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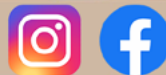
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Rusk County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Annual Seeley Hills Classic | Hayward
Annual Figure Skating Show | Hayward

FEBRUARY

Annual Hayward Lions Pre-Birkie
American Birkebeiner Weekend | Hayward
North End Classic | Hayward
Walleyes for Northwest Ice Fishing Contest | Hayward
Annual Fun on the Frozen Flambeau | Tony
Candlelight Ski - Flambeau River State Forest | Winter
Junkin' Market Days | Bruce

MARCH

Shamrock Shuffle | Hayward
The Fat Bike Birkie | Hayward
Lakewoods Snowshoe Race | Cable
St. Patrick's Day Bash | Bruce, Cable

APRIL

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Hunt | Hayward

MAY

Governor's Fishing Opener | Rusk & Sawyer Counties
Treeland Walleye Challenge | Hayward
Annual Lee Bonicatto Memorial Golf Outing | Hayward
Hayward Lions Pancake Breakfast
Winter Area Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Fair
Golden Spike Medallion Hunt | Winter
Classic Auto Cruise Night | Bruce

JUNE

Annual Musky Festival | Hayward
Musky Run 5K & Minnow Run | Hayward
Epic Bike Fest | Cable

JULY

Northland Mardi Gras | Ladysmith
Mardi Gras Arts & Crafts Fair | Ladysmith
Hayward Civic Club 4th of July
July Jubilee | Hayward, Tony
Heart of the North Rodeo | Hayward
Annual LCO Honor the Earth Pow Wow | Hayward
Annual Round Lake Fireworks Celebration
Bruce Blue Hills Festival | Bruce
Annual Health & Wellness Golf Benefit Tourney | Cable
independence day fireworks | Birchwood
Hicks & Picks | Bruce

AUGUST

Rusk County Fair | Ladysmith
Rusk County Junior Fair | Ladysmith
Sawyer County Fair | Hayward
Sawyer County Agricultural Fair | Hayward
Annual Ojibwa Community Club Canoe & Kayak Race
| Ojibwa
Fishing Has No Boundaries | Hayward
Annual World Lumberjack Championships | Hayward

SEPTEMBER

Annual Exeland Trout Festival
Relay For Life | Hayward
Leaf it to Rusk Fall Festival | Rusk County
Chippewa Flowage Musky Hunt | Hayward
Apostle Islands Lighthouse Celebration | Hayward
American Birkebeiner Trail Run | Hayward
Hayward Fall Festival
Hayward Library Fall Century Bike Tour
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival | Cable
Cable Fall Fest
Fall Fest Color Dash | Cable

OCTOBER

Trunk or Treat at Wesleyan Church | Hayward
Annual Stone Lake Cranberry Festival and Parade
Hayward Lakes Chapter of Muskies Fall Fishing
Tourney

DECEMBER

Winter Magic | Ladysmith
Community Christmas Celebration | Hayward
New Year's Celebration | Hayward
Ugly Sweater Run | Hayward
Santas Visit & Parade | Hayward

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Emergency Management	532-2151
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Extension	532-2151
Forestry Department	532-2113
Hwy Commissioner/ Department	532-2633
Health & Human Services	532-2299
Land Information/Surveyor	532-2165
Recycling	532-2167
Register of Deeds	532-2139
Sheriff	532-2189
Treasurer	532-2105
Veteran Services	532-2299
Zoning	532-2156

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Airport.....	(715)634-4624
Animal Control.....	634-5139
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Coroner	638-3354
District Attorney	634-4097
Extension	634-4839
Forestry Department	634-4846
Health & Human Services	634-4806
Information Technology.....	634-8185
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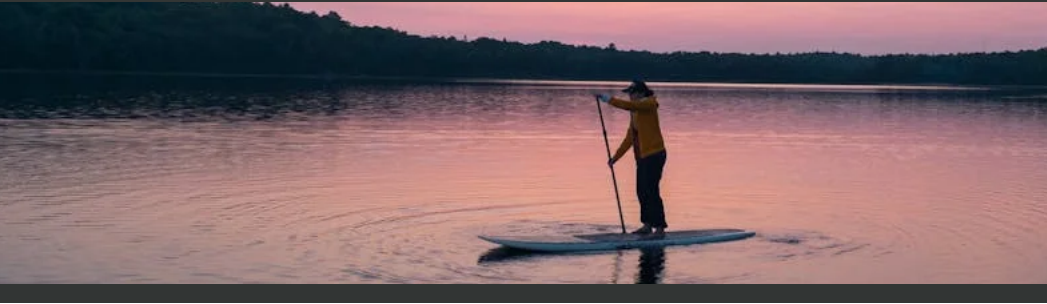
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Rusk County History

Rusk County Communities



In 1884 Rusk County territory was opened for settlement as many pioneers began arriving to work in the logging industry. Nearby rivers were used to transport heavy timber to nearby mills and those that were not part of the logging industry were involved in agriculture. The Soo Line railroad arrived the same year and many homes and businesses were built as a result. Originally known as Gates County, Rusk County was renamed in 1901 after Jeremiah Rusk, a civil war hero, congressman, governor and US Secretary of Agriculture. Ladysmith was then chosen as the county seat. As the area developed, Rusk County has been a haven for recreation enthusiasts. Visitors can enjoy canoeing, boating, fishing, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and skiing. Many golf courses and state parks are located within the county, offering numerous outdoor activities. Today Rusk County is home to approximately 14,389 residents.

CITIES & VILLAGES:

BRUCE – pop. 682
CONRATH – pop. 85
GLEN FLORA – pop. 81
HAWKINS – pop. 167
INGRAM – pop. 68
LADYSMITH (COUNTY SEAT) – 3,339
SHELDON – pop. 218
TONY – pop. 89
WEYERHAEUSER – pop. 309

TOWNS:

ATLANTA – pop. 613
BIG BEND – pop. 377
BIG FALLS – pop. 118
CEDAR RAPIDS – pop. 54
DEWEY – pop. 506
FLAMBEAU – pop. 1,055
GRANT – pop. 715

GROW – pop. 451
HAWKINS – pop. 284
HUBBARD – pop. 183
LAWRENCE – pop. 255
MARSHALL – pop. 648
MURRY – pop. 279
RICHLAND – pop. 200
RUSK – pop. 497
SOUTH FORK – pop. 127
STRICKLAND – pop. 302
STUBBS – pop. 549
THORNAPPLE – pop. 778
TRUE – pop. 277
WASHINGTON – pop. 300
WILKINSON – pop. 78
WILLARD – pop. 605
WILSON – pop. 100
**Populations are approximate.*

BRUCE

Bruce was established in 1884 and later incorporated as a village in 1901. The lumber and agriculture industry became very prosperous for Bruce and attracted settlers to the area. Today Bruce is home to approximately 682 residents.

CONRATH

Conrath was named after the Conrath brothers, Charles, Frank, Felix, Joe and John, who established a logging and sawmill business in the area. The community was originally named Main Creek but was later renamed in 1905 when it was incorporated. Today Conrath is home to approximately 85 residents.

GLEN FLORA

Glen Flora was named after the Roman Goddess Flora, the Goddess of plants and vegetation. Glen Flora was originally named Miller's Siding but was renamed after the post office was established in 1887. Early settlers arrived to the area in 1885. Within a short time, three sawmills were in operation. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads and the lumber industry to the area. Today Glen Flora is home to approximately 81 residents.

HAWKINS

Hawkins was named in honor of M.P. Hawkins, a secretary of the Soo Line Railroad. Early settlers were loggers and were attracted to the abundance of large white pines in the area. Eventually, Hawkins became one of the largest producers of timber in Rusk County. Today Hawkins is home to approximately 284 residents.

LADYSMITH (COUNTY SEAT)

Ladysmith was established where the Soo Line Railroad and the Flambeau River crossed. A logger and lumber entrepreneur who greatly influenced the community by the name of Robert Corbett, originally named the territory "Corbett" then "Warner" in 1891. Many settlers arrived to the region in search of work in the lumber industry and the area began to boom. Those that were not involved in logging were masons, carpenters or farmers. Hotels and businesses were quickly built to accommodate their growing needs. In 1900, Warner was renamed Ladysmith as a tribute to the bride of Charles R. Smith, who owned the Menasha Wooden Company. In 1902, the nearby communities Bruce and Tony contested with Ladysmith for the county seat and there were many town rivalries until Ladysmith was officially declared. Soon, Ladysmith was known as a paper and lumbering town, but by 1915 most of the timber had been exhausted. Residents focused on agriculture as many raised cattle for the dairy industry and later tourism. Today Ladysmith is home to approximately 3,339 residents.

SHELDON

Sheldon began as a logging town with most of its area owned by lumber companies. The community was originally named Fern for the abundance of fern to the area, but was renamed Sheldon in 1906 after an important Wisconsin Central Railroad official. Sheldon was incorporated that same year. After the decline of the lumber industry in the early 1900s, the land in Sheldon was sold and was bought up by immigrants and new settlers to the area. Sheldon was later platted in 1906 and populations increased with the rise of agriculture. Today Sheldon is home to approximately 218 residents.



*F*ur traders were among the first settlers in Sawyer County, trading with Chippewa Indians for pelts. The first trading post, Codette's, was established south of Hayward. Due to the plentiful timber, lumber barons were attracted to the area. By the 1870s, A.J. Hayward headed the North Wisconsin Lumber Company which harvested the white pines in Sawyer County. The settlement of Hayward was officially established in 1881, becoming part of Sawyer County in 1883 as the county seat. As the railroad arrived, the lumber and milling business began to boom and tourism grew. When timber resources were exhausted around 1900, tourism became the area's most important industry. Over 200 lakes are nestled within Sawyer County, attracting many outdoor recreational enthusiasts. Fishing camps, cabins, resorts and clubs make up its tourism industry. Today Sawyer County is home to approximately 17,117 residents.

CITIES & VILLAGES:

COUDERAY – pop. 98
EXELAND – pop. 203
HAYWARD (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,318
RADISSON – pop. 221
WINTER – pop. 339

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES:

CHIEF LAKE – pop. 625
LITTLE ROUND LAKE – pop. 948
NEW POST – pop. 367
RESERVE – pop. 436

TOWNS:

BASS LAKE – pop. 2,272
COUDERAY – pop. 549
DRAPER – pop. 118
EDGEWATER – pop. 54
HAYWARD – pop. 3,302
HUNTER – pop. 790
LENROOT – pop. 715
MEADOWBROOK – pop. 182
METEOR – pop. 198
OJIBWA – pop. 303
RADISSON – pop. 520
ROUND LAKE – pop. 1,020
SAND LAKE – pop. 788
SPIDER LAKE – pop. 406
WEIRGOR – pop. 400
WINTER – pop. 1,132

**Populations are approximate.*

COUDERAY

Couderay is named after the Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Reservation which is located to the north of the town. Early industry included logging and agriculture. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads and businesses to the area. Today Couderay is home to approximately 549 residents.

EXELAND

Exeland is named after railroad tracks that cross paths located within the town. Early industry included logging, farming and manufacturing. Populations increased steadily with the arrival of the logging industry, railroads and agriculture to the area. Today Exeland is home to approximately 203 residents.



Sawyer County Communities

HAYWARD (COUNTY SEAT)

Settlement of the Hayward area began in the 1870s as timber was plentiful. Upon arrival, A.J. Hayward viewed the area as a prime location for a lumber mill. He established the North Wisconsin Lumber Company along the Namekagon River. Dams were built to power the mills and the lumber was used for local businesses and homes, or shipped via the riverways. The community grew around the logging industry and the railroad arrived in 1881, enabling smoother transportation of timber. Hayward was named after its founder and became the county seat in 1883. The first schoolhouse soon followed. As timber resources began to dwindle, logging camps disappeared in the early 1900s. Hayward's industry became focused on tourism and resorts were built to accommodate the needs of vacationers. Hayward is now widely recognized for its recreational appeal with many lakes, trails, camps, and activities to enjoy. Although the logging industry has since declined, residents still celebrate its rich history with the annual World Lumberjack Championships. Today Hayward is home to approximately 3,302 residents.

RADISSON

Radisson was named in honor of Pierre-Esprit Radisson, a French fur trader and explorer who discovered the Hudson Bay. Early industry included logging and agriculture. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the area. Today Radisson is home to approximately 520 residents.

WINTER

Winter was named in honor of John Winter, an Omaha Railroad official. It was originally established as a logging community and was named LeBoef. Logging made up most of the industry in Winter until its decline in the early 1900s when agriculture became increasingly profitable. Today Winter is home to approximately 1,132 residents.

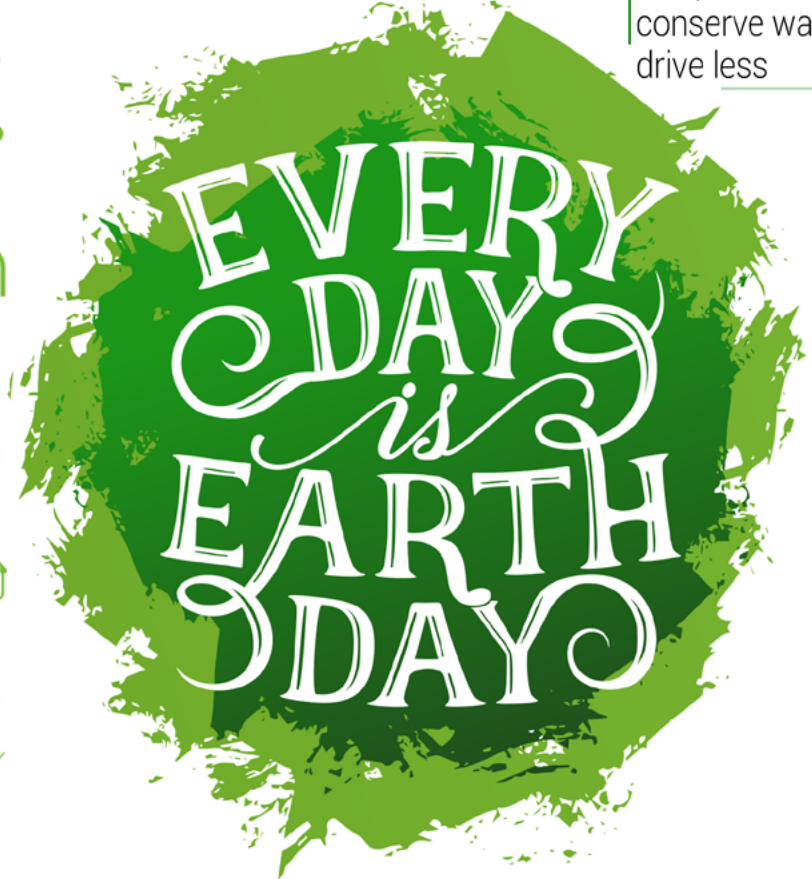


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Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



HONEY Glazed CHICKEN



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN



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.



RUSK COUNTY

AUDIE FLOWAGE PARK/ PERCH LAKE CAMPGROUND

Audie Flowage Park features camping, cross-country skiing, boat landing, fishing, mountain biking, picnic tables and swimming area.
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BRUCE VILLAGE PARK

Bruce Village Park features a ball field, a lighted pavilion and a play area.
750 W Arthur Ave. | Bruce | (715) 868-2185

GLEN FLORA PARK

Glen Flora Park features ball fields, a pavilion and a play area.
Mill St. & 3rd St.

GREENWOOD PARK

Greenwood Park features bird watching, hiking trails, a nature study, a scenic creek and snowshoeing.
Menasha Ave. E & 16 St. N | Ladysmith

HALEY PARK

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W5592 Sargent Ave. | Sheldon | (715) 452-5730

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Highway 8 | Hawkins | (715) 585-6322

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LAKE FLAMBEAU COMMUNITY PARK

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W7176 Lakeview Ln. | Tony | (715) 532-2113

MEMORIAL PARK

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Hwy. 8 & River Ave. E | Ladysmith | (715) 532-2600

MURPHY FLOWAGE COUNTY PARK

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N7930 County Rd. F | Birchwood | (715) 532-2113

O.J. FALGE PARK

O.J. Falge Park features a fire pit, horseshoes, an ice skating rink, a lighted pavilion, playground equipment and a volleyball court.
714 Fritz Ave. E | Ladysmith

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THORNAPPLE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Thornapple River Campground features camping, fishing, golfing, a picnic area, swimming and whitewater paddling.
N6599 WI-27 | Ladysmith | (715) 532-7034

THUT PARK

Thut Park features horseshoes, an ice skating rink and picnic tables.
721 E 12th St. S | Ladysmith | (715) 532-2600

WEYERHAEUSER COMMUNITY PARK

Weyerhaeuser Community Park features a ball field, basketball courts, coolers, a lighted pavilion, a kitchen, picnic areas, a playground, a tennis court, volleyball pits and Pickleball Courts.
N3780 N 2nd St. | Weyerhaeuser | (715) 790-3555

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Black Lake Recreation Area features boating, camping, hiking and a picnic area.

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8380 N County Rd. CC | Hayward | (715) 462-3672

LAKE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE

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N County Rd. CC | Hayward | (715) 462-3626

NATIONAL FRESH WATER FISHING HALL OF FAME

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10360 Hall of Fame Dr. | Hayward | (715) 634-4440

OJIBWA PARK

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QUIET LAKES

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N15400 Park Lane | Park Falls | (715) 415-0297

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9503 WI-27 | Hayward | (715) 699-1442

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FISHING SEASONS

2024-2025 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1, 2024; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch & release)

January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

General Inland Trout

May 4 (5 a.m.) - October 15

General Inland Fishing

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest

June 15 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Large And Smallmouth Bass Catch And Release

At all other times of the year.

Musky Northern Zone Harvest

May 25 - December 31

Musky Southern Zone Harvest

May 4 - December 31

Northern Pike

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Walleye

May 4 - March 2, 2025

Lake Sturgeon

February 10 - February 25 (spearing)

September 7 to September 30 (hook-and-line)

Free Fishing Weekends

Jan. 20-21, 2024

June 1-2, 2024

Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Contact the Wisconsin DNR for more information on specific fishing zones and dates:*

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Fishing

Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.

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.

HUNTING SEASONS

DEER

Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*

Sept. 14 – Jan. 31, 2025

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 5 – 13, 2024

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 5 – 6, 2024

Gun ~ Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2024

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 2 – 11, 2024

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 12 – 15, 2024

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025*

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

BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Sept. 2 – 8, 2024

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 11 – Oct. 1, 2024

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Sept. 4 – 10, 2024

with aid of bait only

with all other legal methods not using dogs

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

Sept. 4 – Oct. 8, 2024

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

Southern zone ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2025

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 14 – Feb. 28, 2025

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide ~ Nov. 23 – March 26, 2025

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

Bobwhite quail

Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 11

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 14 – Jan. 5, 2025

Zone B ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 19 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 5, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Continuous open season

Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone B (northeast) ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

Zone C (south) ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

Zone D (Mississippi River) ~ March 15, 2025

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone ~ Oct. 19 – April 15, 2025

Central Zone ~ Oct. 26 – March 22, 2025

Southern Zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 15, 2025

Mississippi River zone ~ Nov. 11 – March 9, 2025

Bobcat

Hunting & Trapping

Period 1 ~ Oct. 19 – Dec. 25

Period 2 ~ Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2025

Fisher

Trapping

North & South Zones ~ Oct. 19 – Jan. 5, 2025

Otter

Trapping

North zone ~ Nov. 2 – April 30, 2025

South zone ~ Nov. 2 – March 31, 2025

FURBEARERS (CONTD)

Raccoon

Hunting & Trapping

Resident ~ Oct. 19 – Feb. 15, 2025

Non-resident ~ Nov. 2 – Feb. 15, 2025

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck ~ No season limits, bag limits,

size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2024 Youth turkey hunt ~ Apr. 13 & 14

Spring 2024

Period A ~ Apr. 17-23

Period B ~ Apr. 24-30

Period C ~ May 1-7

Period D ~ May 8-14

WILD TURKEY (CONTD)

Period E ~ May 15-21

Period F ~ May 22-28

Fall 2024

Statewide Sept. 14-Nov. 22

Zones 1 - 5 ~ Nov. 23, 2024-Jan. 5 2025

*Dates are subject to change please contact your local DNR office for specific hunting and trapping zone regulations. For general information on fire-arm safety training call: 1 (888) 936-7463.

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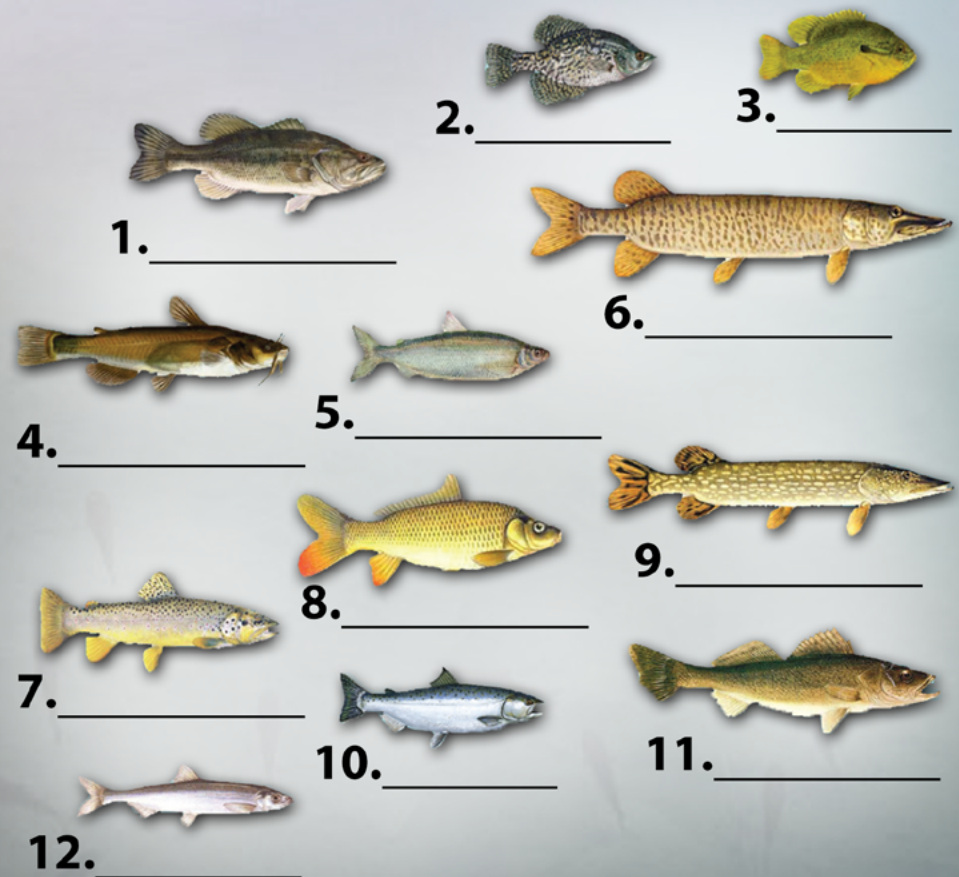
Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
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MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

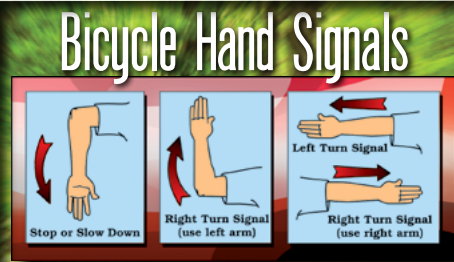
Do you know the Midwest fish species? Identify the fish below.



Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellung 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

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.



Drink lots of Water!



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Read the owner's manual

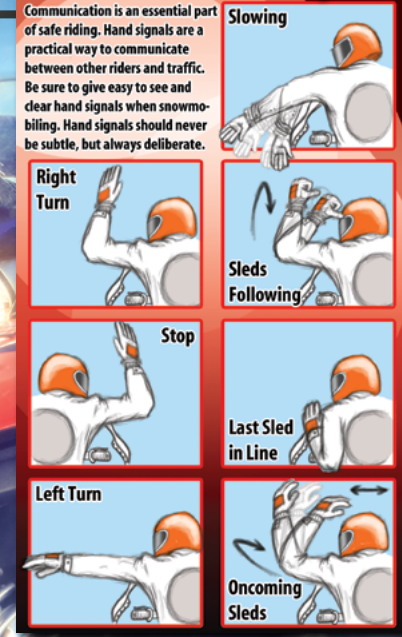
and know your vehicle thoroughly.

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

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

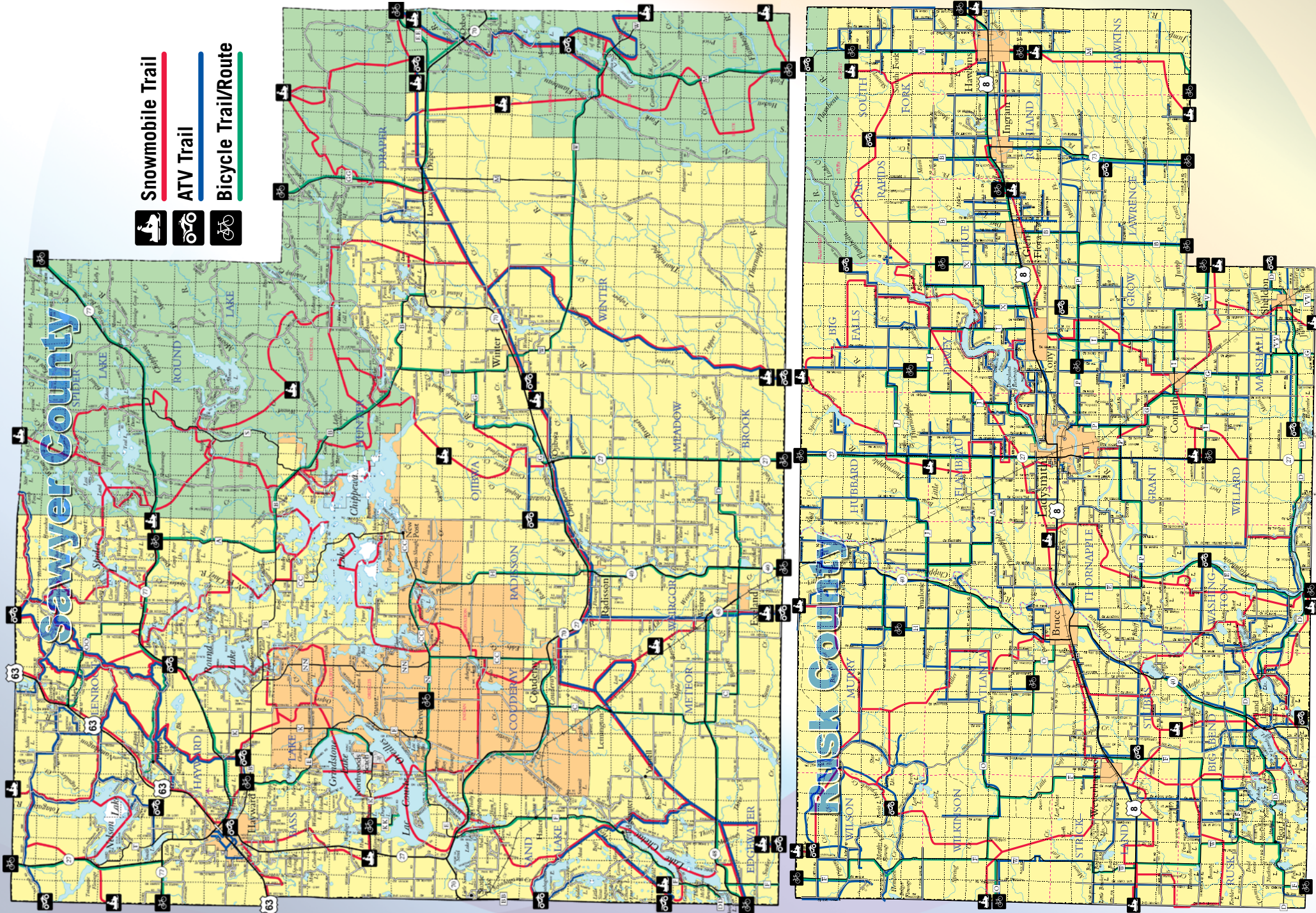
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy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

Snowmobile Hand Signals



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

AREA TRAILS



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.

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



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.



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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DOG PARKS



Travel

Choosing the
perfect
destination

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

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

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

Plan:

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

Protect:

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

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