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# LOCAL AREA EVENTS

## JANUARY

Pond Hockey Tournament | Monticello  
Annual Buffalo Chamber Membership Banquet  
Game-A-Thon | Buffalo  
Taste of the Towns | Monticello

## FEBRUARY

Glow Fest | Monticello  
Kites On Ice Festival | Buffalo

## MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Festival | Maple Lake  
Spring Craft Show | Monticello  
St. Patrick's Day Sale & Expo | Monticello  
Polar Plunge | Buffalo  
Monticello March Madness  
Easter Egg Hunt | Hanover, Montrose, Otsego, Rockford

## APRIL

Trinity Trot Fun Run & Walk | Monticello  
City-Wide Clean Up | Hanover

## MAY

Memorial Day Celebration | Throughout Wright County  
Explore Your Parks Night | Albertville  
Buffalo Farmers Market (May-Oct.)  
Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering | Buffalo

## JUNE

Friendly City Days | Albertville  
Buffalo Days Parade & Fireworks  
Buffalo Triathlon  
Concerts in the Park (Jun-Sept.) | Buffalo  
City-Wide Garage Sales | Clearwater, Rockford  
All City Garage Sales | Maple Lake  
Buffalo PRCA Championship Rodeo

## JULY

Fourth of July Celebration | Throughout Wright County  
Wright County Fair | Howard Lake  
Mooseburger Clown Arts Camp | Buffalo  
Taste of Buffalo  
Riverfest & Talent Show | Monticello  
Crazy Days | Buffalo

## AUGUST

Arts & Crafts Festival | Buffalo  
Concert in the park | Buffalo  
Clearwater Rodeo  
Clearwater Heritage Days  
Silver Bullet Saddle Club Rodeo | Clearwater  
Corn Carnival | Cokato  
Hanover Harvest Festival  
Gear Head Get Together | Maple Lake  
Otsego Jamfest  
Rockford River Days  
Days & Knights Festival | St. Michael  
Heart of the Lakes Film Festival | Annandale

## SEPTEMBER

Harvest Corn Maze | Otsego  
Otsego Prairie Festival & Car Show  
Downtown Art Crawl | Annandale  
Harvest Celebration | Rockford

## OCTOBER

City-Wide Trick or Treat | Annandale  
Trick or Treat the Merchants | Buffalo  
Boo Bash | Buffalo  
Timberdash 5K Run & Walk | Monticello  
Halloween Parade | Monticello  
Trick-or-Treat Event | Monticello

## NOVEMBER

Art Expo & Craft Fair | Howard Lake  
Community Thanksgiving Dinner | Montrose, Buffalo

## DECEMBER

Holiday Train Show | Annandale  
Caroling at the Historic Bridge | Hanover  
Santa Day | Hanover, Otsego  
Jolly Jingle Jog | Rockford  
New Years Eve Open House | Cokato

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Wright County was established in 1855 and named in honor of New York Statesman Silas Wright. Railroad development sparked community growth and Monticello was first selected as the county seat. In 1860 the population had reached 3,729 and early industry was led by agriculture and lumbering. Businesses, churches and schools were built and a variety of new settlers arrived to stake land claims. In 1868 the county seat was moved to Buffalo and by 1900 Wright County's population had reached 29,157. Continued transportation improvements allowed for growth and by 1990 its population had reached 68,710. Today Wright County is home to approximately 124,700 residents.

### CITIES:

**ALBERTVILLE** – pop. 7,044

**ANNANDALE** – pop. 3,228

**BUFFALO (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 15,453

**CLEARWATER** – pop. 1,735

**COKATO** – pop. 2,694

**DELANO** – pop. 5,464

**HANOVER** – pop. 2,938

**HOWARD LAKE** – pop. 1,962

**MAPLE LAKE** – pop. 2,059

**MONTICELLO** – pop. 12,759

**MONTROSE** – pop. 2,847

**OTSEGO** – pop. 13,571

### CITIES: (Contd.)

**ROCKFORD** – pop. 4,316

**SOUTH HAVEN** – pop. 195

**ST. MICHAEL** – pop. 16,399

**WAVERLY** – pop. 1,357

### TOWNSHIPS:

**ALBION** – pop. 1,146

**BUFFALO** – pop. 10,097

**CHATHAM** – pop. 1,162

**CLEARWATER** – pop. 1,368

**COKATO** – pop. 1,238

**CORINNA** – pop. 2,457

**FRANKLIN** – pop. 2,612

### TOWNSHIPS: (Contd.)

**FRENCH LAKE** – pop. 1,131

**MAPLE LAKE** – pop. 2,085

**MARYSVILLE** – pop. 2,028

**MIDDLEVILLE** – pop. 1,010

**MONTICELLO** – pop. 3,411

**ROCKFORD** – pop. 3,301

**SILVER CREEK** – pop. 2,289

**SOUTHSIDE** – pop. 1,518

**STOCKHOLM** – pop. 961

**VICTOR** – pop. 1,081

**WOODLAND** – pop. 1,134

*\*Populations are approximate.*

### **ALBERTVILLE**

Streets were platted by Joseph and Josephine Vetch in 1881 and the area was originally known as Hamburg. Development of the railroad attracted new residents and the area was recognized as St. Michael's Station. By 1902 its population had reached 190 and in 1919 the community was renamed Albertville in honor of settler Albert Zachman. Today Albertville is home to approximately 7,044 residents.

### **ANNANDALE**

First known as Abbeyville, Annandale was settled in the 1880s. Streets were platted by James Pratt in 1886 and the community was renamed Annandale to avoid postal confusion with an existing Abbeyville. The post office was established in 1887 with William H. Towle serving as the area's first postmaster and in 1888 Annandale was incorporated. Today Annandale is home to approximately 3,228 residents.

### **BUFFALO (COUNTY SEAT)**

Attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water, Buffalo was settled in 1866 by Augustus Prime. Streets were platted by Amasa Ackley, who also served as the area's first postmaster. The area grew slowly until it was selected as the county seat in 1868. As rail lines were built Buffalo continued to develop and the community was incorporated in 1887. Buffalo was popular for summer vacationers and its population doubled each summer. Fishing, ice harvesting and agriculture dominated early industry and the community has continued to grow. Today Buffalo is home to approximately 15,453 residents.

### **CLEARWATER**

Clearwater was first settled in 1854 and named after the nearby lake and river. Streets were platted in 1855 and Simon Stevens served as the first postmaster the following year. As the railroad arrived Clearwater continued to develop and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Clearwater is home to approximately 1,735 residents.

### **COKATO**

Cokato was settled by Josiah P. Mooers in 1856 and the community was first recognized as Mooers Prairie. Mooers Prairie was renamed Cokato, an Indian word for "at the middle," by Marvin R. Lewis in 1878 as the city was incorporated. By 1880 its population had reached 200 and construction of the railroad attracted a variety of new residents. Today Cokato is home to approximately 2,694 residents.

## **DELANO**

First recognized as Crow River, Delano was platted in 1868. The community was renamed after Francis Roach Delano, an officer of the railroad, representative of legislature and Minnesota's first state prison warden. Delano was incorporated in 1876 and by 1884 the community boasted having a 4,000 square foot rollerskating pavilion. The first city hall was built in 1887 and the area has continued to progress. Today Delano is home to approximately 5,464 residents.

## **HANOVER**

Hanover was founded by Jacob and William Vollbrecht in 1877 and named the community after their hometown of Hanover, Germany. A post office was established and a mill and dam were constructed along the Crow River which attracted new residents. Hanover was incorporated in 1891 and has continued to thrive. Today Hanover is home to approximately 2,938 residents.

## **HOWARD LAKE**

Howard Lake was first settled by Morgan V. Cochran in 1855. Cochran sold his land claim to Charles Goodsell who platted streets in 1869. The community was named in honor of John Howard, an English philanthropist. A post office was established in 1870 and the arrival of the railroad allowed for growth. Today Howard Lake is home to approximately 1,962 residents.

## **MAPLE LAKE**

The present day site of Maple Lake was originally known as Geneva until 1858. Streets were platted in 1886 by James Madigan and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Agriculture and lumbering dominated early industry and in 1890 Maple Lake was incorporated. Martin O'Loughlin served as the first mayor and was instrumental in Maple Lake's early development. Today Maple Lake is home to approximately 2,059 residents.

## **MONTICELLO**

Monticello, Italian for "little mountain," was settled in 1852 and first selected as the county seat until it was moved to Buffalo. The community was named by Thomas Creighton, one of the first landowners in the area. Streets were platted in 1854 and a post office was established the following year with D. B. Sutton serving as the area's first postmaster. Monticello was incorporated in 1856 and the community continued to develop as the railroad arrived. Today Monticello is home to approximately 12,759 residents.

## **MONTROSE**

Montrose was platted by J.F. Miller, J.N. Haven and T.S. Gunn in 1878 and named by resident George M. Wright after a Scottish seaport. A post office was established and railroad construction allowed for dramatic growth. Montrose was incorporated in 1881 and its population had reached 200. A fire destroyed the business district in the 1930s, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Montrose is home to approximately 2,847 residents.

## **OTSEGO**

Otsego began as a trading post in 1850 and was first known as Pleasant Grove Precinct. Streets were platted in 1857 and the community was renamed Otsego, an Indian word meaning "welcome water" or "meeting place." Otsego was incorporated in 1875 and early industry was dominated by agriculture and ferries were a popular sight along nearby Crow River. Today Otsego is home to approximately 13,571 residents.

## **ROCKFORD**

Rockford was first settled in 1855 and the first post office was established the following year. The name Rockford was suggested by resident Cyrus C. Jenks as it was his hometown. Streets were platted in 1857 and early businesses included a flour mill, sawmill, woolen mill and ginseng farms. Rockford was incorporated in 1881 and grew steadily. Today Rockford is home to approximately 4,316 residents.

## **SOUTH HAVEN**

South Haven was established as a railway village in 1887 and Adolph G. Lane served as the area's first postmaster that same year. Streets were platted in 1888 and its name was derived from nearby Southside and Fair Haven Townships. South Haven continued to develop and the community was incorporated in 1902. Today South Haven is home to approximately 195 residents.

## **ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael's Catholic Church was built along the Crow River in 1856 and the community was named in its honor, as it was one of the largest churches in Minnesota at the time. The first post office was established in 1858 and development of the railroad sparked growth. The community was incorporated in 1890 and grew dramatically as businesses and schools were constructed. Today St. Michael is home to approximately 16,399 residents.

## **WAVERLY**

Waverly was founded in 1869 and its name was derived from Waverly, New York, where several early settlers originated from. As the railroad was constructed Waverly continued to grow and was incorporated in 1881. Notable resident Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey built a summer home along the local shores which he frequented until his death in 1978. Today Waverly is home to approximately 1,357 residents.

# Tilapia Baked in Garlic Butter



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 tilapia fillets
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Pat the tilapia fillets dry with paper towels and place them in a baking dish.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- 5 Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- 8 Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

Enjoy your delicious  
and healthy tilapia  
baked in garlic butter!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 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.





# Health Benefits of Physical Activity

## Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

### Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

### Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

*Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.*

## Intensity Examples

### Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

### Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
  - Jumping rope
  - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

## **ALBRIGHT'S MILL COUNTY PARK**

1870 County Road 5 SW | Howard Lake | 763-682-7693

Located near the Crow River, Albright's Mill County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

## **BEEBE LAKE REGIONAL PARK**

7250 10th St NE | St Michael | 763-682-7693

Located east of Buffalo, Beebe Lake Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, playground equipment and recreational trails. Located in St. Michael.

## **BILL ANDERSON MEMORIAL PARK**

1725 County Rd 7 SW | Howard Lake | 763-682-7693

Located near the Crow River, the Bill Anderson Memorial Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

## **CLEARWATER/PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK**

10909 90th St NW | Annandale | 763-682-7693

Located on 210 acres, Pleasant Regional Park features a fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, 12 hole disc golf course and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

## **COLLINWOOD REGIONAL PARK & CAMPGROUND**

17251 70th St SW | Cokato | 320-286-2801

Located on 308 acres, Collinwood Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

## **CROW SPRINGS COUNTY PARK**

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## **HASTY-SILVER CREEK SPORTSMEN'S PARK & ARCHERY RANGE**

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Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Park features a public archery range with 10 practice targets and a picnic area. Located in Maple Lake.

## **HUMPHREY ARENDS COUNTY PARK**

3601 Dempsey Ave SW | Waverly | 763-682-7693

Humphrey Arends County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch, picnic area and a historic memorial. Located in Waverly.

## **LAKE MARIA STATE PARK**

11411 Clementa Ave NW | Monticello | 763-272-4040

Located on 1,590 acres, Lake Maria State Park features a campground, cabins, fishing pier, canoe launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Monticello.

## **MARCUS ZUMBRUNNEN COUNTY PARK**

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Located south of I-94, Marcus Zumbrunnen County Park features a picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Buffalo.

## **MONTISSIPPI REGIONAL PARK**

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Located on 170 acres, Montissippi Regional Park features a fishing pier, boat launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Monticello.

## **MUD LAKE COUNTY PARK**

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Mud Lake County Park features a fishing pier, boat launch and a picnic area. Located in Cokato.

## **OSCAR & ANNA JOHNSON COUNTY PARK**

10999 Fetch Ave SW | Waverly | 763-682-7693

Located near Dog Lake, Oscar and Anna Johnson County Park features a boat launch, swimming beach and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

## **OTSEGO REGIONAL PARK**

15186 96th St NE | Otsego | 763-682-7693

Located on 70 acres near the Mississippi River, Otsego Regional Park features a canoe launch, picnic area, sand volleyball court, play field, handicap accessible playground equipment, prairie restoration area and recreational trails. Located in Otsego.

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK**

12258 8th St NE | Hanover | 763-682-7693

Located on 17 acres, Riverside County Park features a canoe campground, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Hanover.

## **ROBERT NEY PARK RESERVE**

5212 73rd St NW | Maple Lake

Located on 735 acres near Lake Mary, the Robert Ney Memorial Park Reserve features a boat launch, picnic area, recreational trails, memorial chapel and the Wright County Parks Environmental Education Center. Located in Maple Lake.

## **SCHROEDER REGIONAL PARK & CAMPGROUND**

9201 Ireland Ave NW | Annandale | 320-274-8870

Located near Cedar Lake, Schroeder Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, playground equipment and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

## **STANLEY EDDY MEMORIAL PARK RESERVE**

Rhoades Ave NW | Annandale

Located on 879 acres near Moose Lake, the Stanley Eddy Memorial Park Reserve features a boat launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in South Haven.

## **WILDLIFE COUNTY PARK**

824 Orth Dr SW | Cokato

Wildlife County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Cokato.

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## Get Out & Ride Singletrack

**EXPERIENCE:** Singletrack trails are often more challenging than regular trails. It's important to have some experience and proficiency on your bike.

**TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATING:** Singletrack trails are often graded on their difficulty level, usually using a color-coded system. Start with trails that match your skill level. **TRAIL ETIQUETTE:** Respect other trail users, yield to uphill riders, and follow any posted signs or guidelines. Don't litter and stay on designated trails. **PROTECTIVE GEAR:** Wear appropriate gear, most important a helmet. Other helpful choices are gloves, knee and elbow pads, and sturdy shoes. **BIKE MAINTENANCE:** Check tire pressure, brakes, gears, and suspension. Carry essential tools, such as a multi-tool, spare tube, and a pump, to handle any minor repairs or adjustments on the trail. **HYDRATION & NUTRITION:** Singletrack mountain biking can be physically demanding. Carry enough water and pack some energy-rich snacks. **RIDE WITH A BUDDY:** It can make the experience more enjoyable, but it also enhances safety in case of an any issues. **TRAIL RESEARCH:** Look for trail maps, reviews, and any relevant information about the area before heading out. **PACE YOURSELF:** Start at a comfortable pace and gradually increase your speed and difficulty level as you gain more experience and confidence. **HAVE FUN & BE RESPECTFUL:** Singletrack mountain biking is an exciting and rewarding activity. Remember to enjoy the ride, take in the scenery, and respect nature. Stay positive, be patient with yourself as you learn and improve, and have fun exploring new trails and pushing your limits.

# 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.

## OPENERS

09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide  
09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide  
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

## HUNTING

### Bear

08/11/23 Bear baiting start date Permit areas & no-quota area  
09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

### Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide  
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless  
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide  
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas  
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas  
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas  
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

### Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24  
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

### Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide  
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

### Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

### Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone  
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

### Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

### Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline  
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide  
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide  
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide  
04/19/23 - 04/25/23 - B season - Statewide  
04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide  
05/3/23 - 05/9/23 - D season - Statewide  
05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide  
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide  
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 - Fall - Statewide

## TRAPPING

### Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone  
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

### Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24 North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

### Fox

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone  
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

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## **ALBERTVILLE**

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6050 Labeaux Ave. | (763) 497-4211

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## **BUFFALO**

### **CENEX LAKE REGION CO-OP**

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## **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #238**

7 NE 8th St. | (763) 682-5507

## **KLATT TRUE VALUE**

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## **SHIRAM, LLC**

500 17th St. S | (763) 682-4226

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## **WRIGHT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

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## **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #254**

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## **PARTS CITY OF CLEARWATER**

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## **COKATO**

### **COKATO LICENSING #106**

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## **JACK'S OF COKATO**

620 US Hwy. 12 SW | (320) 286-0009

## **DELANO**

### **ALL SEASON'S SPORTS**

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## **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #214**

31 Babcock Blvd. W | (612) 972-3318

## **HOWARD LAKE**

### **JOE'S SPORT SHOP**

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## **MAPLE LAKE**

### **H & H SPORTS SHOP**

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## **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #196**

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## **RUNNINGS #33**

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# FISHING SEASONS

## OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

## INLAND WATERS

**Walleye and Sauger** 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

## FREE FISHING

**Take a kid fishing weekend**

June 9-11, 2023

Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

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# WE'RE HIRING NURSES!

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have MN LPN or RN License and be in good standing.
- Must have strong communication and organizational skills.
- Self-starter with a desire to be a part of a team.
- Have a desire to care for the older population and others in need.

### BENEFITS:

- Competitive wages with credit for experience
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- Part-Time
  - 6:00 am to 2:30 pm
  - 2:15pm to 1045 pm

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**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.

# ICE FISHING

*Find the Perfect Spot*



- Trying to figure out where to drill your fishing holes can be tough. A couple ways to make this easier is to buy a map that shows the contour and depth of the lake or look online for a suitable map.

- Before drilling holes, check your map or online for areas with drop-offs, sandbars, mounds of rocks or weed lines. If the first spot you chose to drill holes is not producing any fish, don't sit there and wait. Drill new holes at a new location to find the fish. You may not have to move far, just try new holes at different depths. It's not easy moving all your gear around while drilling holes, but if you want to catch fish you have to find them.

- Early in the ice fishing season, the fish will tend to stay in shallower waters. Later in the season the fish will move to deeper waters. At the end of the season, the fish will start to move into shallower waters again.

- Walleye, sauger and perch tend to hang out near the bottom. Northern pike stay off the bottom while they are in shallow water and stay near the bottom when in deeper waters. Panfish will be at different depths depending on what they are eating. Trout don't sit around: they will be at random depths and areas in the search of food. If you have a fish finder it will make it a lot easier to judge the fish type and depth to set the bait.

# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:

ICE THAT IS 2" OR LESS IS UNSAFE TO WALK ON. STAY AWAY FROM THIN ICE!

2"

ICE THAT IS 4" OR MORE IS OKAY TO WALK ON

4"

ICE THAT IS 6" OR MORE IS OKAY TO DRIVE SNOWMOBILES OR ATV'S ON

6"

ICE THAT IS 12" OR MORE IS OKAY TO DRIVE SMALL CARS ON

12"

ICE THAT IS 15" OR MORE IS OKAY TO DRIVE MEDIUM SIZED TRUCKS ON

15"

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 100% SAFE ICE!!!

## 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!**





# GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



# EVERY DAY is EARTH DAY



**Community/Home Gardens:** Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

**Composting:** Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

**Plant Trees:** Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

**Local Food:** Buy local sustainable food.

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

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



# The Best of Minnesota Outdoors

**Hiking:**  
Superior Hiking Trail, Lake Superior  
Silver Creek Trail, Jay Cooke State Park  
North River Trail, Afton State Park  
Glacial Pothole Trail, Interstate State Park  
Sioux Hustler Trail, Superior National Forest







**Fishing:**  
Bass: Lake Vermilion, Tower  
Walleye: Leech Lake, Walker  
Muskellunge: Lake Oscar, Holmes City  
Northern Pike: Lake of the Woods, Warroad

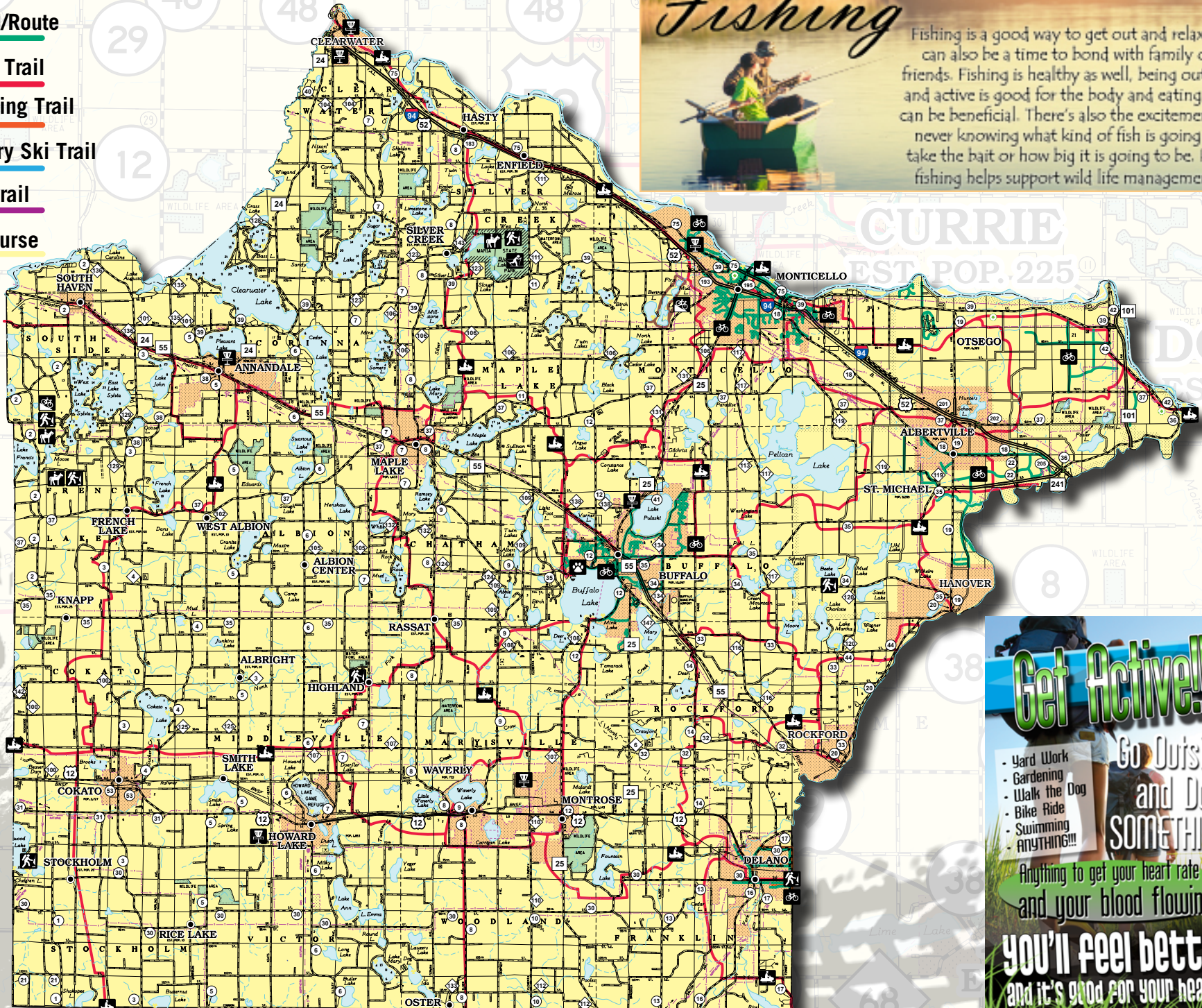
**Golf Courses:**  
Interlachen, Edina • Spring Hill, Wayzata  
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Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik  
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower

**Mountain Biking:**  
Cuyuna Lakes, Ironton • Lebanon Hills, Eagan  
Elm Creek Park, Champlin • Brewer Park, Duluth  
Spirit Mountain, Duluth • Piedmont, Duluth

**Skiing:**  
Lutsen Mountains, Lutsen • Afton Alps, Afton  
Elm Creek Winter Rec. Area, Maple Grove  
Powder Ridge Ski Area, Kimball  
Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik

# WRIGHT COUNTY TRAILS

-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **Cross-Country Ski Trail**
-  **Equestrian Trail**
-  **Disc Golf Course**



## Fishing



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

## Get Active!!!

Go Outside and Do **SOMETHING!**

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

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

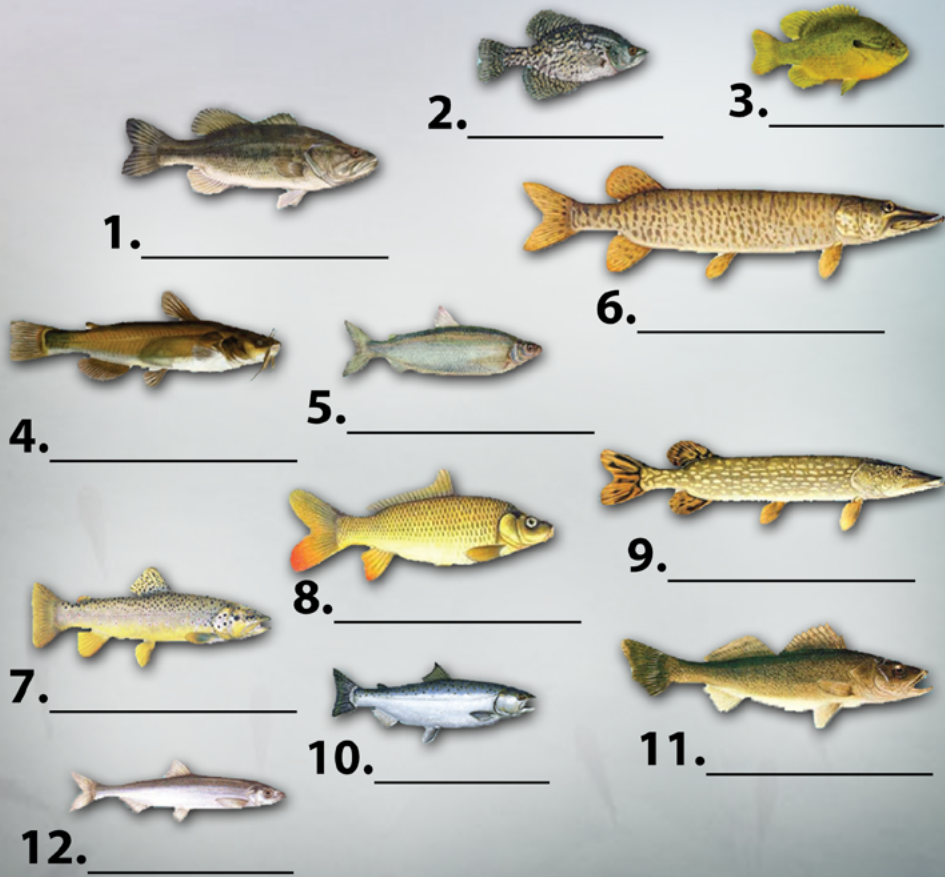
## you'll feel better

and it's good for your health!



# MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

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



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

# WORD SEARCH

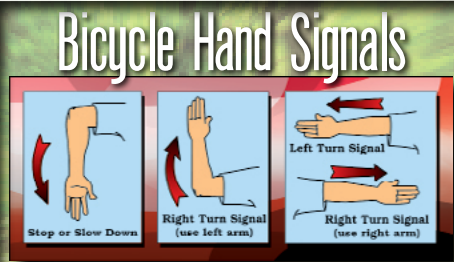
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# Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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



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.

# 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

- Get the best medical care in the case of an emergency
- Protect yourself from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back

Shop • Dine  
Play • Stay

LOCALLY



...and  
support the  
community you live in!