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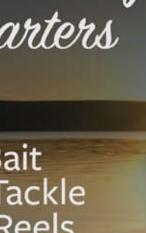


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Born on May 22, 1981, Claire is located on the grounds of the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce and is Wisconsin's largest loon. Standing 16' tall and weighing 2000 lbs., this giant loon celebrates Mercer's title of "Loon Capital of the World" M. Claire's birthday party is held annually the 3rd Saturday in May and includes a brief ceremony at the Chamber grounds, a parade from the Chamber through downtown Mercer, and a variety of special festivities in and around town.



Mercer was designated as Loon Capital of the World due to the unusually dense population, including the highest concentration of nesting loon pairs in the continental United States. We are proud of our loons, and many Mercer area residents are actively involved in "Loon Watch," a citizen-based project that has been monitoring lake health and loon production for over 15 years. The project has also strategically placed numerous artificial nesting platforms, increasing loon nesting success in the area.

Stop by the Chamber's interactive podium (available spring through fall) to hear the four primary loon calls and learn more about loons, and don't forget to have your photo taken with Claire d' Loon, Wisconsin's largest loon, located in Mercer – the "Loon Capital of the World" I'M!

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# In Wisconsin's Snow Capital

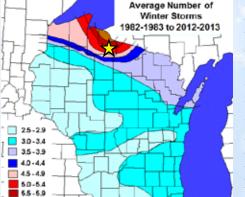
# Adventures in snowmobile country

Tou've decided that a snow-I mobile adventure in the great Northwoods is in your future. The name Iron County, WI – in particular Mercer – is synonymous with snowmobiles, smooth trails and great trailside amenities.

If you're a repeat visitor to Mercer, congratulations because you already have a good handle on where to go and what to do. For first time visitors, the Mercer Chamber of Area Commerce has the goods on the above. Detailed maps and route recommendations

go hand-in-hand with suggestions for lodging, meals and the local nightlife.

Often times, it's the other snowmobiler you'll meet on the trail or at a pitstop who will give you the skinny on the best routes to travel and favorite burger stop. Snowmobilers are the friendliest folks on earth it seems. The local riders are eager to untangle any confusion at intersections, to give an assist on the sled if needed, and to offer you a warm and hearty welcome to the Northwoods.



Mercer Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club is the local club, and boy do they do a great job grooming the trails! The dedicated volunteers take care of 200 of the county's 450 miles of state-funded trails in Iron County. They also have the trails well marked and brushed. We can't leave the Sno-Goers without mentioning the Winter Blast party they host each January - food, drink, music, dancing!

A bunch of your riding will be on former railroad corridors, smooth freeways to your next destination; others trails will be like Rustic Roads - following eskers and under trees laden with snow (hey, they get 200 inches of snow each season). We guarantee that you will stop to take a few photo-

We've been on a number of the local trails, and while everyone has a favorite, you won't be disappointed with Corridor 8. It takes riders west of Mercer, past Lake of the Falls scenic area and the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage toward Ashland County. If the arrow on the wheel-of-fun clicks on Trail 19, you've got a winner! This trail winds through the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest south to Manitowish. A nature lover's true paradise!

# Nordic & alpine skiing

There are three excellent cross-country ski trail systems in Iron County – one very near Mercer and the others within a short drive.

Not playing favorites here, but the first to mind is the fabulous MECCA multi-use trails just south of Mercer. Maybe it's because SNOWSHOEING we fell in love with the charming log cabin that sits at the trailhead. Full confession: It's really because of the delicious cookies available on the weekends!

The 18 kilometers of scenic trails will leave you breathless - in a good way. The MECCA Cross-County Ski Association grooms after each snowfall and before each weekend. The signed trails accommodate both classic and freestyle aficionados, and are ideally suited for both beginners and advanced skiers. Snowshoers have their own trail and can traverse the skating portion of the trail

The trail's daily, annual and family membership fees are all reasonably priced. Free Nordic trail maps are available for the asking at the Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Snowshoeing is a fast growing sport and mountains of fun for the entire family. The greatest thing about this sport is that it doesn't require groomed trails and can be done virtually anywhere there is snow, however, we do have a few places that have outlined routes as a guide through the forests. Need more convincing? Snowshoeing really doesn't take much skill and is an amazing opportunity to burn 45% more calories than walking.

# Ice fishing

We're a huge fan of ice fishing. Nothing gets our heart a-thumping like the little red flag that "boings" over the hole drilled in one of Iron County's many lakes our family is fishing this particular day.

"Flag!" comes the cry from outside the ice shelter. Gosh, one would think they announced free beer over at the local bar the way the boots clear the tent. Like Ma taught us, we take turns. But that first flag is free for the taking – for the swiftest.

Dang it, the kid beat us. Well, she was outside. Let it take line, Dad and uncle chime in unison. Now! Hit it! The teenager brings in the line, letting it slip through her hand when the fish makes a run. Carefully, she turns the fish and heads it back to the hole. Adult hands grab the fish by the gills when it breaches the water. The 21-inch walleye flops on the ice as congratulations are given the proud teen.

The hook is rebaited, lowered back into the hole. The newly caught fish joins two other walleyes and a northern pike by the tent.

This is what, our fourth, fifth trip to Mercer this winter. Nearly got skunked one trip, but the others made up for it in spades. Walleye, pike and bass - lots of the latter in the last two years, good sized ones, too. Perch, 'gills and crappies always wait in the wings.

A good lake map and an electronic fish finder will help locate catchable fish. An ice shelter (tent, ice shack), a heater and you can almost feel the summer breezes. Four-wheel drive vehicles, snowmobile and ATV (think chains) and you're there!



Where there's fishing, there's a fishing tournament. Usually 3-5 in the Mercer area during hard ice time. Even if you don't land the big one to claim a top prize, there's always a raffle drawing that will bring a smile if you hold the winning ticket.

With more than 200 lakes, Iron County can be a puzzle for the first time visitor. So of course stop at Mercer's bait shops for the latest gear, minnows, grubs and fishing tips to put the pieces together. When you snap that last puzzle piece in, the picture of great ice fishing is there for the taking!

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most as brutal for a hunter as it is a child waiting for their birth- to tell it and my family was provided with a freezer full of meat for day celebration. You know it will in eventually come, but I CAN"T WAIT!!!

As it gets closer my heart starts to flutter and I wake up each day with a check list on my mind. Weapon cleaned and ready- Check, Clothing cleaned and ready to hang outside to void of any human smell- check; extra gear, clothes, and cleaning supplies packed check; Compass, spare chargers - check. I'm sure you get the idea.

BUT- today is the day and I'm ready. Up at 3AM, truck loaded and I'm off! My heart is pounding and I can hardly wait, the anticipation is nearly overwhelming. So there I sit, waiting for that thirty pointer that I just know is going to come grazing along my path. Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock.....I have spent my entire day listening to the wind, hearing the birds chatter, the squirrels busily carrying things up and down the trees but no deer. Good news is I'm not a work and my love for the outdoors prevails, so – Life is Good.

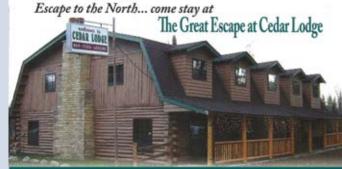
Nearing time to think about heading in for the day when.....holy timbers, that thirty pointer is staring right at me. Once again my heart is pounding so loudly I'm sure I'll scare it away, my hands are trembling and shaking so bad that if I actually get to take a shot, Ill surely miss anyway, but I raise my gun, carefully pull the trigger and BOOM-DEER DOWN!

Tick Tock, Tick Tock, Tick Tock.....the wait for opening day is al- Ok so maybe it wasn't really a thirty pointer, but that's how I like the winter.

> The Mercer Area has over 377,000 acres of public forest land. Hunters can enjoy hunting for deer, grouse, waterfowl, turkey, bear, and small game too. On the south edge of town, there is the Northwoods Wildlife and Wetlands Club shooting range that is open from April 1-November 30th each year that offers target ranges for pistol, rifle, and archery as well as clay trap shooting and an archery field course.

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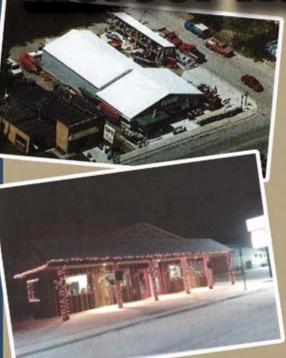
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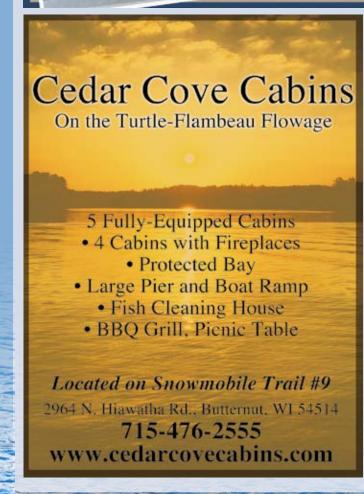
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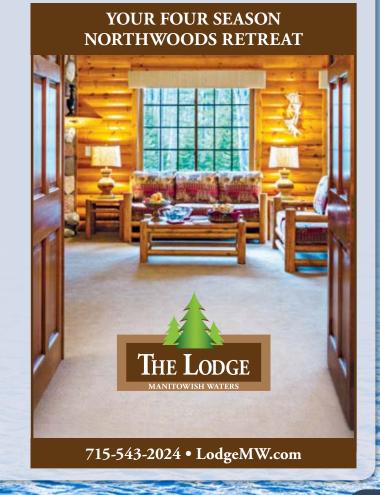
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Mercer's clean and undeveloped forests, rivers, streams, and lakes provide quality habitat for an amazing variety of wild-

life. In addition to the extraordinary number of bird species, a wide variety of reptiles, amphibians and mammals reside here. It is common to see deer, bear, bobcat and wolves, and with luck you may even spot a passing moose or cougar. Wildlife-watching and nature photography opportunities abound whether hiking, biking, or boating. A number of wildlife viewing accesses have been provided for auto touring around local lakes, the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, and the Little Turtle Flowage.

In Mercer the animals outnumber the people, and you'll be sure to see plenty of wildlife when you visit! As a starting point, check out Mercer Bird Fest, our International Migratory Bird Day celebration, held at Carow Park the 2nd Saturday in June in conjunction with our bike festival, Lupine Junefest.



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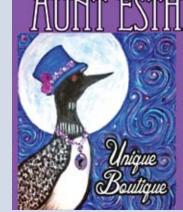
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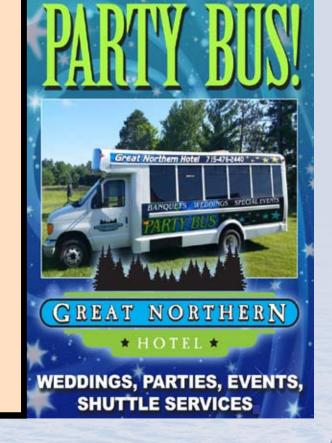


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Lake Superior. The largest fresh water lake in the world is only a 40 minute drive from Mercer. Saxon Harbor and Little Girls Point Park are two of our favorite access points, allowing you to walk the pristine natural shoreline for miles.

Waterfalls. Dozens of picturesque waterfalls cascade down the higher elevations of northern Wisconsin into the shores of Lake Superior.

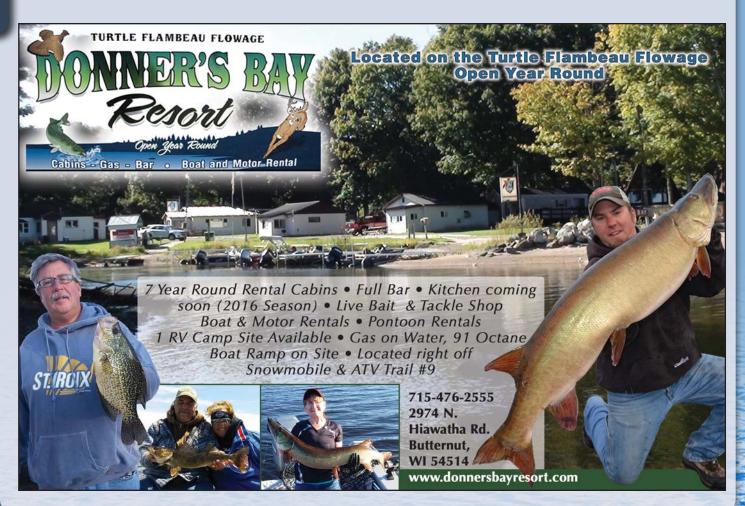
Three State Parks, three National Forests, and one National Lakeshore are all located within 100 miles of



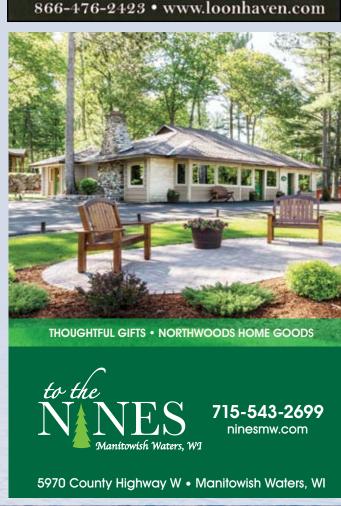
Wisconsin is the nation's leading cranberry producer, so it should be no surprise that you can tour several Cranberry marshes within a day's drive of the Loon Capital.

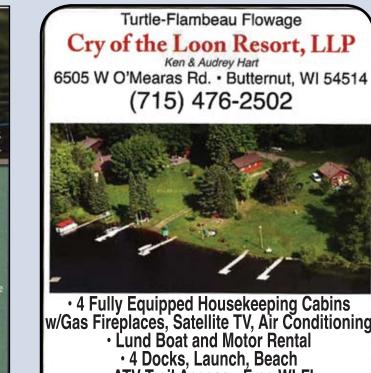
Other Points of Interest: Timm's Hill (the highest geographical point in Wisconsin), Smith Rapids Covered Bridge, North Lakeland Discovery Center, the Snowmobile Hall of Fame & Museum, the Great Lakes Visitor Center, Spirit Memorial Park, and the Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts & Cultural Center.

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Months, even years after you've fished the waters of the Mercer area, you'll find yourself drifting back to the day when you and your fishing partner limited out on walleyes in the morning and spent the afternoon chasing slab-size crappies in the back bays of the pristine Turtle-Flambeau Flowage.

The Mercer area is a natural for kayaking, canoeing and other water sports, too. Clear skies, fresh air and serenity are yours to enjoy. Abundant wildlife such as loons, eagles, and white-tailed deer are everyday occurrences.

#### Here's just a sampling of area lakes to whet your appetite:

- Boot Lake Located in the Springstead area north of Hwy. 182, 180 acres and 16 feet deep. Muskie, northern pike, walleye, bass and panfish.
- Echo Lake –Located in the central part of Mercer with a public boat landing. It is 220 acres and 25 feet deep. Muskie, walleye, northern, bass, and panfish can all be found here.
- Fisher Lake One of three lakes of the Turtle River Chain of Lakes, 420 acres and 25 feet deep. Muskie, northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass and panfish. Located in the east central portion of Mercer area, east of Hwy. H.
- French Lake Located in the Springstead area, just north of Hwy. 182. It's 92 acres and 16 feet deep. Muskie, walleye, bass and panfish.
- Grand Portage Lake Also known as Tank Lake, the 144acre lake is located in central Mercer with a public boat landing. Roaming the lake are walleye, muskie, northern, bass and panfish.
- Island Lake Located in the far northwestern part of Mercer with a boat ramp launch. It is a 352 acre lake that is 17 feet deep. Muskie and Northern Pike are abundant

- Lake of the Falls Located in the western portion of the Mercer area, just north of Hwy. FF. At 338 acres and 23 feet deep, it has plenty of room for northern pike, walleye, muskie, smallmouth bass and panfish to roam. 30 campsites, some with electric service. Secluded tent sites available.
- Little Martha Lake No public landing, so you will need to be a lodging guest on this private lake located in the north central area of Mercer. Muskie, northern, largemouth bass and panfish are very abundant.
- Pike Lake Located in the central portion of Mercer with a private landing available. At 194 acres and some 80 feet deep, it hosts musky, walleye, northern, bass and panfish.
- Mercer Lake Located in the central part of the Mercer area with a public boat landing. It is 184 acres and 24 feet deep. The species of fish include muskie, northern pike, walleye, large and smallmouth bass and panfish.
- San Domingo Lake Located in the east central portion of the Mercer area, just off Hwy. 51 with a private landing. Just 39 acres but 20 feet deep with northern pike, largemouth bass and panfish.
- Spider Lake Located in the north central portion of the Mercer area, just east of Hwy. H, access is by a public boat landing. Score big with muskie, northern pike, walleye, smallmouth bass and panfish.
- Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Located in the southern portion of the Mercer area, north of Hwy. 182 and off Hwy. FF with access from six public boat landings. A massive 14,000 acres and a maximum depth of 50 feet, it offers anglers and wildlife watchers a near "Canadian" wilderness experience close to home. Muskie, northern pike, smallmouth bass, walleye and panfish. 66 campsites - 60 family and 6 group.
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in his talons. You paddle towards an island and as circles around you in curiosity; after a few minutes and you sleep. they snort and disappear. Past that island is another - a doe and her fawn watch you as they drink from The Mercer area boasts over 377,000 acres of public the shore. Your paddles dip, water drips, a lazy wake loon challenges you - rearing back and beating his wings in agitation, his tremolo call warning you that her back. A gentle breeze ruffles the water surface. Songbirds call on the shore. The world awakens.

"Tzziiiiinnnng" sings your reel – it's the last cast. Really. This time you mean it. The light is waning campsite. There's enough walleye on the stringer to cook for dinner, and plenty of perch for breakfast. An abundance of perch, bluegill, crappie, bass, wall- Contact us for additional information, and begin day. Then there was that big one – might have been tude. a musky, but can't say for certain. Darn fish broke the line before you even saw it, but towed the boat

pink-tinged sunrise beckons you to dis- around for a while first! You bring the canoe onto turb the glassy water. The sound of morn- the island's shore as the breeze slows, then stills. The Ling dew dripping from the pines follows water burns orange and gold, mirroring the sunset. you as you slip the canoe into water that is clear but As twilight grays the forest your fire burns bright; stained brown from the surrounding hemlocks. You pine logs snapping and crackling as they catch, and dip your paddle into the whiskey water once, twice; burnt caramel scenting the air as sugar maple logs your mind stills and your heart slows, beating with burn down to coals. Time for dinner - yum! Noththe rhythm of your strokes. A kingfisher scolds you ing like fresh walleye breaded and fried to perfecas it wings across the shoreline behind you. Motion tion in the old cast iron skillet. It's dark now. Thoucatches the corner of your eye, and you turn just in sands of stars sparkle overhead, and a wolf howls in time to see an eagle skim the water's surface to your the distance. A loon wails into the stillness nearby, right – he flies away slowly, burdened with breakfast then another-further away, then another-even closer than the first; evening salutations echoing from lake you near it a family of otters joins you, swimming to lake. Snug in your sleeping bag peace descends,

land and more than 214 lakes, including the famous follows you. Another island nears...and suddenly a Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters Area which encompasses the 14,000-acre Turtle-Flambeau Flowage. In addition to abundant paddling and camping opporyou're too close. As he vanishes below the surface, tunities, there are numerous hiking trails (some of you spot his mate floating nearby with a chick on which are also winter-use Nordic skiing and snowshoe trails), and biking enthusiasts are encouraged to check out Lupine Junefest. In 2016 we are scheduled to complete our new non-motorized, multi-use trail. This path will stretch from the bike and pedestrianfriendly down town area south to Vilas County, and and the air is cooling – it's time to paddle back to the will tie into the expansive Northern Highlands Regional Trail System network.

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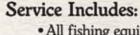






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- 5. Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Island Camping. 66 free rustic campsites located on the islands of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. Most are on a first come, first serve basis, however there are a few that can be reserved with a fee. For more info visit http://dnr. wi.gov/topic/Lands/TurtleFlambeau/camping.html
- 6. Loon Lagoon Campground- Private campground 2 blocks east of Hwy 51, downtown. 40 sites on the outlet of Grand Portage lake with full hook-ups and a grassy park.
- 7. Joe Millers Campground- Private campground in a resort setting with full hook ups on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage.
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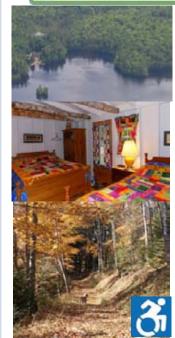
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Thether they thunder, gurgle or whisper, each of the waterfalls in Iron County is a perfect choice for a visit no matter what the calendar says, as each season imparts its own special brand of beauty on the tumbling water. Spring snowmelt and rain swell a few of these waterfalls to near Niagara Falls proportions. Summer brings hikers who become waders (small falls only!), followed by autumn when the waterfalls are framed by the glorious leaf colors, and finally, winter approaches and breathes frosty beauty onto the landscape.

Some of the waterfalls are easily accessible; others are located off the beaten path. These are natural areas, so use caution and watch for slippery slopes and stones. Enjoy the falls from a safe distance. Don't forget to bring a camera to share images of the waterfalls with friends and family! Check with the Mercer Chamber of Commerce for maps and books about the waterfalls in the area and beyond.



Peterson Falls – 35 feet, East Branch Montreal River (Hurley Area). Take U.S. 2 west of Hurley for .6 miles to gravel road at Ero Nasi Construction sign. Continue for 3 miles and park at small turnaround. Follow foot path located on north side of parking area, 1/4 mile walk to falls.

Upson Falls – 18 feet, Potato River (Upson Area). Take Hwy. 77 west from Hurley into Upson. Turn north at Upson Town Park sign, then left at end of street. After crossing the river, turn left into Upson Town Park. Camping and picnic area available.



Superior Falls – 110 feet, Montreal River (Saxon Area). Go west on US about 12 from Hurley and take a right on Hwy 122 and follow to the Michigan State Line. Access to the falls is marked with small sign at the 2nd driveway on the left. The trail has a long incline with a rail and is slightly uneven, so watch your step.

Shay's Dam Falls – 15 feet, Turtle River (Mercer Area). Head east on County J in Mercer for 2.5 miles. Turn north (left) on Beaver Lodge Circle. Proceed 3.6 miles, passing Beaver Lake Road. Turn east (right) on Fisher Lake Road 1.2 miles to small side road on the left leading to Shay's Dam. Watch for "Shay's Dam" sign. Park with picnic area available.



Potato River Falls – 90 feet, Potato River (Gurney Area). Head south from U.S. 2 on Hwy. 169, 2.8 miles (through Town of Gurney). Turn west on Potato River Falls Road, continue for 1.5 miles. Town Park with rustic picnic campsites available.



Kimball Falls – 10 feet, West Branch Montreal River (Hurley Area). West out of Hurley on U.S. 2 for 3 miles, turn south (left) on Park Road and continue .2 miles. Turn west (right) on Town Park Road. Cross the one lane bridge to enter the park just below the falls. Other scenic rapids and riffles are upstream. Picnic area and pavilion available.



Lake of the Falls – 10 feet, Turtle River (Mercer/Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Area). North from Mercer on U.S. 51 for 1.4 miles. Turn west (left) on Hwy. FF and proceed 5.2 miles. Turn left at Iron County Park/Lake of the Falls sign. Picnic and rustic camping facilities, boat landing with access to Turtle-Flambeau Flowage via Turtle River.

Foster Falls – 25 feet, Potato River (north of Upson). North from Upson on Highway 122 for 5 miles. Turn west (left) on Sullivan Road and proceed 2 miles to the river and falls.





Spring Camp Falls – 20 feet, West branch, Montreal River (Hurley Area). Heading south from Hurley on Hwy. 51, travel 4 1/2 miles. Turn right (west) on County Hwy. C. About 1 1/2 miles west, the county road turns sharply north-don't take that. Continue forward on the gravel road. In about a mile turn south, following East Branch Rd. about another 3 miles. When East Branch forks, continue right about 1 mile. Follow rustic path signs.

Rouse Falls – 19 feet, Tyler Forks River (Upson area) Travel west from Upson about 2 1/2 miles on Hwy. 77. Take a right on Casey Sag Rd. One mile north of Hwy. 77 on Casey Sag Rd. near the rustic trail on the west. Then it is about a 3/4 mile hike.

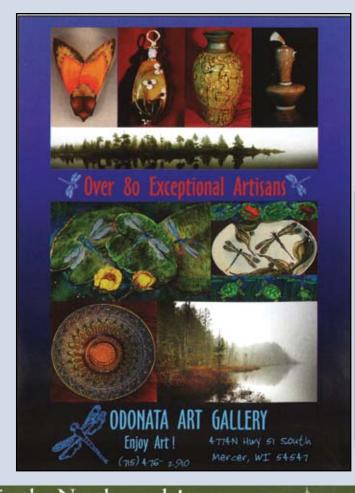




Wren Falls – 30 feet, Tyler Forks River (Saxon area). About 5 1/2 miles south of US 2 on Hwy. 169. Take a left (east) turn on Vogues Rd. Follow the gravel road for 3 1/2 miles until a hairpin turn. Take the center road for about 1 mile where the road forks. From there hike up the hill to a primitive campsite above the north side of the falls.









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9 Motel units and 1 cottage rental all with reasonable rates! Cable TV, Refrigerators, Air conditioned. Located on both snowmobile and ATV trails in downtown Mercer with plenty of parking. See ad on page 24

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#### AROUND THE CORNER PUB

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#### CRANBERRY INN

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#### DEAR LODGE

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#### **CHURCHES**

#### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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715-776-0313 www.zionlutheranmercer.org Services are held on Sunday at 9AM with Bible class and Sunday school fol-

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### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS** & CLUBS/FRIENDS OF THE **CHAMBER**

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The Club's purpose is to promote a positive public image of the sport, great new trails, maintain existing trails, develop partnerships with other ATV Clubs, educate riders on the impact to the environment, and promote safety.

#### MERCER LIONESS

PO Box 378, Mercer, WI 54547

715-476-0283 https://sites.google.com/site/mercerlioness/home A community based club which fundraises and donates to the Mercer Library, Mercer School, and much more.

#### MERCER LIONS

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#### MERCER SENIOR CENTER

PO Box 436, Mercer, WI 54547

715-476-2113

A not-for-profit community center for Seniors and group events. Nutritious meals served on site by Iron County Aging Unit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays for Seniors over 60; call 715-476-2113 or 1-800-950-8744 the day before. Home delivered meals available for those who qualify. Center rentals encouraged - call Lauree Ackerman at 715-476-0166.

#### NORTHWOODS WILDLIFE & WETLANDS CLUB

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Pistol, Rifle, Trap, and Archery Ranges, open to the public from April 1st. to December 1st. Our goal is to provide conservation education, and outdoor sporting opportunities including shooting, archery, and hunting. As well as hunter safety programs.

#### RUN FOR THE VETS

PO Box 474, Mercer, WI 54547

besnyder28@vahoo.com

Be a Star! Run for a Vet. Held on the 4th of July. 5.1K Run or 1.1 Mile Walk on the MECCA Trail in Mercer. Registration includes t-shirt and proceeds are donated to our Veterans Organizations.

#### WOOD AND BLOOMS GARDEN CLUB

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gkemplin@msn.com

Dedicated to preserving and beautifying the Mercer Area while doing what we love-Gardening! New members are always welcome!

#### TURTLE-FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION

www.turtleflambeauflowage.com

A volunteer organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage and promote the businesses, attractions, activities and events in the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage region. See ad on page 15



Tou can't miss the Mercer Depot Museum located just east of main street in Mercer. The Mercer Depot Museum is the only remaining wooden rail depot in Iron County. It represents a period when travel by rail replaced travel via the Flambeau Trail. The Depot has been restored to its turn of the century charm and visitors continue to be fascinated by the many re-

minders of the past. The Soo Line caboose has also been lov- a must stop for you during your visit ingly restored to replicate the days of yesteryear featuring one of to Mercer to see the fascinating collecthe beds that is located in the upstairs portion and the original tion of railroad memorabilia, antiques and take a walk back in potbelly stove that was used to keep the cold at bay. The Mercer time to where Mercer once started.

original jailhouse, the one room schoolhouse and the barbershop.

This Depot is

Historical Soci- ety also restored the





After the parade, Bernard Klugow, fire control dispatcher, suggested

Klugow supervised the construction, with the help of Neil Long, a taxidermist; Ada Hart, secretary at the Mercer station; and Brunner, a conservation aide.

They used the costume in schools, county fairs and other gatherings to promote fire control.

That original costume had drawbacks: it lacked a ranger hat, the small head was heavy, the occupant usually roasted on warm days (later costumes had small fans inside) and it looked like a real bear, fangs and all – which was a bit of a problem.

"Dad knew that some of the younger children were afraid of the costume, so he was careful in his approach," says Kathy, who also lives in Mercer.

The original costume was eventually retired and stored away. A new Smokey costume took its place with a friendlier face, belted blue jeans and ranger hat.

Frank "Smokey" Brunner, Jr. presented the forest fire prevention program in costume to thousands of children over the course of a 26-year career with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He retired in 1968 at age 62, and passed away in 1993.

As Smokey's 40th birthday approached in 1984, Dave Sleight, fire control assistant at Mercer, figured the Mercer costume deserved a place of honor. With the help of older fire control employees, he located it at a DNR warehouse in Tomahawk.

The Mercer High School vocational class pitched in to help Sleight and fellow DNR staffer John Bernier build a display case for old

You can see the display at the Mercer Area Ranger Station when it's not on tour, still reminding young and old: "Remember, Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!"

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# The Bear Truth First Smokey costume was a Wisconsin original

By Dean Acheson, Minocqua, Wisconsin

mokey Bear educated generations of Americans about their Smokey costume. They took to the job like a bear to honey! roles in preventing wildlife. Created in 1944, this character is the face of the longest-running public campaign in U.S. history. Who doesn't know Smokey?

Two sisters in Mercer can argue they've known him better than anyone. That's because their father played the Smokey role in costume at public events for decades. And the furry suit he wore was the first Smokey Bear costume ever created!

It happened in Wisconsin, and not in Virginia, as others claim.

So says Peggy Brunner, a 1945 graduate of Mercer High School, beloved local historian and the eldest daughter of Frank Brunner, Jr.

Frank helped design the Smokey Bear costume that made its public debut in Wausau at the Logging Congress Parade, September 28, 1950.

Peggy was working in Milwaukee at the time but her younger sister, Kathy, recalls when their dad made school appearances in full bear regalia. She was just 10.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the Wass Costume Co. of Philadelphia tailored the first Smokey Bear costume for the Virginia Division of Forestry. That was in November 1951.

But the Mercer version was displayed several months before Virginia's. Moreover, the Wisconsin model was made with real bear hides; the Virginia costume was made of cloth.

It was in August 1950 when District Ranger William Carow asked their father to construct a "Smokey Bear replica" for a float in the Fireman's Convention Parade at nearby Hurley.

So Frank built a wooden frame to fashion a bear in a kneeling position, as if in prayer. He covered it with hide and carved the head from a cedar post. A sign next to the praying bear said, "And please make people careful...Amen."

the Wisconsin Department of Conservation crew should create a

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# MERCER, WISCONSIN Voted one of the 20 Coolest towns in the U.S.

By the Matador Network

Mercer has had several heydays beginning in the 1920s when it was a haven for Chicago mobsters like Frank Capone and John Dillinger. The 1950s brought a proliferation of momand-pop resorts when the lakes were overflowing with fish. Since then not much has changed. Nowadays, instead of dodging gangsters, you'll be threading ancient forest trails on foot or bike. Timeless with an understated cool factor, Mercer is just far enough 'up north' to escape whatever it is you're looking to get away from. Chances are pretty good whatever 'it' is won't follow you here. Reed more at http://matadornetwork.com/trips/20-coolest-towns-us/16/

#### Dining & Tavern Options in Loon Town Anchor Inn Restaurant & Bar 715-476-2251 24 Around the Corner Pub 715-476-2251 A/S Bear Chasers Lodge Bar & Grill 36 A/S Beaver's Resort 715-476-3412 Cranberry Inn 715-476-3451 35 A/S S Dear Lodge 715-476-2549 Ding-a-Ling Supper Club 715-476-2270 37 A/S Eunica's Beaver Lodge 715-476-2004 A/S Gateway Lodge & Resort 715-476-7878 A/S 21 Heart of the North Bar & Grill 715-476-3562 A/S The Hideaway 715-476-2160 A/S Johnny's Bar & Grill 715-690-6407 A/S Lazy Ace Saloon 715-476-2257 37 A/S Looney Beans Coffee Shop 715-476-2526 A/S The Pines Restaurant & Beer Garden 715-476-2933 A/S 36 A/S Rugger's Landing 715-476-2530 Smokey's 715-476-2220 S Subway 715-476-2197 A/S Sunken Horse Saloon at Deadwood Lodge 715-562-0287 A/S Tom's Café 715-476-2433 36 A/S A/S Wolf's Den Bar & Grill 715-476-2440

# Mercer, Wisconsin Receives National Hospitality Award from Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers



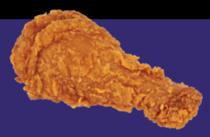
"It's truly a Northwood's experience," stated Josh Lantz, Executive Director of AGLOW.

"I need to re-visit Mercer where time freezes. I experienced Mercer for the first time and became something more, no longer myself but part of the remote Northwood's." Bob Holzhei, St. Johns, MI

The Mercer area Chamber of Commerce never ceases to amaze us! When they are involved in an activity they remain open with extended hours! We participated in both ATV poker runs (2014 Labor Day and 2015 Memorial Day) they were both very well planned out and executed! We also celebrate 4th of July in Mercer. The firework show is truly amazing! I have been to Rhythm and Boom, local area fireworks in Whitewater, Fort Atkinson & Jefferson, WI. Mercer's show beats them all!! Thank you all for once again showing us that you are a small town full of mighty effort!!" The Kreger Family

# Around the Corner Pub

All You Can Eat CHICKEN Every Day

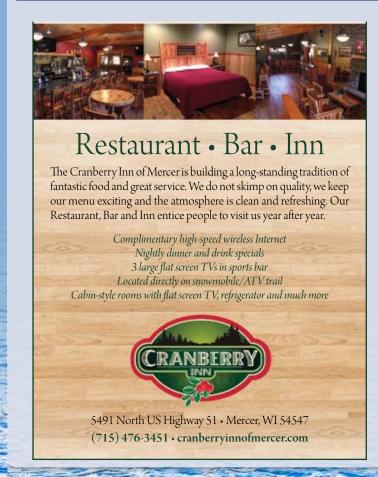


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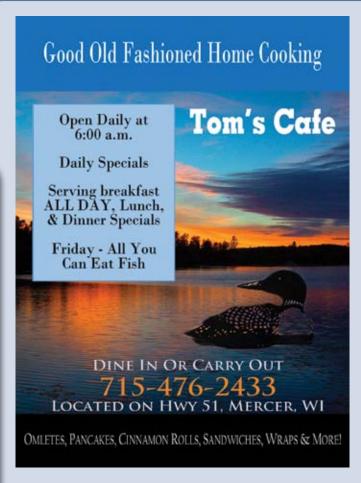
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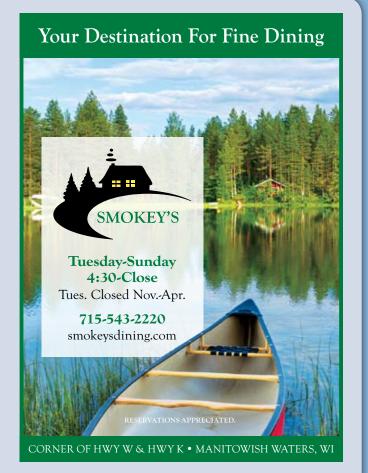
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#### IANUARY 2016

December 26th- January 16. Mercer Sno-Goers Poker Run

5th - Mercer Lioness Blood Drive

16th – Mercer Sno- Goers Winter Blast & Vintage Sled Show & Ride

23rd – Mercer Sno- Goers All U Can Eat Cookout

30th – Justin Donner Memorial Fisheree

31st – Mercer Sno- Goers Breakfast Fundraiser

31st – Bingo at the Senior Center

#### FEBRUARY 2016

20th – Mercer Lions Fishing Jamboree

27th – Claus Kraetke Memorial Ice Fishing Jamboree

28th – Bingo at the Senior Center

#### MARCH 2016

13th – Bingo at the Senior Center

26th – Lions Easter Egg Hunt

#### **APRIL 2016**

10th – St. Isaac Jogues Pizza Party/Bingo

12th - Mercer Lioness Blood Drive

24th – Bingo at the Senior Center

#### MAY 2016

8th – St. Isaac Jogues – St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

14th – Claire d'Loons aMAYzing Birthday Bash & Lioness Fashion Show & Luncheon

> 15th – St. Isaac Jogues Luncheon/Pie Sale

15th – Mercer Education Foundation Taste of the Northwoods 29th – Pancake Breakfast at the Mercer Senior Center

#### **JUNE 2016**

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th – Mercer Lioness Bingo at Cmty Cntr & NWWC Trap Shooting at the Range

11th – 10th Annual Lupine Junefest

17th - Mercer Lioness Annual Golf Outing

18th – Woods & Blooms Plant Sale, Pocket Park

18th - Town-Wide Rummage Sale

#### **JULY 2016**

3rd-Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center

4th – Mercer's Annual 4th of July Celebration & Run for a Vet Run/Walk

5th - Mercer Lioness Blood Drive

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – Mercer Lioness Bingo at Cmty Cntr & NWWC Trap Shooting at the Range

8th – St. Isaac Jogues Golf Tournament

16th – Mercer Lioness "Formal" Car Wash

29th – 31st- Northwoods Art Tour 30th – Mercer Garden Tour

John Mercer Garden Tour

July 30th – Mercer Education Foundation Mardi Gras at the Pines

31st – Pancake Breakfast at Mercer's Senior Center

31st – St. Isaac Jogues Pork Fest

#### AUGUST 2016

2nd – Night Before Loon Day Street Dance outside the Heart of the North

3rd- 36th Annual Loon Day Art/Craft Show

5th – Library Used Book Sale 6th – Mercer Lions Annual Turtle River Duck

Race at Rugger's Landing

10th, 17th, 24th, 31st – Mercer Lioness Bingo at Cmty Cntr & NWWC Trap Shooting at the Range

13th – Turtle Flambeau Flowage Pig & Corn Roast

#### SEPTEMBER 2016

2-4th – Can-yak Fishing Tournament &

2-4th- Labor Day Weekend music fest at the Pines

4th – Pancake Breakfast at Mercer Senior

11th- Gateway Lodge Bass Brawl

th - Mercer Lioness Blood Drive

#### OCTOBER 2016

7th-9th - Northwoods Art Tour

8th-11th – 14th Annual Pumpkin Run ATV

14th-15th – Gateway Lodge Mercer Muskie Madness

#### NOVEMBER 2016

4th – Associated Bank 2nd annual Chili Cook-off

19th – St. Isaac Jogues Chili Fest/Pie Sale

#### DECEMBER 2016

4th – Santa Comes to Loon Town 11th – Candy Cane

Parade



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Angler's Paradise at Yago's Retreat 715-476-2097	TFF	1 cabin		•		•	S	15
Balsam Ridge Lodging 715-476-0042	TFF	2 cabins		•	•	•	A/S	7
Bear Chasers Lodge Bar & Grill 715-476-2799	Island Lake	2 cabins	F/B			•	A/S	36
Beaver's Resort 715-476-3412	Lk of the Falls	5 cabins	F/B		•	•	S	7
Big Bear Family Cabins LLC 608-575-1343	Lt Martha	1 cabin/6bdrm		2		•	A/S	7
Big Pine Bay 815-343-1235	Weber Lake	1 cabin		•		•	S	19
Birch Point's Turtle Chalet 715-476-2946	TFF	1 cabin		•		•	A/S	
Cedar Cove Cabins 608-592-3879	TFF Butternut	5 cabins		•		•	A	9
Cranberry Inn 715-476-3451		9 rooms	F/B		•	•	A/S	35
Cry of the Loon Resort LLP 715-476-2502	TFF Butternut	4 cabins		•			A	13
Deadhorse Lodge 715-544-5854 or 715-562-0287	TFF	7 cabins	F/B	•		•	A/S	7
Donner's Bay Resort 715-476-2555	TFF Butternut	6 cabins	F/B			•	A/S	12
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Flambeau Lodging 715-476-2549	TFF Trude Lk	8 cabins		•	•	•	A/S	
Flambeau Vista Retreat LLC 715-476-4612	TFF	2 cabins		•	•	•	A/S	
Gateway Lodge & Resort 715-476-7878	TFF	7 cabins/2apts	F/B	•	•	•	A/S	21
Grandma Dorothy's 608-757-0677	Echo	1 cabin/2-3bdr		•		•	A/S	
Grand Portage Resort 262-227-9956	Grand Portage	4 cabins			•	•	A/S	
Great Escape at Cedar Lodge 262-370-0018	TFF Butternut	sleeps 40+		•		•	S	7
Great Northern Hotel 715-476-2440	San Domingo	80 rooms	F/B		•	•	A/S	11
Haven by the Falls 715-476-2305	TFF	duplex		•		•	S	
The Hideaway 715-476-2160	TFF	8 cabins	F/B		•		A/S	
Horn's Cabins Margaret Lake Resort 715-896-4434	Margaret Lk	2 cabins				•	A/S	
Joe Miller's Cottages 715-476-2505	TFF	5 cabins	F/B		•			7
The Lodge at Manitowish Waters 715-543-2024		18 rooms		•		•	S	9
Loon Haven Resort 715-476-2423	Grand Portage	5 cabins					A	13
Loon Lagoon RV Park & Campground 715-476-2466	Grand Portage	40 lots			•	•	A	
Loon's Nest Motel 715-476-2330		9 rooms/1 cabin			•	•	A/S	24
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Musky Point Resort 715-476-2175	Lk of the Falls	2 cabins			•	•	S	
Northland Lodging 715-476-2305		10 cabins		•	•	•	S	15
Pine Forest Lodge 715-476-2241	Spider Lake	9 cabins	В	•	•	•	A/S	19
Pine Loft Lodge 715-570-6640	TFF	1 cabin		•	•	•	A/S	21
Pine Noel Resort 815-347-1213	Grand Portage	5 cabins		•	•		A	
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# MERCER 2016 WISCONSIN GUIDE

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## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### JUNE 11 LUPINE JUNEFEST

noth annual bike tour during the blooming of the lupines and 2nd annual Bird Fest. Enjoy fabulous scenery on a 10,26,28 or 50 mile bike ride, classic

car show, art/craft/flea market, silent auctions, birding and nature hikes, demonstrations, food, beverages and fun. www.lupinefest.org.





#### JUNE 11 BIRD FEST

and annual Bird Fest has fun things in store, including guided bird watching tours, nature hikes, bird banding demos, live bird displays and programs, bird house building and other educational information and displays. Participants are encouraged to register online at the Chamber's website.



#### JULY 4

#### ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mercer's Annual 4th of July Celebration kicks off with a 7AM Run for a Vet

followed by parade through downtown at 11AM and a full day of fun afterwards at Carow Park complete with free kids games, food, music, raffles, and the best fireworks display in the northwoods at dusk. Parade entry is free and trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.





#### AUGUST 3 -35TH ANNUAL MERCER LOON DAY

Always held on the 3rd Wednesday in August and features over 250 art/craft vendors, flea market, food, kids games, music, performance by the Lakeland Barbershop Chorus at 11AM and the famous Loon Calling Contest at 12:30PM. Vendor spaces are 10x10 and you can register online at www.MercerLoonDay.com.

SEPTEMBER 2-4





# 2ND ANNUAL CAN-YAK FISHING TOURNAMENT & FESTIVAL

Love fishing? Love Paddling? Fish in a canoe or kayak on any of the designated lakes in the Mercer area. Prizes will be awarded based on total inches caught along with team trophies. Other activities include a trade show, meet and greet night, raffles, live music and fun. Be sure to check out www.Can-Yak.com for more information.



### OCTOBER 6-9 PUMPKIN RUN ATV-UTV RALLY

Come ride on Wisconsin's largest atv/utv trail system for the 14th annual Pumpkin Run featuring a poker run on trails during the breathtaking array of fall colors. Other activities include a parade, contests, games, and rally party.



#### KEY 2016 DATES:

January 15-18 Martin Luther King weekend February 12-15 President's Day weekend March 25-28 Easter weekend April 13-May 24 Spring Turkey Hunting season May 7 Fishing Openerl Walleye, Northern, and Largemouth Bass (northern zone) May 27-30 Memorial Dayweekend May 28 Musky Fishing opens (northern zone) June 18 Small mouth Bass opens (northern zone)
September 2-5 Labor Day Weekend
September 17 - January 8 Archery 8: Crossbow
deer hunting season

Sep. 17-Jan. 31 Roughed grouse hunding season (Zone A)

September 17-Nov. 18 Fall Turkey Hunting season October 7-10 Columbus Day Weekend November 19-27 Gun deer hunting season

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