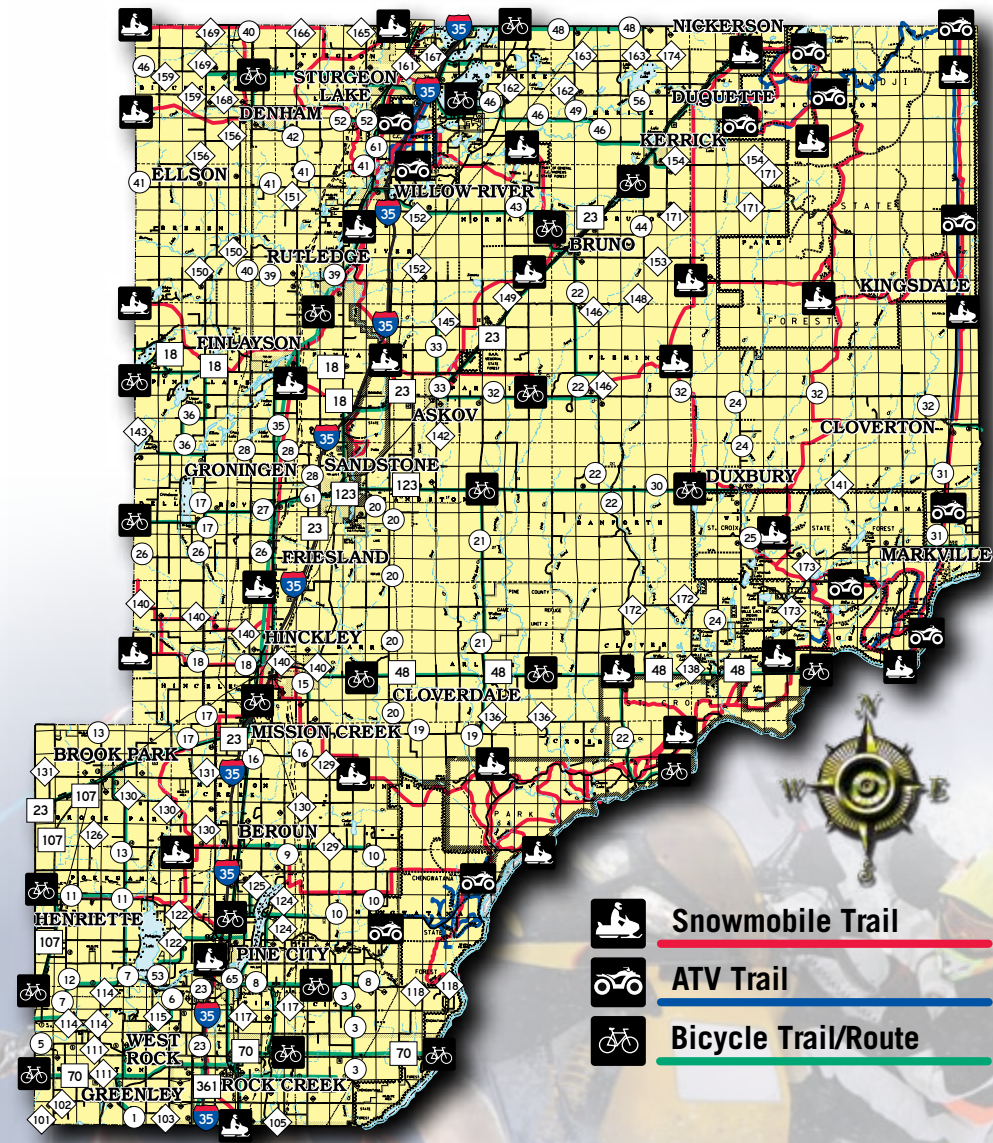


PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING


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.

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Travel

Choosing the perfect destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back

PORK Carnitas TACO



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

1 PREP Rinse, dry and cut all produce to your liking. (when cutting into the poblano pepper be sure to deseed it.)

2 TO PICKLE THE SHALLOT Combine sliced shallot, vinegar, 2 tsp sugar, ½ tsp salt, and 1 TBSP water into a small bowl. Toss until sugar and salt are mostly dissolved.

3 COOKING THE PORK Cook the pork in 2 tsp of olive oil for about 4 to 5 minutes until brown. Once its done remove the pork and set aside.

4 COOKING THE TOPPINGS Heat another 2 tsp of olive oil. Add poblano and chopped shallot. Cook for 3-4 minutes, occasionally stirring it until its soft. Add pork, fajita spice, stock concentrate, 2 TBSP water, and half the tomato paste. Cook until thickened and saucy, 2-3 minutes.

5 MAKING SOUR CREAM MIXTURE Combine sour cream, lime juice, and chipotle powder, add water, until mixture reaches a drizzling consistency.

Ingredients	4 person
• Shallot	2
• Poblano Pepper	1
• Cilantro	½ oz
• Roma Tomato	2
• Lime	1
• White Wine Vinegar	5 tsp
• Ground Pork	20 oz
• Fajita Spice Blend	1 TBSP
• Chicken Stock Concentrate	1
• Tomato Paste	2 TBSP
• Sour Cream	4 TBSP
• Chipotle Powder	1 tsp
• Flour Tortillas	12
• Monterey Jack Cheese	½ Cup
• Sugar	2 tsp
• Olive Oil	4 tsp

6 HEAT TORTILLAS & ASSEMBLE AND SERVE Warm the tortillas, add all the ingredients and serve. *Bon Appétit!*

PREP: 10 MIN TOTAL: 30 MIN

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Cross country skiing is a great way to stay in shape throughout winter. It provides an excellent aerobic exercise while also strengthening your legs, arms and core muscles. During a classic cross country skiing adventure you can burn around 600 calories per hour while traveling at around 3mph. On top of the health benefits it's fun to do and lets you get outside to enjoy the snowy months.

There are two main types of cross country skiing, classic and skate. Classic is more traditional and involves pushing off each ski parallel to one another. Skate skiing requires pushing off each ski in a V pattern like ice-skating.

If you are just learning, you may want to start off on some of the easier trails in your area. These trails tend to be maintained better and have smaller hills.

Before investing money into equipment, check your area for trails with a rental shop. That way you can give it a try to see if it is a winter activity you enjoy.



Classic Style

Skate Style

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 animales you may not want around like mice, voles, racoons 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.





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