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Sibley County



Nicollet County



Blue Earth County



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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Chamber Banquet | Mankato  
Craft Beer Expo | Mankato  
Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Classic | Mankato  
Gibbon Winterfest  
Hockey Day Minnesota | Mankato  
Mankato Craft Beer Expo  
Climb 2 Feed Kids | Mankato  
Mankato AG Expo

## FEBRUARY

Southern MN Wedding Expo | Mankato  
Spring Awakening | St. Peter

## MARCH

Mount Kato Spring Fling | Mankato  
St. Patrick's Day Parade | Mankato  
Frosty Foot 5K | Mankato  
Mankato Home Show

## APRIL

Spring Play | Mankato  
City Wide Garage Sales | Le Sueur  
Pioneer Power Swap Meet | Le Sueur  
Easter Egg Hunt | Mankato  
City Art Walking Sculpture Tour | Mankato  
Spring Craft & Gift Show | St. Peter  
Spring Collection Jazz Concert | Mankato

## MAY

Spring Fest | Mankato  
City Wide Garage Sale | Mankato  
Senior Expo | Mankato  
City Wide Garage Sales | Henderson  
Kentucky Derby Party | Mankato  
City Wide Clean-up | Mankato  
Bike to School Day | Mankato  
Bookin' on Belgrade | Mankato  
North Star Bicycle Festival | Mankato  
Key City Kennel Club Dog Show | Mankato

## JUNE

Classic Car Roll-In (June-Sept) | Henderson  
Solstice | Mankato  
Nicollet Friendship Days  
Farmers Market (June-Sept) | Arlington  
Sauerkraut Days | Henderson  
Farmers Market (June-Oct) | Gaylord  
Women's Show | Mankato  
ArtSplash | Mankato  
Mapleton Town & Country Days  
Henderson Sauerkraut Days

## JULY

North Mankato Fun Days  
Music in the Park | Gibbon  
Farm City Fun Fest | Winthrop  
Red, Hot, Boom | Mankato  
Thunder of Drums | Mankato  
Faribault County Fair | Mankato  
Rockin' on the Hill | Mankato  
Gibbon Fun Fest  
Blues on Belgrade | North Mankato  
Tator Days | Eagle Lake  
Blue Earth County Fair | Garden City  
Compact Car race | Garden City  
Festag | Minnesota Lake

## AUGUST

EGGstravaganza | Gaylord  
Great River Energy Bike Festival | Mankato  
Hickory Street Ribfest | Mankato  
Sibley County Fair | Arlington  
Nicollet County Fair | St. Peter  
Hummingbird Hurrah | Henderson  
Pioneer Power Show | Le Sueur  
National Night Out | Mankato  
Giant Celebration | Le Sueur  
Minnesota Senior Games | Mankato  
Alive After 5 | Mankato  
North Mankato Triathlon  
Pride 5k Fun Run | Mankato

## SEPTEMBER

Bethany Fall Festival | Mankato  
Minnesota Shorts Festival of Plays | Mankato  
Pride 5k Fun Run | Mankato  
Southern MN Wedding Expo | Mankato  
Car Show & Swap Meet | St. Peter  
Heritage Days | Henderson  
Grape Stomp | Mankato  
Traditional Pow-Wow | Mankato  
The Rock Bend Folk Festival | St. Peter  
Pridefest | Mankato  
Deep Valley Book Festival | Mankato  
Band on the River Music Fest | Mankato  
Oktoberfest | Mankato  
55+ Expo | Mankato  
Minnesota Shorts Festival of Plays | Mankato

## OCTOBER

History Fest | Mankato  
Harvest Festival | Mankato  
Mankato River Ramble  
Mankato Marathon  
Old Town Mankato Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)  
Day of the Dam | Mankato  
Trunk or Treat at the LCARC | Lake Crystal  
Halloween Hustle 5K | Lake Crystal  
Deep Valley Book Festival | Mankato

## NOVEMBER

Minnesota Valley Chorale Fall Concert | Mankato  
Women of Worth Expo | Mankato  
Giant Scarfing | Mankato  
Kiwanis Holiday Lights (Nov-Dec) | Mankato  
Goldsmith Reunion Fine Art Festival | Mankato  
Natural Healing & Psychic Expo | Mankato  
Mankato Chili Fest for Vets & Rett  
Pumpkin Pi Family Fun Run | Mankato  
Snowflake Dazzle | Mapleton

## DECEMBER

Victorian Christmas at the Houses | Mankato  
Christmas at the Hubbard House | Mankato  
Christmas at the Cox House | St. Peter  
Holiday Showcase Gala | Henderson  
Christmas Parade | Le Sueur  
Christmas in the Country Craft Show | Winthrop  
Bells on Belgrade | North Mankato  
Holiday Craft & Gift Show | St. Peter  
Light Up Lake Crystal  
A Betsy-Tacy Victorian Christmas | Mankato  
Christmas Concert | Mankato  
Gun & Knife Show | Mankato  
Christmas at the Cox House | St. Peter  
Bells on Belgrade | North Mankato  
Annual Christmas Fair Trade Bazaar | Mankato

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CountyAttorney.....	237-4144
Auditor/Treasurer.....	237-4070
<b>EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
EmergencyManagement.....	237-4330
ExtensionService.....	237-4100
Human Resources.....	237-7800
Probation.....	237-4097
Public Health.....	237-4000
Public Works.....	237-4092
Recorder.....	237-4080
Sheriff.....	237-4330
Veterans Services.....	237-4090

## NICOLLET COUNTY

Administration.....	(507) 934-7074
Assessor.....	934-7062
CountyAttorney.....	934-7890
Auditor/Treasurer.....	934-0339
<b>EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
EmergencyManagement.....	934-7874
Extension Service.....	934-7828
Human Resources.....	934-7894
Probation.....	934-7882
Public Health.....	934-0459
Public Works.....	931-1760
Recorder.....	934-7320
Sheriff.....	931-1570
Veterans Services.....	934-7870

## BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Administration .....	(507) 304-4150
Attorney .....	304-4600
Auditor .....	526-6211
Court Administration .....	304-4650
<b>EMERGENCY.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Extension Service .....	304-4325
Fairgrounds .....	420-5689
Geographic Information Systems .....	304-4251
Highway Department/PublicWorks.....	304-4025
Mental Health .....	304-4319
Parks Department .....	304-4025
Property & Environmental Resources.....	304-4251
Public Health .....	304-4319
Recorder .....	304-4251
Sheriff .....	304-4800
Social Services .....	304-4166
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Soil & Water Conservation .....	345-4744
Treasurer .....	304-4251
Veterans Services .....	304-4246



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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
- CORNISH** - pop. 262

- DRYDEN** - pop. 267
- 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.*

## 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.

## 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.





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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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Once occupied by Dakota Indians, Blue Earth County was settled in the 1850s. The name Blue Earth translates from an Indian word, Mahkato, due to the blue-green clay found within the area. As the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux was signed in 1851, land was available for settlement and the county was officially organized in 1853. Early industry included agriculture and milling, utilizing the Minnesota River for power as well as transportation. As the railroad arrived in 1868, the population of Blue Earth County grew dramatically. Towns were established near rail stations and Mankato was voted as the county seat. Blue Earth County is home to approximately 69,000 residents.

## CITIES:

**AMBOY** – pop. 537  
**EAGLE LAKE** – pop. 3,278  
**GOOD THUNDER** – pop. 569  
**LAKE CRYSTAL** – pop. 2,598  
**MADISON LAKE** – pop. 1,247  
**MANKATO (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 44,488  
**MAPLETON** – pop. 1,658  
**MINNESOTA LAKE** – pop. 638  
**NORTH MANKATO** – pop. 14,275  
**PEMBERTON** – pop. 257  
**SKYLINE** – pop. 295  
**ST. CLAIR** – pop. 780  
**VERNON CENTER** – pop. 330

## TOWNSHIPS:

**BEAUFORD** – pop. 433  
**BUTTERNUT VALLEY** – pop. 379  
**CAMBRIA** – pop. 266  
**CERESCOE** – pop. 259

## TOWNSHIPS CONTD:

**DANVILLE** – pop. 262  
**DECORIA** – pop. 885  
**GARDEN CITY** – pop. 673  
**JAMESTOWN** – pop. 577  
**JUDSON** – pop. 576  
**LE RAY** – pop. 809  
**LIME** – pop. 1,395  
**LINCOLN** – pop. 233  
**LYRA** – pop. 374  
**MANKATO** – pop. 1,969  
**MAPLETON** – pop. 309  
**MCPHERSON** – pop. 461  
**MEDO** – pop. 375  
**PLEASANT MOUND** – pop. 237  
**RAPIDAN** – pop. 1,011  
**SHELBY** – pop. 294  
**SOUTH BEND** – pop. 1,412  
**STERLING** – pop. 278  
**VERNON CENTER** – pop. 303

\*Populations are approximate

## AMBOY

Settlers arrived to the Amboy area in the mid 1800s. Founded in 1879, Amboy grew as a farming community. A schoolhouse was constructed in 1881 and general stores were built. As the railroad arrived, Amboy began to thrive and the community was incorporated in 1887. Amboy, meaning bowl or hollow, was named after a city in Illinois by Robert Richardson, Amboy's first postmaster. Today Amboy is home to approximately 537 residents.

## EAGLE LAKE

Platted by Freeman A. Cate in 1872, Eagle Lake was named after the many bald eagles found off the shores of the nearby lake. With the construction of rail lines, Eagle Lake became recognized as the county's lumber center. In 1902 Eagle Lake was officially incorporated and the community continued to grow. Today Eagle Lake is home to approximately 2,285 residents.

## LAKE CRYSTAL

Lake Crystal was settled in the mid 1800s and incorporated in 1870. Settlers were attracted to the fertile soil and nearby water. Once known as Loon Lake, Gen. Judson W. Bishop renamed the community after the clear and spectacular waters of the nearby lake. In 1995 residents of Lake Crystal celebrated a 125 year anniversary of the founding of the community. Today Lake Crystal is home to approximately 2,598 residents.

## MANKATO (COUNTY SEAT)

Named Mahkato by Dakota 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. The community was voted as Blue Earth's county seat and the community grew quickly. 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.

## MAPLETON

Upon the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, land near Mapleton was opened for settlement. Attracted to the rich farmland, settlers arrived and the community was platted. General stores, post office and a school were built to accommodate the growing needs of the community. Mapleton is the site of the Lucas Troendle House, built in 1890, which can be visited today. Today Mapleton is home to approximately 1,658 residents.

## NORTH MANKATO

North Mankato is a city in Nicollet and Blue Earth counties. Originally inhabited by Dakota 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.

## VERNON CENTER

Founded by Col. Benjamin F. Smith and Benjamin McCracken, Vernon Center was platted in 1856. As the railroad arrived in 1879, businesses were established including grain elevators, lumberyard, general store, butcher shop, post office and blacksmith shops. Originally known as Edgewood, Vernon Center was incorporated in 1899. In 2006 residents of Vernon Center celebrated the community's 150 year anniversary. Today Vernon Center is home to approximately 330 residents.



*So, You want to adopt a dog...BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.*

- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.





## 7 MILE PARK

Hwy. 169 | North Mankato | (507) 931-1760  
Located on 628 acres near 7 Mile Creek, 7 Mile Creek Park features picnic shelters, boat launch, nature trails and volleyball courts.

## BRAY PARK

22214 Oriole Rd. | Madison Lake | (507) 243-3885  
Located on 102 acres near Madison Lake, Bray Park features a campground, picnic shelters, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment, reservable interpretive center, fishing pier, boat launch and a nature trail.

## CLEAR LAKE PARK

33150 615th Ave. | Gibbon | County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330.  
Located on 42 acres, Clear Lake Park features a boat launch, picnic shelters, swimming beach, playground equipment. Overnight camping is available through the Sibley.

## DALY PARK

11056 571st Ln. | Mapleton | (507) 524-3000  
Located on 75 acres near Lura Lake, Daly Park features a campground, picnic shelters, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment, reservable interpretive center, fishing pier, boat launch, nature trail, tennis court, disc golf course, and canoe and paddleboat rentals.

## DUCK LAKE PARK

61861 232nd Ln. | Madison Lake | (507) 243-3864  
Located on 21 acres near Duck Lake, Duck Lake Park features picnic shelters, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment, reservable interpretive center, boat launch, nature trail, volleyball courts, and canoe and paddleboat rentals.

## EAGLE LAKE PARK

59899 230th St. | Madison Lake | (507) 304-4025  
Located on 1 acre near Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake Park features a rest area, swimming beach and a boat launch.

## FORT RIDGELY STATE PARK

72158 Co. Rd. 30 | Fairfax | (507) 426-7840  
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, horseshoe pits and softball fields.

## HIGH ISLAND CREEK PARK

26428 341st Lane | Henderson | Overnight camping is available through the Sibley County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330.  
Located on 220 acres, High Island Creek Park features a picnic shelter and nature trails.

## LAKE GEORGE PARK

23945 604th Ave. | Madison Lake | (507) 304-4025  
Located on 4 acres near Lake George, Lake George Park features picnic tables, swimming beach with beach house, playground equipment, fishing pier and a boat launch.

## LONE PINE PARK

21928 Oriole Rd. | Madison Lake  
Located on 1 acre near Madison Lake, Lone Pine Park features picnic areas and a boat launch.

## MINNEMISHINONA FALLS

40923 Judson Bottom Rd. | 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

54497 Gadwall Rd. | Mankato | (507) 386-3910  
Located on 2,689 acres, Minneopa State Park features a campground, picnic shelters, interpretive center, nature trails and a waterfall.

## RAPIDAN DAM PARK

54101-54199 Glory Ln. | Lake Crystal | (507) 546-9997  
Located on 35 acres near Madison Lake, Lone Pine Park features picnic areas and a boat launch.

## RED JACKET TRAIL PARK

19950 State Hwy. 66 | Mankato | (507) 304-4025  
Located on 4 acres, Red Jacket Park features picnic shelters, boat launch and nature trails.

## RUSH RIVER PARK

30752 Rush River Park Rd. | Henderson | Overnight camping is available through the Sibley County Sheriff's Office by calling: (507) 237-4330  
Located on 285 acres, Rush River Park features a picnic shelter, equestrian and nature trails, swimming beach and playground equipment.

## SCHIMEK PARK

15800-15898 557th Ln. | Good Thunder  
Located on 30 acres near the Maple River, Schimek Park features picnic shelters and a nature trail.

## WATONWAN STOP

County Rd. 20 | Lake Crystal  
Located on 7 acres near the Watonwan River, Watonwan Stop features picnic shelters and a boat launch.

## WILDWOOD PARK

60550 200th Ln. | Mankato | (507) 304-4025  
Located on 28 acres near the LeSueur River, Wildwood Park features a nature trail.

## WILLIAMS NATURE CENTER

54988 MN-68 | Mankato | (507) 304-4025  
Located on 65 acres, the Williams Nature Center features a reservable interpretive center and a nature trail.



# AREA ATTRACTIONS

## ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

204 Shamrock Dr. | Arlington | (507) 964-2378

## ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

## ARLINGTON RACEWAY

801 W Chandler St. | Arlington | 507-380-6998

## ARTS CENTER OF ST. PETER

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

## BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE THEATRE

700 Luther Dr. | Mankato | (507) 334-7000

## BETSY-TACY HOUSES

333 Center St. | Mankato | (507) 345-9777

## BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

204 5th St. S | Mankato | (507) 304-4150

## BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - HISTORY CENTER AND MUSEUM

424 Warren St. | Mankato | (507) 345-5566

## CARLSON'S ORCHARD & BAKERY

11893 Montgomery Ave. | Winsted | (320) 485-3704

## CARNEGIE ART CENTER & LIBRARY

120 Broad St. S | Mankato | (507) 625-2730

## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

224 Lamm St. | Mankato | (507) 386-0279

## DRIVE A TANK

550 W Cherry St. | Kasota | (507) 931-7385

## E ST. JULIEN COX HOUSE

500 Washington Ave. N | St. Peter | (507) 934-4309

## GAYLORD AREA AQUATIC CENTER

515 Recreation Rd. | Gaylord | (507) 237-2266

## GIANT MUSEUM

1134 Giant Dr. | Blue Earth | (507) 526-2916

## GREEN GIANT STATUE

1126 Green Giant Ln. | Blue Earth | (507) 526-2916

## GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE THEATRE

800 College Circle W | St. Peter | (507) 933-8000

## HISTORIC MANKATO POST OFFICE

220 E Main St. Ste. 100 | Mankato | (800) 275-8777

## JOSEPH R. BROWN HERITAGE SOCIETY

600 Main St. | Henderson

## KATO ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

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

## KERFOOT CANOPY TOUR

30200 Scenic Byway Rd. | Henderson | (952) 873-3900

## LAKE CRYSTAL AREA RECREATION CENTER

621 Nathan St. W | Lake Crystal | (507) 726-6730

## LIDO THEATRE

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

## LINNAEUS ARBORETUM

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

## MANKATO BALLET COMPANY

1650 Tullamore St. Ste. 200 | Mankato | (507) 625-7716

## MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

523 S 2nd St. | Mankato | (507) 625-8880

## MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM EVENT CENTER

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

## MERELY PLAYERS THEATRE

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

## MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY THEATRE & DANCE

320 Maywood Ave | Mankato | (507) 389-2118

## MOUNT KATO

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

## NEY NATURE CENTER

28238 Nature Center Ln. | Henderson | 507-357-8580

## NICOLLET COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1851 Minnesota Ave. N | St. Peter | (507) 934-2160

## OSWALD BREWING COMPANY

110 S Main St. | Blue Earth | (507) 526-3101

## R.D. HUBBARD HOUSE

606 Broad St. S | Mankato | (507) 345-4154

## SAVE MORE JEWELRY

816 2nd St. N | Mankato | (507) 345-5508

## SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

170 Good Counsel Dr. | Mankato | (507) 389-4200

## SIBLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

700 Main St. | Henderson | (507) 248-3434

## SINCLAIR LEWIS' SUMMER HOME

315 Broad St. S | Mankato | (507) 345-5566

## ST. PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

105 5th St. N | Mankato | (507) 388-2995

## RIVER HILLS MALL

1850 Adams St. | Mankato | (507) 388-1100

## TRAVERSE DE SIOUX HISTORIC SITE & PARK

1851 N Minnesota Ave. | St. Peter | (507) 934-2160

## TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

217 E Walnut St. | Mankato | (507) 508-7165

## W.W. MAYO HOUSE

118 Main St. N | Le Sueur | (507) 665-3250

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also a cheap sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.

# Disc Golf





# 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/dates:

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

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses by phone: 1 (888) 665-4236.

## HUNTING

### Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area  
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

### Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless  
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide  
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas  
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas  
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas  
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

### Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone  
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25  
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

### Fox, Gray & Red

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone  
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

### Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone  
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

### Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide  
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

### Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone  
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

### Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide  
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

### Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

### Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide  
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide  
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide  
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide  
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide  
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide  
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide  
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

## TRAPPING

### Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone  
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

### Fox

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*<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us>*

*or scan the QR code*



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Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

## SIBLEY-NICOLLET

### ARLINGTON

#### THOMES BROTHERS INC.

414 Main St. W | Arlington | (507) 964-2310

### COURTLAND

#### COURTLAND HARDWARE

321 Main St. | Courtland | (507) 359-7811

### GAYLORD

#### CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #1646

119 6th St. | Gaylord | (507) 237-2621

### GAYLORD SHELL

19 Main Ave | Gaylord | (507) 237-2385

### SIBLEY COUNTY LICENSE CENTER

400 Court Ave. | Gaylord | (507) 237-4068

### GIBBON

#### GIBBON LUMBER & HARDWARE

1003 1st Ave. | Gibbon | (507) 834-6366

### HENDERSON

#### BENDERS TRUE VALUE

527 Main St. | Henderson | (507) 248-3230

### NICOLLET

#### GEORGE'S CITY MEATS

430 3rd St. | Nicollet | (507) 232-3502

### NICOLLET MART

220 Main St. | Nicollet | (507) 232-3232

### NORTH MANKATO

#### NORTH MANKATO MOTOR VEHICLE

310 Belgrade Ave. | North Mankato | (507) 625-1586

### ST. PETER

#### ARROW ACE HARDWARE

201 S Minnesota Ave. | St. Peter | (507) 931-3830

### NICOLLET COUNTY TREASURER

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

### SPEEDWAY #4141

123 Saint Julien St. | St. Peter | (507) 931-9477

# OUTDOOR

## Fun Facts

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

## BLUE EARTH

### EAGLE LAKE

#### EAGLE EXPRESS

401 Parkway Ave. | Eagle Lake | (507) 257-3230

### LAKE CRYSTAL

#### LC ACE

106 S Main St. | Lake Crystal | (507) 726-2829

### MADISON LAKE

#### CORNER BAIT

500 Walnut Ave. | Madison Lake | (507) 243-4464

### MANKATO

#### BLUE EARTH COUNTY LICENSE CENTER

410 S 5th St. | Mankato | (507) 304-4456

### FLEET FARM

1850 Premier Dr. | Mankato | (507) 345-6401

### MANKATO (CONTD.)

#### HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #11

1901 Adams St. | Mankato | (507) 387-5711

#### HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #21

1302 N Riverfront Dr. | Mankato | (507) 388-6087

#### RIVER HILLS SCHEELS

1850 Adams St. Ste 6 | Mankato | (507) 386-7767

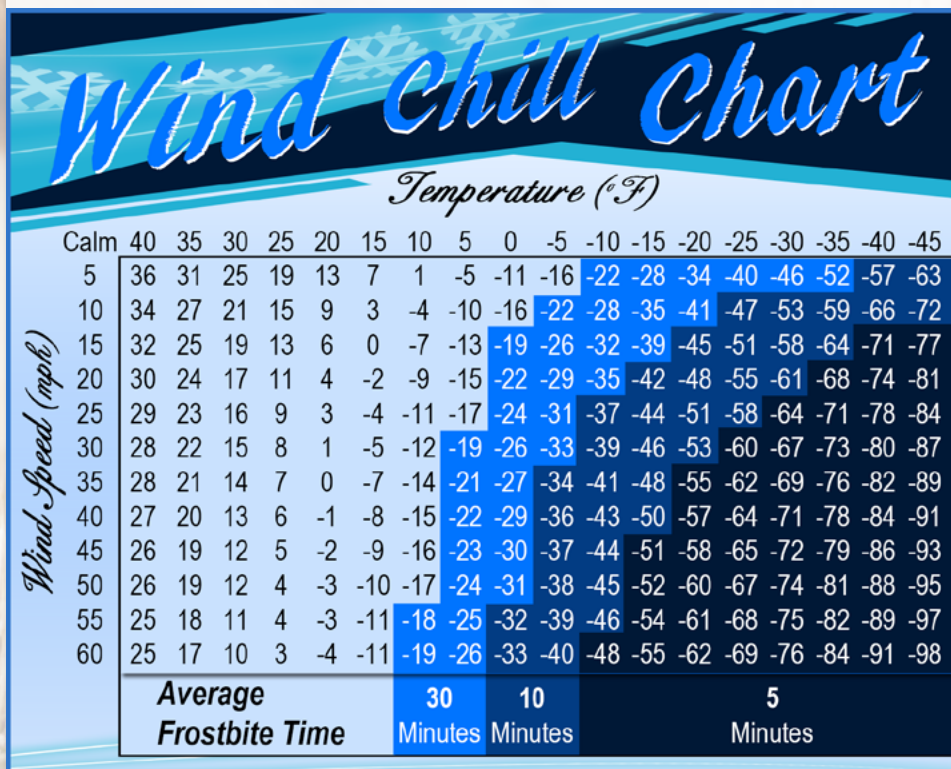
#### WALMART SUPERCENTER #1473

1881 Madison Ave. | Mankato | (507) 625-9318

### MAPLETON

#### MAPLE MART

407 Silver St. E | Mapleton | (507) 524-4400





# FISHING SEASONS

## INLAND WATERS

**Walleye and Sauge** 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

### Northeast zone

**Northern Pike** 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

**Northern Pike** 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

### North-central zone

**Northern Pike** 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

**Northern Pike** 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

### Southern zone

**Northern Pike** 5/13/23 - 2/25/24

Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

**Northern Pike** 11/15/23 - 2/25/24

Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

**Muskellunge** 6/3/23 - 12/1/23

1, minimum size 54"

**Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.**

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined

**Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state**

5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only

**Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass**

5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined

**Largemouth Bass** 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

**Smallmouth Bass** 9/11/23 - 2/25/24

Catch-and-release only

**Crappie** Continuous 10

**Sunfish** Continuous 20

**Rock Bass** Continuous 30

**White Bass** Continuous 30

**Channel Catfish** Continuous 5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"

**Flathead Catfish** 4/1/23 - 11/30/23

2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish

### Perch

Continuous 20 daily and 40 in possession

**Bullhead** Continuous 100

**Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot** Continuous, No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50.

**Smelt** Continuous No limit

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

**Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon**

3/1/23 - 4/14/23

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River

**Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon**

6/16/23 - 4/14/24

Catch-and-release only, no tag needed

**Paddlefish** No open season

**Longnose and Shortnose Gar**

Continuous 10 combined

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# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



## Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
  - The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
  - Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
  - Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
  - Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**





**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.**

# YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do  
**NOT**  
Transport  
Invasive:  
• Fish  
• Invertebrates  
• Aquatic Plants



# CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

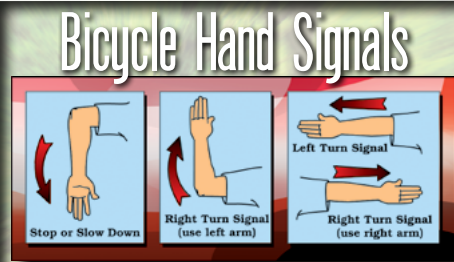
**KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...**

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.



# 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!



# Know Your ATV

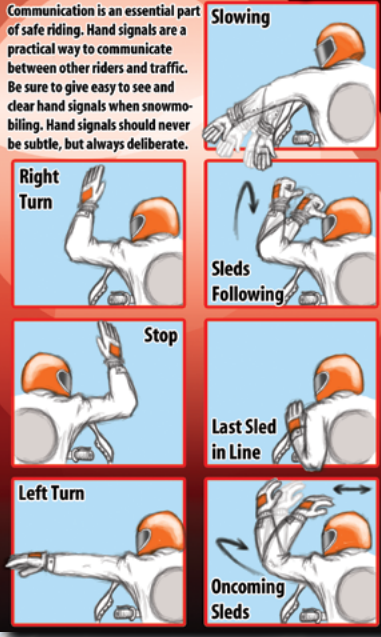
## Read the owner's manual

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.

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

## Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



**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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.



# 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.

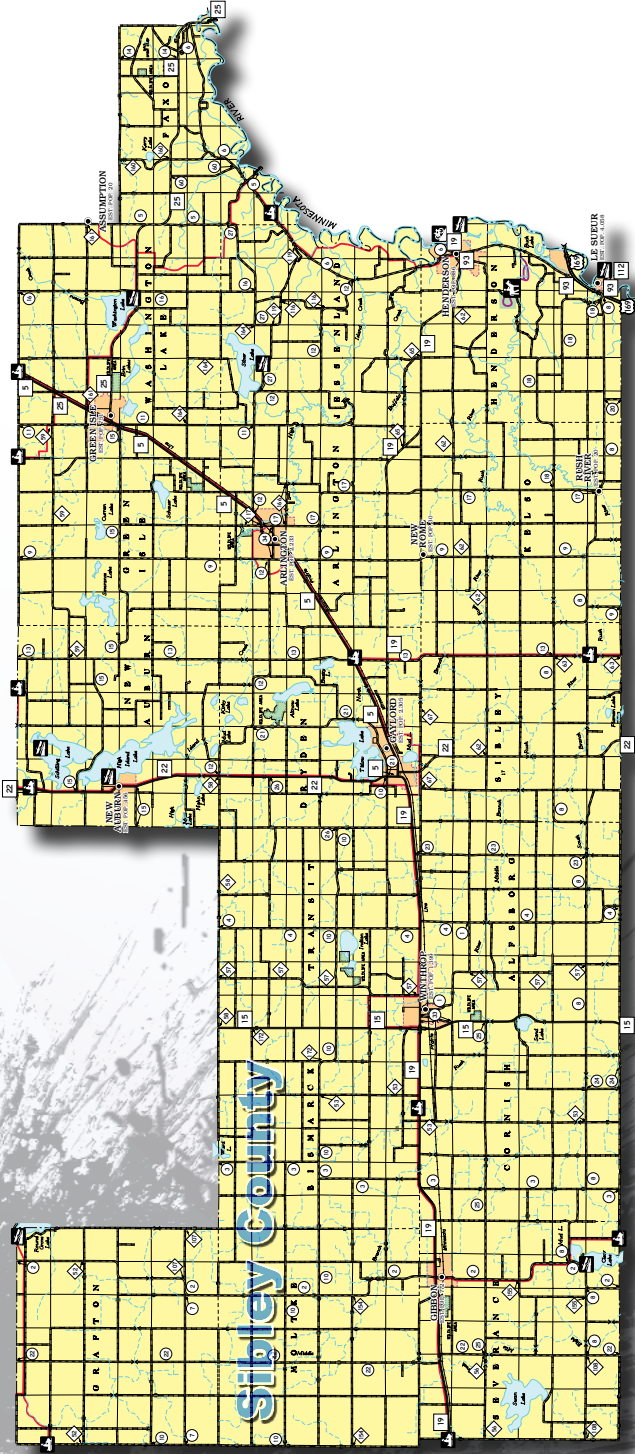
## BARBECUE DON'TS:

- 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.

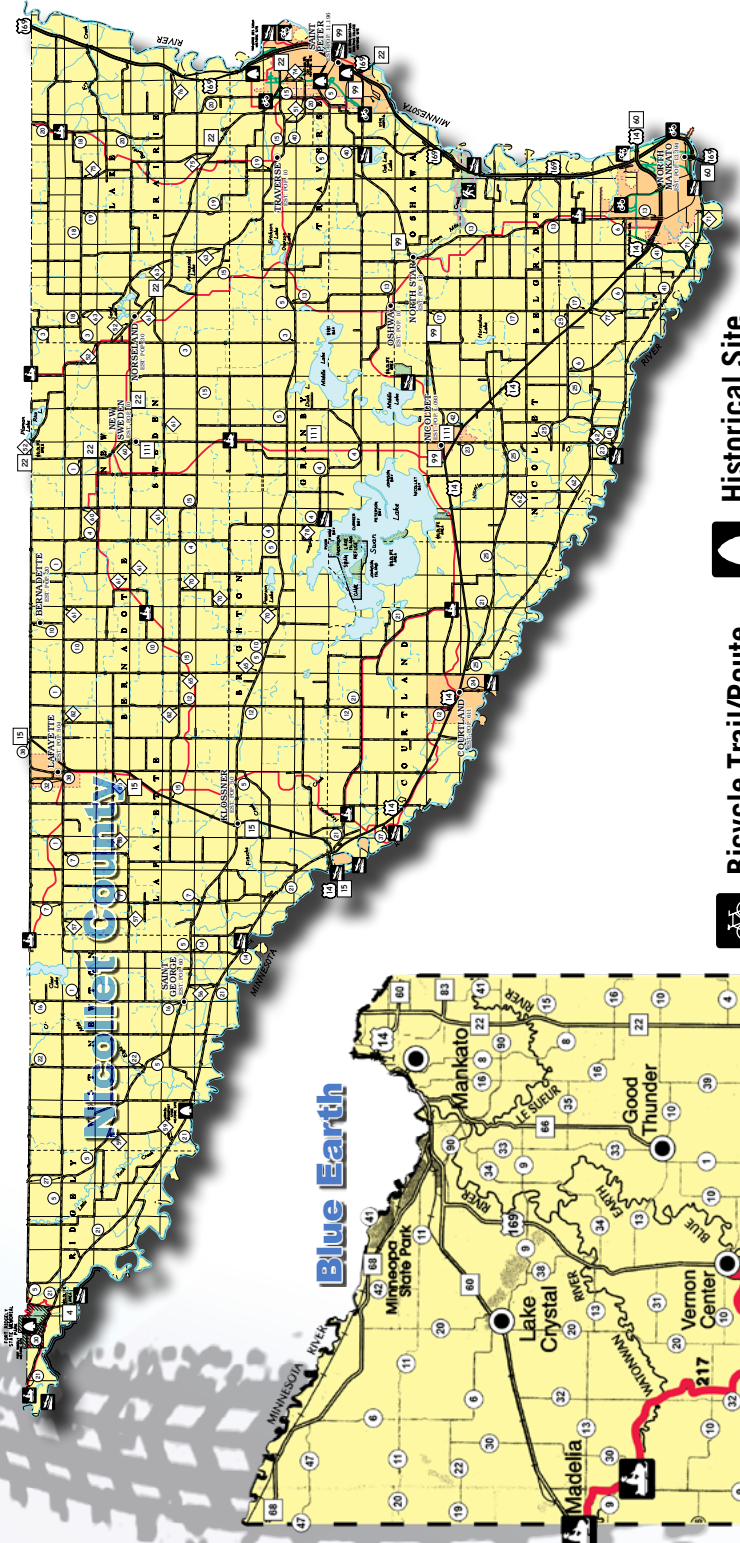










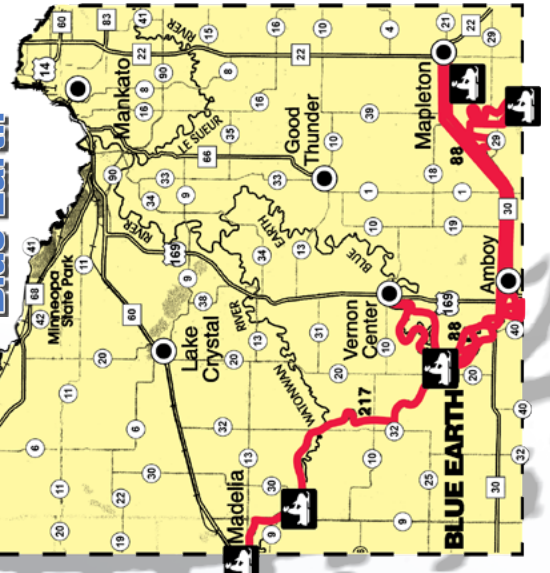
# LOCAL AREA TRAILS



-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **Equestrian Trail**
-  **Boat Launch Accesses**
-  **Mountain Bike Trail**



-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Historical Site**
-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **Boat Launch Accesses**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **Mountain Bike Trail**









# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Read Guide for Clues)

# WORD SEARCH

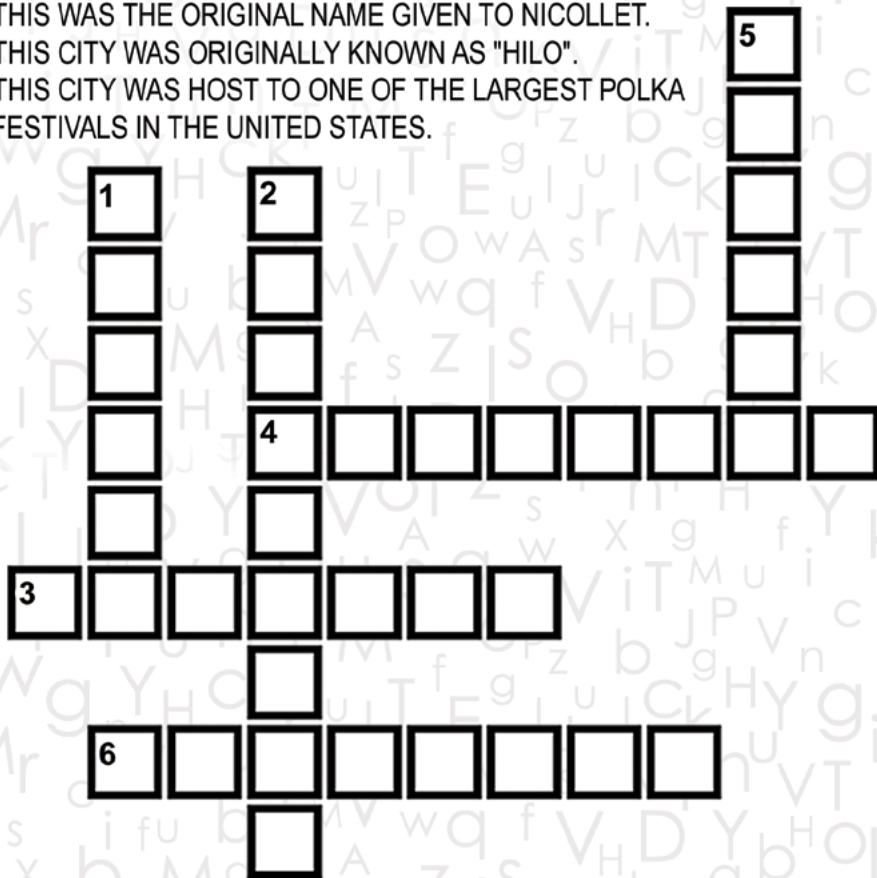


## ACROSS

- 3: THIS SIBLEY SEAT CITY'S FIRST RESIDENT WAS FRED KAHLOW SR, IN 1853.
- 4: THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME GIVEN TO ST. PETER.
- 6: THIS CITY IS WIDELY KNOWN AS THE "GRACKLE CITY OF THE WORLD".

## DOWN

- 1: THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME GIVEN TO NICOLLET.
- 2: THIS CITY WAS ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS "HILO".
- 5: THIS CITY WAS HOST TO ONE OF THE LARGEST POLKA FESTIVALS IN THE UNITED STATES.



- SAINT PETER
- KELSO
- FAXON
- BELGRADE
- GAYLORD
- GRANBY
- GRAFTON
- GIBBON
- NICOLLET
- MANKATO
- OSHAWA
- WINTHROP
- ALFSBORG
- COURTLAND
- MOLTKE
- CORNISH
- ARLINGTON
- LAFAYETTE
- DRYDEN
- HENDERSON



# 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 to 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:

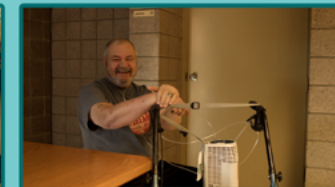
- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back



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