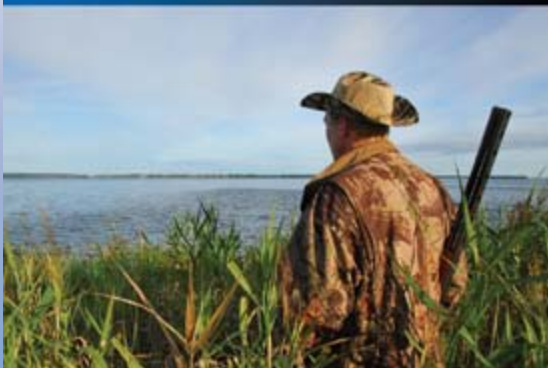




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FEBRUARY

Boyden Hull Burger Feed
Northwestern College Gala Auction | Orange City
Birds of a Feather Festival | Rock Valley
Winter Festival | Rock Valley
Lawn & Garden Expo | Sioux Center

MARCH

Ag Luncheon | Hartley
Hawarden Community Hospital Foundation Banquet
American Legion Fish Fry | Hawarden
Hull Awards Night & Pageant
Tulip Festival & Extravaganza | Orange City
Firefighter Fundraiser | Orange City
World Premiere Festival | Orange City
Easter Egg Hunt | Rock Valley
Hay Day | Rock Valley
Sheldon Home & Design Expo
Golden Easter Egg Hunt | Sheldon
Model Airplane Show | Sioux Center
Indoor Fair | Sioux Center
Ag Appreciation Breakfast | Sioux Center
Trade Show | Sutherland

APRIL

Easter Bunny Visits Hartley
Shoot 4 a Cure | Hull
Night of Hope | Hull
Craft Expo | Rock Valley
Spring Fling | Rock Valley
Ladies Day Out | Sheldon
Veterans' Memorial Presentation | Sioux Center
Fireman's Bingo | Sutherland

MAY

Dry Creek Music Festival | Hawarden
Community Memorial Day Services | Hull
Make a Splash Women's Night Out | Hull
Tulip Festival | Orange City
Memorial Day Services | Paullina
Memorial Day Service & Pancake Feed | Rock Valley

JUNE

Catfish Tournament | Hawarden
Rock the Block | Hull
Cheese Fest | Hull
Rally for a Miracle | Orange City
Sioux County Relay for Life | Orange City
Customer Appreciation Picnic | Orange City
All Day Summer Celebration | Paullina
Paullina "Gem"boree
Cobblestone Days | Primghar
Trail Ride | Rock Valley
Summer Celebration | Sioux Center
Relay for Life | Sioux Center
Truck Show & Shine | Sioux Center

JULY

Boyden Bash
Hawarden Rib Fest
Summer Fest | Hull
Cruise Night | Hull
4th of July Celebration | Orange City
Ridiculous Days | Orange City
Fireman's Street Dance | Paullina
Primghar Jaycees Figure-8 Races
O'Brien County Fair | Primghar
Thunder in the Valley | Rock Valley
Railroad Days | Sanborn
Sioux County Fair | Sioux Center
Crazy Days | Sioux Center
Ragbrai | Sioux Center

AUGUST

Summer Celebration | Hartley
Cycle Show | Orange City
Rockathlon | Rock Valley
Art in the Park | Rock Valley
Rally in the Valley Celebration | Rock Valley
Crazy Days | Rock Valley
Red Letter Festival | Rock Valley
Hot Dog Day | Sheldon

SEPTEMBER

Customer Appreciation Days | Alton
Big Sioux River Days | Hawarden
Hull Firemen's Water Fight
Bethany Christian Kid's Carnival | Orange City
Harvest Festival | Rock Valley
Sheldon Celebration Days

OCTOBER

Children's Halloween Party | Boyden
Business Trick or Treat | Hartley
Fall Music Festival | Hull
Pumpkin Patch Contest | Orange City
Business Trick or Treat | Orange City
All Day Craft Fair | Paullina
Trick or Treat Paullina
Candy in the Valley | Rock Valley
Festival of Tables | Rock Valley
Sioux Center Craft Show
Fear & Fun Halloween Event | Sheldon
Women's Expo | Sioux Center

NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day Program | Boyden
Holiday Showcase & Open House | Hartley
Festival of Trees | Hartley
Hull Kiwanis Poinsettia Sale & Craft Fair
Holiday Open House | Orange City
Festival of Trees & Holiday Lunch | Paullina
Fall Festival | Rock Valley
Festival of Trees | Rock Valley
Veteran's Day Program | Rock Valley
25 Days of Christmas | Sheldon

DECEMBER

Christmas Parade & Decorating Contest | Alton
Santa Day | Boyden
Festival of Trees | Hartley
Winter Celebration | Hartley
Lighting Contest | Hartley
Winterfest | Hull
Sinterklaas Day Celebration | Orange City
Holiday Craft Night | Orange City
Festival of Trees & Holiday Lunch | Paullina
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-  **Bring your own lunch.** You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.
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Sioux County was established in 1851, organized in 1860 and named for the Sioux tribe who inhabited the area. The first settlers to the area were Joseph Bell, E.L. Stone, F.M. Hubbell and W.H. and Francis Frame. The Village of Calliope, now part of Hawarden, served as its first county seat until it was moved to Orange City in 1872 by voters. Early industry was led by agriculture as fertile soil provided ideal conditions for raising wheat, oats, corn and vegetables. Railroad expansion allowed for growth and by 1900 the population of Sioux County had reached 23,337. Today Sioux County is home to approximately 33,704 residents.

ALTON - pop. 131

BOYDEN - pop. 707

CHATSWORTH - pop. 79

GRANVILLE - pop. 312

HAWARDEN - pop. 2,546

HOSPERS - pop. 698

HULL - pop. 2,175

IRETON - pop. 609

MATLOCK - pop. 87

MAURICE - pop. 275

ORANGE CITY (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 6,004

ROCK VALLEY - pop. 3,354

SHELDON** - pop. 5,188

SIoux CENTER - pop. 7,048

**Populations are approximate.*

***Located in Sioux & O'Brien Counties.*

HAWARDEN

Hawarden began as the county seat and settlement of Calliope in 1861 and a courthouse was established. A second settlement, present-day Hawarden, was established near the Big Sioux River and the area continued to develop. The county seat was moved to Orange City in 1872 and in 1878 railroad construction prompted growth. In 1882 streets were platted and by 1885 the area housed churches, a hotel, newspaper office and a variety of businesses. In 1893 the communities of Calliope and Hawarden combined into one incorporation and the area has continued to thrive. Today Hawarden is home to approximately 2,546 residents.

HULL

Once recognized as Winland and Pattersonville, Hull was first settled in 1864 as pioneers were attracted to the fertile soil. Streets were platted in 1878 and the first post office was established the following year. In 1886 the community was renamed in honor of congressman J.A.R. Hull. A newspaper office was constructed and the area continued to grow. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and by 1890 its population had reached 566. Today Hull is home to approximately 2,175 residents.

ORANGE CITY (COUNTY SEAT)

Orange City was first recognized as Holland as many of its pioneers were of Dutch descent. The area was settled in 1870 and renamed after Prince William of Orange, an affluent Dutch politician and rebel. A church was established the following year and a variety of businesses soon followed. The county seat was moved from Hawarden to Orange City in 1872 and construction of rail lines allowed for growth. Businesses began to boom, industry began to diversify and Orange City continued to prosper. In 1936 the Tulip Festival was founded to commemorate the area's rich Dutch heritage which now draws over 100,000 visitors each year. Today Orange City is home to approximately 6,004 residents.

ROCK VALLEY

Settlers arrived to the Rock Valley area in 1868 and in 1879 streets were platted by Col. Warren who fought in the Civil War. Fertile soil and access to water continued to draw settlers and businesses were quickly established. The community was named after the nearby Rock River and by 1882 the community housed the Foppe Pioneer Store which was the largest department store in northwestern Iowa until 1955. Other early businesses included a hotel, opera house, mills, churches, schools and specialty shops. Today Rock Valley is home to approximately 3,354 residents.

SIoux CENTER

Sioux Center was first settled in 1870 and the area began to grow. Businesses were then established to meet the needs of its residents which included general stores, a grocery store, grain elevator, and multiple churches. Streets were platted in 1881 and construction of the railroad in 1889 prompted dramatic growth. A hotel and lumberyard were established and in 1891 Sioux Center was incorporated. Between 1900 and 1910 its population had grown from 810 to 1,064 and the area has continued to prosper. Today Sioux Center is home to approximately 7,048 residents.



O'Brien County was established in 1851, organized in 1860 and named in honor of William Smith O'Brien, a prominent Irish politician. The first settlers to the area were Hannibal and Hannah Waterman and their daughter Emily who arrived to the area in 1856. Primghar was established to be the county seat which was challenged by residents of Sanborn and Sheldon, to no avail. Agriculture dominated early industry as residents farmed corn, oats, hay and raised cattle. Railroad development allowed for growth and by 1900 the population of O'Brien County had reached 16,985. Today O'Brien County is home to approximately 14,398 residents.

- ARCHER** - pop. 131
- CALUMET** - pop. 170
- HARTLEY** - pop. 1,672
- PAULLINA** - pop. 1,056
- PRIMGHAR** - pop. 909

- SANBORN** - pop. 1,404
- SHELDON**** - pop. 5,188
- SUTHERLAND** - pop. 649
- *Populations are approximate.*
- **Located in Sioux & O'Brien Counties.*

HARTLEY

Hartley was settled in 1878 as rail lines were established and the community was named after one of the railroad engineers and surveyors who assisted with construction. By 1888 Hartley was incorporated and thriving. Its population reached 1,106 by 1910 and businesses included banks, general stores, grain elevators, lumberyards, hotels and a variety of stores. Today Hartley is home to approximately 1,672 residents.

PAULLINA

In 1880, brothers Henry and E. Edward Paullin arrived to the area and purchased land in anticipation of the arrival of the railroad. Streets were platted the following year and its name was derived from the Paullin brothers who assisted with its founding. Fertile soil and access to water attracted many settlers and between 1890 and 1900 Paullina's population grew from 510 to 617. Early industry was led by agriculture as farmers raised wheat, flax and cattle. Today Paullina is home to approximately 1,056 residents.

PRIMGHAR (COUNTY SEAT)

Due to its central location, Primghar was settled and established in 1874 as the county seat of O'Brien County. Its name is an acronym honoring its early founders Pumphrey, Roberts, Inman, McCormack, Green, Hayes, Albright and Rereick. In 1879 residents of Sheldon attempted to move the county seat from Primghar by stealing the county records, but were unsuccessful. In 1887 rail lines were completed and the community began to develop and schools, churches and businesses were established. The area boasted grist mills, banks, a hardware store, cheese factory, implement shop and an assortment of specialty shops. In 1911 residents of Sanborn attempted to relocate the county seat from Primghar, but were too, unsuccessful. Today Primghar is home to approximately 909 residents.

SANBORN

Sanborn was first settled in 1871 by Mr. and Mrs. Dummett and the area grew slowly until the development of the railroad in 1878. The community was named in honor of George W. Sanborn who was superintendent of the Milwaukee railroad. In 1890 Sanborn was incorporated and in 1892 residents attempted to move the county seat from Primghar, to no avail. As the railroad was influential in the area's development, the community now celebrates Railroad Days annually at the end of July. Today Sanborn is home to approximately 1,404 residents.

SHELDON

Located in Sioux and O'Brien Counties, Sheldon was established in 1882 as a commercial and trade center between Minneapolis and Omaha. The community named in honor of railroad engineer Israel Sheldon and its population grew dramatically from 730 in 1880 to 1,478 as businesses were established. Residents attempted to relocate the county seat to Sheldon from Orange City, but was unsuccessful. By 1913 businesses included banks, bakeries, barber shops, grocery stores, a lumberyard, restaurants, grain elevators and a variety of specialty shops. It is now the largest community in O'Brien County and is widely recognized for its marigolds and annual Celebration Days held every Labor Day. Today Sheldon is home to approximately 5,188 residents.

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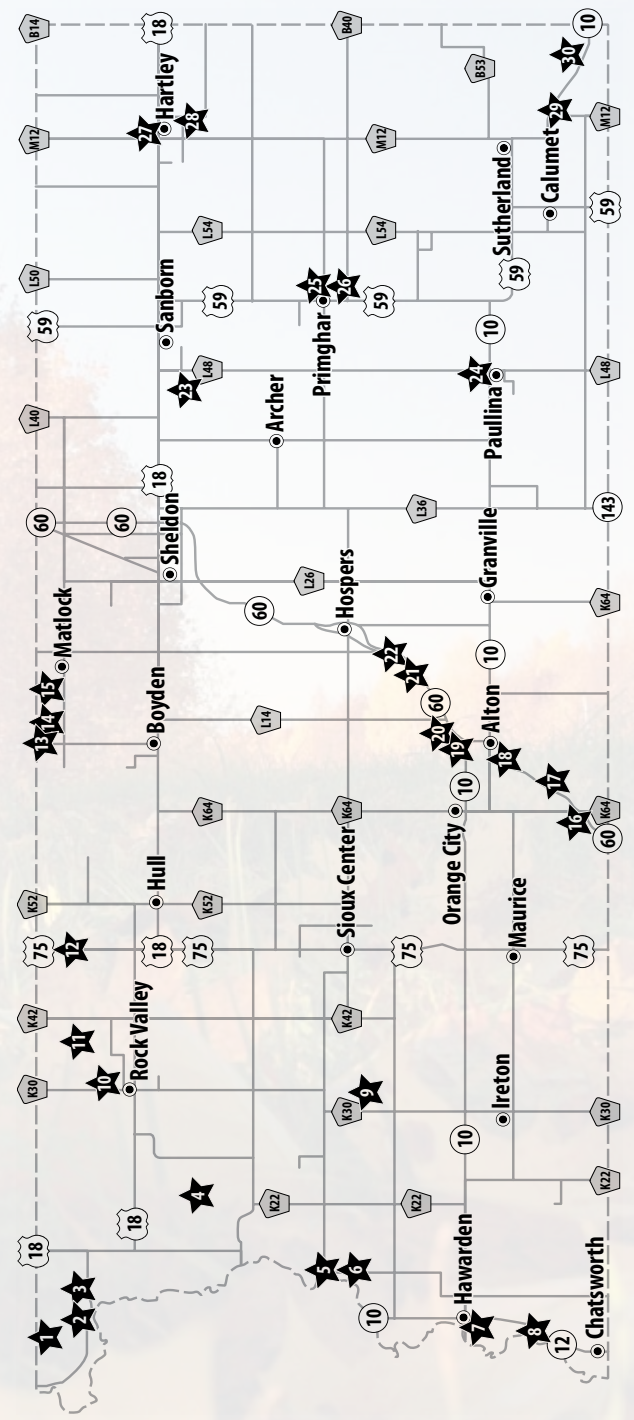


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Resident Habitat Fee.....	\$13.00
Nonresident Migratory Bird Fee.....	\$10.00
NR Falconry.....	\$28.00
Veteran Lifetime Hunting & Fishing.....	\$7.00
Crossbow Use Permit.....	\$2.00
Nonambulatory Permit.....	\$2.00

FISHING:

Resident Fishing.....	\$19.00
Lifetime Fishing (65+).....	\$52.50
Nonresident Fishing.....	\$41.00
Resident 1-Day Fishing.....	\$9.50
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing.....	\$10.50
Resident 7-Day Fishing.....	\$13.50
Nonresident 7-Day Fishing.....	\$32.00
Resident Trout Fishing.....	\$12.50
Nonresident Trout Fishing.....	\$15.00

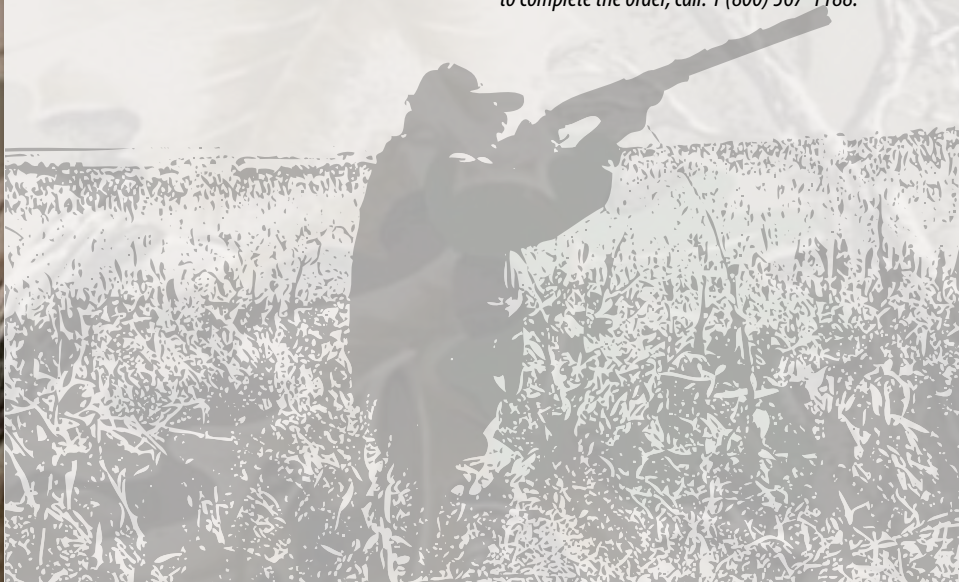
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

ATV Renewal.....	\$16.50
ATV Renewal (With Penalty).....	\$22.50
Nonresident ATV User Permit.....	\$17.50
Snowmobile Renewal.....	\$16.50
Snowmobile Renewal (With Penalty).....	\$22.50
Nonresident Snowmobile Renewal.....	\$17.50

MISC. LICENSES:

Resident Fur Dealer.....	\$227.50
Nonresident Fur Dealer.....	\$503.00
Resident Aquaculture Unit.....	\$27.50
Nonresident Aquaculture Unit.....	\$58.00
Resident Boundary Water Trotline.....	\$22.50
Nonresident Boundary Water Trotline.....	\$42.50
Retail Bait Dealer.....	\$32.50
Resident Ginseng Harvest.....	\$67.00
Nonresident Ginseng Harvest.....	\$67.00
Ginseng Grower.....	\$2.00

**Any resident born after January 1, 1972 must have completed an approved hunter education program in Iowa or another state in order to purchase a hunting license. If hunter education certification is not on customer record, proof of hunter education will have to be displayed when purchasing a license at a local vendor, or to complete the order, call: 1 (800) 367-1188.*



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

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

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

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A-TOWN LIQUOR STORE

212 10th St. | Alton | (712) 756-4511

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HARTLEY FARM & HOME CENTER

211 S Central Ave. | Hartley | (712) 928-2025

HAWARDEN

QUICK CORNER, INC.

901 10th St. | Hawarden | (712) 551-2129

HULL

DE JONG HARDWARE HANK

1113 Main St. | Hull | (712) 439-1775

TOM'S GUN SHOP

3098 319th St. | Hull | (712) 439-1647

ORANGE CITY

ALCO (#370)

510 SE 8th St. | Orange City | (712) 707-9400

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210 Central St. SW | Orange City | (712) 737-2229

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PAMIDA (#3136)

1501 Park St. | Sheldon | (712) 324-4301

SIoux CENTER

HOW-TO STORE

311 3rd St. NW | Sioux Center | (712) 722-2667

WALMART (#1152)

255 16th St. SW | Sioux Center | (712) 722-1990

SUTHERLAND

CAR-GO EXPRESS

202 W Southern St. | Sutherland | (712) 446-3769

**You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System online: www.iowadnr.gov, by phone: (515) 281-5918 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Sioux & O'Brien Counties.*

Get Active!!!

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

Go Outside and Do SOMETHING!

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

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER and it's good FOR YOUR health!

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!**

THIN ICE!

MASTER ANGLER

Master Angler Species Minimum Lengths

Bass (Largemouth)	20"	Northern Pike	35"
Bass (Rock)	8"	Paddlefish	40"
Bass (Smallmouth)	20"	Perch (Yellow)	12"
Bass (Spotted)	15"	Sauger	20"
Bass (White)	17"	Saugeye	25"
Bass (Wiper)	24"	Sturgeon (Shovelnose)	26"
Bass (Yellow)	10"	Sucker (Blue)	27"
Bowfin (Dogfish)	26"	Sucker (white or spotted)	18"
Buffalo (Species)	32"	Sucker (northern hog)	16"
Bullhead (Species)	15"	Sucker (Carp sucker)	22"
Carp (Common)	32"	Sucker (Redhorse)	22"
Catfish (Blue)	40"	Sunfish (Bluegill)	10"
Catfish (Channel)	30"	Sunfish (Green)	10"
Catfish (Flathead)	35"	Sunfish (Pumpkinseed)	9"
Crappie (Black)	14"	Sunfish (Redear)	11"
Crappie (White)	14"	Sunfish (Warmouth)	7"
Freshwater Drum	25"	Trout (Brook)	15"
Gar (Longnose)	45"	Trout (Brown)	18"
Gar (Shortnose)	26"	Trout (Rainbow)	18"
Goldeye/Mooneye	15"	Walleye	26"
Muskellunge	45"		

Can you find em!!?



More information on Master Angler qualifying lengths and species is available at www.iowadnr.gov/masterangler

Official Master Angler or State Record Registry (clip and mail)

Name _____

Street/RFD _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Species _____ Date _____

Name of lake/stream _____ Total length _____

County where caught _____ Total weight _____

Bait or lure used, etc. _____ Was fish released Y N

DNR ID # (if 16 years old or older) _____

E-mail address _____

Photo enclosed (optional) Y N DNR may use photo Y N

Witness

Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail entry and photo to: Fish Records, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 57744 Lewis Rd, Lewis IA, 51544. Electronic applications and photos may be submitted to fish.awards@dnr.iowa.gov
 Online applications available at www.iowadnr.gov/masterangler

Operating Watercraft

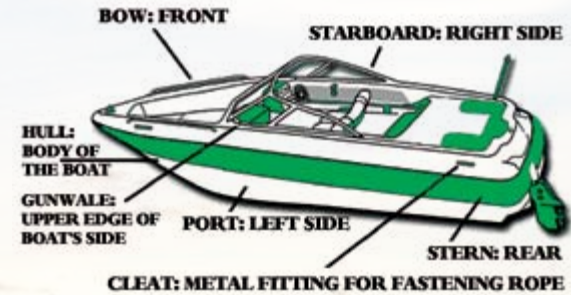
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

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

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

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



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



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.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



Read the owner's manual

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

Know Your ATV



Be Cautious of Other Bikers

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Drink lots of Water!



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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



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

Slow Down!

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

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



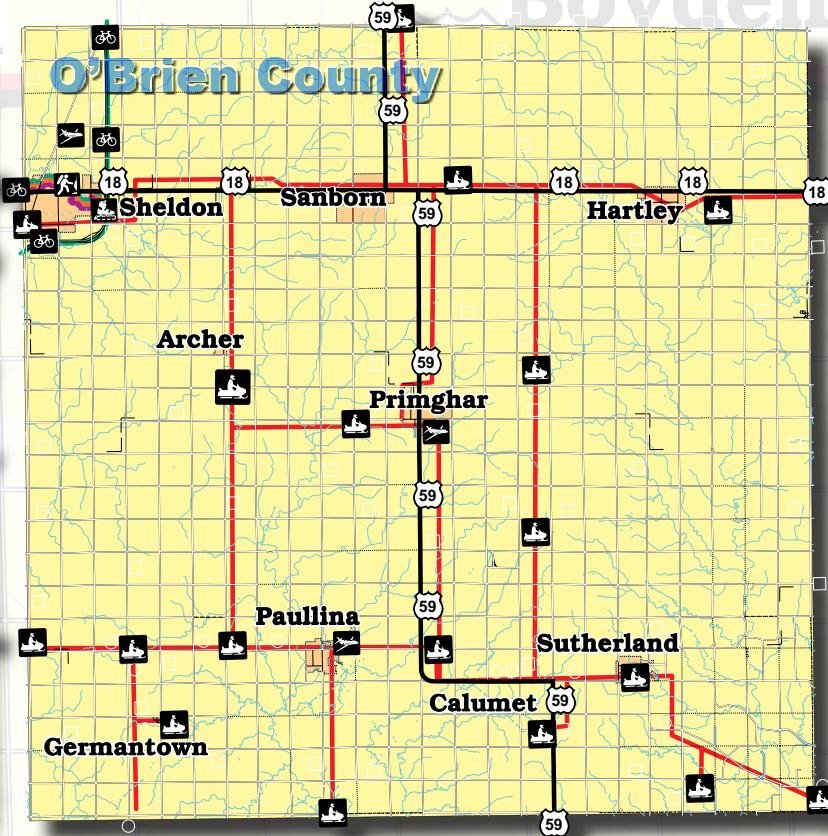
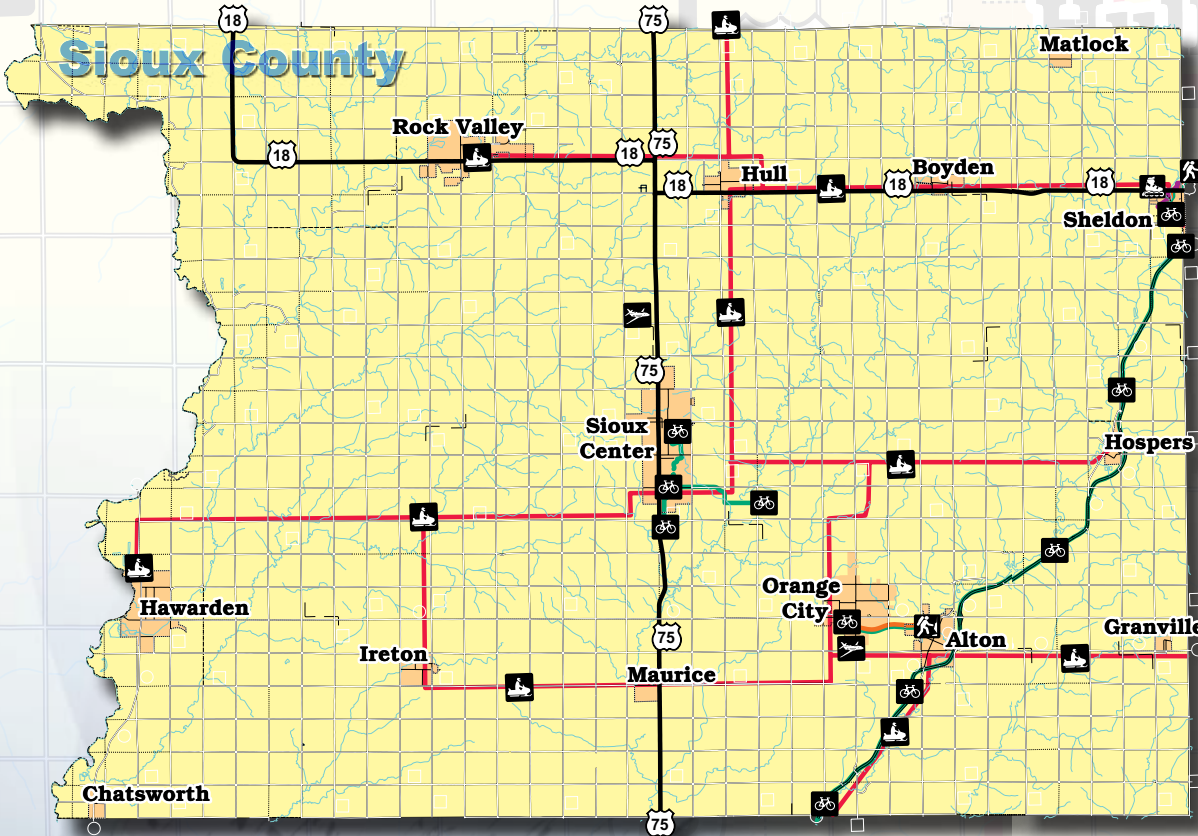
Bicycle Trail/Route



Equestrian Trail



Hiking/Walking Trail



Shop. Dine. Play. Stay.

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and help support businesses throughout your area.

10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate.

Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



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



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.



PARENTS:

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

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

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

HOME ALONE

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



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

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

POISON PREVENTION

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

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

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

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



FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

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

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

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

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

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

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

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

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

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

CHOKING

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

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



IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

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