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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## January

Pro-Vintage Snowmobile Olympus | Ironwood

## February

Annual White Thunder Riders Auction | Hurley

## March

St. Patrick's Day Party | White Pine

## April

Crane Count | Vilas County

Get Your K's On | Minocqua

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

## June

Annual Walk in the Woods | St. Germain

Annual Mercer Bird Festival | Iron County

Lupine Junefest | Mercer

Hank Lesniak's Valley of the Giants Fishing Tournament | Phelps

Callie Rohr Memorial Canoe & Kayak Race | Conover

Rummage-O-Rama | Phelps

Great Northern Beer Festival | Eagle River

Solstice Festival | Manitowish Waters

Devils Elbo 5K | Arbor Vitae

Minocqua Island Swim Challenge | Minocqua

Presque Isle Community Library Annual Book Sale

Taste of Conover | Conover

Trees for Tomorrow Scholarship Golf Outing | Eagle River

June Bloom Arts & Crafts Festival | Minocqua

Annual Support for Sight Golf Outing | Iron County

## 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

Annual Freedom 5K Fun Run | St. Germain

Pig Roast | Woodruff

Independence Day Celebration | St. Germain

Bear Cupboard Run | Minocqua

## August

Annual Fireman's Picnic | Arbor Vitae

Community-wide Garage Sales | Land O' Lakes

Sayner/Star Lake Street Fair | Sayner

Twos 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

Annual Big Bang Golf Outing | Land O' Lakes

Iron County Fair | Saxon

## September

Northwoods Bad Dash | Manitowish Waters

Annual Lake Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lake Association Pig

Roast | Minocqua

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

Scarecrow Fest | Phelps

Lakeland Rotary's Rump Roast Run | Minocqua

Beef-A-Rama | Minocqua

Annual Colorama Arts & Crafts Fair | Boulder Junction

Annual Chicken Barbeque | Winchester

Prime Choice Craft Show | Minocqua

## 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

## October (Contd)

Annual Harvest Fest | Boulder Junction

Halloween & Trick or Treat | Sayner

Hallow-Fest | Eagle River

Spooktacular | Presque Isle

## November

November Christmas Bazaar | St. Germain

Annual Christmas Walk | Boulder Junction

Breakfast with Santa | Land O' Lakes

Small Business Saturday | Area Wide

## December

Live Nativity | Eagle River

Santa comes to Loon Town for Mercer's Community Christmas

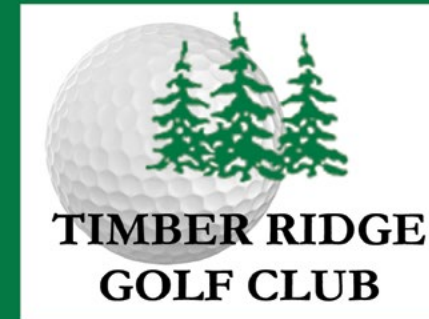
Candy Cane Parade | Mercer

New Year's Eve Fireworks | Woodruff

Sleigh Rides (Dec.-Jan.) | Eagle River

Christmas Kick-Off (Dec.-Jan.) | Eagle River

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Health Services.....	715-561-2191
Human Services.....	715-561-3636
Highway.....	715-561-4965
Information Technology.....	715-561-0000
Land & Water Conservation.....	715-561-2234
Land Use Planning & Zoning.....	715-561-5414
Register of Deeds.....	715-561-2945
Sheriff.....	715-561-3800
Recycling Center.....	715-561-4802
Treasurer.....	715-561-2883
Veteran Services.....	715-561-2190

## Vilas County, WI

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Coroner.....	715-369-6196
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County Clerk.....	715-479-3600
District Attorney.....	715-479-3614
Emergency Management.....	715-479-3690
Human Serve Center.....	715-369-2215
Highway.....	715-479-4641
Information Technology.....	715-479-3666
Land & Water Conservation.....	715-479-3747
Land Use Planning & Zoning.....	715-479-3620
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Surveyor.....	715-479-3684
Treasurer.....	715-479-3609
Veteran Services.....	715-479-3629

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Admin.....	906-667-0411
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County Clerk.....	906-663-4518
District Attorney.....	906-667-0471
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# IRON COUNTY HISTORY



Iron 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

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## 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.

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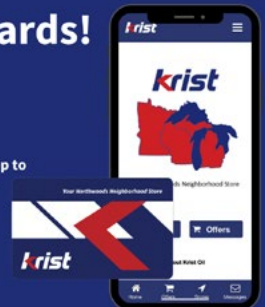
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Vilas County was set off from Oneida County in 1893 by William Freeman Vilas. He was one of many people coming from New England as part of a wave of “Yankee” migrants who helped to found the state, and he served as senator from 1891 to 1897. The earliest 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.*

## 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 activities 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 outdoorsmen 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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## **Snow River Mountain Resort**

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## **Ironwood Area Historical Society**

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## **Iron County Historical Museum**

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## **Loon Lagoon**

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## **Miners Painted Memorial**

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## **Minocqua Museum**

503 Flambeau St. | Minocqua, WI  
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## **Nick's Hodag Lanes**

1843 North Stevens St. | Rhinelander, WI  
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## **Northern Waters Museum**

6490 Chippewa Dr. | Land O' Lakes, WI  
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## **Northwoods Childrens Museum**

346 W Division St. | Eagle River, WI  
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## **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

## **Whitecap Mountains Resort**

9106 W County Road E | Upson, WI  
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## **Wildwood Outdoor Adventures**

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## **Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame**

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## Lake of the Falls County Park

(Site 1) 4720W County Park Rd. | Mercer, WI 54547  
(Site 2) 4815N Popko Circle West, Mercer, WI 54547  
(Site 3) 4775N Popko Circle West, Mercer, WI 54547  
715-561-2697  
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 54545  
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 54521  
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## Snow River Mountain Resort

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## Trees for Tomorrow

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## Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area

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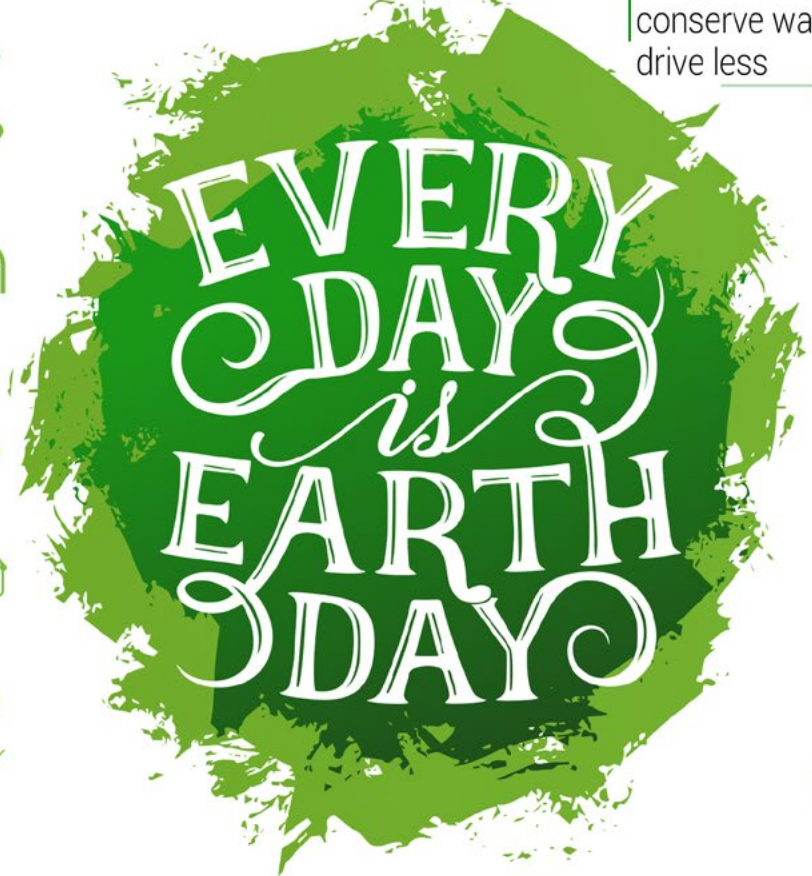


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**Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare:**  
Sept. 15 – March 31, statewide

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

**Deer:**

Liberty Hunt: Sept. 14 – 15, 2024  
Youth and hunters with disabilities hunt  
Early antlerless firearm: Sept. 21 – 22, 2024  
Independence Hunt: Oct. 19 – 22, 2023  
Hunters with disabilities hunt  
Archery: Oct. 1 – Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 – Jan. 1, 2023  
Regular firearm: Nov. 15 – 30  
Muzzleloading:  
Zone 1: Dec. 1 – 10, 2023  
Zone 2: Dec. 1 – 10, 2023  
Zone 3: Dec. 1 – 10, 2023  
Late antlerless firearm:  
Dec. 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024

**Pheasant (male only):**

Zone 1 (See Hunting Regulations for open areas)  
Oct. 10 – Oct. 31  
Zones 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

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*\*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.*

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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
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# HUNTING SEASONS (WI)

## 2023-24 Season Dates

### DEER

#### Archery and Crossbow

Sept 16 – Jan 7, 2024

#### Archery and Crossbow \*Metro Sub-units only\*

Sept 16 – Jan 31, 2024

**Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities:** This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 7 – 15, 2023

**Youth deer hunt** ~ Oct 7 – 8, 2023

**Gun** ~ Nov 18 – 26, 2023

**Muzzleloader** ~ Nov 27 – Dec 6, 2023

**December 4-day antlerless hunt** ~

Dec 7 – 10, 2023

**Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt** ~

Dec 24, 2023 – Jan 1, 2024\*

\*Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties. Check online for valid counties.

### BEAR

**Zones A, B, D:** where dogs are permitted

Sept 6 – 12  
with aid of dogs only

Sept 13 – Oct 3  
with aid of dogs  
with aid of bait  
with all other legal methods

Oct 4 – 10  
with aid of bait  
with all other legal methods not using dogs

**Zones C, E, F:** where dogs are not permitted  
Sept 6 – Oct 10  
with aid of bait  
with all other legal methods not using dogs

### SMALL MAMMALS

#### Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept 16 – Feb 29, 2024

Southern zone ~ Oct 14 (9 a.m.) – Feb 29, 2024

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

#### Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept 16 – Feb 29, 2024

### GAME BIRDS

#### Crow

Statewide ~ Sept 16 – Nov 16

Jan 19 – Mar 20, 2024

#### Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct 14 (9 a.m.) – Jan 7, 2024

#### Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct 14 (9 a.m.) – Dec 6

#### Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept 16 – Jan 7, 2024

Zone B ~ Oct 14 – Dec 8

**Sharp-tailed grouse** ~ Season is under review.

#### Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct 14 (9 a.m.) – Jan 7, 2024

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

### FURBEARERS

#### Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season

Trapping ~ Oct 14 – Feb 15, 2024

#### Fox, red and gray

Hunting ~ Oct 14 – Feb 15, 2024

Trapping ~ Oct. 14 – Feb. 15, 2024

#### Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 4 – April 30, 2024

Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 4 – April 30, 2024

Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 4 – March 31, 2024

Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ Day after duck season closes – March 15, 2024

### FURBEARERS (CONTD.)

#### Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone ~ Oct. 21 – April 15, 2024

Central Zone ~ Oct. 28 – March 22, 2024

Southern Zone ~ Nov. 4 – March 15, 2024

Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 13 – March 10, 2024

#### Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping

Period 1 - Oct. 14-Dec. 25

Period 2 - Dec. 26-Jan. 31, 2024

#### Fisher

Trapping

Various Zones ~ Oct. 14-Jan. 7, 2024

#### Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 4-Apr. 30, 2024

South zone ~ Nov. 4-Mar. 31, 2024

#### Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident ~ Oct. 14-Feb. 15, 2024

Non-resident ~ Oct. 28-Feb. 15, 2024

#### Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck

~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

### TURKEY

Youth turkey hunt ~ Apr. 15 & 16

Spring

Period A ~ Apr. 19-25

Period B ~ Apr. 26-May 2

Period C ~ May 3-9

Period D ~ May 10-16

Period E ~ May 17-23

Period F ~ May 24-30

Fall

Statewide ~ Sept. 16-Nov. 17

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 18 -Jan. 7 2024

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

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# FISHING SEASONS

**2023-2024 FISHING SEASON DATES**  
(Effective Date: April 1, 2023; Dates Inclusive)

**Early Inland Trout (catch & release)**  
Jan. 7 (5 a.m.) - May 5

**General Inland Trout**  
May 6 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15

**General Inland Fishing**  
May 6 - March 3, 2024

**Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest**  
May 6 - March 3, 2024

**Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest**  
June 17 - March 3, 2024

**Large & Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest**  
May 6 - March 3, 2024

**Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch & Release**  
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**Musky Northern Zone Harvest**  
May 27 - Dec. 31  
**Musky Southern Zone Harvest**  
May 6 - Dec. 31

**Northern Pike**  
May 6 - March 3, 2024

**Walleye**  
May 6 - March 3, 2024

**Lake Sturgeon**  
Feb. 11 - Feb. 26 (spearing)  
Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Free Fishing Weekends**  
June 3-4, 2023  
Jan. 21-22, 2023

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## MI Season Dates (2023-24)

**LARGEMOUTH BASS**  
3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**  
Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31

**MUSKELLUNGE**  
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**1st Sat. in June – Dec. 31:** L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R

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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.**

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- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

# Be Aware of your Surroundings

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



## Drink lots of Water!



# Know Your ATV

## Read the owner's manual

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

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

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

## Snowmobile Hand Signals



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# 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.

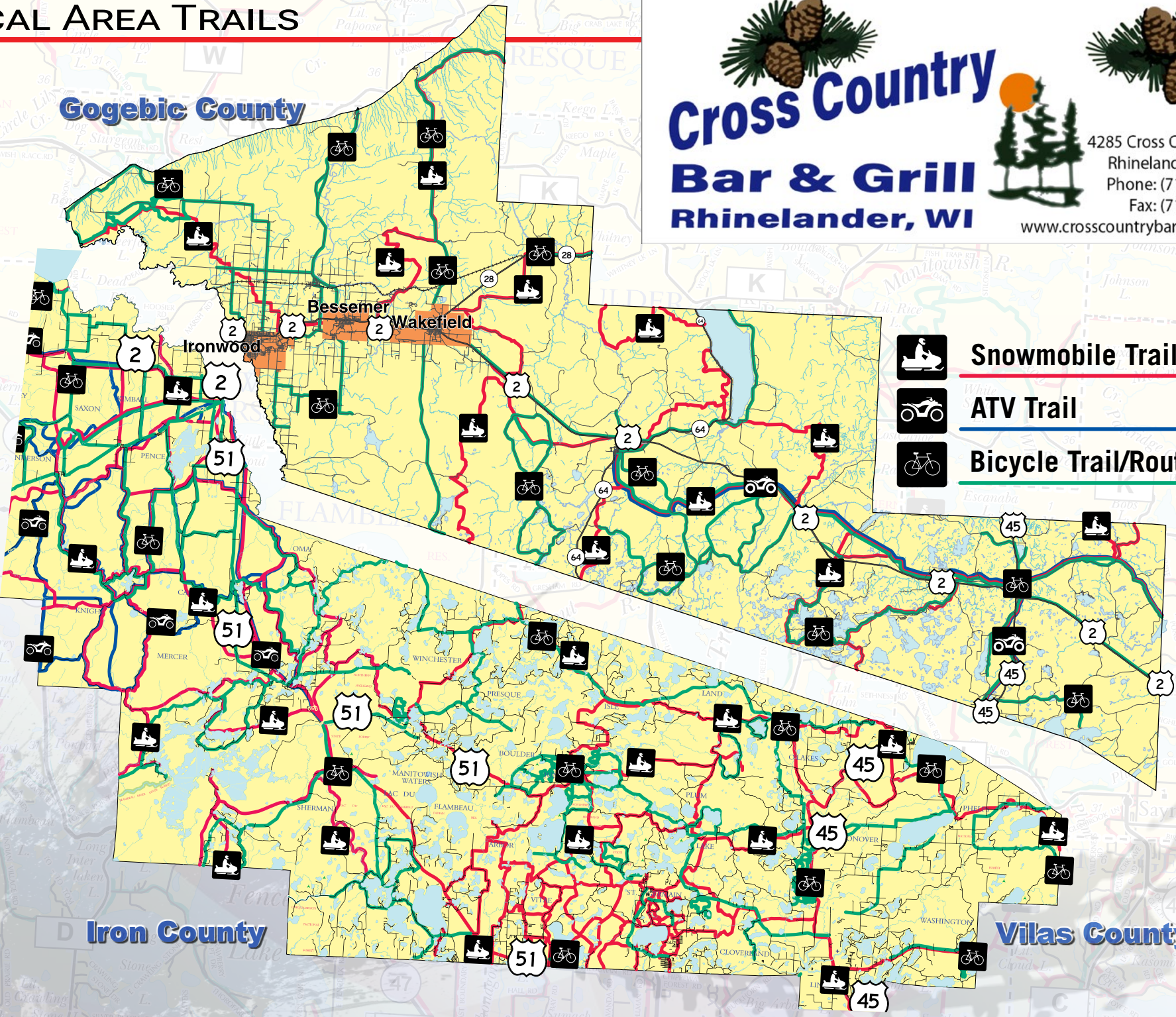





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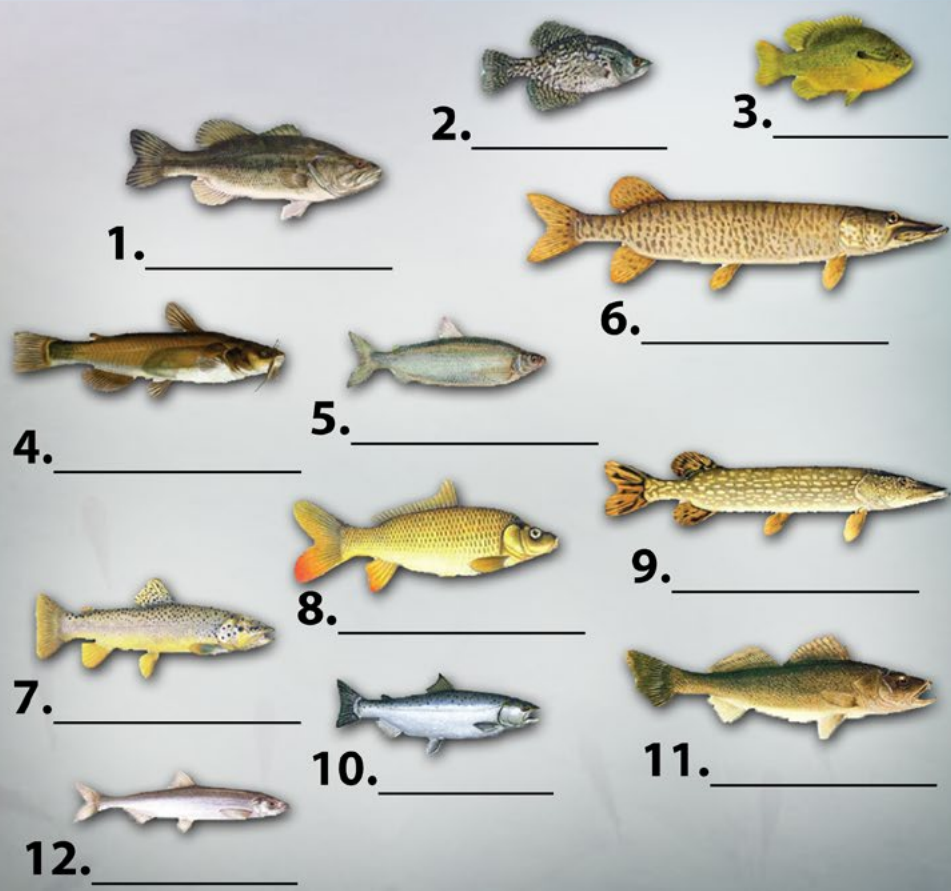


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# MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

Do you know the Midwest fish species?  
Identify the fish below.



Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellunge 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

# WORD SEARCH



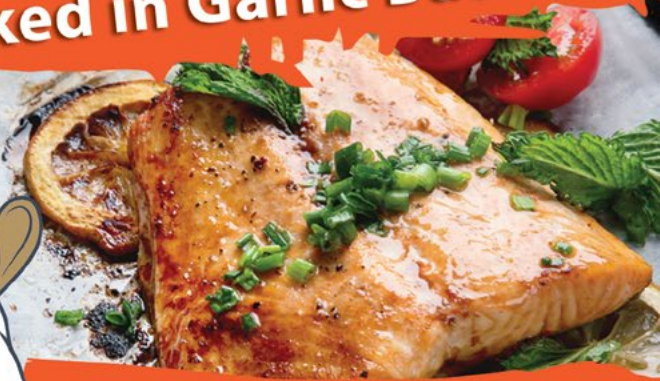
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# Tilapia

## Baked in Garlic Butter



Simple meal with a *Gourmet Feel*

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 tilapia fillets
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Pat the tilapia fillets dry with paper towels and place them in a baking dish.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- 5 Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- 8 Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

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# Earthworms

the invasive forest menace

Earthworms are not native to the upper Midwest. They were brought here from Europe and Asia in the soil of imported plants and as fishing bait. There are around fifteen non-native terrestrial worm species identified so far. Seven of the fifteen species are invading our hard wood forest, killing tree seedlings, wildflowers, & ferns.

The Midwest's northern hardwood forests developed without earthworms. Worms decompose leaves fast taking away a natural layer (duff) that helps promote woodland wildflower & fern growth.

Earthworms do not spread quickly. They can only travel up to an 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile in 25 years. Many of the species can't survive the harsh winters of the Midwest.

All commonly sold worms for bait are a non-native species. Do NOT dump your worms on the ground. Dispose of them in the trash.



Forest floor with earthworms

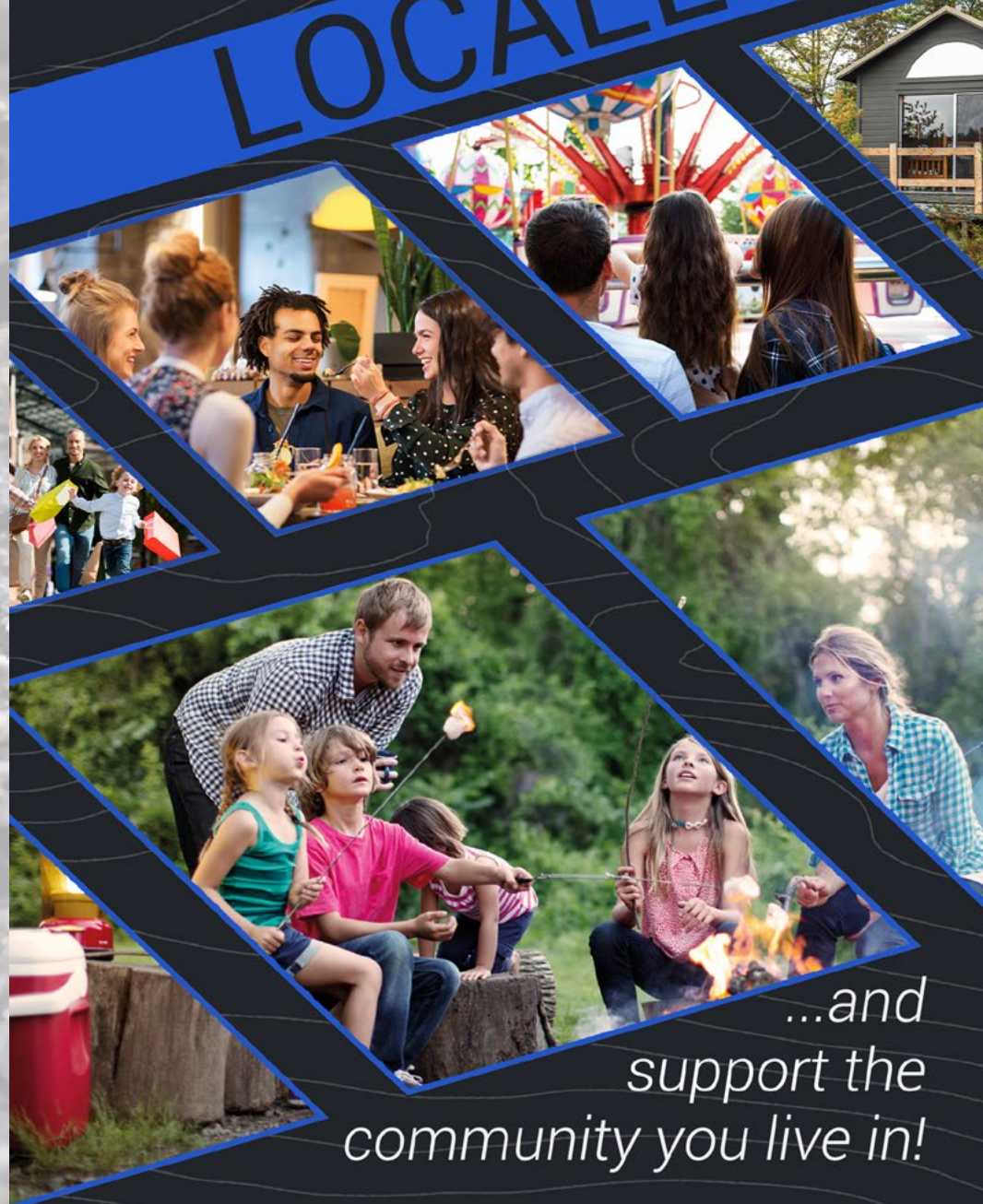


Forest floor without earthworms

There is a new worm spreading to the Great Lakes states called a jumping earthworm (*Amyntas* worm). When disturbed they act like a snake slithering and squirming around.

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