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Lincoln County



Oneida County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

Fisheree | Rhinelander
Snowmobile Radar Run & Bikini Race | St. Germain
Heal Creek Dog Dash & Winter Fest | Rhinelander
Oneida County Fair Bingo (1st Thur, Feb-May)
Candle Light Ski | Rhinelander

MARCH

Annual Taste of Tomahawk
Up North Community Expo | Rhinelander
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Rhinelander
Gleason Ice Oval Races

APRIL

Annual Only Fools Run at Midnight | Minocqua
Veterans Benefit Expo | Rhinelander
Northwoods Career Event | Rhinelander
Easter Egg Hunt | Merrill

MAY

Classic Sled Round-Up | St. Germain
Main Street Memories Car Show | Tomahawk
Bad Art Night | Rhinelander
Hodag Heritage Festival | Rhinelander

JUNE

Wisconsin Rodeo Pro Rodeo | Merrill
Annual Snowshoe Baseball Games |
Lake Tomahawk (June-August)
Rhinelander Car Show
Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show
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
Northwoods Summer Art Tour (July-Oct) | Lincoln, Oneida
St. Mary's Summer Festival | Tomahawk

AUGUST

Krazy Days | Minocqua
After Loon Delight Craft Show | Minocqua
Minocqua Dragon Boat Festival
Redikulus Dae | Rhinelander
Rhinelander City Wide Rummage Sale
Lincoln County Fair | Merrill
Running Bear Triathlon | Three Lakes
Holiday Water Ski Show | Rhinelander
Sporting Clay Event | Rhinelander
Annual Minocqua No Frills Marathon

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Parade & Celebration | Merrill
Lion's Club Car Show | Merrill
Beef-A-Rama & Prime Choice Craft Show | Minocqua
Wisconsin Bass Classic | Minocqua
Project North Festival | Rhinelander
Northwoods Fall Ride | Tomahawk
Annual Chalk It Up | Merrill
Annual Harvest Festival | Lake Tomahawk
Downtown Rhinelander Chalk Fest

SEPTEMBER (CONTD)

OktoberFest | Rhinelander
Walk to End Alzheimers | Rhinelander
Northwoods Community Resource Fair | Rhinelander
Harvest Hoedown at Pioneer Park | Rhinelander
Calvary's Car Cruise for a Cause | Rhinelander

OCTOBER

Greater Wisconsin Musky Tournament | St. Germain
Northwoods Fall Art Tour | Lincoln/Oneida
Haunted House | Rhinelander
Haunted Rhinelander Tour
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
Holiday Market Place & Jingle Bell Fun Run | St. Germain
Harvest Dinner | Rhinelander
Annual Jingle your way to the Holidays | Rhinelander
Annual Pig Roast for Veterans | Rhinelander
Holiday Open House | Rhinelander
Annual Show & Sell Craft Show | Rhinelander
Craft & Vendor Fair | Rhinelander

DECEMBER

Annual Merrill Holiday Parade | Merrill
Lights of the Northwoods | Rhinelander
Hodag Day at the Dome | Rhinelander
Breakfast With Santa | Tomahawk
Lions Community Christmas Dinner | Rhinelander

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Extension	539-1072
Finance	539-1028
Forestry, Land & Parks	539-1034
Health Department	536-0307
Highway	539-2500
Information Technology	539-1048
Land & Zoning.....	539-1087
Maintenance	536-0347
Probate	536-0342
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Emergency	911
Emergency Management	361-5167
Extension	365-2750
Forestry, Outdoor Recreation	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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Social Services	362-5695
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Treasurer	369-6137
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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-Macguire 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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- 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.

INGREDIENTS

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

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DEER

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Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*

Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 – 6

Gun ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 – 11

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 12 – 15

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2025*

*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.



BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Oct. 2 – 8

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 4 – Oct. 8

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

Pheasant

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

Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Zone 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 ~ Year-round

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) Dec. 2 – 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

Trapping

North and South zones, Period 1 Oct. 19 – Dec. 25

North and South zones, Period 2 Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025

Fisher

Trapping

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

Otter

Trapping

North zone Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Raccoon

Trapping

Resident Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Nonresident Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck ~ No season limits, bag limits,

size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 13 – 14

Spring 2024

Period A April 17 – 23

Period B April 24 – 30

Period C May 1 – 7

Period D May 8 – 14

Period E May 15 – 21

Period F May 22 – 28

Fall 2024

Statewide Sept. 14 – Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23 – Jan. 5, 2025



**For the latest season dates. Check the WI DNR website, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> or scan the QR code.*



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DEER HUNTING Tips

- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.

Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.

HAPPY HUNTING!

FISHING SEASONS



**2024-
2025 FISH-
ING
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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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.

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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

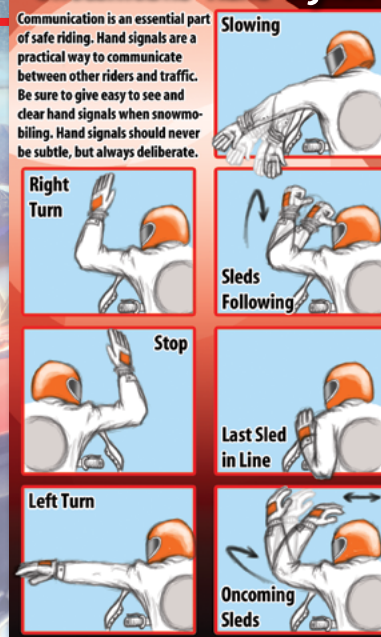
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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

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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!

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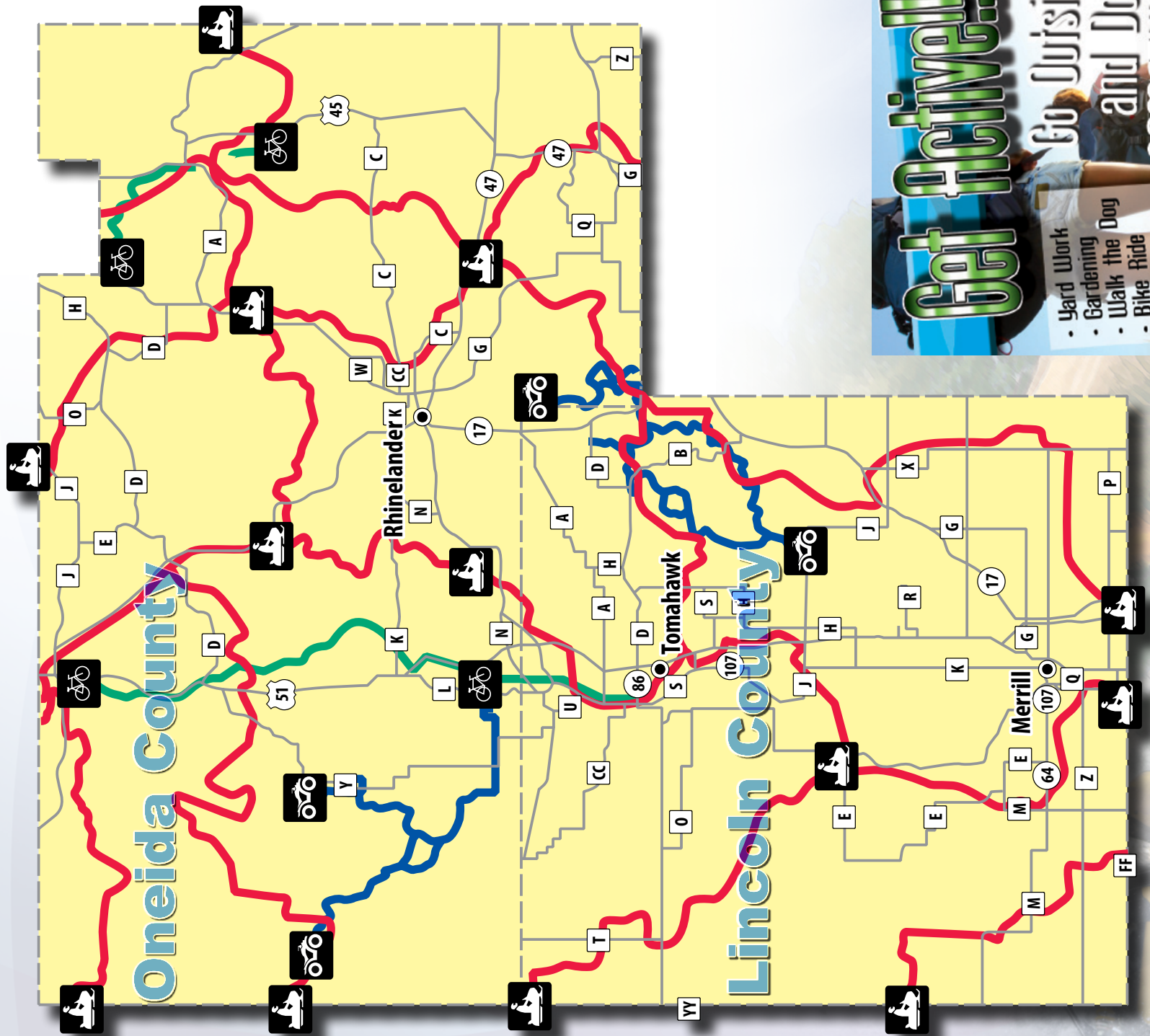
- Fish
- Invertebrates
- Aquatic Plants



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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.
- 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.



-  Snowmobile Trail
-  ATV Trail
-  Bicycle Trail/Route

Get Active!!!

Go Outside
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SOMETHING!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
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and your blood flowing...
you'll feel better
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Health Benefits of the Outdoors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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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Shepard Dog Park

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Rhineland

Three Lakes Dog Park

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Three Lakes |
(715) 891-4673

Tomahawk Dog Park

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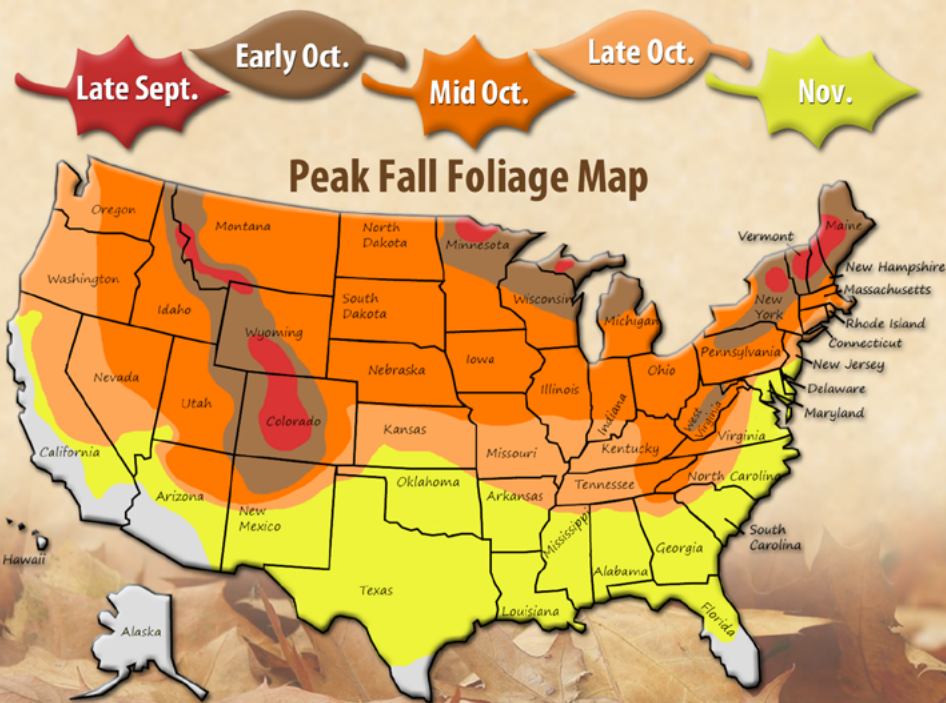


Autumn Foliage



In the spring and summer tree leaves are green, producing nutrients for the tree. The green color comes from cells in the leaves containing chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs sunlight for energy to transform carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates.

In the fall, shortening days and cooling temperatures makes the leaves stop producing nutrients. The chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears. The different colors of each tree and tree type are due to the mixing of varying amounts of the chlorophyll residue and other pigments in the leaf during the fall season.



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