

Wadena County New Neighbor Thrival Guide



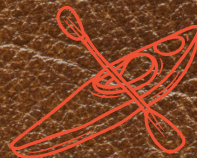
Discover Your Community



Need-to-Know Resources



Make Your Home





Welcome home to *Wadena County*! It is time to *saddle up* and *settle in* to Minnesota's greatest frontier. In this *thrival guide* you'll find need-to-know *resources* and information that will help you go from *newbie* to *neighbor*.

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About Wadena County is Calling

Wadena County Calling is a resident recruitment campaign aimed at promoting the county and sharing information about relocating to the region. It is produced by the Economic Alliance, the economic development corporation that serves Wadena County.

Learn more about Wadena County is Calling by visiting www.wadenacountyiscalling.com or following us on social media.

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The Basics

Welcome home! Let's help get you started...



Utilities

Arvig

Website: www.arvig.com
Phone: 888-992-1844
Email: answers@arvig.com
Address: 150 Second St. SW Perham, MN
Facebook: @ArvigHQ

Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative

Website: www.toddwadena.coop
Phone: 218-631-3120
Email: todd-wad@toddwadena.coop
Address: 550 Ash Ave NE. Wadena, MN
Facebook: @ToddWadenaElectricCooperative

West Central Telephone Association

Website: www.wcta.net
Phone: 218-837-5151
Email: wcphone@wcta.net
Address: 308 Frontage Rd. Sebeka, MN
Facebook: @WestCentralTelephoneAssociation

Minnesota Power

Website: www.mnpower.com
Phone: 800-228-4966
Email: CustomerService@mnpower.com
Address: 30 W Superior St. Duluth, MN
Facebook: @minnesotapower

Waste Management

AAA RollOff Services

Website: www.aaarolloffservices.com
Phone: 218-564-4743
Email: gchristianson@yahoo.com
Facebook: @aaarolloffservice

G&T Sanitation

Phone: 218-837-5846
Email: gtsanitation@wcta.net
Facebook: @GTsanitation



Long Prairie Sanitation

Website: www.lpsanitation.com
Phone: 320-732-6464
Email: customerservice@lpsanitation.com
Facebook: @LongPrairieSanitationInc

Wadena County Solid Waste

Transfer Station

Address: 10542 170th St. Wadena, MN
Phone: 218-631-2474
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM-12:00PM
Closed Sundays and Holidays

Recycling Center

Address: 10542 170th St. Wadena, MN
Phone: 218-631-2474

Demolition Landfill

Address: 10542 170th St. Wadena, MN
Behind the Transfer Station

Register to Vote

Register online at: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote

Driver and Vehicle Services

Wadena

Phone: 218-631-3623
Address: 636 Jefferson St. N Wadena, MN
Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM

Wadena Exam Station

Phone: 651-284-1000
Address: 17 5th St. SW Wadena, MN
Hours of Operation: Thursday 9:00AM-3:30PM

Staples

Phone: 218-894-2866
Address: 211 4th St. NE Staples, MN
Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM

Cities

Menahga

Website: www.cityofmenahga.com

Phone: 218-564-4557

City Hall: 115 2nd St. NE

Facebook: @CityofMenahga

Sebekka

Website: www.cityofsebekka.org

Phone: 218-837-5773

City Hall: 213 Minnesota Ave. W

Facebook: @Sebekka-CityHall

Staples

Website: www.staples.govoffice.com

Phone: 218-894-2550

City Hall: 122 6th St. NE

Facebook: @CityofStaples

Wadena

Website: www.wadena.org

Phone: 218-631-7707

City Hall: 222 2nd St. SE

Facebook: @WadenaMinnesota

Verndale

Website: www.cityofverndale.weebly.com

Phone: 218-445-5400

City Hall: 101 South Brown St.



County Government

Assessor

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7628

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/228/Assessor

Attorney

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7739

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/154/Attorney

Auditor/Treasurer

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7621

Website:

www.co.wadena.mn.us/148/AuditorTreasurer

Highway

Office Location: 221 Harry-Rich Dr. Wadena, MN

Phone: 218-631-7636

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/195/Highway

Human Resources

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7779

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/379/Human-Resources

Human Services

Office Location: 124 1st Street SE Wadena, MN

Phone: 218-631-7605

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/197/Human-Services

Parks

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7604

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/217/Parks

Planning and Zoning

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7604

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/213/Planning-Zoning

Public Health

Office Location: 22 Dayton Ave. SE Wadena, MN

Phone: 218-631-7629

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/212/Public-Health

Recorder

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7622

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/354/WADENA-COUNTY-RECORDER

Sheriff

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7600

Emergency: 911

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/155/Sheriff

Veteran's Services

Office Location: County Courthouse

Phone: 218-631-7617

Website: www.co.wadena.mn.us/150/Veterans-Services

County Courthouse

415 S Jefferson St. Wadena, MN

Hours of Operation:

Monday- Friday 8:00AM- 4:30PM

Our Community

We're glad you're here. Here are some key connections...



Schools

Menahga Public School District ISD 821 (K-12)

Website: www.menahga.k12.mn.us

District Office Phone: 218-564-4141

Address: 216 Aspen Ave S Menahga, MN

Facebook: @menahgapublicschool

Sebeka Public School District ISD 820 (K-12)

Website: www.sebeka.k12.mn.us

District Office Phone: 218-837-5101

Address: 200 1st St NW Sebeka, MN

Facebook: @sebeka820

Twitter: @sebekatrojans

Staples-Motley School District ISD 2170 (K-12)

Website: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

District Office Phone: 218-894-5400

Elementary School: 1025 4th St NE Staples, MN

Middle/High School: 401 Centennial Dr. Staples, MN

Facebook: @SMSD7170

Twitter: @isd2170

Verndale Public School District ISD 818 (K-12)

Website: www.verndaleschool.org

District Office Phone: 218-445-5184

Address: 411 Southwest Brown St. Verndale, MN

Facebook: @verndaleschool

Twitter: @verndale_school

Wadena-Deer Creek Public Schools ISD 2155 (K-12)

Website: www.wdc2155.k12.mn.us

District Office Phone: 218-632-2155

Elementary School: 215 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena, MN

Middle/High School: 600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena, MN

Facebook: @wadenadeercreekpublic

Freshwater Education District

Website: www.fed.k12.mn.us

Office Phone: 218-631-3588

Address: 2222 Industrial Dr. Wadena, MN

Facebook: @FreshwaterEducationDistrict

Sacred Heart Area School (PreK-6)

Website: www.sacredheartareaschool.org

Office Phone: 218-894-2077

Address: 324 Fourth St. NE Staples, MN

Facebook: @sacredheartareaschool

Verndale Area Christian Academy (PreK-4)

Website: www.verndaleareachristianacademy.org

Office Phone: 218-445-5568

Address: 402 NE Clark Dr. Verndale, MN

Facebook: @verndaleareachristianacademy

Places of Worship

Menahga

Bethany Lutheran Church

Phone: 218-538-6531

Address: 52943 140th St.

Christ Lutheran Church

Phone: 218-538-6736

Address: 233 Manninen Ave.

First English Lutheran Church

Phone: 218-564-4610

Address: 17 Main St.

Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church

Address: 222 Aspen Ave S

Laestadian Lutheran Church of Menahga

Website: www.lcmenahga.org

Phone: 218-565-4064

Address: 25 Juniper Ave NW

Menahga United Methodist Church

Phone: 218-564-4703

Address: 18 1st St SW



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

Phone: 218-564-4509

Address: 113 Aspen Ave S

Website: www.saintanns.net

Facebook: @MarysACC

Pinewood Church

Website: www.truelifedlag.com/pinewood

Phone: 218-564-4807

Address: 37863 US-7

Facebook: @PinewoodAGChurchinMenahga

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Website: www.locator.lcms.org/church/c/571357

Phone: 218-564-4614

Address: 15 12th St SE

Facebook: @RedeemerMenahgaMN

Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church

Website: www.sprucegrovealc.org

Phone: 218-538-6540

Address: 15275 Co Hwy 45

Facebook: @SpruceGroveChurch

Places of Worship Continued

Sebekä

Bethany Free Lutheran Church

Website: www.zionandbethany-flc.org

Phone: 218-631-4595

Address: 21987 Co Rd 23

Facebook: @ZionBethanyFLChurch

Blowers Chapel

Website: www.vmchurches.org/c/blowers-chapel

Phone: 218-837-5923

Address: 42772 Co Hwy 19

Facebook: @BlowersChapel

Friends in Christ Community Church

Address: 405 N Becker Ave.

Facebook: @FriendsinChristCommunityChurch

Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: 218-837-5565

Address: 100 S Jefferson Ave.

Facebook: @gracesebekä

Nimrod Lutheran Church

Website:

Phone: 218-472-3306

Address: 23125 Nimrod Ave.

Facebook: @gracesebekä

Staples

Church of Christ

Phone: 218-894-2609

Address: 27343 490th St.

Congregational Church United

Website: www.ucc.org

Phone: 218-894-2571

Address: 204 5th St. NE

Faith Lutheran Church

Website: www.faithlutheranstaples.org

Phone: 218-894-1546

Address: 430 12th St. NE

Facebook: @FLCStaples

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Website: www.staplesmotleycatholics.org

Phone: 218-894-2296

Address: 310 4th St. NE

Facebook: @MarysACC

Staples Alliance Church

Website: www.staplesalliance.org

Phone: 218-894-2891

Address: 1512 8th St. NE

Facebook: @staplesalliance

Staples Assembly of God

Website: www.staplesag.org

Phone: 218-894-1081

Address: 914 3rd Ave.

Facebook: @StaplesAssemblyofGodChurch

Staples Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Website: www.staplesmn.adventistchurch.org

Phone: 218-894-0033

Address: 421 Dakota Ave. SE

Facebook: @StaplesSDAMN

Old Country Church

Website: www.oldcountrychurch.org

Phone: 218-837-5690

Address: 19973 145th Ave.

Facebook: @TheOldCountryChurch

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Website: www.oslcsebekä.org

Phone: 218-837-5831

Address: 401 2nd St. SE

Facebook: @oursaviorssebekä

Sebekä United Methodist Church

Website: www.sebekaumc.org

Phone: 218-837-5840

Address: 100 S Jefferson Ave.

Facebook: @SebekäUnitedMethodistChurch

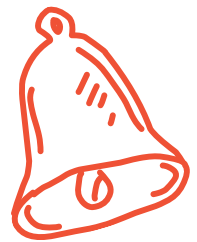
St. Hubert Catholic Church

Website: www.saintanns.net

Phone: 218-631-1771

Address: 22008 Co Rd 23

Facebook: @MarysACC



United Methodist Church- Staples

Website: www.staplesunitedmethodist.org

Phone: 218-894-2248

Address: 310 5th St. NE

Facebook: @StaplesUnitedMethodistChurch

Trinity Lutheran Church-Staples

Website: www.trinitylutheranstaples.com

Phone: 218-894-2372

Address: 1000 4th St. NE

Facebook: @TrinityLutheranStaplesMN

Wadena

Assembly of God

Website: www.wadenaassembly.com

Phone: 218-631-2896

Address: 419 1st St. NW

Facebook: @WadenaAssemblyofGod

Epicenter Church

Website: www.WadenaEpicenter.Church

Phone: 218-631-5986

Address: 119 1st St. SE

Facebook: @WadenaEpicenter

First Missionary Baptist Church

Website: www.fmbcwadenamn.com

Phone: 218-631-9019

Address: 222 3rd St. NE

Facebook: @FirstMissionaryBaptistChurchWadena

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Website: www.wadenaimmanuel.org

Phone: 218-631-2738

Address: 403 2nd St. SE

Facebook: @immanuelwadena



Places of Worship Continued

Wadena Continued

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Website: www.jw.org

Phone: 218-631-1006

Address: 625 3rd St. NW

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Website: www.saintanns.net

Phone: 218-631-1593

Address: 514 1st St. SE

Facebook: @MarysACC

St. Helen's Episcopal Church

Phone: 218-631-3928

Address: 22 Dayton Ave. SW

St. John Lutheran Church

Website: www.stjohnwadena.org

Phone: 218-631-3000

Address: 710 Franklin Ave. SW

Facebook: @stjohnwadenamn

Southbrook Baptist Church

Website: www.southbrookbaptistchurch.org

Phone: 218-631-2002

Address: 1842 2nd St. SW

Facebook: @SouthbrookBaptistChurch

Wadena Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Website: www.wadenaadventist.org

Phone: 218-631-4030

Address: 14711 125th Ave.

Facebook: @wadenaadventist

Wadena Alliance Church

Website: www.wadenacma.com

Phone: 218-631-3563

Address: 1428 Jefferson St. S

Facebook: @wadenacma

United Church of Christ

Website: www.firstwadenaucc.org

Phone: 218-631-4646

Address: 110 Colfax Ave. SW

Verndale

Verndale Alliance Church

Website: www.verndalealliance.org

Phone: 218-445-5619

Address: 109 NW Brown St.

Verndale Family Life Church

Website: www.verndalefamilylifechurch.com

Phone: 218-445-5568

Address: 402 NE Clark Dr.

Facebook: @VerndaleFamilyLifeChurch

Verndale United Methodist Church

Website:

www.minnesotaumc.org/churchdetail/887832

Phone: 218-445-5108

Address: 213 Farwell St.

Facebook: @VerndaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Child Care

Search for licensed child care providers online: www.parentaware.org

Health Care

Lakewood Health System

Website: www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com

Phone: 218-894-1515

Facebook: @lakewoodhealthsystem

Main Hospital: Staples

Clinic Locations: Browerville; Eagle Bend; Staples;

Motley; Pillager

Tri-County Health Care (is becoming Astera Health)

Website: www.tchc.org

Phone: 218-631-3510

Facebook: @tricountyhealthcare

Main Hospital: Wadena

Clinic Locations: Baxter- Orthopedics; Bertha;

Henning; Ottertail; Sebeka; Verndale; Wadena

Libraries

Staples Great River Regional Library

Website: www.griver.org/locations/staples

Phone: 218-894-1401

Address: 122 6th St NE Staples, MN

Facebook: @stapleslibrarygrml

Wadena City Library- Kitchigami Regional Library System

Website: www.krls.org/index.php/wadena-home-page

Phone: 218-631-2476

Address: 25 Bryant Ave. SW Wadena, MN

Facebook: @wadena.library



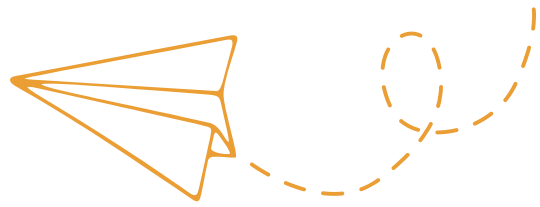
Public Transportation

Friendly Rider

Schedule a trip by phone: 218-631-5730

Schedule a trip online: www.friendlyrider.com/ride-the-bus

About the bus: Friendly Rider buses serve the cities of Wadena and Staples daily from 6 am to 6 pm. They also have daily service in many other communities, such as Eagle Bend, Clarissa, Browerville, Verndale, Aldrich, Motley, Bertha, and Hewitt. Hours of operation vary in our secondary cities, but they serve each city listed at least once a day.



Local News

Sebeka-Menahga Review Messenger

Weekly Newspaper

Website: www.lakeandpine.com

Staples World

Weekly Newspaper

Website: www.staplesworld.com

Facebook: @StaplesWorld

Verndale Sun

Weekly Newspaper

Website: www.inhnews.com/verndalesun

Facebook: @VerndaleSunNewspaper

Wadena Pioneer Journal

Weekly Newspaper

Website: www.wadenapj.com

Facebook: @wadenapj

Shop, Eat, and Support Local Businesses

Wadena County is home to hundreds of locally owned and operated businesses. The easiest way to become a part of our community is by shopping, eating, and supporting our local small businesses. Below is a list of community organizations that work to support small businesses and our communities. Follow them online to learn more about their work and the great businesses in our County.

Menahga Civic and Commerce Association

Facebook: @MenahgaCC

Sebeka Civic and Commerce Association

Facebook: @SebekaCC

Staples Area Chamber of Commerce

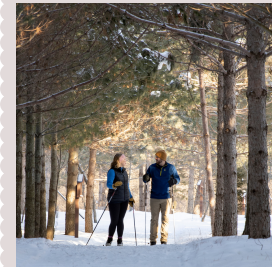
Facebook: @stapleschamber

Website: www.staplesmotleychamber.org

Wadena Chamber of Commerce

Facebook: @wadenachamber

Website: www.wadenachamber.com



welcome home



Parks & Recreation

It's time to explore. Here are some places to start...

Crow Wing River

Wadena County is well known for the beautiful Crow Wing River Canoe Trail. Its name has its origin with the Chippewa Indians; they called it "Kagiwegwon," or "Raven's Wing." The river winds its way through the county from north to south, beginning at the Blueberry Bridge northeast of Menahga and exiting the county at the very southeasterly corner just west of the City of Staples.

Maps & Camping Resources

Access maps of the river and hiking trails, as well as potential campsites: www.co.wadena.mn.us/217/Parks

County Parks

Anderson's Crossing: 23497 Anderson Crossing Drive, Sebeka, MN

Bullard's Bluff Campground: 26998 Bullard Bluff Rd, Staples, MN

Cottingham Park Campground: 19341 Cottingham Dr., Staples, MN

Frame's Landing Campground: 24107 County Rd 139 Sebeka, MN

Knob Hill Campground: 21484 261st Ave Staples, MN

Little White Dog Campground: 26233 White Dog Rd. Verndale, MN

McGivern Park Campground: 27208 McGivern Drive Staples, MN

Old Wadena Park Campground: 13491 Old Wadena Cir Staples, MN

Stigman's Mound Park: 23424 County Rd 139 Sebeka, MN

Tree Farm Landing: 38933 239th Ave. Menahga, MN

State Forests

Lyons State Forest: This forest is located in central Wadena County, about 15 miles northwest of Staples. Access maps and information online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/forest.html?id=sft00032#homepage

Huntersville State Forest: This forest is located in northern Wadena County, about 12 miles southeast of Park Rapids. Access maps and information online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/forest.html?id=sft00025#homepage



Canoeing and Tubing

There are no dams or portages to obstruct the flow and no charging rapids to navigate, so travel is very enjoyable at whatever pace you choose and is generally uninterrupted so long as the water stays at a normal level. The average current is about 3 miles per hour. However, this may vary depending on wind direction and speed, as well as the level of the water.

City of Menahga Parks

Memorial Forest Park & Campground: 825 Aspen Ave. SE

Menahga Beach: Aspen Ave SE

City of Sebeka Parks

City Pool: 5th St NW

City Park & Campground: W Riverside Dr.

City of Staples Parks

Dower Lake Recreation Area: 26415 Thunder Rd.

Lincoln Park: 313 Nebraska Ave. SW

Northern Pacific Park: 610 6th St. NE

Odden Park: 810 8th St. NE

Pine Grove Park: 1012 Pine Grove Rd.

Veterans Park: 820 US 10 E

Wilson Park: 111 Park Rd.



City of Verndale Parks

McNair Park: SW Brown St.

City of Wadena Parks

Burlington Northern Park: 100 Aldrich Ave. SW

Black's Grove: 33825 620th Ave.

Wadena County Fairgrounds: 400 Ash Ave. NW

Fink's Park/Memorial Garden: 304 7th St. SW

John Ehlen Playground: 716 3rd St. SE

SW Athletic Field Complex: 310 7th St. SW

Softball/Horseshoe Complex: 2701 2nd St. SW

Sunnybrook Campground: 210 Harry-Rich Dr.

Tapley Park: 617 Lincoln Ave. SW

Traveler's Rest Area: 110 Jefferson St. N

Walter Goedel Park-- School District: West Hwy 29




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