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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Lindstrom Winter Diva Shopping Event
Celebrate our Lakes | Chisago City

FEBRUARY

Winter Fest | North Branch
Sleddog Event - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
Celebrate Chisago Lakes - Winter Blast | Lindstrom
Home, Garden & Business Show | Lindstrom
Lindstrom Park Board Polka Party

MARCH

Cabin Fever Days | Chisago City
Husky Huddle and Malamute Mingle - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Chisago City, Lindstrom
Wine for Wolves Wine Tasting - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
New Vintage Days at Winehaven | Chisago City

MAY

Earth Arts Spring Arts Tour | Chisago City
Memorial Day Services | Chisago City
Memorial Day Paddle | Lindstrom
Fantasy of the Lakes Festival | Lindstrom
Canine Carnival - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
Community Garage Sales | Chisago City

JUNE

Midsummer Days | North Branch
Fly-In & Drive-In | Rush City
Midsommar Dag | Scandia
Harmony in the Park (June-Aug) | Lindstrom

JULY

Chisago Lakes Triathlon | Chisago City
Karl Oskar Days | Lindstrom
Chisago County Fair | Rush City
Wannigan Days | Taylors Falls
Rhubarb Frenzy at Winehaven | Chisago City
Center City Days

AUGUST

Ki-Chi-Saga Days | Chisago City
Night to Unite | Chisago City
Music & Arts Festival & Car Show | Rush City
Stacy Daze | Stacy
Almelund Threshing Show | Taylors Falls
City-Wide Garage Sales | Chisago County
Canine Carnival - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy

SEPTEMBER

St. Bridget of Sweden Block Party | Lindstrom
Hay Days | Taylors Falls
Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race | Taylors Falls
Wyoming Stagecoach Days Celebration | Wyoming
Momen & Wolves - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
Shafer Days | Shafer
Patriots Remembrance Day | Chisago City

OCTOBER

Ojiketa Haunt | Chisago City
Falloween Festival | Chisago City
Harvest Howl - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
Family Halloween Party | North Branch
Trick or Treat on Main Street | Lindstrom
Ghost Stories at Grant Hill Hotel | Rush City
Fall Pottery Sale | Harris
Ukrainian Dinner Fundraiser | Harris

NOVEMBER

Arts Fest | North Branch
Lighting Festival & Parade | Taylors Falls
Christmas at the Folsom House | Taylors Falls

DECEMBER

Annual Lighting Festival | Chisago City
Lindstrom Tree Lighting Festival | Lindstrom
Lucia Dagen at Gammelgarden | Scandia
Annual Holiday Craft Fair | Lindstrom

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- LINDSTROM(651) 257-0620
- NORTH BRANCH(651) 674-8113
- RUSH CITY(320) 358-4743
- SHAFER(651) 257-4726
- STACY(651) 462-4486
- TAYLORS FALLS(651) 465-5133
- WYOMING(651) 462-0575

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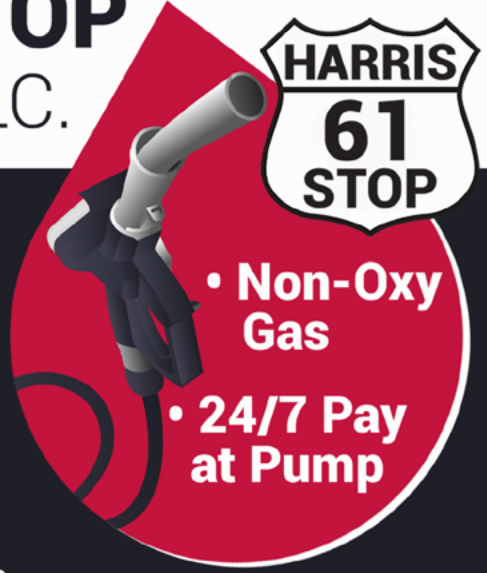
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Chisago County was originally home to Dakota and Ojibwe Indians until settlement in the 1850s. The St. Croix River provided necessary transportation, ample natural resources and attracted many pioneers to the area. Chisago County was then established in 1851 and its name was derived from the Indian word, "Ki-Chi-Saga," meaning, "fair and lovely lakes." Taylors Falls was originally selected as the county seat, but voters moved it to Chisago City in 1865. The county seat was moved again in 1875 to Center City because of its central location and the area continued to develop. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and logging until the 1890s as tourism became popular. Railroad development sparked growth and by 1900 the population had reached 13,248. Today Chisago County is home to approximately 56,621 residents.

CITIES:

CENTER CITY (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 628

CHISAGO CITY – pop. 4,967

HARRIS – pop. 1,132

LINDSTROM – pop. 4,888

NORTH BRANCH – pop. 10,787

RUSH CITY – pop. 3,079

SHAFER – pop. 1,045

STACY – pop. 1,456

TAYLORS FALLS – pop. 1055

WYOMING – pop. 7,791

TOWNSHIPS:

AMADOR – pop. 885

CHISAGO LAKE – pop. 4,656

FISH LAKE – pop. 2,012

FRANCONIA – pop. 1,805

LENT – pop. 3,091

NESSSEL – pop. 1,951

RUSHSEBA – pop. 804

SHAFAER – pop. 1,048

SUNRISE – pop. 1,994

WYOMING – pop. 4,379

**Populations are approximate.*

CENTER CITY (COUNTY SEAT)

Center City was founded in 1851 and platted in 1857. Its proximity to ample natural resources and nearby lakes attracted many settlers and Center City was selected as the county seat in 1875. The community was named due to its central location between Taylors Falls and Chisago City and as the railroad was constructed the area continued to grow. Center City is now recognized as the oldest Swedish settlement in Minnesota. Today Center City is home to approximately 628 residents.

CHISAGO CITY

Chisago City was first settled by Swedish immigrants in the 1850s. Streets were platted in 1855 and the first post office was established in 1856. Chisago City was selected as the county seat until 1875 when it was moved to Center City. As rail lines were built in 1880, the community was moved one mile north to its present location and incorporated in 1906. Actress Ingrid Bergman visited the area in 1943 and brought nationwide fame to the community's award winning butter. Today Chisago City is home to approximately 4,967 residents.

HARRIS

Located in Fish Lake Township, Harris was settled in 1870 and named in honor of Philip S. Harris, an officer of the railroad. The first post office was established in 1874 and the community was incorporated in 1884. By 1890 businesses included a livery stable, hotel, general stores and specialty shops. Today Harris is home to approximately 1,132 residents.

LINDSTROM

Lindstrom was platted in 1880 and named in honor of Daniel Lindstrom, one of the area's first Swedish settlers. The community was incorporated in 1894 and quickly became a popular tourist destination. By 1900 Lindstrom had three newspaper offices, two hotels, post office and a variety of general stores. Today Lindstrom is home to approximately 4,888 residents.

NORTH BRANCH

First settled by John Elmgren in the 1860s, North Branch was platted in 1870 and named after the north branch of nearby Sunrise River. The first post office was established in 1889 with George F. Flanders serving as the first postmaster. The development of the railroad sparked growth and by 1900 the community housed a saloon, flour mill, opera hall, general stores and several starch factories. Today North Branch is home to approximately 10,787 residents.

RUSH CITY

Rush City, taking its name from the nearby Rush River, was surveyed and platted by Benjamin W. Brunson in 1870. A post office was established and the community was incorporated in 1873. By 1900 lumberyards, flour mills, grain elevators and general stores were thriving. The community is widely known as the Walleye Capital of the World and houses a statue commemorating Paul Bunyan's legendary catch. Today Rush City is home to approximately 3,079 residents.

SHAFER

Shafer was settled in 1853 by Swedish immigrants and was originally part of Taylors Falls. It separated and was renamed after Jacob Shafer, an early resident. A post office was established in 1881 and as the railroad was constructed, Shafer continued to grow. Industry was dominated by agriculture and the area was recognized for its potatoes in the early 1900s. Today Shafer is home to approximately 1,045 residents.

STACY

Located in Lent Township, Stacy was settled in 1870. The community was founded in 1875 and named in honor of resident Dr. Stacy B. Collins. Development of the railroad sparked growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Stacy is home to approximately 1,456 residents.

TAYLORS FALLS

Taylors Falls was platted in 1851 and originally selected as the county seat until 1865. It was named after Jesse Taylor, an early settler who established a sawmill. The first school was taught by Susan Thomson and a school was built in 1852, which has become the oldest public school in Minnesota. The community was incorporated in 1858 and the St. Croix River provided transportation for goods and travelers. Businesses were established and logging played a vital role in the area. Today Taylors Falls is home to approximately 1,055 residents.

WYOMING

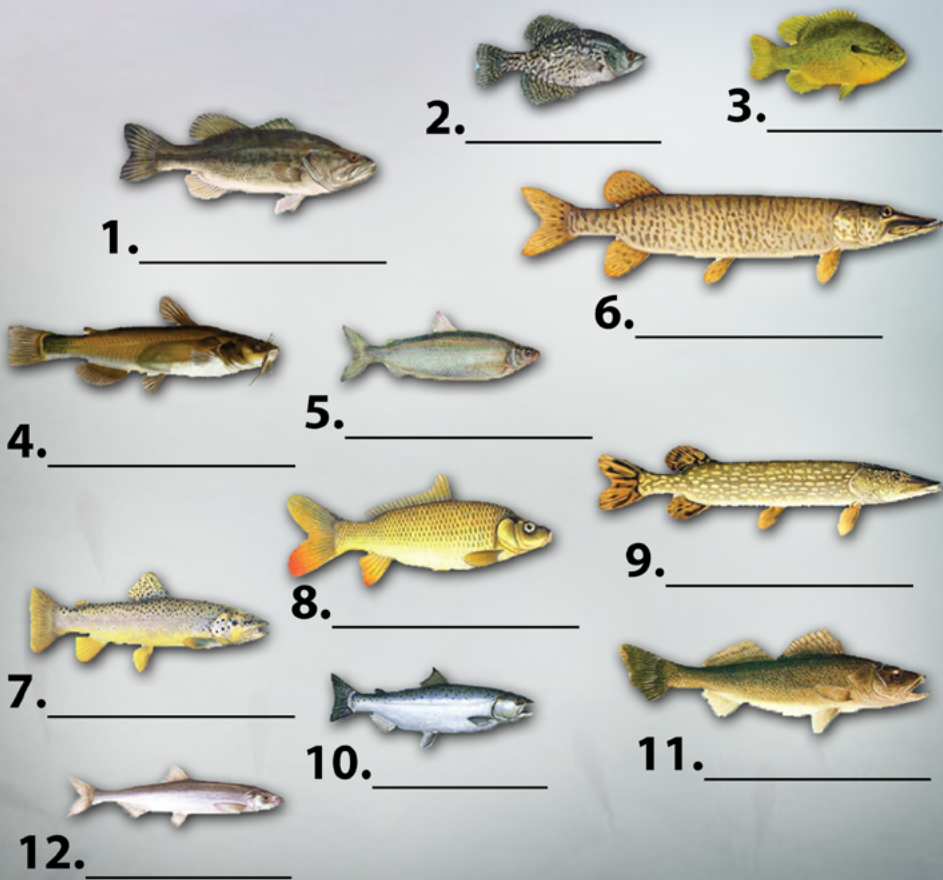
Wyoming was settled in 1855 and named after the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, from where many pioneers originated. The community was platted in 1869 and the development of the railroad provided growth. By 1915 Wyoming housed a hotel, bank, school, church, opera house and a baseball team and the community has continued to thrive. Today Wyoming is home to approximately 7,791 residents.

- *Chisago means "fair and lovely lakes" in Ojibwe.*
- *Wyoming is named after Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley, where its first European settlers previously lived. Wyoming means "large plains" or "extensive meadows" in Algonquin.*
- *Lindstrom is nicknamed "America's Little Sweden" for its Swedish heritage and character.*
- *Vilhelm Moberg, author of The Emigrants, lived in Lindstrom while he wrote the book. He based his novel on the personal journals of Erik Norelius, a fellow Swedish immigrant to Lindstrom. Several bronze statues in the town commemorate the author and his characters, and Karl-Oskar Days, an annual celebration remembering the book and honoring Swedish immigrants, features fireworks and fun activities.*
- *Chisago City hosted actress Ingrid Bergman in 1943. Bergman was so impressed with the award-winning Chisago butter that she sent some back to Hollywood.*
- *Located in Shafer, the Franconia Sculpture Park is an outdoor art gallery featuring over 120 contemporary sculptures created by artist from around the world. A unique attraction for any enthusiasts.*

Did You Know?



Do you know the Midwest fish species?
Identify the fish below.



Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellunge 7. Trout
8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

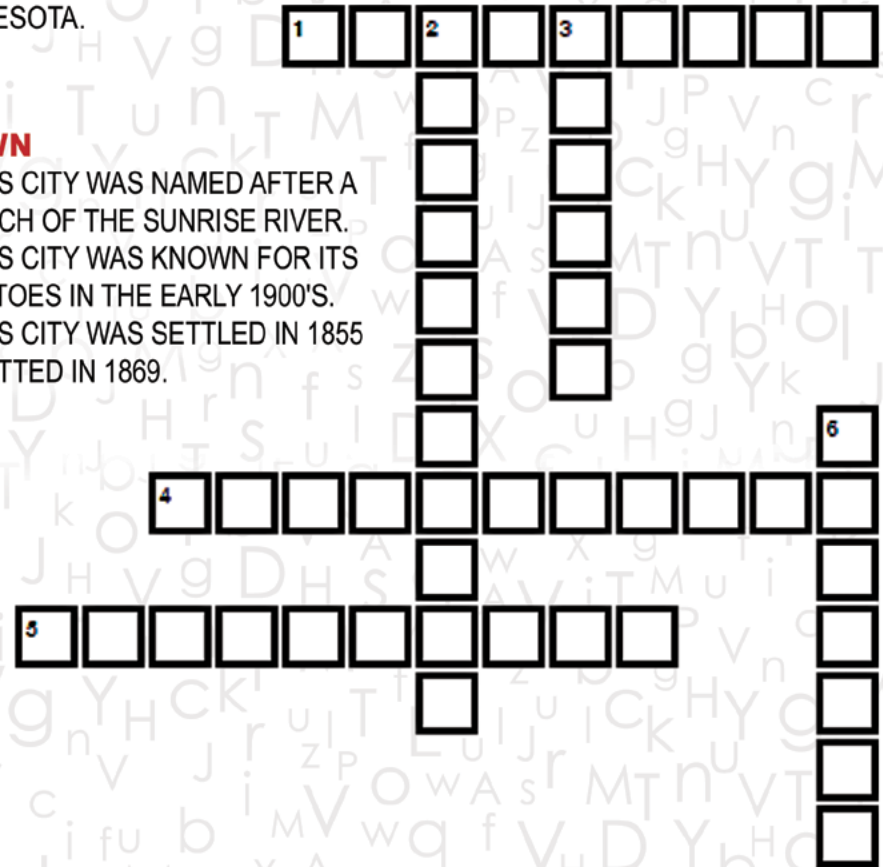
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ACROSS

- 1: THIS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE POPULATION LISTED AT 4,888.
- 4: ACTRESS INGRID BERGMAN VISITED THIS CITY IN 1943.
- 5: THIS CITY IS CONSIDERED THE OLDEST SWEDISH COMMUNITY IN MINNESOTA.

DOWN

- 2: THIS CITY WAS NAMED AFTER A BRANCH OF THE SUNRISE RIVER.
- 3: THIS CITY WAS KNOWN FOR ITS POTATOES IN THE EARLY 1900'S.
- 6: THIS CITY WAS SETTLED IN 1855 & PLATTED IN 1869.



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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.



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



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.



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.



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!

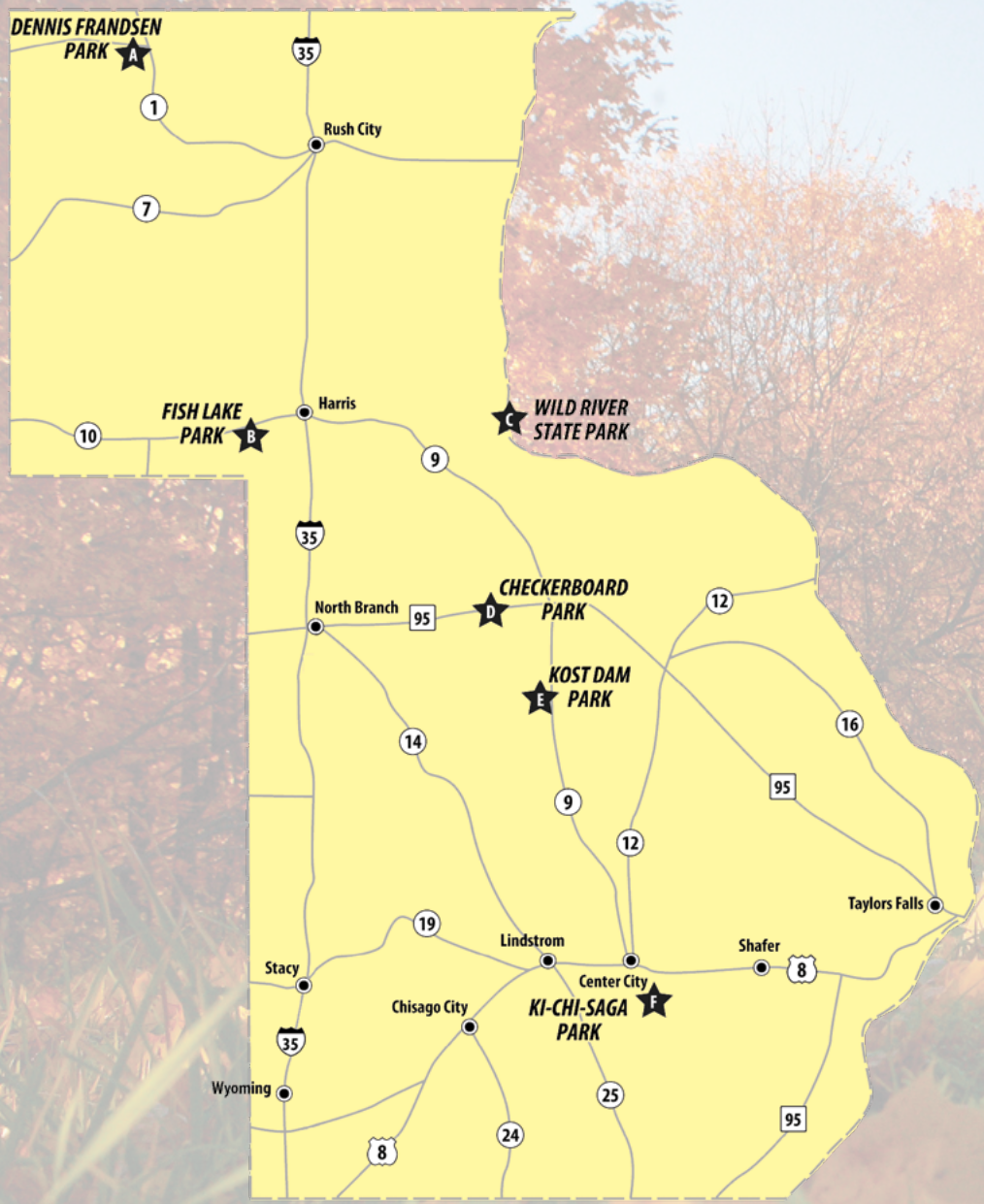


Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

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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- ★ CHECKERBOARD PARK** | 38990 Keystone Ave. | North Branch | 119 Acres
- ★ KOST DAM PARK** | 11535 Kost Dam Rd. | North Branch | 28 Acres
- ★ KI-CHI-SAGA PARK** | 29101 Glader Blvd. | Lindstrom | 98 Acres

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Historical Site	Swimming Beach/Pond	Horseshoe Pit
Restrooms	Recreational Trails	Disc Golf Course

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09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

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

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox, Gray & Red

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

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

Raccoon

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

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

Grouse

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

Pheasant

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

Wild Turkey

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

TRAPPING

Badger

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Bobcat

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Fox

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

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

Raccoon

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

Squirrel

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

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<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us>

or scan the QR code



- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.

Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.  **HAPPY HUNTING!**

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 646-6367
Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

CHISAGO CITY

FRANKIES' LIVE BAIT & MARINE

10680 South Ave. E | Chisago City | (651) 257-6334

CHISAGO LICENSE BUREAU

10625 Railroad Ave. | Chisago City | (651) 257-6578

HARRIS

HARRIS STOP

43628 Ginger Ave. | Harris | (651) 674-2891

LINDSTROM

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#001)

12970 Lake Blvd. | Lindstrom | (651) 257-2030

NORTH BRANCH

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#0054)

5842 St. Croix Trk. | North Branch | (651) 674-4180

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#403)

5554 St. Croix Trl. | North Branch | (651) 674-8094

MAIN STREET HARDWARE

6388 Main St. | North Branch | (651) 674-4408

STATION ON 17 (MNCO ENERGY LLC)

5563 Athens Trl. | North Branch | (651) 462-2766

RUSH CITY

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#388)

1550 W 4th St. | Rush City | (320) 358-4997

STACY

STACY DO-IT BEST HARDWARE

6125 Stacy Trl. | Stacy | (651) 462-4342

TAYLORS FALLS

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE (#3661)

341 Bench St. | Taylors Falls | (651) 465-4002

WYOMING

HOLIDAY #3550

26720 Kettle River Blvd. | Wyoming | (651) 462-5058



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.

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do
NOT
Transport
Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

FISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauge 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23

1, minimum size 54"

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state

5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

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

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

Catch-and-release only

Crappie Continuous 10

Sunfish Continuous 20

Rock Bass Continuous 30

White Bass Continuous 30

Channel Catfish Continuous 5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

Flathead Catfish 4/1/23 - 11/30/23

2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

Perch

Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

Bullhead Continuous 100

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

Smelt Continuous No limit

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Paddlefish No open season

Longnose and Shortnose Gar

Continuous 10 combined

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ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:

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

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



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



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 100% SAFE ICE!!!

Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

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

How to get started composting

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

What to compost

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

How long will it take?

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

Using the finished compost

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

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors.

Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.



GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly

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



EVERY
DAY
is
EARTH
DAY



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

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

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

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

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

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



So, You want to adopt a dog...BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.

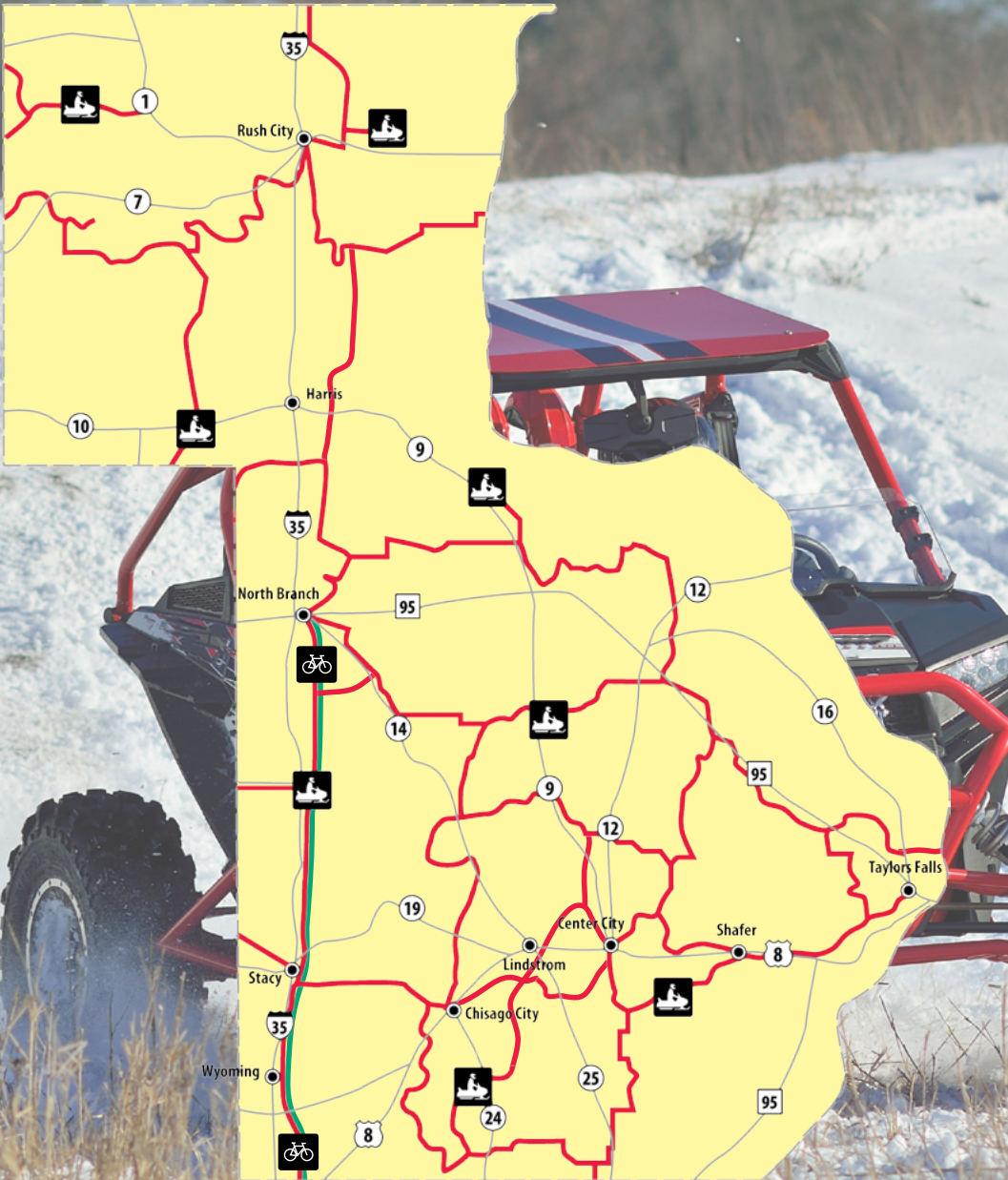
- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.



-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**



New to the Area or Just Looking for Something fun to do?

CHECK out this LIST

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BEST AREAS TO CHECK OUT IN CHISAGO COUNTY!

WILD MOUNTAIN: Wild Mountain is a popular destination for skiing, snowboarding, tubing in the winter, and water slides, lazy river, and other attractions in the summer.

FRANCONIA SCULPTURE PARK: Franconia Sculpture Park is a 43-acre park that features over 120 contemporary sculptures by artists from all over the world. During the summer months, Franconia Sculpture Park hosts a free concert series featuring local musicians and bands.

CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET: This farmers market is a great place to pick up fresh produce and other goods from local farmers and vendors.

TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS: Take a scenic boat tour on the St. Croix River and see the beautiful natural scenery that surrounds Taylors Falls.

INTERSTATE STATE PARK: Interstate State Park is located on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border and offers hiking trails, rock climbing, fishing, and camping.

WINEHAVEN WINERY AND VINEYARD: WineHaven Winery and Vineyard is a family-owned winery that produces a variety of award-winning wines.


WILD RIVER STATE PARK: Wild River State Park is a popular destination for hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing.

CHISAGO LAKES GOLF COURSE: Chisago Lakes Golf Course is a scenic 18-hole course that offers a challenging and enjoyable round of golf.

SWEDISH IMMIGRANT TRAIL: The Swedish Immigrant Trail is a 23-mile trail that winds through Chisago County and is a great way to explore the area's history and natural beauty.

MINNESOTA

Bike Service Stations

 **Bike Service Station**
 **State Trail**



The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

Hiking:

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

Fishing:

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

Golf Courses:

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

Mountain Biking:

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

Skiing:

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



Barbecue

BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

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

Shop • Dine
Play • Stay

LOCALLY



...and
support the
community you live in!