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Lincoln County



Oneida County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Candle Light Ski | Rhinelander
Ski for Light (Jan-Feb) | Rhinelander
Merrill Ice Drags & Events

FEBRUARY

Fisheree | Rhinelander
Gleason Ice Oval Races
Snowmobile Radar Run & Bikini Race | St. Germain
Gleason Ice Oval Races
Heal Creek Dog Dash & Winter Fest | Rhinelander
Oneida County Fair Bingo (1st Thur, Feb-May)
Magic Moments Bridal Expo | Rhinelander
Oneida County 4-H Dinosaur Explorers | Rhinelander

MARCH

Annual Taste of Tomahawk
Up North Community Expo | Rhinelander
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Rhinelander
Easter Egg Hunt | Merrill

APRIL

Annual Only Fools Run at Midnight | Minocqua
Veterans Benefit Expo | Rhinelander
Northwoods Carver Event | Rhinelander

MAY

Classic Sled Round-Up | St. Germain
Main Street Memories Car Show | Tomahawk
Bad Art Night | Rhinelander
Rhinelander Rummage & Sidewalk Sale
Hodag Heritage Festival | Rhinelander
Furhall OCHS/Rondele Ranch | Harshaw

JUNE

Wisconsin Rodeo Pro Rodeo | Merrill
Annual Snowshoe Baseball Games |
Lake Tomahawk (June-August)
Rhinelander Car Show

JUNE (CONTD)

Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show
Fathers Day Family Fishing | Rhinelander
Summer Sock Hop Street Dance | Rhinelander
Annual Wooden Boat Parade | Minocqua

JULY

Minocqua 4th of July Celebration & Parade
Annual Hodag Country Festival | Rhinelander
July 4th Pow Wow Days | Tomahawk
Northwoods Blues Fest | St. Germain
Red, White & Hodag Celebration | Rhinelander
Hodag Water Ski Show | Rhinelander
Fishers Resort 4th of July Celebration
Oneida County Fair | Rhinelander
4th of July Parade & Backwaters Backyard BBQ | Rhinelander
Fireworks at Hodag Park | Rhinelander
Sporting Clay Event | Rhinelander
Northwoods Summer Art Tour | Lincoln, Oneida

AUGUST

Krazy Days | Minocqua
After Loon Delight Craft Show | Minocqua
Minocqua Dragon Boat Festival
Redikulus Dae | Rhinelander
See Me Triathlon | Minocqua
Rhinelander City Wide Rummage Sale
Lincoln County Fair | Merrill
St. Mary's Summer Festival | Tomahawk
Flea & Craft Market | Rhinelander
Running Bear Triathlon | Three Lakes
Calvary's Car Cruise for a Cause | Rhinelander
Holiday Water Ski Show | Rhinelander

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Parade & Celebration | Merrill
Lion's Club Car Show | Merrill
Beef-A-Rama & Prime Choice Craft Show | Minocqua
Wisconsin Bass Classic | Minocqua

SEPTEMBER (CONTD)

Annual Minocqua No Frills Marathon
Project North Festival | Rhinelander
Northwoods Fall Ride | Tomahawk
Annual Chalk It Up | Merrill
Annual Harvest Festival | Lake Tomahawk
Downtown Rhinelander Chalk Fest
OktoberFest | Rhinelander
Hops 'N' History | Rhinelander
2024 Walk to End Alzheimers | Rhinelander
Northwoods Community Resource Fair | Rhinelander
Harvest Hoe Down at Pioneer Park | Rhinelander

OCTOBER

Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament | St. Germain
Northwoods Fall Art Tour | Lincoln/Oneida
Haunted House | Rhinelander
Night on the Farm | Rhinelander
Fright Factory at Mason Lodge | Rhinelander
Okto-Beer Fest | Rhinelander
Haunted Rhinelander Tour
Hodag 10s Poker Run | Rhinelander
Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest | Rhinelander
Halloween Family Night at The Dome | Rhinelander
Pine Lake Fire Dept. Open/Haunted House | Rhinelander
Area Wide Trick or Treating

NOVEMBER

Annual Minocqua Turkey Trot
Annual Northern Lights Christmas Parade | Tomahawk
Holiday Festival of Lights | Three Lakes
Christmas Bazaar | St. Germain
Holiday Market Place & Jingle Bell Fun Run | St. Germain
Harvest Dinner | Rhinelander
Cribbage for a Cause | Rhinelander
Annual Jingle your way to the Holidays | Rhinelander
Christmas Bazaar | Rhinelander
Annual Pig Roast for Veterans | Rhinelander
Holiday Open House | Rhinelander
Annual Show & Sell Craft Show | Rhinelander
Craft & Vendor Fair | Rhinelander
Lady Jane's Sugar Shack Christmas Market | Rhinelander

DECEMBER

Annual Merrill Holiday Parade | Merrill
Lights of the Northwoods | Rhinelander
Christmas Parade and Tree Lightning | Rhinelander
Hodag Day at the Dome | Rhinelander
Breakfast With Santa | Tomahawk
Annual Holiday Tea | Rhinelander
Lions Community Christmas Dinner | Rhinelander
New Years Eve Dry Bar Bash | Rhinelander

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Probate	536-0342
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Tomahawk Public Library.....	453-2455
Treasurer	539-1067
Veterans Services	539-1083

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County Clerk	369-6125
District Attorney	369-6133
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Emergency	911
Emergency Management	361-5100
Extension	365-2750
Forestry, Land & Parks	369-6140
Highway	369-6184
Land & Water Conservation	369-7835
Land Information	369-6179
Medical Examiner	369-6196
Minocqua Public Library.....	356-4437
Planning & Zoning	369-6130
Probate/ Juvenile	369-6159
Public Health	369-6111
Register of Deeds	369-6150
Rhineland District Library.....	365-1070
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Lincoln County was named in honor of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States. Settlers began to arrive in the 1840s and were attracted to the abundance of timber and agricultural land in the area. The first mill arrived in 1849 and populations increased with the arrival of the lumber industry. Logging camps provided shelter and made up most of the population for Lincoln County in the late 1800s. At first timber was transported by river but this was soon replaced with the introduction of railroads in the area. Lincoln County was eventually organized in 1874 and by 1900 the population of Lincoln County had reached 16,269. Today Lincoln County is home to approximately 29,499 residents.

CITIES:

MERRILL (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 9,670

TOMAHAWK – pop. 3,695

TOWNS:

BIRCH – pop. 776

BRADLEY – pop. 2,505

CORNING – pop. 1,013

HARDING – pop. 394

HARRISON – pop. 836

KING – pop. 842

MERRILL – pop. 2,953

TOWNS: (CONT)

PINE RIVER – pop. 1,916

ROCK FALLS – pop. 624

RUSSELL – pop. 711

SCHLEY – pop. 962

SCOTT – pop. 1,280

SKANAWAN – pop. 382

SOMO – pop. 152

TOMAHAWK – pop. 479

WILSON – pop. 309

**Populations are approximate.*

BRADLEY

Bradley was founded in 1903 as the abundance of natural resources of nearby Lake Nokomis attracted settlers. Railroad development allowed for growth and Bradley continued to develop. In 1979 the community's first town hall was constructed and the area has continued to thrive. Today Bradley is home to approximately 2,505 residents.

MERRILL (COUNTY SEAT)

Merrill was named in honor of S. S. Merrill, the manager of the Wisconsin Valley Railroad at the time. The town was originally named Jenny Bull Falls but changed its name shortly after being incorporated in 1881. The city started out as a trading post. Eventually mills and dams were established in the area making Merrill a very profitable town. Populations increased rapidly in the late 1800s with the introduction of railroads but eventually slowed after the decline of the lumber industry and diminishing timber in the area. Merrill has the largest population in Lincoln County and it is also the county seat. Today Merrill is home to approximately 9,670 residents.

PINE RIVER

Named for the nearby river, Pine River developed as a railway community as cord wood was shipped to and from the area. A mill was constructed and early industry was led by agriculture and logging. Today Pine River is home to approximately 1,916 residents.

TOMAHAWK

Tomahawk was named after a battle between the Sioux and Chippewa Indians. The two tribes buried a tomahawk on the shore of the Tomahawk River to symbolize peace. Tomahawk was founded by William H. Bradley, the president of the Tomahawk Land and Boom Company. Bradley went on to become the first mayor of Tomahawk. Populations increased with the rise of the lumber industry. Many early settlers were attracted to the area because of the abundance of timber and prairie land for agriculture and Tomahawk was incorporated in 1891. Most of Tomahawk was destroyed with the fire of 1929. Nineteen buildings were burnt to the ground including some of the first buildings erected in the area. Today Tomahawk is home to approximately 3,695 residents.



Oneida County named in honor of the Oneida Indian tribe, one of the nations of the Iroquois Indians. The name Oneida itself is derived from the Oneida Indian tribe word meaning "granite people." Oneida County was formed in 1885 from areas of Lincoln County. Like Lincoln County, Oneida County was known early on for its abundance of timber and fertile prairie lands. Logging camps, prairie and railroads attracted settlers to the area. Populations increased with the rise of the lumber industry. Agriculture expanded rapidly and became the biggest industry for the county after the decline of the logging industry in the early 1900s. Today Oneida County is a popular tourist destination because of the 1,500 miles of snowmobile trails and one of the largest chain of lakes in the world. In 1900 the population of Oneida County was 8,875 people. Today Oneida County is home to approximately 36,031 residents.

CITIES:

RHINELANDER (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 7,649

TOWNS:

CASSIAN – pop. 969
CRESCENT – pop. 2,020
ENTERPRISE – pop. 303
HAZELHURST – pop. 1,220
LAKE TOMAHAWK – pop. 1,145
LITTLE RICE – pop. 353
LYNNE – pop. 256
MINOCQUA – pop. 4,760
MONICO – pop. 447

TOWNS: (CONT)

NEWBOLD – pop. 2,673
NOKOMIS – pop. 1,335
PELICAN – pop. 2,618
PIEHL – pop. 97
PINE LAKE – pop. 2,528
SCHOEPKE – pop. 360
STELLA – pop. 680
SUGAR CAMP – pop. 1,779
THREE LAKES – pop. 2,260
WOODBORO – pop. 675
WOODRUFF – 1,940
**Populations are approximate.*

MINOCQUA

Minocqua's name was derived from the Ojibwe phrase "fair maiden." Minocqua is also known as the "Island City" because the downtown area is surrounded by Lake Minocqua. The city was established in 1889. Most settlers were attracted to the area because of the large amount of trees for logging. Populations increased when the Milwaukee Railroad arrived for hauling timber. A fire wiped out most of the town in 1912 but residents quickly rebuilt and business started to thrive again. Most of the buildings in Minocqua were built after 1912 because of the fire. Tourists are attracted to the area today because of the abundance of lakes and snowmobile trails. Today Minocqua is home to approximately 4,760 residents.

PIEHL

Piehl was named in honor of Fred Piehl, the owner of the Gagen Land & Cedar Company. Piehl was created in 1908 by the Gagen Land & Cedar Company and was set up as a logging camp. Settlers were attracted to the high amounts of lumber and areas for farming. Today Piehl is home to approximately 97 residents.

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RHINELANDER (COUNTY SEAT)

Rhineland was originally named Pelican Rapids because of a patch of rapids located near the area where the Wisconsin River and the Pelican River met. Eventually the city was renamed to Rhineland after Frederic W. Rhineland, the President of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railroad at the time. Railroads were introduced to Rhineland in 1882 and populations started to increase in the area. Rhineland is home to the infamous "Hodag," a giant lizard like creature who has been spotted by hundreds of residents throughout the area since 1893. With the decline of the logging industry many settlers turned to agriculture and made Rhineland into a prosperous community. Rhineland was eventually named the county seat of the newly formed Oneida County. Today Rhineland is home to approximately 7,649 residents.

THREE LAKES

Three lakes was named after Maple Lake, Town Line Lake and Range Line Lake in 1881. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad developed the first settlement in the area. The area attracted a lot of people because of the abundance of maple and pine trees. Settlers began to arrive because of the logging industry and the build up of the town as a supply station for the railroads. Eventually agriculture and tourism also started to become one of Three Lakes larger industries. Three Lakes was known throughout the area as one of the biggest producers of potatoes. Today Three Lakes is home to approximately 2,260 residents.

WOODRUFF

The community was named in honor of George Woodruff, the owner of the Woodruff-Macquire Company, which had lumber operations in the area. Early settlers were attracted to the area because of the abundance of trees perfect for logging. The logging industry triggered a population growth and business began to develop. Woodruff is home to the world's largest penny located at the Dr. Kate Museum. Today Woodruff is home to approximately 1,940 residents.



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



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



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



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



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.



HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Enjoy your delicious
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PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

ALMON RECREATION AREA

3540 Hixon Lake Rd. | Rhinelander | (715) 369-6140
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BRADLEY PARK

Bradley Park | Tomahawk | (800) 569-2160
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HODAG PARK

509 Hodag Park Dr. | Rhinelander | (715) 490-6841
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NEW WOOD COUNTY PARK

N4781 State Rd. 107 | Merrill | (715) 539-1034
Located in Merrill, this park is on 15 acres along the Wisconsin River. The park features playground equipment, picnic area, boat landing, grills, hand water pump for potable water and pit toilets.

OTTER LAKE RECREATION AREA

N8896 Otter Lake Rd. | Gleason | (715) 539-1034
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County Park Rd. | Rhinelander | (715) 369-6140
Located in the Cassian/Woodboro block Oneida County Forest. The park features an enclosed, heated shelter building with a covered deck and fireplace, vault toilets, disabled access fishing pier, grassy picnic area, grills and tables.

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TUG LAKE RECREATION AREA

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UNDERDOWN RECREATION AREA

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HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery and Crossbow

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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

Sept. 2 – 8, 2024

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1, 2024

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10, 2024

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, 2024

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

Statewide ~ Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

Bobwhite quail

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) ~ 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 & South Zones ~ Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

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 ~ Apr. 13 & 14

Spring 2024

Period A ~ Apr. 17-23

Period B ~ Apr. 24-30

Period C ~ May 1-7

Period D ~ May 8-14

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period E ~ May 15-21

Period F ~ May 22-28

Fall 2024

Statewide Sept. 14-Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23, 2024-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 fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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FISHING SEASONS

2024-2025 FISHING SEASON DATES
(Effective Date: April 1, 2024; Dates Inclusive)

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

General Inland Trout
May 4 (5 a.m.) - October 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 - December 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest
May 4 - December 31

Northern Pike
May 4 - March 2, 2025

Walleye
May 4 - March 2, 2025

Lake Sturgeon
February 10 - February 25 (spearing)
September 7 to September 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends
Jan. 20-21, 2024
June 1-2, 2024
Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates:
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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.

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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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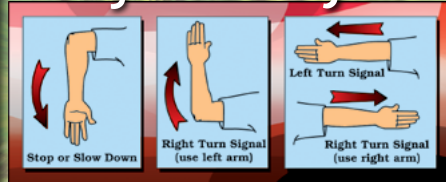
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

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

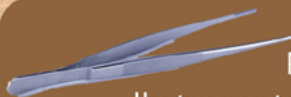
- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
- Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten

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!



YOUR Help is NEEDED!

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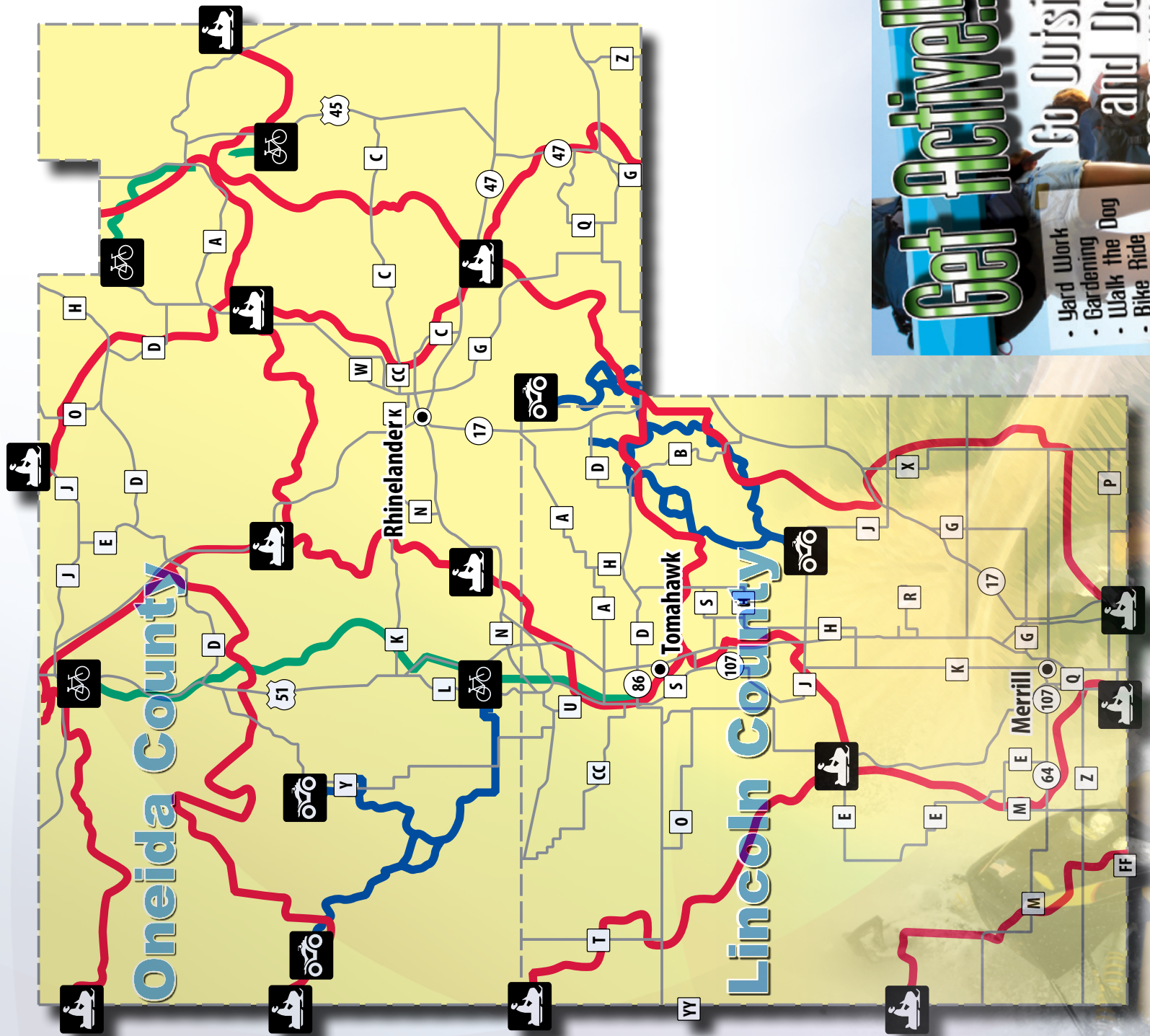
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KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
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- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.



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Get Active!!!

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SOMETHING!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
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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?

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DOG PARKS



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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