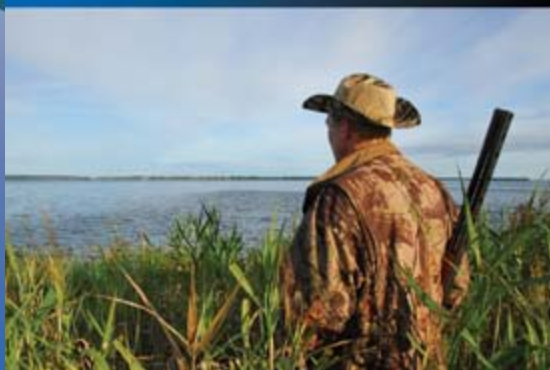




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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Story Hour | Forsyth  
Building & Remodeling Expo | Billings  
Great Rockies Sportshow | Billings  
Candle in a Mason Jar | Billings

## FEBRUARY

Touch of Class Primary Students | Hardin  
Suicide Prevention Presentation & Walk | Colstrip  
ArtWalk | Billings  
Taste of Billings | Billings  
Gardening with Houseplants | Billings  
Big Sky Gaming Expo | Billings  
OperaFest | Billings  
Woofstock | Billings  
MATE Show & Home & Health Expo | Billings

## MARCH

Shamrock Shindig | Forsyth  
Nature Photography | Pryor  
Medicinal Plants Class | Pryor  
Touch of Class Middle School Students | Hardin  
Fly Fishing on the Bighorn River | Billings  
Friends of NRA Annual Banquet and Auction | Billings  
Spring Home Improvement Show | Billings  
Art Auction | Billings  
Teen Tech Week | Billings  
Docent 2nd Saturday: Art for Kids | Billings

## APRIL

Run for Love | Hardin  
Wine and Beer Tasting | Hardin  
French Toast-Pancake Lunch | Hardin  
Ducks Unlimited Dinner | Hardin  
Touch of Class High School Students | Hardin  
Gardening Workshop | Forsyth  
TOT Time | Forsyth  
1st Responders Appreciation Event | Billings  
Earth Day Benefit | Billings

## MAY

Kid's History Day | Hardin  
Pink Tea | Hardin  
National Kids to Parks Day  
Memorial Day Observance | Crow Agency  
Tour De Fleur Bike Ride | Billings  
Billings Gem & Fossil Show | Billings  
Mother's Day Weekend Classic Car Auction | Billings  
Montana Arabian Horse Show | Billings  
Heritage Home Tour | Billings  
Wine & Food Festival | Billings

## JUNE

Little Big Horn Days | Hardin  
Custer's Last Stand Reenactment | Hardin  
Battle of the Little Bighorn Reenactment | Garryowen  
Old West Youth Parade | Hardin  
Custer's Last Ride Adventure & Cavalry | Hardin  
Quilt Show | Hardin  
Grand Parade | Hardin  
Firefighter Fun Day | Hardin  
Matthew Quigley Match | Forsyth  
Picnic Day | Pryor  
Song of the Dawn Priests | Pryor  
1876 Grand Ball | Hardin  
Custer's Last Ride Adventure & Cavalry | Hardin  
Crow Native Days | Hardin  
Native American Rodeo | Crow Agency  
Native American Horse Racing | Crow Agency  
Demolition Derby | Hardin  
Alive After 5 | Billings

## JULY

St. Xavier Rodeo | Hardin  
Show & Fireworks | Hardin  
Big Horn County 4-H Youth Fair | Hardin  
Extreme Days | Hardin  
5 Points Gathering | Big Horn  
Fireworks | Forsyth  
County Fair | Forsyth

## JULY CONTD.

Elias Goes Ahead | Pryor  
Peyote Stitch Beading | Pryor  
Before the Horse | Pryor  
Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Pow Wow | Lame Deer  
Colstrip Days | Colstrip  
Alive After 5 | Billings

## AUGUST

Crow Fair | Crow Agency  
Collective & Campout | Big Horn  
Jam Mountain | Big Horn  
Feathers & Fur | Pryor  
Montana Fair | Billings  
Trunks & Treasures Tour | Billings  
Wing Ding | Billings  
Summerland Tour | Billings  
Alive After 5 | Billings  
LemonZOOade day | Billings

## SEPTEMBER

Country Fun Day | Hardin  
Homecoming BonFire | Hardin  
Day of Honor | Pryor  
Gun Show | Billings  
All Nations Indian Relay Championships-National  
Finals Indian Relay | Billings  
Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture | Billings  
Party for Preservation | Billings  
Coyote Cross Country Montana XC Series | Billings

## OCTOBER

Oktoberfest | Forsyth  
Magic City Monster Con | Billings  
Boo at the Zoo | Billings  
Boy's & Girl's Club Vintage Sale & Flea Market | Billings  
Art Walk | Billings

## NOVEMBER

Holiday Parade | Billings  
Roller Derby Dames | Billings  
Artwalk | Billings  
Huff's Antique Show & Sale | Billings

## DECEMBER

Christmas Stroll Fireworks | Hardin  
12 Nights of Zoo Lights | Billings  
Messiah Festival | Billings  
Artwalk | Billings  
Christmas Stroll | Billings  
Christmas Open House | Pryor

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*B*ig Horn County is the sixth largest county in Montana covering 3,250,000 acres and includes the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations. Big Horn County was founded in 1864 and established in 1913. The Battle of Little Bighorn also known as Custer's Last Stand took place in 1876 in the area known as Little Bighorn Battlefield. The battle was between the 7th Cavalry of the United States Army and the joined forces of the Lakota and Northern Cheyenne Indians. The battle did not go well for the United States Army as they rushed into an overwhelming number of Native American warriors. Custer's group of 264 men was completely wiped out by a group of over 800 Native American warriors. Today Big Horn County is home to around 13,000 residents and its economy is built mainly on coal mining and agriculture.

**CITIES:**

*Hardin - Pop. 3,505 (county seat)*

**TOWN:**

*Lodge Grass - Pop. 428*

**CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES:**

*Busby - Pop. 745*

*Crow Agency - Pop. 1,616*

*Fort Smith - Pop. 161*

*Muddy - Pop. 617*

*Pryor - Pop. 618*

*St. Xavier - Pop. 83*

*Wyola - Pop. 215*

*\*Populations are approximate.*

**Crow Agency**

The town of Crow Agency is the headquarters of the Crow Tribal Administration, the Crow Tribal Courts, and Legislature of the Crow Nation. The term "Crow Agency" has been used since 1868 for the headquarters where the United States directed the federal interaction with the Crow tribe on its reservation. The Annual Crow Fair is held on the reservation and is known as "The Teepee Capital of the World". During the celebration there can be up to 1,500 teepees on the river valley of the Little Big Horn River.

**Hardin (County Seat)**

In the 1890s the area around Hardin was settled by cattle ranchers and sheep ranchers. In 1906 the town was officially founded and was opened to homesteading. In 1907 the Lincoln Land Company purchased the land that Hardin is located on. Four years later in 1911 the town was incorporated and not long after that the area around Hardin was fully settled. The town was going to be named Teddy after the president but people objected. It was named after Samuel H. Hardin, a cattleman and friend of the Lincoln Land Company president.

**Lodge Grass**

Lodge Grass was founded in 1908 and got its name from the Lodge Grass Creek. Its name came from a misinterpretation of the Crow Indian name for "Greasy Grass". The Crow Indian words were very close and sound alike. The Crow word for "greasy" is Tah-shay, and "lodge" is Ah-shay. The Crow Indians named the area this because the grass in the area is thick and tall and the morning dew on the grass would get the horses wet making them look greasy.



Rosebud County was established in 1901 from a part of Custer County. The area was explored by buffalo hunters, fur trappers and traders. The over trapping of beaver and hunting of buffalo disrupted the Native Americans way of living. This led to several years of bloodshed and finally the Battle of Rosebud in 1876. In this battle the United States Army allied with the Crow and Shoshoni Indians, they took on Lakota Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians. The Lakota Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians had 1,500 warriors led by Crazy Horse, the US Army had 1,000 infantry led by Gen. George Cook. The war went on for 8 days and the Lakota Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indians won the Battle of Rosebud. Rosebud County is now home to around 9,300 people.

#### **CITIES:**

Colstrip - Pop. 2,214

Forsyth - Pop. 1,777 (county seat)

#### **CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES:**

Ashland - Pop. 464

Birney - Pop. 108

Lame Deer - Pop. 2,052

Rosebud - Pop. 2,889

*\*Populations are approximate.*

## **Colstrip**

Colstrip was established in 1924 and incorporated as a city in 1998. It is the largest city in Rosebud County with around 2,215 residents, which is about 25% of the total population in Rosebud County. The primary industries for the area are coal mining and electricity production. The coal mined in Colstrip is from the Fort Union Formation. This formation is under most of eastern Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas. It dates back to 65 million years ago during the Paleocene era. The Colstrip power plant is the tallest man made structure in Montana. It has four stacks that reach over 700 feet into the air. It is the second largest coal-fired power plant west of the Mississippi producing a peak output of 2,094 megawatts.

## **Forsyth (County Seat)**

Forsyth was established in 1876 and was the first settlement on the Yellowstone River. It was mainly a steamboat landing spot for the United States Army during the Indian Wars. The town was named after General James William Forsyth who commanded Fort Maginnis during the Indian Wars and the 7th Cavalry at the Wounded Knee Massacre. The town has been a transportation link since the day it was established, starting with steamboats then the Northern Pacific Railway and now Interstate 94.

## **Lame Deer**

Lame Deer is named after the Miniconjou Lakota chief Lame Deer. Chief Lame Deer was killed by the U.S. Army in 1877 when his village was attacked by soldiers under the command of Colonel Nelson A. The Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations tribal and government agency headquarters are located in Lame Deer. It is also home to Chief Dull Knife College.

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# ENERGY SAVING TIPS

## Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

### Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

### Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

### Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

### Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

### Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

### Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

## Winter Energy Saving Techniques

### Windows

- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

### Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.
- You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

### Air Leaks and Insulation

- Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Check your attics insulation. Depending on what climate you live in there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

### Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace - Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace - Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

### Lower Your Water Heating Costs

- On average 18% of the energy consumed in your home is from the water heater. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to a setting around (120°F). This will save energy and can help prevent burns.

### Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span.



## Precautions:

- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
- HAVE A PLACE, EVERYONE KNOWS, TO GO TO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED.
- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

## Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY AN EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
- LISTEN FOR LOUD, CONTINUOUS RUMBLING WITH NO BREAKS IN IT LIKE THUNDER.

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0 MILES	1.08 MILES	4.35 MILES	13.06 MILES

# Do Not Open Your Windows!

# Big Horn & Rosebud Counties

## Random Fun Facts

- The Big Horn River provides Hardin's water.
- The governor of Montana proclaimed Hardin as the State Capital for a day December 8th, 1983.
- Hardin is halfway between Seattle and Minneapolis.
- Hardin has had 27 Mayors total with the longest lasting 15 years. Out of the 27 mayors 3 of them have been women.
- Big horn county is the 8th largest beef producer in the United States.
- Bighorn County's average rainfall is 14.65 inches with an average snowfall of 3.48 inches.
- The American football defensive end Kroy Biermann was born in Hardin on September 12, 1985. He played for the Atlanta Falcons.
- Kendall Cross was born February 24, 1968 in Hardin. He won the gold medal for wrestling in the 1996 Summer Olympics.
- General George Armstrong Custer led troops through Rosebud County to the Battle of Little Bighorn in 1876.
- John Melcher was a U.S. senator, he worked as a veterinarian in Forsyth and served as mayor in 1955.
- Heather Sharfeddin the United States novelist was born and raised in Rosebud County. Some of her works are Blackbelly, Mineral Spirits, Windless Summer and Damaged Goods.
- Big Horn County Montana and Wyoming are two of the twenty-two counties in the United States with the same name to border each other across state lines.

## Arapoosh Recreation Park

Co Rd 236 | Hardin

## Bighorn Canyon NRA

Fort Smith | (406) 666-2412

Park Features: Fishing, hiking & car tours.

## Big Timber Park

Pinebutte Dr | Colstrip

## Chief Plenty Coups State Park

1 Pryor Rd | Pryor | (406) 252-1289

Park Features: Bird Watching, Hiking, Fishing, Horseshoes, Photography and Visitor Center.

## City Park

Old U.S. 87 | Hardin

## Colstrip Park & Recreation

Current St | Colstrip | (406) 748-3326

## East Rosebud Park

15th Ave | Forsyth

Park Features: Campsites, RV Sites, Picnicking, Fishing and Boating.

## Far West Rosebud Park

Fishing Access Rd | Rosebud

Boating, Fishing, Camping, Picnicking, Wildlife Viewing and Hunting.

## General Custer

12.5 miles north of Hardin on Hwy 47

Park Features: Boating, Fishing, Camping, Wildlife Viewing and Hunting.

## Grant Marsh

Rd 147 | Hardin

Park Features: Campsite and Boating.

## Heimat Park

247 N Heimat Rd | Hardin

## KenLake State Park

542 Kenlake Rd | Hardin |

(270) 474-2211

## Little Bighorn Battlefield

Interstate 90 Frontage Rd | Crow Agency |

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Park Features: Memorials marking the site of Custer's Last Stand.

## Prospector Park

Pinebutte Dr | Colstrip

## Riverside Park

Oak St | Forsyth

## Rosebud Battlefield State Park

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Park Features: Hiking, Hunting, Photography Picnicking, Wildlife Viewing, Interpretive Display Maps, Pets Allowed and Picnic Shelter.

## Southwest Park

N Lewis Ave | Hardin

## Tongue River Breaks Hiding and Riding Area

Tongue River Rd | Birney

## Tongue River Reservoir State Park

Decker | (406) 757-2298

Park Features: Bird Watching, Boating, Camping, Fishing, Ice Skating, Photography, Picnicking, RV Camping, Swimming, Tent Camping and Wildlife Viewing.

## Two Leggins

6.5 miles south of Hardin on Hwy 313

Park Features: Boating, Fishing, Camping and Hunting.

## West Rosebud Park

US-12 | Forsyth | (406) 444-2535

Park Features: Boating, Fishing and Picnicking.

## White Arm Park

222 Main St | Lodge Grass

## Wilson Park

N Cody Ave | Hardin

## Winchester Park

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<p><b>Antelope:</b>                      900 Series: Aug. 15 - November 13                      Archery: September 3 - October 7                      General: October 8 - November 13</p>	<p><b>Goose:</b>                      Goose Central Flyway:                      October 1 - End Date TBD                      Central Flyway Falconry:                      October 1 - End Date TBD                      Central Flyway Youth Weekend:                      September 24-25                      Pacific Flyway Goose:                      October 1 - End Date TBD                      Pacific Flyway Falconry:                      October 1 - End Date TBD                      Pacific Flyway Youth Weekend:                      September 24-25</p>	<p><b>Otter, Mink &amp; Muskrat</b>                      November 1 – April 15, 2017</p>
<p><b>Beaver:</b>                      Western &amp; Southwestern Districts 1, 2, &amp; 3:                      November 1 - April 15, 2017                      Central &amp; Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 &amp; 7:                      September 1- May 31, 2017</p>	<p><b>Partridge:</b>                      September 1 – January 1, 2017</p>	<p><b>Pheasant:</b>                      General: October 8 – January 1, 2017                      Youth: September 24-25</p>
<p><b>Bighorn Sheep:</b>                      Archery: September 3 - September 14                      General: September 15 - November 27</p>	<p><b>Sandhill Crane:</b>                      Over the counter mid-continent: TBD                      Special Permits Rocky Mountain populations: TBD</p>	<p><b>Swan:</b>                      Central Flyway: Tundra Swan (permits only): October 1 - End Date TBD                      Pacific Flyway: Swan (Permits only): TBD</p>
<p><b>Bison:</b>                      November 15 - February 15, 2017</p>	<p><b>Mountain Grouse:</b>                      September 1 - January 1, 2017</p>	<p><b>Swift Fox:</b>                      District 6: November 1-March 1, 2017</p>
<p><b>Black Bear:</b>                      Spring: April 15 - Various (May 31-June 15)                      Archery: September 3 - September 14                      Fall: September 15 - November 27</p>	<p><b>Sage Grouse:</b> TBD</p>	<p><b>Turkey:</b>                      Spring: April 9 - May 15                      Fall: September 1-January 1, 2017</p>
<p><b>Bobcat:</b>                      Western &amp; Southwestern Districts 1, 2, &amp; 3:                      December 1 - February 15, 2017                      Central &amp; Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 &amp; 7:                      December 1 - March 1, 2017                      (May close earlier if quota is reached)</p>	<p><b>Sharp-Tailed Grouse:</b>                      September 1-January 1, 2017</p>	<p><b>Upland Game Bird:</b>                      Mountain Grouse: September 1 – January 1, 2017</p>
<p><b>Common Snipe:</b>                      Central Flyway Common Snipe: September 1 - December 16                      Pacific Flyway Common Snipe: September 1 - December 16</p>	<p><b>Marten:</b>                      Districts 1-5:                      December 1 – February 15, 2017</p>	<p><b>Sage Grouse:</b> TBD</p>
<p><b>Deer &amp; Elk:</b>                      Archery: September 3 - October 16                      Two-Day Youth Hunt (Deer Only): October 20-21                      General: October 22 - November 27</p>	<p><b>Moose:</b>                      September 15 – November 27</p>	<p><b>Sharp-Tailed Grouse:</b>                      September 1 - January 1, 2017</p>
<p><b>Fisher:</b>                      Districts 1&amp;2:                      December 1 - February 15, 2017</p>	<p><b>Mourning Dove:</b>                      Central Flyway Mourning Dove:                      September 1 – October 30                      Pacific Flyway Mourning Dove:                      September 1 – October 30</p>	
	<p><b>Mountain Goat:</b>                      September 15 – November 27</p>	
	<p><b>Mountain Lion:</b>                      Winter (with hounds):                      December 1, 2016 - April 14, 2017                      Late Winter (with hounds):                      February 1, 2017-April 14, 2017                      Hound Training Seasons (residents only):                      December 2, 2016 - April 14, 2017                      Archery (without hounds):                      September 3 – October 16                      Fall (without hounds):                      October 22 - November 27</p>	



*All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.*

**Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:**

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

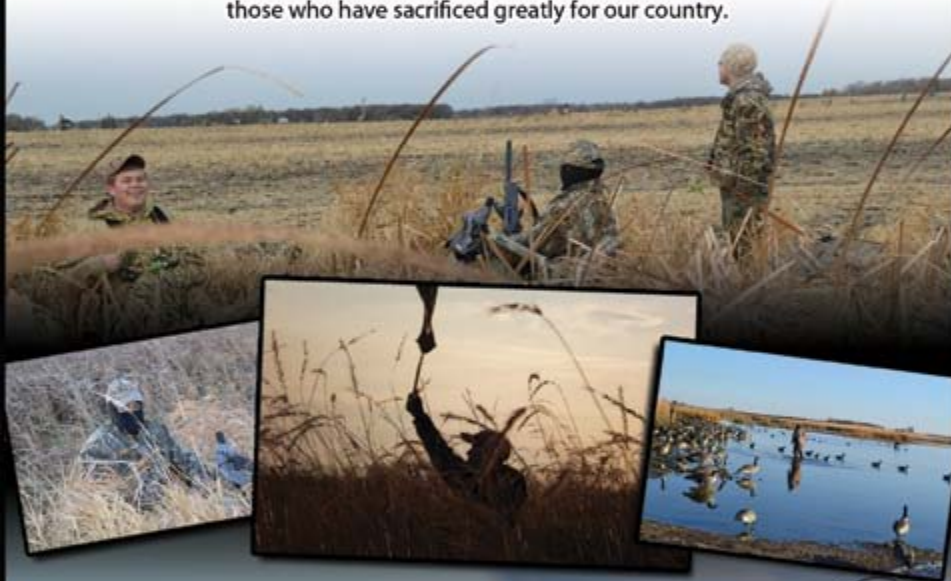


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# FISHING SEASONS & RECORDS

FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	GIRTH (inches)	SITE	ANGLER	BAIT TACKLE	DATE
Mottled Sculpin	■		0.05 lb.		Belt Creek (North of Neilhart MT)	Brad Sullivan	Worm	7/30/01
Mountain Sucker	■	6.2	1.60 oz.		Beaver Creek Reservoir	Robert Garwood	Worm	4/23/01
Mountain Whitefish	■	23	5.11 lbs.	12.5	Hauser Reservoir	Walt Goodman	Rapala	10/19/07
Northern Pike	■	27.125	7.88 lbs.		Nixon Rapids Reservoir	Darrel Tomrison	Lure	5/28/91
Northern Pike	■		37.5 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Lance Moyer		1972
Paddlefish	■	77	142.5 lbs.	41.75	Missouri River Near Kipp Park	Larry Branstetter	Snagged	5/20/73
Pallid Sturgeon	■		90 lbs.	27.5	Yellowstone River Near Sidney	Gene Sattler		5/13/79
Peanmouth	■	16.125	1.52 lb.		Clark Fork River	Mike Jensen	Artificial Fly	7/25/07
Pumpkinseed	■	9.5	0.96 lbs.		Upper Thompson Lake	Nathan Bache	Lure	7/30/06
Pygmy Whitefish	■	9.94	0.36 lbs.	6.3	Little Bitterroot Lake	Richard Geidich	Maggot	2/13/10
Rainbow Trout	■	39.62	33.1 lbs.	27	Kootenai River David Thompson Bldg	Jack G. House, Jr.	Lure	9/11/57
Rainbow-Cutthroat Hybrid Trout	■	35.75	30.25 lbs.	27.5	Ashley Lake	Pat Kelley	Bait	5/16/82
Roadside Shiner	■	6.5	0.10 lb.	3.75	Lost Lake	Josh Anlas	Worm	8/21/01
River Carpsucker	■	24	6.95 lbs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	8/15/08
Rock Bass	■	10.8	1.31 lbs.		Lower Crazy Head Springs Pond	Karson Campbell	Nightcrawler	4/26/14
Sauger	■	28.2	8.805 lbs.	15.1	Fort Peck Reservoir	Gene Moore	Whistle/Minnow	12/12/94
Sauger	■		15.96 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Square Creek	Myron Kähler	Minnow	1/11/95
Shorthead Redhorse	■	20.25	4.88 lbs.		Marias River Near Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	4/14/85
Shortnose Gar	■	35	7.41 lbs.		Fort Peck Dredge Cuts	Brandon Hansard	Bow and Arrow	5/16/13
Shovelnose Sturgeon	■	39.75	14.125 lbs.		Missouri River	Chad Buck	Nightcrawler	5/21/10
Smallmouth Bass	■	22.5	6.7 lbs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Melvin McDonald	Gulp Minnow	8/30/13
Smallmouth Buffalo	■	38	38 lbs.	29.25	Nelson Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	4/26/07
Spottail Shiner	■	3.0	.02 lbs.		Tiber Reservoir	Joe Hagengruber	Worm	8/14/10
Stonestar	■	10	0.54 lbs.		Milk River	Dale Ejeriga	Worm	6/16/96
Tiger Muskellunge	■	50	36.75 lbs.		Deadmans Basin Reservoir	Leo Cantin	Bait	8/2/12
Tiger Trout	■	20.6	4.04 lbs.	12	Bear Lake	Joe Sobczak	Wooley Bugger	2/9/97
Utah Chub	■		1.81 lbs.		Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Eugene Bastian	Rat Fink/Maggots	2/5/92
Walleye	■	35	17.75 lbs.	22	Tiber Reservoir	Robert Hart	Minnow	11/18/07
White Bass	■	17	2.80 lbs.	12	Missouri River South of Bainville	Vernon Pacovsky	Minnow	10/13/07
White Crappie	■	18.5	3.68 lbs.		Tongue River	Gene Bassett	Worm	5/10/96
White Sturgeon	■	75	96 lbs.		Kootenai River	Herb Stout		1965
White Sucker	■	21.625	5.33 lbs.	12.75	Nelson Reservoir	Fred Perry	Spear	2/10/83
Yellow Bullhead	■	14.0	1.62	8.9	Ninappes Reservoir	Frank Tepp	Lure	2/5/15
Yellow Perch	■	14.375	2.39 lbs.	12.1875	Lower Stillwater Lake	Josh Emmert	Jig	2/19/06

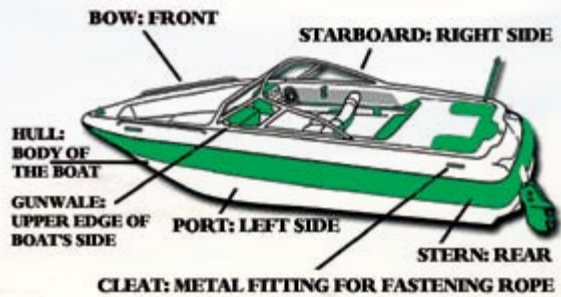
## 2016 General Fishing Season

	Rivers & Streams	Lakes & Reservoirs
Western District	Open third Saturday in May through November 30, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.	Open all year
Central District	Open all year, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.	
Eastern District	Open all year	

- Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons unless otherwise specified in District Exceptions to Standard Regulations.
- Fishing regulations valid March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	GIRTH (inches)	SITE	ANGLER	BAIT TACKLE	DATE
Arctic Grayling	■	20	3.63 lbs.	11.7	Washtub Lake	Glenn Owens	Wet Fly	6/28/03
Bighorn Buffalo	■	40.7	57.75 lbs.	32.5	Nelson Reservoir	Craig D. Grassel	Bow & Arrow	6/4/94
Black Bullhead	■	14.37	2.60 lbs.	11.5	Smiley Slough	Birrel White	Bait	6/20/09
Black Crappie	■	16.7	3.13 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Al Elser		1973
Bluegill	■	11	2.84 lbs.	17	Peterson's Stock Dam	Brent Fadino	Worm	6/3/83
Blue Sucker	■	32.56	11.56 lbs.	17.09	Milk River	Dean Armbrister	Spinner	5/14/14
Brook Trout	■		9.06 lbs.		Lower Two Medicine Lake	John R. Cook		1940
Brown Trout	■		29 lbs.		Wade Lake	E.H. "Peck" Bacon		1966
Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)	■	37	25.63 lbs.	25		James Hyer	Trotting Line	1916
Burbot	■	39	17.08 lbs.	16.25	Missouri River Wolf Point	Jeff Eugene Iwen	Minnow	4/18/89
Channel Catfish	■	41.75	34.8 lbs.	25	Fort Peck Reservoir	Dan Davenport	Jig	7/26/13
Chinook Salmon	■	38	31.13 lbs.	26.5	Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Carl L. Niles	Diamond King Spoon	10/2/91
Cisco	■	18.2	2.08 lbs.		Missouri River	Troy Holstein	Jig & Minnow	6/2/14
Creek Chub	■	11.0	.52 lbs.		Harbaugh Bass Pond	William Bibeau	Worm	5/12/13
Coho Salmon	■	25.5	4.88 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Iren F. Stuhl	Dardevil	5/29/73
Common Carp	■	38	40.2 lbs.	30.5	Nelson Reservoir	Jared S. Albus	Bow & Arrow	5/24/98
Cutthroat Trout	■		16 lbs.		Red Eagle Lake	Wm. D. Bands		1955
Emerald Shiner	■	2.43	0.01 lbs.		Park Grove Bridge	Ike Braaten	Rapala	6/9/06
Fathead Minnow	■	2.7	0.01 lbs.		Dollar Lake	Chris Gustine	Bait	5/20/14
Flathead Chub	■	11.2	0.59 lbs.		Thornton Pond	Douglas Jordan	Worm	4/29/01
Freshwater Drum	■	29.5	21.59 lbs.	26.5	Fort Peck - Ghost Coulee	Matt Washut	Smelt	5/3/03
Golden Trout	■	23.5	5.43 lbs.	13	Cave Lake	Mike Malhi	Lure	7/16/00
Goldeye	■		3.18 lbs.		Nelson Reservoir	Don Nevviry	Jig/Power Crawler	7/4/00
Green Sunfish	■	9.0	0.84 lbs.	9.87	Hickson's Pond	Bette Schmieding	Worm	5/25/09
Kokanee Salmon	■	26.8	7.95 lbs.		Hauser Lake	John Bomar	Jig	8/23/03
Lake Chub	■	3.9	.02 lbs.		Teton River	Joe Hagengruber	Worm	8/22/10
Lake Trout	■	42.5	42.69 lbs.	31.5	Flathead Lake	Ruth Barber	Flatfish	6/23/04
Lake Whitefish	■	27	10.46 lbs.		Flathead Lake	Swan McDonald V	Jig	8/26/06
Largemouth Bass	■	22.5	8.80 lbs.		Nixon Rapids Reservoir	Dann Williams	Rubber Tube Bait	5/2/09
Largescale Sucker	■	23.1	6.16 lbs.	14.5	Woodland Pond	Kevin Friley	Worm	6/27/08
Longnose Sucker	■		3.27 lbs.		Marias River Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	5/6/88
Mottled Sculpin	■		0.05 lb.		Belt Creek (North of Neilhart MT)	Brad Sullivan	Worm	7/30/01





## All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
  - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

## Operating Watercraft

FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

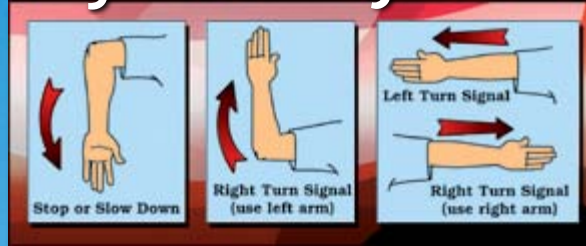
- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

## Who May Operate a Motorboat

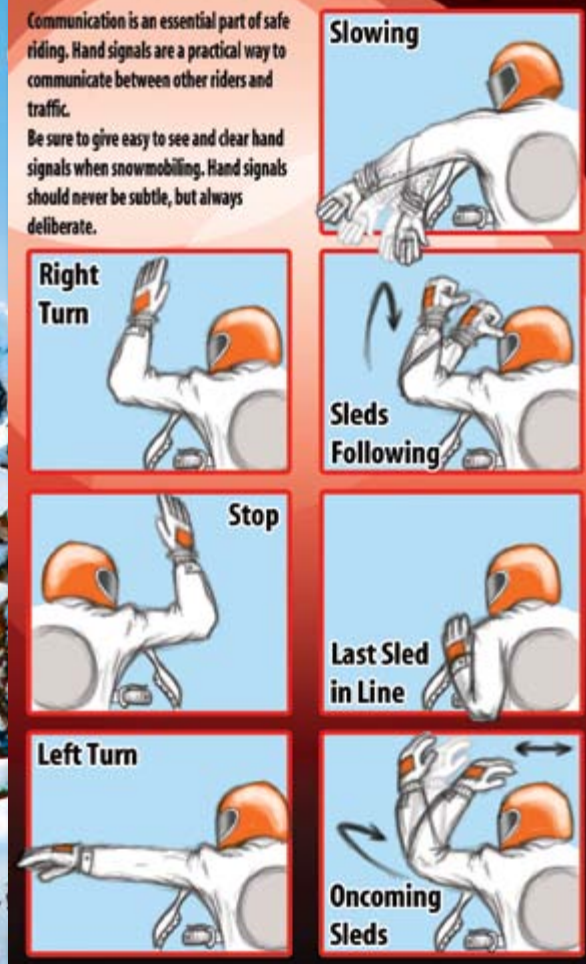
(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:
  - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
  - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
    - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:
  - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.

## Bicycle Hand Signals



## Snowmobile Hand Signals



## 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.

# Know Your ATV



**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.

- 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.

# Slow Down!

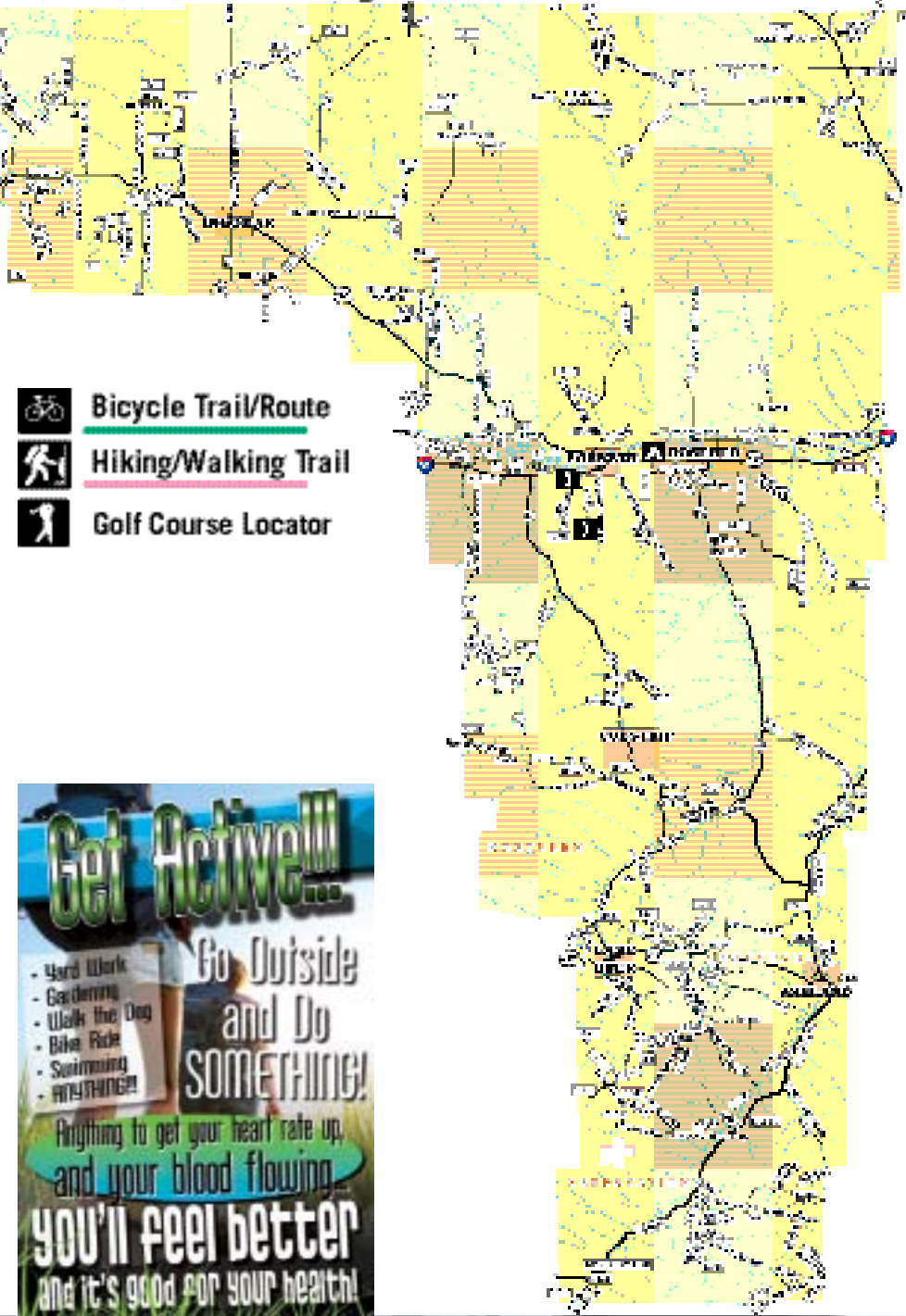
Snowmobiling  
is fun. Going to the  
hospital isn't.

# Be Cautious of Other Bikers

- 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.

# Drink lots of Water!

# Rosebud County



-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **Golf Course Locator**

**Get Active!!!**

Go Outside and Do SOMETHING!

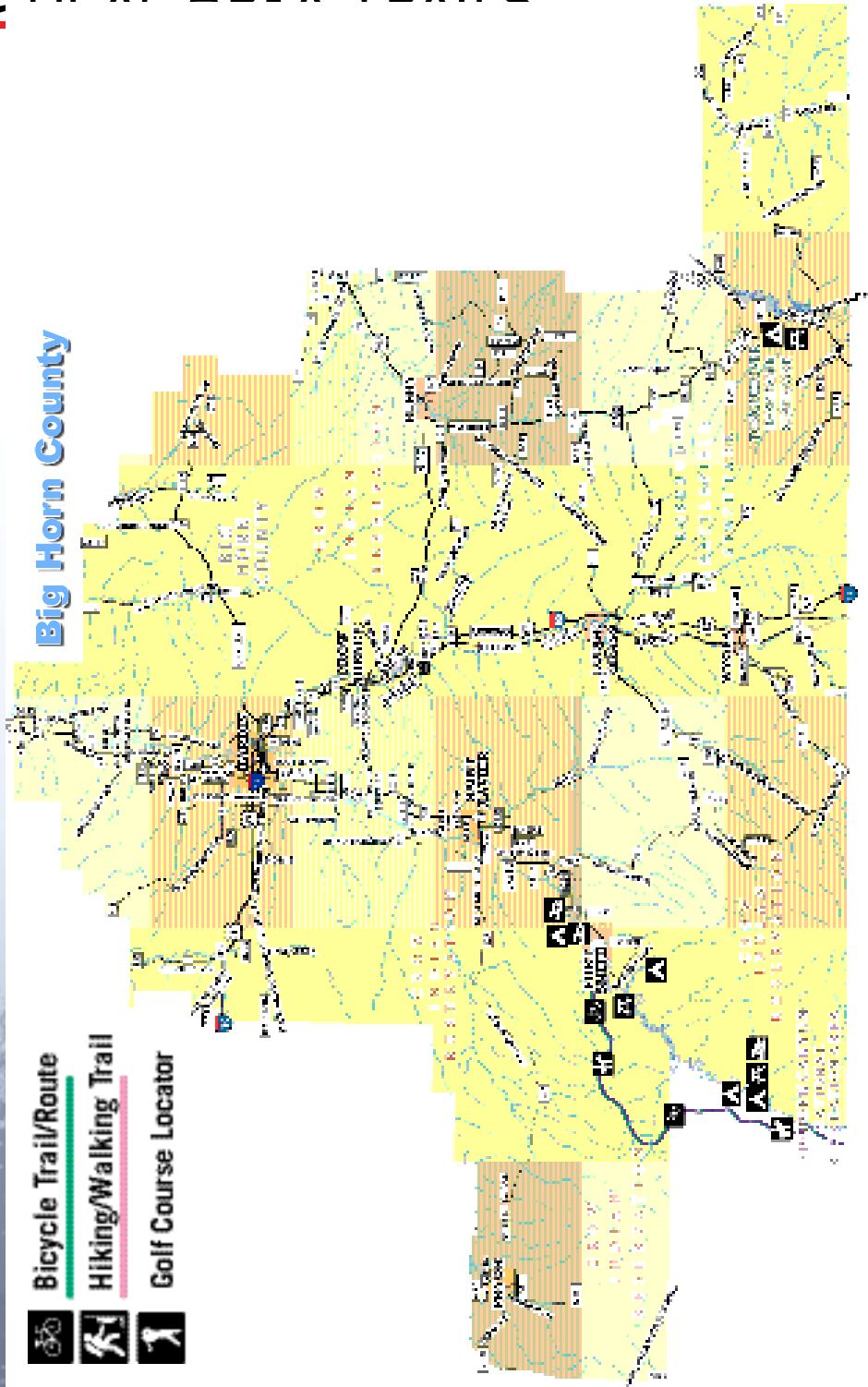
- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
- ANYTHING!

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

**you'll feel better**

and it's good for your health!

# Big Horn County



-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **Golf Course Locator**



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (with a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



# 10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING



Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



## PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

## KIDS:

### FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

### HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



## FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

### INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

*Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite seek medical attention immediately.*

### POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

**Lock up your poisons and medications.** Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

**Follow directions carefully.** Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

**Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too.** Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any anti-freeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



## FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

### BURNS

**For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter:** Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

#### **Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:**

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

#### **Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:**

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sun-screen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

**For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911**

**DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.**

**DO NOT remove burnt clothing.**

**Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.**

**If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.**

**Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.**

**Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.**

### CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



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