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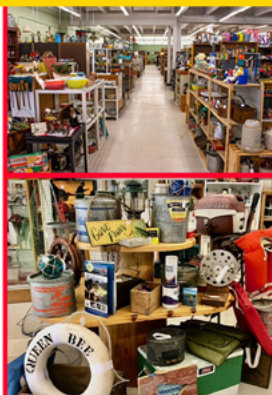
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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Hill City Lions Club Ice Fishing Tournament | Aitkin

## FEBRUARY

Justin Morneau Ice Fishing Classic | Mille Lacs  
Wheel House Warriors Fishing Tournament | Mille Lacs  
Puzzles, Pizza & Pub Night | Princeton

## MARCH

Garrison Winterfest

## APRIL

Hill City Fire Department Fish Fry | Hill City  
Taste of McGregor  
Onamia Lions Pancake Breakfast  
Easter Fun Day | Onamia

## MAY

Open Water Fishing Tournament | Mille Lacs  
Area Wide Garage Sales | Hill City  
Legion Auxiliary Craft Fair | Onamia

## JUNE

Foley Fun Days & 5K  
Artisan Festival & Rock 'N' Gem Show | Milaca  
Rum River Festival | Princeton  
Running of the Woodticks | Cuyuna  
Clean Up Day | Wahkon & Isle  
Onamia Days & Car Show  
Music in the Park | Milaca  
Borealis Brew Fest | McGregor  
Family Fun Night | Milaca  
Minnesota Tournament & Trial (Jun-Sept) | Mille Lac  
Mille Lacs Band Annual Pow Wow | Onamia  
Paddle Your Glass Off | Aitkin  
Onamia Carnival  
Worlds Largest Rubber Duck | Princeton  
Mille Lacs History Festival & Rendezvous | Isle

## JULY

Isle Days  
Aitkin County Fair | Aitkin  
Crosby - Ironton 4th of July Celebration  
4th of July Fireworks | Pease  
Fireworks | Princeton  
Garrison Play Days | Garrison  
4th of July Celebration | Area Wide  
Wahkon Fireworks  
Rec-Fest | Milaca  
Movies in the Park | Milaca  
Mille Lacs Fun Run | Isle  
PACC Golf Tournament | Princeton

## AUGUST

Summer Fest | Deerwood  
Mille Lacs County Fair | Princeton  
Riverboat Heritage Days | Aitkin  
Wahkon Days | Wahkon  
Bit & Bridle Saddle Club WSCA Show | Aitkin  
Milaca Muni Airport Fly In  
Homegrown Music Fest | Milaca  
Dump Run Quarter Marathon | Aitkin  
Wild Rice Days | McGregor  
Golf Scramble | Aitkin

## SEPTEMBER

Olde Tyme Fall Festival | Isle  
Runnin in the Ruff | Milaca  
Fall Classic Fun Shoot | Garrison  
Clay Shoot | Aitkin  
VFW Cornhole Tournament | Princeton

## OCTOBER

Oktoberfest | Aitkin, Deerwood  
Taste of Aitkin  
Trick or Treat | Onamia  
Funtober | Onamia  
Day Time Trick or Treating | Princeton

## NOVEMBER

World Famous Fish House Parade | Aitkin  
CommunityTree Lighting | Milaca  
Fall Feast | Onamia  
Light Up Princeton  
Taste of Christmas | Deerwood  
Fish House Parade | Aitkin  
Onamia Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Small Business Saturday | Princeton  
Winter Wonderland Parade | Princeton

## DECEMBER

Santa Coming to McGregor  
Luminary Walk for Mental Health Awareness | Princeton  
Light Up Onamia Contest  
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In 1855 the Mille Lacs Lake Indian Reservation was established by a treaty that set aside 61,000 acres for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Within two years, Mille Lacs County was established from parts of Benton and Isanti Counties and townships were organized in 1858. The name Mille Lacs is French for “thousand lakes,” and the community of Milaca was selected as the county seat. As the railroad was constructed the area began to develop and settlers began to arrive to stake land claims. In 1900 the population of Mille Lacs County had reached 8,066 and the area continued to grow with the development of highways and businesses. Mille Lacs Lake, spanning over 200 square miles, has since become a popular destination for recreational enthusiasts as it is the second largest lake in Minnesota. Today Mille Lacs County is home to approximately 26,383 residents.

**BOCK** – pop. 110

**FORESTON** – pop. 539

**ISLE** – pop. 909

**MILACA (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 3,003

**ONAMIA** – pop. 907

**PEASE** – pop. 198

**PRINCETON** – pop. 4,763

**WAHKON** – pop. 209

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## BOCK

Located in Borgholm Township, Bock was first known as Tosca. The community was established by the Great Northern Railway Company in the late 1800s and Tosca was renamed Bock in honor of the Bock brothers from New Ulm who had constructed a mill. A post office was founded in 1892 with Coleman Bridgeman serving as the area’s first postmaster. In 1923 Bock was incorporated as a village and the area has continued to thrive. Today Bock is home to approximately 110 residents.

## FORESTON

Foreston was founded as a lumber town and the community was first named Bridgeman in 1882. A post office was established with Coleman Bridgeman serving as the first postmaster. The town was then renamed Foreston after the dense hardwoods found throughout the area and the community was incorporated as a village in 1889. Today Foreston is home to approximately 539 residents.

## ISLE

Isle was settled in 1891 as a port on Mille Lacs Lake and the community was named due to its close proximity to Malone Island. In 1894 Charley Malone established a general store and hotel, attracting new residents to the area. In 1896 Malone served as Isle’s first postmaster and in 1913 as the community’s first mayor. Churches and schools were constructed and the area continued to develop. Today Isle is home to approximately 909 residents.

## MILACA (COUNTY SEAT)

Milaca was first settled in the 1880s as a logging community and the area was originally recognized as Oak City. The first post office was established in 1883 and the streets were platted in 1892. Its name is derived from Mille Lacs Lake and Milaca was incorporated in 1897. The community was selected as the county seat in 1920 and has continued to grow. Today Milaca is home to approximately 3,003 residents.

## ONAMIA

Onamia was established by the Great Northern Railway Company in the late 1880s and its name was derived from nearby Lake Onamia. A post office was founded in 1898 and streets were platted by Oscar E. Garrison in 1901. In 1908 Onamia was incorporated as a village and the community has continued to thrive. Today Onamia is home to approximately 907 residents.

## PEASE

Located in Milo Township, Pease was settled in 1894. A hotel and sawmills were then constructed and the area continued to develop upon the arrival of the railroad in 1886. The community was incorporated as a village in 1923 and has continued to grow. Today Pease is home to approximately 198 residents.



## PRINCETON

Princeton was first settled in 1854 and named after John S. Prince, a St. Paul resident who assisted with platting the community's streets in 1855. A post office was established in 1867 and Princeton was incorporated as a village in 1877. As the railroad was constructed businesses were established including a potato factory and brickmaking plant. Princeton was selected as the original county seat where it remained until 1920 when it was moved to Milaca. Today Princeton is home to approximately 4,763 residents.

## WAHKON

Tucked along Mille Lacs Lake's South Shore, Wahkon was the earliest settlement in the Mille Lacs Lake area, beginning its history in 1885. It was platted on the southeast shore of Mille Lacs Lake by the Soo Railroad Company near the site of the old town of Lawrence, once an American Indian trading post. Robert and Ben Briggs built a log cabin near the old site of the Soo Line Depot, acting as land surveyors as families began moving into the area. In 1907, with the coming of the railroad, the Wahkon town site was set up and in 1912 it was incorporated as a village. Wahkon was a typical "boom town" of the early days with American Indians, lumberjacks, ox and horse teams filling the town's streets. The town became a rail terminal and the docking point for large logging company steamers that transported logs from all points around the lake. Today Wahkon is home to approximately 209 residents.



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- Lake Mille Lacs is the 2nd largest inland lake only after Red Lake (Beltrami County, MN) at 132,500 acres.
- "Mille Lacs" has a French translation of "thousand lakes". While the Native Ojibwe called the lake "Misi-zaaga'igan" and Dakota Natives referred to it as "Bde Wakhan".
- For its size, it's relatively shallow. Normal depths range between 20 to 38 feet, with its deepest point being 42 feet.
- Lake Mille Lacs lies within 3 Minnesota Counties. Mille Lacs, Aitkin and Crow Wing.
- Lake Mille Lacs has many smaller (less than an acre) islands throughout. Most are privately owned.
- 2 of Lake Mille Lacs islands are America's smallest designated National Wildlife refuge. The .57 acres encompass both Spirit & Hennepin Island.
- The island's surfaces are very rocky, making them perfect nesting spots for native threatened birds like the common tern, ring-billed gulls, double crested cormorants and herring gulls.
- There are several species of fish within Lake Mille Lacs, with walleye being the most popular. Other species include, but are not limited to, northern pike, muskie, jumbo perch, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, burbot and tullibee.
- Lake Mille Lacs is Minnesota's favorite fishing lake due to the fish's natural ability to reproduce. Billions of walleye eggs and fry are produced each year.
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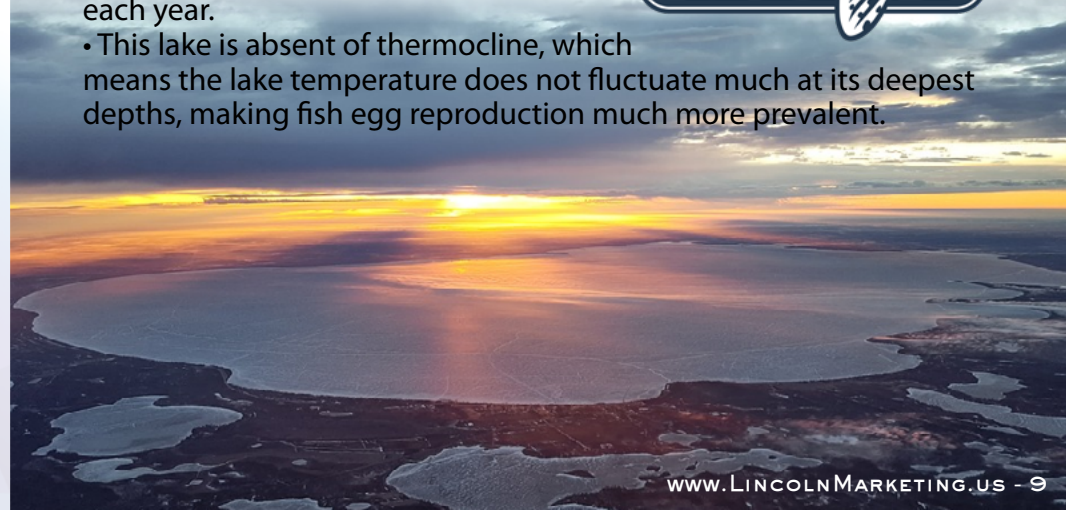
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**AITKIN (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 1,948

**HILL CITY** – pop. 610

**MCGRATH** – pop. 63

**MCGREGOR** – pop. 378

**PALISADE** – pop. 108

**TAMARACK** – pop. 54

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## AITKIN (COUNTY SEAT)

Aitkin was settled in 1870 as a railway station on the Great Northern Railway. The first settler was Nathaniel Tibbetts who arrived to the area in 1871 to stake land claims. Aitkin was then organized and named in honor of local fur trader William Alexander Aitkin. The community was selected as the county seat and a post office was established in 1872 with Tibbetts serving as the first postmaster. Aitkin was incorporated as a village in 1889 and has continued to develop. It is now recognized for its annual World Famous Fish House Parade showcasing fish houses from around the area. Today Aitkin is home to approximately 1,948 residents.

## HILL CITY

Originally home to loggers, Hill City was settled in 1900 and platted by the Hill City Realty Company. Early industry included manufacturing, lumbering and agriculture and a variety of businesses and hotels were established to meet the growing needs of the community. A post office was founded in 1901 and Hill City was incorporated as a village in 1911. Hill City's proximity to Hill Lake has made this area a popular destination for recreational enthusiasts and the community has continued to grow. Today Hill City is home to approximately 610 residents.

## MCGRATH

Located in Williams Township, McGrath was settled in 1895 by loggers and first recognized as Elmwood. In 1907 James McGrath, a local lumberman, donated 40 acres for a village site and the community was renamed in his honor. In 1908 a post office was established and businesses soon followed. Today McGrath is home to approximately 63 residents.

## MCGREGOR

McGregor was settled in the late 1880s as a railway village along the Soo Line Trail. In 1890 a post office was established and the community began to grow. Businesses were established and McGregor was incorporated as a village in 1903. Today McGregor is home to approximately 378 residents.

## PALISADE

Located in Logan Township, Palisade was named by the Soo Line Railroad due to the tall ridge of the Mississippi River. A post office was established in 1910 and the area began to grow with the development of businesses. Today Palisade is home to approximately 108 residents.

## TAMARACK

Settled in 1874, Tamarack began as a railway village and its first post office was established in 1898. Its name is derived from the tamarack trees cleared for tracks by the Great Northern Railway Company throughout the area. Tamarack was incorporated as a village in 1921 and has continued to thrive. Today Tamarack is home to approximately 54 residents.



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**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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## HUNTING

### Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area  
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

### Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide  
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas  
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas  
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas  
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

### Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone  
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25  
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

### Fox, Gray & Red

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

### Opossum

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

### Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide  
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

### Raccoon

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

### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

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

### Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide  
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

### Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

### Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide  
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide  
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide  
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide  
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide  
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide  
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

## TRAPPING

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### Lake Trout

01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

### Bullhead

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Burbot (eelpout)

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Channel Catfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Cisco (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Other

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Rock Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

### Flathead Catfish

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

### Largemouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

### Northern Pike

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Smallmouth Bass

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

### Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

### Largemouth Bass

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

Statewide except the northeast

### Smallmouth Bass

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

Statewide except the northeast

### Sturgeon - catch-and-release

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

### Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

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

Statewide except the northeast

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**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.

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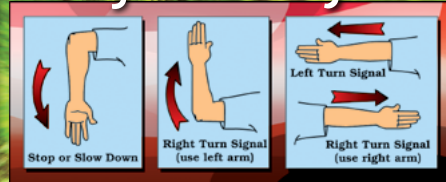
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# Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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

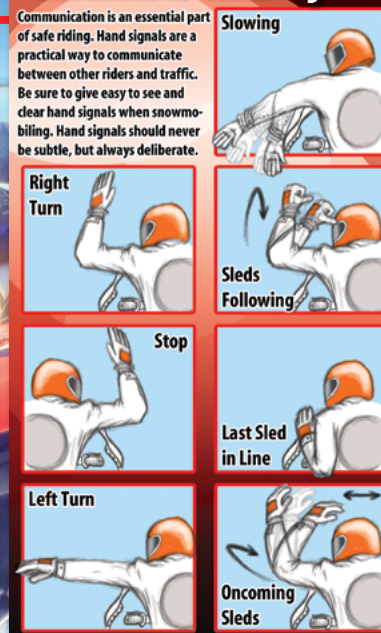
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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



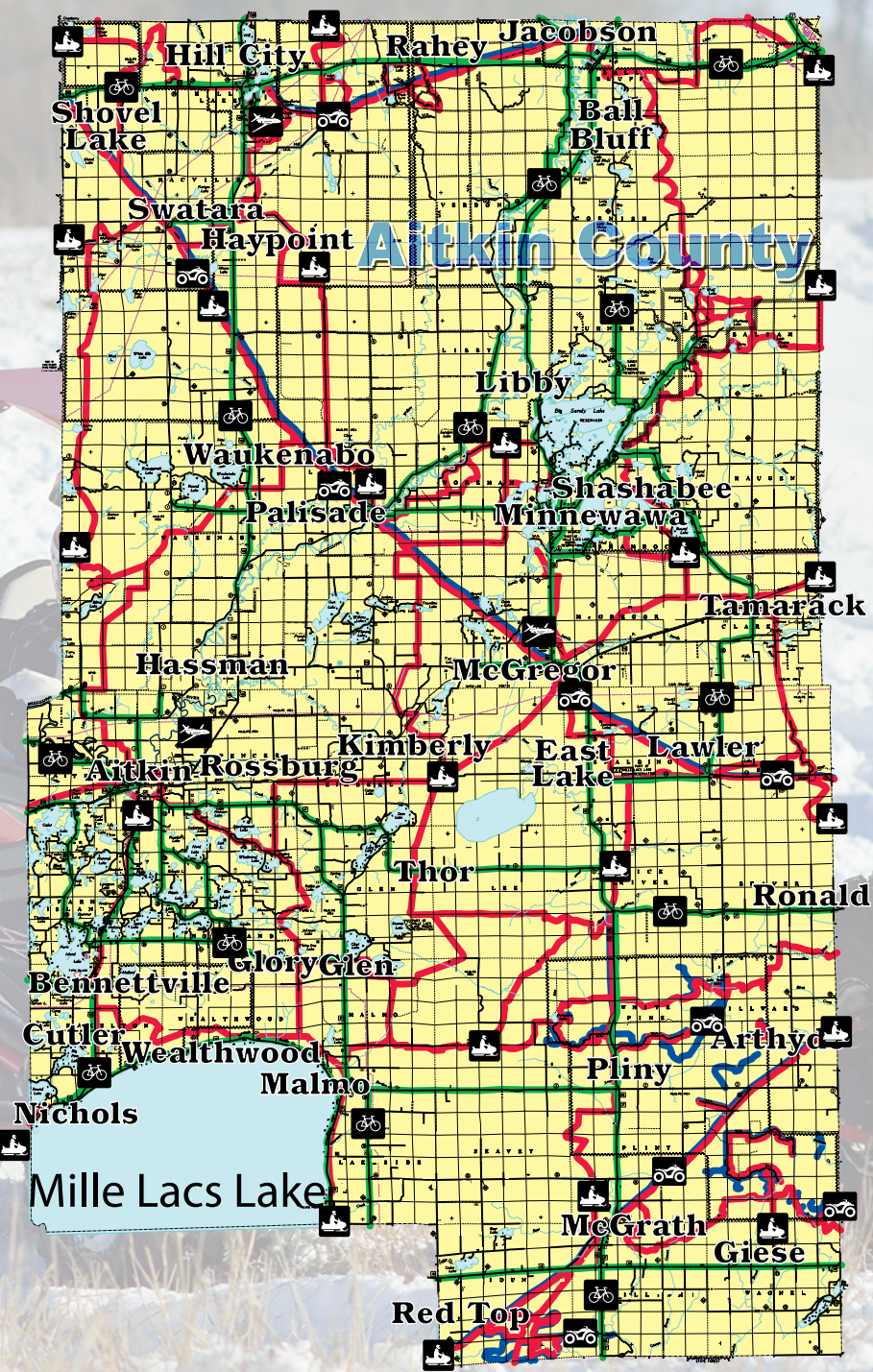
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Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.



# Aitkin County Trails

# Mille Lacs County Trails







**Get Active!!!**

Go Outside  
and Do  
**SOMETHING!**

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

Anything to get your heart rate up,  
and your blood flowing  
**you'll feel better**  
and it's good for your health!

-  Airport Locator
-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  Snowmobile Trail
-  ATV Trail



# 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

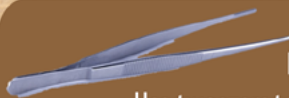
- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
- Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten

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!



# 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.





# HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

## 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

## 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.

Enjoy your delicious  
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN



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# Be smart...

## Take good care of your skin



*The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.*

### • Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

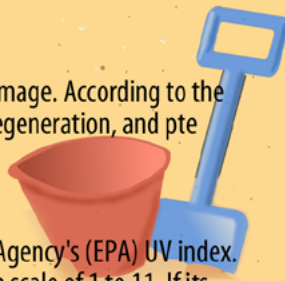
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

### • Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

### • UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If it's low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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