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HERITAGE ACRES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2014

Heritage Acres is open from April 1st through October 31st by appointment only unless there is an event going on.

• Saturday June 14th - Interlaken Heritage Days • 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free admission. All of the buildings will be open and free ice cream cones will be given out to everyone.

• Friday, July 4th - Annual Music Festival • Noon - 5:00 pm - Prairieville Building

The main band for the afternoon is Barefoot Becky and The Ivanhoe Dutchmen and they play a variety of music from old time, country & some 50's & 60's, plus two other local groups will perform. Visit our main street in the building with lots of antique displays. Food and beverages will be available. There is an admission charge for this event.

• Sunday, August 10th - Threshing Day & Antique Tractor Display • 1:00 pm

The threshing will take you back in time to the days of steam threshing. There will be a food stand available and buildings will be open. Admission is free.

• Sunday, October 19th - Annual Fall Festival

Ecumenical chapel service 10:00 am in the heritage Acres Chapel. Soup and sandwich Dinner 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Prairieville Building. There will be a charge for the dinner. All other activities are free.

During the Fall Festival there will be many antique equipment demonstrations. See the one and two row pickers at work or try picking corn by hand. Other items of interest include a corn sheller, combining beans and plowing with horses. There will be baking in the house and pressing apples for free samples of apple juice and a fresh baked cookie. There is no charge to watch these activities.

All Buildings Are Handicap Accessible

HERITAGE ACRES CONTACTS

Jerry Simon • 507-238-4645

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We are open for tours by appointment. The chapel can be rented for weddings. The Prairieville Building can be rented for reunions. No alcohol allowed. Pets are allowed on the grounds, but not in the buildings.

www.heritageacresmn.org



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JOURNEY TO THE PAST AT HERITAGE ACRES:

You name it, we've got it all!

Today, we are far removed from the pioneering farmers who shaped this country. From a nation of family farms, America's advances in machinery, pesticides, irrigation techniques, and other areas have made farms fewer, larger-scale, and a lot less personal. Agricultural interpretive centers like Heritage Acres in Fairmont bring the rural past to life for modern families to experience and appreciate.

According to Lola Talledge, a Heritage Acres associate, "Small farming is all gone — now it's all big farming. So kids today have no idea where milk comes from, how we did things long ago, or how hard their grandparents and great-grandparents worked. These things don't come from a tin can or the freezer. Here, people can learn how stuff grows and how it's harvested."

What kinds of old-time attractions can you find at Heritage Acres? Talledge says, "You name it, we've got it," and that seems to really be the case! The 1940's-style town they've created includes farm buildings, a chapel, a school house, a Heritage House filled with antique furnishings, a train depot, multiple vintage vehicles, and a full old-fashioned Main Street. Many of the historic buildings and vehicles were transferred to Heritage Acres from other locations, but the barn is original to the site, and the majority of what you will see there is genuinely from another time.

The Prairieville Mall houses a full replica of a 1940's style main street, where you can tour a bank, barber shop, post office, dentist's office, fix-it shop, livery stable, general store, restaurant, and more! Beyond the mall, tour buildings that have faded from modern-day life, like a log cabin, blacksmith, chicken coop, barn, and granary. Learn about milking cows, threshing wheat, operating tractors and trains, and other common labors of the past. If you come with children, be sure to take them to the grain elevator, chicken coop, trains and tractors, and old school house — they'll have so much fun they won't even realize they're learning lessons in history!

In addition to working hard to maintain their farm and 1940's village, Heritage Acres hosts city-wide gardens with 150 plots. Jerry Simon, Heritage Acres president, does garden work almost every day, and donates a lot of the produce to food shelves and Harvest for Kids.

Don't pass up this opportunity to journey through the past! For added fun, visit on June 8th during Interlaken Heritage Days for free ice cream and other special events, the Annual Music Festival to hear old-time and country music, including tunes from the 50's and 60's, the Fourth of July to enjoy an old-fashioned apple pie and ice cream treat, or the Threshing Day and Antique Tractor Display see how steam threshing works. Visit the food stand at any time of the year for grilled foods like hamburgers, hot dogs, and polish sausages with sauerkraut.

Talledge says, "We'll gladly open up for anybody at any time," so set your appointment now!

Visit www.heritageacresmn.org to see photos, a complete calendar of events, and all that beautiful Heritage Acres has to offer.

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Winter Crazy Days | Jackson

FEBRUARY

Lions Club Valentine's Dance | Windom

MARCH

Farm & Home Show | Jackson

APRIL

Ceylon Community Day

Easter Egg Hunt | Jackson

MAY

City-Wide Garage Sales | Jackson

JUNE

Interlaken Heritage Days | Fairmont

Wood Duck Festival | Fulda

Jeffers Outlaw Days

SummerFest | Lakefield

Mountain Lake Pow Wow

Sherburn Holiday Festival

Westbrook Fun Days

Riverfest | Windom

JULY

Jackson County Fair | Jackson

Rhythm of the River | Jackson

Pork Chop Open | Lakefield

Days of '87 Celebration | Slayton

Okabena Fourth

Trimont Chocolate Festival

JULY, CONTD.

Truman Days

Crazy Days | Windom

AUGUST

Martin County Fair | Fairmont

Corn Cob Open Golf Event | Jackson

Jackson Speedway Nationals

Murray County Fair | Slayton

Prairie Day Parade | Slayton

Cottonwood County Fair | Windom

SEPTEMBER

Autumn Boutique | Slayton

Utschtallung | Windom

OCTOBER

Pumpkin Fest | Shetek

Fall Fantasy Festival | Slayton

NOVEMBER

Holiday Fest | Lakefield

DECEMBER

Holiday Fest Parade & Fireworks | Jackson

Santa Claus Day | Jeffers

Holly Holidays | Windom

**For more information on events throughout Cottonwood, Martin, Murray and Jackson Counties, visit: www.exploreminnesota.com*

AREA TRIVIA/FUN FACTS

Did You Know...?

- Murray County has experienced 23 tornadoes, including the only F-5 tornadoes recorded in Minnesota history. F-5 is the highest intensity that tornadoes can reach on the Fujita Scale, with winds traveling at speeds of over 261 miles per hour.
- Ceylon is said to be named after a box of Ceylon tea.
- The city of Welcome is named after a British homesteader who immigrated after the Civil War.
- Trimont is a fusion of what used to be two towns: Triumph and Monterey. The railroads that separated the towns have since dissolved, leaving two Main Street business districts only half a mile apart.
- A wave of Irish immigrants came to Currie as a result of the famine of 1840's. They founded several organizations to attract more Irish and spread the Catholic religion in the United States. A number of Europeans from other countries settled in Currie as well.
- Fulda is the "Home of the Wood Duck" and has an annual Wood Duck Festival. It also has a Civil War cannon on display.
- Paul Willson, who starred in "Cheers" and "Office Space" and Jay Maynard, known on the internet as Tron-Guy, were born in Fairmont.
- Walter Mondale, vice-president under Jimmy Carter, and Inkpadata, a Sioux leader who later joined famed Sitting Bull, were from Herring Lake.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

Assessor(507) 831-2458
 Attorney831-4839
 Auditor/Treasurer831-1905
 Community Health Services831-1987
 Court Administration831-4551
 Court Services/Probation831-2678
EMERGENCY.....911
 Emergency Management832-8255
 Environmental Services831-2060
 Extension Service831-4022
 Family Services831-1891
 Highway Department831-1389
 Recorder831-1458
 Sheriff831-1376
 Veterans Services831-5522

MARTIN COUNTY

Assessor(507) 238-3210
 Attorney238-1594
 Auditor/Treasurer238-3211
 County Coordinator238-3126
EMERGENCY.....911
 Highway Department235-3347
 Human Services238-4757
 Planning & Zoning238-3242
 Probation238-3215
 Recorder238-3213
 Sheriff238-4481
 Veterans Services238-3220

MURRAY COUNTY

Assessor(507) 836-6148
 Auditor/Treasurer836-6148
EMERGENCY.....911
 Emergency Management836-6148
 Environmental Services836-6148
 Extension Service836-6927
 Highway Department836-6327
 Planning & Zoning836-6148
 Recorder836-6148
 Sheriff836-6168
 Veterans Services836-6148

JACKSON COUNTY

Assessor(507) 847-4033
 Attorney847-2852
 Auditor/Treasurer847-2763
 Community Health Services831-1987
 County Coordinator847-4182
 Court Services847-5660
EMERGENCY.....911
 Environmental Services847-2240
 Family Services847-4441
 Highway Department847-2525
 Recorder847-2580
 Sheriff847-4420
 Veterans Services847-4774

COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORY



Once occupied by Indians, Cottonwood County was settled in the 1850s. It was named after the nearby Cottonwood River where cottonwood trees thrived. Officially established in 1857, permanent settlement did not begin until after the Dakota Conflict in 1862. As the railroad arrived in 1871, Cottonwood County began to grow, develop and become organized. In 1872 Windom was voted as the County Seat and a small, rented wooden building served as county offices. Agriculture dominated early industry as wheat was a primary crop. Electricity arrived to Cottonwood County in 1938 and the area continued to grow as a farming community. Today Cottonwood County is home to approximately 11,283 residents.

CITIES:

BINGHAM LAKE - pop. 169
COMFREY - pop. 344
JEFFERS - pop. 362
MOUNTAIN LAKE - pop. 1,928
STORDEN - pop. 1,928
WESTBROOK - pop. 678
WINDOM (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 4,197

TOWNSHIPS:

AMBOY - pop. 160
AMO - pop. 130
ANN - pop. 177
CARSON - pop. 286
DALE - pop. 143

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

DELTON - pop. 137
GERMANTOWN - pop. 209
GREAT BEND - pop. 289
HIGHWATER - pop. 157
LAKE SIDE - pop. 236
MIDWAY - pop. 268
MOUNTAIN LAKE - pop. 414
ROSE HILL - pop. 175
SELMA - pop. 189
SOUTH BROOK - pop. 107
SPRINGFIELD - pop. 151
STORDEN - pop. 182
WESTBROOK - pop. 282

*Populations are approximate

COUNTY COMMUNITIES

JEFFERS

Jeffers was originally home to Indians where petroglyphs can still be viewed. Settled in the late 1800s, Jeffers was named after local landowner George Jeffers. Located in Amboy Township, the community began to grow as the railroad arrived in 1871. Banks, general stores and a school were established, attracting new settlers. Today Jeffers is home to approximately 362 residents.

MOUNTAIN LAKE

Once home to Indians, Mountain Lake was first settled by William Mason, who named the area Mountain Lake after a large island in the nearby lake. As the railroad arrived, Mountain Lake was platted in 1871. Residents tried to turn the area into a lakeshore resort in the 1890s, but due to heavy construction and farming, Mountain Lake was drained. For over 40 years the lake remained dry until 1937 when a dam was built and the lake restored. Today Mountain Lake is home to approximately 1,928 residents.

WINDOM (COUNTY SEAT)

Windom was named after Minnesota Senator and Representative William Windom. By 1866, Windom was home to banks, a church, school and general stores. The community was voted as the county seat in 1872, beating Jeffers. Originally an agricultural center, Windom has developed a diverse economy and has become the transportation hub of Cottonwood County due to its proximity to the railroad, highways and Des Moines River. 2010 marked the 125th anniversary of the Windom Fire Department as residents and visitors celebrate Riverfest, a community festival. Today Windom is home to approximately 4,197 residents.

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MARTIN COUNTY HISTORY



Settled in the mid 1800s, Martin County was officially organized in 1857. The first post office in Martin County was established in 1858 in Fairmont. Named after Henry Martin, a Connecticut landowner, Martin County grew as an agricultural community. As the railroad arrived, Martin County continued to grow. Soon banks, schools and a cheese factory were thriving and Fairmont was voted as its county seat. By 1880 there were over 200 residents in Martin County and the area continued to develop and organize with communities establishing near railroads and nearby lakes and rivers. Today Martin County is home to approximately 20,435 residents.

ALBANY – pop. 913

COLETA – pop. 151

DEER GROVE – pop. 47

ERIE – pop. 1,548

FULTON – pop. 3,832

LYNDON – pop. 543

MORRISON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,303

PROPHETSTOWN – pop. 1,925

ROCK FALLS – pop. 9,307

STERLING – pop. 15,124

TAMPICO – pop. 728

*Populations are approximate

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COUNTY COMMUNITIES

FAIRMONT (COUNTY SEAT)

Once home to Indians, Fairmont was first settled by E. Banks Hall and William H. Budd in 1857. The community was named after the nearby lakes and hills and was platted by the Watonwan Land Company. A post office was established by Budd in 1858 and the community continued to grow. Fort Fairmount was built in 1862 to defend against Indians and settlement slowed. As the railroad arrived in 1878, Fairmont began to thrive and the community was voted as the county seat. Today Fairmont is home to approximately 10,221 residents.

SHERBURN

Once a stagecoach stop, Sherburn was settled in 1878 as railroad lines were built. A post office was built and the community was first known as Lone Cedar. As the railroad station was named Sherburn after Sherburne S. Merrill, railroad general manager, the community was renamed Sherburn. Today Sherburn is home to approximately 1,019 residents.

TRUMAN

First settled in 1857 along Elm Creek, Truman was platted in 1880. It was named after Truman Whited who surveyed the community. By 1899 a school, general and hardware stores were established and a post office was constructed. Truman was officially incorporated in 1900 and was home to 214 residents. By 1910 a creamery, saloons, grain elevators, photography studio and newspaper were thriving. Today Truman is home to approximately 1,172 residents.

JEFFERS PETROGLYPHS (CONT. PAGE 10)

Visit the site where Minnesota's recorded history begins. The Jeffers Petroglyphs are colorful rock formations where Native Americans have worshipped and carved stories about their lives for thousands of years.

The quartzite rock that extends for 23 miles across Cottonwood County is more than 1.6 billion years old. The quartzite is multicolored due to iron oxide reactions, with hues of red, purple, lavender, brown, and white.

More than 4,000 carved images – or petroglyphs – of prairie animals, atlatls (throwing sticks), and darts recorded by Native Americans can still be seen today.

Jeffers Petroglyphs are carved into one of the oldest bedrock formations in Minnesota, and may also be the oldest continually used sacred site in the entire world.

MURRAY COUNTY HISTORY



Once home to Indians, settlers began to arrive to Murray County in 1831. A trading post was built by the American Fur Company in 1833 and the area began to grow. Officially organized in 1857, Murray County was named after William Pitt Murray, a local government official. As the railroad arrived, settlement of Slayton and neighboring villages began and in 1889, Slayton was voted as the county seat after a heated battle with nearby Currie. By 1925 local businesses were thriving and the area remained an agricultural community. Today Murray County is home to approximately 8,389 residents.

CITIES:

AVOCA - pop. 130

CHANDLER - pop. 239

CURRIE - pop. 198

DOVRAY - pop. 57

FULDA - pop. 1,196

HADLEY - pop. 70

IONA - pop. 155

LAKE WILSON - pop. 232

SLAYTON (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 686

THE LAKES CDP - pop. 619

TOWNSHIPS:

BELFAST - pop. 186

BONDIN - pop. 281

CAMERON - pop. 148

CHANARAMBIE - pop. 213

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

DES MOINES RIVER - pop. 174

DOVRAY - pop. 159

ELLSBOROUGH - pop. 190

FENTON - pop. 200

HOLLY - pop. 167

IONA - pop. 186

LAKE SARAH - pop. 320

LEEDS - pop. 225

LIME LAKE - pop. 212

LOWVILLE - pop. 168

MASON - pop. 263

MOULTON - pop. 230

MURRAY - pop. 191

SHETEK - pop. 288

SKANDIA - pop. 166

SLAYTON - pop. 310

* Populations are approximate

COUNTY COMMUNITIES

CURRIE

Currie was first settled by Archibald and Neil Currie in 1872 and the community was named in their honor. The Currie's built a flour mill and businesses soon followed. Development slowed as Currie lost the battle for the county seat. Today Currie is home to approximately 198 residents.

FULDA

Settled in the 1870s, Fulda was platted in 1879 near Seven Mile Lake. Named after a German town, Fulda began as an agricultural community. By 1881 Fulda was home to over 10 businesses and the community continued to grow. Known as the "Home of the Wood Duck" due to the high amount of migrating wood ducks, Fulda celebrates an annual Wood Duck Festival every June. Today Fulda is home to approximately 1,196 residents.

SLAYTON (COUNTY SEAT)

Slayton was settled in the 1870s as a train station on the St. Paul Sioux City Railroad. Land was purchased in 1881 by Charles Wesley Slayton, a railroad land agent. The community was named in his honor and Slayton was platted as a village. In 1887 Slayton was incorporated and the area began to grow. Slayton was voted as the county seat and is known as the Hub City of southwestern Minnesota due to its proximity to major highways. Today Slayton is home to approximately 1,835 residents.

JEFFERS PETROGLYPHS

According to the Minnesota Historical Society:

"To American Indians, rock formations emerging from the earth provide a link between the physical and spiritual worlds. Such places are chosen to record visions, events, stories or maps. . . . The earliest carvings at Jeffers Petroglyphs were created from 7,000 to 9,000 years ago. The most recent were made in the last 150 to 250 years. This long time span makes Jeffers one of, if not the, oldest continuously used sacred sites in the world."

— www.mnhs.org

It is unknown which Native American tribes began the carvings, though we know that from 1650 on, the loway, Otoe, Cheyenne, and Dakota inhabited the area. The Minnesota Historical Society purchased the site in 1966, and historians, archaeologists, and tribe elders continue to explore its history. Explore a beautiful expanse of colorful bedrock and see ancient petroglyphs for yourself at Jeffers Petroglyphs. Walk the trails, take a tour, and enjoy special events like: "Adventures in Nature," "Butterfly Discovery Day," "Early Hunting Tools," "Starry Night, Prairie Night" and "Celebrate the Garden Harvest."

For more information, visit www.mnhs.org.

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORY



Originally home to Indians, Jackson County was officially established in 1857 and named after Henry Jackson, a Minnesota legislature member and St. Paul merchant. In 1864 Fort Belmont was constructed by settlers to defend against Indian uprisings and as a result, settlement of the county was slow. The community of Jackson was voted as the county seat and residents constructed their homes out of prairie sod and local timber. As the railroad arrived, Jackson County began to grow and churches, schools and businesses were thriving. Today Jackson County is home to approximately 10,734 residents.

CITIES:

ALPHA - pop. 116

HERON LAKE - pop. 733

JACKSON (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 3,305

LAKEFIELD - pop. 1,614

OKABENA - pop. 169

WILDER - pop. 66

TOWNSHIPS:

ALBA - pop. 195

BELMONT - pop. 217

CHRISTIANIA - pop. 318

DELAFIELD - pop. 271

DES MOINES - pop. 260

ENTERPRISE - pop. 198

TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

EWINGTON - pop. 226

HERON LAKE - pop. 384

HUNTER - pop. 249

KIMBALL - pop. 156

LA CROSSE - pop. 176

MIDDLETOWN - pop. 235

PETERSBURG - pop. 259

ROST - pop. 242

ROUND LAKE - pop. 196

SIoux VALLEY - pop. 261

WEIMER - pop. 163

WEST HERON - pop. 196

WISCONSIN - pop. 255

*Populations are approximate

COUNTY COMMUNITIES

HERON LAKE

Heron Lake was founded in 1871 as a railroad stop. First settled by John T. Smith and C. H. Carrol, Heron Lake was platted in 1872. General stores, saloons, hotels, specialty shops, a lumberyard, warehouse and photograph gallery were established and the community began to grow. By 1875 Heron Lake's population reached almost 100. Heron Lake was the first community in Jackson County to have a hospital in 1903. Brick laying and agriculture dominated early industry and the population grew dramatically to 803 in 1910. Today Heron Lake is home to approximately 733 residents.

JACKSON (COUNTY SEAT)

The first settlers to arrive to Jackson were Indiana natives William, George and Charles Wood in 1856. A trading post was built and the community was originally named Springfield due to the nearby streams and river. An Indian uprising in 1857 left the area deserted and until a fort was built in 1865 and Jackson was voted the county seat. Jackson began to grow, develop and thrive as the railroad arrived. Today Jackson is home to approximately 3,305 residents.

LAKEFIELD

Once home to Indians, Lakefield was settled in the late 1850s. It began as an agricultural community and as the railroad arrived, Lakefield began to grow and develop. By 1900, banks, general stores, grain elevator and a school were established. The community celebrates the annual SummerFest each Father's Day. Today Lakefield is home to approximately 1,164 residents.

PARKS & RECREATION

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

TALCOT LAKE PARK

State Hwy. 62 | Dundee | (507) 468-2788

Located on 40 acres, Talcot Lake Park features a campground, picnic shelter with grills, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment and a sand volleyball court.

MARTIN COUNTY

BRIGHT LAKE PARK

Bright Lake Rd. | Ceylon | (507) 236-4693

Located on 60 acres near Bright Lake, Bright Lake Park features a campground, fishing dock, picnic shelters with grills and hiking trails.

CEDAR-HANSON PARK

Rte. 26 | Trimont | (507) 236-4693

Located on 80 acres near Cedar Lake, Cedar-Hanson Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelters with grills, swimming beach, sand volleyball court, softball field and hiking trails.

KLESSIG PARK

570th Ave. | Fairmont | (507) 236-4693

Located on 10 acres near Iowa Lake, Klessig Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and a swimming beach.

PERCH LAKE PARK

200th Ave. | Truman | (507) 236-4693

Located on 30 acres near Perch Lake, Perch Lake Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelters with grills, swimming beach, playground equipment, basketball court and hiking trails

TIMBERLANE PARK

Cottonwood Rd. | Fairmont | (507) 236-4693

Located on 50 acres near South Silver Lake, Timberlane Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and hiking trails.

WOLTER PARK

Co. Hwy. 12 | Fairmont | (507) 236-4693

Located near East Chain Lake, Wolter Park features a boat launch, fishing dock, picnic areas and a swimming beach.



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PARKS & RECREATION

MURRAY COUNTY

CORABELLE PARK

Co. Rd. 1 | Fulda | (507) 836-6148

Located near Corabelle Lake, Corabelle Park features a boat launch, fishing dock and a picnic shelter.

END-O-LINE RAILROAD PARK

Mill St. N | Currie | (507) 763-3708

End-O-Line Railroad Park features a picnic area, playground equipment and a railroad museum.

FORMAN ACRES

Co. Rd. 37 | Currie | (507) 836-6148

Located near Lake Shetek, Forman Acres features a boat launch, fishing dock and picnic areas.

LAKE SARAH EAST

US Hwy. 59 | Garvin | (507) 836-6148

Located near Lake Sarah, Lake Sarah East features a boat launch, picnic shelter and playground equipment.

LAKE SARAH WEST

Co. Rd. 30 | Garvin | (507) 836-6148

Located on 10 acres near Lake Sarah, Lake Sarah West features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelters, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment and a sand volleyball court.

LIME LAKE PARK

Co. Rd. 6 | Avoca | (507) 836-6148

Located on 4 acres near Lime Lake, Lime Lake Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelter and dam.

MARSH'S LANDING

Valhalla Dr. | Slayton | (507) 836-6148

Located on Valhalla Island near Lake Shetek, Marsh's Landing features a boat launch, handicapped accessible fishing dock and a picnic shelter.

SEVEN MILE LAKE PARK

Lafayette Ave. S | Fulda | (507) 836-6148

Located on 10 acres near Fulda First Lake, Seven Mile Lake Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, swimming beach, picnic shelters, playground equipment and a ball field.

SWENSON PARK

MN Hwy. 91 | Currie | (507) 386-0001

Located on 10 acres near Current Lake, Swenson Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelters, playground equipment and a ball field.

JACKSON COUNTY

ANDERSON PARK

Co. Hwy. 4 | Jackson | (507) 847-2240

Located on 25 acres near Pearl Lake, Anderson Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelter with grills, playground equipment and an observation tower.

BELMONT PARK

Co. Hwy. 4 | Jackson | (507) 847-2240

Located on 80 acres near the Des Moines River, Belmont Park features a campground, canoe access, picnic tables with grills, hiking trails and a log shelter house.

BROWN PARK

Co. Hwy. 4 | Jackson | (507) 847-2240

Located on 15 acres near Pearl and Loon Lakes, Brown Park features a campground, picnic shelter with grills, playground equipment and hiking trails.

COMMUNITY POINT

Co. Rd. 20 | Lakefield | (507) 847-2240

Located on 5 acres near South Heron Lake, Community Point features a picnic shelter with grills and playground equipment.

OBIE KNUTSON PARK

Co. Rd. 43 | Windom | (507) 847-2240

Located near Fish Lake, Obie Knutson Park features a picnic shelter and playground equipment.

ROBERTSON PARK

Co. Rd. 75 | Jackson | (507) 847-2240

Located on 46 acres near Loon Lake, Robertson Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic shelter with grills, playground equipment and an observation tower.

SANDY POINT PARK

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Located near Loon Lake, Sandy Point Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing dock, picnic area with grills, playground equipment and a sand volleyball court.

SPARKS PARK

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Located on 40 acres, Sparks Park is the home base for the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, a mobile scientific laboratory. Visitors can enjoy nature classes, programs and workshops.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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WINDOM COUNTRY CLUB

Co. Rd. 13 | Windom | (507) 831-3489

DNR LICENSE CENTERS

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) 665-4236 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Cottonwood, Martin, Murray & Jackson Counties:

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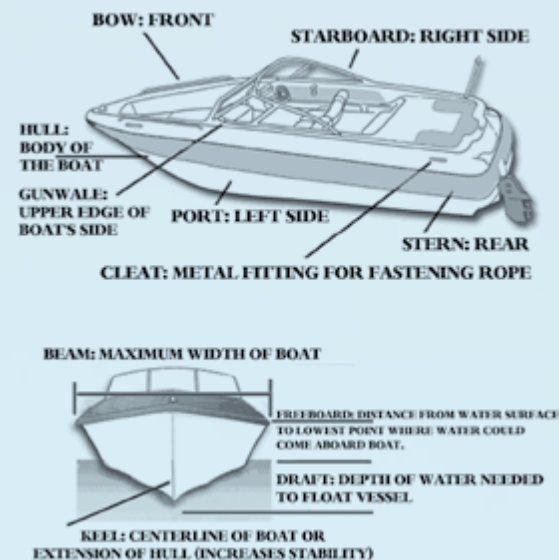
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING. • ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET. • DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE. • DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD. • KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION. • IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE. • TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED. • SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN. • DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
 - FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS. -
 - FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
 - FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft...

- MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
 - ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
 - A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
 - ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

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TORNADO SAFETY

Precautions:

- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
- HAVE A PLACE, EVERYONE KNOWS, TO GO TO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED.
- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY ERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
- LISTEN FOR LOUD, CONTINUOUS RUMBLING WITH NO BREAKS IN IT LIKE THUNDER.

Lightning Distance Tracker

YOU CAN FIGURE OUT HOW FAR AWAY THE LIGHTNING IS FROM YOU LIKE THIS... COUNT THE SECONDS IN BETWEEN THE FLASH OF LIGHTNING & THE CRACK OF THUNDER. DIVIDE THE NUMBER OF SECONDS BY 5 & YOU HAVE YOUR DISTANCE IN MILES.

0 SECONDS	5 SECONDS	20 SECONDS	60 SECONDS
0 MILES	1.08 MILES	4.35 MILES	13.06 MILES

Do Not Open Your Windows!

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STATION
1	Sun, Sep 8	@ Lions	12:00 PM	FOX
2	Sun, Sep 15	@ Bears	12:00 PM	FOX
3	Sun, Sep 22	Browns	12:00 PM	CBS
4	Sun, Sep 29	Steelers	12:00 PM	CBS
5	BYE	-	-	-
6	Sun, Oct 13	Panthers	12:00 PM	FOX
7	Mon, Oct 21	@ Giants	7:40 PM	ESPN
8	Sun, Oct 27	Packers	7:30 PM	NBC
9	Sun, Nov 3	@ Cowboys	12:00 PM	FOX
10	Thu, Nov 7	Redskins	7:25 PM	NFL
11	Sun, Nov 17	@ Seahawks	3:25 PM	FOX
12	Sun, Nov 24	@ Packers	12:00 PM	FOX
13	Sun, Dec 1	Bears	12:00 PM	FOX
14	Sun, Dec 8	@ Ravens	12:00 PM	FOX
15	Sun, Dec 15	Eagles	12:00 PM	FOX
16	Sun, Dec 22	@ Bengals	12:00 PM	FOX
17	Sun, Dec 29	Lions	12:00 PM	FOX

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HUNTING

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09/14/13 - 02/28/14

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(North) 10/19/13 - 03/13/14

(South) 10/19/13 - 03/15/14

GOOSE

(Early Canada Goose) 09/01/13 - 09/20/13

CROW

03/01/13 - 03/31/13; 07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOORING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

(Archery) 09/14/13 - 12/31/13

(Youth) 10/17/13 - 10/20/13

(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/17/13 - 10/18/13

(Firearm 2A & 3A) 11/09/13 - 11/17/13

(Firearm 1A) 11/09/13 - 11/24/13

(Firearm 3B) 11/23/13 - 12/01/13

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09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

(North) 10/26/13 - 04/30/14

(South) 11/02/13 - 04/30/14

MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14

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OTTER

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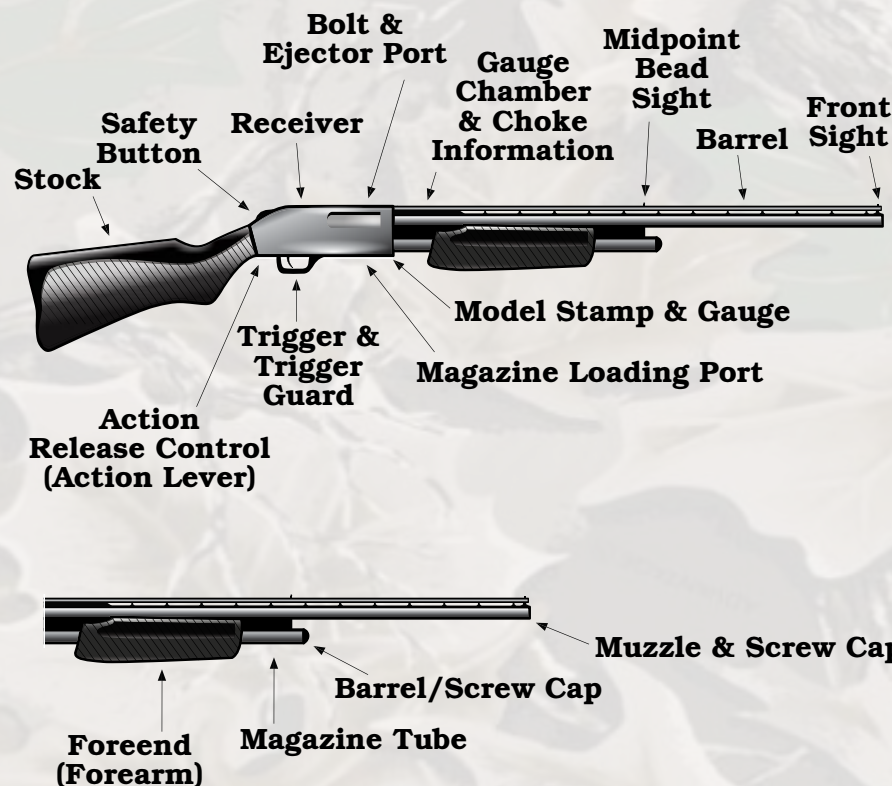
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BOBCAT

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

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HUNTING SAFETY



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

RECREATIONAL SAFETY

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



ATV SAFETY

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.

Know Your ATV

Drink lots of Water!

- 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.

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

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NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails.

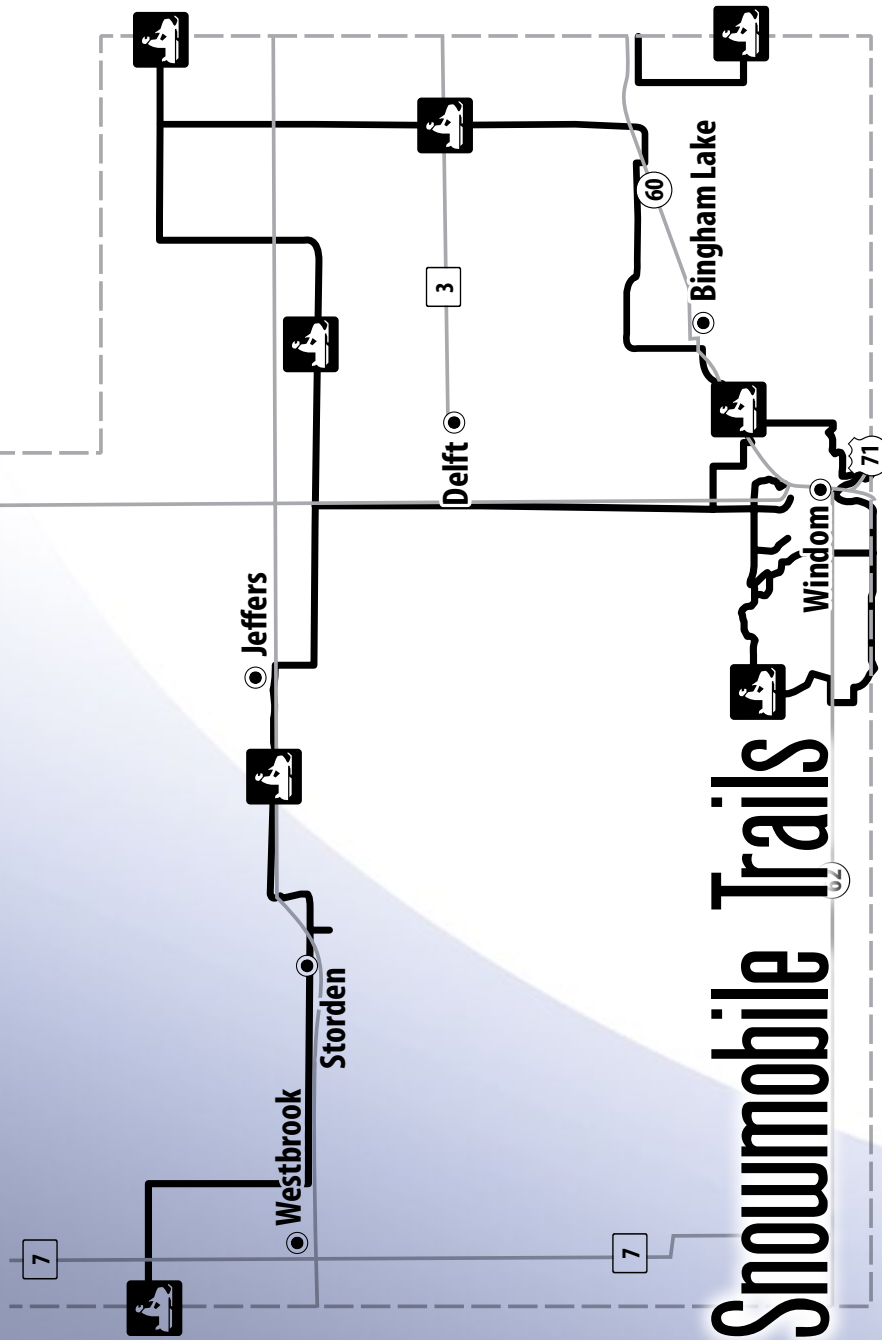
Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

- 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.

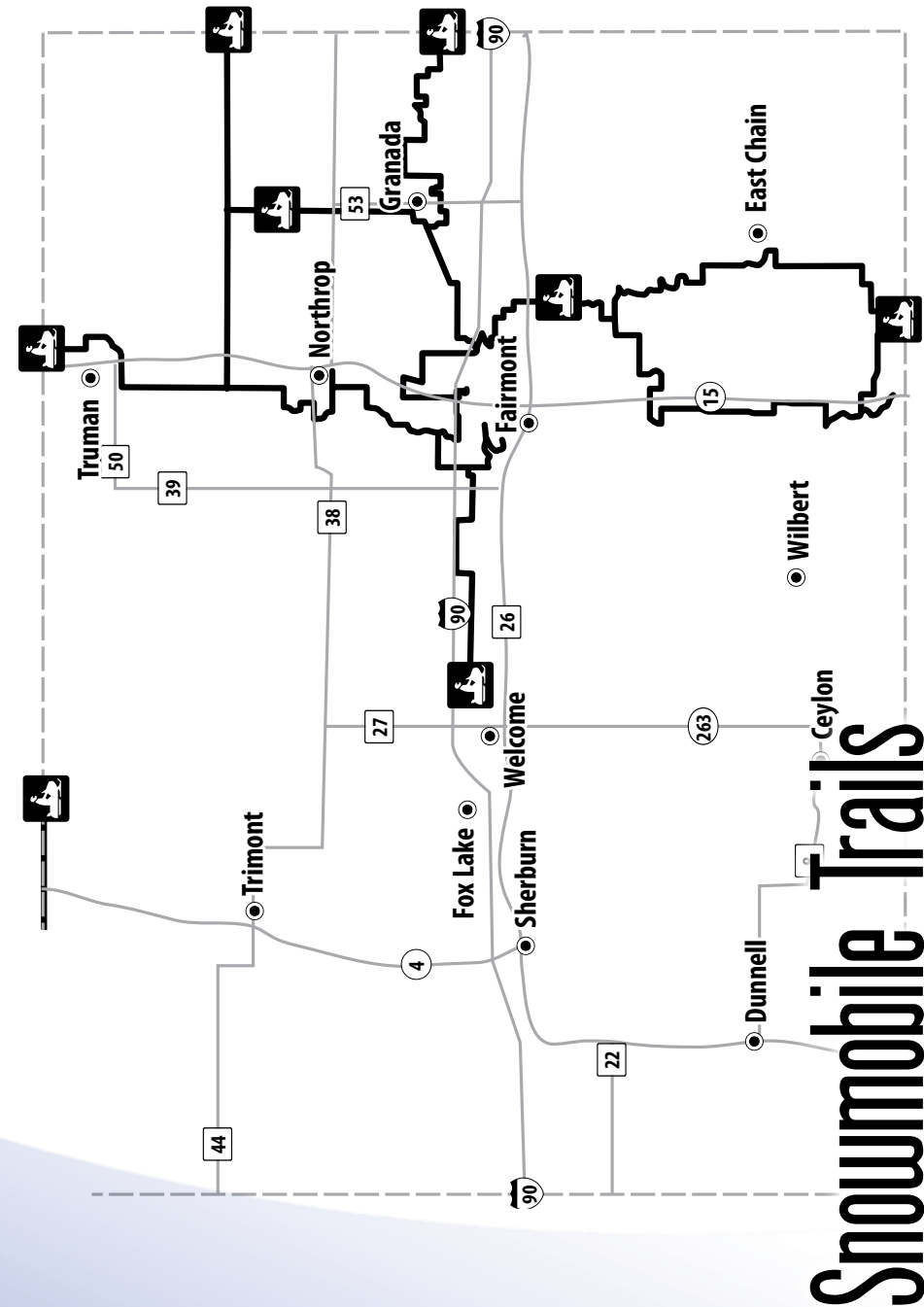
Slow Down!

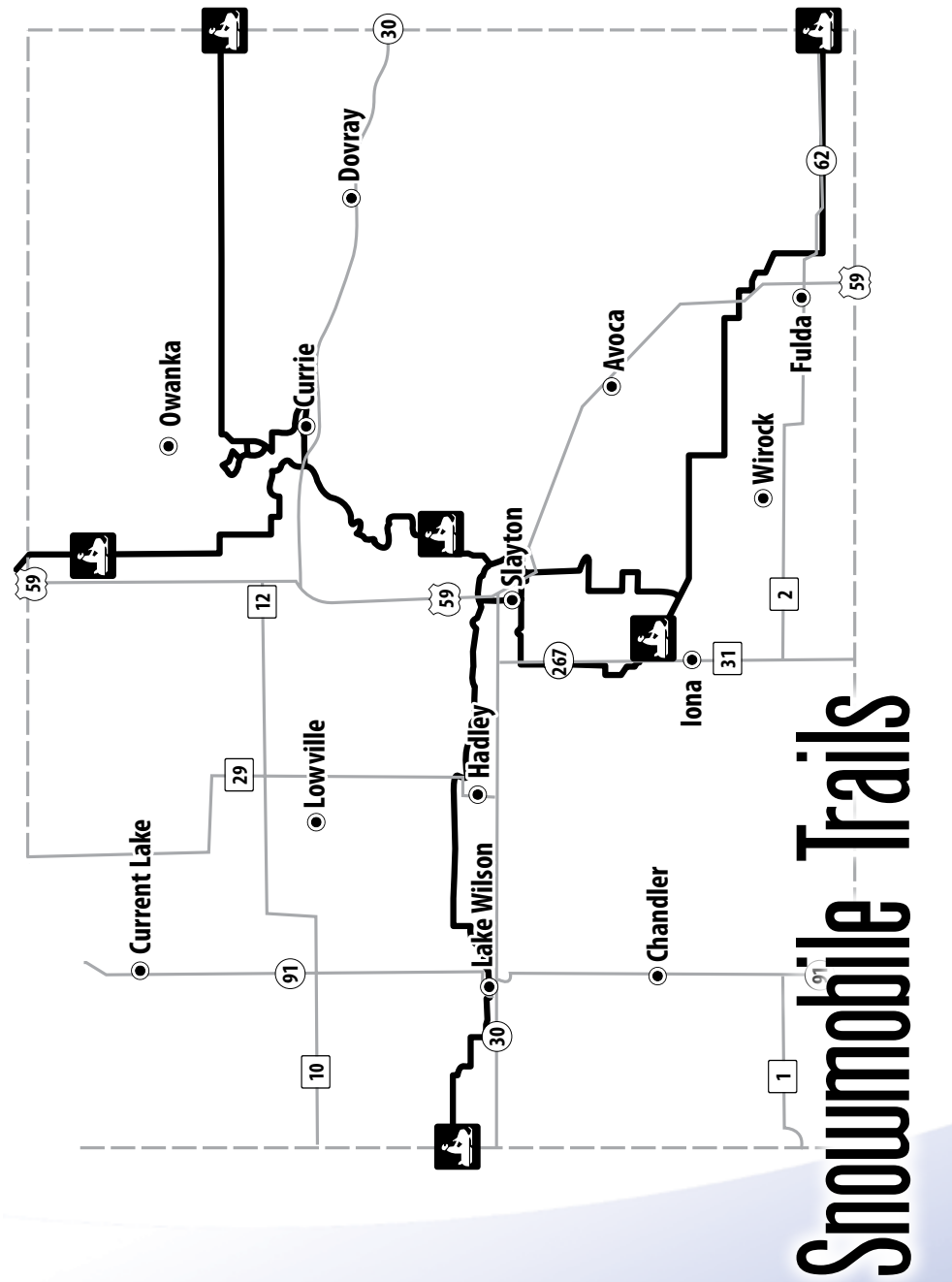
Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

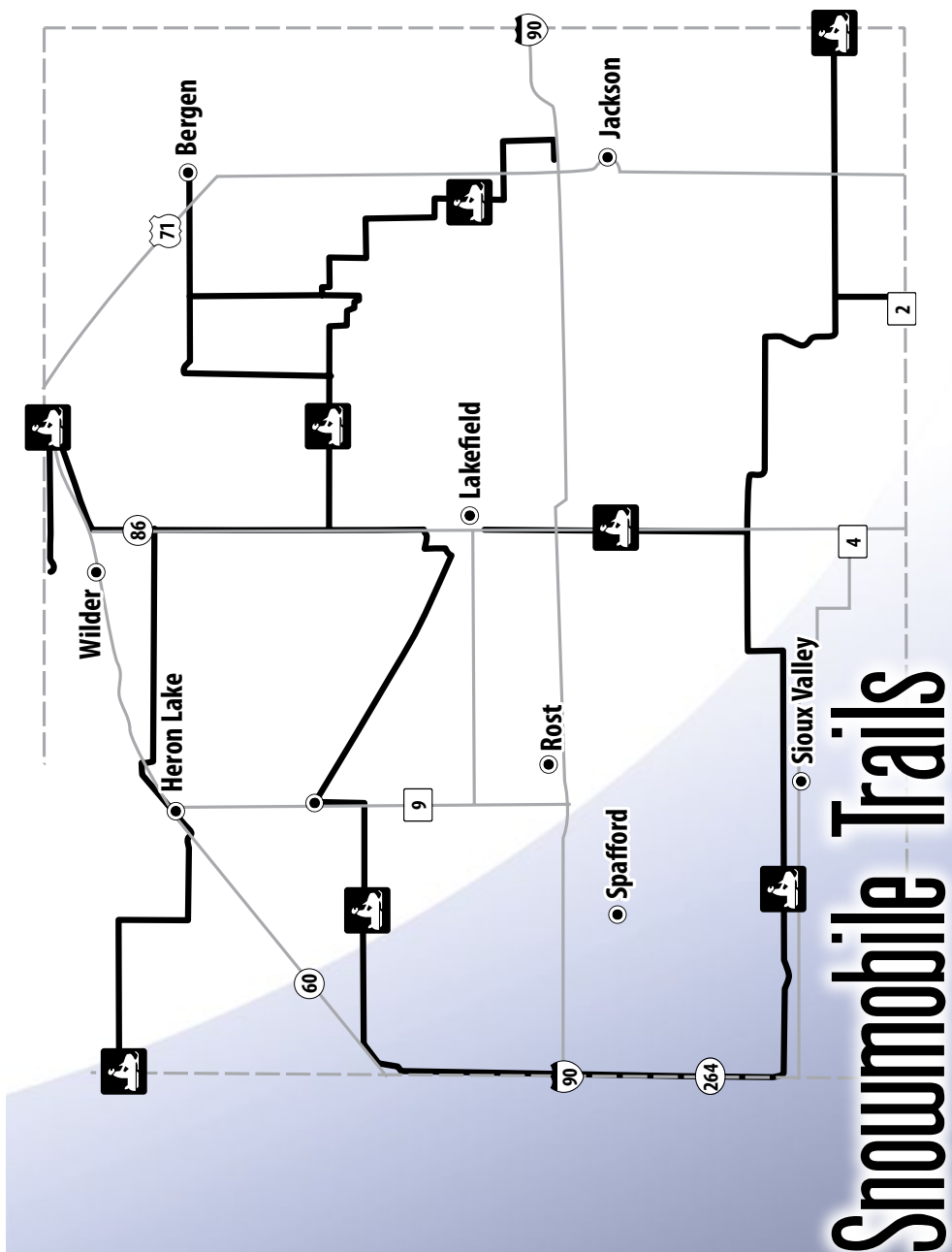


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(Catch & Release) 09/09/13 - 02/23/14

LAKE TROUT*

(Outside BWCA) 01/12/13 - 03/31/13
05/11/13 - 09/30/14

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/13 - 03/31/13
(Catch & Release) Spring: 04/01/13 - 04/12/13
Summer: 05/11/13 - 10/31/13
Fall: 09/15/13 - 09/30/13
(All Lakes) 05/11/13 - 10/31/13

Muskie













06/01/13 - 12/01/13

Take-a-kid fishing weekend

06/07/13 - 06/09/13

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