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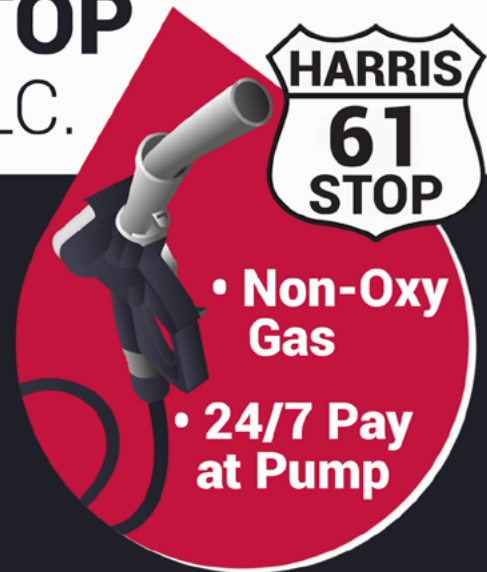
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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Lindstrom Winter Diva Shopping Event

FEBRUARY

Celebrate Chisago Lakes - Winter Blast | Lindstrom
Chisago Lakes Showcase | Lindstrom
Lindstrom Park Board Polka Party
Celebrate our Lakes | Chisago City
Cabin Fever Days | Chisago City

MARCH

No Events at the time of publication

APRIL

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

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
St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour

JUNE

Midsummer Days | North Branch
Fly-In & Drive-In | Rush City
Midsommar Dag | Scandia
Harmony in the Park (June-Aug) | Lindstrom
Music & Arts Festival & Car Show | Rush City
Annual Raspberries & Wine Festival | Chisago City

JULY

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

AUGUST

Ki-Chi-Saga Days | Chisago City
Night to Unite | Chisago City
Stacy Daze | Stacy
Almelund Threshing Show | Taylors Falls
City-Wide Garage Sales | Chisago County

SEPTEMBER

St. Bridget of Sweden Block Party | Lindstrom
Hay Days | Taylors Falls
Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race | Taylors Falls
Wyoming Stagecoach Days Celebration | Wyoming
Women & Wolves - Wildlife Science Center | Stacy
Shafer Days | Shafer
Patriots Remembrance Day | Chisago City
The Dead End Hayride (Sept-Nov) | Wyoming
Nature Party at Allemansrätt | Lindstrom

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
Fall Pottery Sale | Harris
Ukrainian Dinner Fundraiser | Harris
Franks 'n' Steins | Chisago City

NOVEMBER

Arts Fest | North Branch
Lighting Festival & Parade | Taylors Falls
Small Business Saturday | Area Wide
Annual Cheese & Chocolate Weekend | Chisago City

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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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

SHAFFER – 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

NESSER – pop. 1,951

RUSHSEBA – pop. 804

SHAFFER – 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.*

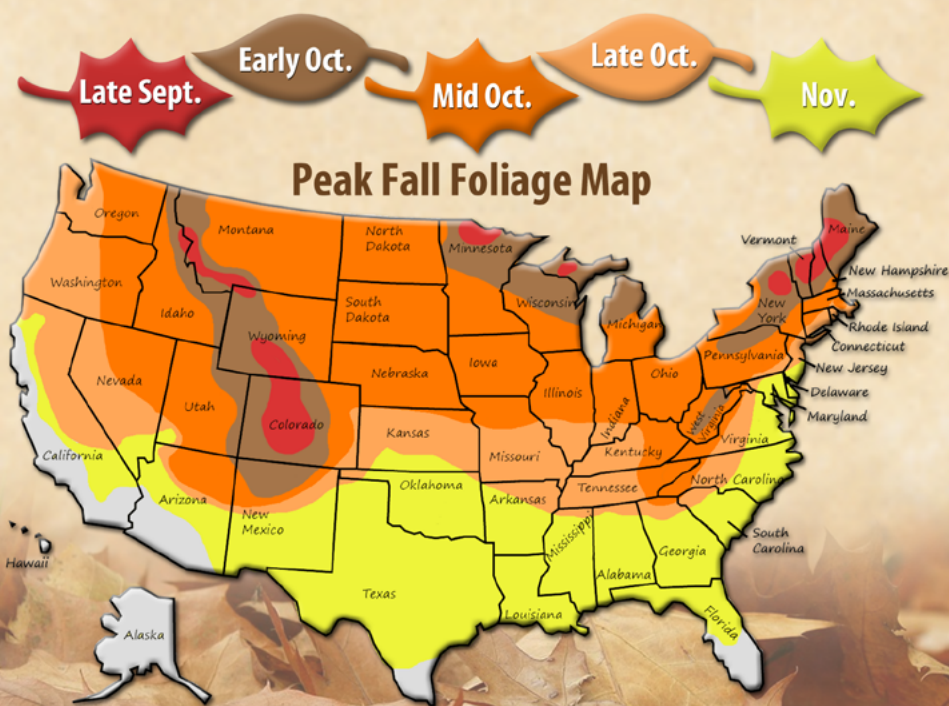
Did You Know?

Autumn Foliage



In the spring and summer tree leaves are green, producing nutrients for the tree. The green color comes from cells in the leaves containing chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs sunlight for energy to transform carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates.

In the fall, shortening days and cooling temperatures makes the leaves stop producing nutrients. The chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears. The different colors of each tree and tree type are due to the mixing of varying amounts of the chlorophyll residue and other pigments in the leaf during the fall season.



Health Benefits of the Outdoors

Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.


Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

Major Research Findings

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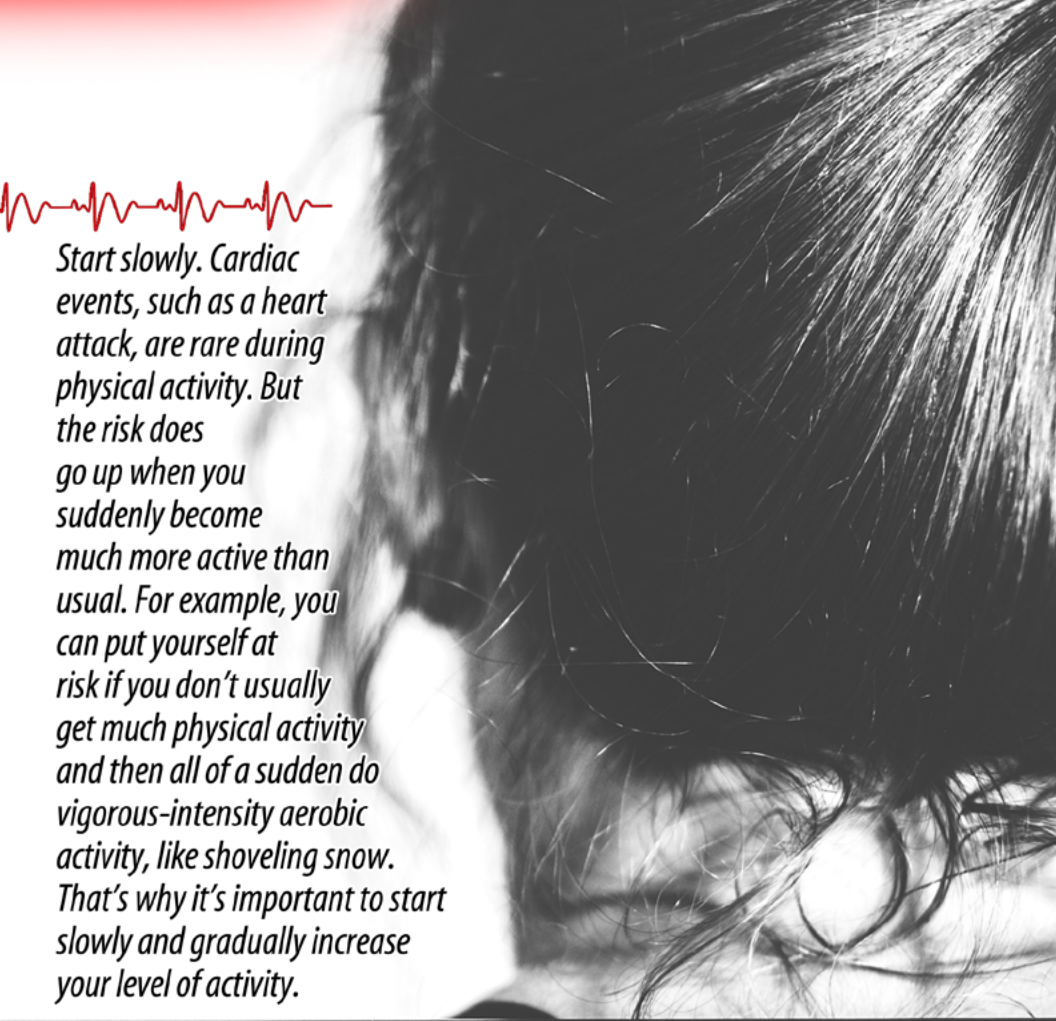
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- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
 - Some physical activity is better than none.
 - For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through 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.

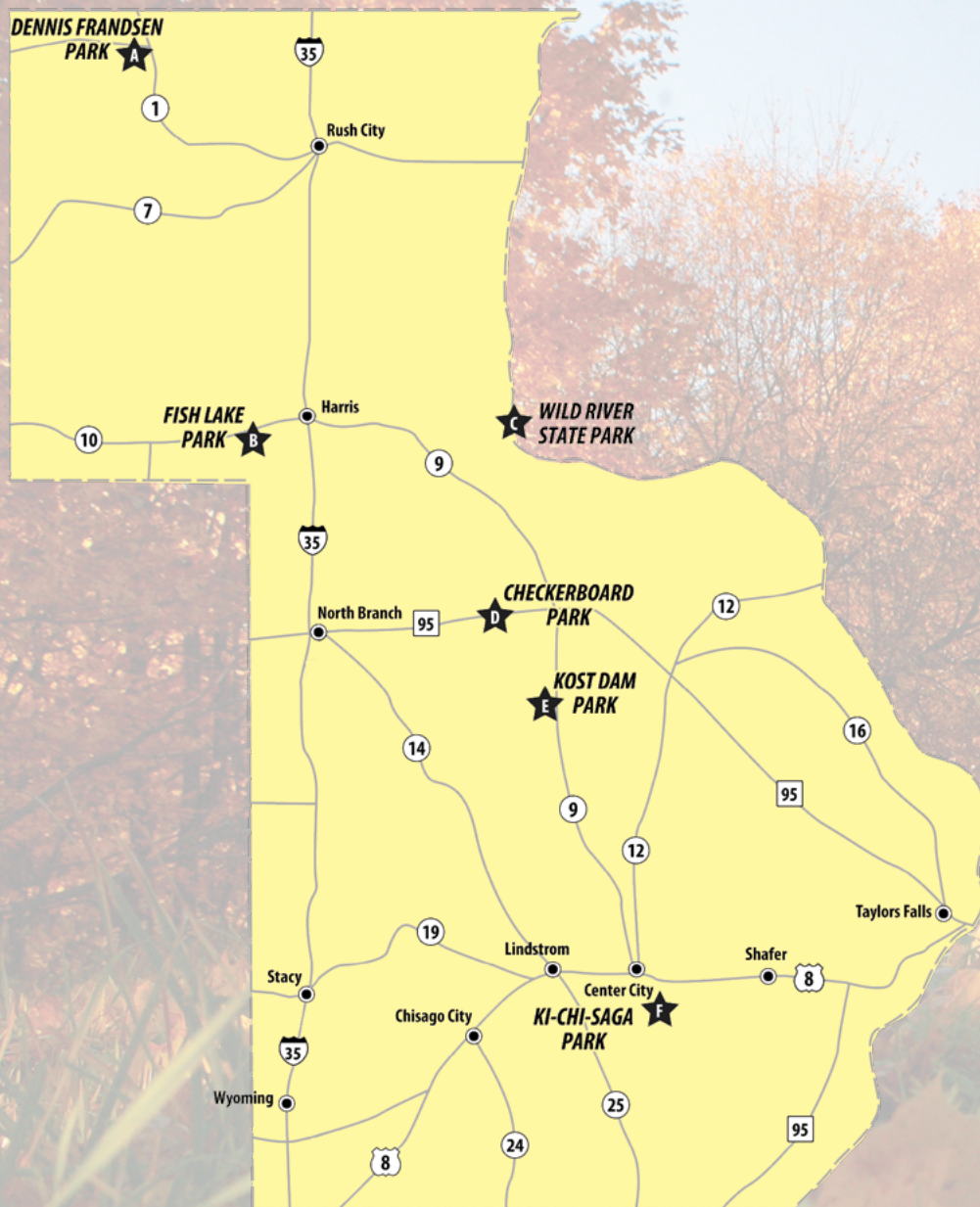
Intensity Examples

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
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Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

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

HUNTING

Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

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

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox, Gray & Red

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

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

Raccoon

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

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

Grouse

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

Pheasant

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

Wild Turkey

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

TRAPPING

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
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10680 South Ave. E | Chisago City | (651) 257-6334

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

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HARRIS STOP

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

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NORTH BRANCH

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#0054)

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

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#403)

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

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HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#388)

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

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CASEY'S GENERAL STORE (#3661)

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

FIREWOOD

Burn it where you get it!



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



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

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

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

FISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

Lake Trout

12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

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

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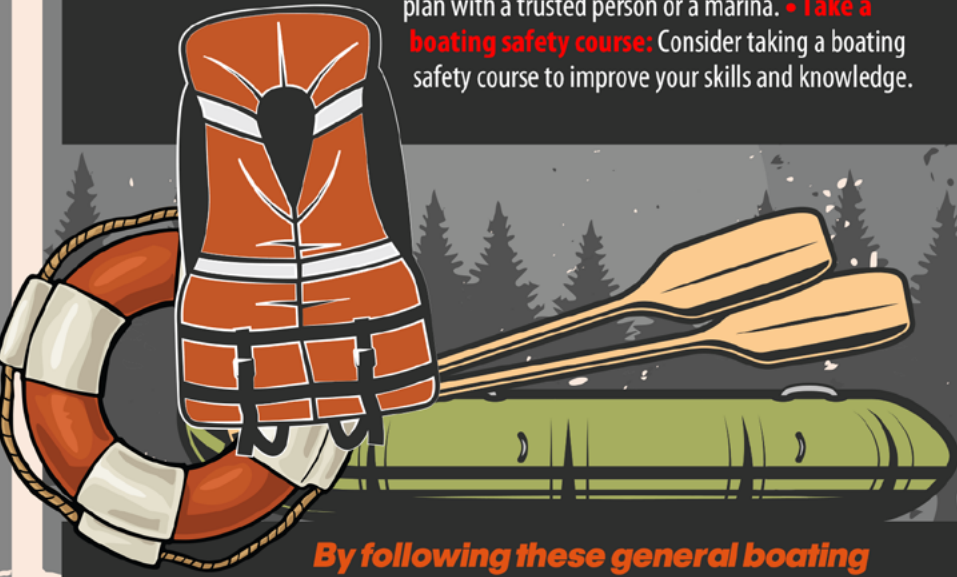


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Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

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



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

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.

COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

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

How to get started composting

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

What to compost

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

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

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

Using the finished compost

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



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 have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

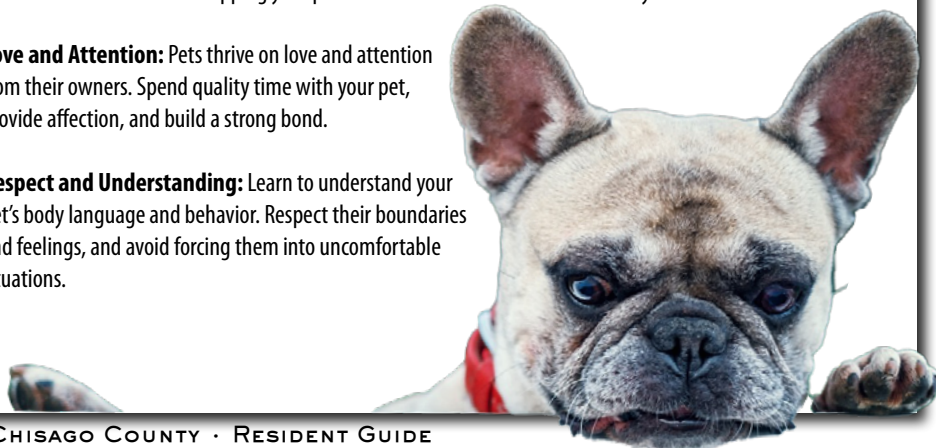
Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

DOG PARKS

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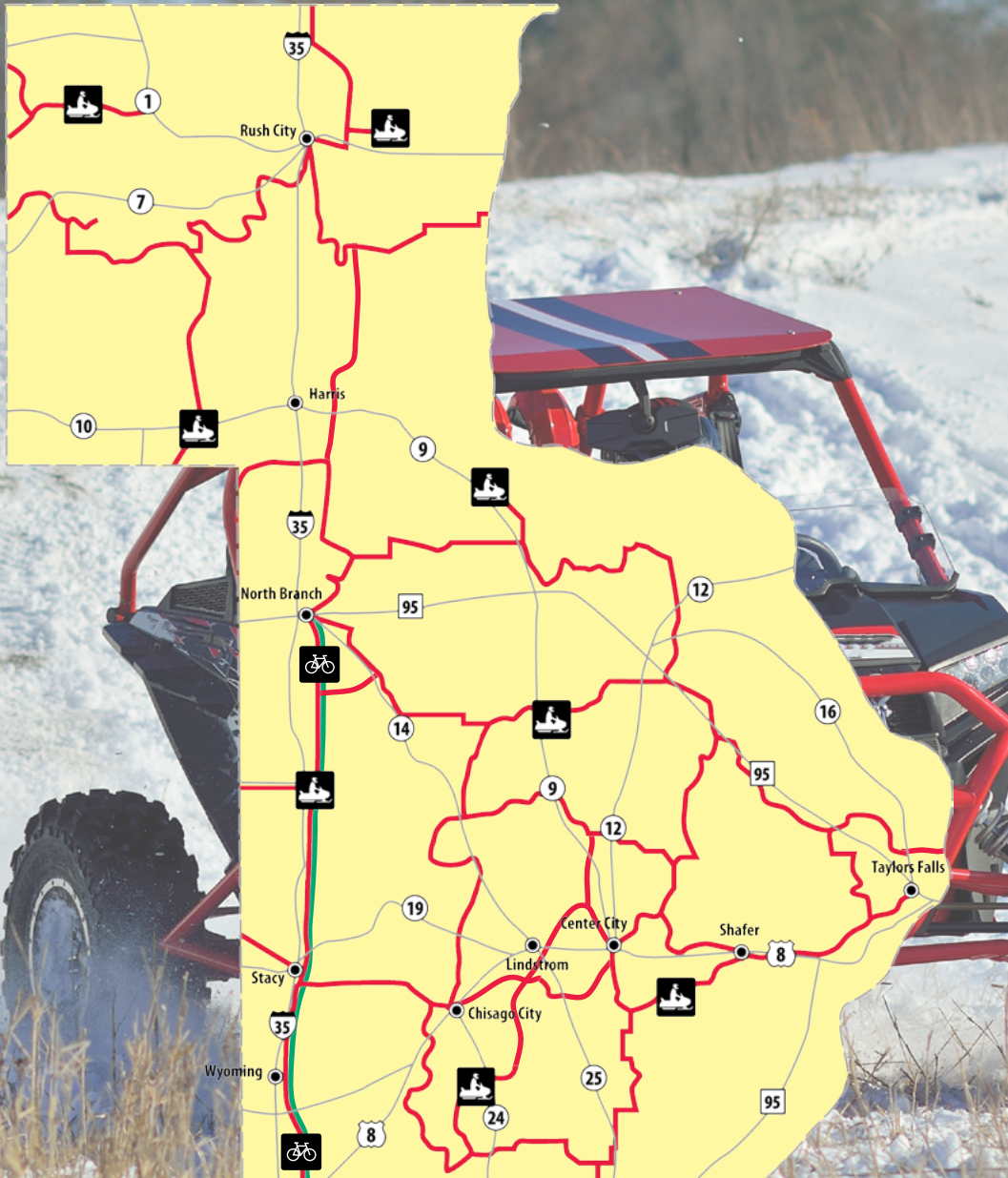




Snowmobile Trail



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.

Fall Lawn Care



In the fall grass grows fast. This is because the sun's rays are less intense during the day and the cooler temperatures at night. This makes it a great time to get your lawn good and healthy for next summer.

Here are a few things you can do to prep your lawn for next year.

- Remove the leaves from your lawn to prevent matting and fungi growth. Or mulch them up into fine pieces, which also acts as a natural fertilizer.
- Don't stop mowing. If the grass is too long come winter time it will lay over on itself and be more vulnerable to fungi.
- Aerate the soil every other year to loosen it up so water, oxygen and nutrients can get to the roots easier.
- Reseed bald or thin areas of grass around the yard.
- Fertilizing in the fall is the best time. It gives the grass important nutrients to help it stay strong and healthy through the winter.



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





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Tilapia Baked in Garlic Butter



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Enjoy your delicious
and healthy tilapia
baked in garlic butter!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



Let Wildlife be Wild

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

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



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