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Resident Guide



**Clearwater,
Mahnomen, & Norman
Counties, MN**

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Just some of the services and benefits available are:

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- Disability Compensation
- Dependent Indemnity Compensation
- Non-service Connected Pension
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- Dental & Optical benefits for low income
- Captioned Telephones with Big Screens
- VA Home Loan Guarantee
- Military Records Requests

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Clearwater County



Mahnomen County



Norman County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

First Day Snowshoe | Bemidji

FEBRUARY

Lake Bemidji Pond Hockey Classic | Bemidji
Minnesota Finlandia | Bemidji
Green Park Rapids Energy Fair & Health Expo
Annual Vintage Snowmobile Show & Ride | Halstad
5K Polar Challenge | Bemidji
Brrmidji Polar Daze | Bemidji
Polar Plunge | Bemidji
Squirt A Hockey Home Tournament | Bemidji
Winter Trails Day | Richwood

MARCH - APRIL

City Wide Clean Up Day | Clearwater
Halstad Community Dinner | Norman
Average 'Ice Out' Date | Bemidji
First National Bank Lumberjack Bonspiel | Bemidji
Ada Catch the Spirit | Norman
Spring Fling Landmark Fundraiser | Halstad

MAY

County Wide Clean up Event | Norman
Beltrami Multi-Vendor Indoor Garage Sale | Bemidji
Northern Minnesota Safety Conference | Bemidji
Bemidji Armory Car Show
First Friday Art Walk (May-Aug) | Bemidji
Evergreen Gala | Bemidji

JUNE

Norman County Fair | Norman
Mahnomen County Fair (June-July)
Bemidji Youth Rally
Kraus-Anderson Walleye Classic | Bemidji
Water Carnival (June-July) | Bemidji
Loop the Lake Festival | Bemidji
Gary Days

JULY

The Birchmont Golf Tournament | Bemidji
Woodcarvers' Festival | Blackduck
Moon Dance Jam | Cass Lake
Ribfest | Cass Lake
Big Bog Festival | Kelliher
Babes Burnout Car Show | Bemidji
Anishinaabe Art Festival | Bemidji

AUGUST

National Night Out
National Garage Sale Day
Wild Rice Day Festival | Mahnomen
Clearwater County Fair | Clearwater
Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival | Bemidji
Heritage Days Festival | Clearwater
Beltrami County Fair | Bemidji

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Bagley Homecoming Parade | Clearwater
Golf For Hope | Clearwater
Annual Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Ride
Fun in the Flatlands/4-H Achievement Day | Norman

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Santa Lucia Festival | Bemidji
Santa Day | Clearwater
Old Fashioned Family Christmas Festival | Norman
Vendor & Craft Market | Bemidji
Lumberjack Craft Fair | Bemidji

** Events are subject to change*

** Some Events may not have been posted at time of Publication*

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SATURDAY

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Emergency Management	694-6226
Environmental Services	694-6183
Extension	694-6151
Highway	694-6132
Human Services	694-6164
Land & Forestry	694-6227
MIS	694-3633
Public Health/Nursing Services	694-6581
Probation	694-2200
Recorder	694-6129
Sheriff's Office	694-6226
Surveyor	694-6129
Treasurer	694-6130
Veteran Services	694-6618

MAHNOTEN COUNTY

Administrator	218-936-3560
Assessor	935-2417
Attorney	935-2378
Court Administration	935-2251
Highway Department	935-2296
Human Services	935-2568
License Bureau	935-9347
Community Health Services	784-5425
Sanitation	936-3560
Sheriff	935-2255
Soil & Water Conservation	935-2987
Treasurer	935-2545
Veterans Services	935-5062
Zoning	936-8381

NORMAN COUNTY

Assessor	218-784-5487
Auditor-Treasurer	784-5471
County Attorney	784-5456
Court Administration	784-5458
Environmental Services & Emergency Management	784-5493
Highway Department	784-7126
Human Resources	784-5473
Recorder	784-5481
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CLEARWATER COUNTY HISTORY



Clearwater County was established in 1902 as the 83rd County in Minnesota, with Bagley as its county seat. Its name comes from the Ojibwe word “gawakomitgweia”, which means “clear water”. The Mississippi river starts in Clearwater County out of Lake Itasca. This is one of Clearwaters most famous traits. Clearwater also contains the beautiful Itasca State Park with over 3,000 acres of old growth pine. Clearwater County is home to approximately 8,695 people.

BAGLEY (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 1,392

CLEARBROOK - pop. 518

GONVICK - pop. 282

LEONARD - pop. 41

SHEVLIN - pop. 176

**Populations are approximate.*

CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMUNITIES

BAGLEY

Bagley was named after Sumner C. Bagley who was a local lumberman. It was settled in 1894 and incorporated on January 4, 1899. It is also the county seat of Clearwater. Lake Lomond is right within the city limits with Lake Itasca just south of that, where the mighty Mississippi starts. They have had a post office in operation since 1898. Bagley is home to approximately 1,392 people.

CLEARBROOK

Clearbrook began in 1907 with only a few buildings and tent residents. At that time it was a community named Shanty Town. It really started to develop in 1910 when the Soo Line Railroad came through. It was incorporated as a village on June 15, 1918 and got its name from the brook there. The biggest industry in Clearbrook is wild rice. Clearbrook is home to approximately 518 people.



Clearwater County Environmental Services

Clearwater County Recycling Drop-Off Locations Accepting:

aluminum cans • steel food cans
glass bottles & jars with lids removed
plastic containers #s 1, 2 & 5
newspaper & office paper • clean cardboard



Two drop-off locations, one in Bagley and one in Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.

Mixed recyclables from these locations are sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in Fosston. Revenue from recyclables sales helps offset tipping fees paid by the County for garbage disposal at the Fosston Incinerator. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for further information.

GONVICK

Gonvick started to develop in 1896 when the Red Lake Reservation opened for prospective homesteaders. The Soo Line Railroad came through there in 1910 bringing more business and the neighboring town Wildwood became part of Gonvick. Seven years later Gonvick was incorporated as a village on August 1, 1917. Gonvick is home to approximately 282 people.

LEONARD

Leonard was incorporated as a village on June 12, 1922. It was named after Leonard French, the first child of an early pioneer merchant. A post office was established in 1899 and remained in operation for 95 years. In 1994 it was discontinued. Leonard is home to approximately 41 people.

SHEVLIN

Shevlin was incorporated as a village in 1898. It was named after Thomas Henry Shevlin of Minneapolis. He came to Minnesota in 1886 and was president of several logging and lumber companies. Shevlin was founded as a logging camp in the late 19th century. It was where the Minnesota Logging Championships were held during the Sawdust Dayz festival. Sawdust Dayz began in 1987 as a part of the Shevlin Community Improvement Project. Shevlin is home to approximately 176 people.

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Mahnomen County was established in 1906 after a mass meeting and a special election. The meeting and election happened because the people were unhappy about the city seat being too far away and lack of services. It's the only county in Minnesota that is inside an Indian reservation. The White Earth Indian Reservation officially marked boundaries in 1868 that contain 796,000 acres. Mahnomen County is also one of Minnesota's prime producing areas of wild rice. Its name comes from the Ojibway word for wild rice. Mahnomen County is home to approximately 5,413 people, with Mahnomen as its county seat.

MAHNOMEN (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,214

BEJOU – pop. 89

WAUBUN – pop. 400

**Populations are approximate.*

MAHNOMEN COUNTY COMMUNITIES

MAHNOMEN

Mahnomen was incorporated as a village on March 21, 1905 and is the county seat of Mahnomen county. In 1904 the first train arrived and the town started growing. The first person to set up a permanent building there was Sigurd Bernard Olson and it was a hardware store. After that many more businesses started popping up all over in the area. Sigurd Bernard Olson was also Mahnomen's postmaster for sometime while the town was growing. Mahnomen is home to approximately 1,214 people.

BEJOU

Bejou got its name from the french word Bon jour. This happened around 1904 when the Soo Line Railroad started going through there. The name came from the fur traders and voyageurs greeting one another, but while creating the towns name they changed the pronunciation and spelling a bit. Bejou was incorporated as a village on January 13, 1921. The first post office was established in 1906 with John A. Hinzen as the postmaster. This post office is still in operation. Bejou is home to approximately 89 people.

WAUBUN

Bement was first established in 1905 and then changed to Waubun in 1906. Waubun in Ojibwe language means rising sun. The Soo Line Railroad first came through in 1904. There was a mill along the tracks that ground grain for farmers and stores sold by Fredenburg's Waubun Flour. At this time there was a butcher shop, general store, First State Bank and Woodworth Elevator Co. It didn't take long for more business and people to follow. Waubun is home to approximately 400 people.



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Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

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- 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!



Norman County was organized in 1881 and had its name chosen because the population at the time was mostly Norwegian. Its located in the Red River Valley of Minnesota which is one of the best farming regions in the world. Frenchman's Bluff is located here and is one of the highest points in northwestern Minnesota. It has an elevation of around 1340 feet and contains birds and insects only found in that area. From the top of the bluff you can get an amazing view of Glacial Lake Agassiz basin. Norman County is home to approximately 6,852 people, with Ada as its county seat.

ADA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,707

BORUP – pop. 110

GARY – pop. 214

HALSTAD – pop. 597

HENDRUM – pop. 307

PERLEY – pop. 92

SHELLY – pop. 191

TWIN VALLEY – pop. 821

**Populations are approximate.*

ADA

Ada was incorporated as a village in 1884, then to a town in 1890, and finally a city in 1908. Ada got its name from Ada Nelson Fisher, she was the daughter of prominent local resident and farmer, H. W. Fisher. Unfortunately she died at the age of six in 1880. In 1823 Major Stephan R. went out to investigate the Red River Valley for possible value. Herds of elk and buffalo were abundant and the farming land looked exceptional. But with grasshopper masses, fear of Indians, and long travel distance to markets, very few people ventured there till 1876. Adas existence and livelihood is due to the strength of the local agricultural economy. Ada is home to approximately 1,707 people.

BORUP

Borup was named in honor of Charles William Wulff Borup. He established the banking house of Borup and Oakes, it was the first in Minnesota. The city settled next to the Great Northern Railway and a grain warehouse. Borup was platted in 1899, and incorporated as a village in 1951. The post office has been in operation since 1896 and is named after the city. Borup is home to approximately 110 people.

GARY

Gary was founded in 1883 by Garrett L. Thorpe and was incorporated on February 21, 1901. In 1877 the first settlers started arriving in the area, by 1880 most of the homesteaded sections were taken up. The town had gotten word in 1885 that the Great Northern Railroad would be coming through their town. The towns people worked hard on getting ready for the railway by clearing a path and setting grade for the tracks to be placed, but in 1886 the Northern Pacific Railroad had already completed a track 3 miles to the west, with a depot at Gary. Gary is home to approximately 214 people.

HALSTAD

Halstad township was organized in 1879 and incorporated as a village on February 13, 1893. The city was named after Ole Halstad. He was a pioneer farmer from Norway. For many years he was also the postmaster for Marsh River post office. The topography of this region is pretty extreme with areas of the Red River that have an inch of elevation change per mile. Halstad is home to approximately 597 people.

HENDRUM

Hendrum was organized in 1880, its city was founded in 1881, and was incorporated on August 26, 1901. The early settlers of this city were mostly Norwegian and named it after a group of farms in Norway. The post office was established in 1878 and Johanas Hagen was the postmaster. He spent his whole life there on his farm and helped organize the township and village. Hendrum is home to approximately 307 people.

TWIN VALLEY

Twin Valley started when S. P. Olson selected a site and built a flour mill, this attracted farmers to the area and it was an established village by 1880. It was named from its location between the Wild Rice River and a tributary creek. Running through the city is the Agassiz Recreational Trails, its a 53-mile multi-use rail trail. The trail allows biking, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and more. Another trail in the city is the Prairie Passage trail, this trail is full of native grasses, flowers, and wildlife. Twin Valley is home to approximately 821 people.

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BOSWORTH PARK

Ada

Bosworth Park features electricity, restrooms, volleyball, horseshoe pit, camping, playground, grilling pits, and sheltered picnic areas.

CLEARBROOK CITY PARK AND CAMPGROUND

Clearbrook | (218) 776-3213

Clearbrook City Park and Campground features RV sites, tent sites, restrooms, and showers.

HALSTAD WESTSIDE PARK

Norman

Halstad Riverside Park features biking, boat launch, power boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, ski touring, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

HEIBERG DAM PICNIC AREA

Norman | (218) 584-5254

Heiberg Park offers picnic shelters, electricity, picnic tables, fishing, and playground equipment.

HENDRUM COMMUNITY PARK

Hendrum | (218) 861-6210

Hendrum Community Park features shelters, barbecue pits, picnic tables, electricity, water, restrooms, playground equipment, RV hook-ups, softball field with bleachers and boat launch.

ITASCA STATE PARK

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Norman

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09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

HUNTING

Bear

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

Deer

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

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox, Gray & Red

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

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

Raccoon

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

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

Grouse

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

Pheasant

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

Wild Turkey

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

TRAPPING

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox

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

Opossum

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

Rabbit

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

Raccoon

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

Squirrel

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

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

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

FREE FISHING

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June 9-11, 2023

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

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

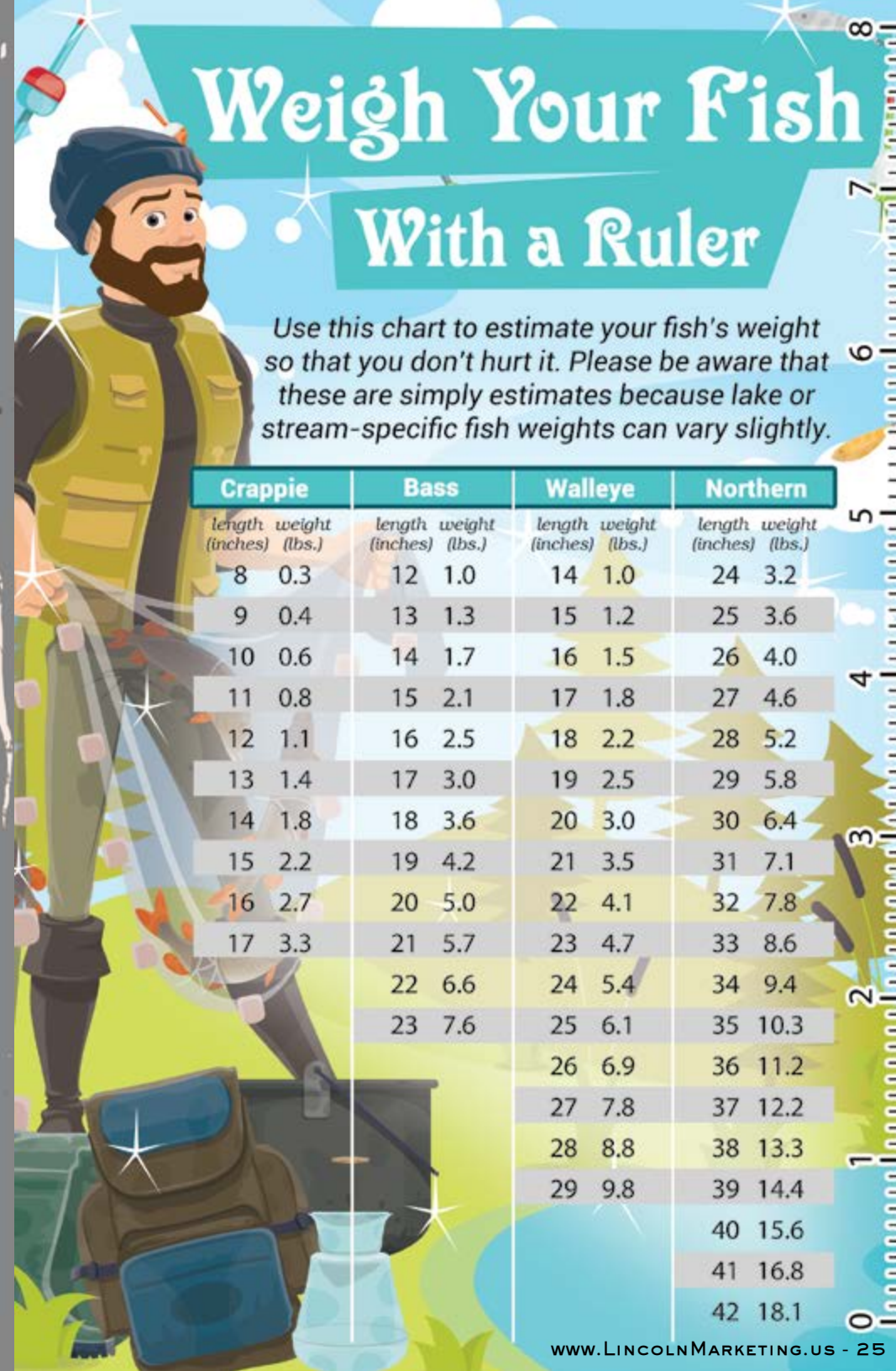


By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

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

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



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

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

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

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

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

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

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

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

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

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

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

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

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

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



TICKS

Diseases & Prevention



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

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

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

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



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease.

Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

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

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

1-Know when and where you're at risk

- Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent

- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks

- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!



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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



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.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- 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

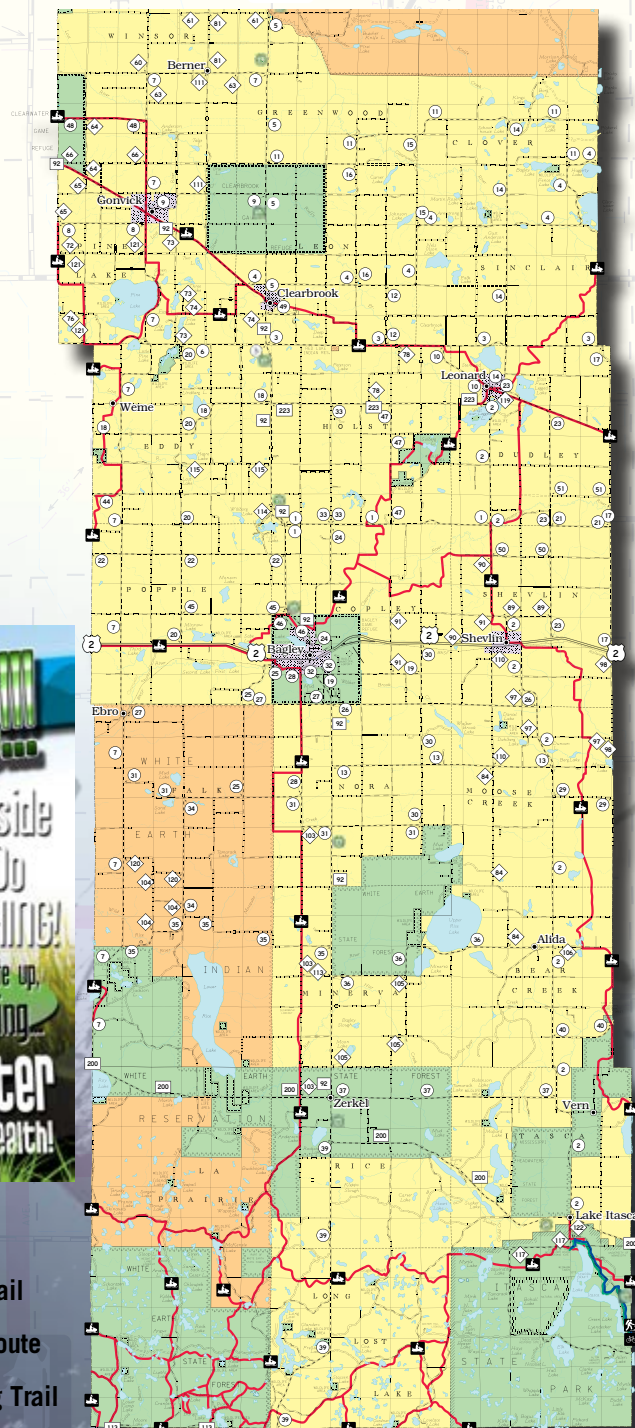


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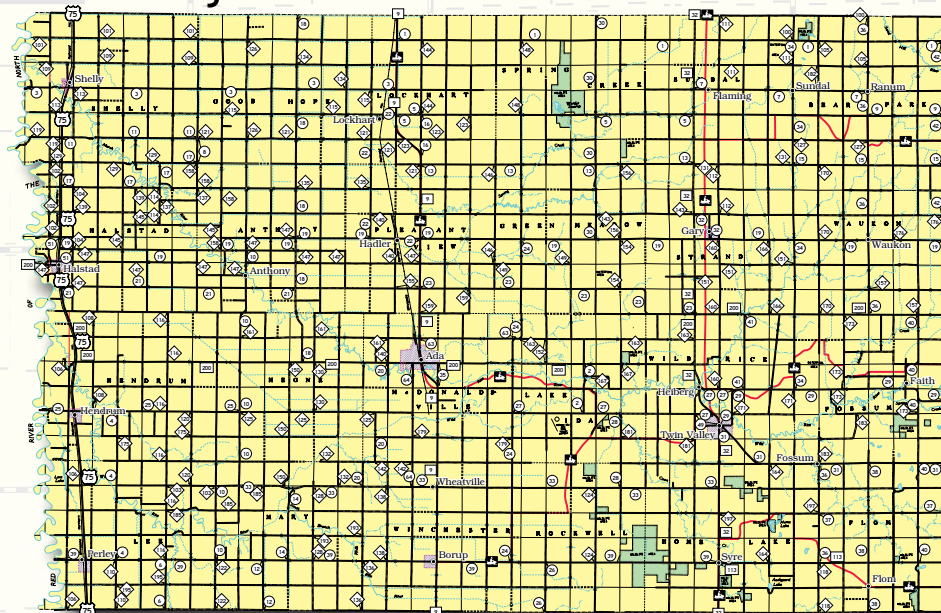
Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS

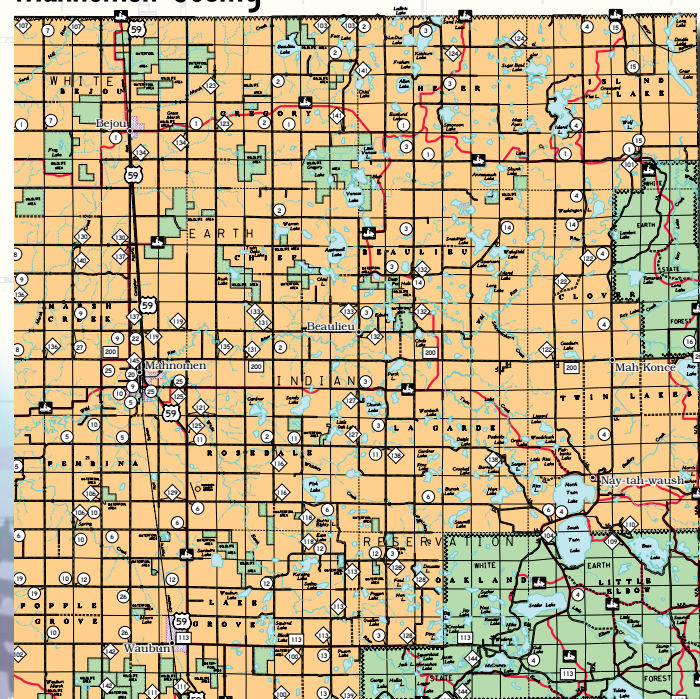
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Snowmobile Trail



Bicycle Trail/Route



Hiking/Walking Trail



Snowmobile Trail

BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.

3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

Enjoy your delicious
buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



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.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Read Guide
for Clues)

ACROSS

- 1: THIS CITY WITHIN NORMAN COUNTY WAS PLATTED IN 1899 & INCORPORATED AS A VILLAGE IN 1951.
- 2: THIS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 41.
- 4: THIS CITY HAD AN ORIGINAL NAME OF "SHANTY TOWN".
- 6: THIS CITY WAS HOST TO AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION CALLED "SAWDUST DAYZ".



DOWN

- 1: THIS CITY GOT ITS NAME FROM THE FRENCH WORD FOR "HELLO".
- 3: THIS CITY WAS NAMED AFTER A MAN BY THE NAME OF OLE, A PIONEER FARMER FROM NORWAY.
- 5: THE FIRST BUSINESS IN THIS CITY WAS A HARDWARE STORE BUILT BY SIGURD BERNARD OLSON.
- 7: THE CITY OF WAUBUN WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED THIS.

WORD SEARCH

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TWINVALLEY
LEONARD
HALSTAD
GARY
BAGLEY
SHELLY
GONVICK
SHEVLIN
ADA

The Dakota War changed everything for both native Dakota and newcomers to this land. Hundreds of natives and newcomers were killed in the war, and hundreds more captured or forced to flee. The Endreson Family immigrated to Kandiyohi County from Norway in search of prosperity. They built a plain but sturdy log cabin in traditional Norwegian style, and established a thriving farm. On August 21st, 1862, the family suffered a surprise attack by the Dakota. Father and son were killed, a second son was wounded, and two daughters were captured, while the mother was able to escape to a cellar with her infant daughter.

Joseph R. Brown, legislator and drafter of the Minnesota State Constitution, saw his stone mansion – previously a prominent building and refreshing stop for weary river travelers – destroyed. Brown and his wife were spared their lives due to tribal ties: Brown was an Indian agent, authorized by the government to lease lands to natives, and his wife a mixed-blood Dakota.

What prompted this devastation?

Starting in 1778, newcomers to America negotiated treaties with Dakota natives to restrict Dakota hunting and land ownership in exchange for food, cash, and other goods from the U.S. government. Only a fraction of promised goods reached natives, due in part to bureaucracy: the government goods owed to natives passed through corrupt traders' hands. Plagued by starvation and hardship, young Dakota warriors attacked settlements along the Minnesota River to drive newcomers out, starting with five white settlers near Acton Township. This prompted an all-out war.

On September 2nd, 1862, a rescue mission of 170 U.S. soldiers set out to retrieve captives from Birch Coulee. During their journey, they buried 55 dead from a previous battle and saw no sign of natives. However, two troops of 110 and 350 natives would soon attack, at the Battle of Birch Coulee. The Dakota Lost the War

By late December of 1862, the majority of Dakota natives had been killed, jailed, or exiled. One quarter of Dakota people who surrendered died by 1863. On December 26th, 38 Dakota prisoners were hanged in the largest mass hanging on one day in U.S. history.

See the Ruins, a Piece of History

Visit the Endreson House, one of the oldest existing houses in Minnesota, where Guri Endreson and her family returned after the war; explore the ruins of Joseph R. Brown's riverside stone mansion; and walk the battlegrounds at Birch Coulee.

For more information, visit: www.usdakotawar.org

Ruins of the Dakota War



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