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# Local Area Events

## JANUARY

No events at the time of publication

## FEBRUARY

Hudson Hot Air Affair  
Fly Fishing Film Festival | River Falls  
Coldest Night of the Year Walk | River Falls  
Annual Cabin Fever Classic | New Richmond  
Bay City Bluff Busters Vintage Show & Ride | Hager City  
Bean Bag Tournament | Plum City

## MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Celebration | River Falls  
Pot O Gold Medallion Hunt & Potato Soup Cook-Off | River Falls  
Annual Garage Grinder 240 | River Falls

## APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch | Somerset, Hudson  
Relay for Life | River Falls  
Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews Festival | River Falls  
100 Miles of Little Town Thrift Sales | Ellsworth

## MAY

100 Mile Garage Sale | St. Croix County  
Sytende Mai | Woodville  
"UFFDA" Trail Run | Woodville  
River Falls Farmer's Market (May-Oct, Saturdays)  
House to House Garage Sale | New Richmond  
Good Neighbor Days | Roberts  
Spring Fling Business Expo | Ellsworth  
Park Art Fair | New Richmond

## JUNE

Ellsworth Cheese Curd Days  
June Bug Days | Baldwin  
Maiden Rock Summer Fest  
Concerts on the Lake (June-Aug) | Hudson  
Valley Wide Pride Fest | Hudson  
Windmill Days | Baldwin  
Clayton Cheese Days  
Truck Demo Derby | Ellsworth  
Somerset Pea Soup Days  
Clayton Tractor & Truck Pull

## JULY

4th of July Celebration | Wanderoos, Spring Valley, River Falls, Plum City  
Annual Beldenville Old Car Show & Swap Meet | Ellsworth  
Elmwood UFO Days  
Fun Fest | New Richmond  
Maiden Rock 4th of July Celebration & Parade  
Memory Days | Centuria  
Ren in the Glen | Glenwood  
River Falls Days  
St. Croix County Fair | Glenwood City  
St. Croix River Festival | Hudson  
Stockholm Art Fair  
Smoke N' Thunder by the Kinni | River Falls  
Booster Days | Hudson  
Rock Fest | Hager City  
Farm Tours | Area Wide  
Plum City Days  
Plum Lake FD Annual Chicken BBQ | Plum City

## AUGUST

Annual Apple River Car Show | Somerset  
Charles E. Lewis Day | Lewis  
Corn Fest | New Richmond  
Hammond Heartland Days  
Pepper Fest | North Hudson  
Pierce County Fair | Ellsworth  
St. Croix County Farm City Day  
Star Prairie Ox Cart Days  
Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day | Hudson  
Jazz Summit | Prescott  
Classic Cars, Trucks & Tractors in the Park | Roberts  
Maiden Rock Party in the Park  
Annual Roberts Lake Fisheree | Roberts

## SEPTEMBER

Art on the Kinni | River Falls  
Autumn Trek Bicycle Tour | River Falls  
Falcon Frontier Days | River Falls  
Fall Woodland Colors (through Oct.) | Prescott, River Falls  
Heritage Days | New Richmond  
Prescott Daze  
Spring Valley Dam Days

## SEPTEMBER (CONTD)

The River Road Hwy. 87 Ramble | Cushing  
Bacon Bash | River Falls  
Kinni River Trout Trot 20 Mile & 5K | River Falls  
Gobbler's Gallop 5K/1K Family Run/Walk | Ellsworth  
Chili Fest | Baldwin, Woodville

## OCTOBER

Annual Trunk or Treat | Somerset, Hudson  
Community Trick or Treat | Somerset, Ellsworth  
Downtown Trick or Treat | New Richmond  
Hilltop Pumpkin Party | Hudson  
Halloween on 3rd Street | Hudson  
The Official Halloween Bar Crawl | Hudson  
Rotary Halloween Parade | Hudson  
Midwest Market | Woodville

## NOVEMBER

Christmas Tour of Homes | Hudson  
Light Up Hudson  
River Dazzle (Nov-Dec) | River Falls  
Sam's Christmas Village & Light Tour (Nov-Jan) | Somerset

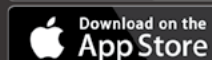
## DECEMBER

Christmas Parade | New Richmond  
Candle Light Stroll | Hudson  
Menorah Lighting | Baldwin  
Santa & His Critters | Hudson  
Hometown Holiday | New Richmond  
Horse Parade | Woodville

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Pierce County was originally part of St. Croix County until 1853. The area was first settled in 1827 by military officers, led by Philander Prescott. Because of high land prices, initial growth was slow. Early industry was based on timber and agriculture, with many mills located along river banks. Ellsworth was selected as the county seat in 1861 and as the railroad arrived, Pierce County continued to develop. Communities were established near former lumber camps and the area continued to attract new residents. Today Pierce County is home to approximately 40,254 residents.

**BAY CITY** – pop. 489  
**CLIFTON** – pop. 1,799  
**DIAMOND BLUFF** – pop. 501  
**EL PASO** – pop. 813  
**ELLSWORTH (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 3,284  
**ELMWOOD** – pop. 799  
**GILMAN** – pop. 891  
**HARTLAND** – pop. 840  
**ISABELLE** – pop. 322  
**MAIDEN ROCK** – pop. 695  
**MARTELL** – pop. 1,196  
**OAK GROVE** – pop. 1,622

**PLUM CITY** – pop. 570  
**PRESCOTT** – pop. 4,020  
**RIVER FALLS** – pop. 15,000  
**ROCK ELM** – pop. 605  
**SALEM** – pop. 609  
**SPRING LAKE** – pop. 652  
**SPRING VALLEY** – pop. 1,310  
**TRENTON** – pop. 1,853  
**TRIMBELLE** – pop. 1,641  
**UNION** – pop. 725

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## BAY CITY

Originally named Saratoga, Bay City was settled in 1855 on the property of A.C. Morton. When the community was replatted in 1886, it was renamed Bay City. Due to its proximity to the Mississippi River, early industry involved fishing, pearl harvesting and timber milling. Bay City was incorporated in 1909 with Roy W. Tucker serving as its first president. Today Bay City is home to approximately 489 residents.

## ELLSWORTH (COUNTY SEAT)

First settled in the 1850s by Anthony Huddleston, Ellsworth was named in honor of Civil War Colonel, Elmer E. Ellsworth. First known as Perry, Ellsworth was platted in 1862. Businesses were established and the community was incorporated in 1887. After securing the county seat, the courthouse was designed after the Wisconsin State Capitol building. It has since been widely recognized as, “the Cheese Curd Capitol of Wisconsin.” Today Ellsworth is home to approximately 3,284 residents.

## ELMWOOD

Settlers began arriving to the Elmwood area in the 1870s. The first mill was built along Cady Creek and logging camps were scattered throughout. Elmwood was incorporated in 1905 and as the logging industry slowed, residents turned to farming and agriculture. With UFO sightings in the 1970s, Elmwood was widely recognized as, “the UFO Capitol of the World”. Today Elmwood is home to approximately 799 residents.

## EL PASO

El Paso was established in 1859 with the first meeting held in G.P. Walker’s home. Construction of a schoolhouse attracted new residents, but due to difficulty building roads, growth in El Paso was slow. Today El Paso is home to approximately 813 residents.

## GILMAN

Named in honor of Sallie Gilman, wife of the President of the Northwestern Lumber Company, Gilman began as a logging camp in the 1850s. City streets were named after Sallie’s children and as the railroad arrived, Gilman began to grow. Today Gilman is home to approximately 891 residents.

## HARTLAND

Hartland was settled by Sylvanus Warren in 1837 and the community was first named Warren in his honor. By 1845 Hartland was home to several mills, a racetrack, baseball diamond, inns and resorts. The post office was established in 1846 with William Clark serving as the area’s first postmaster. As the railroad arrived, the community was renamed Hartland and was incorporated in 1892. Today Hartland is home to approximately 840 residents.



## MAIDEN ROCK

First known as Harrisburg, Maiden Rock was settled in 1854 by John D. Trumbull and Albert Harris. By 1857 Maiden Rock housed general stores, a boarding house, school and church. The community continued to thrive and by 1900 there was an opera house, doctors, dentists, machinery dealers, lumberyards and a variety of specialty shops. Today Maiden Rock is home to approximately 695 residents.

## OAK GROVE

Once part of Clifton, Oak Grove was settled in 1848. Due to its location, flour mills and lumber mills were established along the river. By 1880, the town housed seven schools, three churches and a post office. Today Oak Grove is home to approximately 1,622 residents.

## PLUM CITY

Settled in 1856 by the Moser family, Plum City was named after wild plum trees found throughout the area. Attracted to the pristine landscape and ample wildlife, a variety of settlers arrived and established homes along Plum Creek. Today Plum City is home to approximately 570 residents.

## PRESCOTT

The Prescott area was settled in 1840 and the community was named in honor of Philander Prescott, army agent. Due to its prime location, Prescott became a shipping and trading center. Supplies, products and passengers were easily transported along the river. Its population had reached 1,138 by 1870 and the area continued to grow. Today Prescott is home to approximately 4,020 residents.

## RIVER FALLS

Joel Foster was the first settler to arrive to the River Falls area in 1848. The location of River Falls was ideal for milling and flour mills and sawmills lined the shores. By 1860 there were general stores, blacksmith shops and specialty shops and a college preparatory school. With construction of the railroad in 1890, River Falls continued to develop rapidly. Today River Falls is home to approximately 15,000 residents.

## SPRING VALLEY

Spring Valley was settled in 1857 by lumbermen and logging crews. As iron ore was discovered in 1891, Spring Valley began to thrive. Businesses, entertainment and housing were established to meet the needs of the miners. In 1895 the community was incorporated and its population reached 1,000. Today Spring Valley is home to approximately 1,310 residents.

# CHEESE CURD FESTIVAL

Since it is pretty commonly known that the beautiful state of Wisconsin is famous for cheese, then it's only fitting that a village within, is the CHEESE CURD CAPITAL! In 1984, the Governor granted the title to Ellsworth.

Typically held the last weekend in June (which also happens to be Dairy Month), they host the Cheese Curd Festival. Located at Ellsworth East End park, thousands of pounds of cheese curds, with over 20 varieties of dishes made, INCLUDING desert curds to "Rival the mini donut". Come with an empty stomach, as the makers, crafters & cooks will happily guide you through the choices of curds, as well as the variety of dipping sauces, to ensure a unique experience. Rest assured, cheese curds aren't the only food item on the menu. You will find "Sconnie BBQ", craft beers, local wines, hard cider as well as real dairy ice cream. There is even a milk and cookie pairing and with plenty of food trucks, you have a great variety of choices other than cheese curds. So, between the cheese curd eating contest, live music performed by local artists and classic cars, you and the family are bound to have a great time.

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*I*n 1840, the first settlement in the area was located at the mouth of the Willow River. The land was settled by Louis Massey and Peter Bouchea. The legislature of Wisconsin created the county of St. Croix that same year and named it after the St. Croix River. By 1849, resident Moses Perrin opened a boarding house in what is now the city of Hudson. The United States Land Office was established in Hudson in 1849, which helped increase the population and the community was selected as the county seat. The primary industry for the area was farming and in 1881, wheat had become the main crop. Today St. Croix County is home to approximately 63,155 residents.

**BALDWIN** – pop. 2,667

**CADY** – pop. 710

**CYLON** – pop. 629

**DEER PARK** – pop. 227

**EAU GALLE** – pop. 882

**EMERALD** – pop. 691

**ERIN PRAIRIE** – pop. 658

**FOREST** – pop. 590

**GLENWOOD CITY** – pop. 1,183

**HAMMOND** – pop. 1,153

**HUDSON (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 12,719

**KINNICKINNIC** – pop. 1,400

**NEW RICHMOND** – pop. 8,679

**NORTH HUDSON** – pop. 3,463

**PLEASANT VALLEY** – pop. 430

**RICHMOND** – pop. 1,556

**ROBERTS** – pop. 969

**RUSH RIVER** – pop. 498

**SOMERSET** – pop. 2,674

**SPRINGFIELD** – pop. 808

**ST. JOSEPH** – pop. 3,436

**STANTON** – pop. 1,003

**STAR PRAIRIE** – pop. 2,944

**TROY** – pop. 3,661

**WARREN** – pop. 1,320

**WILSON** – pop. 176

**WOODVILLE** – pop. 1,104

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## BALDWIN

Founded by Dana Reed Bailey, Baldwin was originally known as Clarkesville. Flour mills and saw-mills were built near the river and in 1871 the railroad arrived. The community was renamed Baldwin after the West Wisconsin Railroad president, D.A. Baldwin. Today Baldwin is home to approximately 2,667 residents.

## GLENWOOD CITY

Settled in 1880, Glenwood City was named after the nearby ample forests. As the railroad arrived in 1885, Glenwood City began to grow and lumber mills were established. By 1890, Glenwood City was the major trading center of the St. Croix River Valley. As timber resources were exhausted, agriculture dominated industry. Today Glenwood City is home to approximately 1,183 residents.

## HAMMOND

Settled in 1855, Hammond was named in honor of early developer R.B. Hammond. The community was platted in 1857 and the area began to grow. With the advent of the railroad, more settlers arrived to Hammond and businesses were established. Today Hammond is home to approximately 1,153 residents.

## HUDSON (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1840, Hudson was founded by Louis Massey and Peter Bouchea. They set up a community near the mouth of the Willow River, of which it was also named. In 1848, the name was changed to Buena Vista - a name that better suited the area's beautiful views. People were drawn to the area for its lumber industry, which was the foremost industry at the time. In 1852 the first mayor, A.D. Gray, petitioned to change the city's name to Hudson, as many travelers noticed the resemblance of the St. Croix River to the Hudson River in New York. The railroad came to Hudson in 1871 and helped increase the population dramatically. Today Hudson is the county seat of St. Croix County and is home to approximately 12,719 residents.

## KINNICKINNIC

Founded in the mid 1800s, settlers were attracted to the rivers, streams and pastures of the Kinnickinnic area. The community is named after the Indian word Kinnickinnic, meaning what is mixed as a tobacco substitute. As the railroad was built, Kinnickinnic began to grow. Today Kinnickinnic is home to approximately 1,400 residents.



# St. Croix County History

## NEW RICHMOND

New Richmond was founded in 1857 and was named after Richmond Day who surveyed the community. By 1880 many businesses had been established and in 1899 a deadly tornado almost destroyed the town, wiping out entire blocks. Within five months, most of the community was rebuilt. Today New Richmond is home to approximately 8,679 residents.

## SOMERSET

Joseph and Louis Parent, who were French-Canadian explorers, came to the St. Croix area in 1850 looking to homestead. They established their settlement on the bluffs above the mouth of the Apple River. Since potatoes grew well here, the spot was named La Pointe de la Pomme de Terre, which translates to point of the apples of the earth. Settlers Samuel and Hud Harriman arrived at the Apple River in 1856. They founded a mill, store and logging empire. Since the area closest to the St. Croix was already settled, they settled north where they built a dam for a mill. They platted a village and named it Somerset in honor of their father's birthplace, Somerset County, England. In 1856, the community became established as a township. Today Somerset is home to approximately 2,674 residents.

## WOODVILLE

Named for the dense woods occupying the area, Woodville was first settled in 1870 by J. M. S. Anderson. Anderson built the first sawmill and the railroad arrived soon after in 1872. Anderson was also the community's first postmaster, establishing a post office in 1875. By 1907, a restaurant, butcher and specialty shops were built and incorporation followed in 1911. Today Woodville is home to approximately 1,104 residents.

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Located on 150 acres, Eau Galle Resort features a beach, two boat launches, campground, foot and equestrian trails. Facilities include picnic areas, playgrounds, volleyball courts, grills and a bait shop.

## EVERTS RESORT & CAMPGROUND

N1705 860th St. | Hager City | (715) 792-2333  
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## FREEDOM PARK

200 Monroe St. | Prescott | (715)-262-0104  
Freedom Park features views of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers and is home to a farmer's market, changing artist exhibitions, and educational programs. Facilities include a reservable indoor multipurpose room, covered pavillion, covered gazebo, reservable amphitheater, visitor's center and children's play area.

## GAS-LITE CAMPGROUNDS

8941 US-10  
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Gas-Lite Campgrounds features excellent trout fishing and primitive campsites. Facilities include a softball diamond, playground, picnic shelters and grills.

## GLEN HILLS PARK

1049 Rustic Rd. 3 | Glenwood City | (715) 381-4440  
Located on 700 acres near Glen Lake, Glen Hills Park features a dam, campground, golf course, boat launch with fishing pier, hiking trails, picnic shelters, playground equipment, canoe and boat rentals and a swimming beach.

## HIGHLAND RIDGE CAMPGROUND

N2100 Dugan Rd. | Spring Valley | (715) 778-5562  
Highland Ridge Campground features campsites, tent sites, hiking and equestrian trails, cross country skiing and nature programs. Facilities include playground, picnic areas and Interpretive Center.

## HOFFMAN PARK

547 Hanson Dr. | River Falls | (715) 425-0924  
Hoffman Park features camping sites for camper trailers, motor homes and tents. Facilities include two ice rinks and a warming house.

## HOMESTEAD PARKLANDS COUNTY PARK

550 Perch Lake Rd. | Hudson | (715) 381-4437  
Located near Perch Lake, Homestead Park features a handicap accessible fishing pier, hiking trails, picnic areas, playground equipment, visitor center, canoe and boat rentals and scuba-diving facilities.



## KINNICKINNIC COUNTY FOREST

1335 Evergreen Dr. | River Falls  
Located on 80 acres, the Kinnickinnic County Forest features hiking trails and is open for hunting.

## KINNICKINNIC STATE PARK

W11983 820th Ave. | River Falls | (715) 425-1129  
Located on 1,242 acres of wooded land, Kinnickinnic State Park features hiking trails, camping and boat camping, trout fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and an overlook of the valley. Facilities include picnic areas and swimming beach.

## MERCORD MILL PARK

101 Front St. S | Prescott | (715) 262-5544  
In 1852, Mercord Mill Park was the site of a sawmill and later utilized as a flour mill. Visitors can enjoy views of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers. Facilities include picnic tables, grills and a boat landing.

## NUGGET LAKE COUNTY PARK

N4351 County Rd. HH | Plum City | (715) 639-5611  
Located on 752 acres of semi-wilderness, Nugget Lake County Park features modern campsites, hiking trails, excellent year round fishing, cross country skiing and nature programs. Facilities include two playgrounds, horseshoe pits, picnic area, dock and boat launch, canoe/boat/kayak rentals, cabins and bait shop.

## PINE LAKE PARK

2056 120th Ave. | Baldwin  
Located on 7 acres near Pine Lake, Pine Lake Park features a boat launch with fishing pier and a picnic shelter with grills.

## STANTON COUNTY FOREST

2375 185th St. | Deer Park | (715) 531-1923  
Located on 40 acres, the Stanton County Forest features hiking trails and is open for hunting.

## TROY BEACH COUNTY PARK

490 County Rd. F | Hudson | (715) 531-1923  
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## SPRING POND PARK

500 Main St. | Plum City | (715) 647-2612  
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## WILLOW RIVER STATE PARK

1034 Co. Hwy. A | Hudson | (715) 386-5931  
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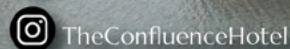
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# FISHING SEASONS



**2025-2026 FISHING SEASON DATES**  
(Effective Date: April 1, 2025; Dates Inclusive)

<b>Early Inland Trout</b> (catch and release) January 4, 2025 (5 a.m.) - May 2, 2025	<b>Musky Southern Zone Harvest</b> May 3, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025
<b>General Inland Trout</b> May 3, 2025 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15, 2025	<b>Northern Pike</b> May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026
<b>General Inland Fishing</b> May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026	<b>Walleye</b> May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026
<b>Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest</b> May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026	<b>Lake Sturgeon</b> Feb. 8 - Feb. 23 (Winnebago System spearing) Sept. 6 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)
<b>Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest</b> June 21, 2025 - March 1, 2026	<b>Free Fishing Weekends</b> June 7-8, 2025 Jan. 17-18, 2026
<b>Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest</b> May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026	<i>*Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates: 1 (888) 936-7463 <a href="https://dnr.wisconsin.gov">https://dnr.wisconsin.gov</a> or scan the QR code.</i>
<b>Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release</b> At all other times of the year.	
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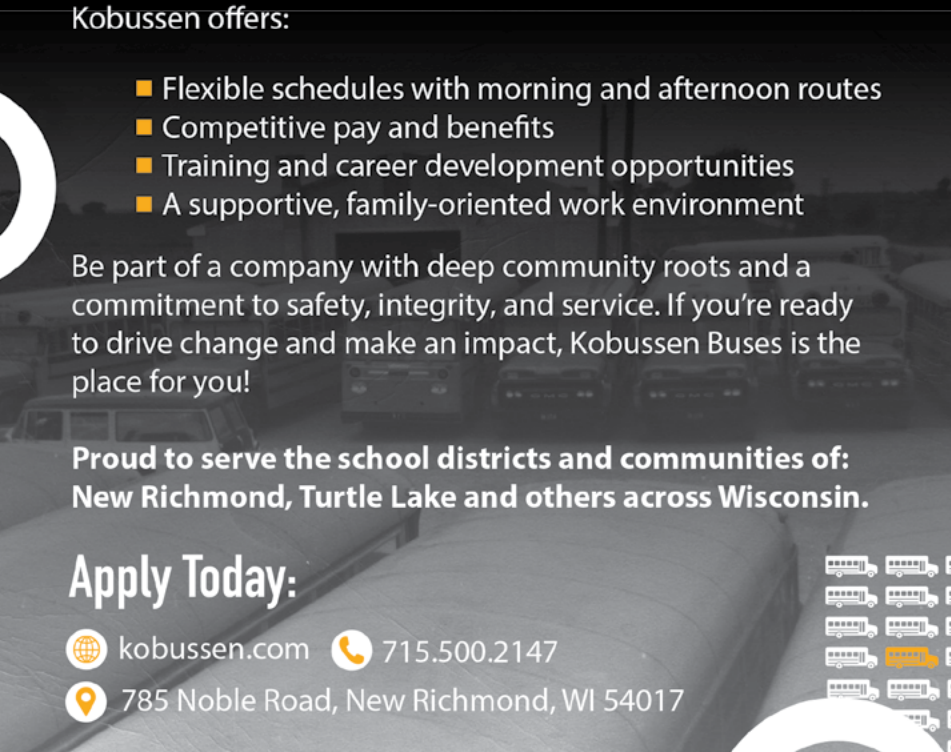

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## DEER

### Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

### Archery and Crossbow \*Metro Sub-units only\*

Sept. 13 – Jan. 31, 2026

**Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities:** This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 4 – 12

**Youth deer hunt** ~ Oct. 11 – 12

**Gun** ~ Nov. 22 – 30

**Muzzleloader** ~ Dec. 1 – 10

**December 4-day antlerless hunt** ~

Dec. 11 – 14

**Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt** ~

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2026\*

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

## BEAR

**Zones A, B, D:** where dogs are permitted

Sept. 3 – 9

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 10 – 30

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Oct. 1 – 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

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

Sept. 3 – Oct. 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs



## SMALL MAMMALS

### Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

Southern zone ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2026

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

### Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

## GAME BIRDS

### Crow

Statewide Nov. 22 – March 25, 2026

### Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

### Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 10

### Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

Zone B ~ Oct. 18 – Dec. 8

**Sharp-tailed grouse** ~ Season is under review.

### Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

## FURBEARERS

### Coyote

Hunting ~ Year-round

Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

### Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

### Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone B (northeast) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone C (south) Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

Zone D (Mississippi River) Dec. 8 – March 15, 2026

### Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone Oct. 18 – April 15, 2026

Central Zone Oct. 25 – March 22, 2026

Southern Zone Nov. 1 – March 15, 2026

Mississippi River zone Nov. 10 – March 8, 2026

### Bobcat

Trapping

North & South zones, Period 1, Oct. 18 – Dec. 25

North & South zones, Period 2, Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2026

## Fisher

Trapping

North and South Zones Oct. 18 – Jan. 4, 2026

## Otter

Trapping

North zone Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

South zone Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

## Raccoon

Trapping

Resident Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Nonresident Nov. 1 – Feb. 15, 2026

## Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck

~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

## WILD TURKEY

2025 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 12 – 13

Spring 2025

Period A April 16 – 22

Period B April 23 – 29

Period C April 30– May 6

Period D May 7–13

Period E May 14– 20

Period F May 21 – 27

Fall 2025

Statewide Sept. 13 – Nov. 21

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 22 – Jan. 4, 2026



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







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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.

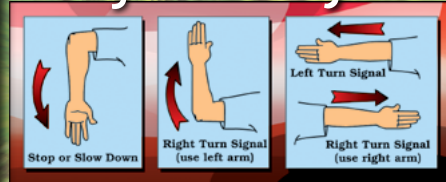
**Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.**



## Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

### Bicycle Hand Signals



## Drink lots of Water!



## Know Your ATV

### Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands. • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

# SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman.
- Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

### Snowmobile Hand Signals

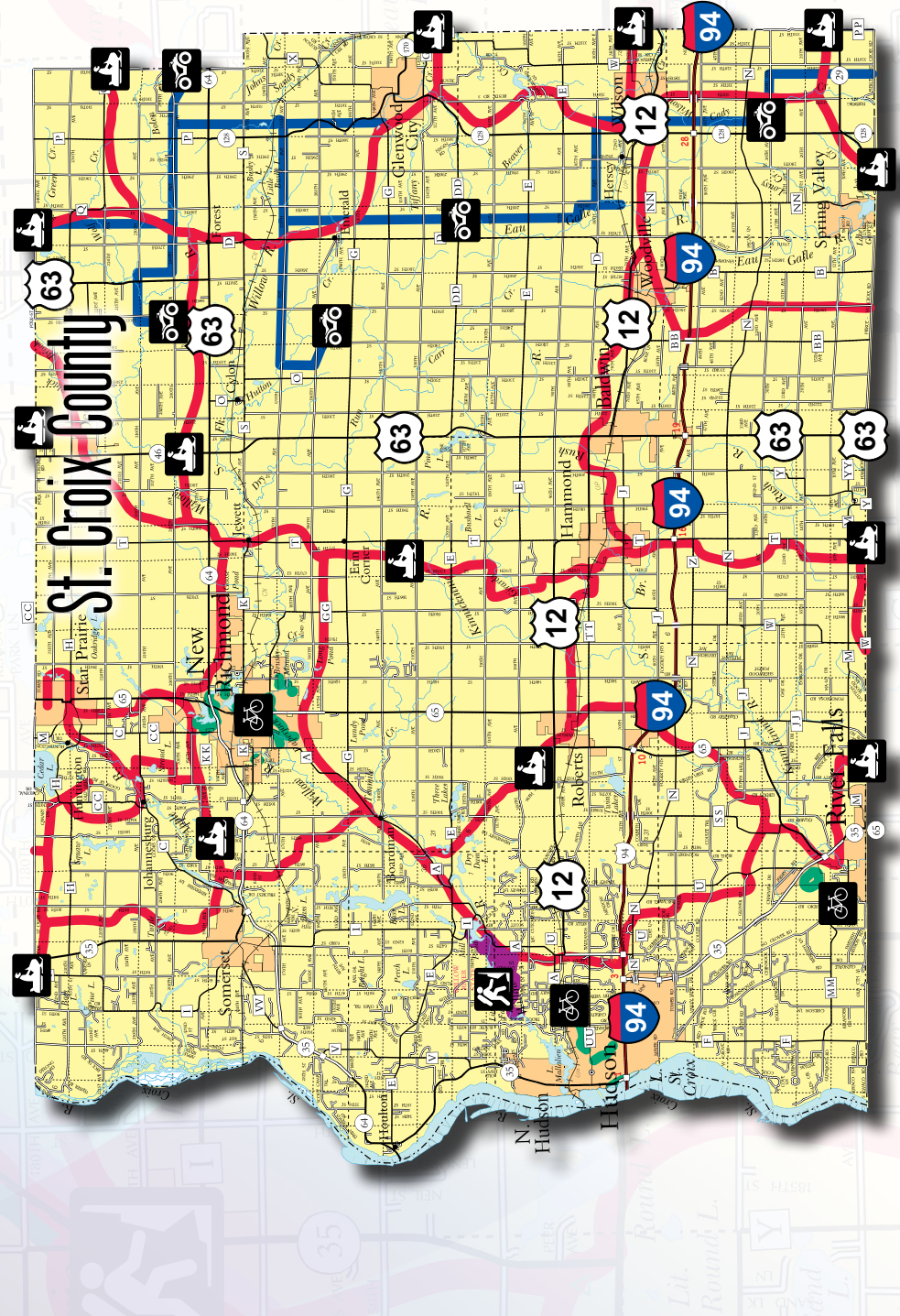
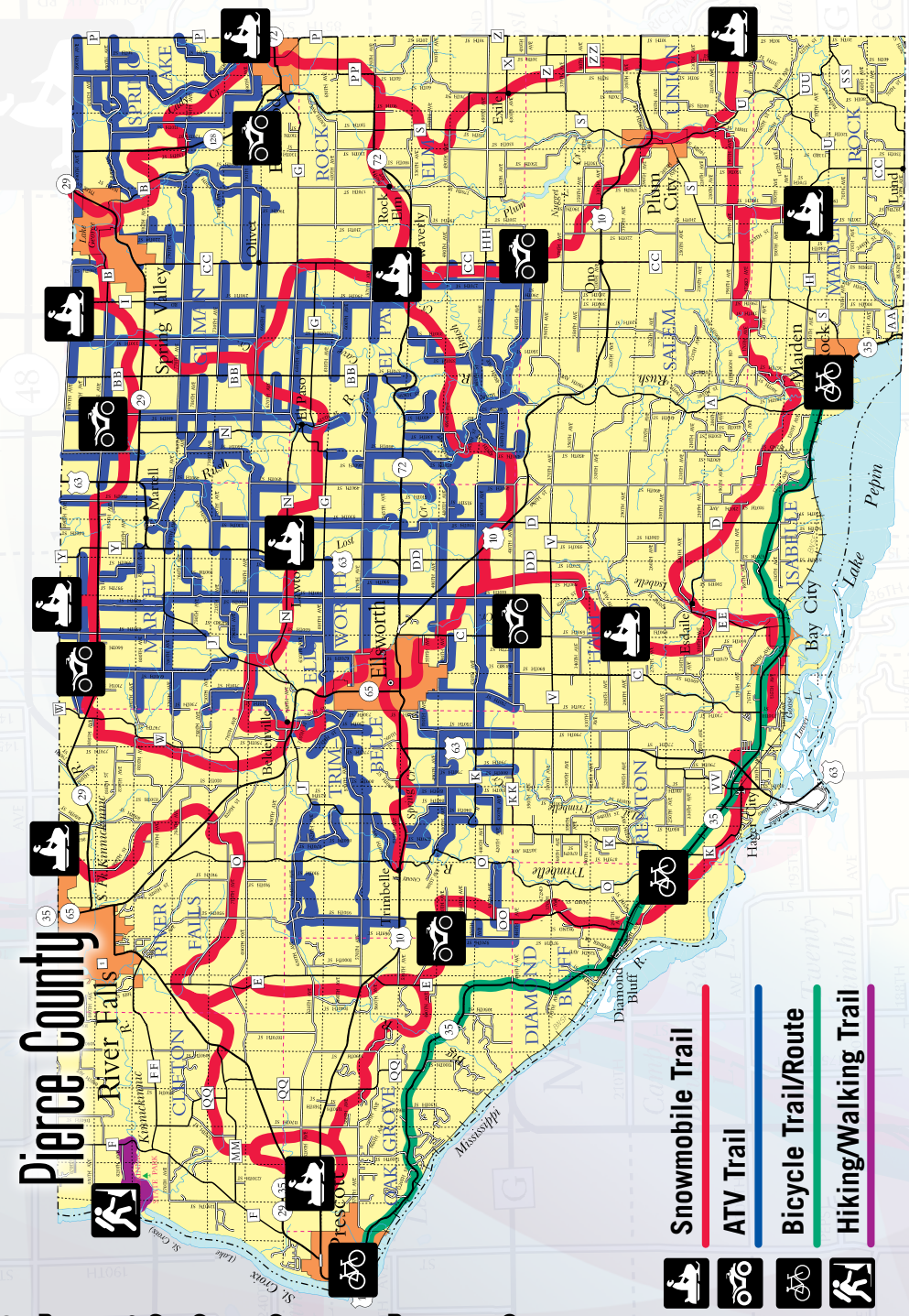
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



**PRIVATE PROPERTY**  
**NO TRESPASSING**

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









# Little Free Library

## *Spreading the word: How the movement gained traction*

The Little Free Library movement began as a simple yet profound idea: to promote literacy and foster a sense of community through the sharing of books. Its roots can be traced back to Hudson, Wisconsin, where the concept was born in 2009 when Todd Bol built the first Little Free Library as a tribute to his mother, a teacher and avid reader. But what started as a humble wooden box filled with books in Bol's front yard quickly grew into a global phenomenon, and spreading the word became the catalyst for its exponential growth.

As news of Bol's initiative spread through local media, community enthusiasm began to swell. The charm of the Little Free Library—encouraging neighbors to take a book, leave a book—captured the hearts of many, inspiring them to build their own miniature libraries. Social media played a pivotal role in this grassroots movement, with photos of creatively designed libraries and stories of shared literacy experiences circulating widely. Each post added to the growing tapestry of the movement, showcasing the diverse ways communities adapted the idea to their unique contexts.

Word-of-mouth also proved to be a powerful tool in spreading the movement. Neighbors would share their newfound treasures with friends, families would make excursions to discover local libraries, and children would delight in the simple joy of selecting their next read. Community events such as book swaps and literacy festivals began to pop up, further amplifying the message of sharing and collaboration. In 2012, the Little Free Library organization was formed, providing resources, support, and a unified brand that enhanced visibility. The organization created a vibrant online community, allowing library stewards to connect, share ideas, and inspire one another. They also introduced a map to help people locate Little Free Libraries near them, making the experience of discovery even more accessible.

Today, the movement boasts over 100,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide, each one a testament to the power of an idea born in Hudson, WI. Through community engagement, social media, and a commitment to fostering a love for reading, the Little Free Library movement has transformed countless neighborhoods into vibrant hubs of literary exchange, proving that sometimes the simplest ideas can have the most profound impact. Visit the website at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).



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# Barbecue

## BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

## BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



# BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.
- 2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.
- 3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.
- 5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.
- 6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.
- 7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.
- 8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.
- 9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.
- 10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

## INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

*Enjoy your delicious  
buttered-up steak!*

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



# Travel

Choosing the  
*perfect*  
destination

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

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

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

#### Plan:

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

#### Protect:

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

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