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Isanti County



Kanabec County



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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Lantern Loppet | Mora  
Skijoring Races | Mora  
Fat Tire Bike Races | Mora  
Snowman & Snow-Sculpture Contest  
(Jan-Feb) | Cambridge

## FEBRUARY

Vasaloppet USA | Mora  
Mora Loppet | Mora  
Knife Lake Ice Fishing Contest | Mora  
WinterFest | Cambridge

## MARCH

Ogilvie High School Spring Musical

## APRIL

The Taste | Cambridge

## MAY

Snake River Canoe Races | Mora  
Kanabec County Clean-Up Day | Mora  
North Branch City Wide Garage Sales  
City Wide Garage Sale | Isanti  
Mothers Day Brunch | North Branch  
Pioneer Days (May-June) | St. Francis

## JUNE

Race the Rum 5K/1 Mile Fun Run |  
Cambridge  
Street Dances | Isanti  
Mäijstang Festival | Mora  
Power Tool Races | Mora  
Relay for Life | Mora  
Music in the Park Summer Concerts |  
Mora  
Midsummer Days | North Branch  
Braham Appreciation Day Parade

## JUNE (CONTD)

Kanabec History Center Museum Day |  
Mora  
Heartland Truck Pull | Ogilvie

## JULY

Isanti County Fair | Cambridge  
Demo Derby | Cambridge  
4th of July Fireworks | Cambridge  
Jubilee Days & Parade | Isanti  
Jubilee Pig Roast | Isanti  
Outhouse Races | Isanti  
Fireworks On The Lake | Mora  
Kanabec County Fair and Parade | Mora  
Splish Splash Summer Bash | Isanti

## AUGUST

Braham Pie Day  
Cambridge Summer Spectacular Car Show  
Relay For Life | Cambridge  
Mora Half Marathon  
Back to the Tower Day | Ogilvie  
Corn on the Curb | Ogilvie  
Cambridge Antique Fair  
Arts & Crafts Fair | Cambridge  
Truck and Tractor Pull | Ogilvie

## SEPTEMBER

Almelund Apple Festival  
City Wide Garage Sales | Cambridge  
Mora Bike Tour  
Fall Harvest Festival North Branch  
Customer Appreciation | Cambridge  
City of Mora Fall Fest  
Kanabec Harvest Moon Festival  
Rods & Rust Show | Mora

## OCTOBER

Trunk or Treat | Cambridge  
Swedish Mile Trail Run | Mora  
Moonlight Madness | Mora

## NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Event | Mora  
Ski Swap and Sale | Mora  
Arts Fest | North Branch  
Braham Gun & Knife Show  
Light Up Mora Parade

## DECEMBER

Ogilvie Santa Claus Day  
Illuminate Isanti  
NYE Concert & Party | Cambridge

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The first settlers to the area now known as Isanti County, were Swedish from the province of Hälsingland. It was a group of immigrants who arrived in 1860. They claimed a section of land just south of Cambridge. It is also known that many of the settlers of this area originally came from the Chisago Lakes area before they moved toward Cambridge. By 1895, the county's population was almost 11,000 residents, and almost 4,300 of them had been born in Sweden. Despite having such a strong Swedish background, only one township was given a Swedish name, Dalbo. Eventually Cambridge was named the county seat. By 1900 Isanti County had a population of 11,675 people. Today Isanti County is home to approximately 39,442 residents.

## **CITIES:**

**BRAHAM** – pop. 1,793

**CAMBRIDGE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 7,692

**ISANTI** – pop. 6,123

## **TOWNSHIPS:**

**ATHENS** – pop. 2,470

**BRADFORD** – pop. 3,618

**CAMBRIDGE** – pop. 2,498

**DALBO** – pop. 751

**ISANTI** – pop. 2,411

## **TOWNSHIPS (CONTD.):**

**MAPLE RIDGE** – pop. 849

**NORTH BRANCH** – pop. 1,784

**OXFORD** – pop. 887

**SPENCER BROOK** – pop. 1,615

**SPRINGVALE** – pop. 1,522

**STANCHFIELD** – pop. 1,226

**STANFORD** – pop. 2,223

**WYANETT** – pop. 1,800

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## **BRAHAM**

The city was founded when the railroad from St. Paul and Minneapolis came through the area in 1899. The first restaurant was opened in Braham by the Hesselroth brothers in 1899. Braham was named by members of the Great Northern Railway company. It was incorporated into a city in 1901 and the following year the first school was built. The boundaries of the town lay both in Isanti and Kanabec counties. In 1990 Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich declared the city to be the "Homemade Pie Capital" of Minnesota. The Braham Pie Day takes place every August, offering many events including a pie baking contest, a pie eating competition and a car show. Today Braham is home to approximately 1,793 residents.

## **CAMBRIDGE (COUNTY SEAT)**

The first settlers of the area, to now be known as Cambridge, came in the late 1800s. It was then founded as a township in 1866 by New England settlers, who gave the town its illustrious name. In 1869 Cambridge was named the county seat of Isanti and it was incorporated seven years later. Populations increased as the railroads entered the area in 1899. A brick factory, potato starch factory, flour mill and wool spinning mill were established in the city's industrial development. The town boasted its own electric lighting plant and long-distance telephone system, which were rarities in most of Minnesota at the time. Today Cambridge is home to approximately 7,692 residents.

## **ISANTI**

Isanti is named in honor of the Dakota Indians who inhabited the area before settlers came looking for new land. The village was moved three miles south to its present site in 1899 to be close to the Great Northern Railway, it was later incorporated as a village in 1901. Today Isanti is home to approximately 6,123 residents.

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*K*anabec County was proposed as a bill in 1858 by William H.C. Folsom. The name Kanabec is from the Ojibwe word for “snake”, because of the river that flows north to south, winding its way throughout the county. It is known that two French fur traders and tribes of the Huron and Ottawa Indians inhabited the area around the 1650s on Knife Lake. The land now known as Kanabec County was purchased from the Ojibwe in 1837 through a treaty. Logging was the first industry to be formed in the county in the early 1850s. Potatoes became the county’s first cash crop. The county was eventually established in 1858 and Mora was named the county seat. By 1900, Kanabec County had a population of 4,614. Today Kanabec County is home to 15,899 residents.

**CITIES:**

- BRAHAM** – pop. 1,793
- GRASSTON** – pop. 114
- MORA (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 3,416
- OGILVIE** – pop. 467
- QUAMBA** – pop. 107

**TOWNSHIPS:**

- ANN LAKE** – pop. 377
- ARTHUR** – pop. 2,040
- BRUNSWICK** – pop. 1,386
- COMFORT** – pop. 1,057
- FORD** – pop. 178

**TOWNSHIPS (CONTD.):**

- GRASS LAKE** – pop. 988
- HAY BROOK** – pop. 234
- HILLMAN** – pop. 384
- KANABEC** – pop. 907
- KNIFE LAKE** – pop. 1,121
- KROSCHER** – pop. 208
- PEACE** – pop. 984
- POMROY** – pop. 390
- SOUTH FORK** – pop. 793
- WHITED** – pop. 930
- \*Populations are approximate.*

**GRASSTON**

Grasston was established in 1898 and was named by the Great Northern Railroad Company after Grass Lake, which has since dried up. The town was later platted in 1899 and was incorporated in 1907. Today Grasston is home to approximately 114 residents.

**MORA (COUNTY SEAT)**

Mora was platted in 1882 by Myron R. Kent, who was also the first postmaster. The community was named the county seat of Kanabec after it defeated Brunswick in a public vote. Mora received its name by Israel Israelson, a Swedish immigrant who suggested the name because it was his hometown in Sweden. The community began to develop dramatically upon the arrival of railroads and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of its residents. Today Mora is home to approximately 3,416 residents.

**OGILVIE**

Ogilvie was established as a logging community in 1854 when the land was purchased by the Hersey Lumber Company. Early settlers arrived in the community because of the abundance of trees and land for agriculture. The city was originally named Groundhouse but was changed to its current name after it was platted and purchased in 1889 by Oric Ogilvie Whited. The first mill was built in the late 1880s and brought in higher populations with the offering of new jobs. Today Ogilvie is home to approximately 467 residents.

**QUAMBA**

Quamba’s name was derived from the Dakota word meaning “mudhole.” Originally, the community was named Mud Creek because the railroads in the area crossed a mud creek. The community was first established in 1882 and was located on the railway of the Great Northern Railway Company. Like the community of Ogilvie, the town was platted by Oric Ogilvie Whited in 1901. The village was eventually incorporated on July 11, 1952. Today Quamba is home to approximately 107 residents.

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Susan France-Weber and Jon Larson, president and former president of the Mora Ski Club (respectively), talked to Lincoln Marketing about what makes Mora such a special place to ski. Both have skied many Mora races throughout the years, including the Vasaloppet USA and the 42K classic race. This is what they shared:

## What do you like best about skiing in Mora?

SFW: I like that the Vasaloppet USA is citizen-run. Everyone who works here, except one person in headquarters, is a volunteer. I know all the people at the soup stops, and that is really special.

JL: It's a family atmosphere, a friendly and welcoming event. The course is beautiful. It runs through interesting terrain and is not terribly long, but does make you remember you're working out.

## One unique thing about the Mora Vasaloppet is its finish line on Main Street.

## What was it like to ski down Main Street?

SFW: The whole finish is very nice. Going up the hill, hearing bells on the bell tower hill, then hearing little bells, hearing the crowd, and hearing my name announced upon finishing. Being given a completion medal. There's a celebration tent, new last year, with refreshments and food. Hopefully the tradition of a celebration tent will continue and get even better in coming years.

JL: It's really interesting to finish on Main Street. Other races finish around fields and lakes. This way, because of the buildings, it forces the crowd up to the finish line, so you have a denser crowd. It ends up being a real lively environment. It's real blurry when you finish: that's why they give you a medal, so you can remember you did it.

## Have you met anyone who came from another country for the Vasaloppet Skiing Exchange (which includes Sweden, China, and Japan)?

SFW: I've met several. Every year we have a group of Swedes who come. They're called "veterans" because they completed the Swedish Vasaloppet, the granddad of all races (90K), thirty times. I travel to Sweden a lot, along with my husband, who skis the Swedish Vasaloppet. We have a lot of friends there, as well as new friends from the ski races every year. I have also met quite a lot of skiers from Japan and a few from China. The Mora Vasaloppet is unique because of our ties with other countries, and inspired me to travel to many places I might not otherwise have gone.

## Visit a monumental Mora Horse, the Mora Klocka, the Vasaloppet ski race, and more in Isanti and Kanabec Counties.

- Dala horses are wooden, horse-shaped toys that have been crafted and traded in Sweden since 1623. A painter named Stika-Erik Hansson from Mora – the Minnesotan city's namesake – began the tradition of painting elaborate saddle designs using multiple colors on a single paintbrush in the nineteenth century. Today, Kanabec County's Mora features The Mora Horse, a twenty-five foot tall, red dala horse made of fiberglass.
- In 1994, the Dala Heritage Society built a whimsical, Swedish-style clock tower called Mora Klocka. The twenty-foot clock tower is robin's egg blue, decorated with red, green, and yellow rosema painted flowers.
- Each winter, Mora hosts the Vasaloppet ski race, a three thousand skier race founded in 1973. Skiers choose their courses, which range from thirteen to fifty-eight kilometers, and finish in downtown Mora's Main Street, which is paved with snow for the occasion. Every three years, skiers participate in an International Vasaloppet Skiing Exchange with locations in Sweden, China, Japan, and Mora, USA.
- Isanti County is known as the Dalarna of America, after the beautiful, forested, lakeside city in Sweden. Isanti County's Cambridge city is home to the highest percentage of Swedish Americans of any metropolitan city in the United States. Explore archives and artifacts from the county's first Swedish settlers at the Cambridge Lutheran Church, host of the Cambridge Swedish Festival. The church's bi-annual Swedish Fest features food, live music, a midsummer maypole, and more.

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- 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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## PIE DAY AT THE HOMEMADE PIE CAPITAL OF AMERICA

Pie flags, elaborate pie-themed hats, live music (folk, rock, choral, and international), and booths filled with scrumptious foods and local crafts set the stage for Braham's Annual Pie Day festival. The city became known for its delicious pies in the 1930's, when drivers on their way to Duluth would stop at the city's Park Café for pie and coffee. Today, Braham is recognized as the Homemade Pie Capital of America. At Pie Days, which features hundreds of fresh-baked pies, live music, contests, and great performances, it's easy to see why!

The festival features a wide range of fun activities, including a Pie-cycle (Bicycle) Show, Pie in the Sky or Pie in Your Eye Trivia Contest, Geo-caching a la Mode, the Pie-Alluia Chorus (performing pie-themed songs), a Collector's Car Show, an Arts and Crafts Show, and more. Pie Day offers special activities just for kids, who can show off their acting talents in a Kid's Show with Mr. Pastry and the Berry Fairy, and try their hand at international and pie-themed crafts.

The winning pies from the Pie Baking Contest (judged by crust texture, ooze factor, and other criteria) are auctioned off in the afternoon. In 2013, no pie sold for less than twenty-five dollars, and the winning pie fetched seven-hundred and fifty dollars.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy pie baking and eating and exciting performances and activities at Pie Day, the first Friday of August every year.

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# Don't miss your chance to enjoy pie baking and eating



## ANN LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Located on 1,702 acres near Ann Lake near Ogilvie, the Ann Lake Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

## BEAN DAM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Located on 206 acres near Kroschel, the Bean Dam Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

## BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

34605 Holly St. NW | Cambridge  
Located on 292 acres in Cambridge, MN. The park features hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and geocaching on over three miles of multi-use trails, along with fishing and boating on the Rum River. Hunting is permitted for people with disabilities through the Capable Partners Program.

## DALBO COUNTY PARK

37841 Helium St. NW | Dalbo  
Located on 40 acres in Dalbo, MN. Activities include hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, snowshoeing and geocaching on over one mile of compact trails and boardwalks.

## HAY SNAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Located on 237 acres near Woodland, the Hay Snake Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

## INDIAN MOUNDS PARK

Located near Knife Lake in Mora, Indian Mounds Park features fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

## IRVING & JOHN ANDERSON COUNTY PARK

27241 Furman St. NE | North Branch  
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## RICE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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## SPRINGVALE COUNTY PARK

3361 Hwy. 95 NW | Cambridge  
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## TOSHER CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Located on 323 acres near Fish Lake in Mora, the Tosher Creek Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

## VEGSUND FAMILY COUNTY PARK

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## WAYSIDE PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK

27800 Verdin St. NW | Isanti  
Located on 80 acres in Isanti, MN. The park features hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, horseback riding, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, canoeing, geocaching on over two miles of multi-use trails and boardwalks.

## WHITED STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Located on 170 acres near the Snake River in Mora, the Whited State Wildlife Management Area features fishing opportunities, hunting areas and serves as a wildlife conservation area.

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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.

## Disc Golf







For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157.

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas/dates:

Online: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us), Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses by phone: 1 (888) 665-4236.

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

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

### 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

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

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### Squirrel

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



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Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

## **BRAHAM**

### **BRAHAM HARDWARE & RENTAL**

104 W Central Dr. | Braham | (320) 396-4155

### **BRAHAM ONE STOP LLC**

209 N Main St. | Braham | (320) 396-3012

### **MASTERBAIT AND HOOK**

1067 MN-107 | Braham | (702) 720-3474

## **CAMBRIDGE**

### **EC'S CORNER EXPRESS, INC.**

34160 Hwy. 47 NW | Cambridge | (763) 689-4762

### **FLEET FARM**

2324 3rd Ave. NE | Cambridge | (763) 691-1409

### **HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#46)**

635 Main St. S | Cambridge | (763) 689-4877

### **WALMART SUPERCENTER (#2352)**

2101 2nd Ave. SE | Cambridge | (763) 689-0606

## **MORA**

### **THE CROWS NEST RESORT, LLC**

2743 Hwy. 65 | Mora | (320) 679-1977

### **FEDERATED CO-OP (#028)**

1855 Frontage Rd. | Mora | (320) 679-1548

### **HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#186)**

700 Hwy. 65 S | Mora | (320) 679-3856

### **JERRY'S BAIT SHOP INC**

71 N Hwy. 65 | Mora | (320) 679-2151

## **OGILVIE**

### **CASEY'S GENERAL STORE (#3305)**

400 Hwy. 23 W | Ogilvie | (320) 272-9937

### **OGILVIE 23 STOP LLC**

101 Hwy. 23 W | Ogilvie | (320) 272-1105

## **STANCHFIELD**

### **RUSH POINT, LLC**

300 Rush Point Dr. | Stanchfield | (763) 689-1088



# FIREWOOD

**Burn it where you get it!**



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



**Emerald Ash Borer**

**Gypsy Moth Caterpillar**

## **Preventing the Spread**

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

## **Invasive Pests are a Problem!**





# FISHING SEASONS

## INLAND WATERS

### Lake Trout

12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

### 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

### Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Largemouth Bass

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

### Smallmouth Bass

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

Statewide except the northeast

### Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

### Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

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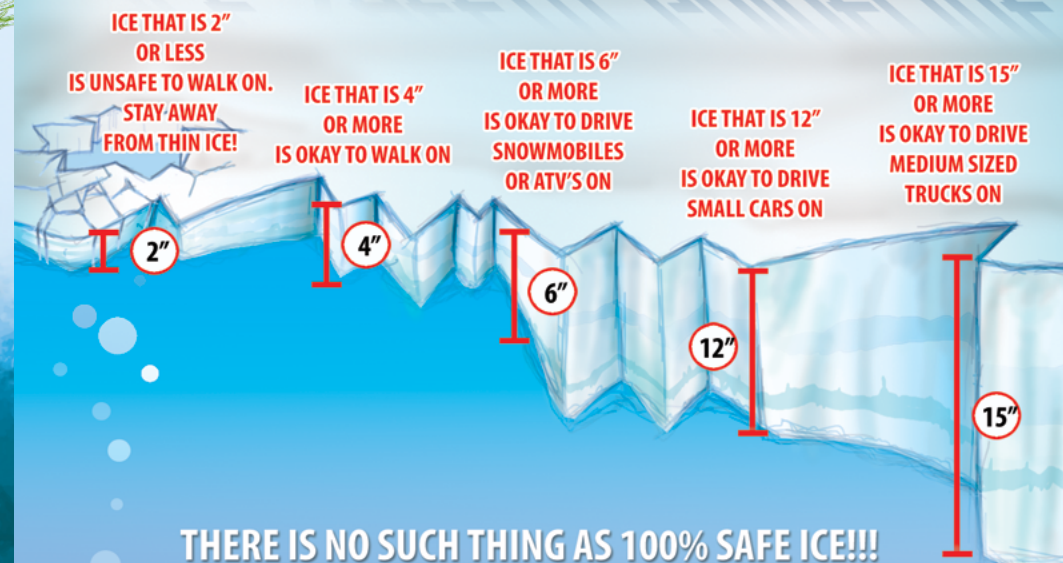
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(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2024-25 license year is effective until Feb. 29, 2025.)

# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



## Did you know?

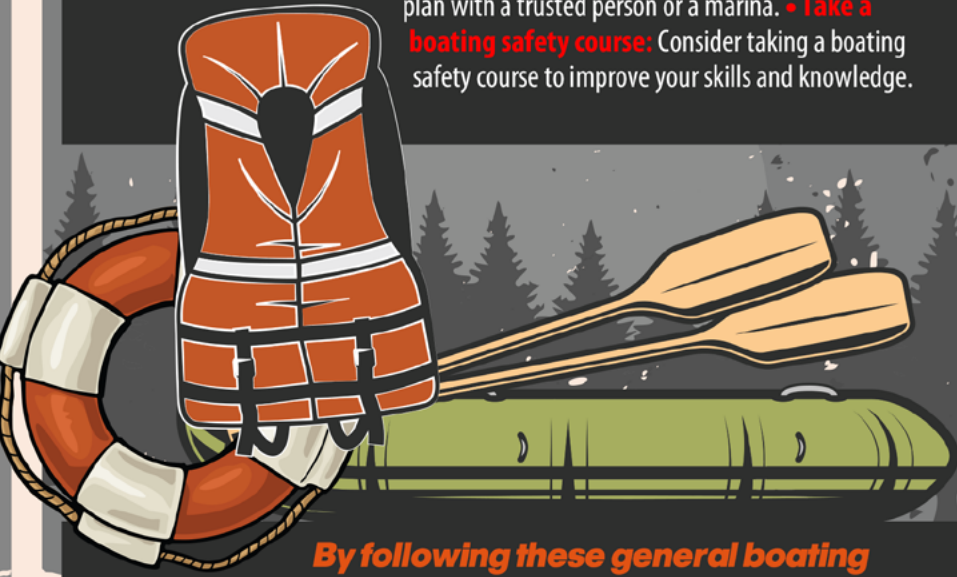
- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**





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

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



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

# 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.

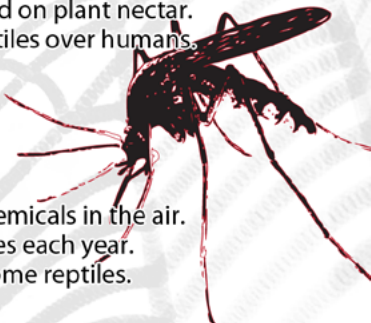
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- 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.



# TICKS

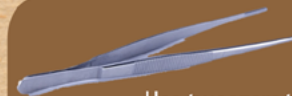
## Diseases & Prevention

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

### Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

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

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



### Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

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

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

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



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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

American Dog (Wood) Tick  
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever  
Tularemia

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

### Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

**1-Know when and where you're at risk**

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

**2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent**

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

**3-Check yourself for ticks**

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

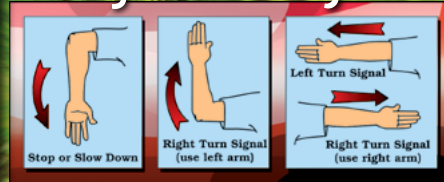




# Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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

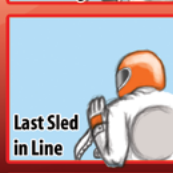
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of 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

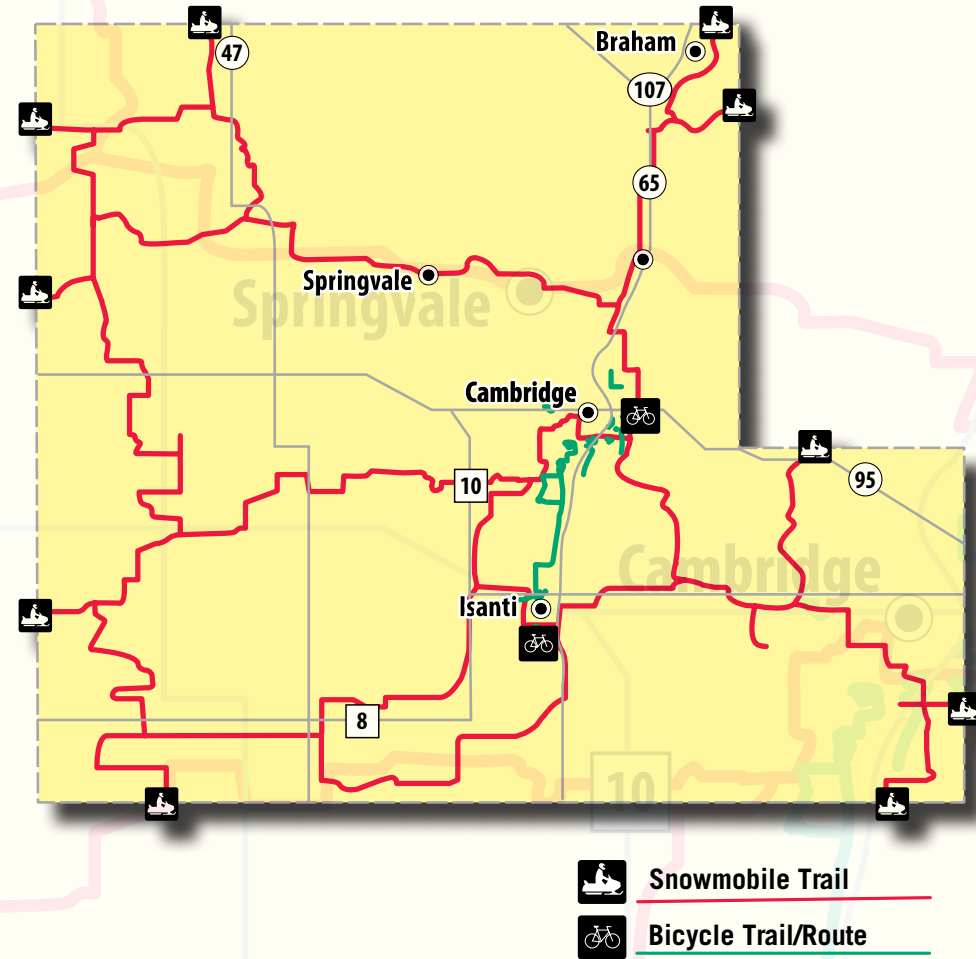
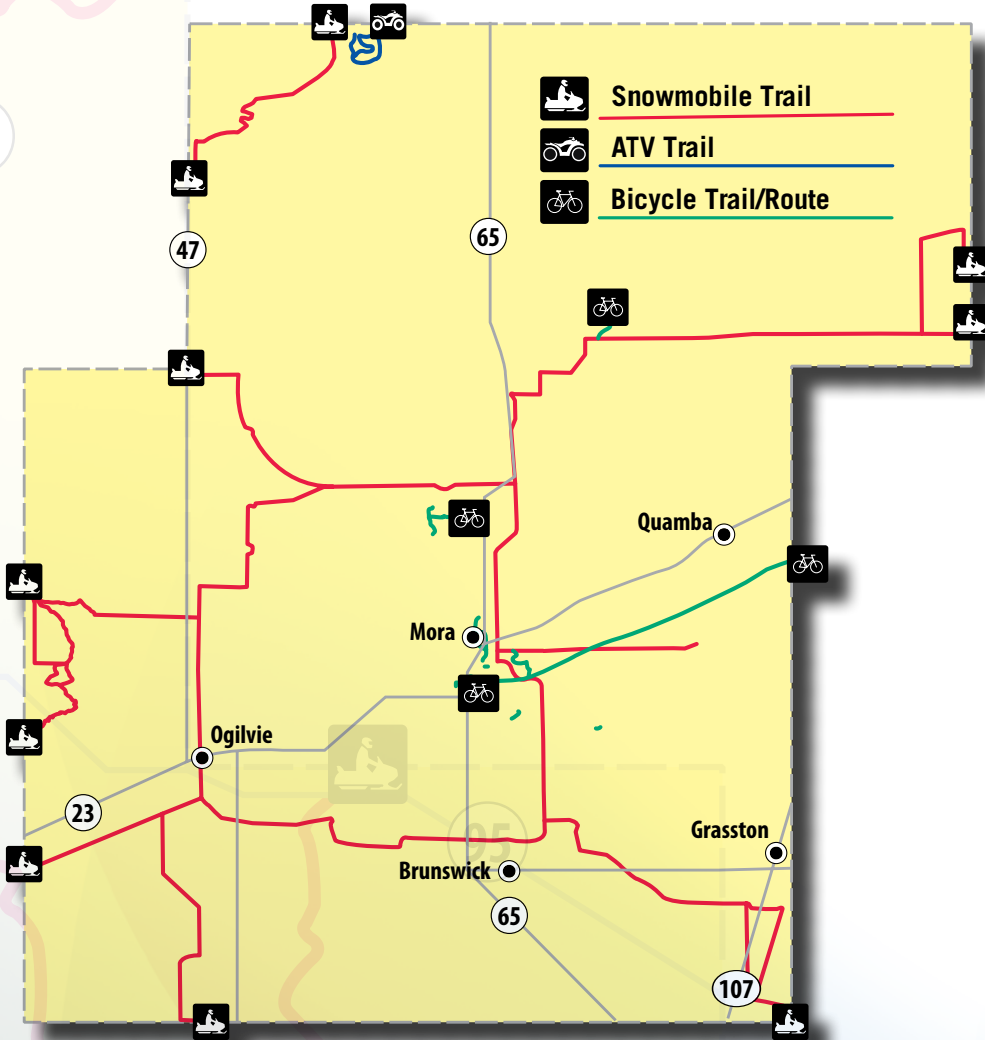
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



**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.





## Hiking Safety Tips

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 gone.

## Fishing

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



# 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 measure 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.

**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?

## DOG PARKS

### Cambridge Dog Park

1801 E Rum River Dr. E |  
Cambridge





## GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



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



EVERY  
DAY  
is  
EARTH  
DAY

**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.



## 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.**



# Travel

Choosing the  
perfect  
destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

#### Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

#### Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back



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