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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Southern MN Wedding Expo | Mankato

FEBRUARY

Big Bobber Ice Fishing Contest | Mankato
Ski & Board for Echo Food Shelf | Mankato
Discovery Days | Mankato
High Island Lake Fish Fry | New Auburn
Eskimo Day | Henderson

MARCH

Mount Kato Spring Fling | Mankato
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Mankato
EGGstravaganza | Gaylord
Spring Fling | Gaylord

APRIL

Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert | Mankato
Spring Collection Jazz Concert | Mankato
Spring Play | Mankato
City Wide Garage Sales | Le Sueur
Pioneer Power Swap Meet | Le Sueur
Spring Craft Fair | Le Sueur
Grackle Days | Winthrop

MAY

Key City Kennel Club Dog Show | Mankato
Senior Expo | Mankato
Honors Recital | Mankato
Spring Collection Dance Concert | Mankato
Celebration Day | Green Isle
City Wide Garage Sales | Henderson

Emergency Numbers For Kids

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MOM AT WORK: _____

MOM CELL PHONE: _____

DAD AT WORK: _____

DAD CELL PHONE: _____

NEIGHBOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

POISON CONTROL: **1-800-222-1222**

EMERGENCY DIAL

911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

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 ask 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.

Local Area Events

JUNE

Great River Energy Bike Festival | Mankato
Nicollet Friendship Days
North Mankato Fun Days Triathlon
Town & Country Days | Arlington
Music in the Park | Gibbon
Sauerkraut Days | Henderson

JULY

Tator Days | Eagle Lake
Hickory Street Ribfest | Mankato
North Mankato Fun Days
Music in the Park | Gibbon
Polka Fest | Gibbon
Crazy Dayze | Le Sueur
Giant Days | Le Sueur
Farm City Fun Fest | Winthrop
Sibley County Fair | Arlington

AUGUST

Old Town Summerfest | Mankato
Nicollet County Fair | St. Peter
Hummingbird Hurrah | Henderson
Pioneer Power | Le Sueur

SEPTEMBER

Bethany Fall Festival | Mankato
Day of the Dam | Mankato
Handbell Concert | Mankato
Minnesota Shorts Festival of Plays | Mankato
Pride 5k Fun Run | Mankato
U of M Open House | Mankato
Women's Show | Mankato
Car & Show Swap Meet | St. Peter
Heritage Days | Henderson

OCTOBER

Haunted Dark Shadow Mansion | Mankato
History Fest | Mankato
Minneopa State Park Prairie Restoration | Mankato
Fall Crawl | Henderson
Fall in the Valley | Le Sueur

NOVEMBER

Minnesota Valley Chorale Fall Concert | Mankato
Residents Artist Show | Mankato
Holiday Expo | Mankato
Mankato ChiliFest for Vets & Rett
Korean Night | Mankato
Resident Artist Show | Mankato

DECEMBER

Victorian Christmas | Mankato
Christmas Concert | Mankato
Christmas at the Hubbard House | Mankato
Holiday Book Fair | Mankato
Fall Bridge Dance Concert | Mankato
Goldsmith Reunion Fine Art Festival | Mankato
Christmas at the Cox House | St. Peter
Holiday Showcase Gala | Henderson
Christmas Parade | Le Sueur
Christmas in the Country Craft Show | Winthrop



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Probation.....	237-4097
Public Health.....	237-4035
Public Works.....	237-4092
Recorder.....	237-4080
Sheriff.....	237-4330
Veterans Services.....	237-4090

NICOLLET COUNTY

Administration.....	(507) 391-6800
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EMERGENCY.....	911
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Sheriff.....	931-7106
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⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

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 with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

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 antifreeze/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.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

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 sunscreen 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.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911



Sibley County History (*Gaylord, County Seat*)

Settled in the mid 1800s, Sibley County was named in honor of General Henry Hastings Sibley, the first governor of Minnesota. Sibley County was officially organized in 1853 and Henderson was first selected as the county seat. As the railroad arrived, Sibley County continued to grow and cities were founded near railway junctions and lakes and streams. Businesses were established and the area began to develop. The county seat was moved to Gaylord in 1915 and the population of Sibley County reached 16,862. Today Sibley County is home to approximately 14,954 residents.

CITIES:

ARLINGTON - pop. 2,028

GAYLORD (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 2,123

GIBBON - pop. 738

GREEN ISLE - pop. 435

HENDERSON - pop. 918

NEW AUBURN - pop. 502

WINTHROP - pop. 1,256

TOWNSHIPS:

ALFSBORG - pop. 347

ARLINGTON - pop. 542

BISMARCK - pop. 373

DRYDEN - pop. 267

CORNISH - pop. 262

FAXON - pop. 573

GRAFTON - pop. 259

GREEN ISLE - pop. 536

HENDERSON - pop. 669

JESSENLAND - pop. 466

KELSO - pop. 350

MOLTKE - pop. 332

NEW AUBURN - pop. 446

SEVERANCE - pop. 338

SIBLEY - pop. 346

TRANSIT - pop. 316

WASHINGTON LAKE - pop. 488

**Populations are approximate.*

Sibley County Communities

ARLINGTON

Arlington was settled in 1855 and streets were platted in 1856. As the railroad arrived in 1881, Arlington continued to grow and businesses were established. The community was incorporated in 1948 and continues to thrive. Today Arlington is home to approximately 2,028 residents.

GAYLORD (COUNTY SEAT)

Once home to Sioux Indians, Gaylord was settled in the late 1800s near Lake Titloe. Attracted to the ample natural resources, settlers began to stake land claims and the first permanent resident was Fred Kahlow, Sr in 1853. The community was named in honor of Edward W. Gaylord, a railway engineer, and the city became the county seat in 1915. Today Gaylord is home to approximately 2,123 residents.

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⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

Sibley County Communities

GIBBON

Gibbon was first settled in 1865 and named in honor of General John Gibbon of the Civil War. In 1895 Gibbon City Hall was constructed and by 1900, the community housed saloons, grocery stores and specialty shops with a population reaching 545. It hosted one of the largest Polka Festivals in the United States for many years and was featured on Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion Show." Today Gibbon is home to approximately 738 residents.

GREEN ISLE

First settled in 1857, Green Isle was platted in 1881. The community was named by Christopher Dolan, in honor of the "Emerald Isle" of Ireland. As residents were attracted to the shores of Lake Erin, the community began to grow. Today Green Isle is home to approximately 435 residents.

HENDERSON

Founded in 1852 and platted by Joseph R. Brown in 1855, Henderson was named by Brown in honor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Henderson. A newspaper was established in 1857 and Henderson began to grow. The community was incorporated as a city in 1891 and remained the county seat until 1915 when it was moved to Gaylord. Today Henderson is home to approximately 918 residents.

NEW AUBURN

New Auburn was first settled in 1855 and streets were platted in 1856. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and nearby High Island Lake. New Auburn was named after Auburn, New York and remains a quiet, close-knit community. Today New Auburn is home to approximately 502 residents.

WINTHROP

Winthrop, named by the railway company, was settled in the late 1800s. Incorporated as a city in 1910, Winthrop has become widely recognized as the "Grackle City of the World." It is the childhood home of WCCO Radio's Roger Erickson and the "Pie Ladies of Winthrop," Mina Peterson and Karen Melius of Lyle's Cafe. Today Winthrop is home to approximately 1,256 residents.



Nicollet County History *(St. Peter, County Seat)*

Settled in the mid 1800s, Nicollet County was named after the French explorer, Joseph N. Nicollet. Attracted to the abundant farmland, forests and streams, settlers arrived to stake land claims after the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux. Townships were platted by 1855 and St. Peter was voted as the county seat in 1858. 15 school districts were organized throughout Nicollet County by 1859 and local businesses began to thrive. In 1868 the railroad arrived and communities were established near rail lines and nearby lakes and rivers. Today Nicollet County is home to approximately 32,027 residents.

CITIES:

COURTLAND - pop. 617
LAFAYETTE - pop. 515
MANKATO - pop. 36,245
NICOLLET - pop. 1,074
NORTH MANKATO - pop. 12,530
ST. PETER (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 10,971

TOWNSHIPS:

BELGRADE - pop. 1,008
BERNADOTTE - pop. 361
BRIGHTON - pop. 174
COURTLAND - pop. 722
GRANBY - pop. 271
LAFAYETTE - pop. 734
LAKE PRAIRIE - pop. 653
NEW SWEDEN - pop. 632
NICOLLET - pop. 511
OSHAWA - pop. 476
RIDGELY - pop. 134
TRAVERSE - pop. 369
WEST NEWTON - pop. 525

** Populations are approximate.*

Carbon Monoxide Safety

PREVENTION

- Install carbon monoxide detectors near every bedroom, gas appliance and in your RV, camper or motor home and test them monthly.
- Have flues, chimneys and all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a professional annually.
- Make sure fireplaces, wood stoves, dryers, furnaces and water heaters are properly vented to the outside.
- Only burn clean and untreated wood.
- Never idle your car or gas powered vehicle in the garage, with or without the garage door open.
- Toxic fumes build up quickly and can easily contaminate your home.
- Never use gas-powered engines like weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, lawnmowers or portable generators in enclosed areas.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors or in any closed area.
- Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Never sleep in a room or area heated with a gas or kerosene space heater that does not have proper ventilation.

SYMPTOMS

- Headaches, severe fatigue, vomiting, nausea, muscle and joint pain, dizziness, tingling, vertigo
- Attention and multi-tasking problems, short-term memory problems, word-finding problems
- Irritability, temper, loss of interest, sleep disturbance, anxiety, lack of motivation
- Eating and swallowing difficulties, vision problems, lack of muscular coordination, speaking difficulty, ringing in the ears
- Seizures, tremors, balancing problems, shortness of breath

Carbon monoxide poisoning is easily confused with flu-like symptoms. Serious long-term health risks or death can result if warning signs are ignored. Carbon monoxide can affect you for days, weeks, months or years. High levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal within minutes.

TREATMENT

- Immediately take the victim out to fresh air.
- If the victim cannot be removed, open every window and door.
- All appliances should be turned off.
- Take the victim to an emergency room as quickly as fast as possible, or call 911.

Home Safety

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit. Motion sensors and timers help deter burglars.
- Dead-bolts and peep-holes should be placed on all outside doors.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should have locks and be in good working order.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Use an engraver to mark computers, cameras, stereos, TV's, tools, yard equipment, etc.
- Never leave valuables, expensive jewelry, or large amounts of cash at home. If you must, keep a list of your valuables with serial numbers to assist in insurance claims.
- Keep your car locked at all times and store all valuables out of sight.
- Guns should always be stored unloaded and with a gunlock.
- Become part of a neighborhood watch or program that is similar.
- Be suspicious of unusual people or vehicles in your neighborhood. Document the date, time, description and license plate number to give to law enforcement if needed.
- When on vacation, do not advertise your absence. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted friend or neighbor to give the impression you are home by stopping by to take out trash, shovel snow, mow the lawn, etc.



Nicollet County Communities

COURTLAND

Settlers arrived to Courtland in 1855 and the area was first known as Hilo. A year later, a post office was established with William Duprey as the first postmaster. By 1882, general stores, a hotel, grain elevator and specialty shops were built. The community was incorporated in 1892 and named after a city in New York. Today Courtland is home to approximately 617 residents.

LAFAYETTE

Settled in the mid 1800s, Lafayette began as an agricultural community. As the railroad arrived, Lafayette began to grow and homes and businesses were constructed. Tippi Hedren of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* was born here. Today Lafayette is home to approximately 515 residents.



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MANKATO

Named Mahkato by Sioux Indians, meaning greenish blue earth, until a spelling error made the city Mankato. The community was first settled in 1852 by Parsons K. Johnson and Henry Jackson after the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux. As the railroad arrived in 1868, Mankato became a major transportation hub. Residents experienced great industrial growth between 1880 and 1890 and the city was officially incorporated in 1898. Today Mankato is home to approximately 36,245 residents.

NICOLLET

Once home to Sioux Indians, Nicollet was originally known as Eureka. With the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, land was opened for settlement. A post office was established in 1855 and a year later, Eureka was renamed Nicollet. As the railroad arrived, Nicollet began to thrive and streets were platted by James H. Stewart and Walter L. Brackenridge in 1874. Today Nicollet is home to approximately 1,074 residents.

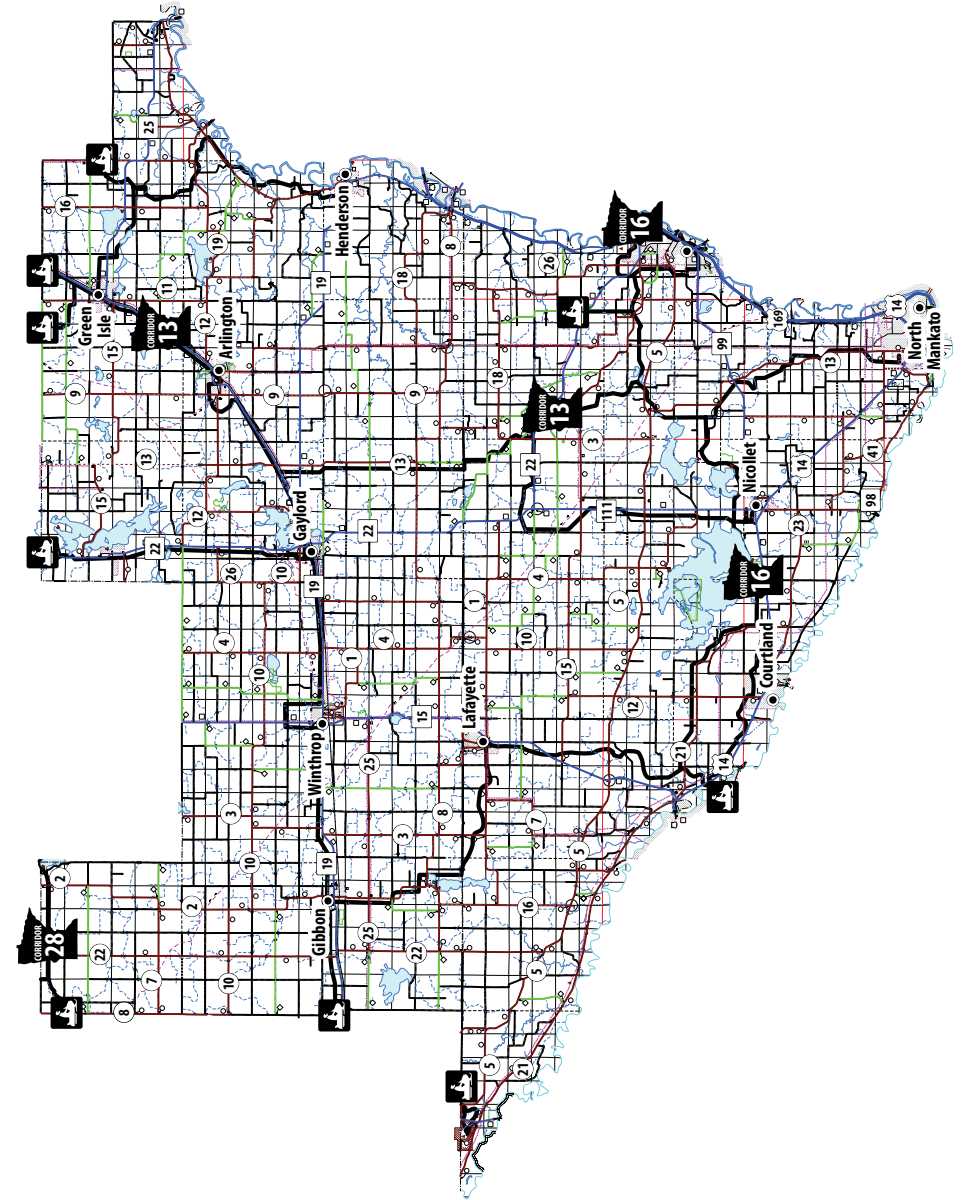
NORTH MANKATO

Originally inhabited by Sioux Indians, North Mankato was settled in the 1850s. Pioneers were attracted to the ample natural resources and fertile soil. In 1880 the first bridge was constructed across the Minnesota River, connecting Mankato to North Mankato. Both cities formed a partnership and the area began to thrive as industry flourished. North Mankato was incorporated in 1898 and has continued to grow. Today North Mankato is home to approximately 12,530 residents.

ST. PETER (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1853, Captain William Begelow Dodd claimed land and established a settlement called Rock Bend. A year later, Daniel L. Turpin surveyed and platted the community. With the signing of the Traverse des Sioux Treaty, lands were claimed by settlers. Rock Bend was renamed St. Peter by St. Paul businessmen and an unsuccessful attempt was made in 1857 to move the Minnesota Capital to St. Peter. In 1858 St. Peter was voted as the county seat for Nicollet County and St. Peter has continued to grow. Today St. Peter is home to approximately 10,971 residents.

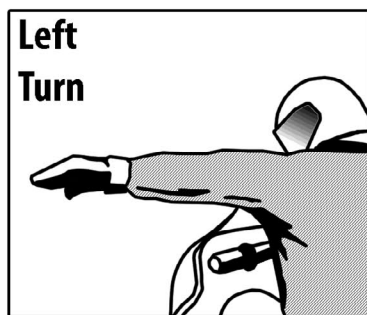
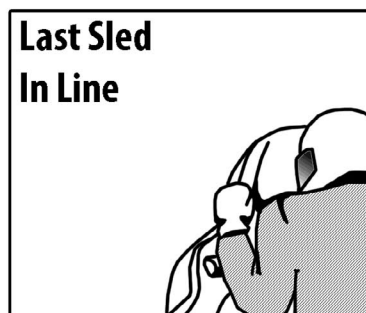
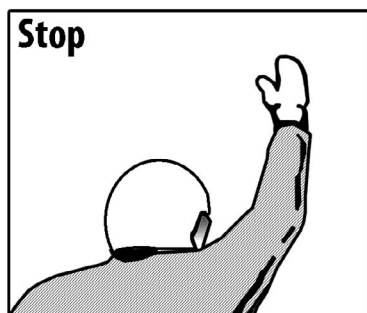
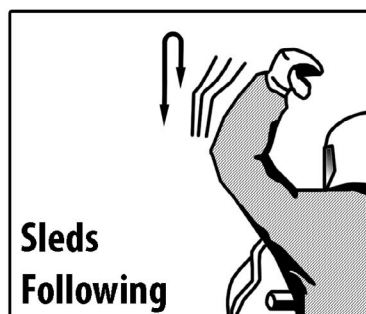
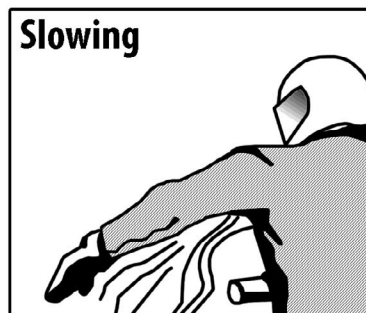
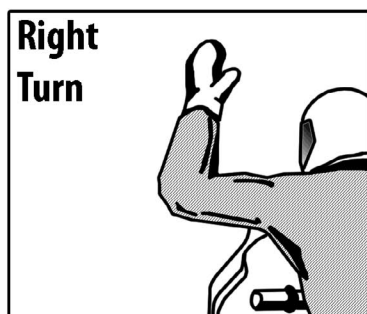
Snowmobile Trails



Snowmobile Safety

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.



Parks & Recreation

7 MILE PARK

Hwy. 169 | North Mankato

Located on 628 acres near 7 Mile Creek, 7 Mile Creek Park features picnic shelters, boat launch, nature trails and volleyball courts.

CLEAR LAKE PARK

615th Ave. | Gibbon

Located on 42 acres, Clear Lake Park features a boat launch, picnic shelters, swimming beach, playground equipment. Overnight camping is available through the Sibley County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330.

HIGH ISLAND CREEK PARK

341st Lane | Henderson

Located on 220 acres, High Island Creek Park features a picnic shelter and nature trails. Overnight camping is available through the Sibley County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330.

FORT RIDGELY STATE PARK

Hwy. 4 | Ridgely Township

Located on 1,040 acres, Fort Ridgely State Park features a campground, interpretive center, farmhouse, chalet, nine hole golf course, amphitheater, picnic shelters, playground equipment, nature trails, volleyball courts, horse-shoe pits and softball fields.

MINNEMISHINONA FALLS

Hwy. 41 | North Mankato

Located on 3 acres near the Minnesota River, Minnemishinona Falls features a 42 foot waterfall with views of the Minnesota River Valley.

MINNEOPA STATE PARK

Hwy. 169 | Mankato

Located on 2,689 acres, Minneopa State Park features a campground, picnic shelters, interpretive center, nature trails and a waterfall.

RAPIDAN DAM PARK

County Rd. 9 | Mankato

Located on 35 acres near Madison Lake, Lone Pine Park features picnic areas and a boat launch.

RED JACKET PARK

Hwy. 66 | Mankato

Located on 4 acres, Red Jacket Park features picnic shelters, boat launch and nature trails.

RUSH RIVER PARK

Rush River Park Rd. | Henderson

Located on 285 acres, Rush River Park features a picnic shelter, equestrian and nature trails, swimming beach and playground equipment. Overnight camping is available through the Sibley County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330.



Local Area Attractions

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1 Civic Center Plaza | Mankato | (507) 389-3000

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

204 Shamrock Dr. | Arlington | (507) 964-5878

ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

321 Main St. W | Arlington | (507) 964-2490

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315 Minnesota Ave. S | St. Peter | (507) 931-3630

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700 Luther Dr. | Mankato | (507) 334-7365

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HISTORIC MANKATO POST OFFICE

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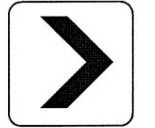
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Snowmobile Safety

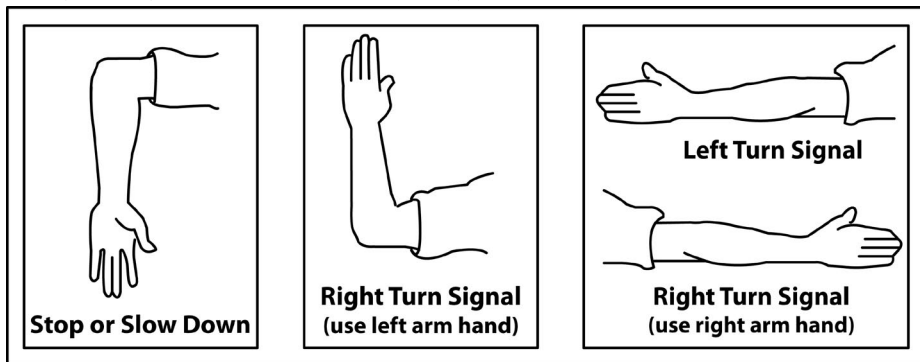
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy 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.

Common Trail Signs



Bicycle Safety

- 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.



Local Area Attractions

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KATO ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
200 Chestnut St. | Mankato | (507) 625-7553

LINNAEUS ARBORETUM
800 College Ave. W | St. Peter | (507) 933-6181

LIDO THEATRE
309 Main St. W | Arlington | (507) 964-5771

MANKATO BALLET
329 Board St. N | Mankato | (507) 625-7716

MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
P.O. Box 645 | Mankato | (507) 625-8880

MERELY PLAYERS THEATRE
110 Fulton St. | Mankato | (507) 338-5483

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY THEATRE
201 Performing Arts Center | Mankato | (507) 389-6661

MINNESOTA VALLEY CHORALE
222 Pfau St. | Mankato | (507) 625-8278

MOUNT KATO
20461 Hwy. 66 | Mankato | (507) 625-3363

NICOLLET COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1851 Minnesota Ave. N | St. Peter | (507) 934-2160

R.D. HUBBARD HOUSE
606 Broad St. S | Mankato | (507) 345-4154

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
105 5th St. N | Mankato | (507) 388-2995

SIBLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
700 Main St. | Henderson | (507) 248-3434

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME
170 Good Counsel Dr. | Mankato | (507) 389-4200

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RIVER HILLS MALL
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TRAVERSE DE SIOUX HISTORIC SITE
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ATV Safety

- 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.





Improving Lakes, Rivers & Streams

- Use phosphorus-free fertilizers to help control algae growth. Phosphorus helps to feed algae. Excessive algae makes swimming and fishing unpleasant, and stresses fish and wildlife.
- Bag your lawn clippings or use them for compost. Grass and leaves also contain phosphorus which promote algae growth. Trimmings that end up in streets end up polluting lakes and streams.
- Utilize rain barrels for gardening to help reduce runoff, as runoff transports pollutants to lakes and streams.
- Pick up after your pets, as their waste causes algae growth and has bacteria.
- Use alternative methods for controlling pests and weeds, or limit your chemical use to the minimum amount required.
- Maintain your lawn by seeding bare patches, aerating and allowing your grass to grow between 2½-3 inches to prevent soil erosion and promote strong roots.
- Swap your lawn for native plants, as native plants have deeper roots which prevent soil erosion.
- Be aware of what you put down drains and toilets. Oils, paints and hazardous chemicals should never be flushed. Hazardous waste should be disposed of in the proper manner.
- Utilize environmentally friendly household products, such as dish washing soap and laundry detergent.
- Conserve water by turning it off when not needed, as it reduces the amount of water that needs to be treated for consumption.
- Utilize porous pavers for walkways and driveways to lower the amount of water runoff.
- For more information on improving lakes, rivers and streams, call the MNDNR at (888) 665-4236.

DNR License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System.

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll-Free: (888) 665-4236

or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Sibley & Nicollet Counties:

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201 Minnesota Ave. S | St. Peter | (507) 931-6800

Minnesota Hunting Seasons

For general information on firearm safety training call 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157.

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas:

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/18/10 - 02/28/11; 09/17/11 - 02/28/12

GRAY & RED FOX

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/11 - 04/30/11

(Early Canada Goose) 09/03/11 - 09/22/11

CROW

03/01/11 - 03/31/11; 07/15/11 - 10/15/11

BEAR

09/01/11 - 10/16/11

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/11 - 10/30/11

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/11 - 11/07/11

DEER

(Archery) 09/17/11 - 12/31/11

(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/20/11 - 10/21/11;

10/29/11 - 10/30/11

(Firearm) 11/05/11 - 11/27/11

(Muzzleloader) 11/26/11 - 12/11/11

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/17/11 - 11/30/11

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK

09/24/11 - 11/07/11

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 10/01/11 - 10/16/11

TURKEY

10/01/11 - 10/30/11

PHEASANT

10/15/11 - 01/01/12

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/22/11 - 10/26/11

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN

11/26/11 - 12/04/11

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/23/10 - 02/28/11;

10/22/11 - 04/30/12

(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;

10/29/11 - 04/30/12

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/10 - 02/28/11;

10/22/11 - 04/30/12

(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;

10/29/11 - 02/28/12

OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/11 - 01/07/12

BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

11/26/11 - 01/07/12

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

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.

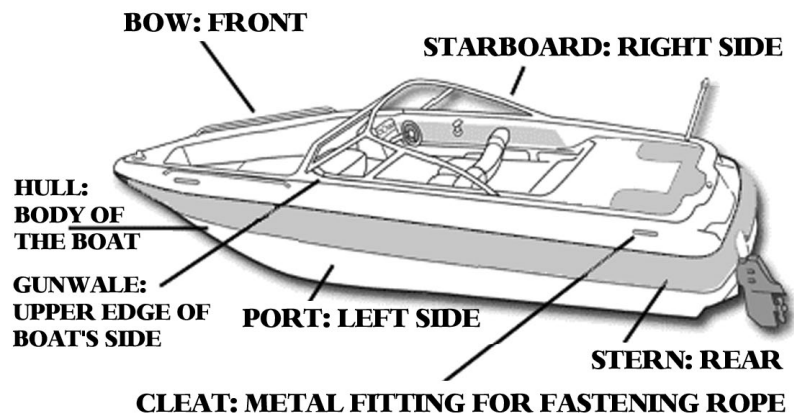
Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

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.

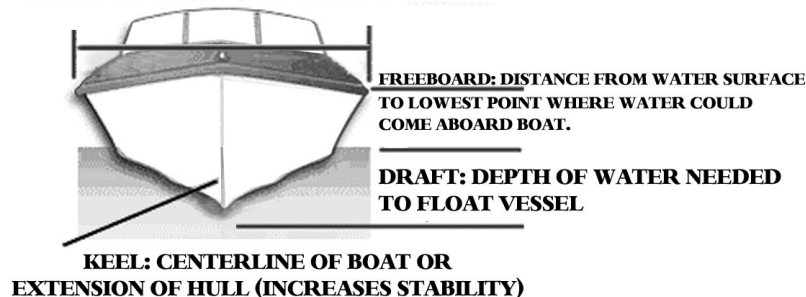
Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT



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:

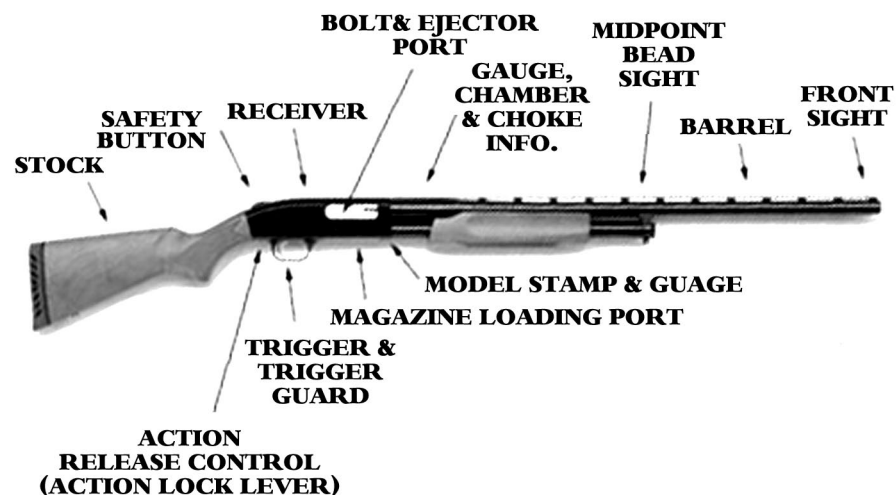
Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

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.

Hunting Safety



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 five 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 in Minnesota, 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.

Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/10 - 02/27/11

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/01/10 - 02/27/11; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/15/10 - 02/27/11; 05/14/11 - 02/26/12

SMALLMOUTH BASS

05/14/11 - 02/26/12

(Catch & Release) 09/12/11 - 02/26/12

LAKE TROUT

05/14/11 - 09/30/11

(Lake Superior) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

(Boundary Waters) 01/01/11 - 03/31/11

(Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

STREAM TROUT

(Southeast Zone) 04/01/11 - 04/13/11;

04/16/11 - 09/14/11

(All Zones) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11; 05/15/10 - 10/31/10

(All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/16/11 - 09/30/11

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06/05/11 - 12/01/11

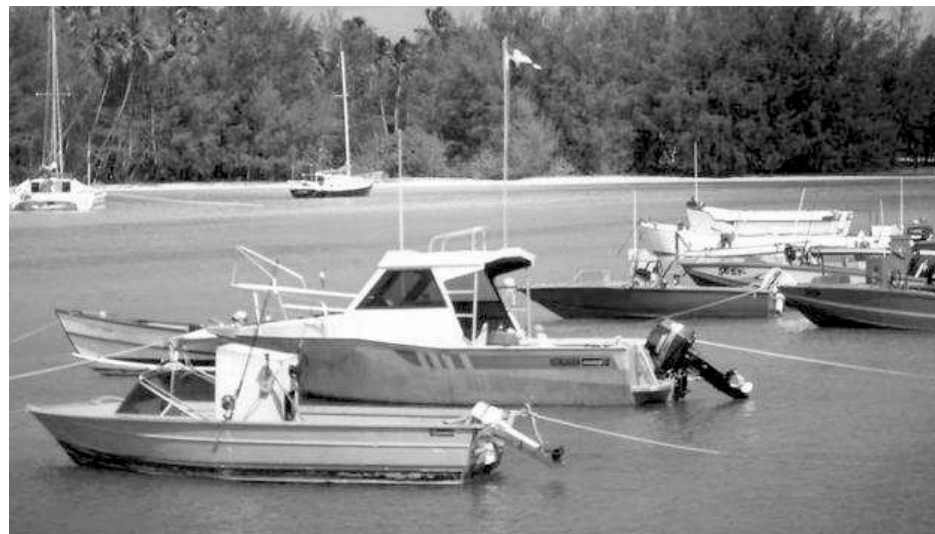
TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND

02/19/11 - 02/21/11; 06/10/11 - 06/12/11

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/07/11 - 05/08/11

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 665-4236.*



Boating Safety

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 gunwale, 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.

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