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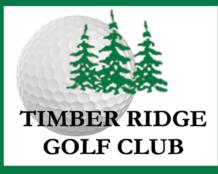
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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

January

Pro-Vintage Snowmobile Olympus | Ironwood SISU Ski Fest | Ironwood

February

Annual White Thunder Riders Auction | Hurley

March

St. Patrick's Day Party | White Pine

April

Crane Count | Vilas County Eggstravaganza | Mercer Maple Syrup Fest | Phelps

May

Annual Birding Festival | Manitowish Waters Claire d'Loon's Birthday | Iron County Memorial Weekend ATV/UTV Rally | Hurley Town Wide Garage Sale | Boulder Junction Eagle River Gun Show | Eagle River Memorial Day Arts & Crafts Show | Eagle River Classic Sled Roundup | St. Germain Fleazaar (May-July, Saturdays) | Manitowish Waters Trees for Tomorrow Scholarship Golf Outing | Eagle River Memorial Weekend ATV/UTV Rally & Parade | Hurley Wheels, Wings & Watercraft Show | Manitowish Waters

June

Annual Walk in the Woods | St. Germain Lupine Junefest | Mercer Hank Lesniak's Valley of the Giants Fishing Tournament | Phelps Callie Rohr Memorial Canoe & Kayak Race | Conover Rummage-O-Rama | Phelps

June (Contd)

Great Northern Beer Festival | Eagle River Solstice Festival | Manitowish Waters Devils Elbow 5K | Arbor Vitae Minocqua Island Swim Challenge | Minocqua Taste of Conover | Conover June Bloom Arts & Crafts Festival | Minocqua Annual Freedom 5K Fun Run | St. Germain Bear Cupboard Run | Minocqua Mercer Open All-Species Fishing Tournament

July

July 3 Celebration | Land O' Lakes Fireworks | Land O' Lakes Muggy Buggy 5K & Xtreme Mud Run | Minocqua Independence Day Celebration & Parade | Manitowish Waters

Annual NSTLRA Poker Run | Phelps Star Spangled Jubilee | Boulder Junction Fourth of July Parade and Picnic in the Park | Land O'Lakes

July 4 Celebration | Presque Isle, Minocqua Annual Bear River Pow Wow | Lac du Flambeau Manito Art League Art Show | Manitowish Waters Annual Gem & Mineral Show | Minocqua Artarama | Eagle River

Northwoods Art Tour | Mercer Northwoods Blues Fest | St. Germain Heritage Days & Parade (July - Aug) | Hurley Pig Roast | Woodruff

Independence Day Celebration | St. Germain Iron County Heritage Days (July-Aug) Mercer 4th of July Fireworks & Parade Bessemer Blast/4th of July North Country 100 | Bessemer

August

Annual Fireman's Picnic | Arbor Vitae Community-wide Garage Sales | Land O' Lakes Sayner/Star Lake Street Fair | Sayner Twas the Night Before Loon Day | Mercer Loon Day Art & Craft Fair | Mercer After Loon Delight Craft Show | Minocqua Annual Musky Jamboree | Boulder Junction Krazy Day | Minocqua Vilas County Fair | Eagle River Gogebic County Fair | Ironwood Paul Bunyan Fest | Eagle River National Championship Musky Open | Eagle River Founding Fathers Golf Tournament | Phelps Iron County Fair | Saxon Annual Lake Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lake Association Pig Roast | Minocqua Festival Italiano | Hurley

September

(Sept-Oct)

Fall Fest | Boulder Junction

Northwoods Bad Dash | Manitowish Waters Annual Minocqua No Frills Marathon | Minocqua Sausage Fest | Eagle River Annual Steamboat Gathering | Eagle River Wild Rice Fest | Lac du Flambeau Fall Harvest Festival | Lake Tomahawk, Manitowish Waters Scarecrow Fest | Phelps Lakeland Rotary's Rump Roast Run | Minocqua Beef-A-Rama | Minocqua Annual Colorama Arts & Crafts Fair | Boulder Junction Prime Choice Craft Show | Minocqua Fall Color Classic Bike Tour Manitowish Waters Annual Scarecrow Contest

October

Cranberry Fest Book Sale | Eagle River Cranberry Fest | Eagle River Northwoods Art Tour | Mercer Pumpkin Run ATV Rally | Mercer Northwoods Fall Art Tour | Vilas County Halloween & Trick or Treat | Sayner Hallow-Fest | Eagle River Spooktacular | Presque Isle

November

November Christmas Bazaar | St. Germain Annual Christmas Walk | Boulder Junction Small Business Saturday | Area Wide Hurley Craft Fair Night on the Red Carpet | Manitowish Waters Holiday Marketplace | St. Germain

December

Candy Cane Parade | Mercer New Year's Eve Fireworks | Woodruff Sleigh Rides (Dec-Jan) | Eagle River Christmas Kick-Off (Dec-Jan) | Eagle River Northwoods Winter Wonderland | Mercer Fun, Frost & Family | Hurley Manitowish Waters Small Town Christmas

*Events are subject to change

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Vilas County, WI

Aging & Disability	715-479-3625
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Public Health	715-479-3656
Register of Deeds	715-479-3660
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Veteran Services	715-479-3629

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IRON COUNTY HISTORY



• Fron County was created in 1893 from Ashland and Oneida Counties, and it was named for the iron deposits near the lake. It usually gets around 200 inches of snow annually. There are over 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 175,000 acres of forests. Hurley is the county seat. Iron County is located in northwest Wisconsin and has a population of nearly 6,000.

Cities

Hurley (county seat) - pop. 1,547 Montreal - pop. 807

Towns

Anderson - pop. 61 Carey - pop. 191 Gurney - pop. 158 Kimball - pop. 540 Knight - pop. 284 Mercer - pop. 1,732 Oma - pop. 355 Pence - pop. 198 Saxon - pop. 350 Sherman - pop. 336 *Populations are approximate.

IRON COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Hurley (county seat)

Hurley was founded to serve lumbermen and miners. Hurley and Gile were lumber towns, with many mining towns nearby. Hurley got its name from M. A. Hurley, an attorney of Wausau. In 1885, his first name was dropped and the community became known as simply Hurley instead of Glen Hurley. Henry Meade was Hurley's first mayor. John Ankers was Hurley's first town clerk, justice of the peace, and fire chief. In 1888 there were two large fires that destroyed most of the city, but the people recovered and it was rebuilt with brick and stone. He also opened Hurley's first saloon. Hurley was also the home of Delia Zarzyski, where she lived her entire life with her husband Leonard. They had three children, one of whom is Paul Zarzyski who performs across the country and has written poems and books. Today Hurley is home to approximately 1,547 residents.

Mercer

Mercer classifies itself as the "Loon Capital of the World". According to a wildlife study, Mercer had the highest concentration of loons in the world. Mercer celebrates this with a Loon Day festival and had a 16-foot, 2,000-pound statue created named "Claire de Loon". In Mercers earlier days it was a lumber town and today it is more of a tourist or vacation destination. The population is around 1,732.

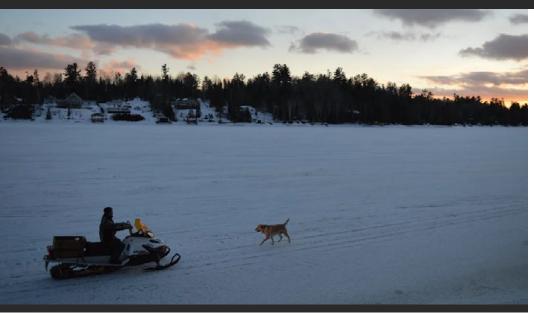
Montreal

The Montreal Mining Company had several copper and iron ore mines in the area, and is what Montreal was named after. Miners leased the land near the mine shaft, and the company began renting homes to the miners in 1918. The local mine closed in 1962 after operating for a century and shipping 45 million tons of iron ore. The National Register of Historic Places added many of these houses to their register in 1980. The ore deposits from the mines can still be seen off Highway 77. Today the population is around 807 people.

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also a cheap sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.

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$\mathscr{V}_{\mathsf{ILAS}}$ County History



Wilas County was set off from Oneida County in 1893 by William Freeman Vilas. He was one of many people coming from New England as part of a wave of "Yankee" migrants who helped to found the state, and he served as senator from 1891 from 1897. The earliest people in the county were members of the Chippewa band of Native Americans, though migrants had constructed wagon roads and trails, as well as a logging industry in the area in the 1850s. The population is over 21,000 and the county seat is Eagle River.

Cities

Eagle River (county seat) - pop. 1,398

Towns

Arbor Vitae - pop. 3,153 Boulder Junction - pop. 958 Cloverland - pop. 919 Conover - pop. 1,235 Lac du Flambeau - pop. 3,004 Land O' Lakes - pop. 861

Towns (Cont.)

Lincoln - pop. 2,579 Manitowish Waters - pop. 566 Phelps - pop. 1,350 Plum Lake - pop. 486 Presque Isle - pop. 616 St. Germain - pop. 1,932 Washington - pop. 1,577 Winchester - pop. 383 *Populations are approximate.

$\mathscr{V}_{\mathsf{ILAS}}$ County Communities

Arbor Vitae

Arbor Vitae is one of the oldest towns in Vilas County, having been founded in the 1890s. Today the community focuses mainly on tourism, and has many cabins and campgrounds people can stay at. There are an abundance of outdoor activites for people to do. Many of the trails used today come from abandoned rail systems and logging roads. Today Arbor Vitae is home to approximately 3,153 residents.

Boulder Junction

Railroad tracks were laid down in 1903, and this area would become Boulder Junction. While the railroads were used for the logging industry, many outdoorsman were also attracted by them. Tourism grew and resorts were built to accommodate all the people. Today Boulder Junction is home to approximately 958 residents.

Eagle River (county seat)

Eagle River's name comes from the high amount of eagles nesting along the river. In 1857 numerous families moved into the area, creating a settlement. In 1885, the town of Eagle River was created because so many of the families were very involved in the community and were continuing what the original settlers had started. Today the city is a popular vacation and retirement destination. Today Eagle River is home to approximately 1,398 residents.

St. Germain

The first settlers to arrive in the St. Germain area was in 1903. The people settling in the area were loggers, trappers, sawmill operators and resort owners. The Town of Farmington was established by the Vilas County Board on January 31, 1907. The name was not a good representation of the area. So on June 20, 1930 it was changed to St. Germain after Chief St. Germaine. Today the population is around 1,932.



GOGEBIC COUNTY HISTORY



In 1871, Prof. Raphael Pumpelly of Harvard University, possibly the first professionally trained mining engineer in the United States, discovered iron ore in what would later become Gogebic County. He came to this iron range by sailboat and then traveled 20 miles south by land to the site in Ironwood near the abandoned gas plant. After establishing camp in tents, Pumpelly noticed yellow stains on rocks. After this discovery, he and his financial backers purchased two miles, which in later years became the site of the Newport and Geneva iron mines. The population of Gogebic is over 16,000 and the county seat is Bessemer.

Cities

Bessemer (County Seat) - pop. 1,914 Ironwood - pop. 5,387 Wakefield - pop. 1,851

Townships

Bessemer - pop. 1, 176 Erwin - pop. 326 Ironwood - pop. 2, 333 Marenisco - pop. 1, 727 Wakefield - pop. 305 Watersmeet - pop. 1,417 *Populations are approximate.

GOGEBIC COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Bessemer (County Seat)

In 1884, when the community began, there was a nearby mine called Bessemer which the town was named after. The mine itself had been named after a British metallurgist, named Henry Bessemer. Today Bessemer is home to approximately 1,914 residents.

Ironwood

The town of Ironwood was settled in 1885. In the 1870s iron ore had been discovered but it wasn't until the railroad opened that people were able to extensively explore the deposits of ore. Several mines were discovered and with the addition of lumber works in the area, many immigrants were drawn to Ironwood. The town's name is generally considered to have come from a mining captain by the name of James Wood. Today Ironwood is home to approximately 5,387 residents.

Wakefield

Wakefield was platted in 1886 by George M. Wakefield. Much of the reason for founding Wakefield was because of the discovery of iron on the east end of Sunday Lake. This discovery brought in many mining companies, and many nearby cities such as Plymouth and Pike are also named after these mines. The Sunday Lake Mine closed in 1961, and with the mining jobs gone, many goods and service jobs opened, along with the forest industry and tourism becoming a much bigger part of the economy. Today Wakefield is home to approximately 1,851 residents.



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Copper Peak N13870 Copper Peak Rd. | Ironwood, MI 906-932-3500

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Deadhorse Lodge & Sunken Horse Saloon 4125 Popko Cir. W | Mercer, WI | 715-544-5851

Downtown Art Place 111 E Aurora St. | Ironwood, MI | 906-285-7300

Eagle Falls Adventure Golf & Laser Tag 1040 E Pine St. | Eagle River, WI | 715-477-0808

Eagle River Depot Museum 116 S Railroad St. | Eagle River, WI | 715-337-0811

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Historic Ironwood Theatre 113 E Aurora St. | Ironwood, MI | 906-932-0618

Historical Museum Campus Eagle River 1181 Hwy. 45 S | Eagle River, WI | 262-212-6369

Hodag Farmers Market Martin Lynch Dr. | Rhinelander, WI | 715-600-1804

Iron County Historical Museum 303 Iron St. | Hurley, WI | 715-561-2244

Ironwood Area Historical Society 150 N Lowell St. | Ironwood, MI | 906-932-0287

Ironwood Carnegie Library 235 E. Aurora St. | Ironwood, MI | 906-932-0203

Lake of the Torches Casino & Resort 510 Old Abe Rd. | Lac du Flambeau, WI 715-588-7070

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Little Finland 5750 W US Hwy. 2 | Hurley, WI | 715-561-4360

Loon Lagoon 2580 Margaret St. | Mercer, WI | 715-476-2466

Miners Painted Memorial E McLeod Ave. | Ironwood, MI

Minocqua Museum 503 Flambeau St. | Minocqua, WI | 715-356-7666

Moondeer & Friends Gallery 10354 Main St. | Boulder Junction, WI | 715-385-2082

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Northwoods Zip Line 7849 US-51 | Minocqua, WI | 844-947-7464

Phelps Historical Museum 4534 County Hwy. E | Phelps, WI

Pioneer Park Historical Complex Martin Lynch Dr. | Rhinelander, WI | (715) 369-5004

Pirates Hideaway 1998 US-45 | Eagle River, WI | 715-479-6756

Plummer Mine Headframe State Road 77 | Montreal, WI

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Summerwind Mansion 7285 Windy Bay Ln. | Land O' Lakes, WI

Vilas County Historical Museum 2889 WI-155 | Sayner, WI | 715-542-3388

Wakefield Historical Society & Museum 306 Sunday Lake St. | Wakefield, MI | 906-224-1045

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PARKS & RECREATION

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Lake of the Falls County Park

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Lake of the Falls County park features 3 camping areas and lake access through public lands and parks.

North Lakeland Discovery Center

14006 Discovery Ln. | Manitowish Waters, WI 715-543-2085

North Lakeland Discovery Center features a large amount of undeveloped land and has over 20km of trails to explore.

Northwoods Children's Museum 346 W Division St. | Eagle River, WI 715-479-4623 Northwoods Children's Museum features 24 ex-

Northwoods Children's Museum features 24 exhibits for children and adults to interact with and learn from.

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HUNTING SEASONS (MI)

Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare: Sept. 15 – March 31, statewide

Crow: Aug. 1 – Sept. 30 and Feb. 1 – March 31

Deer:

Liberty Hunt: Sept. 14 – 15, 2024 Early antlerless firearm: Sept. 21 – 22, 2024 Independence Hunt: Oct. 17 – 20, 2024 Archery: Oct. 1 – Nov. 14 and Dec. 1, 2024 – Jan. 1,2025 Regular firearm: Nov. 15 – 30, 2024 Muzzleloading: Zone 1,2 & 3: Dec. 6 - 15, 2024 Late antlerless firearm: Dec. 16, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025

Pheasant (male only):

Zone 1 (See Hunting Regulations for open areas) 0ct. 10 – 0ct. 31 7ones 2 and 3 Oct. 20 - Nov. 14 Zone 3 (see Hunting Regulations for open areas) Dec. 1 – Jan. 1

Quail: Oct. 20 - Nov. 14

Ruffed grouse: Sept. 15 – Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 – Jan. 1

Sharp-tailed grouse: Zone 1: Oct. 10 – 31 (see Hunting Regulations for open areas)

Squirrel - fox and gray (black phase included): Sept. 15 – Mar. 31

Waterfowl: See season dates section in the Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.

Wild turkey: Fall season: Sept. 15 – Nov. 14

Woodcock: Sept. 15 – Oct. 29

Opossum, porcupine, weasel, red squirrel, skunk, ground squirrel, woodchuck, Russian boar, feral pigeon, starling and house sparrow may be taken year-round with a valid Michigan hunting license.

Seasons marked with an * indicate the season dates are the same each year.

*There is an open hunting season at all times on public and private land from Aug. 1 through March 31 every year. Hunters could be encountered in the woods on public lands during these months.

*At the time of publication not all 2024 season dates were available. Check the MI DNR website for updates.

https://www.michigan.gov/dnr or scan the OR code.





Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being done.

HUNTING SEASONS (WI)

DEER

Archery and Crossbow Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025 Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only* Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025 Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13, 2024 Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 – 6, 2024 Gun ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2024 Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 – 11, 2024 December 4-day antlerless hunt ~ Dec. 12 – 15, 2024 Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~ Dec. 24, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025* *Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.

BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted Oct. 2 - 8 with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1 with aid of dogs with aid of bait with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10 with aid of bait only with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted Sept. 4 – Oct. 8 with aid of bait with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025 Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025 Milwaukee County ~ Year-round *Squirrels* (gray and fox) Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

GAME BIRDS

Crow Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025 **Pheasant** Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025 **Bobwhite quail** Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11 **Ruffed grouse** Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025 Zone B ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 8 **Sharp-tailed grouse** ~ Season is under review. **Hungarian partridge** Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025 *Fox, red and gray* Hunting/Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15. 2025

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025 Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025 Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025 Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ Day after the duck season closes March 15, 2025

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping Northern Zone ~ Oct. 19 – April 15, 2025 Central Zone ~ Oct. 26 – March 22, 2025 Southern Zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 15, 2025 Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 11 – March 9, 2025 **Bobcat**

Hunting & Trapping Period 1 ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 25 Period 2 ~ Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025 *Fisher*

Trapping North and South Zones ~ Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

Otter Trapping North zone ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025 South zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025 **Raccoon** Hunting & Trapping Resident ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025 Non-resident ~ Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025 **Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck** ~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 13 – 14 Spring 2024 Period A ~ April 17 – 23 Period B ~ April 24 – 30 Period C ~ May 1 – 7

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period D ~ May 8–14 Period E ~ May 15–21 Period F ~ May 22 – 28 Fall 2024 Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Nov. 22 Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23 – Jan. 5, 2025

*Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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WI, 2024-2025 **SEASON DATES** (Effective Date: April 2024; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch and release) January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

General Inland Trout May 4 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15

General Inland Fishing May 4 - March 2, 2025

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest May 4 - March 2, 2025

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest June 15 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest May 4 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest May 25 - Dec. 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest Mav 4 - Dec. 31

Northern Pike May 4 - March 2, 2025

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Lake Sturgeon Feb. 10 - Feb. 25 (spearing) Sept. 7 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends Jan. 20-21, 2024 June 1-2, 2024

*Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates: 1 (888) 936-7463 https://dnr.wisconsin.gov or scan the OR code.

MI Season Dates (2023-24) LARGEMOUTH BASS 3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31

SMALLMOUTH BASS Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31

MUSKELLUNGE 1st Sat. in June – March 15: All Gr. Lakes and inland waters and St. Marys R. 1st Sat. in June – Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R

NORTHERN PIKE & WALLEYE May 15 – March 15: Upper Peninsula Gr. Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April - March 15: Lower Peninsula inland waters **Open All Year**: Lower Peninsula Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.

YELLOW PERCH, SUNFISHES, WHITE BASS, CISCO, LAKE WHITEFISH, ROUND WHITEFISH, **CHANNEL CATFISH, FLATHEAD CATFISH Open All Year**

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS 2025 Winter: Feb. 15-16, 2025 Summer: June 7-8, 2025

Check with Michigan DNR for updated seasons and specific rules & regulations for fishing. Information can be found at: www.michigan.gov/dnr

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

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Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved. 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, ation aids: Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to get off the water. 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 awar 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. 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.





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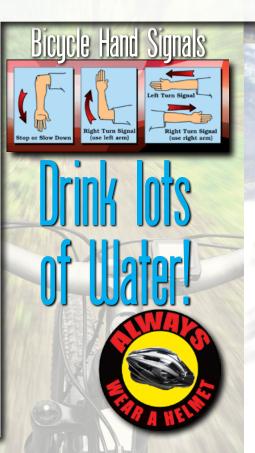
Be Aware of your Surroundings

ATV SAFETY

Read the owner's manual

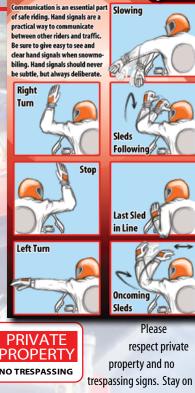
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

 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.



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY Snowmobile Hand Signals

• 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.



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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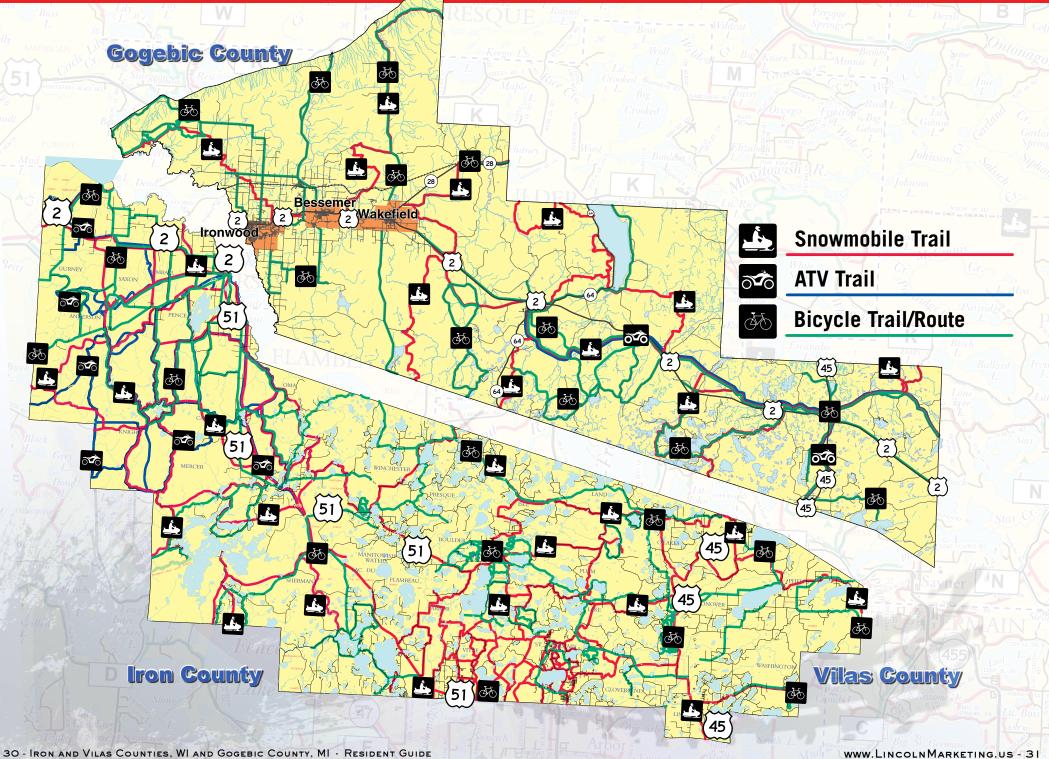




Equipment Rentals



LOCAL AREA TRAILS



So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra mea-___sure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



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Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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DOG PARKS



CREAMY Dill CHICKEN



INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts Salt and pepper 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 tablespoon butter 1/2 cup chicken broth 1/2 cup heavy cream

I tablespoon Dijon mustard

teaspoons dried dill weed

/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

creamy dill chicke

Enjoy your delicious

Simple*meal* with a *Gournet* Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

 Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper on both sides.
Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
Add the chicken breasts to the skillet and

cook for 6-7 minutes on each side, until browned and cooked through. Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside.

4 Pour the chicken broth into the skillet and use a spatula to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.

5 Stir in the heavy cream, Dijon mustard, and dried dill weed. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sauce has thickened.

6 Return the chicken breasts to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the top. Allow the chicken to cook in the sauce for an additional 1-2 minutes, until the chicken is heated through.

7 Sprinkle chopped fresh parsley over the top of the chicken before serving.



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Let Wildlife be Wild

- Bringing a wild animal home will stress it out. The stress can cause health problems or even death. Most wild animals see people and domestic animals as a threat.
- ➤ Wild animals can carry diseases and parasites that can affect humans and domestic animals.



- ➤ The diet requirements of a wild animal are very hard to replicate in captivity. With out a complete diet wild animals run a high risk of having nutritional deficiencies that can lead to deformations or death. On the other hand for local birds providing supplemental food and water may be beneficial with correct practice.
- ▶ Wild animals raised by humans don't learn their normal behaviors or survival skills and shouldn't be released into the wild.
- ➤ If you come across a injured animal don't try and help it until contacting your local wildlife agency to see what they recommend.
- ▶ It's illegal for an unauthorized citizen to raise wild animals in most states.
- A healthy animal in its natural environment has the best chance of survival.
- A young wild animal by itself does not mean it's an orphan. It is common for adults to leave their young unattended while they forage or hunt.
- Wild animals are not very safe as pets.
- It is false that the human scent on a wild animal will make the parents reject it.

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