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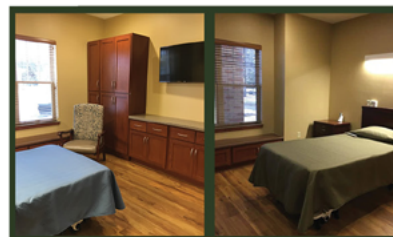
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Hubbard County



Wadena County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Arts in the Park (year round) | Laporte
Family Fishing Derby | Menahga

FEBRUARY

American Legion Fishing Contest | Park Rapids
Polar Plunge | Park Rapids
Laporte Community Talent Show | Laporte

MARCH

St. Urho Celebration | Menahga

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Nevis
Easter Egg Hunt | Wadena

MAY

Menahga City-Wide Garage Sales | Menahga

JUNE

Paul Bunyan Days | Akeley
Gene Cirks Memorial Scholarship Fishing Tourney | Nevis
June Jubilee | Wadena
Parade Downtown | Wadena
City wide Garage Sale | Wadena
County Fair | Wadena
Audrey's Purple Dream Fishing Tournament | Akeley
District 23 Motorcross | Staples
Pig & Wing Challenge | Wadena
Audrey's Purple Dream Fund Run | Akeley
Community-Wide Garage Sales | Nevis

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

JULY (CONTD)

Crazy Days | Park Rapids
Smokey Bear Day | Park Rapids
Laporte Days | Laporte
Fireworks | Wadena
Crazy Days Book Sales | Park Rapids
Blueberry Festival | Park Rapids

AUGUST

National Night Out | Akeley
Northwoods Triathlon | Nevis
Field Days | Park Rapids
Youth Music & Art Showcase | Park Rapids
Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers' Show | Park Rapids
Railroad Days | Staples
Annual Color Run | Menahga
Art Fair at the Winery | Laporte

SEPTEMBER

Princess Warrior Run | Wadena
Jubilee Days | Nimrod
Headwaters 100 Bike Ride | Park Rapids
Fall Slam Fishing Tournament | Park Rapids
Whiskey Creek Film Fest | Wadena
Akeley Craft Show

OCTOBER

Business Trick or Treat | Park Rapids
Chili Cook Off | Wadena

NOVEMBER

Celebration of Lights (Nov-Dec) | Nevis
Christmas Festival | Wadena
Christmas at Timber Creek (Nov-Dec) | Park Rapids

DECEMBER

Santa Day | Menahga
Christmas in Wadena | Wadena

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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.



*W*adena 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.



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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.

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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.



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- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
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HUNTING

Bear

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

Deer

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

Badger

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

Bobcat

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

Fox, Gray & Red

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

Opossum

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

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

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
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Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

Grouse

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

Pheasant

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

Wild Turkey

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

TRAPPING

Badger

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Bobcat

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Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

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Largemouth Bass

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Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass

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

Statewide except the northeast

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06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

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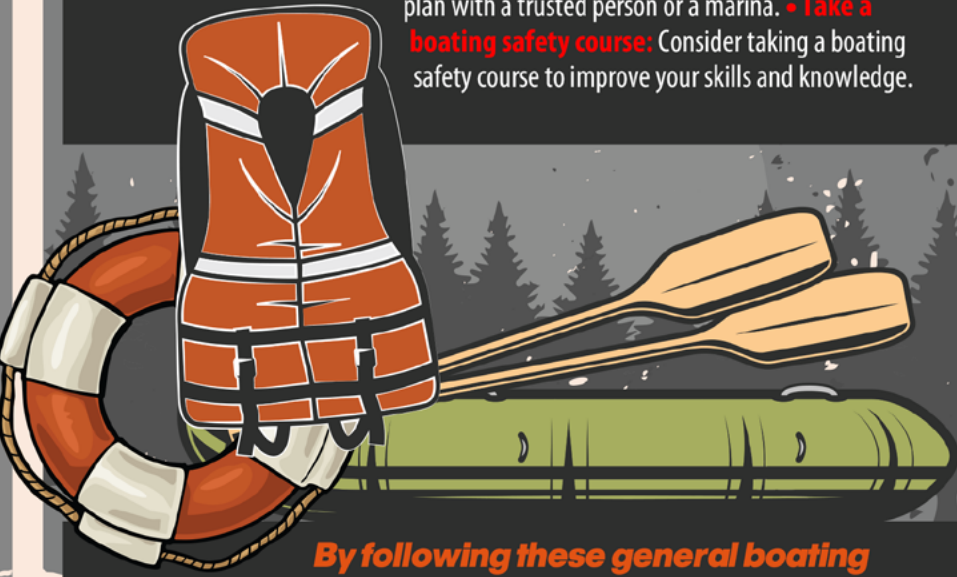
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- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on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



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

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do
NOT
Transport
Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

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.

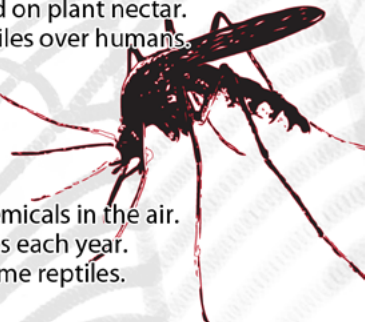
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- 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.



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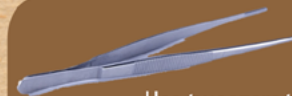
Diseases & Prevention

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

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

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

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



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

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

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

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

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

1-Know when and where you're at risk

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

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent

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

3-Check yourself for ticks

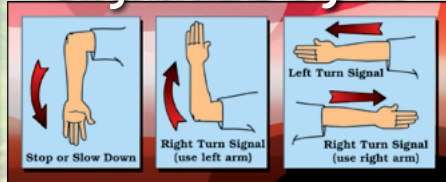
- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!



Be Aware of your Surroundings

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

Bicycle Hand Signals



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

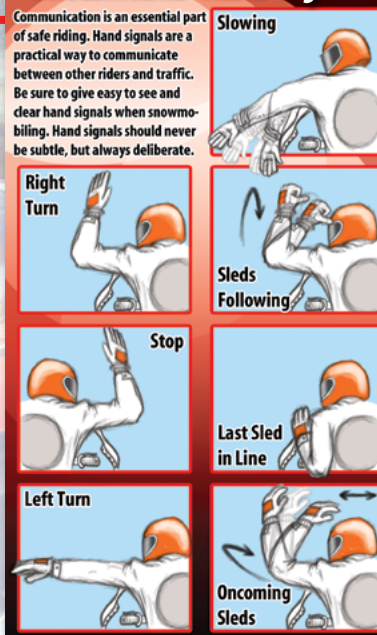
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

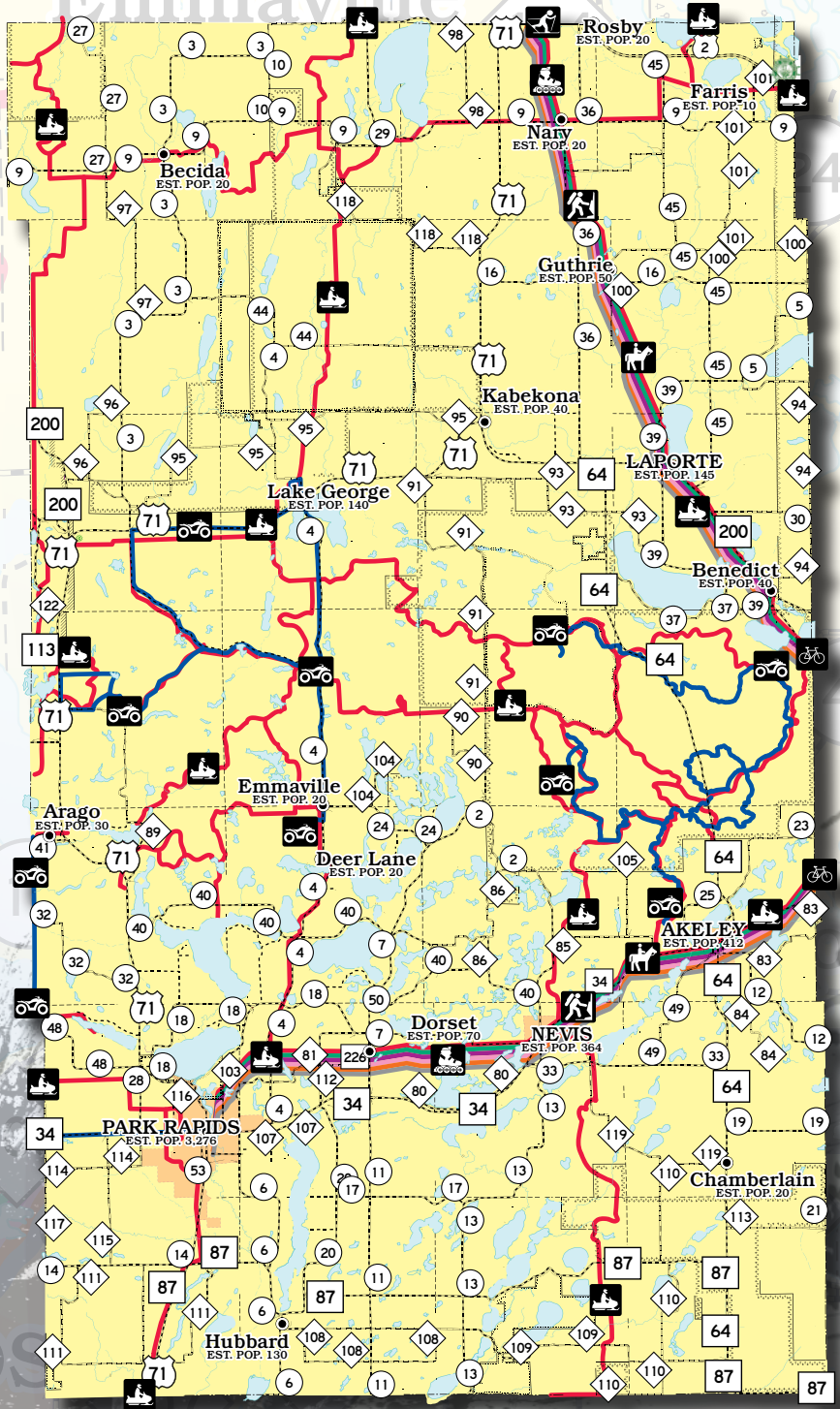
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



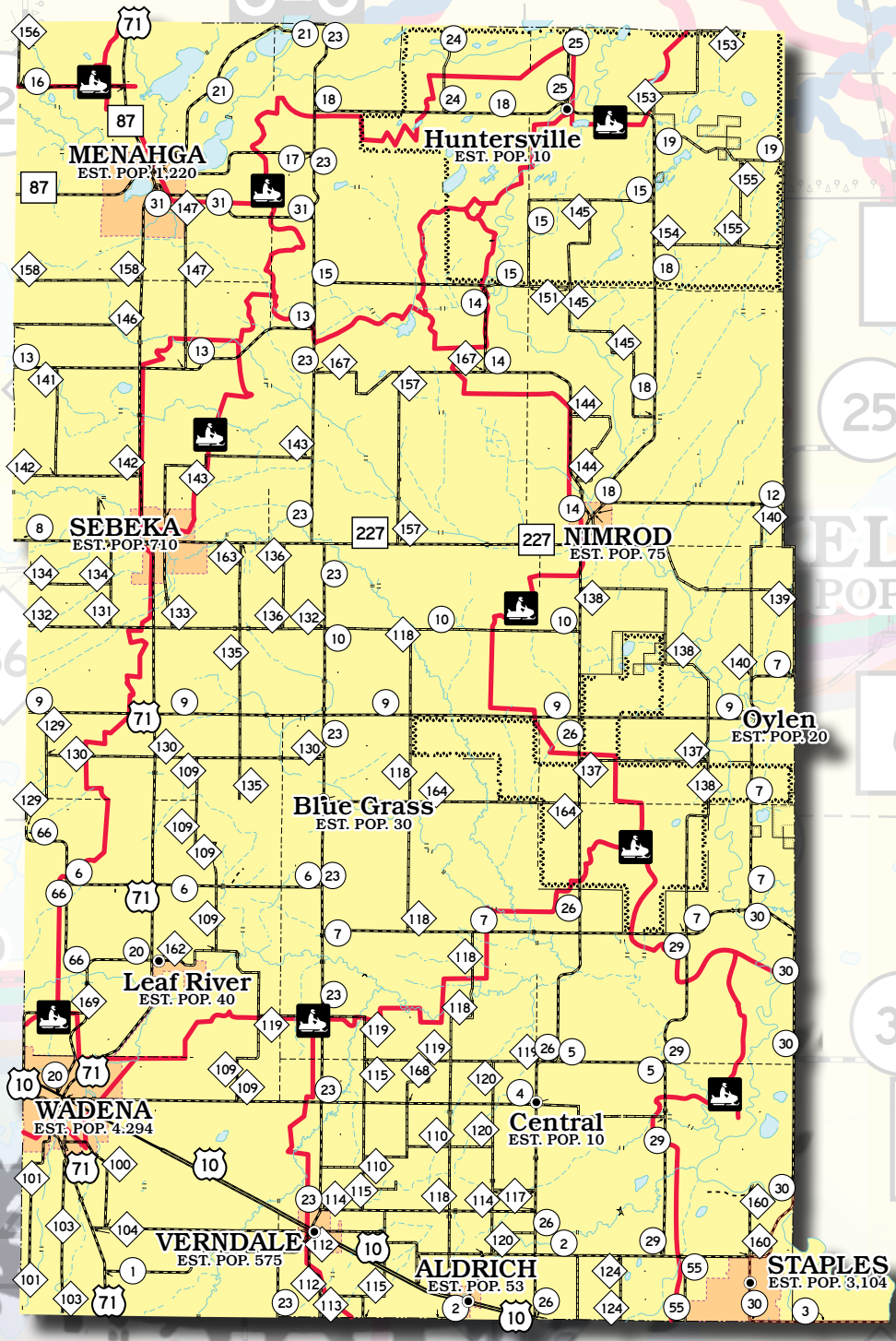
PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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.

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Health Benefits of the Outdoors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.

2. Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



3. Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



5. The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



7. You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



9. Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



Be smart...



Take good care of your skin

The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

• 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 a 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.

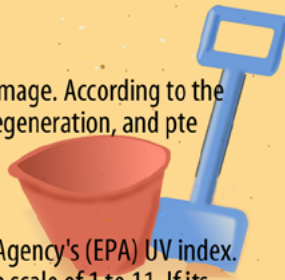
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

• UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If it's low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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Stay.

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