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Red Lake County



Polk County



Pennington County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Lions Club Ice Fishing Tournament | Lake Bronson
Strathcona Snowmobile Races | Strathcona
K of C Fishing Derby | Thief River Falls
SNO MO Days | Twin Valley
Ice Buster Daze | Crookston
Winterfest | Thief River Falls
Annual Greenway Ski Day | Grand Forks
Red River Sled Dog Derby | Halsted

MARCH

Ice Show | Thief River Falls
Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Show | Grand Forks
Home & Design & Garden Show | Grand Forks
Feast of Nations | Grand Forks
Sanford Triathlon | Thief River Falls

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Thief River Falls
Prime Steel Car Show | Grand Forks
Home, Sport & Family Show | Thief River Falls
Annual Smelt Fry | Borup

MAY

Halma & Lake Bronson Memorial Day Service | Halma
Annual NoDak Highland Games | Grand Forks
Red River Valley Motorcycle Show | Grand Forks
Community Rummage Sale | McIntosh

JUNE

Take a Kid Fishing Day | Erskine
Gary Days | Gary
Farm Fest | Tabor
Heritage Days | Lancaster
City Wide Rummage Sales | Newfolden
Summer Musical | Crookston
Crookston Farmers Market
Grand Cities Art Fest | East Grand Forks
Lions Fish Fry | Winger
Grand Forks County Fair | Grand Forks
Rhubarb Festival | Grand Forks

JUNE (CONTD.)

Red Lake County Fair | Oklee
TRF Dakota Clinic Triathlon | Thief River Falls
Fosston Farmers' Market (June-Sept.)
Mentor Farmers' Market (June-Sept.)
Wannaska Summerfest (June-July)
Bountiful Harvest | Thief River Falls (June-July)

JULY

Polk County Fair | Fertile
Crazy Days | Fosston
Frog Fest | Halma
Summerfest | Red Lake Falls
Town & Country Days | Twin Valley
4th of July Celebration | Mentor, Trail
Pennington County Fair | Thief River Falls
Thunder on Hooves Bullride | Thief River Falls
Sertoma 4th of July Celebration | East Grand Forks, Grand Forks
Cats Incredible Catfishing Tournament | East Grand Forks
Water Carnival | Erskine
RiverFest | Thief River Falls (July-Aug.)

AUGUST

Ox Cart Days | Crookston
Classic Cruiser's Run to the Park | Crookston
Heritage Days | Grand Forks, Fosston
Annual Ride Against Youth Suicide | Red Lake
Downtown Street Fair | Grand Forks
FlomFest | Flom
Antique Tractor Parade | McIntosh
Classic Car Show | Fosston
Oklee Market Day

SEPTEMBER

Blast to Brooks | Brooks
Badger Fall Festival | Badger
Northland Threshing Bee | Strathcona
Wild West Hoe Down | Fertile
Potato Bowl | Grand Forks
Greenway Takeover Festival | Grand Forks

OCTOBER

Arts & Crafts Show | East Grand Forks
Trick or Treat Halloween Party | Thief River Falls
Harvest Festival | Crookston
Haunted Trails | Fertile
Potato Days | Williams
Red River Valley Arts & Craft Show | Crookston

NOVEMBER

Christmas Craft Show | Crookston
Holiday Craft Fair | Thief River Falls
Craft Show | Fosston
Christmas in the Park | Grand Forks
Autumn Art Auction | Grand Forks
Dakota Holiday Showcase | Grand Forks
HollyDazzle Festival of Lights | Grand Forks
Annual Twin Valley Fish House Festival & Moonshiners Supper | Twin Valley
Holiday Craft & Gift Show | Fertile
Festival of Trees | Grand Forks (Nov.-Dec.)

DECEMBER

Winter Wonderland | Crookston
First Night | East Grand Forks
Magical Holiday Craft Show | Erskine
Tree Walk for Hospice | Thief River Falls
Heritage Village Christmas Festival | East Grand Forks
Santa Day | Fertile, Red Lake Falls
WinterFest | Tabor
Holly Dazzle Lighting Event | Red Lake Falls

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Polk County was originally inhabited by Dakota and Chippewa Indians until a treaty was signed in 1863, opening land for settlement. The original boundaries for Polk County were set in 1858 and formerly included land of present day Clearwater, Pennington, Becker, Red Lake, Mahnomen, Clay, Beltrami, Norman and Marshall Counties. The area began to develop upon railroad construction and Crookston was selected as the county seat. In 1896 its boundaries were reset and again, in 1910 to its present location. By 1920 its population had reached 36,019 and the area has continued to develop. Today Polk County is home to approximately 30,776 residents.

BELTRAMI – pop. 91

CLIMAX – pop. 235

CROOKSTON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 7,869

EAST GRAND FORKS – pop. 7,849

ERSKINE – pop. 402

FERTILE – pop. 840

FISHER – pop. 402

FOSSTON – pop. 1,468

GULLY – pop. 77

LENGBY – pop. 76

MCINTOSH – pop. 603

MENTOR – pop. 140

NIELSVILLE – pop. 86

TRAIL – pop. 61

WINGER – pop. 196

**Populations are approximate.*

BELTRAMI

Beltrami was settled in 1870 and named in honor of the Italian explorer, Giacomo Constantino Beltrami, who explored the area in 1823. A post office was established in 1878 with Isaac W. Webb serving as the first postmaster. As the railroad was established in 1885 Beltrami continued to grow and the community was incorporated in 1901. Today Beltrami is home to approximately 91 residents.

CLIMAX

Climax was established in the 1880s and its name was derived from the Greek word for ladder or staircase. By 1897 the community was incorporated and housed a post office, mills, bank and specialty shops. As the railroad arrived in 1896, the community was moved one and a half miles southwest to its present location. Today Climax is home to approximately 235 residents.

CROOKSTON (COUNTY SEAT)

Crookston was first settled in 1872 and named in honor of railroad engineer, soldier and politician Colonel William Crooks. The area quickly became a trade and manufacturing center due to its proximity to eight different railroad lines and Crookston was selected as the county seat. By 1879 the community was incorporated and housed a variety of businesses including the county jail. The area continued to develop and in 1895 the University of Minnesota Crookston was established as an agricultural high school, now boasting over 1,300 students and a diverse curriculum. Today Crookston is home to approximately 7,869 residents.

EAST GRAND FORKS

East Grand Forks was established after the Civil War and the area began as a trade and transportation center. It was first recognized as Nashville until 1883 when it was renamed East Grand Forks and the community was incorporated in 1887. Railroad development sparked growth and its proximity to the Red River attracted many settlers. The area has witnessed several devastating floods throughout its history, but residents have rebuilt resiliently. Today East Grand Forks is home to approximately 7,849 residents.

ERSKINE

Attracted to the fertile soil and access to water, Erskine was settled in 1889 and a post office was established that same year. The community was named in honor of John Q. Erskine who platted the local streets and by 1900, housed several grain elevators, mills and a general store. In 1917 Erskine was incorporated and the area has continued to thrive. Today Erskine is home to approximately 402 residents.

FERTILE

Fertile was founded in 1879 and named after Fertile, Iowa, from which many settlers originated. The first post office was established in 1881 with John S. LaDue serving as postmaster. Streets were platted by James and Caroline Holmes in 1887 and the community was incorporated the following year. Today Fertile is home to approximately 840 residents.

FISHER

Located near the Red Lake River, Fisher was originally recognized as Shirt-Tail Bend. As a post office was established in 1874, the community was renamed Fisher's Landing in honor of William H. Fisher, attorney and railroad president. As rail lines were constructed in 1878, the area continued to grow and was again renamed to its present name, Fisher. In 1881 Fisher was incorporated and the community has continued to develop. Today Fisher is home to approximately 402 residents.

FOSSTON

Fosston was first settled in 1876 and named in honor of Louis Foss, who established a general store and a nearby post office in 1883. In 1884 W.J. Hillgoss purchased the townsite and established the first hotel. Streets were platted by Norman Lewis and a newspaper office was constructed. As rail lines were set, Fosston began to thrive and the community was incorporated in 1895. Today Fosston is home to approximately 1,468 residents.

GULLY

Gully was settled in the 1880s as a railway village and named after the gully or valley that the railroad crossed in the area. The first post office was established in 1896 and by 1900 housed a lumberyard, hotel and a mill. As the area continued to grow, Gully was incorporated in 1924 and the community has continued to thrive. Today Gully is home to approximately 77 residents.

LENGBY

Attracted to the fertile soil and access to water, Lengby was settled in the 1870s. The first post office was established with Carl Hasselton serving as the first postmaster. As the railroad was constructed in 1898, Lengby began to develop. Businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community and by 1905 the community was incorporated. Today Lengby is home to approximately 76 residents.

MCINTOSH

McIntosh was named in honor of local resident Angus J. McIntosh, who established the first hotel and served as the area's first postmaster in 1884. McIntosh donated land for the townsite and railroad construction sparked development. The community was incorporated in 1891, and re-incorporated in 1911 and the area has continued to grow. Today McIntosh is home to approximately 603 residents.

MENTOR

Mentor was established in 1882 and named after Mentor, Ohio, from which many settlers originated. A post office was established that same year with George H. Tripp serving as postmaster. Streets were platted in 1892 and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. By 1902 Mentor was incorporated and the area has continued to develop. Today Mentor is home to approximately 140 residents.

NIELSVILLE

Nielsville was first settled in 1872 by Nels C. Paulsrud, from whom the name of the community is derived. A post office was established in 1883 and as a railway station was constructed, Nielsville began to develop and the community was moved one and a half miles northwest to its present site. Today Nielsville is home to approximately 86 residents.

TRAIL

Trail was settled in the 1880s and named after a local Indian trail. Construction of the railroad sparked growth as goods and passengers were easily transported. By 1910 Trail was incorporated and the community has continued to thrive. Today Trail is home to approximately 61 residents.

WINGER

Winger was founded in 1885 as Ingebret Messelt established a general store. In 1886 Messelt established a post office and served as the area's first postmaster. In 1905 streets were platted by the Soo Line Railroad Company and the area began to develop as the fertile soil attracted new residents. In 1921 Winger was incorporated and the community has continued to grow. Today Winger is home to approximately 196 residents.



Pennington County was originally the home of Dakota and Ojibway Indians until the western half of the county was opened to homesteading by the signing of a treaty in 1863. In 1896 the northeast corner of Polk County was separated to form Red Lake County, which was then nearly doubled in size in 1904 by the acquisition of a large area of land purchased by the federal government from the Red Lake Band of the Ojibway Indians. The City of Thief River Falls fought to have the county seat of Red Lake County moved there from Red Lake Falls, but after several failures at this endeavor, the northern half of the county voted to start a new county to be known as Pennington County, named for the Soo Line Railroad President Edmund Pennington. Today the economy of Pennington County is based on a mixture of agribusiness, distribution, and manufacturing and is home to approximately 13,842 residents.

GOODRIDGE – pop. 101
ST. HILAIRE – pop. 279

THIEF RIVER FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)
 – pop. 8,557
 *Populations are approximate.

GOODRIDGE

Goodridge was founded as a railway village in 1914 and its name was derived from the low ridge surrounding the area. Streets were platted in 1915 by the Northern Townsite Company and a post office was established with Jennie Payne serving as the first postmistress. The community was incorporated in 1915 and the area has continued to develop. Today Goodridge is home to approximately 101 residents.

ST. HILAIRE

Located near the Red Lake River, St. Hilaire was platted in 1882 and named officially by Harry Ives, publisher of the St. Hilaire Spectator newspaper at the suggestion of his father, Frank Ives, an attorney in Crookston, in honor of French author and politician, Jules Barthelemy Saint Hilaire. Ives served as the first postmaster and a railroad station was constructed in 1883. Railroad development sparked growth and St. Hilaire was incorporated that same year. Today St. Hilaire is home to approximately 279 residents.

THIEF RIVER FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

Attracted to the fertile soil and ample timber, Thief River Falls was settled in the 1880s. Streets were platted in 1887 and the area began as a lumbering community. Its name was derived from a Native American name for the Thief River and nearby rapids. In 1896 Thief River Falls was incorporated and the community became an agricultural trading center. It was selected as the county seat of the newly established Pennington County in 1910 and the area has continued to grow. Today Thief River Falls is home to approximately 8,557 residents.

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*R*ed Lake County was originally inhabited by Dakota and Ojibway Indians until a treaty was signed in 1863, opening about half of the county's present area for settlement. Red Lake County was separated from Polk County in 1896 and was named for the Red Lake River, which flows through the heart of the area, and allowed for economic growth as logs from the Upper and Lower Red Lakes area were floated to the sawmills of the communities located on its banks during the County's earliest years. In 1900 the population of the county was 7,263 with the largest community, Red Lake Falls, as its county seat. In 1910 the northern portion of Red Lake County was separated to become Pennington County. The area has continued to develop with its most prominent economic endeavors in agriculture and services. Red Lake County today is home to approximately 4,188 residents.

BROOKS – pop. 137

OKLEE – pop. 368

PLUMMER – pop. 262

RED LAKE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,544

**Populations are approximate.*

BROOKS

The first post office in the Brooks area was established in 1883 with Daniel Little serving as the first postmaster. Streets were platted in 1904 and railroad development sparked growth. By 1926 the community housed a hotel, creamery, saloons, general stores and a variety of specialty shops. In 1955 Brooks was incorporated and the area has continued to thrive. Today Brooks is home to approximately 137 residents.

OKLEE

Fertile soil and access to water attracted pioneers to the Oklee area in the 1880s. Oklee was named after settler Ole K. Lee who sold land for development of the community. As the railroad arrived in 1909 streets were platted by the Tri-State Land Company and the area grew as an agricultural center. Oklee was incorporated in 1914 and has continued to develop. Today Oklee is home to approximately 368 residents.

PLUMMER

Plummer was first settled by Charles A. Plummer, a local resident who constructed a mill in 1881 and the community was named in his honor. The first post office was established in 1903 with Hubert H. Finrow serving as the first postmaster. As the railroad arrived the following year, streets were platted and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Plummer is home to approximately 262 residents.

RED LAKE FALLS (COUNTY SEAT)

Attracted to the fertile soil and access to water, Red Lake Falls was settled in 1876. Its name was derived from the Red Lakes and the Red Lake River and the area quickly grew as a lumbering and trading center. A post office was established in 1878 with Ernest Buse serving as the first postmaster. By 1881 Red Lake Falls was incorporated and the community was selected as the county seat in 1896. In 1900 its population had reached 1,885 and the area continued to develop. Today Red Lake Falls is home to approximately 1,544 residents.



The first people to inhabit the area that is now Grand Forks County, ND were nomadic Native American tribes. In the early 1800s explorers visited the area and believed it had great potential to become a permanent homestead. The city of Grand Forks was the first platted in the county in 1875 by Alexander Griggs. Grand Forks county saw the first railroad, The Great Northern Railway, come through its borders in 1880. In 1887 another railway, the Northern Pacific Railway, came through the county. These railways brought many new settlers to the area. The first post office was established in Grand Forks in 1871. That same year the construction of the first government office was complete and the first telegraph line connected Grand Forks County to the outside world. In the early 1880s many of the towns which are now in Grand Forks County were platted and incorporated. Today Grand Forks County is home to approximately 66,414 residents.

EMERADO – pop. 482

GILBY – pop. 225

GRAND FORKS (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 51,216

INKSTER – pop. 94

LARIMORE – pop. 1,299

MANVEL – pop. 330

NIAGARA – pop. 52

NORTHWOOD – pop. 913

REYNOLDS – pop. 326

THOMPSON – pop. 986

**Populations are approximate.*

GRAND FORKS (COUNTY SEAT)

Grand Forks was first settled in 1870 by Alexander Griggs when he was attempting to navigate the Red River and his boat was frozen in place. He built a cabin for himself to wait out the winter storms and believed that site had great potential to become a homestead. In 1871 Griggs encouraged his friends and relatives to join him in his new community and the town site was officially platted in 1875. Long before this, in 1734, D. Jerome Tweton, a Frenchman, surveyed the area and set up a rendezvous point for trappers. In 1870 the first post office was created and the first postmaster, Sanford C. Cady, was named. He is also credited with naming the city “Grand Forks,” a literal interpretation of the French name. In 1881 the city was incorporated. Today Grand Forks is home to approximately 51,216 residents.

NORTHWOOD

Northwood has been, since the beginning, an attractive area for farmers which was settled in 1875. Paul C. Johnson, his wife and young daughter were the first to settle in the area. They owned a plot of land two miles west of the present town site. The first post office was later established in 1879 and Mr. Johnson was commissioned as the first postmaster. In 1892 Northwood was finally incorporated as a city. Today Northwood is home to approximately 913 residents.

REYNOLDS

Reynolds was founded by Dr. Henry A. Reynolds in 1880 after Olaf Sonsterud sold the land. The town was named in honor of Dr. Reynolds in the late 1800s. Since its beginning Reynolds has been supported by agriculture. Crops that were grown in the 1800s still thrive on the land today. The city site lies in the two counties of Grand Forks and Traill. Reynolds was incorporated as a city in 1892. Today Reynolds is home to approximately 326 residents.

THOMPSON

Thompson was founded in 1881, and since has grown a bit famous for it’s off the wall catchphrases by High School Principal Al Boedecker. On June 17th, 2010 Thompson was host to an EF-4 category tornado. With peak winds estimated to be at 185 mph, the storm left a damage path nearly 17 miles long. Today Thompson is home to approximately 986 residents.

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OPENERS

- 09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide
- 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
- 04/19/23 - 04/25/23 B season - Statewide
- 04/26/23 - 05/2/23 C season - Statewide
- 05/3/23 - 05/9/23 D season - Statewide
- 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

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- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- 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

MINNESOTA 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
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Paddlefish No open season
Longnose and Shortnose Gar Continuous 10 combined

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2023 SEASON DATES

Check online for hunting unit or areas

Bighorn Sheep

Regular
Fri, 10/28/2022 Sat, 12/31/2022
Finalized

Deer, Mule and White-tailed

(Youth Season)
Fri, 09/16/2022 Sun, 09/25/2022
Finalized
(Bow)
Fri, 09/02/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized
(Regular)
Fri, 11/04/2022 Sun, 11/20/2022
Finalized
(Muzzleloader)
Fri, 11/25/2022 Sun, 12/11/2022
Finalized

Elk

(Bow)
Fri, 09/02/2022 Sun, 09/25/2022
Finalized
(Regular)
Fri, 09/02/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized

Pronghorn

(Bow)
Fri, 09/02/2022 Sun, 09/25/2022
Finalized
(Gun or Bow)
Fri, 10/07/2022 Sun, 10/23/2022
Finalized

Coyote

(Regular)
Fri, 04/01/2022 Fri, 03/31/2023
Finalized
(Regular - Night hunting)
Mon, 11/21/2022 Wed, 03/15/2023
Finalized
(Regular - Cable devices)
Mon, 11/21/2022 Wed, 03/15/2023
Finalized

Fox (Red and Gray)

(Regular - Day hunting, traps)
Fri, 04/01/2022 Fri, 03/31/2023
Finalized
(Regular - Night hunting)
Mon, 11/21/2022 Wed, 03/15/2023
Finalized
(Regular - Cable devices)
Mon, 11/21/2022 Wed, 03/15/2023
Finalized

Ring-necked Pheasants

(Youth Season)
Sat, 10/01/2022 Sun, 10/02/2022
Finalized
(Male Pheasants Only)
Sat, 10/08/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized

Ruffed Grouse

Sat, 09/10/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Sat, 09/10/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized

Turkey (Spring Season)

All open units
Sat, 04/09/2022 Sun, 05/15/2022
Finalized
(Youth Spring Season)
Sat, 04/09/2022 Sun, 05/15/2022
Finalized
(Fall - Regular)
All open units
Sat, 10/08/2022 Sun, 01/01/2023
Finalized

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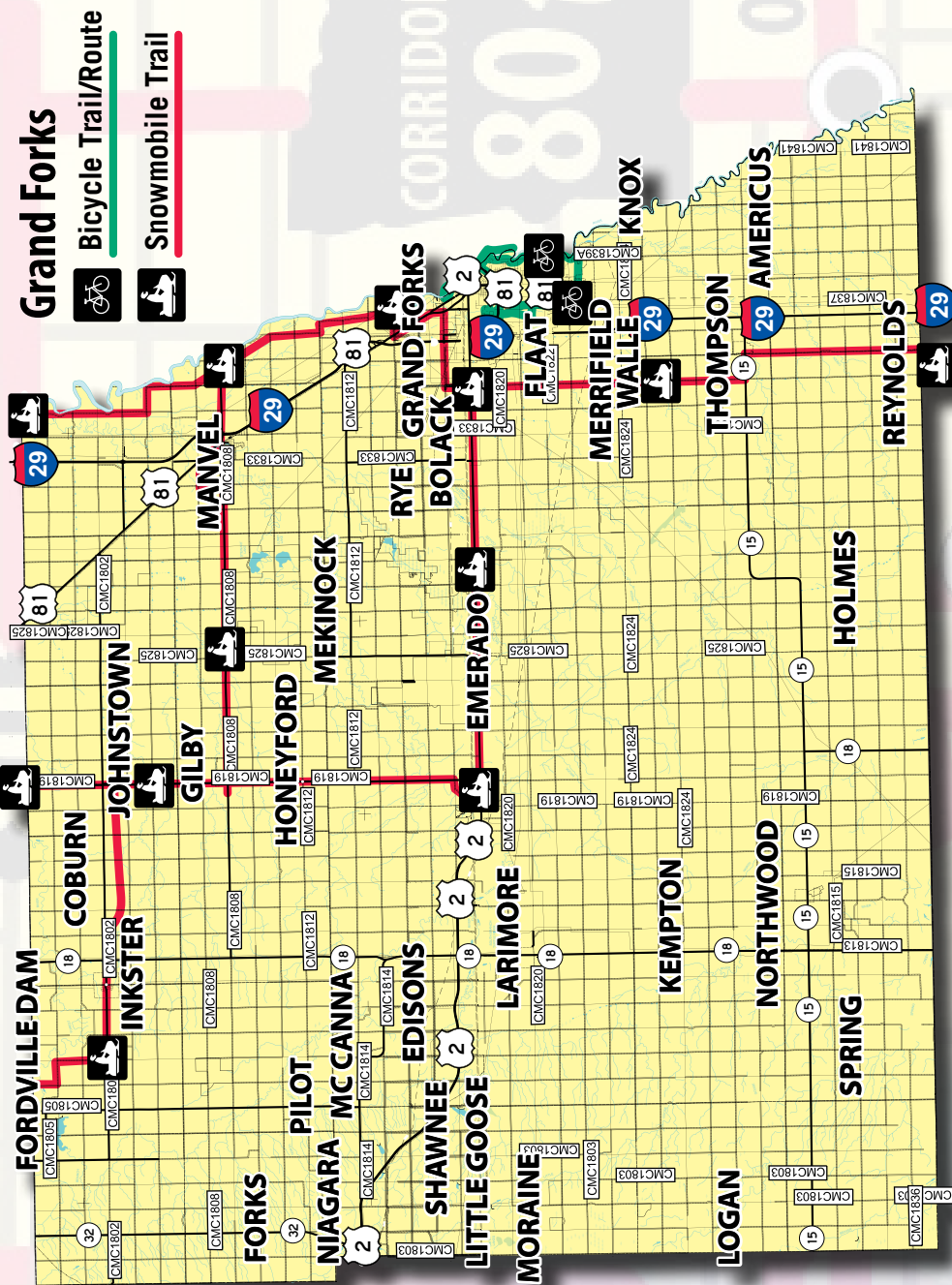
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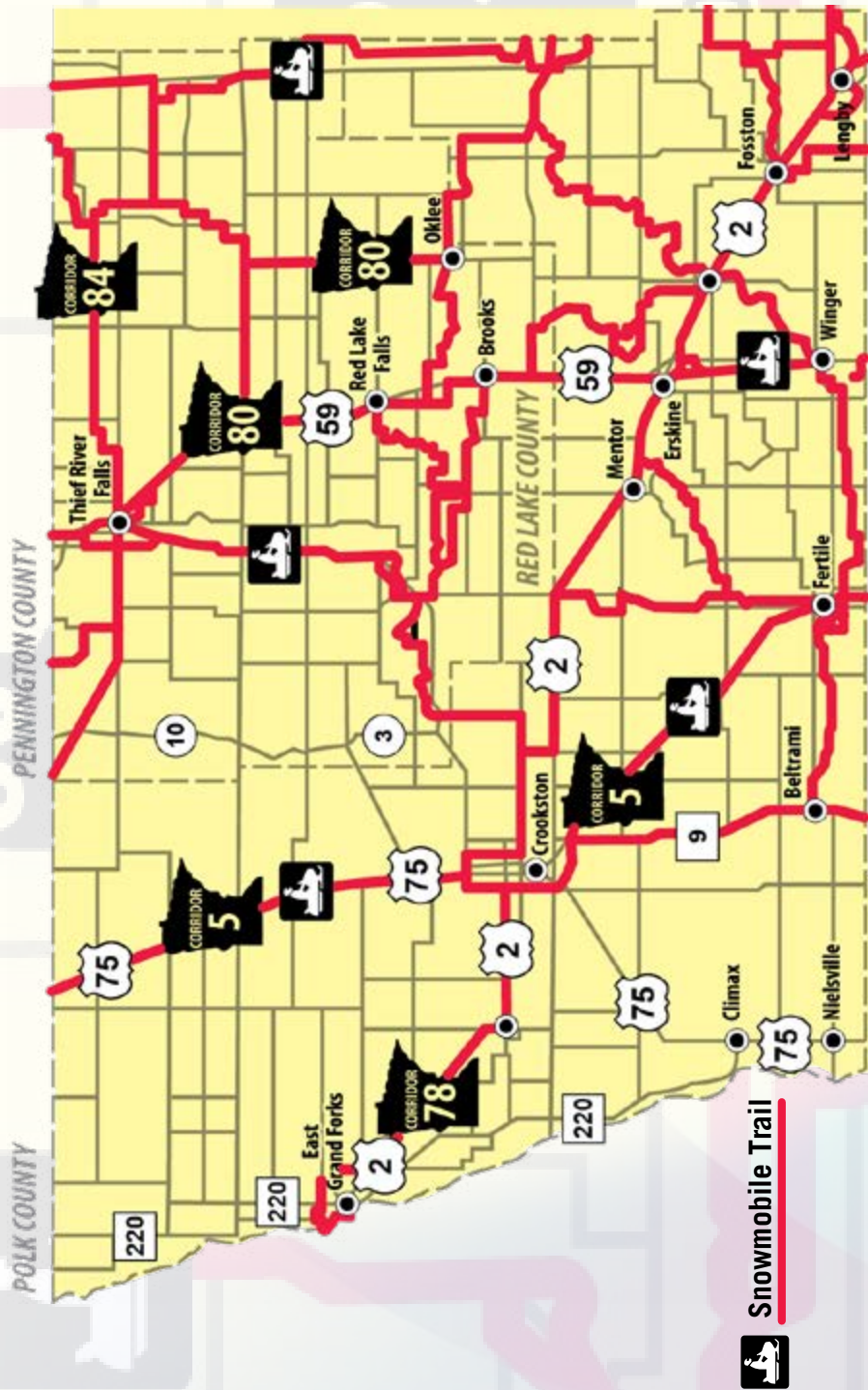
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- 6: THIS CITY'S FIRST POSTMISTRESS WAS JENNIE PAYNE.
- 7: THIS CITY STILL HAS CROPS THRIVING FROM THE 1800'S.

DOWN

- 2: THIS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION OF 262.
- 4: SHIRT-TAIL BEND WAS THIS CITY'S ORIGINAL NAME.
- 5: THIS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION OF 913.
- 8: THIS CITY WAS PLATTED BY THE TRI-STATE LAND COMPANY.



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BUTTERED-UP Steak



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INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

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.

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.



Enjoy your delicious
buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



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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