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Hubbard County



Wadena County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Family Fishing Derby | Menahga

FEBRUARY

Audrey's Purple Dream Fishing Tournament | Akeley
American Legion Fishing Contest | Park Rapids
Polar Plunge | Park Rapids

MARCH

Laporte Community Talent Show | Laporte
St. Urho Celebration | Menahga
VFW Chili Feed | Wadena

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Nevis
District 23 Motorcross | Staples
Easter Egg Hunt | Wadena

MAY

Menahga City-Wide Garage Sales | Menahga

JUNE

Paul Bunyan Days | Akeley
Gene Cirks Memorial Scholarship Fishing Tourney | Nevis
50's & 60's Festival | Nevis
June Jubilee | Wadena
Parade Downtown | Wadena
City wide Garage Sale | Wadena
Fireworks | Wadena
County Fair | Wadena

JULY

4th of July Festival | Laporte
Menahga Midsummer Celebration | Menahga
St. Urho Run | Menahga
Muskie Days Festival | Nevis
Firecracker Foot Race | Park Rapids
4th of July Parade & Fireworks | Park Rapids
Hubbard County Fair | Park Rapids
PRCA Sanctioned Rodeo | Park Rapids
Crazy Days | Park Rapids
Smokey Bear Day | Park Rapids
Laporte Days | Laporte

AUGUST

National Night Out | Akeley
Community-Wide Garage Sales | Nevis
Northwoods Triathlon | Nevis
Field Days | Park Rapids
Youth Music & Art Showcase | Park Rapids
Crazy Days Book Sales | Park Rapids
Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers' Show | Park Rapids
Railroad Days | Staples
Pig & Wing Challenge | Wadena
Audrey's Purple Dream Fund Run | Akeley

SEPTEMBER

Princess Warrior Run | Wadena
Huntersville Fall Trail Ride | Menahga
Jubilee Days | Nimrod
Walk for Let's Go Fishing | Park Rapids
Headwaters 100 Bike Ride | Park Rapids
Fall Slam Fishing Tournament | Park Rapids
City-Wide Rummage Sales | Sebeka
Whiskey Creek Film Fest | Wadena
North Country Hiking Fest (Sept.-Oct.) | Park Rapids

OCTOBER

Business Trick or Treat | Park Rapids
Haunted House | Wadena
Blacks Grove River Crossing MTB Race | Wadena

NOVEMBER

Celebration of Lights (Nov.-Dec) | Nevis
Christmas Festival | Wadena

DECEMBER

Santa Day | Menahga
Christmas at Timber Creek | Park Rapids
Christmas in Wadena | Wadena

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Once part of Cass County, Hubbard County was established in 1883. It was named in honor of Minnesota Governor and State Senator, Lucius Frederick Hubbard. With the development of the railroad, Hubbard County continued to thrive and general stores, hotels and a variety of businesses were founded. Early industry included agriculture, logging and tourism and Park Rapids was selected as the county seat. By 1900 the population of Hubbard County had reached 6,578 and the area has continued to grow. Today Hubbard County is home to approximately 18,810 residents.

CITIES:

AKELEY – pop. 412
LAPORTE – pop. 148
NEVIS – pop. 389
PARK RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,648

TOWNSHIPS:

AKELEY TOWNSHIP – pop. 483
ARAGO TOWNSHIP – pop. 579
BADOURA TOWNSHIP – pop. 95
CLAY TOWNSHIP – pop. 48
CLOVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 143
CROW WING LAKE TOWNSHIP – pop. 262
FARDEN TOWNSHIP – pop. 987
FERN TOWNSHIP – pop. 209
GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP – pop. 433
HART LAKE TOWNSHIP – pop. 463

HELGA TOWNSHIP – pop. 1,328
HENDRICKSON TOWNSHIP – pop. 229
HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP – pop. 1,515
HUBBARD TOWNSHIP – pop. 778
LAKE ALICE TOWNSHIP – pop. 87
LAKE EMMA TOWNSHIP – pop. 892
LAKE GEORGE TOWNSHIP – pop. 380
LAKE HATTIE TOWNSHIP – pop. 130
LAKEPORT TOWNSHIP – pop. 738
MANTRAP TOWNSHIP – pop. 465
NEVIS TOWNSHIP – pop. 867
ROCKWOOD TOWNSHIP – pop. 462
SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP – pop. 106
STEAMBOAT RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 121
STRAIGHT RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 661
THORPE TOWNSHIP – pop. 43

**Populations are approximate.*

AKELEY

Akeley was established by the Red River Lumber Company in 1893 as a logging community. Settlements began in 1895 and a sawmill was built followed by the arrival of the railroad. The area began to thrive and as the logging industry slowed in the early 1900's, dairy farming became the highest grossing industry in the area. Today Akeley is home to approximately 412 residents.

LAPORTE

The name, "laportes" is derived from the french word meaning "door" or "gate." The town was originally called Lakeport, but its name was changed in the early 1900's. With construction of the railroad in 1898, Laporte housed a depot and the area began to develop. A post office was established in 1899 with Nelson Daughters serving as the area's first postmaster and Laporte continued to thrive. Today Laporte is home to approximately 148 residents.

NEVIS TOWNSHIP

Nevis was named after the highest mountain in Great Britain known as Ben Nevis. It was incorporated as a village in 1902 and its population grew early when the railroads were introduced to the area. Churches, schools, hotels and social halls were founded and the area became a popular destination for summer travelers. It is now widely recognized for housing the world's largest tiger muskie statue and its great fishing opportunities. Today Nevis is home to approximately 867 residents.

PARK RAPIDS (COUNTY SEAT)

Park Rapids was first settled in 1882 by Frank C. Rice and was named after the parklike groves and rapids from the Fish Hook River. Streets were then platted and Park Rapids was selected as the county seat. Many early pioneers were attracted to the area because of the rolling prairies for agriculture and the abundance of timber for logging. As the railroad arrived, Park Rapids began to develop and the area became a popular vacation destination. Today Park Rapids is home to approximately 3,648 residents.



Wadena County was established in 1858 and organized in 1873. The name Wadena was derived from an Ojibwe word meaning, “little round hill,” and the area developed around a trading post along the Crow Wing River. The city of Wadena was selected as the county seat and with construction of the railroad in 1872, businesses, schools and churches were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and by 1900 the population of Wadena County had reached 7,921. Today Wadena County is home to approximately 13,311 residents.

CITIES:

ALDRICH – pop. 47

MENAHGA – pop. 1,196

NIMROD – pop. 72

SEBEKA – pop. 650

STAPLES – pop. 3,019

VERNDALE – pop. 529

WADENA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,980

TOWNSHIPS:

ALDRICH TOWNSHIP – pop. 424

BLUEBERRY TOWNSHIP – pop. 711

HUNTERSVILLE TOWNSHIP – pop. 139

LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 516

LYONS TOWNSHIP – pop. 188

MEADOW TOWNSHIP – pop. 240

NORTH GERMANY TOWNSHIP – pop. 335

ORTON TOWNSHIP – pop. 231

RED EYE TOWNSHIP – pop. 427

ROCKWOOD TOWNSHIP – pop. 396

SHELL RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 279

THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP – pop. 708

WADENA TOWNSHIP – pop. 982

WING RIVER TOWNSHIP – pop. 433

**Populations are approximate.*

ALDRICH

Founded as a logging community, Aldrich was settled in the late 1880's as pioneers were attracted to the fertile soil and access to timber. The community was named after Cyrus Aldrich, a member of the Minnesota state legislature and postmaster of Minneapolis. The first post office was established in 1877 and as the railroad was constructed, the area continued to grow and the community was incorporated in 1938. Today Aldrich is home to approximately 47 residents.

MENAHGA

Settled by Finnish immigrants in 1875, Menahga's name was derived from the Ojibwe word for “blueberry.” Pioneers arrived to stake claims and early industry included logging and agriculture. In 1891 the Great Northern Railway entered the area and the area began to grow dramatically. Menahga was incorporated in 1892 and a post office was established. Today Menahga is home to approximately 1,196 residents.

NIMROD

Nimrod was settled in the late 1880's and its name was derived from a passage in the Bible. As rail lines were constructed, Nimrod became a stopping place along the Wheat Trail and a hotel was built to meet the needs of travelers. A post office was established in 1887 with Mary L. Williams serving as the area's first postmaster. The area grew slowly and was incorporated in 1924. Today Nimrod is home to approximately 72 residents.

SEBEKA

Established in 1898 as a railway village, Sebek was named by Colonel William Crooks, a railway engineer. A sawmill, general store and hotel were constructed which attracted many settlers to the area. By 1900 its population had reached 233 and the area has continued to grow. Today Sebek is home to approximately 650 residents.

STAPLES

In the late 1800's the Dower and Staples families, who were prominent in the lumber industry, settled in present day Staples. The local lake was named after the Dower family and the community was named after the Staples family. As the area began to develop, schools, churches, stores, mills and blacksmith shops were built and the area has since grown. Today Staples is home to approximately 3,019 residents.

VERNDALE

Settled in the late 1800's, Verndale was named in honor of Vernie Smith, a granddaughter of one of the first settlers, Lucas W. Smith. The community was established as a railway village and with the development of businesses and industry, Verndale continued to grow. Today Verndale is home to approximately 529 residents.

WADENA (COUNTY SEAT)

Originally a trading post along the Crow Wing River, Wadena was settled in 1871. As rail lines were constructed, businesses were established, and the area began to grow. Its name is derived from an Ojibwe word meaning “little round hill” and as the area continued to develop, Wadena was selected as the county seat. Today Wadena is home to approximately 3,980 residents.

MENAHGA MINNESOTA'S OWN MARVEL:

In June of 1927, Menahga Minnesota was the birthplace of Mr. Wallace Allen Wood, aka Wally Wood, aka Woody. If you come from the area, you may know of him. For those of us who may not be familiar, let me fill you in. Wally Wood was an American comic book artist, writer & publisher. As a child, he had a dream of finding a "magic pencil" that could draw anything. His father was a lumberjack and his mother a teacher. She would show her support by sewing all of Wally's early artwork and stories together on her sewing machine. In his teens, Wally did one tour of duty with Merchant Marines during WWII in the Pacific. He later became a paratrooper in the Army Air Corps toward the end of the war. After a semester at a Minnesota art school, Wally decided to make the move to the Big Apple, NYC! He went with family and quickly began attending the School of Visual Arts and studying under Burne Hogarth, Tarzan artist. That only lasted a semester as well, before Woody began the brief position of Assistant to Will Eisner, creator of The Spirit.

Wally decided to open a studio with a couple partners in the business as well. Joe Orlando, who later became Vice President of DC's Comics and Harry Harrison who is famous for being the author of the SCI-FI movie Soylent Green, that starred Charlton Heston. He even worked on his own comic book adaptations of Ray Bradbury stories. The 1950's were a really successful time for Mr. Wood, as he became a science fiction artist for Weird Science as well as virtually single handedly saving MAD magazine when the founding editor left, trying to take the entire company with him to start a new publication with Hugh Hefner. As the star at MAD, Wood's work was selling between 1 and 2 million copies per issue! When there was time, he would squeeze in newspaper strip work including a return to The Spirit and in 1959, Sky Masters of the Space Force with the Marvel creator Jack Kirby.

After 12 years with MAD magazine, Wood returned to traditional comic book work including for Marvel. They were excited to have such a famous award-winning talent and asked

them to take over their newest character. Daredevil had only released a few issues and was on the edge of being canceled when Mr. Wood stepped in and not only saved the series, but made it incredibly popular, by creating the red suited look we know Daredevil to sport today.

Wally went on to create many other characters for other companies and was a pioneer for creators rights. He also self published 13 issues of the magazine Witzend. If there is ever a time you find yourself in his birth town of Menahga, Minnesota, make sure to visit the small exhibit dedicated to Mr. Woods' famous works. You will NOT be disappointed.



MURALS OF MINNESOTA

The Largest Picture Puzzle in the World

The Murals Project of Minnesota began as an effort to draw more tourists to Wadena, and has accomplished that much and more after several years of work and the collaborative efforts of many talented artists, donors, and volunteers. Wadena's striking murals now make up over one hundred pieces of the Largest Picture Puzzle in the World!

Wadena's Alley Art Institute, a non-profit founded in 2004, attracted over forty artists, two hundred volunteers, and three hundred thousand dollars worth of donated materials and time to produce the fantastic murals that now fill the town.

Wadena's impressive murals celebrate local culture and history, and feature themes like heroic and famous characters, wildlife and scenery, immigrants to America, and scenes from Minnesota's past. The murals reflect a variety of rich artistic styles, and include paintings, mosaics, and mixed media art. Visit Wadena to see some of its wonderful murals for yourself!

AREA TRIVIA/FUN FACTS

- Kenneth Arnold, whose reports of a flying UFO were the first to be widely publicized, was born in Sebeka. The term "flying saucer" is a misquote from his interviews: he had described the UFO's as flying in a saucer-like fashion, not as saucer-shaped. (www.project1947.com).
- Wallace Wood, an illustrator for MAD Magazine and Marvel's Daredevil comics, was born in Menahga. According to Geoff Boucher of The L.A. Times, "Wood's work seemed like snapshots of a lush and vibrant reality where even madmen, monsters and mayhem possessed a stately grace."
- General Lesley James McNair, one of the highest-ranking Americans to be killed in action in World War II, was born in Verndale. He was chief of staff at U.S. Army General Headquarters, trained many soldiers, and won eight military awards.
- Staples is nicknamed "The Rail Hub of the Northwest," and used to attract famous road shows and theatre groups who traveled by train to Chicago or the Twin Cities.
- Sebeka means "town by the water" in Ojibwe.
- Aldrich Township is named after Cyrus Aldrich, a Congressman, legislator, and postmaster. Aldrich was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to investigate the Dakota War of 1862.
- The historic Jefferson Highway from Louisiana to Canada, built in the 1910's as part of the National Auto Trail system, runs through Wadena and Sebeka. It was nicknamed the "Palm to Pine Highway" for the scenic changes along the route.
- One of Minnesota's first water-powered flour mills was built on the Wing River near Verndale. The mill created a pond that became popular for boating, fishing, and swimming.
- Sebeka was once home to Minnesota's largest creamery. The city has had ten creameries and ten cheese factories over the years.

Barbecue

BARBECUE DO'S:

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

BARBECUE DON'TS:

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



BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

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.

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

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PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

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OPENERS

09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide
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
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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

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OUTDOOR

Fun Facts

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

FISHING SEASONS

OPENERS

- 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 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

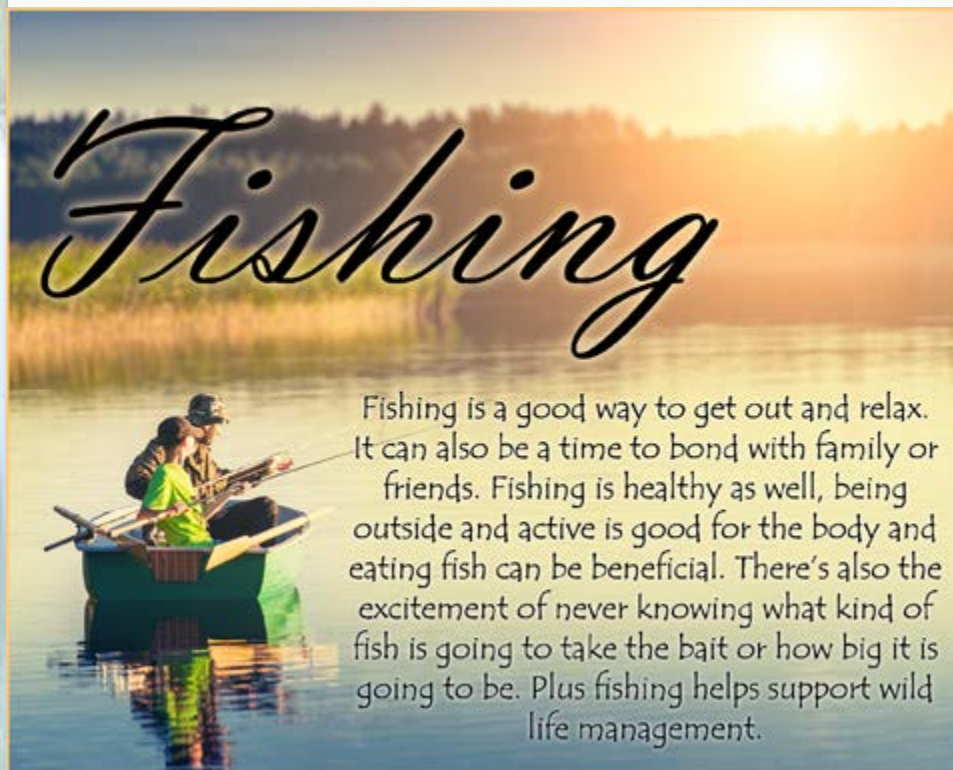
FREE FISHING

Take a kid fishing weekend

June 9-11, 2023

Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

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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.

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.

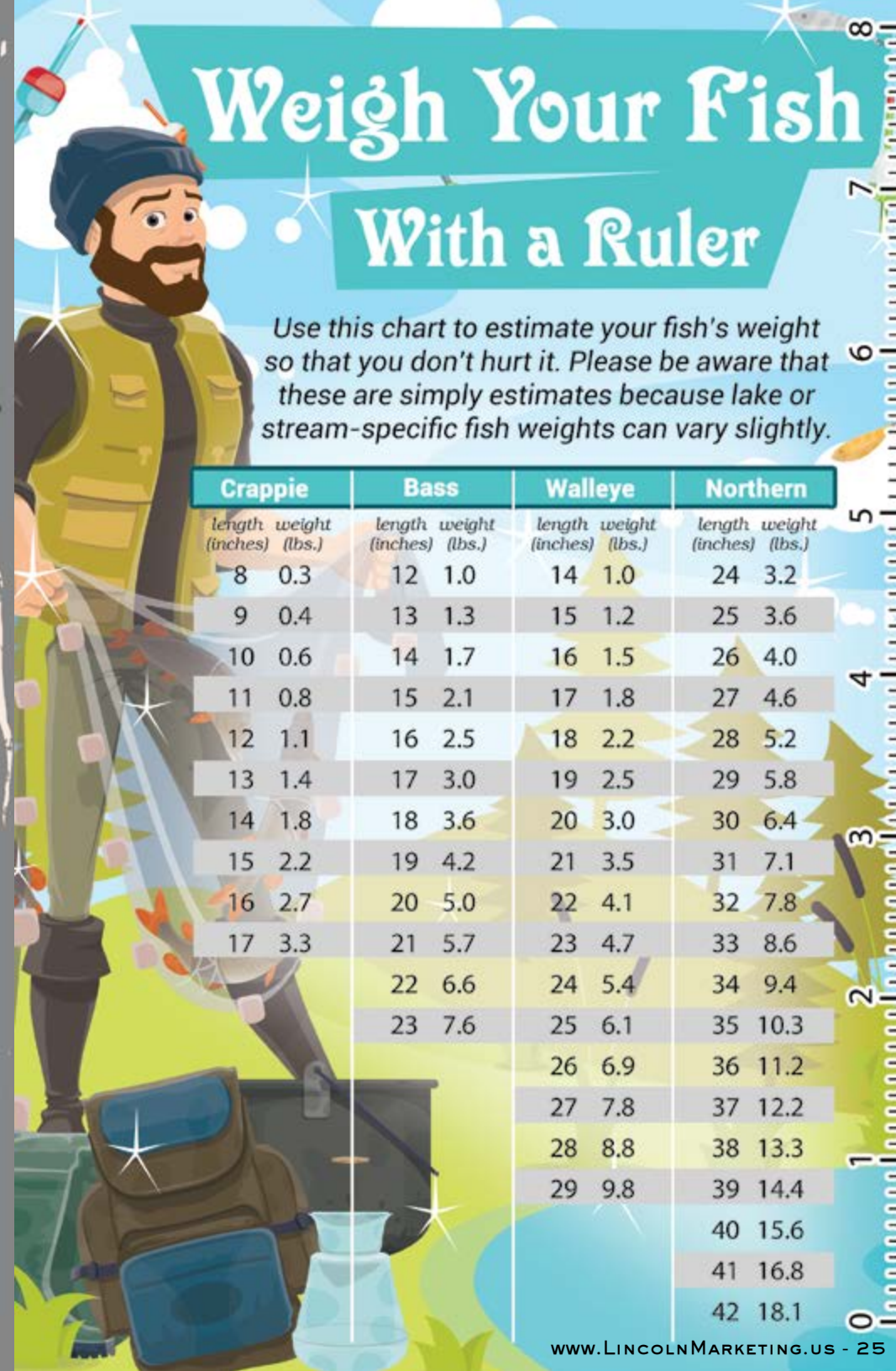


By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

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
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				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!



BICYCLE SAFETY

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!



ATV SAFETY

Know Your ATV

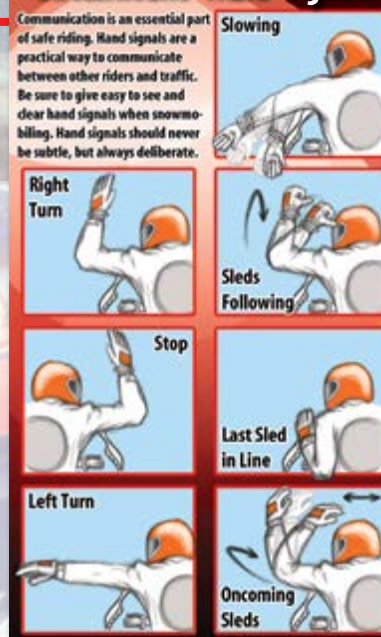
Read the owner's manual

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.

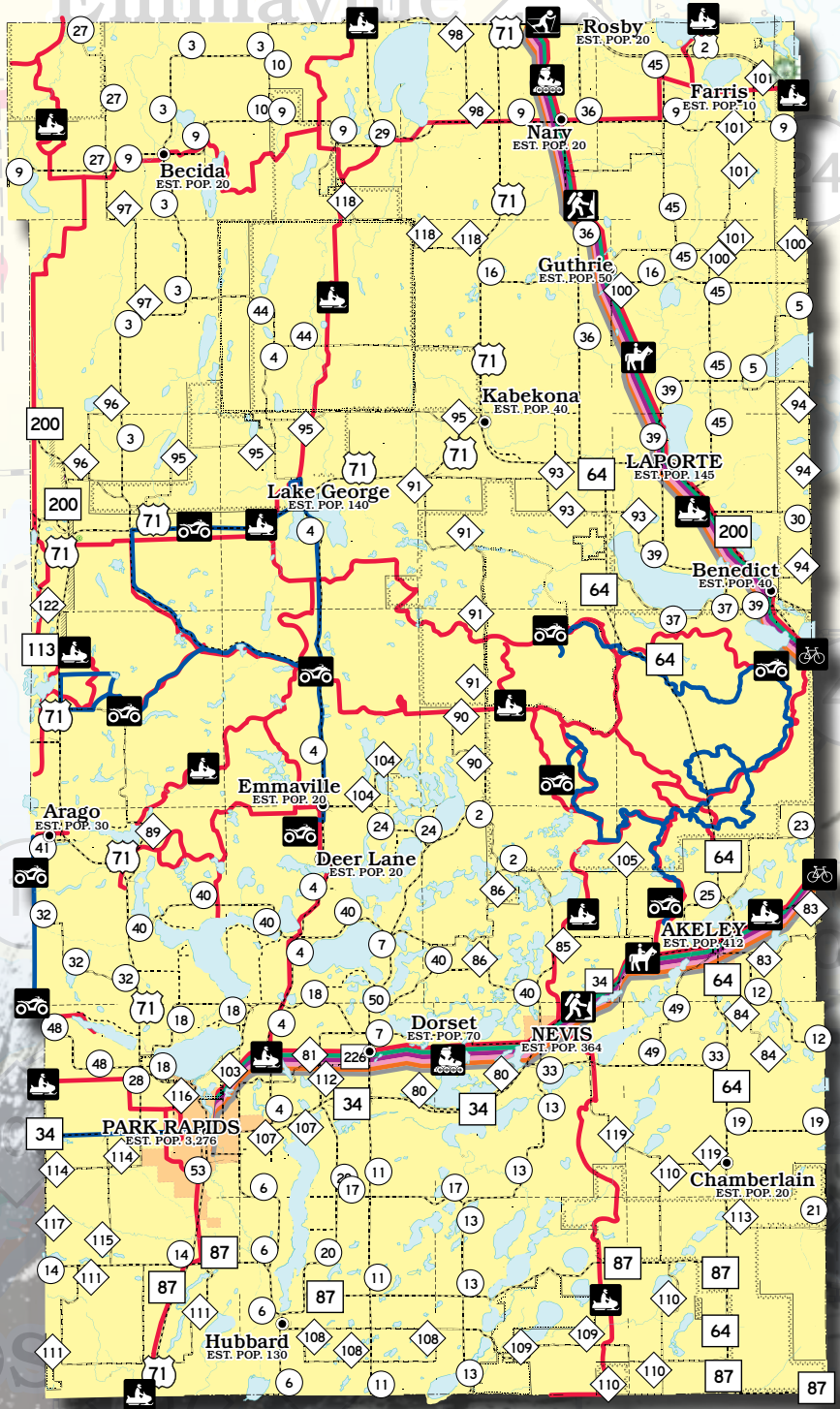
Snowmobile Hand Signals



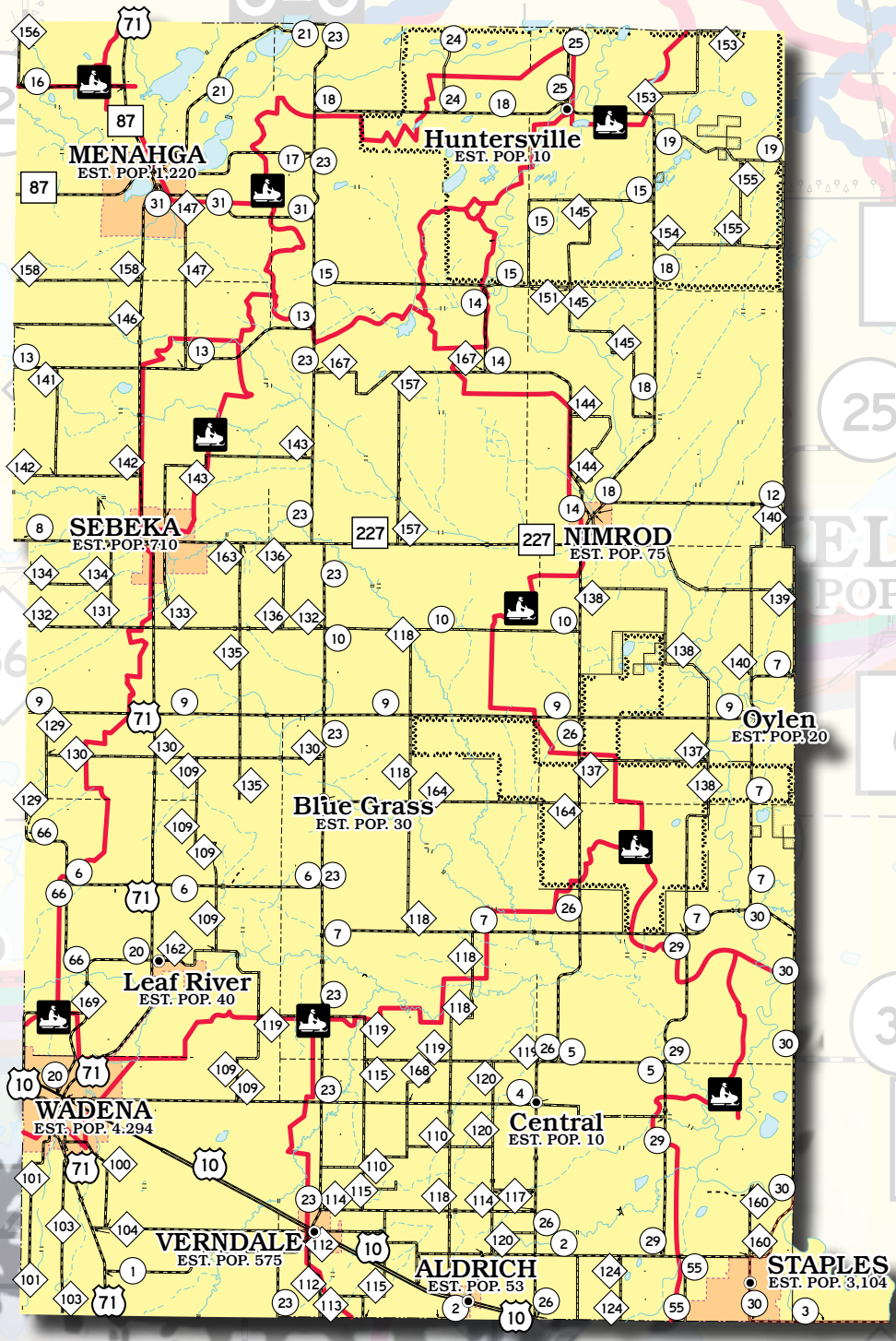
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Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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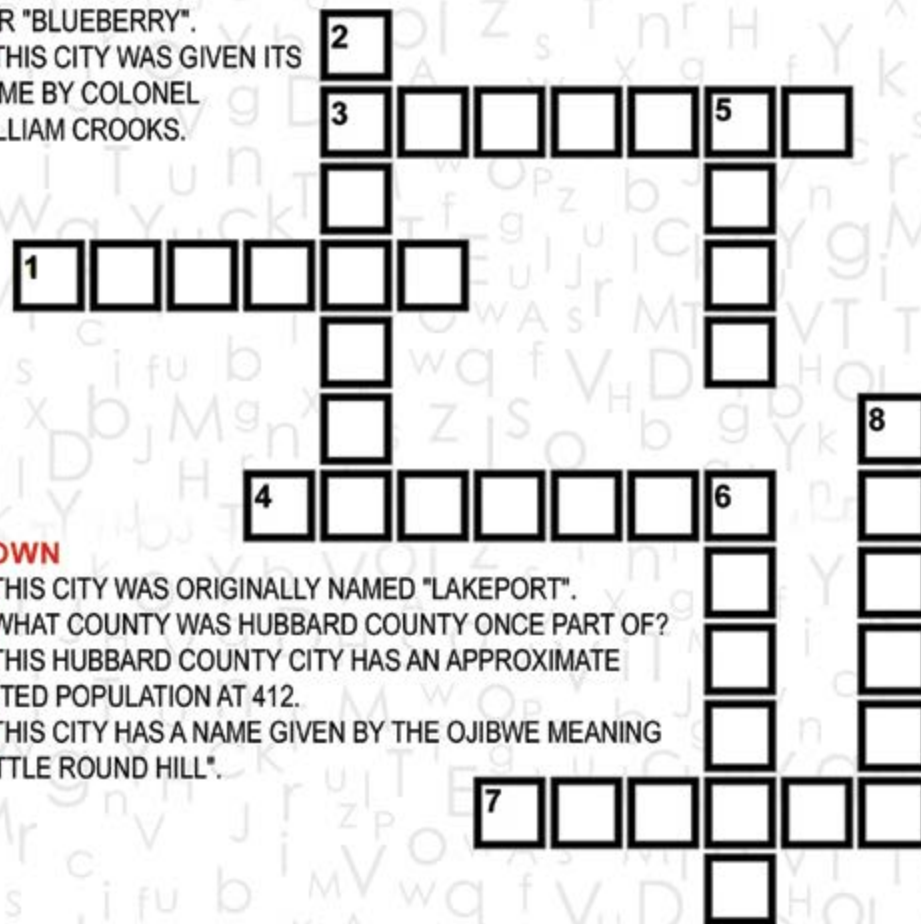
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(Read Guide for Clues)

ACROSS

- 1: THIS CITY WAS GIVEN A NAME FROM A PASSAGE IN THE BIBLE.
 3: THIS WADENA COUNTY CITY HAS THE SMALLEST LISTED APPROXIMATE POPULATION AT 47.
 4: THIS CITY'S NAME WAS DERIVED FROM THE OJIBWE WORD FOR "BLUEBERRY".
 7: THIS CITY WAS GIVEN ITS NAME BY COLONEL WILLIAM CROOKS.



DOWN

- 2: THIS CITY WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED "LAKEPORT".
 5: WHAT COUNTY WAS HUBBARD COUNTY ONCE PART OF?
 6: THIS HUBBARD COUNTY CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 412.
 8: THIS CITY HAS A NAME GIVEN BY THE OJIBWE MEANING "LITTLE ROUND HILL".

Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

Choose a type of grass that thrives in your area. 3" is the optimal height for most grasses, it allows the roots to become strong and healthy. It also helps to absorb more water. Don't bag the lawn clippings, it's a natural fertilizer. Keep your mower blades sharp.



Don't water every day. Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Your lawn should get about an inch of water each week, whether it be from rain fall or a sprinkler. Water your lawn in the early morning, preferably before 10am. Watering at night time can create fungus growth.



Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.

COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

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

How to get started composting

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

What to compost

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

What not to compost

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

How long will it take?

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

Using the finished compost

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





Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.



According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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