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Resident Guide



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Drift Riders Snowmobile Club Display - Hutchinson
Gopher Campfire Family Fishing Contest - Hutchinson
Annual Community Showcase - Hutchinson

FEBRUARY

Strike Out the Violence Bowlathon - Hutchinson
Hutchinson Hockey Day
Annual Fish Fry - Plato
Crow River Arts Youth Art Exhibit (Feb-March) - Hutchinson
Cardiac Rehab Reunion Walk - Hutchinson
Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet - Hutchinson

MARCH

Daffodil Days - Hutchinson
Snow Pros Snowmobile Swap Meet - Hutchinson
Food Drive - Plato
Big Little Hunting & Fishing Expo - Hutchinson

APRIL

Hutchinson Jaycees Spring Flower Sales
Jaycees Sandbox Fill - Hutchinson
Easter Bunny Visits - Hutchinson
City Wide Easter Egg Hunt - Hutchinson
Rummage Sale - Hutchinson
Crow River Singers Spring Concert
Celebrate Earth Day - Hutchinson
Winsted Easter Egg Hunt
Jaycees Spring Flower Sales - Hutchinson
City Wide Rummage - Plato
UKC Spring Fling - Hutchinson
St. Anastasia Cemetery Living History Tour - Hutchinson
Annual Hospice Share 'N Care Dinner - Hutchinson

MAY

City Wide Garage Sales - Hutchinson
Memorial Day Parade & Service - Hutchinson
Herb Walk - Hutchinson
Water Carnival Button Night - Hutchinson
Annual Whoopee Fest - Hutchinson
White Squirrel Festival - Plato
Hutchinson Farmers Market (May-Oct)
Annual North Star Classic - Hutchinson

JUNE

Glencoe Days
Dairy Day Celebration - Glencoe
Annual Jaycees Water Carnival - Hutchinson
Little Crow Riders Horse Show - Hutchinson
Power Pull Nationals - Hutchinson
Winstock - Winsted
Bike, Blade & Board Bonanza - Hutchinson

JULY

RiverSong Music Festival - Hutchinson
Minnesota Pottery Festival - Hutchinson
Orange Spectacular - Hutchinson
Hometown Golf Challenge - Hutchinson
Prairie Days - Lester Prairie
Big Hitter Classic - Glencoe

AUGUST

National Night Out - Throughout McLeod County
Oakdale Invitational - Hutchinson
Relay for Life - Hutchinson
Heatwole Threshing Show - Hutchinson
Scramble Golf Tournament - Hutchinson
McLeod County Fair - Hutchinson
Powder Ridge 3D Fun Shoot - Hutchinson
Minnesota Garlic Festival - Hutchinson
Summer Festival - Winsted
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk - Hutchinson
McLeod County Relay for Life

SEPTEMBER

St. Anastasia Fall Festival - Hutchinson
Taste of Hutchinson
Annual Arts & Crafts Festival - Hutchinson
Elk's Guns, Knives & Coin Show - Hutchinson
Fall Polka Festival - Glencoe
Annual Land Castle Summer Extravaganza - Winsted
Heart of MN Paws on Parade - Hutchinson
GACOC Annual Banquet - Glencoe
Rod Run & Classic Car Show (Sept-Oct) - Hutchinson

OCTOBER

Trunk or Treat - Hutchinson
Craft & Vendor Market - Hutchinson
Spooky Sprint 5K - Hutchinson

NOVEMBER

Shop 'Till You Drop - Hutchinson
Holiday Arts & Craft Sale - Hutchinson
Santa Arrives - Hutchinson
Toy Show - Hutchinson
Seasonal Sampler - Glencoe

DECEMBER

Holly Days Lighted Parade - Glencoe
Medallion Hunt - Glencoe
Santa Visits - Hutchinson
Holiday Craft & Gift Extravaganza - Hutchinson
Winsted Winter Festival

**Event dates subject to change.*



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Earthworms

the invasive forest menace

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

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

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

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



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





*A*s land was acquired from Sioux Indians in 1851, settlement of McLeod County began. Organized in 1856, the county was named after Martin McLeod. McLeod was a fur trader and explorer. Settlers were attracted to the prairies for agriculture and the dense woods for building supplies. Early industry included logging, milling and farming. As the railroad arrived in the 1870s, the area began to thrive and Glencoe was selected as the county seat. Today McLeod County is home to approximately 37,165 residents.

CITIES:

- BISCAY** – pop. 108
- BROWNTON** – pop. 784
- GLENCOE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 5,550
- HUTCHINSON** – pop. 13,913
- LESTER PRAIRIE** – pop. 1,747
- PLATO** – pop. 317
- SILVER LAKE** – pop. 799
- STEWART** – pop. 536
- WINSTED** – pop. 2,355

TOWNSHIPS:

- ACOMA** – pop. 1,258
- BERGEN** – pop. 948
- COLLINS** – pop. 524
- GLENCOE** – pop. 608
- HALE** – pop. 1,016
- HASSAN VALLEY** – pop. 786
- HELEN** – pop. 897
- HUTCHINSON** – pop. 1,181
- LYNN** – pop. 634
- PENN** – pop. 360
- RICH VALLEY** – pop. 789
- ROUND GROVE** – pop. 325
- SUMTER** – pop. 622
- WINSTED** – pop. 1,045

**Populations are approximate.*

BISCAY

Located in Hassan Valley Township in the center of McLeod County, Biscay is the site of Minnesota’s first creamery. Today Biscay is home to approximately 108 residents.

BROWNTON

Settlers began arriving to the area of Brownton in 1856. Named after Charles Brown, Brownton was established in 1878 as the railroad arrived. Today Brownton is home to approximately 784 residents.

GLENCOE (COUNTY SEAT)

Founded in 1855 by John Harrington Stevens, Glencoe was the first settlement in McLeod County. Martin McLeod named Glencoe after a Scottish city and Glencoe was voted as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1896. Today Glencoe is home to approximately 5,550 residents.

HUTCHINSON

Hutchinson was first settled by John, Judson and Asa Hutchinson, in 1855. The Hutchinson brothers were famous singers who arrived from New Hampshire to explore McLeod County. In 1857, Hutchinson was incorporated and the community quickly grew. Today Hutchinson is home to approximately 13,913 residents.

LESTER PRAIRIE

Located in Bergen Township, Lester Prairie was first settled in 1856 and named after John Lester, a land owner. The community was almost destroyed by the Sioux Uprising in 1862 and floods in 1897, but residents rebuilt and Lester Prairie continued to grow. Today Lester Prairie is home to approximately 1,747 residents.

PLATO

Located in southeast McLeod County, Plato was incorporated in 1888. It is one of the most prosperous farming communities in Minnesota. Today Plato is home to approximately 317 residents.

SILVER LAKE

Once known as Fremont, Silver Lake was platted by John J. Jerabek and John S. Totusek in 1881. Today Silver Lake is home to approximately 799 residents.

STEWART

Stewart was platted in 1888 by Dr. D. A. Stewart a Winona physician, and named after him. Stewart was incorporated on May 15, 1888. Today Stewart is home to approximately 536 residents.

WINSTED

Originally known as Lake Eleanor, Winsted was settled in 1846 by James Baird, a fur trader and trapper. The community was platted in 1857 by Eli F. Lewis and Winsted grew slowly. A sawmill was established in 1866 and Winsted was incorporated in 1887. Today Winsted is home to approximately 2,355 residents.

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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!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Read Guide
for Clues)

WORD SEARCH



ACROSS

1: THIS COUNTY SEAT CITY WAS THE FIRST SETTLEMENT WITHIN MCLEOD COUNTY.

2: THIS CITY WAS NAMED FOR A PAIR OF BROTHERS WHO WERE FAMOUS SINGERS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

5: THIS CITY IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVALS IN THE MIDWEST.

7: THIS WAS THE NAME ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO SILVER LAKE.

DOWN

3: THIS CITY WAS HOME TO MINNESOTA'S FIRST CREAMERY.

4: THIS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION OF 784 AND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1878.

6: THIS CITY WAS PLATTED AND SETTLED IN 1888.

8: THIS CITY HAS A LISTED APPROXIMATE POPULATION OF 317 AND IS ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS FARMING COMMUNITIES IN MINNESOTA.



- PLATO
- STEWART
- ACOMA
- HELEN
- COLLINS
- LYNN
- WINSTED
- BROWNTON
- PENN
- HUTCHINSON
- SUMTER
- GLENCOE
- BERGEN
- HALE
- BISCAY

Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

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.

COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



BUFFALO CREEK PARK

4956 100th St. | Plato

Located on 46 acres, Buffalo Creek Park features a picnic shelter, grills, nature trail and cross-country ski trails, duck pond, fishing pier and playground equipment. Buffalo Creek Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. For reservations, call (320) 484-4301.

LAKE MARION REGIONAL PARK

11655 Hwy. 15 | Hutchinson

Located on 86 acres, Lake Marion Park features a campground, picnic shelters, wooded hiking trail and cross-country ski trails, boat launch, swimming beach, fishing pier and playground equipment. Lake Marion Regional Park is open seasonally from 7AM until sunset, May 1st through October 1st. The picnic shelter can be reserved for \$35 through the McLeod County Parks Office. Overnight stays at the campground are \$22 with electric hook-up or \$15 without. One week's stay with electric is \$116 and \$79 without. One month's stay with electric is \$400 and \$270 without. For more than four people, an additional \$1 per person per day is required. For reservations, call (320) 484-4334.

PIEPENBURG REGIONAL PARK

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SWAN LAKE PARK

12206 Swan Lake Rd. | Silver Lake

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WILLIAM MAY PARK

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- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

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

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09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

HUNTING

Bear

08/11/23 Bear baiting start date Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide
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04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide
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05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24 North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Gray & Fox Statewide

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FISHING SEASONS

OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauger 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23
1, minimum size 54"

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state

5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass 5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

Largemouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

Smallmouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24

Catch-and-release only

Crappie Continuous 10

Sunfish Continuous 20

Rock Bass Continuous 30

White Bass Continuous 30

Channel Catfish Continuous 5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

Flathead Catfish 4/1/23 - 11/30/23
2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

Perch

Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

Bullhead Continuous 100

Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot Continuous, No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50).

Smelt Continuous No limit
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon

6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Paddlefish No open season

Longnose and Shortnose Gar

Continuous 10 combined

FREE FISHING

Take a kid fishing weekend

June 9-11, 2023

Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

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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.

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.



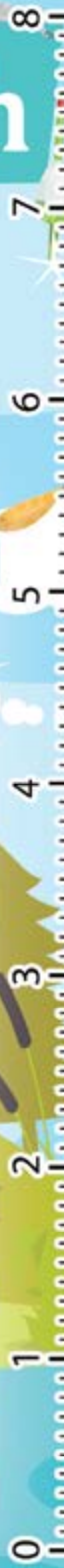
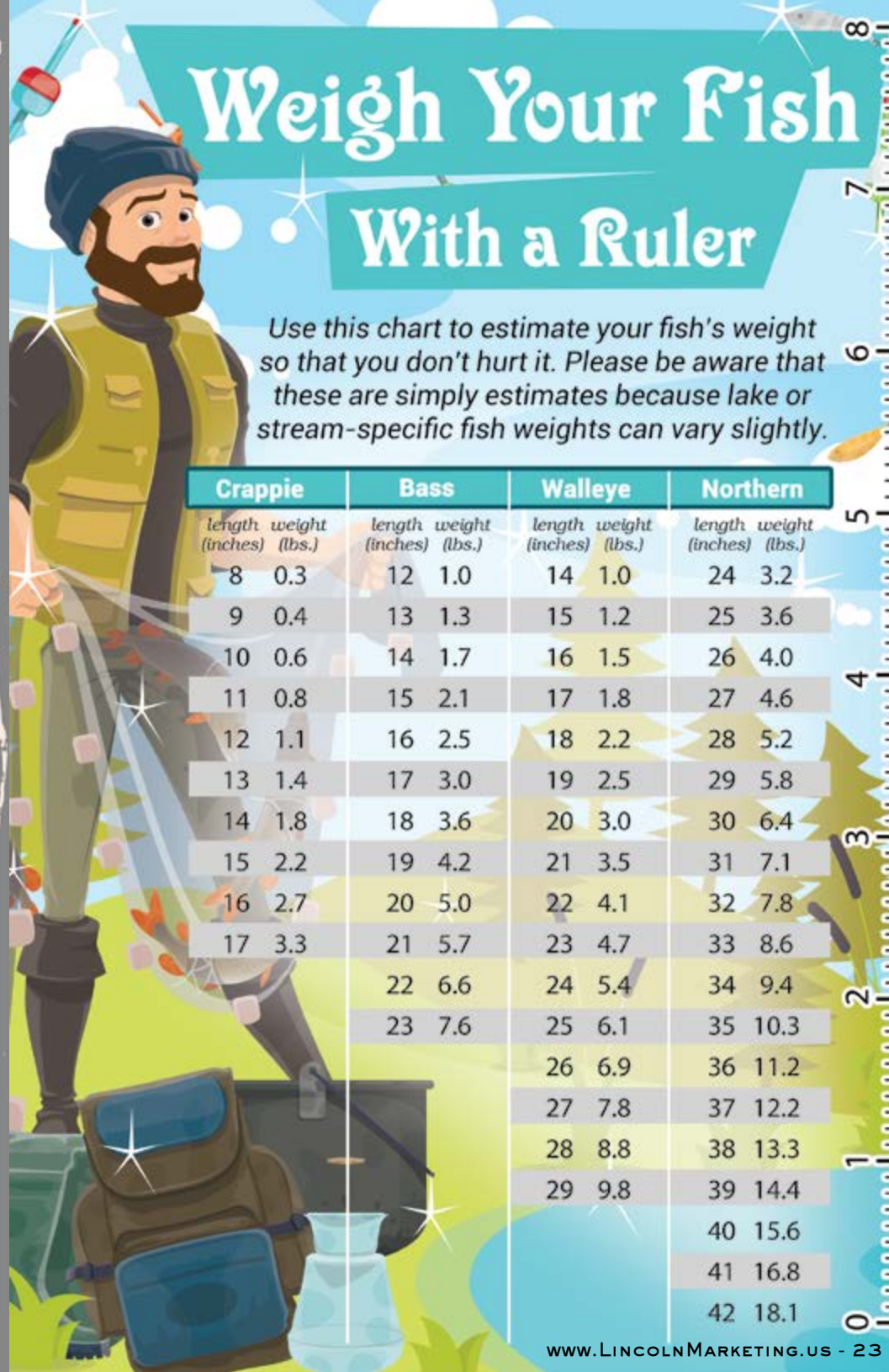
By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Weigh Your Fish

With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



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!



The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

Hiking:

Superior Hiking Trail, Lake Superior
Silver Creek Trail, Jay Cooke State Park
North River Trail, Afton State Park
Glacial Pothole Trail, Interstate State Park
Sioux Hustler Trail, Superior National Forest

Fishing:

Bass: Lake Vermilion, Tower
Walleye: Leech Lake, Walker
Muskellunge: Lake Oscar, Holmes City
Northern Pike: Lake of the Woods, Warroad

Golf Courses:

Interlachen, Edina • Spring Hill, Wayzata
Hazeltine National, Chaska
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower

Mountain Biking:

Cuyuna Lakes, Ironton • Lebanon Hills, Eagan
Elm Creek Park, Champlin • Brewer Park, Duluth
Spirit Mountain, Duluth • Piedmont, Duluth

Skiing:

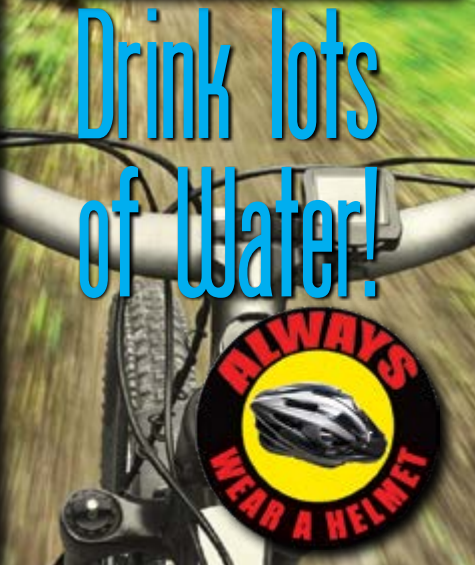
Lutsen Mountains, Lutsen • Afton Alps, Afton
Elm Creek Winter Rec. Area, Maple Grove
Powder Ridge Ski Area, Kimball
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik

Bicycle Pre-Ride Checklist



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.



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.

- 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.

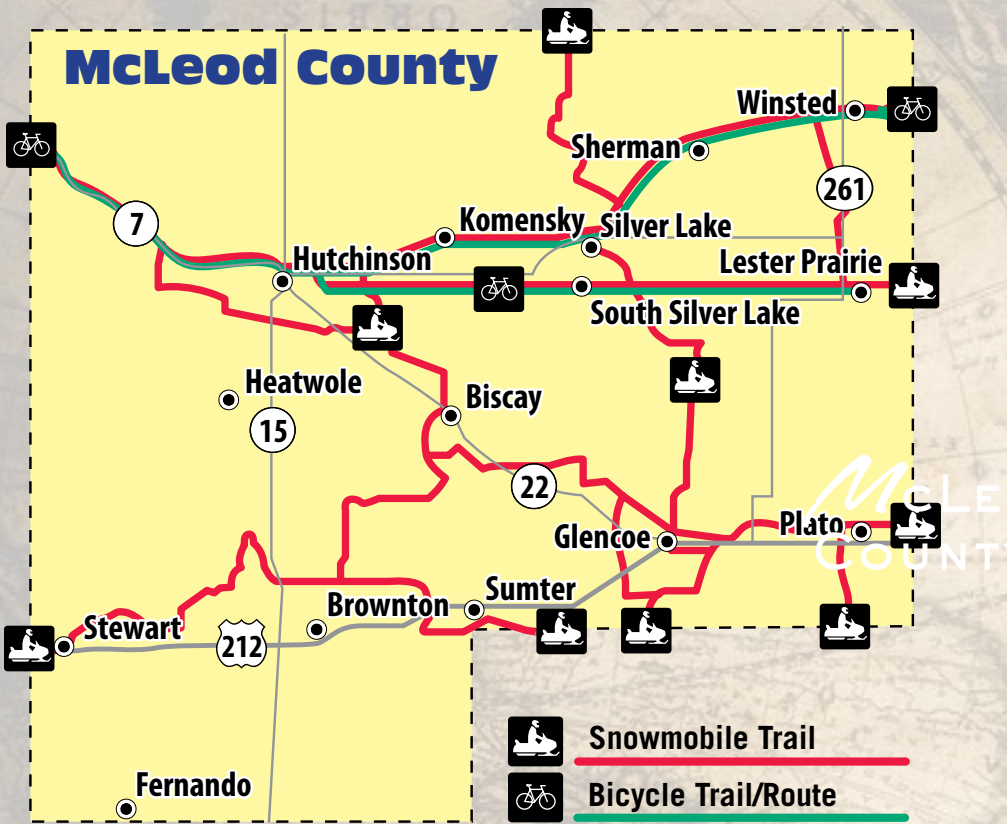
Snowmobile Hand Signals



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.

AREA TRAILS



DISC GOLF

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 an inexpensive 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.

Get Active!!!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
- ANYTHING!!!

Go Outside and Do SOMETHING!

Anything to get your heart rate up,
and your blood flowing...

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER and it's good for your health!

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.

Intensity Examples

Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
 - Jumping rope
 - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

BARBECUE

- KEEP YOUR GRILL GRATE CLEAN
- DON'T USE LIGHTER FLUID
- HEAT UP YOUR GRILL BEFORE YOU START
- KEEP THE LID DOWN WHILE COOKING
- MEAT COOKS BETTER WHEN AT ROOM TEMPERATURE
- DON'T OVER CROWD THE GRILL WITH TOO MANY ITEMS
- DON'T CONSTANTLY FLIP YOUR FOOD



PORK Carnitas TACOS



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs pork shoulder, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 onion, diced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp chili powder
1 tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 orange, juiced
1 lime, juiced
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
Corn tortillas
Toppings of your choice (such as chopped onions, diced tomatoes, sliced avocado, shredded lettuce, sour cream, and salsa)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat some oil over medium-high heat. Add the pork and sear until browned on all sides.
- 2 Add the diced onion, minced garlic, and minced jalapeño pepper to the pot. Cook until the onion is softened and the garlic is fragrant, about 3-5 minutes.
- 3 Add the ground cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, salt, and black pepper to the pot. Stir to coat the pork and vegetables with the spices.
- 4 Add the orange juice, lime juice, and enough water to cover the pork by about an inch. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 2-3 hours or until the pork is very tender.
- 5 Remove the lid and continue to simmer until the liquid has reduced and the pork is browned and crispy on the outside.
- 6 Use two forks to shred the pork into bite-sized pieces. Stir in the chopped cilantro.
- 7 To serve, warm up the corn tortillas and place some of the pork carnitas on each tortilla. Add your desired toppings and serve immediately.

Enjoy your delicious pork carnitas tacos!

PREP: 20 MIN • TOTAL: 2+ HOURS



Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.



According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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