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Welcome to God’s Country!

Hello and welcome to Cumberland and the surrounding winter wonderland. Old man winter is a little slow in getting here this year, but you know he will make it! Always does! We are so blessed to have some of the best places in the north for winter activities.

The ice fishing can be some of the best in all of Northern Wisconsin. There are lakes that boast excellent panfish lakes that produce walleyes, lakes that cater to good Northern Pike fishing. Heck you can

even fish for trout through the ice. With over 55 lakes within a short drive, there is something for everyone. The ski trails at Timberland Hills are some of the best anywhere! People travel from far and wide to ski, ride fat tire bikes, or snowshoe. They are simply spectacular. The people at CASTA do a fantastic job of maintaining the trails. Speaking of trails, there are miles and miles of beautiful snowmobile trails. Hopefully mother nature blesses us with a good winter of

snow. There is always a place to stop and warm up with a tasty burger and warm drink along the way. Whenever you are in town please stop and support our local businesses. Money spent here stays here. Cumberland is a great place to visit for a reason. So much to do, great restaurants and bars, great shops and great people, great trails, great lakes, great facilities, and so much more. There is always something to do. Get outside and enjoy winter!

Paul Bucher

Winter Beauty!



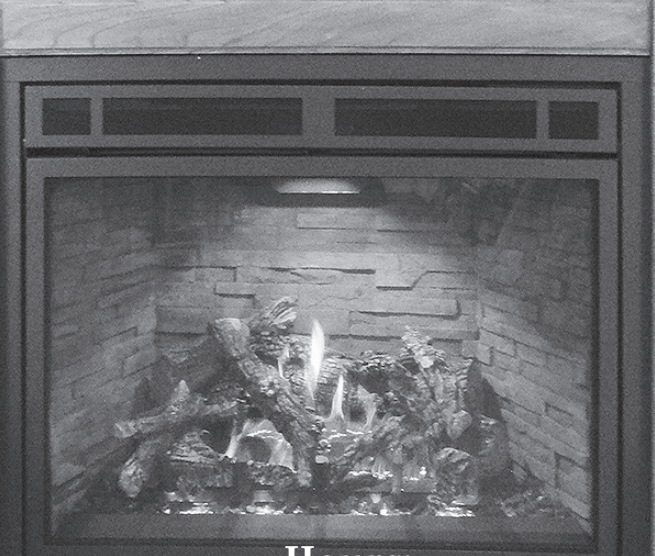
Another beautiful Wisconsin Winter scene! Photo by Debbie Margotto.

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Enjoying the early spring snowfall. Photo by Maureen Leahy.

Snow Kids!



Cousins enjoy building a snowman. Photo by Ann Hendricks.

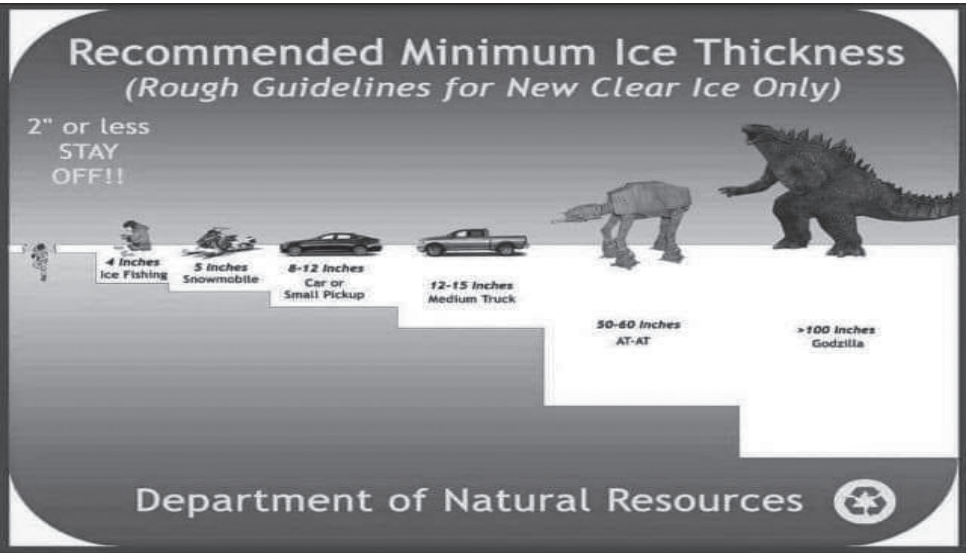
WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 6th • Pat’s Landing Tipper Tourney • Chippewa Flowage, Hayward
- 14th • Seeley Hills Classic Ski Event • Hayward
- 28th • St. Joseph’s Ice Fishing Contest • N. Twin Lake, Amery
- 20th • Barronett Ice Fishing Contest • Shallow Lake, Barronett
- 6th • WIFA Ice Fishing Contest • Bone Lake
- 20th • Winter Fun Day & Fishing Contest • Coon Lake, Frederic
- 6th • Marshmiller Lake Ice Fishing Contest • Bloomer
- 6th • Rib Lake Fish and Game Ice Fishing Contest • Rib Lake

February

- Feb 3 • Winterfest 2023 • Balsam Lake
- 8th - 10th • Winter Carnival • Luck
- 12th • Shell Lake Ice Fishing Contest • Shell Lake
- 10th • WI State Ice Fishing Tournament • Beaver Dam Lake, Cumberland
- 18th • Sportsmans Club Ice Fishing Contest • Lake Magnor, Richardson
- 21st-25th • American Birkebeiner • Hayward
- 23rd-24th • Chetek Winterfest • Chetek
- 3rd • Winterfest 2022 • Balsam Lake



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You don’t see a wasp’s nest covered in snow everyday. Photo by John Bavier.

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A fresh blanket of snow graces the Bussewitz’s deck on Beaver Dam Lake. Photo by Connie Bussewitz.



Gunner enjoying the beautiful winter sunset on Beaver Dam Lake. Photo by Deb Tempesta.

Some Tasty Winter Recipes!

Comfort food. There really isn’t a whole lot to say about that. Everybody loves comfort food, especially in the winter when it is cold. Check out these few comfort food recipes.

Amish Country Casserole

Ingredients:
1 pound of spiral Pasta
1 tablespoon Olive Oil
6 slices of thick cut bacon, cooked and chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 Large Onion, chopped
1 1/2 pounds Ground Beef
1 can creamy Tomato Soup
1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup heavy cream
Salt and Black Pepper, to taste
1/2 teaspoon Paprika
1 tablespoon Dried Parsley

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. In a large salted pot, cook the Pasta until al dente, once pasta is done, drain and return it to the pot & set aside.
3. In a medium skillet, cook your bacon until crisp, chop & set aside reserving the bacon fat.
4. Add the olive oil to the reserved bacon fat, then add Onion and the garlic and saute until sof-

tened.
5. Mix in ground beef and cook until browned.
6. Add in the cooked ground beef mixture and both soups and the cream to the pot of cooked/ drained pasta and mix season to taste with salt & pepper.
7. Transfer to a large oven dish - sprinkle with Paprika and Parsley evenly over the top
8. Bake about 30 minutes.
ENJOY!

Chicken Noodle Casserole

Ingredients:
12 ounces egg noodles uncooked
4 cups chopped cooked chicken
2 10 ounce cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup milk
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 cups frozen peas and carrots or frozen mixed vegetables
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
cooking spray

Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9"x13"

pan with cooking spray.
2. Cook the egg noodles according to package directions.
3. In a large bowl, combine the noodles, chicken, soup, milk, cheese, peas and carrots, garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper to taste.
4. Place the noodle mixture in the prepared dish and cover with foil. Bake for 30 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Chicken Wild Rice Soup by Dee Dee Dague

*3/4 Cup Wild Rice (uncooked)
* 3 slices of bacon (cooked & crumbled)
* 1 1/2 Cup cooked chicken
*1 can of cream of mushroom soup
* 1 can of cream of chicken soup
* 1/2 cup milk
* 4 Cups of water
* 4 Chicken Boullion cubes
* 1 TBS Butter
*1-2 Shredded Carrots
* 8 oz sliced mushrooms

Put all ingredients in crockpot on low all day-add more water if you want. I get a wild rice blend at the Food-Coop in Cumberland.

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Barron County ATV, Snowmobile, Cross-Country Skiing, and Mountain Bike Trails

ATV Trails – 89.90 Miles
Cattail Trail
8.0 miles, originates in Almena and continues west to the Polk County line. Continues west in Polk County to Amery (Total distance from Almena to Amery is approximately 22.0 miles). Open to ATVs year round.

Cattail Trail Extension
16.0 miles, originates in Almena and continues east to Cameron. Three miles east of Almena there is a 30 acre intensive use area for ATV’s (playground). This facility also has a 3 acre parking lot, with a loading/unloading ramp, large shelter, picnic tables and permanent restrooms. The extension of the cattail trail (Almena to Barron) is closed November 1st and reopens May 1st for ATV use. This portion of trail can be utilized by snowmobiles when the snowmobile trails are open.

Wild Rivers Trail
9.1 miles, originates in Rice Lake and continues north through Washburn and Douglas Counties to Solon Springs (approximately 62 miles). Open to ATVs year round.

Snowmobile Trails – 303.3 Miles
Cattail Trail
8.0 miles, originates in Almena and continues west into Polk County to Amery (approximately 22.0 miles). Open to snowmobiling whenever snow-covered.

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Cross Country Ski Trails
Cumberland Area Ski Trail Association (CASTA)
25km of trails located 9 miles north of Cumberland on Co. Hwy.

Barron Area Nordic Trail Association (BANTA)
The Barron Area Nordic Trail Association (BANTA) maintains a series of trails in a beautiful oak/maple forest, known locally as Rockman’s Woods. (Trail Map) This woods has sections owned by Barron County, City of Barron and the Barron Area School District. There are 4 km of ski trails in the woods, and an additional 2 km in the privately owned fields south

of the woods. There is a lighting system on the trails in the woods that operates nightly from dusk to 10 pm.
There is a separate 2 mile trail system for snowshoeing, winter hiking and fat biking that winds around the woods in a more intimate fashion than the wider ski trail. It is requested that there be no foot or bike traffic on the ski trails during the snow season, as it can cause damage to the ski surface that is difficult to repair.
All of the operating expenses for the trail system are provided by volunteer contributions of time and money.
Mountain Bike Trails
Pipestone Quarry
Location: 2749 19 1/2 Ave, Rice Lake
Singletrack mileage: 3.5 mi
Double track mileage 4 mi (various logging roads)
Map, Trail Info
Silver Creek
Location: Clayton
Singletrack mileage: 6 mi
Double track mileage 7 mi (access roads)
Map, Trail Info

WI State Ice Fishing Contest!



Stacy Rischette and this happy youngster with a dandy Northern Pike. This year’s contest takes place on Saturday, February 10th on beaver Dam Lake.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting!



The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is always a delight.



Skijoring on the CASTA trails.

Timberland Ski Trails

If you are looking for a XC Ski Trail that offers everything.... Look no further than Timberland Hills and Timberland West!

Timberland Hills is located about 9 miles Northwest of Cumberland, WI on County Highway H. This 30 KM trail system situated on 2400 wooded acres of Burnett County forest land is ideally suited for XC skiing. From gentle rolling terrain to the screaming hills of “The Ridge Run” and the “Outer Loop”, Timberland Hills offers fun and excitement for the begin-

ning skier to the expert. Trails are groomed for both classic and skating techniques, and also offer groomed options for snowshoeing, skijoring, and fat biking.

Timberland West is a 2.5 Km lighted ski trail. Located just 1 1/2 miles south of Timberland Hills on County Highway H. The Timberland West Lighted Trail meanders through 500 acres of Barron County forest land. This is a beginner-type trail with gently rolling terrain and no large hills. During the ski season, the lights come on at dusk and stay on until 11:00

PM. It is also available as a beginner-level trail during daylight hours.

Both Timberland Hills and Timberland West were built and are maintained by the “Cumberland Area Ski Touring Association”. The CASTA Ski Club procured land usage agreements with both Burnett and Barron Counties to build and maintain the ski trails, but receives no major funding from them. We operate by fund-raisers, donations, and memberships.

Information and trail conditions can be found at: www.timberlandhills.com

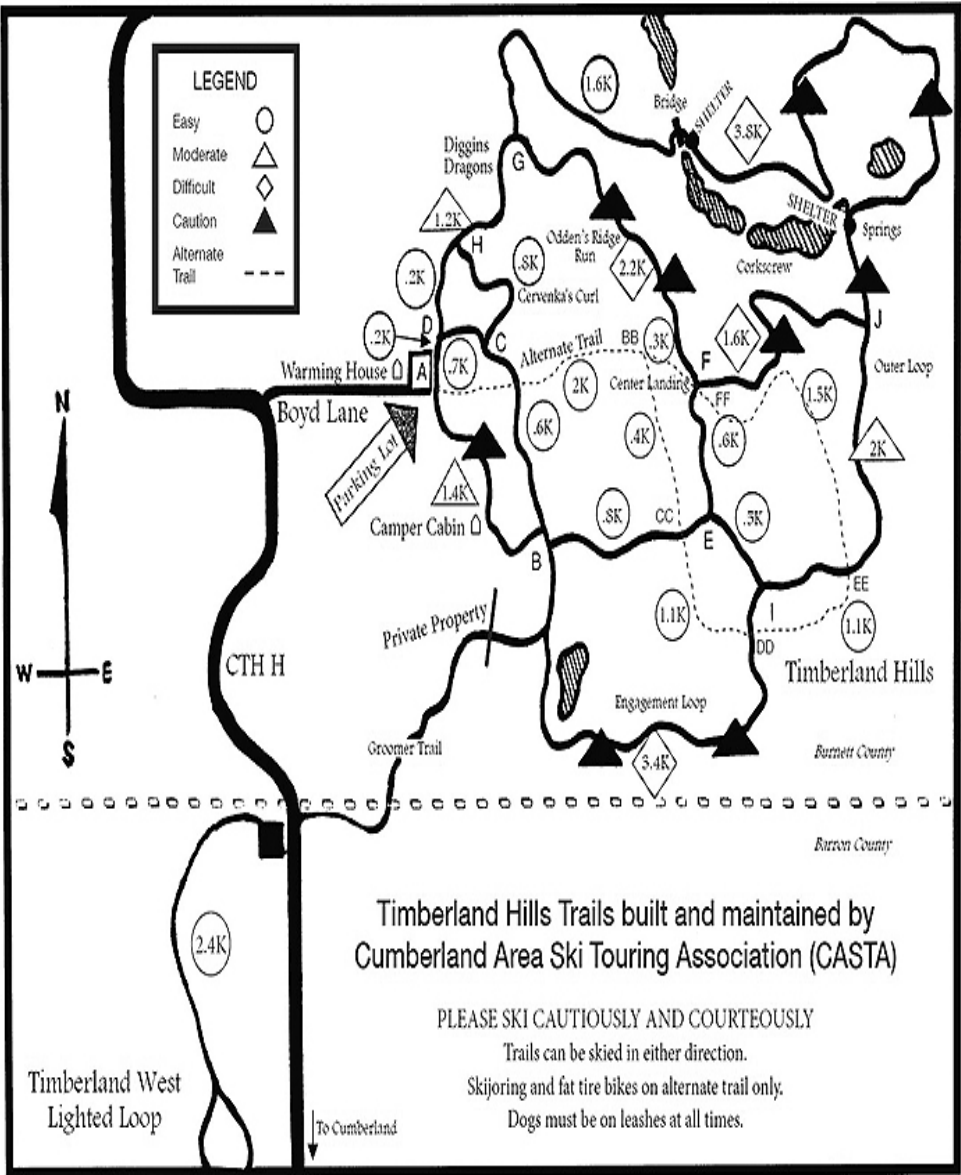
What every ice angler loves to see!



A couple early ice walleyes.

Timberland Hills Trail Map

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Ice Fishing with Tip-Ups: Top 10 Do’s and Dont’s

Ice Fishing is a popular outdoor activity anywhere that it is cold. Here are the top 10 do’s and don’ts to consistently produce fish when ice fishing with tip-ups:

1. Do study the water and develop a game plan. Take the time to study LakeMaster GPS maps and PC software like Contour like Contour Elite ahead of time to locate high-probability locations.

2. Do set up close to fish-holding structure. Setting tip-ups right on top of weeds results in a tangled mess that fish will pass up. You also don’t want to spend all day in no-man’s land! Search out ambush locations like green weeds, breaks, river currents, bottom transitions, and other structure where baitfish hide, instead of directly on top or too far away.

3. Do choose the right tip-up for the job. You need to have the right tip-up for your targeted species-or something versatile. The Frabill Dawg Bone can be used for both predators and pan fish. For scouting pan fish, simply adjust the shaft higher on the tip-up arm to release flag spring compression; this results in sensitivity to very light bites. When hunting larger predators, just make sure you push the shaft back down.

4. Do spread out your tip-ups. When you’re al-

lowed more than one tip-up by law, fish different locations along any given structure, spreading them out as far as your state regulations allow. Imagine the ice as a grid. Position your tip-ups out from your base location along a break at different depths.

5. Do consider visibility. Set your tip-ups in the same direction so, at a glance, you can see when one flag in a series trips. I like the pre-lubed Frabill Arctic Fire Rail Tip-Up for many situations. When faced with deep snow, choose a wooden classic tip-up with a long spool arm to reach the hole and ride the flag above the snow. When fishing in low visibility situations, attach a tip up light for easy detection.

6. Don’t forget about small hooks. There’s a time and place for big hooks, but when in doubt, go smaller. For walleye, size down to a #16 treble and usually opt for the extra flash of a gold Eagle Claw. For pike, size up to a #12 treble.

7. Don’t fish dead weeds. If you pull up your auger and the water’s full of plant matter that stinks, those are dying weeds. Baitfish and predators are drawn to vegetation that’s still producing oxygen, especially as winter progresses. Get to the buffet with the freshest salad and best baitfish.

8. Don’t limit your fishing window in the water column. Some anglers put on a depth bomb, then come up six to eight inches for walleyes and two feet for pike. Instead use your electronics to fine the thermocline and baitfish to pin point where fish are feeding in the water column. In late winter, you may find that fish are up high, close to the ice, looking for water with more oxygen.

9. Don’t set your tip-up and forget it. Walk around and make sure your tip-ups aren’t frozen in, there’s bait on your line, and it’s free of weeds. If you’re setting tip-ups for the evening “power hour” think about using a Pro Thermal to keep your holes ice free.

10. Don’t expect a weak hookset to get the job done. Knowing when to set the hook, especially when you’re not sure when the tip-up flag tripped, can be difficult. Here’s the beauty of down sizing hooks (see #6)-most of the time, the fish doesn’t spit the bait because it doesn’t feel the metal. As soon as I know the fish is running away from me and I feel weight, I set the hook hard. Chances are you’re going to get a good gullet or corner-of-th-mouth hookset because that fish is committed to your bait!

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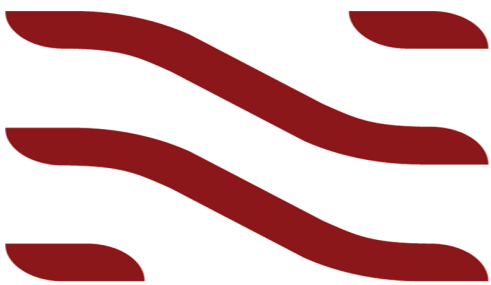


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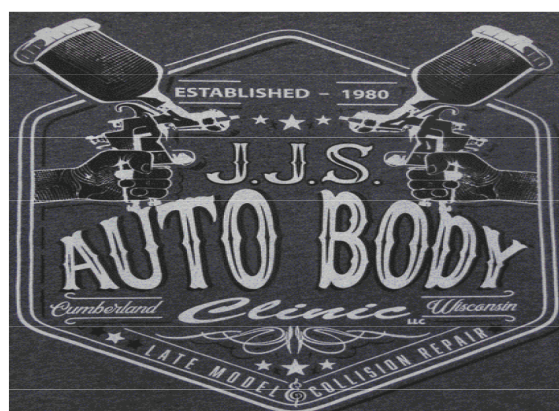
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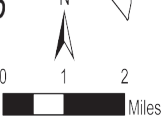
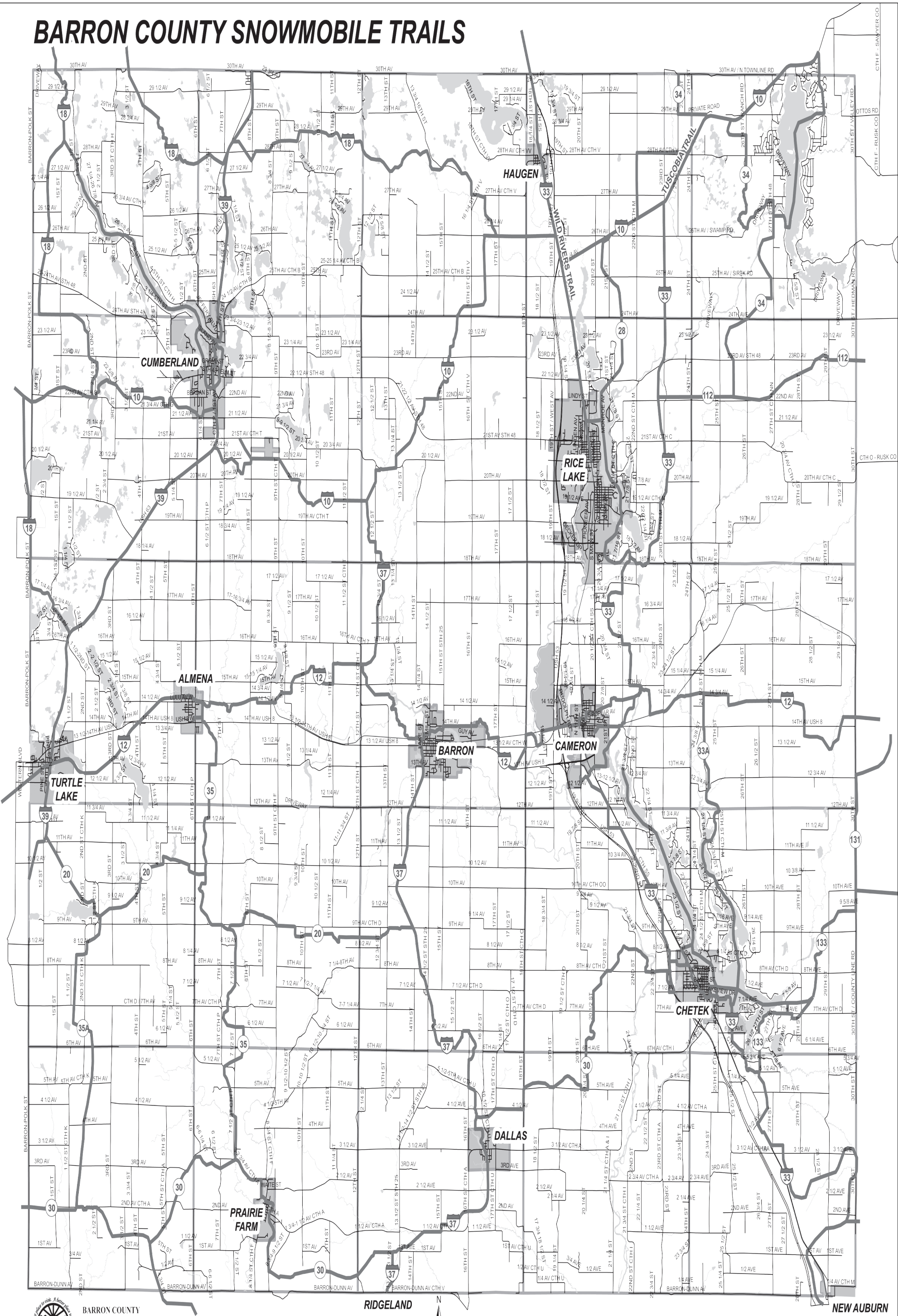
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Blake Ficocello with his first ever buck. Photo by Anthony Ficocello.



Ellie Rieper harvested this nice 10 point buck on opening weekend. Pictured with her is dad Jeff.



Fourteen-year-old Jared Willcox with a nice buck.

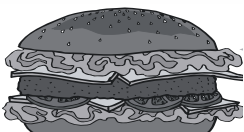


Thirteen-year-old Jack Manor with this dandy of a buck.



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Snowmobile Safety Tips

Snowmobiling can be a fun experience and a fun past time for the winter season, but it can also be dangerous. Here is a list of important snowmobile safety tips.

Take a Snowmobile safety course: Many states require a snowmobile safety certificate and each state has its own rules and regulations. A snowmobile safety course will instruct you on how to ride safely and responsibly and teach you the rules.

Check the weather forecast and trail conditions: It is always a good idea to check the weather and trail conditions to plan ahead. If the trail is frozen, the wind chill is too low, or a blizzard with white out conditions is in the forecast, you will want to plan your ride for another day.

Wear appropriate clothes and protective gear: Staying warm and dry during your ride will make it more enjoyable and safer. Wear a snowmobile suit, which commonly consists of a jacket and insulated bibs. Dress in layers. Stay away from cotton because if it gets wet, it will freeze.

Inspect your snowmobile: Make sure your snowmobile is running properly before heading out on the trail. Having your owner's manual handy on your ride is a good idea for extra safety. Before each ride, check fuel and oil levels, battery, brakes, drive belt, skis, throttle, handlebars, headlights and taillights.

Bring a buddy: Riding with a friend or in a group is fun and also safer, especially on trails you have never taken before. Someone else can help you if your snowmobile breaks down or if you get into an accident. It is also recommended to tell a friend or family member your plans and route for your ride in case you do get stranded.

Carry a First Aid Kit, Emergency Kit and Repair Kit: Keep a basic first-aid kit in the snowmobile in case of injury. It should include disinfecting wipes, bandages, hand sanitizer, gauze, adhesive tape and band-aids. In addition, carry an emergency kit with water proof matches, flashlight, compass, map, blanket, water, snacks and a knife.

Stay Alert: It is important to be observant and watch for obstacles in your path, such as rocks, fallen trees, barbed wire fences, open water, other snowmobiles, snow banks, animals, hikers and skiers.

Do not speed: Driving at a moderate pace will allow you to react to an unexpected occurrence on your trail and avoid an accident. Many trails have posted speed limits to follow.

Drivers should be the age of 16 or older: It is also strongly recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics that children under the age of 16 do not operate a snowmobile. The reason for this is because they may lack the skills needed to safely operate the vehicle and due to their stature can be easily injured.

Never Drink and Drive: Just like driving a car, operating a snowmobile while impaired can lead to delayed responses and cause accidents.



Do you wanna build a snowman?



This little one had a great time building a snowman at grandma and grandpa's. Photo by Ann Hendricks.

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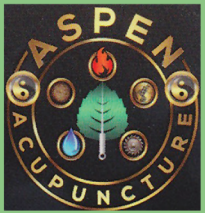
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You may call directly to inquire about an appointment at 715-419-0905.

Stay Limber With Laura

Laura has been a massage therapist for four years, and loves to make people relax. Thai massage is her specialty. Laura offers hot stone, cold stone or essential oil to the massage to make it exactly what you need. Feel free to call her to set up your appointment at 715-419-9292. She also, at times, partners up with Magic Touch Massage and you can find more information at cumberlandmassage.com



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