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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Speed Jump Rope Contest | Bloomer
Candlelight Ski Night | Chippewa Falls
Snowmobile Drag Races | Curtiss
Maple Syrup Convention | Neillsville
Sons of American Legion Gun Show | Neillsville
Moonhike Snowshoe Hike | New Auburn
Ice Races | Stanley
Catholic School Winter Fest | Thorp
Locopalooza Show Choir Competition | Altoona
Annual Silver Mine Invitational Ski Jump | Altoona

FEBRUARY

Snowmobile & ATV Sno-Cross Races | Curtiss
Winter Carnival & Sanctioned ATV Ice Races | Hatfield
Annual Hatfield Sports Shop Ice Fishing Contest | Hatfield
Winter Carnival | Neillsville
Moonhike Snowshoe Hike | New Auburn
Booster Club Kid's Free Fishing Contest | Stanley
Rock Dam Youth Fishing Derby | Willard
Rock Dam Ice Fishing Jamboree | Willard
Annual Banbury Art Crawl | Eau Claire
Annual Home & Garden Show | Eau Claire
Annual Jig's Up Ice Fishing Contest | Chippewa Falls

MARCH

McDonnell High Craft Show | Chippewa Falls
Quality Spring Craft Sales | Chippewa Falls
Lions 3 on 3 Tournament | Greenwood
Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet | Neillsville
Lion's Club Ice Fishing Contest | Owen
Firemen's Ball | Thorp
American Legion Annual Smelt Feed | Thorp
FFA Alumni Toy & Craft Show | Thorp
Beaver Days | Willard
Augusta Quilt Show | Augusta
Special Olympics Polar Plunge | Eau Claire
Greater Eau Claire Farm Show | Eau Claire
Wisconsin Sport Show | Eau Claire

APRIL

Lions Smelt Feed | Colby
Alumni Basketball & Volleyball Tournament | Stanley
American Legion Post 73 Smelt Feed | Neillsville
Whitetails Unlimited Banquet | Neillsville
Owen-Withee-Curtiss EMT Dance | Owen
Rock Dam Rod & Gun Club Smelt Feed | Willard
WISPORT Bike Ride & Clinic | Willard

APRIL (CONTD.)

Altoona Easter Egg Hunt | Altoona
Art & Wine Event | Altoona
Eat for the Arts | Altoona
Eau Claire Jazz Festival | Eau Claire
Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Show | Eau Claire
Viennese Ball | Eau Claire
Spring Wildflower Walk | Eau Claire
Easter Egg Hunt | Eau Claire
Annual Scrabble Bee Fundraiser | Eau Claire

MAY

Ringelspiel Days | Boyd
Chippewa Valley Renaissance Faire | Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Valley Century Ride | Chippewa Falls
Mother's Day Flea Market & Craft Sale | Hatfield
Memorial Day Flea Market & Craft Show | Hatfield
Central Wisconsin Horse & Pony Sale | Neillsville
American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony | Neillsville
Mother's Day Charcoal Chicken Dinner | Owen
City-Wide Thrift Sales | Thorp
Festival of the Wheel | Willard
ATV Breakfast & Raffle | Willard
Shake, Rattle & Roll Revival | Altoona
Downtown Farmer's Market Starts | Eau Claire
Municipal Band & Tuesday Night Blues Starts | Eau Claire
St. Olaf Fun Fest | Eau Claire
Builders Garage Sale | Eau Claire
Bluebird Festival | Eau Claire
Annual Eau Claire Marathon Weekend | Eau Claire

JUNE

Country Fest | Cadott
American Cancer Society Relay for Life | Chapman
Solstice on Grand Art Faire | Chippewa Falls
FATFAR Annual Tube Float and Regalia | Chippewa Falls
Leinie Lodge Family Reunion | Chippewa Falls
Northwoods Blues Festival | Chippewa Falls
Cornell Community Fair | Cornell
Dorchester Days | Dorchester
Park Benefit Picnic | Granton
Dairy Days | Greenwood
Stampede 2 Mile & 5 Mile Run or Walk | Greenwood
Cancer Society Finish Line Walk & Run | Neillsville
Make a Wish Truck Convoy | Neillsville
Flag Day Ceremony | Neillsville
Gospel Fest | Neillsville
Central Wisconsin Horse Sale | Neillsville

JUNE (CONTD.)

4x4 Truck Pull & Super Farm Tractor Pull | Stanley
Stanley Steamer PRCA Rodeo Days | Stanley
Dairy Days | Thorp
ABATE Summer Hummer | Thorp
Lions Demolition Derby | Thorp
Polka Fest & Rummage Sale | Willard
Withee Days | Withee
House of Friends Fun Run & Walk | Withee
Morning Rotary Charity Golf Outing | Altoona
Cinder City Days | Altoona
City-Wide Garage & Thrift Sale | Augusta
Sounds Like Summer Concert Series Starts | Eau Claire
Bait & Spur Show | Eau Claire
Parade of Homes | Eau Claire
Garden Stroll | Eau Claire
Invitational Soccer Tournament | Eau Claire
Motorcycle Run | Eau Claire
Country Fest | Eau Claire
Blue Ox Music Festival | Eau Claire
Eaux Claires Festival | Eau Claire

JULY

4th of July Fireworks Display | Abbotsford
Nabor Days | Cadott
Rock Fest | Cadott
Northern Wisconsin State Fair | Chippewa Falls
Colby Cheese Days | Colby
Fireworks in Mill Yard Park | Cornell
Men's Softball Tournament & Fireworks | Greenwood
Bicycle Race/Tour | Greenwood
Independence Day Celebration | Hatfield
Flea Market & Craft Sale | Hatfield
Carpfest | Hatfield
4th of July Softball Tournament & Fireworks | Loyal
Concert in the Park | Loyal
Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks | Neillsville
Heritage Days | Neillsville
Grand Avenue Run, Walk & Bike Tour | Neillsville
Jamboree Days | New Auburn
Owen Junior Fair | Owen
Ducky Derby & Goose Run | Owen
Otter Lake Annual Charcoal Chicken Dinner | Stanley
Lions Watermelon Festival | Stanley
Fireworks Extravaganza & Music in the Park | Thorp
Slovenian Picnic | Willard
Williard Polka Fest
Ski Sprites Water Ski Show | Altoona

JULY (CONTD.)

Bean & Bacon Days | Augusta
ATV Mud Races | Augusta
Craft Sale & Flea Market | Augusta
Augusta Car Show | Augusta
Fourth of July at the Museum | Eau Claire
US National Kubb Championship | Eau Claire
Clear Water Kiwanis Doll & Pet Parade | Eau Claire
Eau Claire County Fair | Eau Claire
Rock Fest | Eau Claire

AUGUST

Bloomer Community Fair | Bloomer
Street Dance & Corn Feed | Boyd
Indianhead Swap Meet & Car Show | Chippewa Falls
Pure Water Days Parade & Riverfest | Chippewa Falls
Main Street Car Show | Cornell
Chippewa River Rendezvous | Cornell
Curtiss Days
Flea Market & Craft Show | Hatfield
Car & Motorcycle Show & Cruise | Hatfield
Corn Festival & parade | Loyal
Spanky's Run | Loyal
Highground Bicycle Tour | Neillsville
Clark County Fair | Neillsville
Ride to Remember Motorcycle Rally | Neillsville
Holy Rosary Summerfest | Owen
Art in the Park | Stanley
City-Wide Thrift Sales | Stanley
Indianhead Truck & Bike Show | Thorp
Night Out on Crime | Eau Claire
Festival in the Pines | Eau Claire
Pioneer Days | Eau Claire
St. James Parish Festival | Eau Claire
Big Rig Truck Show | Eau Claire
Indianhead Big Game Banquet | Eau Claire
Greater Grace Golf Outing | Eau Claire
Leader Telegram Buckshot Run | Eau Claire
YMCA Summer Carnival | Eau Claire
Dragonboat Races | Eau Claire
Big Rig Truck Show | Eau Claire
Chainsaw Sculpture Championships | Eau Claire
Silver Spring National Mustard Day Celebration | Eau Claire

SEPTEMBER

Booya Days & City-Wide Thrift Sales | Cadott
Autumn Harvest Annual Fall Festival | Chippewa Falls
Oktoberfest | Chippewa Falls

SEPTEMBER (CONTD.)

Lake Hallie Food Fest | Chippewa Falls
 Pledge for Paws Dog Walk | Chippewa Falls
 Wisconsin Game Fest | Chippewa Falls
 Lions Sturgeon Festival | Jim Falls
 Fall Festival | Granton
 Fun Days Flea Market & Craft Sale | Hatfield
 Car & Motorcycle Show | Loyal
 Central Wisconsin Horse Sale | Neillsville
 Fly-In & Drive-In Breakfast | Neillsville
 Diversity Day | Neillsville
 Rock Dam Poultry Shoot | Willard
 Clearwater Beer Festival | Altoona
 Harvest Fest | Augusta
 International Fall Festival | Eau Claire
 Horseshoe State Tournament | Eau Claire
 Hogs & Hops at the Ballpark | Eau Claire
 MDA Labor Day Carnival | Eau Claire
 Taste of Grace Ministry Fair | Eau Claire
 Battle of the Borders Golf Outing | Eau Claire
 Hope Gospel Banquet of Hope | Eau Claire
 Museum Heritage Celebration | Eau Claire
 National Museum Day | Eau Claire
 Party in the Prairie | Eau Claire

OCTOBER

Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair | Bloomer
 Fire Department Booster Banquet | Hatfield
 Car Show & Chili Cook-Off | Neillsville
 Companion Bird & Small Animal Swap | Neillsville
 Tufts' Mansion Pumpkin Patch Party | Neillsville
 Central Wisconsin Fall Round Up Horse Sale | Neillsville
 Family Health Expo | Neillsville
 Parade of Color Fall Hike | New Auburn
 Holy Rosary Pancake & Waffle Breakfast | Owen
 Pumpkin Festival | Thorp
 St. Anthony Fall Festival | Loyal
 Falling Leaves Art Studio Tour | Eau Claire County
 Fall Home Remodeling Expo | Eau Claire
 Women Rock Women's Retreat | Eau Claire
 Chippewa Valley Book Festival | Eau Claire
 Women to Woman Luncheon | Eau Claire
 Parade of Colors Fall Hike | Eau Claire
 Fall Home Remodeling Expo | Eau Claire
 Pancake Breakfast & Family Fun Day | Eau Claire
 The Chippewa Valley Rock n' Roll Kickball Classic | Eau Claire
 Downtown Halloween | Eau Claire

NOVEMBER

Light Up the Park | Bloomer
 Christmas Village | Chippewa Falls
 Community Thanksgiving Dinner | Colby
 Snowflake Holiday Craft Sale | Greenwood
 Craft & Art Show | Loyal
 American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony | Neillsville
 Craft Show | Neillsville
 Deer Hunters Buffet Dinner & Gun Raffle | Neillsville
 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony | Neillsville
 Hometown for the Holiday | Thorp
 Holy Family Holiday Bazaar | Willard
 Free Thanksgiving Dinner | Altoona
 International Folk Fair | Eau Claire
 Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild's Expo | Eau Claire
 Wicked Wine Weekend | Eau Claire
 Holiday Arts Festival | Eau Claire
 Gatsby's Gala | Eau Claire
 Small Business Saturday | Eau Claire

DECEMBER

Christmas Parade | Abbotsford
 Bridge to Wonderland Parade | Chippewa Falls
 Christmas at the Mansion | Chippewa Falls
 Dinner with Santa | Colby
 Christmas Tour of Homes & Raffle | Greenwood
 Santa Visits Greenwood | Greenwood
 Railroad Museum Christmas Tree Display | Loyal
 Christmas Lighting Contest | Loyal
 Community-Wide Cookie Walk | Neillsville
 Christmas Traditions Home Tour | Neillsville
 Lights of Love | Neillsville
 Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus | Neillsville
 Jaycees Christmas Arts & Crafts Show | Owen
 Lions Santa Day | Owen
 Holiday Festival & Cookie Walk | Stanley
 FFA Alumni Farm Toy & Craft Show | Stanley
 Jaycee's Fantasy Craft Bazaar | Thorp
 Holiday Program | Altoona
 Hometown Caroling | Altoona
 Christmastime in the City | Eau Claire
 Family New Year's Eve Celebration | Eau Claire

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Once part of Crawford County, Chippewa County was established in 1835. The area was first settled in 1839 by the McCann brothers as they built a home near present day Menomonie. A dam and mill were constructed in 1846 and early industry was dominated by lumbering. Its population had reached 615 by 1850 and in 1853 Chippewa Falls was selected as the county seat. It is one of the largest counties in Wisconsin by size with over 2.6 million acres. Today Chippewa County is home to approximately 62,415 residents.

CITIES:

BLOOMER – pop. 3,304
CHIPPEWA FALLS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 12,929
CORNELL – pop. 1,385
EAU CLAIRE* – pop. 65,883
STANLEY* – pop. 3,319

VILLAGES:

BOYD – pop. 628
CADOTT – pop. 1,321
DORCHESTER – pop. 847
LAKE HALLIE – pop. 6,320
NEW AUBURN* – pop. 558

TOWNS:

ANSON – pop. 2,056
ARTHUR – pop. 866
BIRCH CREEK – pop. 606
BLOOMER – pop. 1,011
CLEVELAND – pop. 1,110
COLBURN – pop. 957

COOKS VALLEY – pop. 884
DELMAR – pop. 1,178
EAGLE POINT – pop. 3,054
EDSON – pop. 1,112
ESTELLA – pop. 574
GOETZ – pop. 921
HALLIE – pop. 377
HOWARD – pop. 789
LAFAYETTE – pop. 5,453
LAKE HOLCOMBE – pop. 1,120
RUBY – pop. 609
SAMPSON – pop. 990
SIGEL – pop. 822
TILDEN – pop. 1,373
WHEATON – pop. 2,611
WOODMOHR – pop. 977

CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES:

LAKE WISSOTA – pop. 2,458

*Located in adjacent county or counties.
 **Populations are approximate.

BLOOMER

Mr. Bloomer, an affluent businessman from Galena, Illinois, arrived to the area in 1848 and established a dam and mill. After construction, Mr. Bloomer returned to Illinois and the community was settled in 1855 and first named Vanville. The following year a post office was established with Sylvester Van Loon serving as postmaster and the city was renamed. Today Bloomer is home to approximately 3,304 residents.

BOYD

The town was platted in 1881 along ten acres of the Soo Line Railroad. It is located 18 miles east of Chippewa Falls. The original land was purchased by John W. Cirkeland in 1880 where the town was established. Today Boyd is home to approximately 628 residents.

CADOTT

Cadott was established by Robert Marriner in 1875 and named the area Cadotte Falls, in honor of fur trader Jean Baptiste Cadotte who founded a trading post nearby. The community was renamed and the area continued to develop. Cadott is now recognized as the half-way point between the North Pole and the equator, and a land of ample recreational opportunities. Today Cadott is home to approximately 1,321 residents.

CHIPPEWA FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

It was in 1836 when Jean Brunet built a sawmill at the falls of the Chippewa River, which marked the start of a settlement. The village of Chippewa Falls was platted in 1856, and this plat still appears on the records as the Original Plat of the City of Chippewa Falls. The first election was held in early 1870 when the first mayor, treasurer, assessor and six aldermen were elected. In 1853 the city of Chippewa Falls was established as the county seat and the area has continued to thrive. Today Chippewa Falls is home to approximately 12,929 residents.

CORNELL

Settled in the late 1800's near the convergence of the Chippewa and Fisher Rivers, Cornell was established as a logging community. Ample timber and access to water attracted many residents and the area began to grow. Between 1911 and 1912 the Cornell stacker, a conveyor system for pulpwood, arrived from England to assist with lumber production which ran until 1971. It is now the only pulpwood stacker found worldwide and Cornell is thus widely recognized as "Stacker City." Today Cornell is home to approximately 1,385 residents.

DORCHESTER

Located in Chippewa, Clark and Marathon Counties, Dorchester was originally inhabited by Indians. Settled by German and Norwegian immigrants in 1873, the community began to develop and was platted in 1874. As the railroad arrived, the area began to prosper and the first church was built in 1876 and the first newspaper, "The Reporter" was issued in 1900. Today Dorchester is home to approximately 847 residents.

EAU CLAIRE

Located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, the city was named after the Eau Claire River which flows through the community and is derived from the French words for "clear water." The nearby Chippewa River was often brown and muddy from debris and rotting vegetation. When the Eau Claire River was discovered settlers were amazed at how clear the water in comparison, hence its name. In 1872 Eau Claire was incorporated into a city and early industry was centered around logging and agriculture. By the 1880's Eau Claire was a great sawmill center and was considered one of the largest in the United States. The community even earned the nickname of the "Sawdust City" due to the large amount of sawdust that lined the streets from the numerous lumber mills. Lumber operations peaked in the 1890's and by 1920 lumber production in Eau Claire had declined. Citizens of the area focused on other industries such as agriculture and manufacturing and the area has continued to thrive. Today Eau Claire is home to approximately 65,883 residents.



Hiking Safety Tips



Clark County was named after Clark of the Lewis and Clark expeditions west of the Mississippi. The original inhabitants were the Chippewa Indians. The first known explorer to come to the area is St. Germain in 1836 and the first settlers arrived in the spring of 1845 and were James and Alexander O'Neill who stopped in present day Neillsville. The first building was a rough cabin on the bank of the O'Neill Creek and soon a mill was built, creating a small lumbering company and industry for the area. In 1853 the county was established from its neighbor of Jackson County and during its creation, the county had only one town: Pine Valley. Then Neillsville was incorporated as a town and the county seat soon after the establishment of the county. Today Clark County is home to approximately 33,553 residents.

CITIES:

- ABBOTSFORD*** – pop. 1,862
- COLBY*** – pop. 1,681
- GREENWOOD** – pop. 1,052
- LOYAL** – pop. 1,244
- NEILLSVILLE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 2,591
- OWEN** – pop. 890
- STANLEY*** – pop. 3,319
- THORP** – pop. 1,509

VILLAGES:

- CURTISS** – pop. 192
- DORCHESTER*** – pop. 847
- GRANTON** – pop. 390
- UNITY*** – pop. 341
- WITHEE** – pop. 486

TOWNS:

- BEAVER** – pop. 870
- BUTLER** – pop. 90
- COLBY** – pop. 906
- DEWHURST** – pop. 348
- EATON** – pop. 693
- FOSTER** – pop. 94
- FREMONT** – pop. 1,296
- GRANT** – pop. 943
- GREEN GROVE** – pop. 674
- HENDREN** – pop. 508
- HEWETT** – pop. 306
- HIXON** – pop. 737

- HOARD** – pop. 840
- LEVIS** – pop. 512
- LONGWOOD** – pop. 765
- LOYAL** – pop. 785
- LYNN** – pop. 843
- MAYVILLE** – pop. 948
- MEAD** – pop. 288
- MENTOR** – pop. 572
- PINE VALLEY** – pop. 1,268
- RESEBURG** – pop. 692
- SEIF** – pop. 205
- SHERMAN** – pop. 844
- SHERWOOD** – pop. 239
- THORP** – pop. 707
- UNITY** – pop. 781
- WARNER** – pop. 595
- WASHBURN** – pop. 296
- WESTON** – pop. 699
- WITHEE** – pop. 838
- WORDEN** – pop. 700
- YORK** – pop. 811

CENSUS DESIGNATED PLACES:

- CHILI** – pop. 226
- HUMBIRD** – pop. 266

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ABBOTSFORD

Located in Marathon and Clark Counties, Abbotsford was settled in the late 1800's. By 1890 the area housed a hotel, blacksmith shop, saloon, general store and rail station. Railroad development allowed for dramatic growth and by 1950 its population reached 1,013. Today Abbotsford is home to approximately 1,862 residents.

COLBY

Located in Clark and Marathon Counties, Colby was named after Gardner L. Colby whose father assisted with the development of the Wisconsin Central railroad in the 1870's. In 1885 Joseph Steinwand created the famous Colby cheese which made the community one of the great cheese producing areas in the country. Colby cheese was the only natural cheese native to the United States and is now recognized worldwide. Today Colby is home to approximately 1,681 residents.

LOYAL

As pioneers of the area left for the Civil War, the community was named Loyal in their honor and was established in 1870. Fertile soil attracted settlers and early industry was led by logging and agriculture. The community is now known for its annual Corn Festival which celebrates its agricultural history. Today Loyal is home to approximately 1,244 residents.

NEILLSVILLE (COUNTY SEAT)

As a lumbering site, the city of Neillsville was platted by James O'Neill in 1855 on the O'Neill Creek and became a city in 1882. The city was the second city in Wisconsin to have electric lights in 1882 and was selected as the county seat as the area began to develop. As businesses were established, Neillsville began to thrive. It is home to the inventor Emory Bruley, who invented the cant hook, which was used for logging, to pick up hay bales and barbed-wire fencing. Today Neillsville is home to approximately 2,591 residents.

THORP

Attracted to the fertile soil and ample natural resources, Thorp was first settled by James and Ephrime Boardman in 1870. Early industry was dominated by logging and agriculture and by 1893 its population had reached 883. The community was incorporated as a city in 1948 and has continued to thrive. Today Thorp is home to approximately 1,509 residents.

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The area of Eau Claire was originally part of the Territory of Wisconsin which was organized in 1836 and included all of present day Iowa and Minnesota as well as parts of both Dakotas. The area was originally inhabited by Chippewa, Sioux, Algonquin and Iroquois Indians. In 1848 Wisconsin entered statehood and counties were established. Eau Claire County originally named the town of Clearwater in 1855 but was changed to the town of Eau Claire which is the French term for clear water on March 31, 1856. The town was separated from Chippewa County on October 6, 1856 when Eau Claire County was created by an act of the Wisconsin State Legislature. The county was dominated by the lumber industry because of the large amounts of timber and rivers for travel in the area. By the end of the nineteenth century it became one of the largest lumber producers in the United States. As timber resources became exhausted the lumber industry began its decline. Agriculture became one of the largest industries since and still continues to thrive to this day. By 1900 Eau Claire County had a population of 31,692 residents. Today Eau Claire County is home to approximately 99,409 residents.

- CITIES:**
ALTOONA – pop. 6,946
AUGUSTA – pop. 1,558
EAU CLAIRE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 65,883

- VILLAGES:**
FAIRCHILD – pop. 562
FALL CREEK – pop. 1,333

- TOWNS:**
BRIDGE CREEK – pop. 1,950
BRUNSWICK – pop. 1,661
CLEAR CREEK – pop. 838
DRAMMEN – pop. 799
FAIRCHILD – pop. 351
LINCOLN – pop. 1,122
LUDINGTON – pop. 1,090
OTTER CREEK – pop. 513
PLEASANT VALLEY – pop. 3,123
SEYMOUR – pop. 3,269

- UNION** – pop. 2,769
WASHINGTON – pop. 7,341
WILSON – pop. 496
**Populations are approximate.*

ALTOONA

Early settlers arrived to the area that is Altoona in 1881 looking for a less crowded area near the city of Eau Claire. The city was originally known as East Eau Claire because of its proximity to Eau Claire. Populations increased with the arrival of a railroad station that same year on the Chicago, Omaha, Minneapolis and St. Paul Railway. East Eau Claire was renamed Altoona in 1882 after confusion between both of the similarly named cities on the railway. The community was named after the city of Altoona, Pennsylvania because it was home to many of the new settlers. The community was officially incorporated as a city in 1887. Today Altoona is home to approximately 6,946 residents.

AUGUSTA

Augusta was originally part of Bridge Creek township. The name was changed after the town separated when Eau Claire County was organized in 1856. The town held an election for the new name of the city based off of the “prettiest girl in town.” A woman by the name of Augusta Rickard won and the town was then named in her honor. The first settlers to the area arrived in early 1854. John F. Stone erected a sawmill and gristmill in 1856 and the town was incorporated as a village that same year. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the area. Augusta later went on to become a city in 1885. Today Augusta is home to approximately 1,558 residents.

EAU CLAIRE (COUNTY SEAT)

The town and county were named after the Eau Claire River which flows through the community. The name Eau Claire comes from the French words for “clear water.” The Chippewa River that flows through town was often brown and muddy from debris and rotting vegetation. When the Eau Claire River was discovered settlers were amazed at how clear the water was compared to the nearby Chippewa River, hence its name. Early settlers came to the area because of the abundance of timber in the area. In 1872 Eau Claire was incorporated into a city. Populations grew rapidly with the arrival of railroads to the area and because of the rise of the lumber industry that was overtaking the community. Early industry was centered around logging and agriculture. By the 1880’s Eau Claire was a great sawmill center and was considered one of the largest in the United States. The town even earned the nickname of the “Sawdust City” because of the large amount of sawdust that lined the streets from the numerous lumber mills. Lumber operations peaked in the 1890’s and by 1920 the lumber production in Eau Claire was shut down. Citizens of the area focused on other industries such as agriculture and manufacturing and continued to make the city a prosperous community. Today Eau Claire is home to approximately 65,883 residents.

FAIRCHILD

Fairchild was settled in 1868, the same year that the West Wisconsin Railroad was laying down its tracks throughout the area. Fairchild was named after Governor Lucius Fairchild, the tenth governor of Wisconsin. The first settler Mr. Van Auken established the first steam sawmill in the community in 1870. The village was later surveyed and platted in 1872. Populations began arriving after the arrival of railroads. The first building was the Methodist church that arrived in 1874. Schools, churches and businesses were all thriving in the village by Fairchild's incorporation in April of 1876. By 1896, Fairchild had one of the largest general stores in northern Wisconsin. Agriculture was established as the main industry and became very important for many residents in the community. The railroads helped farmers ship all of their produce throughout Wisconsin making them very profitable. Today Fairchild is home to approximately 562 residents.

FALL CREEK

The first settlers arrived to Fall Creek in 1850. Christopher Zimmerman first arrived to the area and cleared trees for settlement. Many of the early homes were not made of wood like others at the time. Instead settlers dug holes in hills and covered them with twigs as a dwelling. As time passed and as the area grew larger modern homes and buildings were erected. Fall Creek received its name after a stream which lies one mile north of the town that is a tributary to the Eau Claire River. Fall creek was later surveyed in 1857 and its population increased with the arrival of railroads to the area in 1869. In 1867 Edward Gessner erected a sawmill and the lumber industry began in the community. The lumber industry was the main sustenance in the community until its decline in the early 1900's when agriculture took over as the main industry. Today Fall Creek is home to approximately 1,333 residents.

SEYMOUR

Attracted to the ample natural resources and fertile soil, Seymour was settled in the 1860's and incorporated in 1872. As the railroad arrived, businesses, churches and a school were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the area began to grow. As transportation improved, Seymour continued to thrive and its proximity to Eau Claire has made the community an ideal place to live. Today Seymour is home to approximately 3,269 residents.

Buttered-Up Steak

With Roasted Potatoes & Garlic Green Beans



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

1 PREP Rinse and dry all produce. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Take 1 TBSP butter and let sit at room temperature. Peel and cut **potatoes** into ½-inch cubes. Cut the **garlic** into thin slices and mince the **parsley**.

2 ROASTING THE POTATOES Spread **potatoes** out on a baking sheet with a drizzle of oil and a pinch of **salt** and **pepper** (*Wax paper aids in preventing the potatoes from sticking to the pan*). Roast in the oven for 20-25 minutes, until browned and tender.

3 SEARING THE STEAK Heat a splash of oil in a pan medium-high heat. Season **steak** to taste, add to pan and cook until browned, 2-3 minutes per side. Grab baking sheet from the oven and move **potatoes** to one side. Add **steak** to the sheet and place it back in to oven. Roast 5 - 7 minutes or to your desired doneness. Remove **steak** from sheet and let rest 5 minutes.

4 COOKING THE GREEN BEANS Heat a splash of oil in the pan used for the **steak** over medium heat. Add **green beans** and cook for about 4 - 5 minutes, tossing, until tender but still a little crisp. Now **garlic** and cook for about 1 minute then season with **salt** and **pepper** to taste.

Ingredients

- Yukon Gold Potatoes
- Garlic
- Parsely
- Sirloin Steak
- Green Beans
- Dijon Mustard

4 person

- 24oz
- 4 Cloves
- ¼ oz
- 24 oz
- 12 oz
- 2 TSP

5 MIXING HERB BUTTER Mix **butter**, **mustard**, and a pinch of **parsely** in a small bowl. Season with **salt** and **pepper** to taste.

6 PLATE & SERVE Cut the **steak** against the grain and divide between plates, then top it with the **herb butter**. Serve with **green beans** and **potatoes** on the side. Use the remaining **Parsely** to garnish the dish.

Bon Appétit!

PREP: 10 MIN TOTAL: 30 MIN



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DEER

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 Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020
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 Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 - 6
 Gun ~ Nov. 23 - Dec. 1
 Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 - 11
 December 4-day antlerless hunt ~ Dec. 12 - 15
 Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt
 Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units. Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2020

BEAR

Zone C where dogs are not permitted
 Sept. 4 - Oct. 8
 with aid of bait, with all other legal methods not using dogs
 All other zones where dogs are permitted
 Sept. 4 - 10
 with aid of dogs only
 Sept. 11 - Oct. 1
 with aid of dogs, with aid of bait, with all other legal methods
 Oct. 2 - 8
 with aid of bait, with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit
 Northern zone Sept. 14 - Feb. 29, 2020
 Southern zone Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Feb. 29, 2020
 Squirrels (gray and fox) Statewide ~ Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant
 Statewide Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Jan. 5, 2020
 Bobwhite quail
 Statewide Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Dec. 11
 Ruffed grouse
 Zone A Sept. 14 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Zone B Oct. 19 - Dec. 8
 Sharp-tailed grouse Season is under review.
 Hungarian partridge Statewide (closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties) Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) - Jan. 5, 2020

FURBEARERS

Coyote
 Hunting: Continuous open season
 Trapping: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
 Fox, red and gray
 Hunting: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
 Trapping: Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
 Beaver
 Trapping:
 Zone A (northwest) Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 Zone B (northeast) Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 Zone C (south) Nov. 2 - Mar. 31, 2020
 Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2020
 Mink & Muskrat
 Statewide Oct. 26 - Mar. 8, 2020
 Mississippi River zone Nov. 11 - Mar. 8, 2020
 Bobcat
 Hunting:
 Period 1 - Oct. 19 - Dec. 25
 Period 2 - Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Trapping:
 North and south zones, Period 1 Oct. 19 - Dec. 25
 North and south zones, Period 2 Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2020
 Fisher North and South Zones Oct. 19 - Jan. 5, 2020
 Otter North zone Nov. 2 - Apr. 30, 2020
 South zone Nov. 2 - Mar. 31, 2020
 Raccoon
 Hunting and Trapping:
 Resident Oct. 19 - Feb. 15, 2020
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• Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

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• UV index

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FISHING SEASONS

(2020-21) - (dates inclusive)

EARLY INLAND TROUT (CATCH AND RELEASE)

January 4 (5 a.m.) to May 1

MUSKY - NORTHERN ZONE

May 23 to Dec. 31

GENERAL INLAND TROUT

May 2 (5 a.m.) to Oct. 15

MUSKY - SOUTHERN ZONE

May 2 to Dec. 31

GENERAL INLAND FISHING

May 2 to March 7, 2021

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May 2 to March 7, 2021

LARGEMOUTH BASS NORTHERN ZONE HARVEST

May 2 to March 7, 2021

WALLEYE

May 2 to March 7, 2021

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June 20 to June 14

LAKE STURGEON

Sept. 5 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

LARGE AND SMALLMOUTH BASS SOUTHERN ZONE HARVEST

May 2 to March 7, 2021

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS

January 18-19, 2020 (winter)

June 6-7, 2020 (summer)

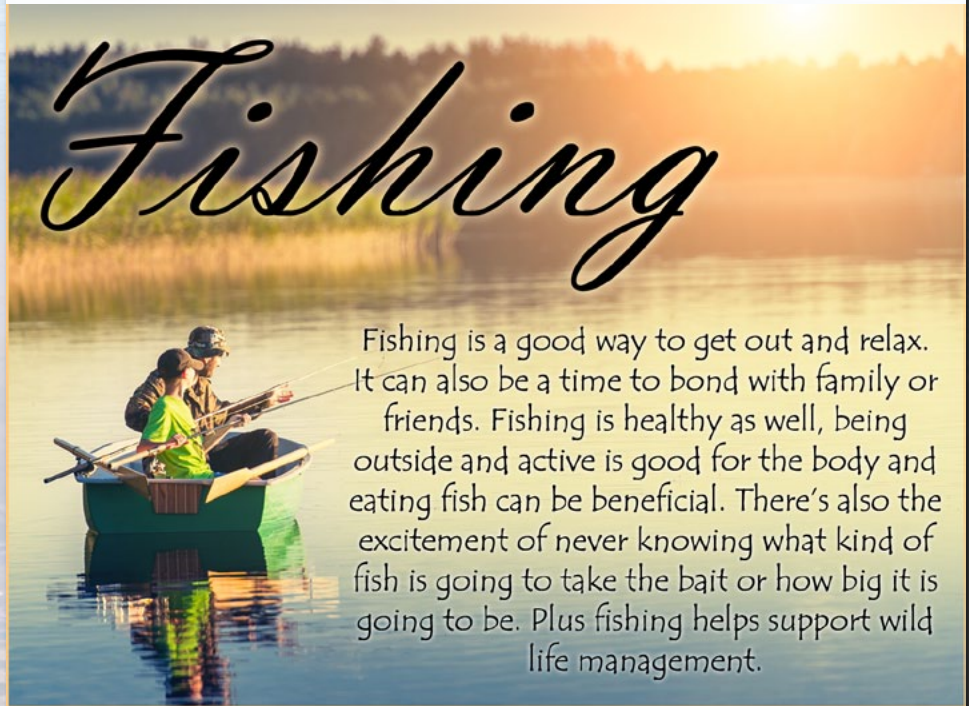
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Fishing



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

AUGUSTA WILDLIFE AREA

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Located four miles north of Augusta, the Augusta Wildlife Area is on 2,503 acres. The wildlife area features hunting and trapping opportunities, hiking trails, berry picking opportunities, and excellent wildlife viewing areas.

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Fall Creek | (715) 877-2212

Located on 360 acres 4 miles north of Fall Creek, Beaver Creek Reserve is the site of the Wise Nature Center, Hobbs Observatory and a butterfly house. The area also features a waterfall and nature trails.

BIG FALLS COUNTY PARK

Seymour | (715) 839-4783

Located on 135 acres in the town of Seymour, Big Falls County Park features scenic waterfalls on the Eau Claire River. The park offers picnic areas, and public restrooms. Park goers are welcome to swim and wade in the river although there is no active lifeguard on duty. Vehicle entrance passes are required.

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Located near Longwood, Black River Park is a day-use park and features fishing opportunities, picnic areas and a shelter.

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Located near the Chippewa and Fisher Rivers, Brunet Island State Park features a campground with 69 sites, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, recreational trails, a baseball field, playground equipment and a pet run area.

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Augusta | (715) 286-5536

Located six miles northeast of Augusta, Coon Fork Lake County Park features a campground, a boat landing, a swimming beach, volleyball court, playgrounds, restroom facilities, hiking trails, and boat and canoe rentals. Only electric trolling motors are allowed on the lake. Campground reservations can be made by calling (715) 839-4783.

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Located on 52,000 acres, the Eau Claire County Forest is an excellent source for wildlife watching opportunities and hunters. Many species of game include whitetail deer, bear, woodcock, ruffed grouse, squirrels, and rabbits. Hunting is allowed and all state and county hunting regulations are in effect. Camping is allowed in the forest between September 16 and April 30.

GREENWOOD PARK

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Augusta | (715) 839-4783

Located on 43 acres near Augusta, Harstad County Park features many facilities to accommodate a family or large group gatherings. It includes a large reservable open shelter and ball field. The park also features a campground, canoeing on the Eau Claire River and excellent fishing opportunities.

HUMBIRD PARK

Located near Emerson Lake, Humbird Park is a day-use park and features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, shelters and playground equipment.

LAKE ALTOONA COUNTY PARK

Altoona | (715) 834-9042

Located a few miles from downtown Eau Claire, Lake Altoona County Park features a 840 acre lake. Facilities include a clubhouse and shelter for public rental. The park offers a public beach area, changing facilities, cooking grills, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and a playground.

LAKE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARK

Augusta | (715) 286-2681

Located five miles north of Augusta, Lake Eau Claire County Park offers a reservable clubhouse and six picnic shelters. The park also features a baseball diamond, two volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, and playground equipment and two fishing piers located on Lake Eau Claire.

LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK

Located near Chippewa Falls, Lake Wissota State Park features a campground with 116 sites, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, shelters, recreational trails, a baseball field, volleyball court, playground equipment and public hunting areas.

L.L. PHILLIPS COUNTY PARK

Augusta | (715) 332-5271

Located on 76 acres near Eau Claire, L.L. Phillips County Park features a 1.2 mile nature trail, a covered shelter, public restrooms and picnic areas. Vehicle entrance passes are required.

LOWES CREEK COUNTY PARK

Augusta | (715) 878-4166

Located on 250 acres one mile south of Eau Claire, Lowes Creek County Park offers excellent trout fishing opportunities on Lowes Creek. The park also features five miles of mountain biking trails, nature trails and groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails during the winter months. Picnic areas, a shelter and restroom facilities are also available. Vehicle entrance passes are required.

LOYAL PARK

Located near Loyal, Loyal Park is a day-use park features picnic areas, shelters, volleyball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, a baseball field and playground equipment.

MORAINES PARK

Located near Neillsville, Moraine Park is a day-use park and features picnic areas and shelters.

MORRIS ERICKSON PARK

Located near Long Lake, Morris Erickson Park features a campground with 28 sites, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach and picnic areas.

NORTH MEADE LAKE PARK

Located near Meade Lake, North Meade Lake Park features a campground with 71 sites, dump station, boat launch, fishing opportunities, picnic areas, shelters and playground equipment.

OTTER LAKE PARK

Located near Otter Lake, Otter Lake Park features a campground with 22 sites, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach and picnic areas.

PINE POINT PARK

Located near Lake Holcombe, Pine Point Park features a campground with 48 sites, fishing opportunities, swimming beach and picnic areas.

ROUND LAKE PARK

Located near Round Lake, Round Lake Park is a day-use park and features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, picnic areas and a shelter.

RUSSELL MEMORIAL PARK

Located near Lake Arbutus, Russell Memorial Park features a campground with 230 sites, dump station, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, recreational trails, playground equipment and a convenience store.

SCHMIDT MAPLE WOOD STATE RECREATION AREA

Located near Stanley, the Schmidt Maple Wood State Recreation Area serves as a day-use area and features recreational trails and public hunting areas.

SHERWOOD PARK

Located near Sherwood, Sherwood Park features a campground with 36 sites, dump station, boat launch, fishing opportunities, picnic areas, a shelter and playground equipment.

SOUTH MEADE LAKE PARK

Located near Meade Lake, South Meade Lake Park features a campground with 150 sites, dump station, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, recreational trails, playground equipment and a convenience store.

SNYDER PARK

Located near Hewett, Snyder Park features a campground with 50 sites, dump station, boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach, picnic areas, shelters, recreational trails and playground equipment.

WILDCAT MOUND PARK

Located near Mentor, Wildcat Mound Park features a campsite, picnic area and recreational trails.

WILD ROCK PARK

Located near South Foster, Wild Rock Park features a campground with 30 sites, dump station, picnic areas, recreational trails and playground equipment.



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Copper Falls State Park, Ashland County

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Erin Hills, Washington County
Blackwolf Run, Sheboygan County

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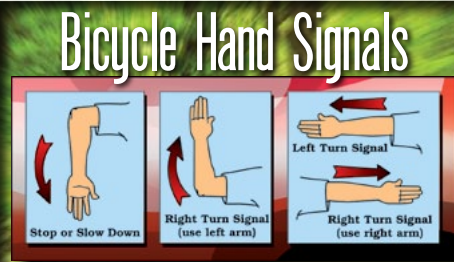
Rock Lake, Bayfield County
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Alpine Valley, Walworth County
Pleasant View, Dane County

Skiing:

Bruce Mound, Clark County
Granite Peak, Marathon County
Christie Mountain, Rusk County
Cascade Mountain, Columbia County

Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

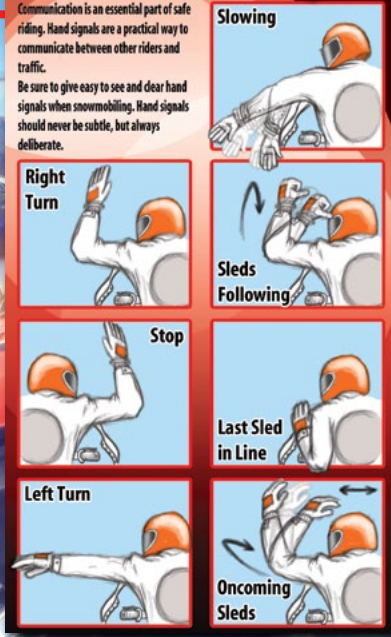
and know your vehicle thoroughly.

- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

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

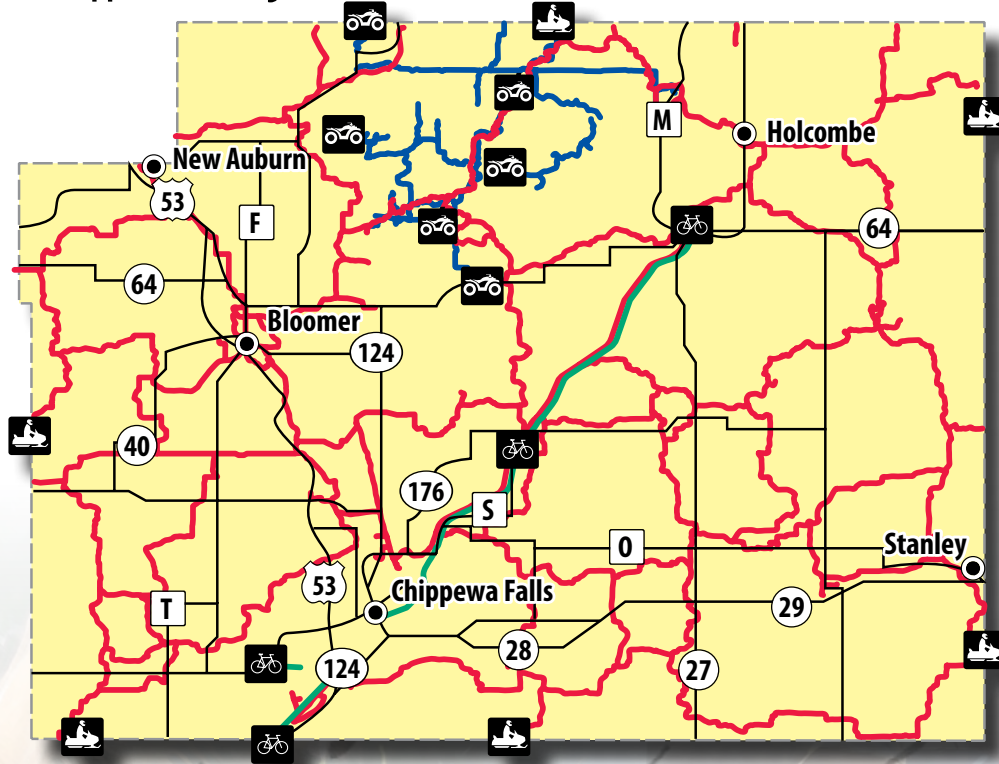





PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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

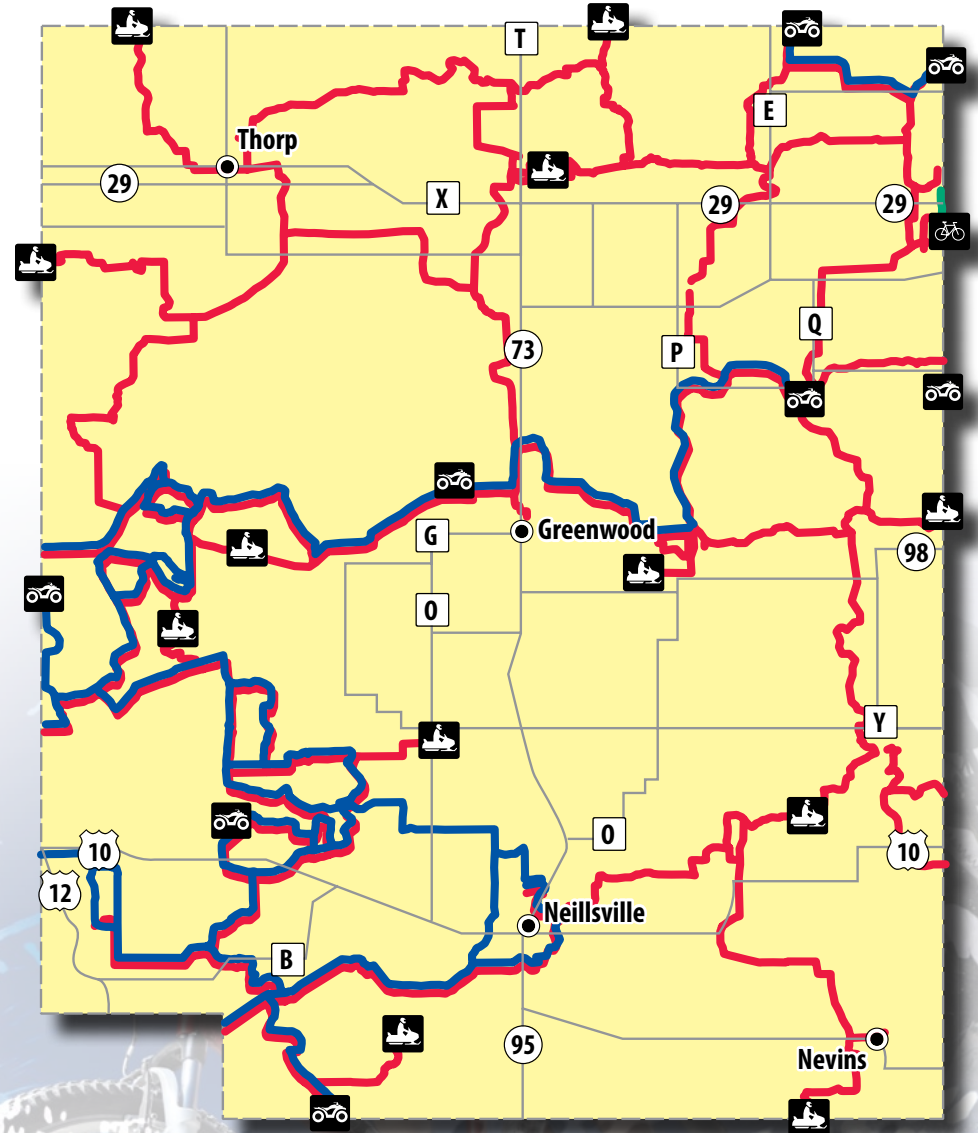
LOCAL AREA TRAILS

Chippewa County

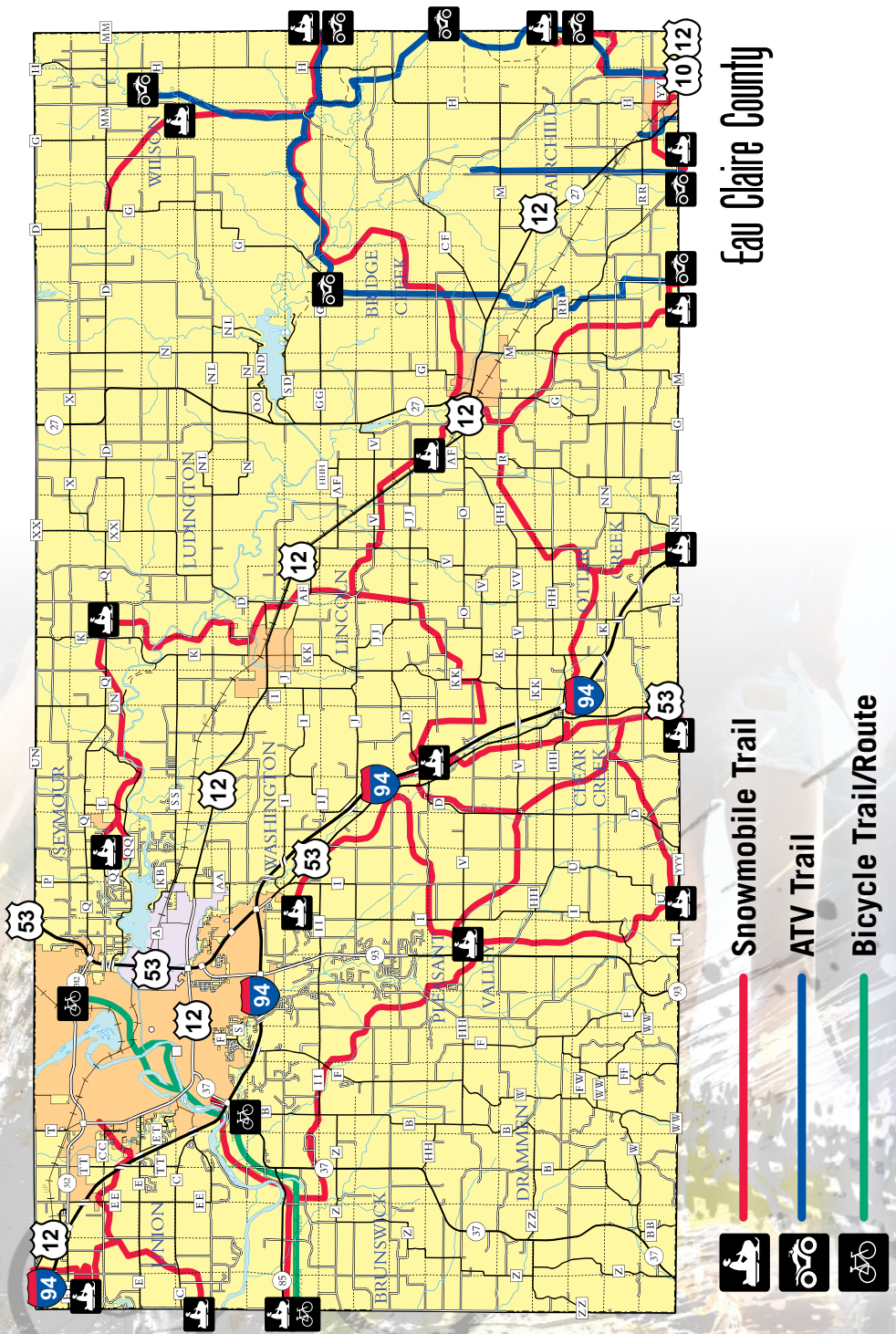


	Snowmobile Trail
	ATV Trail
	Bicycle Trail/Route

Clark County



RECREATIONAL TRAILS



Bicycle Pre-Ride Checklist



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

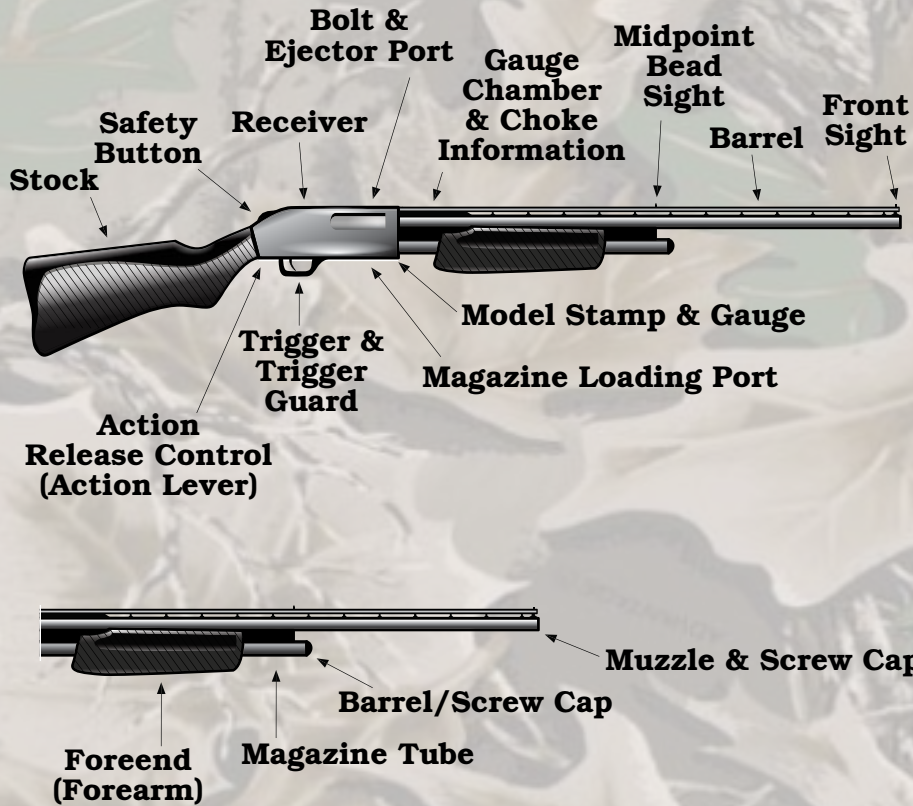
- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks

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



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.



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