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Welcome

Welcome to the Minnewaska area, where adventure and tranquility await! Pope County is home to Lake Minnewaska and some of the most scenic lakes in the state, along with a host of charming small towns and inspiring destinations. Here you'll find more than 61 of Minnesota's recognized bodies of water, boasting more than 12 of the top lakes for fishing and recreation. Lake Minnewaska is the crown jewel of the area revealing more than 20 miles of shoreline and over 22 species of fish.

"Family recreation" does little to describe what the Minnewaska area has to offer. From Starbuck's Heritage Days and Lefse Dagen to Glenwood's Waterama and Winterama, Pope County offers year-round celebrations for locals and tourists alike.

Let this be a guide to discovering just a handful of what adventures await in the Minnewaska area. Golfing, fishing, watersports, hiking, biking and arts opportunities are just the start! The area's resorts and campgrounds are second to none, and with spots like the beautiful Glacial Lakes State Park just minutes from Starbuck, you'll never be far from nature. Prefer to camp a bit closer to town? You'll love the welcoming Barsness Park in Glenwood or Hobo Park in Starbuck.

Minnesota kindness runs deep in Pope County and its citizens welcome all to sample the fun-filled activities and attractions of the area.



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2026 Calendar

April

- 1 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 2 Open Art Studio & Wellness Activity at Central Square
- 4 Community Easter Egg Hunt at Barsness Park
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Pope County Humane Society Meat Raffle at The Village
- 6 Children's Pottery Workshop at Central Square
- 6 Winter Dance Club, O'Hagan Combo at Lakeside Ballroom
- 9 Mother's Day Paint-a-Mug Class at Central Square
- 10 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise & Shine: Hurley & Associates
- 11 Pope County Community Expo at Minnewaska Area High School
- 11 Spring Market at Rolling Forks Vineyards
- 11-17 Week of the Young Child
- 16 Open Pottery Studio at Central Square
- 18 Wild Turkey Federation Annual Banquet at Minnewaska House
- 18 Pope County Humane Society Adoption Event at Fleet Farm in Alexandria
- 19 Pope County Humane Society Meat Raffle at AJ's Bar
- 25 Hello Spring Craft and Vendor Fair at Starbuck Community Center

May

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 6 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 7 Open Art Studio & Wellness Activity at Central Square
- 7-10 Pope County Area Garage Sales
- 8 National Childcare Provider Appreciation Day
- 8 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine: Minnewaska Robotics
- 9 Free Bike Rentals for the Season at the Starbuck Depot
- 9 Minnesota Fishing Opener
- 9 Spring Market at Rolling Forks Vineyards
- 10 Mother's Day
- 14 Beginner Hand-Building Class at Central Square
- 16 Lefse Dagen at Starbuck Depot
- 21 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce & Welcome Center Annual Community Awards Luncheon
- 21 Open Pottery Studio
- 25 Memorial Day
- 28 Minnewaska High School Graduation Commencement
- 30 Starbuck Lakeshore Park 100th Year Celebration

June

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 4-6 p.m.
- 3 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 4 Beginner Hand-Building Class at Central Square
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Starbuck Thursday Night on the Town & Starbuck Farmer's Market at the Starbuck Depot
- 5 Music on the Lawn at Central Square
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 6 3rd Annual Grape Escape at Rolling Forks Vineyards
- 6 Kids Day at Glenwood City Park
- 7 Sensory Walk and Roll Event at Minnewaska Area High School Track
- 10, 17, 24 Wonderful Wednesdays at Barsness Park
- 11, 25 Music in the Park at Glenwood City Park
- 11 Glenwood 7th Annual Newcomers Get Together at Glenwood City Park
- 12 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise & Shine
- 12 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise & Shine
- 12 & 13 Storybook Children's Theatre Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream at Central Square
- 13 Glacial Ridge Health System 12th Annual 5K Scrub Run/Walk at Glenwood City Park
- 17 Girls Night Out, Auxiliary of Glacial Ridge Health System at Rolling Forks Vineyards
- 20 Terrace Mill Grand Opening Performance by The Skally Line
- 20 Riding for a Cause, Glacial Ridge Hospice Motorcycle & Car Run at Glenwood City Park
- 27 Minnewaska Lake Association 26th Annual Banquet at Minnewaska House
- 27 Pope County Humane Society Paws on the Patio at Rolling Forks Vineyards

July

- 2-5 Starbuck Heritage Days
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Starbuck Thursday Night on the Town & Starbuck Farmer's Market at the Starbuck Depot
- 3 Evergreen Park's 3rd Annual Music at the Barn & Fireworks
- 3 Bike Rodeo at the Starbuck Depot
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 4-6 p.m.
- 8, 15, 22, 29 Wonderful Wednesdays at Barsness Park
- 8 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 9, 30 Music in the Park at Glenwood City Park

- 10 Music on the Lawn at Central Square
- 17 Glenwood Chamber Rise and Shine: Glenwood City Park hosted by Waterama
- 18 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 19 Pope County Humane Society Meat Raffle at AJ's Bar
- 23-26 69th Annual Waterama
- 23-25 Chamber of Commerce Boardwalk Sales, in partnership with Waterama
- 23-26 Ann Bickle Heritage House Art Gallery open during Waterama
- 29-31 Pope County Fair
- 31 Vintage & Artisan Market at Starbuck Lakeshore Park

August

- 1 Pope County Fair
- 1 Vintage & Artisan Market at Starbuck Lakeshore Park
- 1 Minnewaska Classic Car Show at Starbuck Lakeshore Park
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Pope County Humane Society Meat Raffle at Captain's Bar
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 4-6 p.m.
- 4 8th Annual Night to Unite at the Starbuck Depot
- 4 National Night Out potluck for Terrace Community
- 5 & 12 Wonderful Wednesdays at Barsness Park
- 5 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 6 Music in the Park at Glenwood City Park
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Starbuck Thursday Night on the Town & Starbuck Farmer's Market at Starbuck Depot
- 8 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 10 Chamber Cup Golf Tournament at Minnewaska Golf Club
- 13 Movie in the Park at Glenwood City Park
- 14 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine
- 19-20 Kids Safety Camp at Minnewaska Area High School
- 21 Music on the Lawn at Central Square
- 22 Wood-N-Hearts 6th Annual Raffle Event at Minnewaska House
- 29 MN Wine Day at Rolling Forks Vineyards

September

- 2 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 6 Minnewaska House Brewing Co. + Grill Annual Ribfest & Car Show
- 7 Pope County Farm Bureau's 8th Annual Breakfast on the Farm
- 9 Lowry Fire Department Annual Dinner
- 10-19 Glenwood Newcomers Welcoming Week
- 11 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine
- 12 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 13 Bluegrass Festival at Terrace Mill featuring The High 48s and Kohlrabi Soup
- 19 Lowry Days
- 26 Eple Tiden at Starbuck Depot
- 26 Roll out the Barrels Fall Wine Festival at Rolling Forks Vineyards

October

- 2 Glenwood Fire Department Pork Chop Feed
- 3, 10, 17, 24 Pope County Farmer's Market, Glenwood, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 4 Blessing of the Animals at Terrace Mill
- 7 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 9 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine
- 9 Harvest Ball Fundraiser, Auxiliary of Glacial Ridge Health System at Lakeside
- 10 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 10 Pheasants Forever 21st Annual Banquet at Minnewaska House
- 22 Pope County Salute to Business and Industry at Lakeside Ballroom
- 31 Community Trick-or-Treat at the Glenwood Welcome Center

November

- 4 Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Glenwood Welcome Center Conference Room
- 7 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 7 Christmas Extravaganza at Starbuck Community Center
- 7, 14, 21 Ann Bickle Heritage House Holiday Teas
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 11 Annual Veteran's Day Program at Minnewaska Area High School
- 13 Glenwood Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine
- 14 Christmas Craft and Vendor Show in Starbuck
- 21 Small Business Saturday/Magical Dollar Starts, Shop Local
- 22 Holiday Vendor Show at Minnewaska House
- 28 Starbuck's Annual Christmas Stroll & Lighted Holiday Parade

December

- 3, 10, 17 Magical Christmas in Glenwood
- 5 Central Square Annual Concert Series Performance
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Lowry Fire Department Meat Raffle at Mamma G's
- 7-15 Starbuck Christmas Lighting Contest
- 12 Glenwood Day at Andes Tower Hills

All dates and times are subject to change. Please check with each organization for the most up-to-date information or visit the Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center and Starbuck Chamber of Commerce websites for updated information at welcomeglenwood.org and starbuckmn.org.

2026 Highlights

Main Event (Hetteen Cup) Vintage Snowmobile Race & Show

Mark your calendar for March 7, 2026, and join the action on Lake Minnewaska! This annual event attracts visitors from across the United States, featuring a variety of thrilling races, a vintage snowmobile swap and show, youth snowmobile races, and so much more. Whether you prefer to experience the action up close on the lake or relax inside Lakeside Ballroom with a view from afar, there's fun for the whole family to enjoy. Event subject to weather and ice conditions.

Pope County Community Expo

The Pope County Community Expo is making its return! Join the bustle on April 11, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Minnewaska Area High School for this fantastic free event, hosted by the Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Connect with the community and explore booths from a variety of local businesses. Enjoy fun classes and workshops, exciting activities for the whole family, free entertainment, and stop by the food court. We'll see you at the Expo!

Fishing Opener

Mark your calendars! Minnesota's fishing opener is May 9, 2026, following state tradition of happening two weeks before Memorial Day Weekend. With its stunning area lakes, Pope County is the perfect spot for a memorable fishing adventure!

Lefse Dagen

Join the fun at Lefse Dagen on May 16, 2026, hosted by the Starbuck Depot Society! This cherished celebration, which began in 1987, has two exciting purposes: to honor the world-record lefse baked during the Starbuck Centennial in 1983 (a whopping 70 pounds and 9 feet, 8 inches in diameter, crafted by the Starbuck Lions) and to welcome visitors to the open house at the Starbuck Depot. Don't miss this unique and flavorful piece of local history!

Glenwood Lakes Area Kids Day

Kick off your summer with Kids Day, always held the first Saturday in June and hosted by the Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center! This fun-filled day is a hit with kids and families, featuring activities like Take a Kid Fishing, a bike rodeo obstacle course, bike and helmet safety checks, and exciting demonstrations. Little ones will also love pony rides, bounce houses, glitter tattoos, and the Traveling Treehouse! Enjoy a free lunch, special gifts for the kids, and the chance to win a brand-new bike, helmets, and gift cards in the prize drawing. Local youth and visitors are invited to join in the fun—all activities are free!

Starbuck's Thursday Night on the Town

Experience the charm of Starbuck with Thursday Night on the Town from June through August! Join us at the Starbuck Depot from 4:30 to 7 p.m. every Thursday for a delicious meal and lively entertainment provided by local organizations. Don't forget to explore the local Farmer's Market, open from 4 to 7 p.m., where you'll find fresh, homegrown treasures. Events are free-will offering—come, eat and enjoy!

Central Square Concert Series

Central Square Arts & Cultural Center's annual concert series is a must-see and a favorite among visitors and locals alike. From live music to captivating performances by talented artists and groups, there's something for everyone to enjoy. You can grab tickets for individual shows or treat yourself to a season pass for access to all the concerts! For more details and tickets, visit centralsquare.org.

Rolling Forks Vineyards Grape Escape

Mark Your Calendar for Rolling Forks Vineyards' 3rd Annual Grape Escape! Join us on June 6, 2026, for a fun-filled day of wine, music, and discovery! Enjoy exclusive wine discounts and dive into the fascinating journey of a grape—from planting to your glass! Take part in guided vineyard and production tours where you'll learn about planting, growing, harvesting, fermenting, and bottling, then treat your taste buds to wine tastings, relax to live music, and soak in the charm of the vineyard. Don't miss this unforgettable experience—it's the perfect getaway for wine lovers and adventure seekers alike!

Farmer's Market

Glenwood - Discover the freshest flavors of Minnesota at the Pope County Farmer's Market! Open June through October (weather and produce permitting), this market features local vendors offering fresh garden produce, crafts, preserves, homemade goods, and more—all Minnesota Grown. Visit us at the parking lot south of the Pope County Museum on Tuesday nights, June 9 through August 25, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday mornings, June 6 through October 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 320-634-3636.

Starbuck - Enjoy fresh flavors and local charm at the Starbuck Farmer's Market, located at the Starbuck Depot! Open June through October (weather and produce permitting), the market is bustling on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. through August and 4-6 p.m. in September and October. Browse an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, farm-fresh eggs, quilts, crafts, and more!

Wonderful Wednesdays

Bring your little ones to Wonderful Wednesdays, a weekly summer event filled with fun and learning for children in the area! Held at Barness Park in Glenwood, this action-packed event features the Traveling Tree House, a mobile learning center that offers unique and engaging experiences for children. Wednesday's in June and August, kids can join in the fun from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Geared for children from birth to five years old, activities focus on physical and emotional health, as well as literacy. Parents, caregivers, child care providers, and vacationers are all invited to attend with the children in their care. Check the calendar on page 5 for specific Wonderful Wednesday dates!

Music in the Park

Make your summer evenings unforgettable with the annual Music in the Park concert series, hosted by the Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center! Enjoy live performances by a variety of talented artists. Concerts are scheduled for Thursday, June 11th and 25th, July 9th and July 30th, and August 6th. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the beautiful Glenwood City Park (weather depending). It's the perfect way to soak up the sounds of summer!

GRHS 5K Scrub Run/Walk

Get ready to move at the 12th Annual 5K Scrub Run/Walk, happening June 13, 2026, along the stunning north shore of Lake Minnewaska! Sponsored by Glacial Ridge Health System and inspired by Dr. Mark Johnson, this timed walk/run is a fun, family-friendly event designed to get everyone active and keep them moving. Participants are encouraged to wear scrubs for the race—some will even be available on a first-come, first-served basis! For all the details, visit glacialridge.org/event. Join the fun and make it a memorable day by the lake!

Riding for a Cause

Join the fun at the 30th Annual Riding for a Cause, Glacial Ridge Hospice Motorcycle & Car Run, on Saturday, June 20th! The ride kicks off at 11 a.m. from Glenwood City Park, with all proceeds benefiting Glacial Ridge Hospice. Cruise along the beautiful shores of Lake Minnewaska, winding through the scenic rolling hills of Pope County. The event also includes commemorative t-shirts, lunch in the park, the ride itself, chances to win door prizes and raffle items, and a thrilling night ride! Don't miss out—register for the ride and get more details at glacialridge.org/event/. It's a great way to support a good cause while enjoying the open road!

Paws on the Patio

Join the Pope County Humane Society for Paws on the Patio on June 27, 2026, at Rolling Forks Vineyards. Enjoy shopping vendors, live music, and the chance to meet animals available for adoption. The shelter will also be accepting monetary and physical donations, so feel free to bring items to help pets in need. Best of all, this is the only day of the year you can bring your furry friends to Rolling Forks, making it the perfect outing for you and your pup. Come out, soak up the sunshine, and help support PCHS!

Evergreen Park's Music at the Barn & Annual Fireworks

Get ready for another unforgettable celebration at Evergreen Park's 3rd Annual Music at the Barn and Independence Day fireworks! Join us on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Evergreen Park Tree Farm (230 17th Ave NW, Glenwood, MN) for a fantastic evening featuring live music by Blonde & the Bohunk, delicious food vendors, refreshing drinks, and of course, an amazing fireworks display to cap off the night! This family-friendly event is perfect for everyone, so bring your loved ones and don't forget to bring a donation for Pope County Families in Need. It's the perfect way to celebrate Independence Day!

Starbuck Heritage Days

Join the festivities at the 43rd Annual Starbuck Heritage Days, happening July 2-5, 2026! This exciting weekend celebration started in 1983 when the Starbuck community marked its 100th anniversary. Every year, the weekend closest to the Fourth of July is packed with activities for families and friends to come together and celebrate Starbuck's rich heritage. Highlights include a fly-in pancake breakfast at the airport, an Invitational Golf Tournament, a street dance, 5 & 10K walk-run, kiddie carnival, craft fair, spectacular fireworks, the Grande Day Parade, the crowning of new Miss Minnewaska royalty and much more! Heritage Days is a wonderful time to reflect on the community's past, honor those who helped shape it, and celebrate the future. For more details, check out page 9 and watch for the full schedule of events to be posted online at starbuckmn.org!

Glenwood Waterama

Get ready for the 70th Annual Waterama Celebration in Glenwood, happening July 23-26, 2026! This fun-filled weekend has something for everyone, with events like the Grande Day Parade, Kiddie Parade, exciting waterski shows, pageants, dances, fireworks, 5K/10K/Magic Mile Races, and plenty of sports activities. Enjoy boardwalk sales and bouncy houses at the city park, crazy days sales at local businesses and tons of other activities throughout the weekend. Find more details on page 11 and watch for the full schedule of events at waterama.org. Don't miss out on one of the finest annual events in Minnesota—come experience all the fun in Glenwood!

Pope County Fair

Come join the fun at the Pope County Fair, happening July 29 - August 1, 2026! There's something for everyone, from exciting exhibits and 4-H projects to thrilling entertainment in the Grandstands, animals, tasty food, and inflatable fun. Enjoy tournaments, live music, a ranch rodeo, truck and tractor pulls, and much more! It's a great way to experience the best of local tradition and entertainment. For all the details, visit the Pope County Fair website at www.popecountyfair.org.

Minnewaska Classic Car Show and Vintage and Artisan Market

Get ready for a weekend of fun at the Minnewaska Classic Car Show and Vintage and Artisan Market! The car show will be on display August 1, 2026, at Starbuck Lakeshore Park from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This popular event brings together car enthusiasts and beautiful vehicles from all over the state. All cars are welcome with a small registration fee. Alongside the car show, enjoy the 5th Annual Vintage and Artisan Market, taking place July 31-August 1, 2026, on the south side of the park. The market features a variety of unique vendors, local farm produce, flowers, wines, beers, food trucks, and so much more! It's the perfect way to spend the day soaking in the excitement and buzz of the park!

Annual Night to Unite

Join the Starbuck Police Department for the 8th annual Night to Unite on August 4th at the Starbuck Depot! Celebrated across Minnesota, this event brings neighbors together to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon while fostering community spirit. Bring the whole family to enjoy free food, music, games, inflatables, shopping, and so much more. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches!

Kids Safety Camp

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Kids Safety Camp on August 19-20, 2026, at Minnewaska Area High School! Hosted by the Starbuck Police Department, this camp is all about teaching kids how to stay safe and avoid unintentional injuries. Through fun and interactive activities, professionals will show children how to stay safe around fire, animals, electricity, water, and more. It's a great way for kids to learn important skills while having a blast!

Minnewaska House Annual Rib Feed & Car Show

Mark your calendars! Minnewaska House Brewing Co. + Grill is hosting their Annual Rib Feed & Car Show on September 6, 2026. Come savor your favorite craft beers, indulge in mouthwatering food, and check out an impressive lineup of hot rods—all while enjoying live music. Stay tuned for more details as the event approaches!

Breakfast on the Farm

Kick off your Labor Day with Pope County Farm Bureau's 8th Annual Breakfast on the Farm! On September 7th, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. enjoy a free, hearty breakfast and explore the farm with some educational family fun. From fascinating demonstrations and tours to educational booths, adorable animals, and a fun play area for the kids, there's something for everyone. Come hungry, bring the whole family, and make lasting memories on the farm. Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer!

Terrace Mill Bluegrass Festival

The Terrace Mill's beloved Bluegrass Festival returns on September 13, 2026! Kicking off at 11 a.m., enjoy toe-tapping tunes from The High 48's, tasty eats, crafty vendors, and tours of the historic Mill and grounds. A day of simple pleasures awaits!

Glenwood Newcomer's Welcoming Week

Mark your calendars for Welcoming Week, happening September 10-19, 2026! The Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center invites newcomers and locals to join the Newcomers Family Welcoming Week events. It's a wonderful opportunity to explore Glenwood, meet new faces, and connect with local businesses. For more details about these events, visit www.WelcomeGlenwood.org.

Lowry Days

Lowry Days is a rip-roaring good time in charming downtown Lowry! Set for September 19, 2026, the festivities are packed with family fun, featuring a rib competition, bingo, car show, kids' pedal pull and games, bean bag tournament, craft show, street dance, and so much more.

Eple Tiden

Experience the charm of Eple Tiden (pronounced EH-PLUH-TEE-DEN), an exciting autumn market celebration at the Starbuck Depot on September 26, 2026! Translating to "Apple Time" in Norwegian, this lively event features a vibrant boardwalk filled with vendors offering fresh apples, unique crafts, and garden goodies. Enjoy live music, fun activities, and one-of-a-kind displays, all while supporting the Starbuck Depot Society with lunch and souvenir sales. Don't miss out on this festive day packed with fall treats and good times!

Rolling Forks Vineyards Annual Fall Wine Fest

Let the good times flow at Rolling Forks Vineyards' Annual Fall Wine Festival on September 26th! Enjoy live music, wine tasting, shopping, crafts, and endless entertainment. Savor award-winning wines, refreshing wine slushies, cold beer, and delicious food while taking part in activities like bean bags, kite flying, and exploring the vendor fair. For more details, visit www.rollingforksvineyards.com. Don't miss this delightful event!

Harvest Ball

Step into an evening of elegance at the 22nd Annual Harvest Ball Fundraiser, hosted by the Auxiliary of Glacial Ridge Hospital, on October 9, 2026, at Lakeside Ballroom. From 5 to 11 p.m., don your finest attire and indulge in a night of exquisite dining, thrilling silent auction treasures, and dancing 'til the moon fades. For tickets and further details, visit glacialridge.org or call Joanna at 320-334-3359. It's truly a gala evening out!

Salute to Business & Industry

Each year, the Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce honors a local business that has made a big impact on the community. Join us for the Pope County Salute to Business and Industry luncheon on October 22, 2026, at Lakeside Ballroom. The luncheon and program will run from 12 to 1 p.m. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the heart of the community!

Community Trick-or-Treating

Celebrate Halloween with the Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center on October 31 from 4-6 p.m.! Stop by 7 First St. NW, Glenwood, MN, for a fun community trick-or-treating event. Pick up a treat bag sponsored by local Glenwood businesses, and don't forget to bring your camera to snap photos at their festive Halloween display! It's a spooktacular time for the whole family!

Starbuck's Annual Christmas Stroll & Lighted Holiday Parade

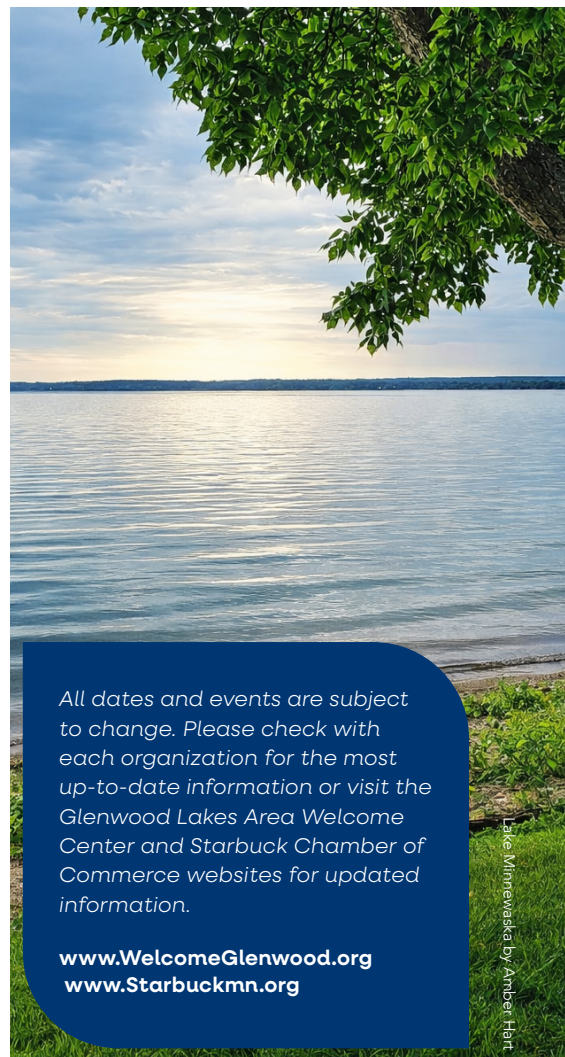
Experience the magic of Christmas in Starbuck on November 28th! The city comes alive with holiday cheer, offering something for everyone. Visit Santa at the Nutcracker Café, admire old-time Christmas lights and festive music at the Depot, and enjoy a free horse and trolley ride through town. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and watch the lighted holiday parade as it sparkles through the streets—or join in the parade yourself, no registration needed! Watch for more details, visit starbuckmn.org.

Magical Christmas in Glenwood

Get into the holiday spirit with Magical Christmas in Glenwood, happening throughout December! Enjoy traditional celebrations and festive events like a lighted holiday parade, Living Nativity, pictures with Santa, a community supper, holiday open houses, a Christmas Bazaar, horse and wagon rides, and so much more! Check out the calendar on page 5 for dates, and visit welcomeglenwood.org for a full schedule of events. It's a holiday experience that's truly magical!

Ballroom Dancing

Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Latin, Polka—come join the fun! Enjoy the vibrant tunes of a live band and dance the night away on a beautiful maplewood dance floor. These events are hosted by the Lakeside Dance Club, established in 1984. For more information on ballroom dancing and the featured bands, visit www.lakesideballroom.org. Check out the Winter Dance Club dates on page 5!



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www.WelcomeGlenwood.org
www.Starbuckmn.org

Engage



Starbuck Heritage Days

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend as Starbuck Heritage Days celebrates its 43rd year of festivities from July 2-5, 2026! This beloved annual event brings together family and friends to honor Starbuck's rich history with a fun-filled weekend packed with activities for all ages.

The festivities kick off on Thursday with the first Find the Medallion clue, a Family Fun Night of games and activities, Thursday Night on the Town, and a bustling farmer's market at the Starbuck Depot.

Friday keeps the excitement rolling with Crazy Days deals at local merchants, a Kids Fun Run, the Little Miss Minnewaska coronation, and the Starbuck Police Department Bike Rodeo, to name a few. The evening features a delicious pulled pork supper hosted by the firemen and a lively street dance behind the Fire Hall.

Saturday is brimming with things to do for all ages! Start your day with a hearty pancake breakfast at the airport, explore the vendor fair, or test your skills in the 58th Annual "The Open" golf invitational. Kids will love the games, inflatables, and other fun activities at the Starbuck Depot. The highlight of the day is the Grande Day Parade, winding through Starbuck's charming streets. Afterward, head to Starbuck Lakeshore Park for the crowning of the new Miss Minnewaska Royalty on the beautiful shores of Lake Minnewaska. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display over the lake—a sight you won't want to miss!

Sunday wraps up the weekend with coffee and a community church service at Starbuck Lakeshore Park, a perfect way to end the festivities.

For all the details on Starbuck Heritage Days 2026 and a full schedule of events, visit the Starbuck Chamber of Commerce website at starbuckmn.org.



Heritage Days Parade by Erica Carlson



Heritage Days Color Run by John Fragodt

2026 Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Hello Spring Craft & Vendor Fair** • April 25
- Murder Mystery Dinner** • TBD
- Lefse Dagen** • May 16
- 100th Year Celebration - Lakeshore Park** • May 30
- Thursday Night on the Town & Starbuck Farmers Market at the Depot** (Thursdays 4-7 p.m., June-August)
- Heritage Days** • July 2-5
- Vintage & Artisan Market** • July 31 - August 1
- Minnewaska Classic Car Show** • August 1
- Powerboat Racing Competition** • August TBD
- Eple Tiden** • September 26
- Old Fashioned Fall Festival** • October TBD
- Christmas Vendor/Craft Sale** • November 14
- Lighted Parade/Santa** • November 28
- Lighting Contest Contest** • December 7-15
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Waterama

Now in its 70th year, Glenwood Waterama continues to bring family and friends together, creating cherished memories for generations. Since its founding in 1956, Waterama has been a beloved tradition in Glenwood. That first year, organizers hoped to attract between five and ten thousand visitors—but were thrilled to welcome a crowd of 23,000! The festivities included a Friday night button dance and a lineup of exciting events on Saturday, such as a golf tournament, Kiddie Parade, swimming and boat races, a waterski show, and the night pontoon parade. Even in its debut year, Waterama featured the over 100-unit Grande Day Parade, a coronation ceremony, dazzling fireworks, and a coronation ball capped off Sunday night's celebrations.

Over the years, Waterama has only grown, with new traditions joining the cherished originals. A community church service was added in 1964, a mini-marathon in 1974, and in 1978, the Minnewaska Showstoppers presented their first musical, South Pacific.

Today, Waterama offers something for everyone. Along with the three parades, you'll find craft and car shows, a waterski showcase, a medallion hunt, book sales, sand sculptures, street dances, and much more. Kids can enjoy fun events in the park, while sports enthusiasts can take part in biking, swimming, running, golfing, and playing tennis, softball, basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

In its early years, Waterama was held in August. But after consulting the Farmer's Almanac and discovering that the last weekend in July is typically the sunniest and least rainy, organizers made the switch in 1959. Ever since, Waterama has proudly been celebrated as the "Last Full Weekend in July."

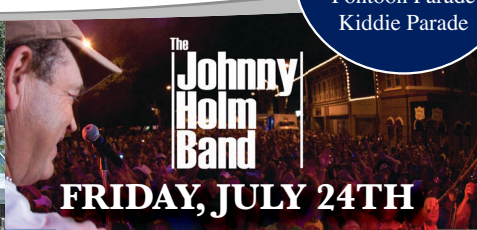
Whether you're a first-time visitor or a lifelong fan, Waterama is a summer highlight that promises fun, excitement, and unforgettable memories!

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3 Parades

Grande Day Parade
Pontoon Parade
Kiddie Parade



Sporting Events

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- Basketball Shootout
- Golf Tournament
- Soccer
- Tennis Tournament
- Pickleball Tournament

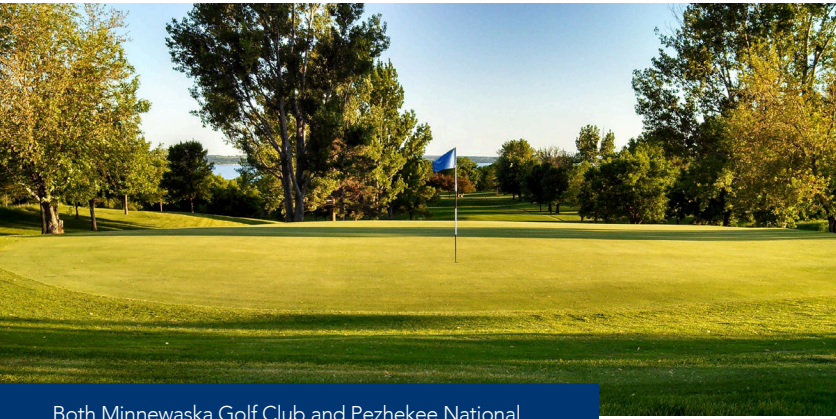
Beach Activities

- Sand Sculptures
- Water Ski Show
- Yoga on the Beach
- Swim Races

And More...

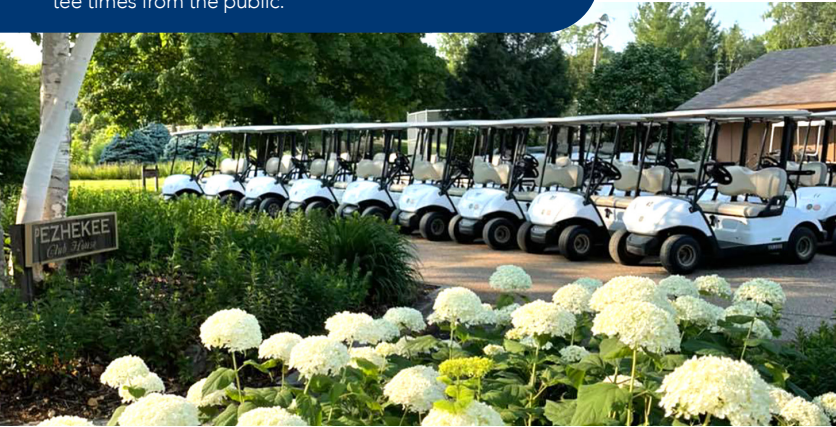
- Fireworks
- Car, Tractor & Motorcycle Show
- 5K/10K/Magic Mile Races
- Kids' Day Activities
- City Park Boardwalk Sales
- Medallion Hunt
- And so much MORE!

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Minnewaska Golf Club

Both Minnewaska Golf Club and Pezhekee National Golf courses have cart rentals, a clubhouse and accept tee times from the public.



Pezhekee National Golf Course

Golf

MINNEWASKA GOLF CLUB

Perched atop a bluff west of Glenwood on Highway 28/29, Minnewaska Golf Club offers breathtaking views of Lake Minnewaska and a truly memorable golfing experience. This classic 18-hole course features rolling terrain and scenic backdrops that are sure to impress golfers of all ages and skill levels.

Stretching over 6,500 yards, this par-72 course delivers an exciting challenge. With small, fast greens, the number one rule here is simple: “keep it below the hole!”

Throughout the summer, the course comes alive with a variety of fun tournaments, including the Memorial Day weekend tournament, Glenwood & Beyond’s Food on the Fairway, the Laker Classic, Starbuck Open, Waterama Big Cup Scramble, and the Chamber Cup.

The rolling hills and breezy lake views make Minnewaska Golf Club a must-play destination for every golfer. Ready to book your tee time? Call 320-634-3680 or visit minnewaskagolf.com. See you on the green!

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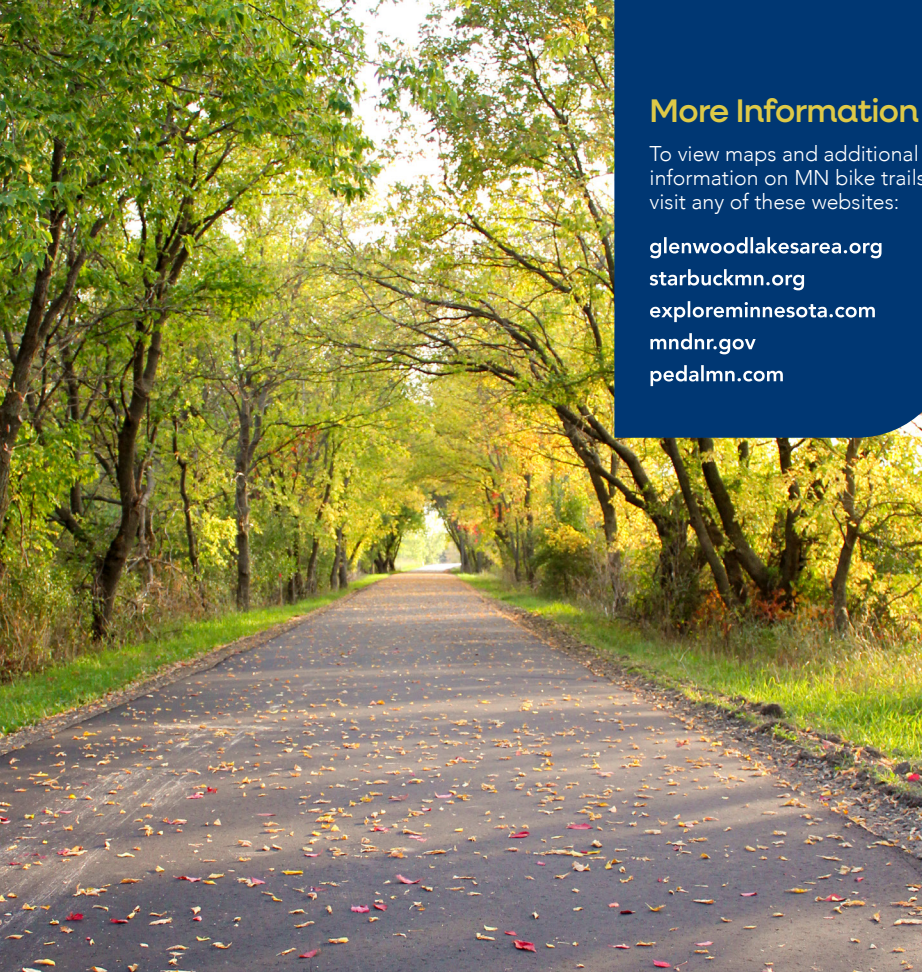
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Pope County Bike Trail by Erica Carlson

Bike Trails

Pope County Bike Routes

Pope County's bike trails offer a wide variety of terrain—from vast panoramic views of rolling prairie hills to the sandy shores of Lake Minnewaska. The paved historic railway trail connecting Glenwood and Villard takes riders through tunnels of trees and wide open fields, past wetlands and winds between scenic Lake Amelia and Lake Villard. Benches along the way provide quiet spots to rest and enjoy the abundant wildlife and quiet vistas.

Central Lakes State Trail

The Central Lakes State Trail is a 55 mile former railroad route turned paved bike trail that runs through 3 counties and 10 communities. This trail begins in the city of Fergus Falls, and ends in the city of Osakis. Trail users will enjoy the many differing landscape views, ranging from open grassland/prairie, lakes, wetlands, farmland, and forested rolling hills.

Glacial Lakes State Trail

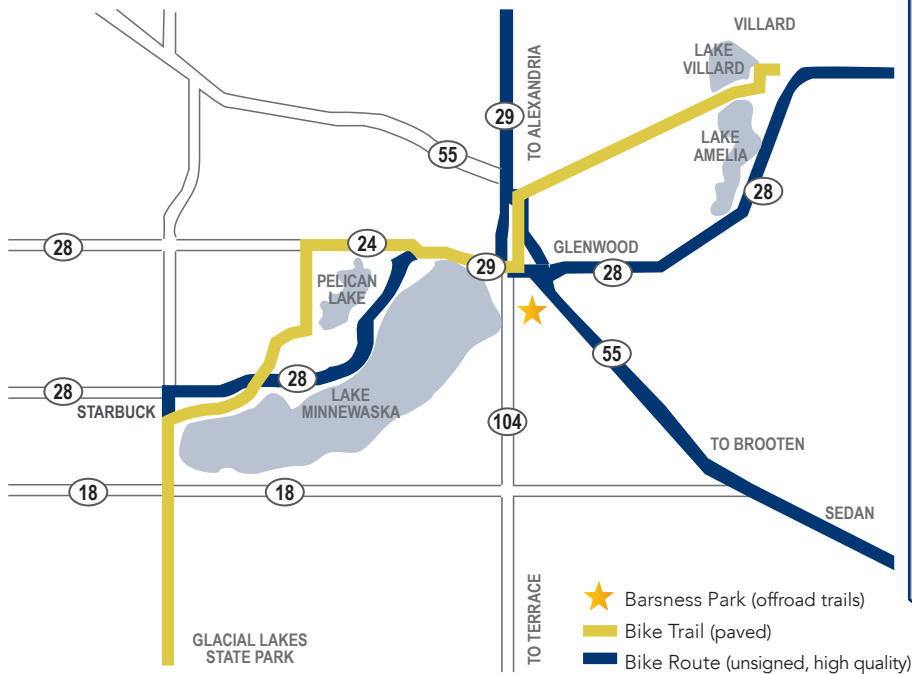
The Glacial Lakes State Trail is located on a former Burlington Northern Railroad grade, and is generally level and wheelchair accessible. The trail is paved for 22 miles between Willmar, Spicer, New London, Hawick, and the Kandiyohi/Stearns County line. An additional 7.5 mile stretch from Roscoe to Cold Spring is also paved. The many lakes make this area a popular tourist destination. The towns along the trail provide access points, rest stops, and other services to trail users.

Barsness Park Mountain Bike Trail

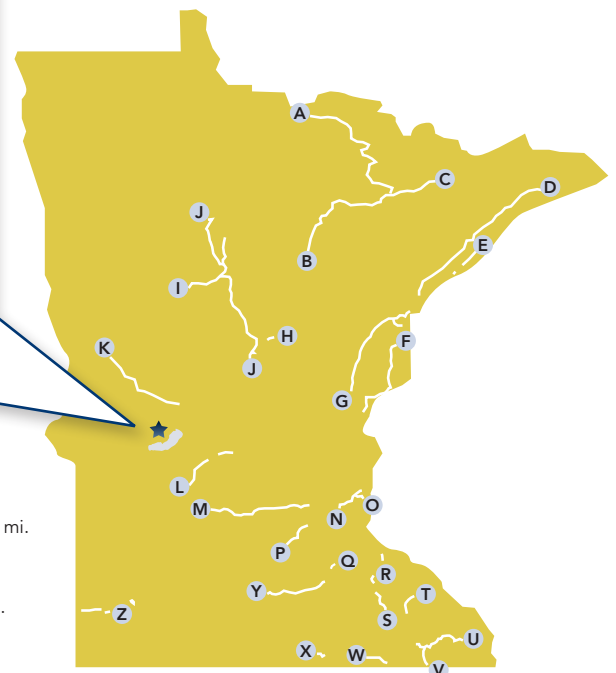
The Barsness Park MBT is seven miles of off-road terrain that is easy to moderate in skill level. The trail consists of features that follow the contour of the land with bumps, dips and sharp turns. Wearing a helmet is a must, say riders, to prevent life changing injuries. Gloves and proper shoes are also important.

Riders also say it is important to scout the trails before riding them too fast. Two loops gives the option of a shorter ride. The trails are primarily wooded with several climbs which may require walking a few steps. You will be treated to several great vistas of beautiful Lake Minnewaska. Trails are maintained by volunteers on a limited basis. Be aware of overhanging branches, fallen trees and other hazards.

Pope County Bike Trails



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| A David Dill-Arrowhead, 125 mi. | J Paul Bunyan, 115 mi. | S Douglas, 12.5 mi. |
| B Taconite, 165 mi. | K Central Lakes, 55 mi. | T Great River Ridge, 13 mi. |
| C David Dill-Taconite, 165 mi. | L Glacial Lakes, 27 mi. | U Root River, 42 mi. |
| D C.J. Ramstad-North Shore, 146 mi. | M Luce Line, 63 mi. | V Harmony-Preston Valley, 18 mi. |
| E Gitchi-Gami, 86 mi. | N Gateway, 18 mi. | W Shooting Star, 20 mi. |
| F Matthew Lourey, 80 mi. | O Brown's Creek, 5.9 mi. | X Blazing Star, 6 mi. |
| G Willard Munger, 92 mi. | P Minnesota Valley, N/A | Y Sakatah Singing Hills, 39 mi. |
| H Cuyuna Lakes, 25 mi. | Q Mill Towns, 25 mi. | Z Casey Jones, 20.5 mi. |
| I Heartland, 49 mi. | R Goodhue Pioneer, 47 mi. | |





Hunt and Fish

Hunting

Pope County is a stunning destination shaped by the last glacial moraine that sculpted Minnesota's landscapes. This unique terrain features undulating hills, winding rivers, pothole wetlands, and sparkling lakes, all interwoven with open prairies and picturesque islands of oak savannas. It's a natural haven for wildlife like deer, turkeys, waterfowl, and pheasants, making it a prime spot for outdoor enthusiasts and hunters alike.

Pope County boasts a thriving whitetail deer population and is known for having one of Minnesota's top pheasant counts. Come fall, fields come alive with hunters in blaze-orange gear, eagerly seeking the elusive ring-necked pheasant. The numerous lakes and wetlands also make the area a hotspot for waterfowl hunting. Many of the larger lakes serve as important resting stops for migrating waterfowl, offering hunters exciting opportunities throughout the season.

The diverse landscape, paired with agriculture and conservation efforts to enhance wildlife habitats, makes Pope County a favorite fall hunting destination. With abundant public hunting areas, there's plenty of room to welcome visitors.

For a map of public hunting areas in the region, visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website. Come experience the beauty and bounty of Pope County for yourself this hunting season!

Fishing

Lake Minnewaska is a gem in Pope County and the 25th largest lake in Minnesota, spanning an impressive 8,050 acres. Its name, derived from the Dakota Sioux words "minne" (water) and "waska" (good), perfectly describes the pristine waters that continue to delight visitors today.

With 22 unique fish species, panfish are probably the most noted gamefish with an abundant number of large bluegill sunfish and crappie. These can be caught right from the dock or at depths of 16 feet or more. The lake is also ideal for largemouth and smallmouth bass enthusiasts. One visitor even remarked, "...it is hard not to catch fish on this lake!"

Walleye and northern pike fishing are equally exceptional, with Minnewaska quickly earning a reputation as one of Minnesota's best walleye lakes. Whether you're fishing during the vibrant summer months or joining the hundreds of fish houses that dot the frozen lake in winter, Minnewaska offers year-round excitement for anglers.

Beyond Minnewaska, the area boasts other fantastic fishing and recreational lakes, including Reno, Amelia, Pelican, Emily, Scandinavian, and Gilchrist to name a few. Resorts and bait shops nearby are ready to help with lodging, gear, and the latest fishing reports.

Come experience the "good waters" for yourself—the Minnewaska area is waiting to welcome you!

No matter the lake, Pope County's waters are brimming with adventure and unforgettable fishing experiences.

See pages 32–33 for a map of Pope County and area lakes.

Gamefish OF POPE COUNTY



Northern Pike



Walleye



Large Mouth Bass



Small Mouth Bass



Black Crappie



Yellow Perch



Bluegill

Top 12 Lakes in Pope County

Lake Minnewaska

As the 25th largest lake in Minnesota, Lake Minnewaska is the crown jewel of Pope County. This 8,050-acre lake sparkles with opportunity, offering three public access points and abundant fishing for walleye, crappie, bluegill, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and even the occasional muskie.

Lake Reno

Located in northern Pope County, Lake Reno covers 3,808 acres and offers rich fishing opportunities. With two public access points, anglers can reel in walleye, sunfish, perch, bluegill, northern pike, and crappie.

Lake Emily

In southwestern Pope County, Lake Emily spans 2,316 acres with one public access point. Known for good catches of walleye, crappie, northern pike, and sunfish, this shallow lake is perfect for a day of fishing.

Lake Johanna

Southeastern Pope County is home to Lake Johanna, offering 1,399 acres of water and one public access point. Anglers enjoy northern pike and bluegill, along with walleye, largemouth bass, and sunfish.

Lake Amelia

This 934-acre gem in northeastern Pope County offers one public access point and excellent fishing for walleye, northern pike, and bluegill. Yellow perch, black crappie, and largemouth bass are also plentiful.

Lake Villard

Just north of Lake Amelia, Lake Villard spans 541 acres with two public access points. Fishers can expect to catch northern pike, bluegill, walleye, crappie, yellow perch, and largemouth bass.

Pelican Lake

Located north of Lake Minnewaska, Pelican Lake covers 517 acres with one public access point. It's a fantastic spot to fish for northern pike, bluegill, walleye, crappie, and sunfish.

Scandinavian Lake (Scandi)

Nestled in southeastern Pope County, Scandi Lake spans 417 acres. This lake offers a variety of fish, including walleye, northern pike, bluegill, perch, crappie, sunfish, and largemouth bass.

Grove Lake

In eastern Pope County, Grove Lake's 379 acres feature two public access points. It's a popular destination for anglers seeking walleye, northern pike, bluegill, perch, crappie, and largemouth bass.

Gilchrist Lake

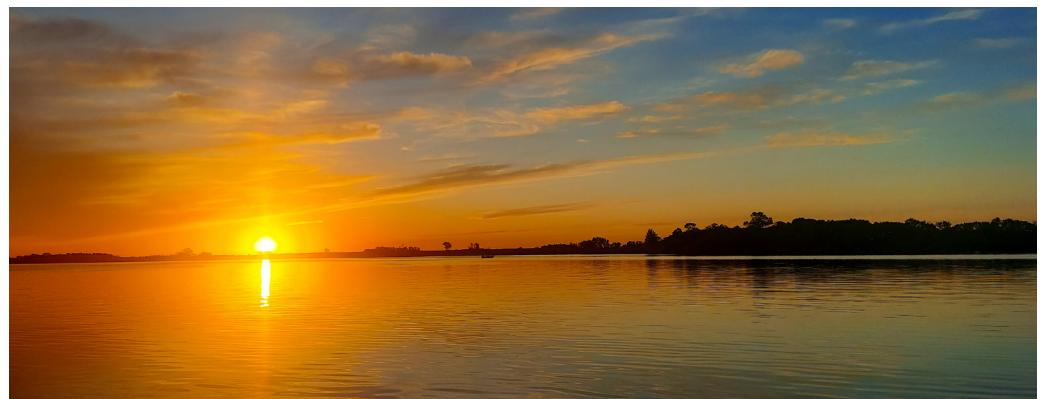
Southern Pope County's Gilchrist Lake offers 335 acres of fishing fun. Known for high populations of northern pike, sunfish, and largemouth bass, the average pike size is an impressive 2.5 pounds.

Lake Leven

Lake Leven is located in northeastern Pope County, just north of Lake Villard. This 281-acre lake with one public access point offers great fishing for walleye, northern pike, bluegill, perch, crappie, and largemouth bass.

Lake Linka

Tucked in southern Pope County, Lake Linka boasts 177 acres of some of the clearest waters in the county. It's a prime spot for northern pike, walleye, perch, bluegill, crappie, and largemouth bass. Recent surveys reveal an average northern pike size of 3.5 pounds!



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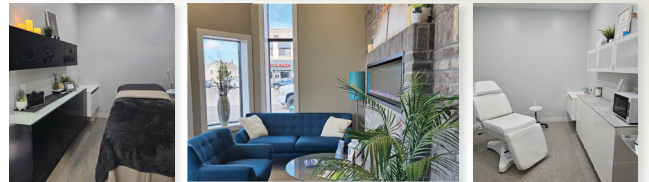
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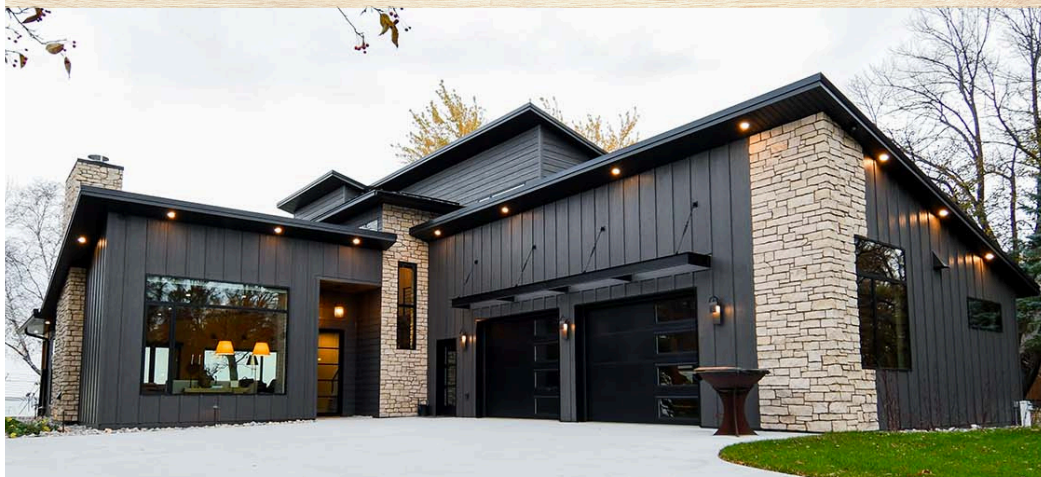
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The Bold Taste of Minnesota Terroir

Rolling Forks Vineyards is celebrating six years as an international success story rooted in Pope County soil. The Cihlars established their winery and tasting room on the hilltop of the old Peterson dairy farm.

They champion cold-hardy grape varieties like Marquette, La Crescent, and Frontenac Blanc, crafting a sophisticated portfolio of bold reds, crisp whites, and balanced rosés that are gaining global traction. In 2024 they added sparkling wines and 2025 marked the release of a 5-year Port.

Rolling Forks has achieved broad acclaim, securing Gold Medals in international contests and sweeping the San Francisco Chronicle International Wine Competition and the International Cold Climate Wine Competition (ICCCWC). Five of their wines were recently reviewed by Wine Enthusiast magazine, with scores ranging from 88 to an "Excellent" 91 points for their 2023 Allegro. Exceptional wine production doesn't require a California address—it just requires passion, perseverance, and great carefully cultivated grapes.

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More than just a winery, Rolling Forks has become a vibrant destination perfect for an afternoon escape or a full weekend of festivities.

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The Menu: The curated menu ensures the perfect pairing for every glass. Enjoy mouthwatering appetizers, fresh salads, and savory artisan pizzas, all featuring thoughtful options including gluten-free choices.

To Do: There's always a reason to visit, with live music every summer weekend on the patio and happy hour specials on Thursdays. The year-round calendar also features unique events like Paws on the Patio, vendor markets, thrilling Murder Mystery Dinners, and a seasonal winter market. Don't miss the major annual events of the year, "The Grape Escape" Summer Kick-Off in June and "Roll Out the Barrels" Fall Wine Festival in September. Both events offer a weekend packed with music, tastings, food, vendors, games and more. Autumn visitors can also navigate the one-of-a-kind, 11-acre corn maze and pick a pumpkin from the patch.

Whether you are looking to host a wine country picnic, book a private event, or simply discover your new favorite vintage, we recommend you to experience the world-class taste and genuine Midwestern hospitality that is Rolling Forks Vineyards.

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Lakeside Ballroom

Located on the shores of Lake Minnewaska in Glenwood, Lakeside has been a beloved destination since the early 1900s. In 1909, J.H. "Mac" McCauley built a dance pavilion on city land, promising to turn it over to the city after 10 years. The pavilion opened on May 28, 1909, alongside a public beach and water slide, remaining a hub of entertainment for decades.

In 1923, Oliver B. "Tuddy" Kaldahl took over, operating Lakeside for more than 50 years. The venue attracted top musical acts, including Louis Armstrong, the Andrews Sisters, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and the Everly Brothers to name a few. Though the building was destroyed by fire in 2003, the community came together to rebuild it, and by 2005, Lakeside was once again welcoming guests. Today, the city owns the building, while Jill Solmonson and her family manage the restaurant, bar, and event space, preserving its vibrant legacy.

Lakeside is a versatile venue hosting a variety of events, from Winterama and Showstoppers to live music, school banquets, and wedding receptions. It's a major economic driver for the area, frequently hosting two weddings per weekend, bringing in around 500 guests who support local hotels, shops, and businesses.

With Lake Minnewaska sparkling just outside Lakeside's windows, visitors are captivated by the beauty of the area and often return year after year. "Lake Minnewaska is a true asset," said Jill. She jokingly calls the families who return year after year her "repeat offenders."

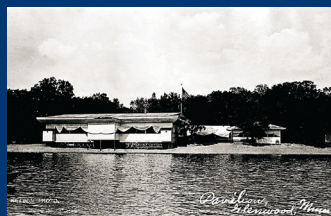
A highlight of Lakeside is the Lady Lakeside, a charming boat offering dining cruises around Lake Minnewaska, allowing visitors to enjoy the stunning scenery in a unique way.

Originally built to promote Glenwood as a tourist destination, Lakeside has undergone significant changes while staying true to its history. Under Jill's leadership, it continues to provide memorable experiences, blending tradition with modern hospitality. Open daily at 11 a.m., Lakeside offers a welcoming atmosphere for casual meals, special events, and weddings.

For more information, visit lakesideglenwood.com or call 320-634-0307 for reservations. For wedding inquiries, call 320-760-4987. We look forward to welcoming you!



1909 The Pavilion was built by J. H. "Mac" McCauley who offered to build a dance pavilion on land owned by the city. The building of the ballroom was intended to focus attention on the city as a place for tourism.



1930s Dancing and music grew more and more popular in the 1930s and as the ballroom became more successful, operator Oliver B. "Tuddy" Kaldahl was able to attract bigger names.



1970s-1980s Duane Peterson took over the Lakeside operation from Kaldahl & Brundin in the 1970s and Arne Moe took over after Peterson's death. In the mid-80s the dance club began, started by the Wolfs & Zuber.



2005-Present The rebuilt Lakeside Ballroom is now run and operated by Jill Solmonson.



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■ Glacial Lakes State Park

Nestled just five miles south of Starbuck, Glacial Lakes State Park sits at the meeting point of Minnesota's original prairie to the west and the lush hardwood forests to the east. This breathtaking landscape, shaped by glaciers over 10,000 years ago, features rolling hills, scenic valleys, and preserved prairie land. Established as a state park in 1963, the park was created to protect this unique terrain and its rich prairie flora, making it a special addition to the Minnesota state park system.

Nature lovers will be thrilled by the abundance of wildlife here! Glacial Lakes is a home for countless prairie and woodland bird species. The Prairie-Woodland Interpretive Trail and marshland areas are home to countless bird and mammal species, including squirrels, deer, beavers, wood ducks, raccoons, pileated woodpeckers, and even the occasional coyote.

The park boasts several lakes, ponds, and marshes, with the largest being the Signalness Lake, a 56-acre spring-fed lake. Whether you're looking to camp under the oak trees at one of the 37 campsites (14 with electricity) or cozy up in one of the 6 camper cabins (4 with year-round electricity), you'll find comfort and convenience. The cabins, each sleeping 5 or 6 people, feature screened porches perfect for relaxing. For a more adventurous stay, try one of the 4 hike-in campsites or the group campground near Signalness Lake, which includes a picnic shelter with a fireplace. The group campground accommodates up to 50 guests and tents, small trailers and campers are permitted.

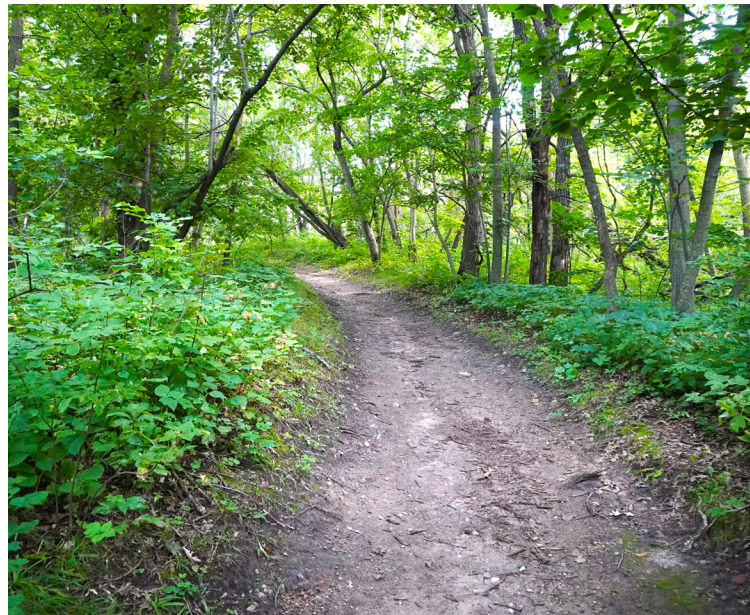
The park also features 11 miles of horseback riding trails and 8 horse campsites accommodating up to 45 people, making this park an ideal getaway for riders. For hikers, there are 16 miles of scenic trails through the glacial hills, showcasing vibrant wildflowers and prairie grasses. Cyclists can enjoy a paved bike trail starting at the park entrance that stretches 5 miles to Starbuck, continuing cross-country to Glenwood and Villard for a total of 20 miles.

Winter brings its own magic to Glacial Lakes, offering 6 miles of ungroomed cross-country ski trails, 11 miles of snowmobile trails, and endless opportunities for snowshoeing.

When it's time to cool off in the summer, head to the park's swimming beach on Signalness Lake, where crystal-clear, lake itch-free waters await. Nearby, you'll find a picnic area and boat ramp. Want to explore the water? Rent a boat, canoe, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard and enjoy the lake. Anglers can cast their lines for large-mouth bass, northern pike, walleye, and perch—but remember, electric motors only!

All vehicles entering the park require a state park permit, and reservations can be made by calling 866-857-2757 or visiting Minnesota State Parks Reservations at reservmn.usdirect.com/MinnesotaWeb/.

Come experience the timeless beauty and endless adventure at Glacial Lakes State Park—your next outdoor getaway awaits!



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Barsness Park Splash Pad by Gordy Stock

■ Barsness Park

Nestled along the beautiful northeastern shore of Lake Minnewaska, Barsness Park is one of Pope County's most scenic spots, perfect for a relaxing getaway. This 300-acre park, located on the southern edge of the City of Glenwood, offers a variety of amenities for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're camping, hiking, biking, or just soaking in the natural beauty, there's something for everyone here!

The park features a spacious campground with options for full hookups, water/electrical hookups, electrical hookups, tent sites, and shower facilities. If you love to explore, you'll appreciate the miles of multi-use trails that wind through the park, ideal for hiking, biking, running, bird watching, and snowshoeing. Plus, 150 acres of the park is a dedicated wildlife preserve, providing plenty of opportunities for nature lovers.

In recent years, the Barsness Buckthorn Brigade, a group of dedicated volunteers, has worked hard to remove invasive buckthorn and restore the park's iconic trails, improving the views and natural beauty for visitors. You'll be amazed by the stunning sights as you stroll or bike through the park.

A highlight of the park is the Splash Pad, which was made possible by local donations. Open during the summer months, the Splash Pad is a fun and free way to cool off! With water features like fountains and sprays, it's perfect for kids of all ages. It's available from Memorial Day to Labor Day (weather permitting) during park hours.

For even more recreation, the park has a variety of sports facilities, including horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and a Frisbee golf course. There's also a playground for children, and approximately 7 miles of off-road bike trails for those who love adventure.

If you're planning a big gathering, Barsness Park has two fully enclosed buildings available by reservation. Equipped with kitchen facilities, restrooms, and picnic tables, they're perfect for family reunions, graduations, or any special event.

For a refreshing swim, the City's swimming beach is just a short walk away, and there's a concrete boat landing right next to it for those wanting to enjoy the lake.

For more information on camping and reservations, be sure to reach out to the Glenwood City Offices at 320-634-5433, or visit their website at www.ci.glenwood.mn.us/parks. Come visit Barsness Park and make lasting memories in this charming, scenic oasis!

Barsness Park by Erica Carlson

Area Parks & Beaches

Glenwood City Beach

Just a short stroll from downtown Glenwood, the Glenwood City Beach offers fun in the sun for the whole family. A concrete boat landing lies adjacent to the beach for those looking to get out on the water as well. Kids of all ages can play on the water slide and platforms, and a lifeguard is on duty during the summer months. Dressing rooms and bathroom facilities are available, making it a convenient place to spend the day by the water.

Glenwood City Park

Nestled on the shores of Lake Minnewaska, this 5-acre park is the heart of community events and celebrations in Glenwood. Enjoy freshly resurfaced pickleball and basketball courts, all with lighting for evening play. The bandshell hosts live entertainment, and several picnic shelters provide perfect spots for a family outing. Take a break on the grassy knolls while enjoying the scenic views of the lake and surrounding activities.

Holly Skogen

Known as the Troll Park by locals, Holly Skogen is a charming two-acre park located at the corner of Hwy. 28 and 6th Street, on the western edge of Starbuck. This park celebrates Starbuck's Scandinavian heritage alongside the beauty of nature. Stroll along the stone-lined trails that wind through a wooded area and brush along a small stream of water. Keep an eye out for friendly trolls hiding along the path! It's a peaceful spot for relaxing, playing, or even writing a letter to a friend. Don't forget to visit the Holly Skogen post office to check for troll mail!

Knapp Park

Located on the shores of Lake Villard, Knapp Park is a 40-acre wooded haven perfect for outdoor fun. Whether you're bird watching, hiking, biking, or fishing, there's something for everyone here. The park also offers a playground, horseshoes, swimming, and plenty of space to gather with friends and family, all while enjoying the serenity of the lakeside setting.

Lowry City Park

Covering 9.8 acres, Lowry City Park offers a baseball field, a picnic shelter with tables, and playground equipment. During the winter months, it transforms into an ice skating rink. It's a great place to relax, enjoy a picnic, or get active with a game or outdoor fun, no matter the season.

Starbuck City Beach

Voted one of the top 5 beaches in Minnesota by Triple AAA Magazine, Starbuck City Beach is a beautiful spot to spend your day. Located between Starbuck Lakeshore Park and Water's Edge restaurant, this beach offers water slides, platforms, and a lifeguard on duty during the summer months. With bathroom facilities and concessions available, it's a family-friendly beach perfect for a day of fun in the sun.

Starbuck Lakeshore Park

Starbuck Lakeshore Park is the perfect spot for family gatherings, picnics, or just letting the kids burn off some energy. Nestled on the south side of Starbuck, the park stretches along the western shore of beautiful Lake Minnewaska, offering a peaceful and scenic setting.

Since its beginnings in 1926, the park has seen continuous improvements, making it a favorite destination for locals and visitors alike. Six spacious shelters provide an ideal space for family reunions, large group gatherings, and civic picnics. Picnic tables are scattered throughout the park, ensuring plenty of spots to enjoy a meal outdoors. Shelter reservations can be made by calling (320) 239-2525.

The park's charming band shell, located near the lake, serves as the backdrop for concerts, church services, and community celebrations. Nearby, a serene shoofly invites you to relax and soak in the lakeside tranquility. Kids will love the recently updated playground equipment, perfect for hours of fun.

On the south end of the park, you'll find the Charles Branch Memorial Field, a ball diamond built in 1978 and equipped with lights in 1982. The area also boasts resurfaced tennis courts, a basketball court, and a well-lit parking lot conveniently situated between the park and the swimming beach.

Whether you're here for a picnic, a game, or simply a day by the lake, Starbuck Lakeshore Park has something for everyone. Come and enjoy this lakeside treasure!



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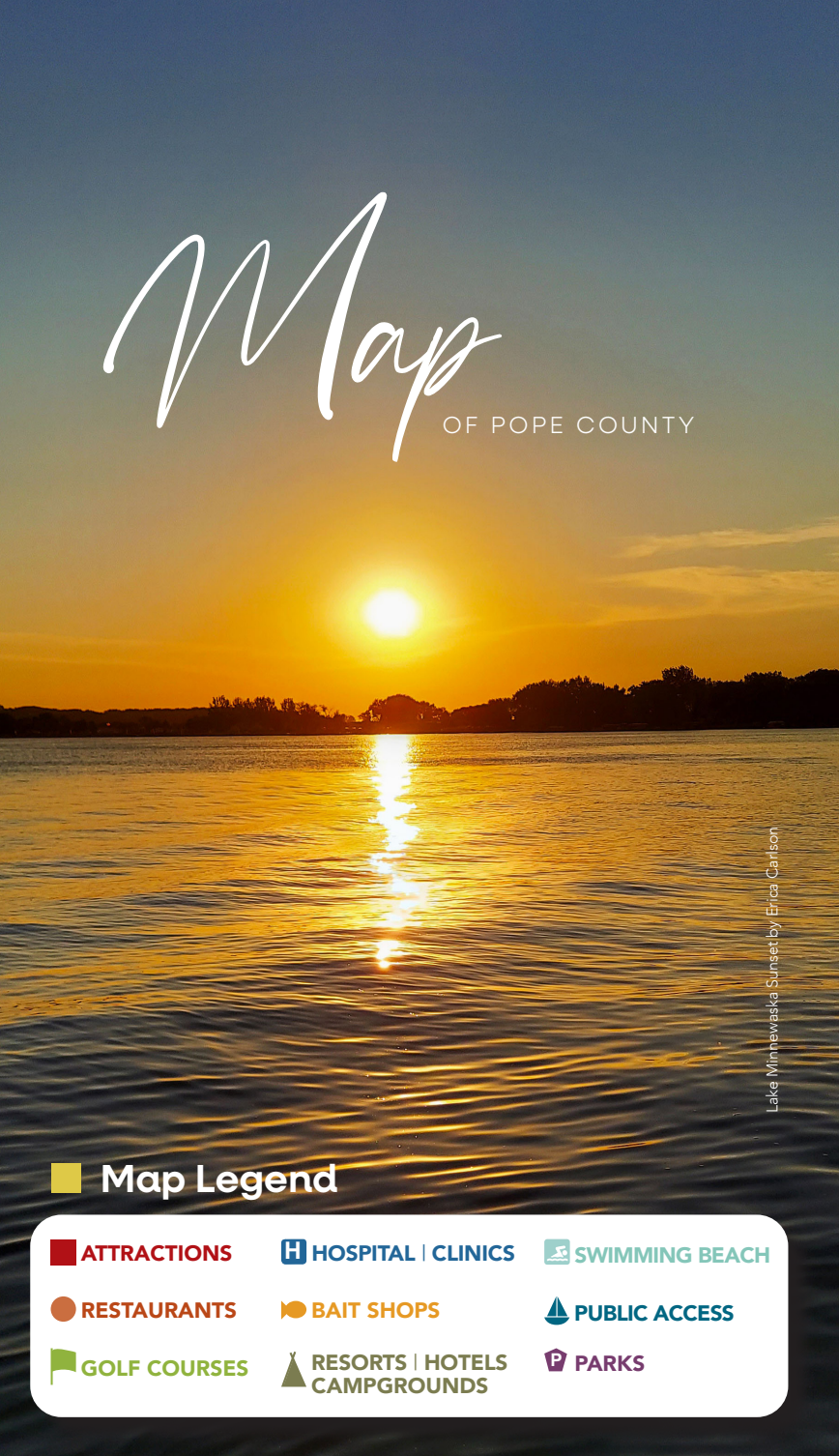
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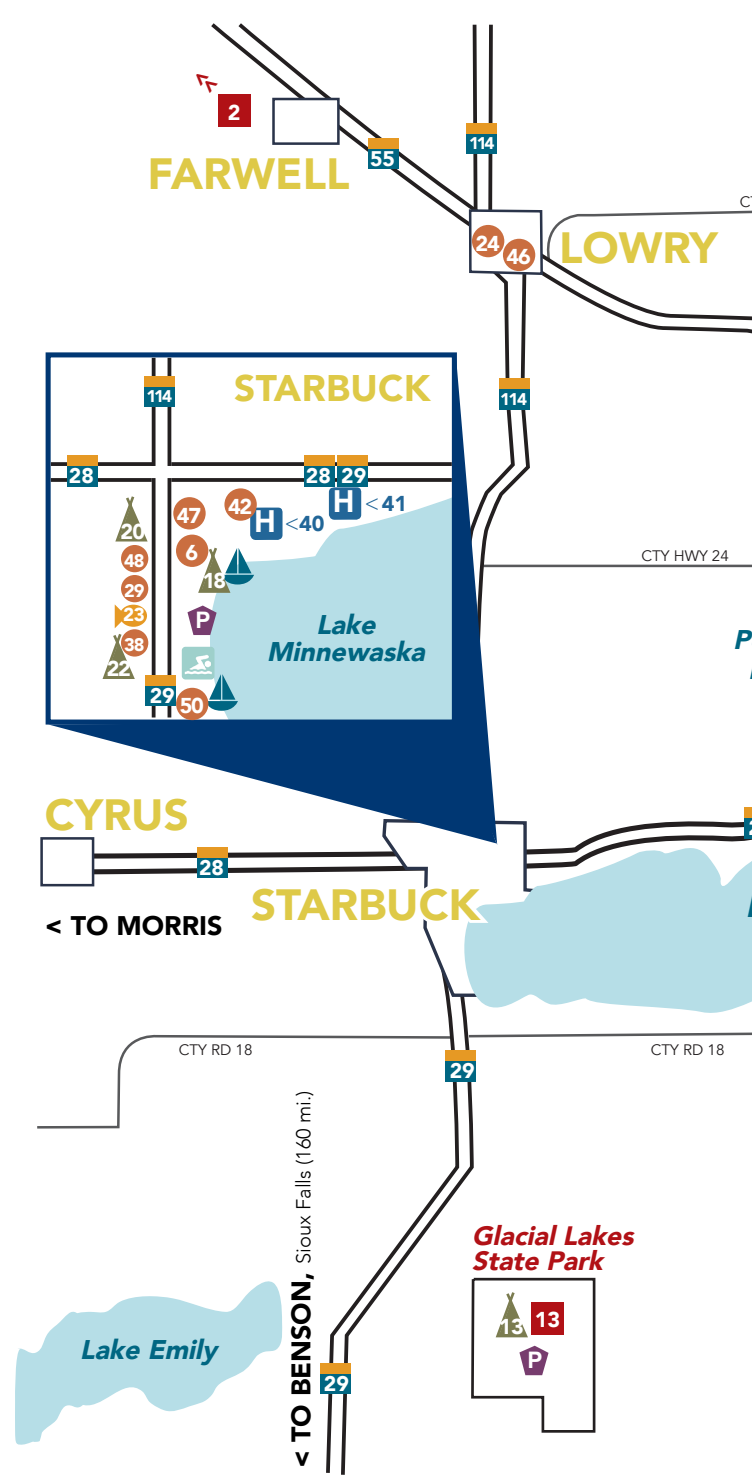
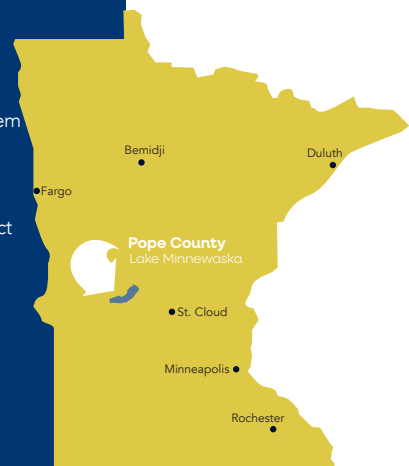
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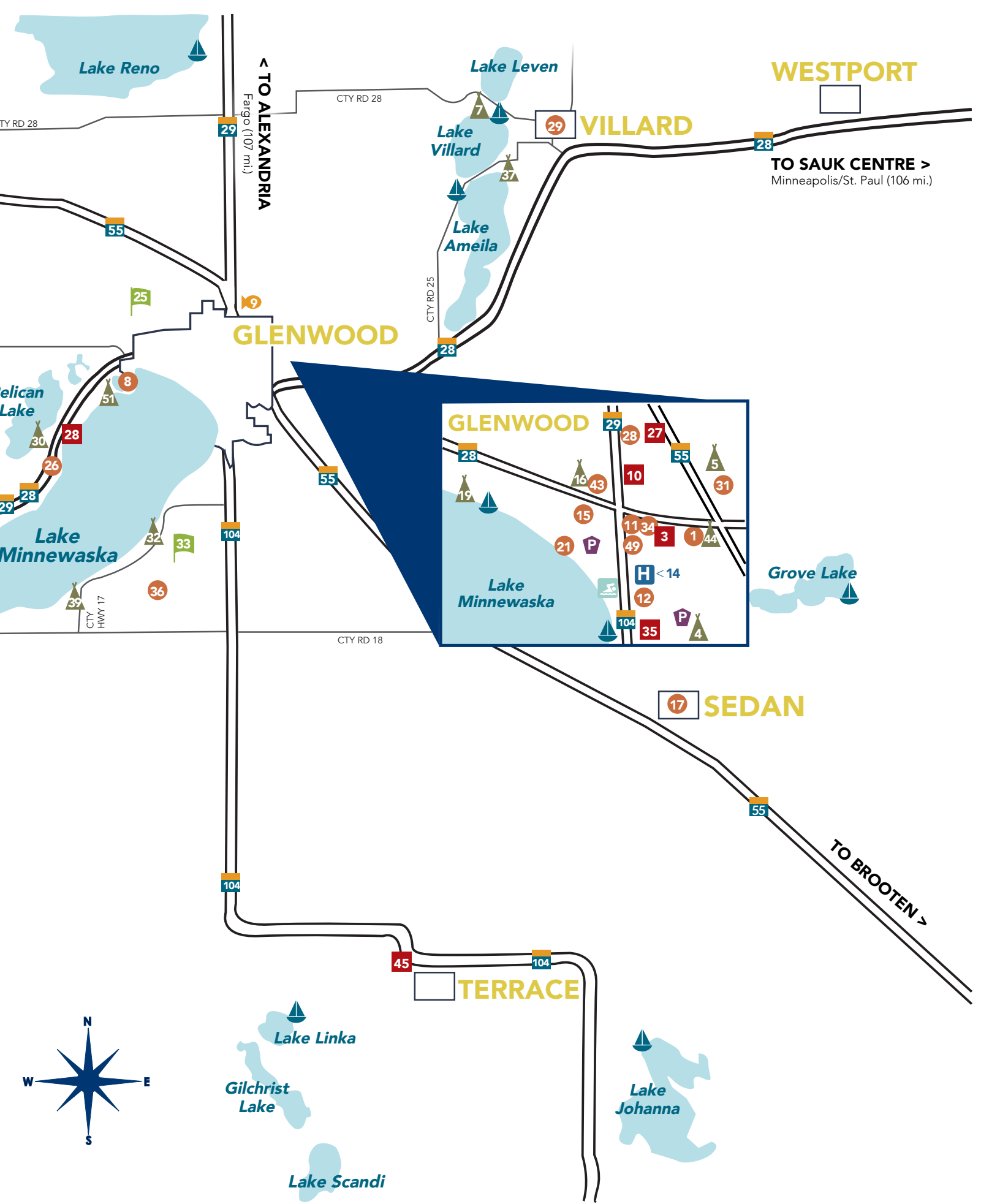
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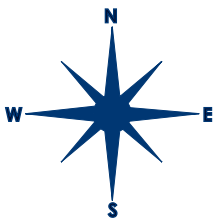
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Terrace Mill

Nestled along the picturesque Chippewa River, the Terrace Mill is a charming reminder of Minnesota's rich history. Built in 1903 by settlers from Vermont, this historic flour mill was one of five water-powered and four steam-powered mills in Pope County. In its heyday, it milled up to 40 barrels of flour per day, with farmers bringing wheat from as far away as the Dakotas. However, as transportation improved and larger mills gained prominence, the Terrace Mill faced challenges due to its lack of a railway connection and ceased operation in the late 1960s.

Today, the beautifully restored Terrace Mill offers a scenic and historic stop along the Glacial Ridge Trail. The Terrace Historic District, which includes nearly the entire village once known as Chippewa Falls, features fascinating structures surrounding the mill. Highlights include the keystone arch bridge, the weir dam, an early log cabin, and a heritage cabin, all contributing to the area's unique charm.

The Terrace Mill Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in 1979, is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of this historic landmark and its surrounding property. Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as the Terrace Mill Historic District, the site holds local significance in commerce, engineering, industry, and transportation.

The Terrace Mill offers a vibrant lineup of events that keep it lively all year long. Visitors can enjoy community favorites like National Night Out, the Blessing of the Animals and much more during the summer and fall. Be sure to mark your calendar for the beloved Bluegrass Festival—complete with live music, craft vendors, and guided tours of the historic mill and its scenic grounds.

Year-round, visitors flock to Terrace to take in the beauty and history of the mill and the iconic keystone bridge, often pausing to admire the Chippewa River as it rushes beneath. The mill's outdoor amphitheater is another highlight, hosting concerts that add a lively touch to this serene setting.

To learn more about becoming a member, volunteering, or donating to support the Terrace Mill and its rich history, visit www.terracemill.org. Every contribution helps preserve this remarkable treasure for future generations.





Morning Glory Gardens

Nestled along the scenic Glacial Ridge Trail Byway, Morning Glory Gardens is a peaceful haven bursting with color and beauty. This charming destination offers visitors the perfect spot to relax and soak in the natural splendor of the area.

The gardens began as a dream of Edward Barsness, a Glenwood businessman, who in 1966 transformed a one-acre swamp along Lake Minnewaska into a stunning public garden. Despite initial opposition, Barsness dedicated more than 2,000 hours over four years, crafting terraced stone flower beds and planting over 30 varieties of vibrant flowers.

In 1981, the Challenge Ministry Chapel, originally built in 1970 and located on the other side of the lake, was donated and moved to the gardens.

The name "Morning Glory Gardens" comes from Barsness's own inspiration. In a 1967 article in the Pope County Tribune, he described, "We saw the sun come up over the broad waters facing Glenwood early one morning, and the heavens were filled with brilliant colors, full of glory."

Today, the gardens are a cherished local treasure, blooming beautifully each summer thanks to the care of dedicated civic groups in Pope County.

Morning Glory Gardens is located on Highway 28, just four miles west of Glenwood and five miles east of Starbuck. Don't miss the chance to visit this tranquil slice of heaven on your next trip!

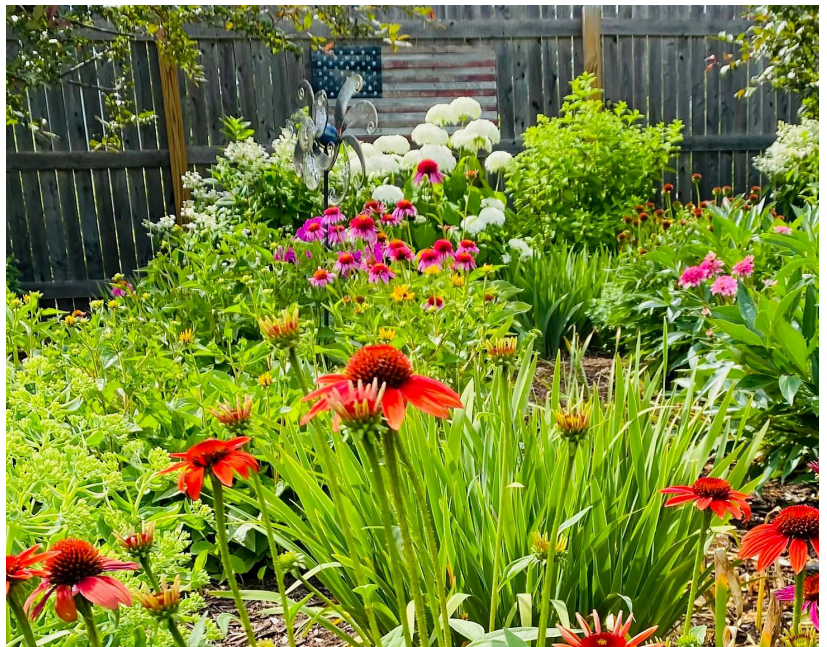


Farwell Community Arts Association

Farwell is a community brought to life through art, music, and history. Since the restoration of the Farwell Norwegian Lutheran Church in 2017, dedicated volunteers have organized a remarkable variety of art and music events. Over the years, these efforts have expanded to include art workshops, dances, movie nights, luncheons, a weekly artist gift shop, indoor and outdoor concerts, as well as gardening tours and demonstrations.

With the restoration of the Corner Garage and the Creamery buildings in 2022, Farwell now operates out of four beautifully restored venues, including the enchanting 1889 Schoolhouse, which serves as a rotating art gallery. In 2023, the Farwell Community Arts Association was established to bring all of these activities together under one organization, continuing its mission to build community through art. These historic buildings provide the perfect backdrop for unforgettable experiences—special events, workshops, informal concerts, and lively dances. They are also available for private celebrations such as wedding receptions and parties.

The elegantly restored church is a particularly sought-after venue for weddings, vow renewal ceremonies, baptisms, family reunions, anniversary celebrations, concerts, as well as funerals and memorial services. Visitors are invited to explore Farwell, where history and creativity come together. To learn more about the Farwell Community Arts Association and stay updated on upcoming events, visit farwellcommunityarts.com.





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Pope County Museum

The Minnewaska area has always been a magnet for visitors, from Native Americans camping on the hill above Lake Minnewaska to today's families enjoying one of our charming resorts. Travelers have been drawn to this beautiful region for centuries, captivated by its rich history and breathtaking scenery.

Archaeological digs have uncovered pottery shards from woodland and plains cultures mingling on the lake's shores thousands of years ago. In the 1840s, Red River trappers crossed through with wooden ox carts, trading furs between St. Paul and Selkirk. By the 1860s, the United States military carved the Wadsworth Trail through Pope County, linking Fort Snelling to forts in Dakota Territory.

Even before the railroad reached the area in 1882, the Minnewaska region was already a destination for travelers, boasting its own resorts and hotels. With the arrival of the Northern Pacific and Soo Line Railroads came a surge of visitors and new residents. The advent of the automobile and highways further cemented the area as a prime spot for vacations, with resorts, hotels, and restaurants flourishing to meet the needs of eager travelers.

No matter how you get here, the lakes' beauty will leave a lasting impression. Each season offers something unique to enjoy. In spring, the woods and prairies come alive with vibrant greens. Summer is perfect for swimming, boating, water-skiing, and fishing. Autumn brings stunning sunsets over the lake and peaceful shoreline strolls, while winter transforms the lake into a hub for ice skating, ice fishing, and snowmobiling.

We're thrilled to welcome you to the Minnewaska area. We hope you enjoy your visit and be sure to come back soon to experience more of what makes this place so special!

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■ Starbuck Depot Museum

When the Little Falls and Dakota line of the Northern Pacific Railroad came through Pope County in 1882, the town of Starbuck was born. At its heart was the train depot, an important landmark that remained central to the community even after the rail line ceased operation in 1983. Today, the Starbuck Depot has been transformed into a museum and proudly stands on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Starbuck Depot Museum is more than just a historical site—it's a gathering place where the community comes together to celebrate the rich Norwegian heritage and the town's storied past. Inside the museum, memories of a simpler time come alive, from the days of bustling railroads to old schoolhouse tales. Outside, you'll find fascinating historical treasures like a threshing kitchen, an old schoolhouse, and a caboose, each offering its own trip into the past.

Starbuck has earned its fame for Norwegian-inspired celebrations, and it's the proud home of the World's Largest Lefse. On July 1, 1983, this record-setting lefse measured an impressive 9 feet, 8 inches in diameter and still holds its title! You can visit the cement pad outside the depot, which commemorates this mouthwatering achievement, proudly documented in Norway's Schibsted Book of Records.

The depot also serves as the heart of Starbuck's community celebrations. Major events like Lefse Dagen, Heritage Days, and Eple Tiden bring residents and visitors together, alongside the lively Thursday Night on the Town series held every week during the summer. These events are a wonderful way to immerse yourself in Starbuck's culture and make lasting memories.

Plan your visit to the Starbuck Depot Museum and discover the charm of this historic town. For details on the museum and upcoming events, visit starbuckdepotmuseums.org or find them on Facebook. Come celebrate history, heritage, and community in Starbuck!

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Starbuck Airport

Starbuck Municipal Airport reflects the vision and hospitality found in small-town Minnesota. Its history is shaped by community spirit that continues to attract both pilots and visitors.

As recounted in the Starbuck Centennial book, aviation first touched Starbuck around 1920. The landing of a Curtiss JN-4H "Jenny," piloted by Mr. McElliot, drew local mayor Ed Chalenburg and residents to witness the event. When Barnstormer visits started in the 1920s it only fueled the desire for an airport. And then, according to the Centennial book, it was Mr. Bennie R. Hagen's Swallow Bi-Plane which propelled Starbuck as a town "ready for flight" although it would not be for another 30 some years before Starbuck had its own official airport.

The construction of a formal airport was made possible by Delbert Anderson. He was a Minnesota State Representative at the time as well as an avid flyer. According to Starbuck Airport Manager Tom Beuckens, "Anderson was instrumental in the airport's development. He often flew between St. Paul and Starbuck during his legislative service." By 1958, the community interest had soared, and the airport began to take shape. Soon after the construction of the landing field, hangars and lights were installed on the field making the airport accessible to many.

The airport's grass landing field, notable for its uncommon 198-foot width, is carefully maintained. Beuckens explains that grass fields offer particular benefits: "they absorb the shocks of landings, reduce wear and tear on landing gear, and tend to be more forgiving than paved runways if a landing is not perfectly executed." Recreational pilots often seek the challenge and satisfaction of grass-strip landings. Additionally, instructors from Alexandria bring students to the airport so they can gain unique experience on the grass. "The 2,500-foot runway is open all year, which, while limiting the size of aircraft, helps maintain the airport's inviting, small-scale atmosphere," commented Beuckens.

Starbuck Airport is proud to call itself a "fly-in and stay awhile" destination. "We welcome people to fly into Starbuck and enjoy the day or longer," Beuckens says. The airport provides restrooms and showers. And just recently the city approved to offer ground leases for personal hangar construction. This addition supports short-term stays for more guests.

Many who fly into Starbuck Airport comment that what sets the Starbuck Municipal Airport apart from others is its welcoming environment and convenient location. Located just a mile from downtown Starbuck, the airport offers easy access to the town's many activities. Visitors may borrow bicycles donated by Gary Swenson to explore the area or walk to nearby restaurants, the city beach, and the park – all within easy reach.

One highlight of Starbuck's aviation calendar is the annual Fly-In Breakfast. Held during the Starbuck Heritage Days celebration, it attracts as many as 80 planes.

Starbuck Municipal Airport is more than just a place to land. It is a destination shaped by community hospitality that welcomes every new arrival.

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Starbuck Mayor Gary Swenson (right) with Harold Meyer's son, Howard Meyer who spoke at the dedication.

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Pictured left to right are: Jean Meyer, Allison Meyer, Bonnie Meyer, Steven Meyer, Thomas Meyer, Howard Meyer, Vicki Meyer, Brenda VanVelhuizen, Teresa Sweet, Patricia Schmidt, Kylie Meyer, Kathryn Kremin, Boyd Kremin, George Schmidt, Robert Meyer, Margaret Lawson, Dennis Lawson, Jill Lawson, Cameron Brown, Molly Brown, Jennifer Moffat, Daniel Brown, Kyler Moffat, James Moffat, Barbara Dahm, Geoffrey Moffat, and Christina Moffat.

A Beacon Reborn: The Rebuilding of the Starbuck Lighthouse

In September of 2025, the Starbuck community gathered along the shores of Lake Minnewaska for a moment years in the making—the dedication of the newly rebuilt Starbuck Lighthouse. Standing tall at the mouth of the marina, the lighthouse has long served as both a navigational marker and a symbol of community pride.

Originally constructed in 1982, the Starbuck Lighthouse has been a familiar sight for more than four decades. Its story began with Harold Meyer, the original builder, whose family returned to celebrate its renewal. For years, the wooden lighthouse—ingeniously supported by telephone poles—stood steadfast against wind and weather, its design inspired by a structure once lost to Hurricane Camille.

That steadfastness met its match in May 2022, when a powerful storm swept through Starbuck. The winds tore through the marina, toppling the beloved lighthouse into the lake and ending its first era. But the story of the Starbuck Lighthouse was far from over.

Soon after the storm, Dennis Lawson, together with his nephews Jim and Geoff Moffat—the grandson and great-grandson of Harold Meyer—took on the task of rebuilding. Their project became a labor of love, a blend of craftsmanship and family legacy. By September 2024, a new 28-foot lighthouse stood ready once again, this time constructed with cement board siding and a tin roof to withstand the elements for generations to come.

When the community gathered for the dedication ceremony a year later, the occasion was both nostalgic and hopeful. Descendants of Harold Meyer joined residents in celebrating not just the return of a local landmark, but the continuation of a family tradition. As the newly rebuilt lighthouse shone over the marina, it stood as a tribute to resilience, craftsmanship, and the enduring spirit of Starbuck.

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Our programming includes seasonal children's art workshops, year-round adult art classes, gallery exhibitions, and musical and theatrical performance events including our Annual Concert Series, which is now in its 21st year! We look forward to continuing this tradition and creating new, engaging experiences for our community.

In 2025, we completed major restoration and renovation efforts to revitalize our building, and 2026 marks our official grand reopening. We're excited to welcome the community back and celebrate with a full calendar of events. Visit centralsquare.org for the latest updates on programs, classes, and performances.

As a non-profit organization, Central Square, Inc. appreciates volunteers and donors who enjoy being involved in their community and fostering the arts. Your support allows us to continue providing high-quality arts programming to our community and preserve our beautiful historic landmark for generations to come. Please contact us at (320)-634-0400 or info@centralsquare.org if you are interested in joining our mission to support the arts in west-central Minnesota!





Ann Bickle Heritage House

The Ann Bickle Heritage House, located at 226 E. Minnesota Ave. in Glenwood, is a historic treasure. Built in 1913 for Soo Line Engineer Frank Bickle and his wife, Flora, this classic American Four Square home was once considered Glenwood's finest residence. It features two charming fireplaces, stunning leaded glass windows, and beautifully preserved woodwork.

Designed by Grand Rapids architect Frank P. Allen and built by master carpenter Albert Wollan, the home showcases turn-of-the-century Craftsman style. The surrounding granite wall was made from native stone from the St. Cloud granite quarries, adding to its distinctive character.

Though Frank and Flora Bickle were its original owners, it was Frank's second wife, Ann, who became the home's most notable resident. A dedicated community leader, Ann helped establish the Glacial Ridge Hospital Auxiliary in 1939, which still serves the community today. She later organized hospital auxiliaries across the state and into Canada, funding many efforts herself. In 1946, she co-founded the Minnesota State Hospital Auxiliary and served as its first president. During World War II, she also led Women's Services in Civilian Defense for Pope County.

Another key figure connected to the Heritage House is Dina Bremness, who served as Glenwood's hospital superintendent and worked closely with Ann. She cared for Frank during his illness, and after his passing in 1959, Dina moved in and remained Ann's companion and caregiver for 25 years. The Bremness Gallery, named in her honor, opened in 1991 to showcase local artists. Originally a carriage house, it was transformed into a charming gallery by Glenwood High School art teacher Orlando Haugland, with help from community volunteers. To this day, the gallery hosts an annual summer show, supported by local volunteers.

The Ann Bickle Heritage House also offers a cherished holiday tradition: the annual Christmas teas. Each year, the home is elegantly decorated for the holidays, and guests enjoy a cozy five-course tea service featuring both new treats and classic favorites. The teas take place on the three Saturdays before Thanksgiving, offering visitors a delightful way to step back in time.

For more information on the Heritage House, upcoming events, and the Bremness Gallery, visit the Ann Bickle Heritage House Facebook page. Whether you're a history enthusiast, an art lover, or simply looking for a warm, welcoming place to visit, the Ann Bickle Heritage House welcomes you!



Ann Williams married Frank Bickle and came to Glenwood at the age of 50.



A construction crew headed by Albert Wollan built the home that was described as "the finest in Glenwood" for Frank Bickle.



Dina Bremness was the superintendent at the Glenwood Hospital. The hospital was located directly across from the Frank and Ann Bickle home.



Bremness Gallery is named to honor Dina Bremness who was an amateur artist after her retirement.



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Hobo Park Campground

Nestled in the heart of Starbuck, MN, Hobo Park Campground is your go-to spot for a relaxing and adventure-filled getaway. Conveniently located at 401 E 1st St., the campground boasts 102 RV sites with electrical and water hookups, as well as two tenting sites for those seeking a more traditional camping experience.

The park offers plenty to enjoy, from picnic facilities and a fish cleaning station to outdoor activities like horseshoes and a fun playground for the kids.

A paved bike trail connects campers to a nearby city park and beach, where they can swim, play tennis, or enjoy a game of softball. This trail also offers access to Glacial Lakes State Park and links to the charming towns of Glenwood and Villard, making it perfect for scenic walks, jogs, or bike rides.

For water enthusiasts, Hobo Park is right next to the Starbuck Marina, offering easy access to beautiful Lake Minnewaska for boating, fishing, and other lake adventures.

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The Legend of Hobo Park:

NOTE: This inscription, written by Verna Knutson, appears on the base of the hobo statue.

Woodlawn Resort & Campground

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The 1930's brought to Starbuck both the depression and the arrival of hobos. Hundreds of them, both young and old, "rode the rails" into town. By day they sought work for food from local residents. By night, they gathered near this place, hopefully to be refreshed by a welcome lake breeze, to cook a fish over an open fire or to share conversation with fellow drifters.

Although some were vagabonds, most were destitute people. Many had left home and family in search of jobs. They were quiet, gentle people - down on their luck but not without hope.

Those fortunate enough to find work stayed for days or even weeks. Others just left behind them shorthand messages on telephone poles. Perhaps the chalk marks informed those who followed where they were most likely to find work or food. In any case, the hobos were befriended by many families.

To the people of Starbuck, this wooded area became known as HOBO PARK. It is still respectfully called that today.

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Glenwood View by Erica Carlson

Glenwood

Nestled in central Minnesota's beautiful lakes region, Glenwood is a picturesque town that offers visitors a perfect blend of natural beauty, rich history, and creative charm. Situated along the majestic shores of Lake Minnewaska, Glenwood is home to several historic landmarks, such as the Ann Bickle Heritage House, Pope County Museum, Lakeside Ballroom (formerly Lakeside Pavilion), Morning Glory Gardens and many more.

Glenwood is a hub for artistic expression, boasting a thriving community of artists and creative groups dedicated to preserving and enhancing its artistic reputation. Whether you're here for a day or a season, Glenwood welcomes you to swing through its quaint streets and experience its unique appeal.

A Thriving Seasonal Community

Glenwood's population, including the Long Beach area, is around 3,000 but triples during the vibrant summer months.

Scenic Beauty and Geography

Set amid rolling hills on the eastern shore of Lake Minnewaska, Glenwood is the county seat of Pope County. Located just 120 miles northwest of the Twin Cities at the junction of Highways 28, 29, 55, and 104, it's easily accessible and only 15 miles south of Interstate 94 on Highway 29.

A defining feature of Glenwood's landscape is the stunning view of Lake Minnewaska as it suddenly unfolds before you from the north and east, offering a breathtaking panorama from the crest of the hills. From Barsness Park to City Beach, Mount Lookout to the Lakewalk Nodes, visitors can enjoy the beauty of the lake and its surroundings as they cycle through Minnesota's four distinct seasons.

A Growing Community with Economic Opportunity

Glenwood serves as a bustling business and shopping hub in a region known for its diverse farming and manufacturing industries. Economic development efforts are driven by organizations like the Glenwood Development Corporation, Klick Foundation, City of Glenwood, Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center, and local financial institutions, all working together to foster new business ventures and support existing ones. Glenwood prides itself on the diverse business community, with an abundance of employment opportunities.

Airport Access

Travelers can take advantage of Glenwood's 4,500-foot paved and lighted airport facility, which offers fuel and is conveniently located 19 nautical miles from the AXN Vor on the 185° radial.

Local Media

Glenwood has a strong local media presence, including the Pope County Tribune, which has a circulation of approximately 2,600 and publishes the Minnewaska Visitor Guide and many other special publications throughout the year. The Senior Perspective, a monthly publication reaching over 135,000 readers statewide, is also published in Glenwood. Local radio station KMGK-FM broadcasts at 107.1 FM, keeping visitors and residents informed and entertained.

Healthcare and Retirement Living

Glenwood provides exceptional healthcare and retirement living options, including assisted and independent living facilities, pharmacies, and a hospital. Glacial Ridge Health System, a licensed acute care hospital, is nationally recognized as one of the best facilities of its kind.

Glenwood Public Library

The Glenwood Public Library is a treasure trove of resources, featuring a 16,000-volume collection, regional and national newspapers, magazines, CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs. As part of the Viking Library System (VLS), the library offers a robust collection of downloadable books and magazines for digital readers. With grants available through the Minnesota Cultural Heritage Fund, an active Friends of the Library group, and access to VLS partnerships, the library hosts a variety of free programs throughout the year for all ages. Visit www.viking.lib.mn.us for more information.

Glenwood invites you to explore its scenic views, rich history, and vibrant community. Whether visiting for a day or staying for a season, Glenwood is sure to leave a lasting impression!



Welcome to Glenwood

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Welcome Glenwood Program

The Welcome Glenwood program is our opportunity to extend a warm, friendly welcome to new residents and also to residents that still feel new to the area. We are happy to meet with anyone who has moved to the Glenwood area in the past five years. Just go online and request a visit or give us a call.

Glenwood Lakes Area Newcomers Group

The Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center expanded their welcoming efforts after receiving a grant in 2019 and started a group for Newcomers. The Glenwood Lakes Area Newcomers Group is for all Newcomers to the area in the past five years or for anyone that still feels new to the community. Newcomers can sign up for more information on the Welcome Center website.

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2026 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- **February 16** (Presidents Day) Glenwood Day at Andes Tower Hills, 10 am - 5 pm
- **March 12** Farmers Market Annual Review/Planning Meeting, 6:30-8 pm
- **April 11** Pope County Community Expo at Minnewaska Area High School, 10 am - 2 pm
- **May 21** Glenwood Lakes Area Community Awards Luncheon at Minnewaska House, hosted by the Welcome Center 11:30 - 1 pm
- **June 2 - August 25** Pope County Farmers Market in Glenwood (Tuesdays), 4-6 pm
- **June 6** Kids Day at Glenwood City Park, 8 am - 2:30 pm
- **June 6 - October 31** Pope County Farmers Market in Glenwood (Saturdays), 8:30-11:30 am
- **June 11** 7th Annual Newcomers Get-Together at Glenwood City Park, 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- **June 11, 25** Music in the Park Concert (all concerts are at the Glenwood City Park), 7 pm
- **July 9, 30** Music in the Park Concert, 7 pm
- **July 23-26** Waterama
- **August 6** Music in the Park Concert, 7 pm
- **August 13** Movie in the Park at Glenwood City Park, 8:45 pm
- **September 10-19** America's Welcome Week
- **October 31** Community Trick-or-Treat at the Welcome Center, 4-6 pm
- **December 3, 10, 17** Magical Christmas events, 4 - 7 pm
- **First Wednesday of Every Month** Newcomers Coffee Hour at the Welcome Center, 9 - 10 am

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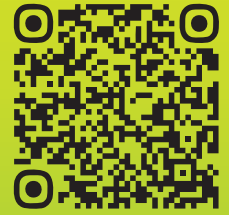
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Lake Minnewaska view from Starbuck by Erica Carlson

Starbuck

Starbuck welcomes you with a friendly, small-town charm and a deep sense of heritage and pride. Located along the picturesque shores of Lake Minnewaska, this scenic town offers something for everyone. The lake is a beloved resource in Pope County, offering year-round opportunities for water sports like fishing, boating, watercraft activities, and swimming.

Fishing enthusiasts will find paradise on Lake Minnewaska, with a variety of fish including walleye, northern pike, bass, sunfish, and crappies thanks to the lake's stocking programs. During fishing season, you'll see boats and campers gathering at the Starbuck Marina, ready to hit the water.

Beyond the lake, Starbuck is known for its hunting, hiking, and bike trails, snowmobile trails, unique shopping, and plenty of chances to relax. Whether you're visiting in summer or winter, there's always fun and recreation waiting for you.

For all the latest happenings in Starbuck, the Pope County Tribune keeps locals and visitors informed with updates on events, board meetings, and everything in between.

The Starbuck Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) hosts a variety of events throughout the year, making this town a lively and engaging place to visit. One of the biggest events is the annual Heritage Days celebration held over the July 4th holiday. The weekend is filled with exciting activities, such as the fly-in pancake breakfast hosted by the Pope County Flyers, a street dance, craft fair, kid's activities and inflatables, the kiddie parade, the grande day parade, the Miss Minnewaska queen coronation, and a spectacular fireworks display lighting up the sky.

During the holiday season, the chamber also organizes the annual Christmas Stroll in late November, along with a Lighted Holiday Parade and residential light decorating contest. The Starbuck Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the proud residents, takes great joy in sharing the beauty and spirit of Starbuck and the Lake Minnewaska area with visitors.

Villard

Villard, named after Henry Villard, a president of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, is a town rich in history and charm. Earl M. Woodward captured its magical beginnings in an 1883 edition of the Villard Bulletin: "Last year the site of the town was a wheat field, and although no building was commenced until late in September, there has sprung from the stubble, as by magic, a village that can now boast of 25 prosperous business houses, stores, market places, shop and hotel, church, schools and homes." Today, Villard still holds onto that magic, offering visitors a welcoming small-town atmosphere and breathtaking natural beauty.

Villard is surrounded by stunning lakes that are perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. The largest, Lake Amelia, spans an impressive 934 acres. Named after a pioneer's daughter, this lake has an average depth of 21 feet and reaches 71 feet at its deepest point. With a shoreline of over seven miles and a nearly three-mile length, Lake Amelia is a favorite spot for fishing, boating, and relaxing by the water.

Just to the north, you'll find the nearly round Lake Villard. This charming lake covers 541 acres, with a diameter of just over a mile and a shoreline of about 3.5 miles. Its median depth is 11 feet, with a maximum depth of 16 feet, making it another serene location for enjoying the great outdoors.

A visit to Villard wouldn't be complete without a stop at Knapp Park. Presented to the town in 1963 by Lois Pennie Knapp in honor of her husband, this 40-acre park is a haven for families and campers. The park features camping facilities with electric hookups, picnic shelters, a group camping area, and playgrounds for children to enjoy.

Whether you're drawn to its rich history, peaceful lakes, or inviting park, Villard offers a delightful escape with a timeless charm.

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Lowry is nestled in northern Pope County, which is conveniently located halfway between Minneapolis and Fargo. Known for its strong farming roots, the community also boasts several manufacturing facilities. Over the years, it has become a popular spot for those working in nearby towns and for people who own summer homes after spending winters down south. Lowry was incorporated as a village on May 5, 1896, and it was named after Thomas Lowry, a lawyer, real-estate magnate, and businessman who played a significant role in the early growth of streetcar lines in the Twin Cities and surrounding areas of Minnesota.

Cyrus

Located near the Stevens County border in Pope County, Cyrus offers a charming escape, especially during the summer months when Cyrus Days are celebrated in June. The City Park, situated by Donut Lake, features a shelter with six picnic tables, a charcoal grill, and a playground for children. RV hookups are also available. Established in 1882 and with a post office in operation since that same year, Cyrus offers a small-town atmosphere with plenty of local charm.

Farwell

Farwell, a small town on the northern border of Pope County, was platted in 1887 and incorporated as a village in 1905. The town was founded in 1886 with the arrival of the Soo Line Railroad, and today, it offers a quiet retreat with a rich history.

Long Beach

Located along the north shore of Lake Minnewaska, between Glenwood and Starbuck, Long Beach is a delightful small community with a population of about 350 people. Visitors can explore Morning Glory Gardens, a local landmark perfect for events like weddings, anniversary parties, and family reunions. The town is also conveniently close to Minnewaska Golf Club and within walking distance of Lake Minnewaska, offering visitors a chance to relax by the water.

Sedan

Sedan is a quaint small town located in the eastern portion of Pope County. Incorporated as a village in 1897, it's a peaceful community with a small population and a total area of just 0.51 square miles, offering a cozy, small-town vibe that visitors are sure to enjoy.

Terrace

In the southeastern part of Pope County, Terrace is home to the historic Terrace Mill building and offers a scenic experience along the Chippewa River. Visitors can admire the vintage flour mill, keystone arch bridge, weir dam, mill pond, log cabin, and heritage cottage, all nestled in a beautiful valley, making it a great spot for history buffs and nature lovers alike.

Westport

Westport, a small town in northeastern Pope County, was platted in 1882 and incorporated as a town in 1926. This quiet and picturesque community offers a peaceful stop for visitors looking to explore the northern regions of Pope County.







Glenwood City Park Playground

Glenwood & Beyond

Discover Glenwood & Beyond

Glenwood & Beyond is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization powered by dedicated volunteers. Their mission is to celebrate and enhance the unique charm of the Glenwood community, preserve its natural beauty, enrich the lives of residents and visitors, and foster growth and prosperity for generations to come.

Transforming the Community Since 2006

Since its establishment in 2006, Glenwood & Beyond has spearheaded a variety of impactful projects. These include the creation of a downtown "pocket park," the addition of modern playground equipment at the city park, and the ongoing development of the scenic Lake Minnewaska lakewalk.

The lakewalk features five distinct "nodes," each offering something unique, such as creative seating areas, vibrant landscaping, a statue of Princess Minnewaska, a sailboat, and public viewfinders for stunning lake views. Glenwood & Beyond also played a key role in the 2018 Complete Streets project, which transformed downtown Glenwood. With numerous accomplishments already achieved, the organization continues to plan for future projects that benefit the community.

Community Events and Fundraising Efforts

Glenwood & Beyond funds its projects through donations and engaging fundraising events.

Winterama, held in February, is a winter festival held on the ice in front of Lakeside Ballroom, with additional activities hosted in the ballroom and throughout the city.

Food on the Fairway, held in June, is an 18-hole scramble with the unique addition of tee box food tastings, which are catered by local food and beverage vendors.

Year-round fundraising efforts include participation in AmazonSmile and a program through Tom's Market, which donates \$1,000 for every \$100,000 in receipts collected. Another popular fundraiser is the organization's engraved paver program.

Engraved Pavers: A Lasting Legacy

Community members and visitors alike can leave a permanent mark on Glenwood & Beyond's lakewalk project by purchasing a personalized paver. Each 5x10-inch paver costs \$150 and includes three lines of engraving with up to 17 characters per line. The pavers are placed randomly within one of five themed nodes along the lakewalk: Waterama (past/present admirals, royalty, dignitaries, board members, etc.); Armed Services (past/present military personnel); Business, Service Club, or Community Organization; In Memory Of (remembering a loved one); and In Honor Of (anniversaries, awards, children or grandchildren, memories). For more details or to order a paver, visit www.glenwoodandbeyond.org/engraved-pavers.

Learn More and Get Involved

For additional information about Glenwood & Beyond or to explore volunteer opportunities, visit www.glenwoodandbeyond.org. This organization welcomes all who wish to contribute to the betterment of the Glenwood community and invites everyone to be part of its ongoing success.



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Minnewaska Area School

The Minnewaska Area School District proudly serves the Minnesota communities of Glenwood, Long Beach, Starbuck, Villard, Lowry, Farwell, Terrace, Westport, and Sedan. The Minnewaska Area High School building was constructed in 1991, and the district was consolidated after several years of cooperation.

The district is comprised of Minnewaska Area High School, Minnewaska Area Middle School, Minnewaska Area Elementary School, Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Family Education, and W.I.N. Academy.

The district serves more than 1,200 students in grades kindergarten through twelve. In addition to the regular programs, the district offers a variety of Early Childhood Family Education programs, a full slate of activities and athletics, and Community Education offerings.

Minnewaska Area Schools (MAS) is known for its strong tradition of academic excellence and a clear focus on student success. As a conference leader in reading, math, and science, MAS consistently outperforms state proficiency levels. Over the past five years, district-wide MCA results show reading scores exceeding the state average every year, with 2025 results more than 8 percent higher. Math performance is even stronger, surpassing state averages annually and reaching more than 16 percent above the state benchmark in 2025. With an average class size of 23 and a 1:1 mobile learning environment, students benefit from both personal attention and modern instructional tools.

Beyond the classroom, MAS offers a well-rounded educational experience. Students can choose from 32 activities, participate in weekly STEM programming, and earn from among 66 available credits. High school students have access to three career pathways, and 50 students currently take part in a hands-on internship program. These opportunities contribute to a 98 percent graduation rate, with 86 percent of graduates continuing on to two- or four-year post-secondary education.

Our Mission

Guided by the mission "Engage Every Student Every Day," Minnewaska Area Schools places students at the center of everything it does, fostering a safe and supportive environment while maximizing community resources.

Visiting Our Schools

Individual school visits do require scheduled appointments to ensure student safety and minimize classroom disruptions. For more information, visit www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us or contact the main office at (320) 239-4820.



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■ Glacial Hills Elementary School

Glacial Hills Elementary opened in 2007 in Starbuck, Minnesota, with the mission to create an innovative, dedicated, safe, and caring environment for students in preschool through sixth grade. Discover the difference at our innovative, tuition-free charter school, where we prioritize student-centered learning, foster community partnerships, and champion environmental education.

Our dynamic staff thrives on pushing boundaries and crafting outside-the-box educational experiences for our students. We believe in breaking down traditional subject barriers, opting instead for holistic, real-world learning opportunities that prepare students for success in today's interconnected world.

Central to our educational philosophy is project-based learning (PBL), a methodology that encourages collaborative problem-solving and critical thinking. Through PBL, students cultivate meaningful relationships, hone effective communication skills, and engage deeply with ideas, moving beyond rote memorization to embrace true understanding.

Aligned seamlessly with our environmentally-focused curriculum, PBL empowers students to tackle complex challenges and become lifelong, passionate learners invested in both their education and their community.

Additionally, in the fall of 2023, Glacial Hills Elementary proudly launched the Eaglets Child Care Center, designed to support the youngest members of our community.

Our child care program proudly uses the Experience Early Learning curriculum for infants and toddlers, designed to nurture caring relationships and foster a sense of security. Through sensory-rich play and exploration, we create an engaging environment where young children can discover the world around them. This hands-on approach not only promotes development but also encourages meaningful interactions, helping our little ones build connections and thrive in their early learning journey.

We are currently licensed to accommodate 8 infants and 14 toddlers, and we are actively working to meet the increasing demand for child care services.

Join us on our journey to reimagine and revolutionize education on Facebook, and witness firsthand the transformative power of our unconventional approach! Learn more about Glacial Hills Elementary School and Eaglets Child Care Center at www.glacialhills.org.



UNITED WAY
Lakes and Prairie

United Way of the Lakes and Prairie is dedicated to enhancing the health, education, and financial stability of every individual in the community. By connecting people, resources, and ideas, they promote self-sufficiency through targeted investments.

KEY PROGRAMS:

ALICE: Supports working families who earn above the poverty line but still struggle to afford basic needs.

Weekend Backpack Meals - Backpack Attack/Feeding Backpack: Provides supplemental food for students over the weekend during the school year.

Warm Winter Wear: Collects and distributes coats and winter gear to families in need each fall.

Work United: Connects individuals with job training, career guidance, and employment resources.

The Food Drop: Monthly free food distribution in Douglas and Pope counties for anyone facing food insecurity.

Holiday Gift Program: Provides gifts for children ages 0–18 during the holidays; families and donors register after Thanksgiving.

Poverty Simulation: An interactive experience helping participants understand the challenges of living in poverty.

Stuff the Bus: Collects and distributes school supplies and backpacks to K–12 students before the school year begins.

Traveling Tree House: A mobile summer learning program offering free, fun educational activities for kids.

CREW: Helps families overcome non-academic challenges by connecting them with essential community resources.

Day of Caring: A student volunteer event where Discovery Middle School students help with local service projects.

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Discovery Days Preschool

Nestled in the small town of Lowry, Minnesota, Discovery Days Preschool offers a warm, nurturing start for young learners. This nonprofit, community-based preschool focuses on hands-on, play-driven learning that helps children grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence. Guided by the philosophy that “play gives us the freedom to learn,” students explore the world around them through activities that build creativity, problem-solving, and social skills.

Nature plays a big role in each child’s day. Outdoor time is woven into the curriculum, giving students a chance to connect with the environment while learning about teamwork, responsibility, and discovery. Whether exploring local parks or simply playing in the school’s outdoor spaces, children are encouraged to learn through experience and imagination.

Serving families from Lowry, Glenwood, Starbuck, and surrounding communities, Discovery Days Preschool combines the charm of small-town life with a high-quality early education experience — a place where children can learn, grow, and feel part of a caring, close-knit community. To learn more about Discovery Days Preschool programs and registration, visit them online at lowrydiscoverydayspreschool.com.



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What sets GRHS apart is its commitment to providing family care under one system, focusing on the ongoing needs of the whole person. Their team of 29 board-certified, highly skilled physicians, surgeons, and advanced care practitioners offers the personal attention of a small-town practice backed by advanced medical capabilities. Services include emergency care, family medicine, general surgery (including da Vinci® Xi robotic-assisted), orthopedics, internal medicine, podiatry, obstetrics, women's health, geriatrics, optometry, inpatient general medicine, short-term rehab, and a Walk-in Clinic seven days a week. Rehabilitative services are available for those needing occupational, physical, and speech therapy, from pediatrics to adults. In 2025, GRHS added behavioral health services with three mental health practitioners for those 6 years of age and older.

Glacial Ridge Health System's specialty care services also continue to expand—providing immediate access to some of the most skilled providers in the region right here in Glenwood. Glacial Ridge Hospital is a Level IV Trauma Center and Certified Stroke-ready hospital.

For visitors and newcomers to our area, the accessibility of quality healthcare provides peace of mind, whether you're here for a short stay or considering making our community your permanent home. From routine checkups to emergency services, GRHS serves with the highest standards of medical excellence and compassionate care.


GRHS includes the hospital in Glenwood, primary care clinics in Brooten, Glenwood, and Starbuck, an ambulance service, wellness center, homecare and hospice services, Glenwood Family Eye Center, and Ridgewood Villa senior living apartments. No matter your healthcare needs, you don't have to go far to get amazing care. Call 320-634-5157 for an appointment or go to glacialridge.org for more information.

OUR PROMISE

Our promise is to provide the most courteous, efficient and best quality services and medical care to the communities we serve.



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The Starbuck Clinic was founded in 1951 by Dr. A.R. Zemple and F.D. Bucher, who dedicated themselves to providing the best care for their patients. They ran the clinic until 1981, when Dr. Robert Bösl joined the team. In 1998, the clinic became part of the Minnewaska Hospital District, continuing its mission to serve the community. When the hospital closed, Dr. Bösl recognized the need to continue offering care to the patients who had come to rely on the clinic. After much effort, the Starbuck Clinic reopened in 2005 under Dr. Bösl's leadership.

In 2008, Stevens Community Medical Center (SCMC) took ownership of the clinic, and it has since operated as a branch of SCMC. For many years, the clinic has been dedicated to caring for patients of all ages, providing the same compassionate and trusted care that has been part of Starbuck's healthcare history.

Today, SCMC remains deeply committed to bringing accessible, quality healthcare to the Starbuck community. With same-day care and a full range of services, the clinic offers the convenience of hometown care, right in the heart of the community. The SCMC Starbuck Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, call 320-239-3939. We look forward to serving you!



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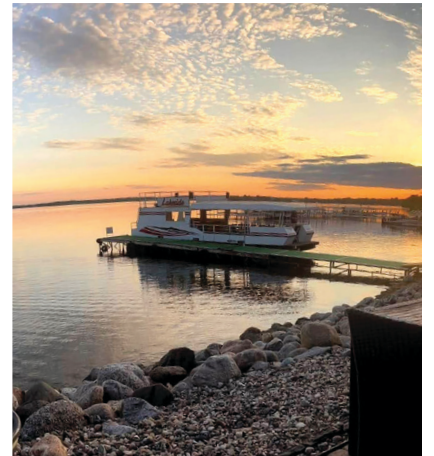
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