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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Annual Fireman's Oyster and French Dip Supper | Clear Lake
St. Joseph's Annual Ice Fishing Contest | Amery
Winter Fun Day | Frederic

FEBRUARY

WinterFest | Balsam Lake
Luck Winter Carnival & Parade
Candle Light Ski | St. Croix Falls
Osceola Firefighters Ball
Big Lake Fishing Contest | Osceola
Cocoa Crawl | Osceola
Doe on the Go | Osceola

MARCH

MapleFest at Glenna Farms | Amery
Maple Syrup Festival | St. Croix Falls
Railfest Model Railroad Show | Turtle Lake

APRIL

Spring Home, Garden & Sports Show | Amery
American Legion Smelt Fry | Turtle Lake
Earthday Clean Up | Area Wide
Queen for a Day | Clear Lake

MAY

100 Mile Garage Sale | Polk & St. Croix Counties
East Immanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Day Dinner | Amery
Annual Memorial 4x4 Total Off Road Rally | Dresser
Memorial Total Off-Road Rally | St. Croix Falls

MAY (CONTD)

Taste of the St. Croix Valley
Cinco de Mayo Celebration | St. Croix Falls
St. Croix Falls Farmers Market (May-Oct, Saturdays)
Demolition Derby | Clear Lake
Spring Art Tour | Osceola

JUNE

Music in the Park (Jun-Aug, Tuesdays) | Luck
Rhubarb Fest | Osceola
Clayton Cheese Days | Clayton
Frederic Family Days
Heritage Days | Clear Lake
City of Trails Festival 5k & 10k Walk /Run | St. Croix Falls
Annual Fisherman's Party | Milltown
American Cancer Relay for Life | St. Croix Falls
Music on the Overlook (Jun-Aug, Fridays) | St. Croix Falls
Father's Day Excursions | Taylor Falls
Wolf Creek Festival | St. Croix Falls
Kick Off to Summer Party | Clear Lake
Clear Lake Days
Amery Womens Club Art & Craft Fair
Hippie Craft & Vendor Event | Clayton
Womens Club Art & Craft Fair | Clayton
Classic Car Show | Frederic
Osceola Harvest Bazaar at Millpond Park

JULY

Wanderoos Independence Day Celebration | Amery
Freedom Festival | Balsam Lake
Balsam Lake Freedom Fest 5K Run/Walk
Amery Fireworks Spectacular

JULY (CONTD)

4th of July Parade & Fireworks | Clam Falls
InterCounty Fair | Turtle Lake
Wannigan Days | St. Croix Falls
Lucky Days Festival | Luck
Polk County Fair | St. Croix Falls
Fireworks Celebration | Osceola
The 4th at Big Rock Creek | St. Croix Falls
Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show | Frederic
Summer Biathlon | Frederic
Friends & Fireworks | Amery
4th of July Amery Boat Parade
Osceola River Rendezvous

AUGUST

Charles E. Lewis Day | Lewis
Cars, Crafts & Rock-n-Roll in the Park | Turtle Lake
Cushing Fun Day & Adult Soap Box Derby
Moon Lake Threshing Bee | Turtle Lake
Corn-on-the-Curb Days | Balsam Lake

SEPTEMBER

Amery Fall Festival
The River Road Hwy. 87 Ramble | Cushing
Baker Orchard Art Festival | Centuria
Annual Osceola Community Fair
Wheels & Wings Car, Motorcycle & Air Show | Osceola
Osceola Parade
Amery Fly-In or Drive-In
Annual Range Motor Days | Amery
Special Train Trips Osceola (Sept-Oct, Weekends)

OCTOBER

Pumpkin Train | Osceola
Autumn Fest Art & Craft Fair | St. Croix Falls
Halloween Parade | Luck
Valley Brew Fest | Osceola

NOVEMBER

Christmas Lights in the Park (Nov-Jan) | Turtle Lake

DECEMBER

Cozy Country Christmas | Centuria
Chamber Christmas | Turtle Lake
Community Tree Lighting | Clayton
Christmas in Frederic | Frederic
New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball | St. Croix Falls
Holiday Experience | Luck
Light Up the Village | Clear Lake
Elf Escape & Santa Day | Clear Lake
New Year's Eve Fireworks | Clear Lake (December Cont')
Light Up Osceola

*Events are subject to change.

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Highway Department	485-8700
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Polk County History



The first explorers to venture to the St. Croix River

area came in 1680. They were Daniel Graysolon and Sieur du Lhut, along with their fellow French-Canadian companions. Settlers to the area came as early as 1837, but it wasn't until 1838 that the St. Croix Falls settlement began. Many early settlers were Scandinavian and selected Polk County because it resembled their native homeland. Polk County was established in 1853 and it was formed from what had previously been St. Croix County. As the railroad arrived in 1883, Polk County began to grow and communities formed near rivers and rail stations. Polk County was named after the eleventh U.S. President, James K. Polk. Today Polk County is home to approximately 44,977 residents.

ALDEN – pop. 615

AMERY – pop. 2,845

APPLE RIVER – pop. 1,067

BALSAM LAKE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,384

BEAVER – pop. 753

BLACK BROOK – pop. 1,208

BONE LAKE – pop. 710

CENTURIA – pop. 865

CLAM FALLS – pop. 547

CLAYTON – pop. 913

CLEAR LAKE – pop. 800

DRESSER – pop. 732

EUREKA – pop. 1,338

FARMINGTON – pop. 1,625

FREDERIC – pop. 1,262

GARFIELD – pop. 1,443

GEORGETOWN – pop. 977

JOHNSTOWN – pop. 520

LAKETOWN – pop. 918

LINCOLN – pop. 2,304

LORAIN – pop. 328

LUCK – pop. 881

MCKINLEY – pop. 328

MILLTOWN – pop. 1,146

OSCEOLA – pop. 2,085

ST. CROIX FALLS – pop. 1,119

STERLING – pop. 724

WEST SWEDEN – pop. 731

**Populations are approximate.*

Polk County Communities

AMERY

Settlers were drawn to the Amery area because of its ample forest and proximity to the nearby river. A sawmill was constructed and a community began to grow around it.

A dam was built to supply the sawmill and the community was first known as Big Dam. As the railroad arrived in 1887, more settlers began to arrive and establish businesses including a hotel, general stores, saloons, a bank and a brickyard. The community was then renamed Amery to honor William Amery, a prominent local resident. Today Amery is home to approximately 2,845 residents.

BALSAM LAKE (COUNTY SEAT)

Originally home to Chippewa Indians, Balsam Lake was settled in the 1850s. The name Balsam Lake comes from the Ojibwe word Innenehinduc, which translates to Place of Evergreen. The town of Balsam Lake was organized in 1870 and early businesses included a blacksmith shop, general stores, creameries, sawmills, hardware store, bank and a town hall. Today Balsam Lake is the county seat of Polk County and is home to approximately 1384 residents.

LUCK

The first settler to the area was William Foster, who arrived in 1857. In 1869, Danish immigrants organized a township. The railroad arrived in 1901 and the community began to grow. The first cooperative creamery in the United States was built here and early industry included dairy farming and agriculture. Once known as Lawson City, Luck became incorporated as a village in 1905. Today Luck is home to approximately 881 residents.

OSCEOLA

In 1844, settlers from Maine, including William Kent, came to the area and built a sawmill. The area was named Leroy, after the first white man who died there, and Bluffville, after nearby sandstone cliffs. By 1855, William Kent owned the entire claim. In 1858, the name of the two settlements was changed to Osceola, named by James Livingston in honor of the great Seminole Indian Chief of Florida. Once a popular steamboat stop, Osceola began to thrive as the railroad arrived in the late 1880s. Today Osceola is home to approximately 2,085 residents.

ST. CROIX FALLS

Settlers arrived to the St. Croix Falls area in 1838 and early industry included logging. Sawmills were built near the falls and soon grist mills, specialty shops, general stores and flour mills were thriving. A hydropower plant was built in the early 1900s to harness the power of the falls and the community continued to grow. Today St. Croix Falls is home to approximately 1,119 residents.

So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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ATLAS PARK

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BLACK BROOK PARK

376 115th St. | Amery
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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

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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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FISHING SEASONS

2025-2026 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1, 2025; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch and release)
January 4, 2025 (5 a.m.) - May 2, 2025

General Inland Trout
May 3, 2025 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15, 2025

General Inland Fishing
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
June 21, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release
At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest
May 24, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

Musky Southern Zone Harvest
May 3, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

Northern Pike
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Walleye
May 3, 2025 - March 1, 2026

Lake Sturgeon
Feb. 8 - Feb. 23 (Winnebago System spearing)
Sept. 6 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends
June 7-8, 2025
Jan. 17-18, 2026

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- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



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



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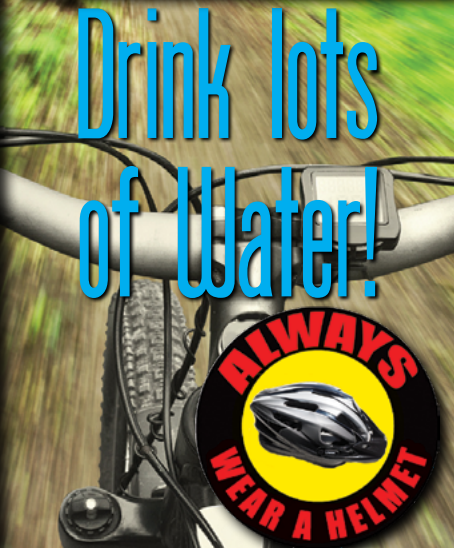
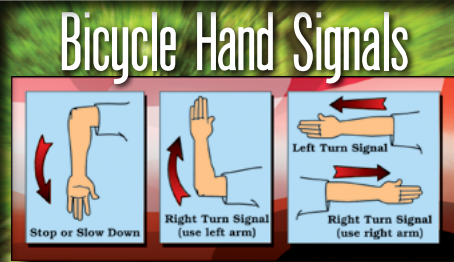
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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.



Know Your ATV

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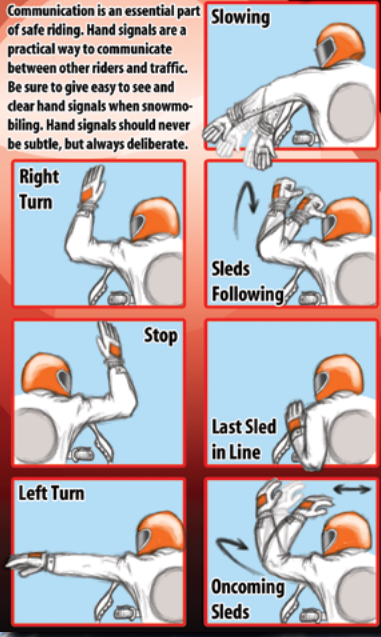
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of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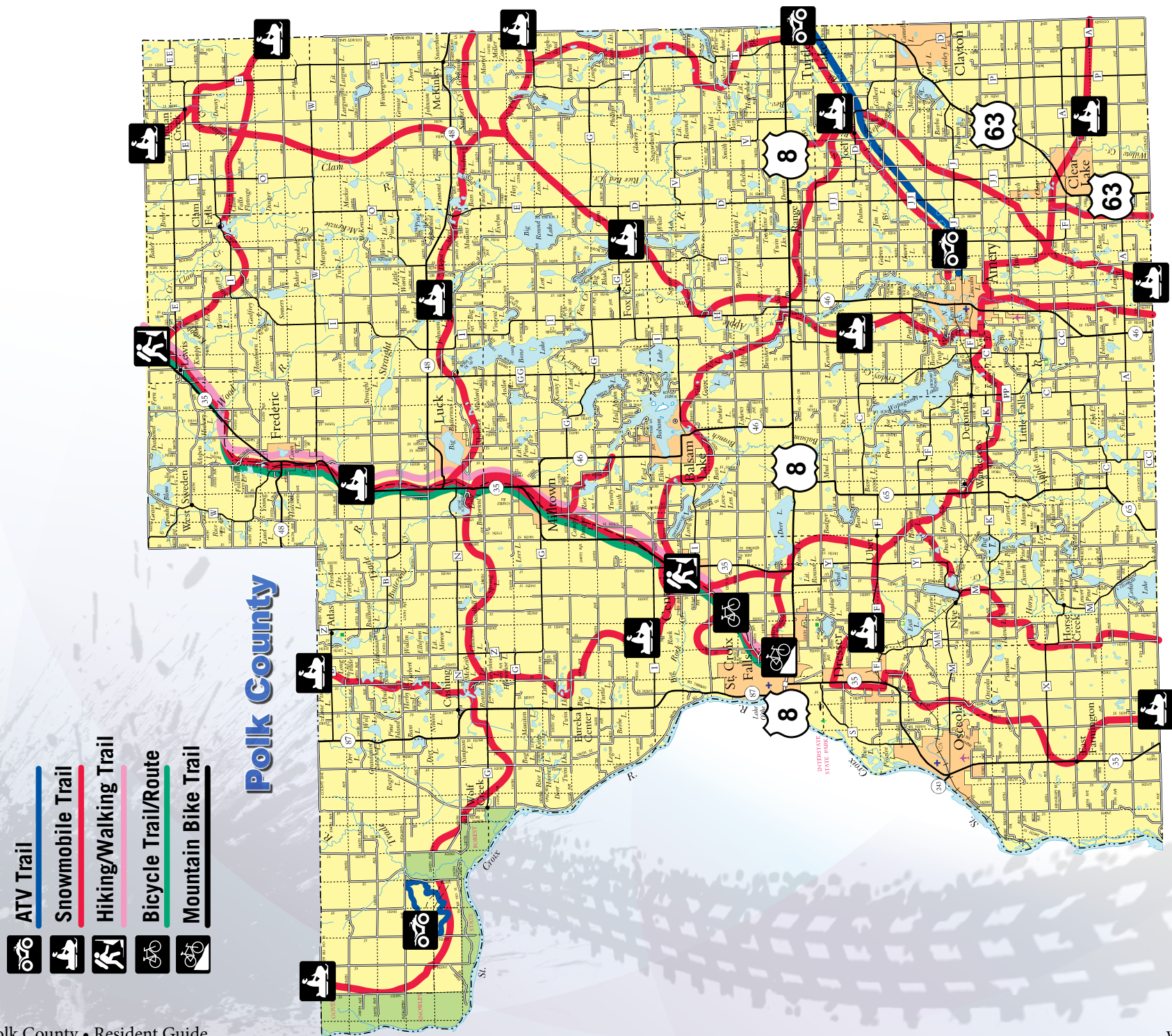
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Local Area Trails



Woolly Mountain Bike Trails



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- ⚠️ **Do not ride the trails when wet or marked closed**
- ⚠️ **Be cautious of other riders, move off to the side of the trail to let faster riders through**
- ⚠️ **Wear safety gear and ride in a responsible manner**
- ⚠️ **3.8" or wider tires for winter riding, with 10psi or less (Not all trails open for winter use)**

Health Benefits of the Outdoors

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 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)

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PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



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- Take out seasonal furniture.
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