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located in Aitkin, Minnesota, 1/2 block west of the post office east of Brainerd, 12 miles north of Lake Mille Lacs and 100 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

**PROPERTIES**  
**REDUCED**

**W LOG HOME** - 3 bdrm., 2 bath log home w.300ft. on the Mississippi River. Includes very nice corner fireplace & deck. Open staircase & floor plan. Level lot w/excellent views. \$176974. **\$180,000 Reduced to \$179,000**

**HOME OF A KIND** - A classic home. This 3 bdrm., 1-1/2 bath home features beautiful hardwood floors in the large fireplaced living room, dining room & office/den. Completely remodeled kitchen. Newer family room addition overlooks spacious private yard w/deck, firepit & garden area. Large detached garage/shop. Move into condition & ready for quick occupancy. MLS 175872. **\$170,000 Reduced to \$160,000**

**PERFECT STARTER** - or retirement home all on one level this 1 bdrm. 1 full bath & a 3 season porch, maintenance free siding, car detached garage, nice heated work shop. Very large city lot w/plenty of room for your garden. This home is new fully appliances & is in move in condition. \$174674. **\$118,000 Reduced to \$108,000**

**HOME** - 3 bdrm., 2 bath home in City of Aitkin. Close to softball/softball fields, tennis courts & the city park. Includes vinyl windows, newer furnace & some flooring! \$175807. **\$92,500 Reduced to \$89,000**

**BEST HOME LIVING AT ITS BEST.** Beautiful, high quality townhome with 2 bdrms. & 2 baths located on Otterbelly Lake. Beautiful natural woodwork on interior of home plus custom kitchen cabinets. All this for reasonable association fees of \$150/mo that includes exterior maintenance, lawn care, snow removal & road maintenance. MLS 163497. **\$220,000 Reduced to \$198,000**

**EAT OPPORTUNITY** - to purchase Townhome in the desirable senior development and finish to your liking. Price includes all finishing & appliances. MLS 163504. **\$200,000 Reduced to \$265,000**

**AITKIN** - Charming best describes this home, 4 bdrms., 2 s, formal dining, built in china cabinets, attached one car garage all on a large city lot. MLS 160757. **\$134,000**

**PRIME LIVING ON 6.6 ACRES** with frontage on small pond. Open floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms give home room to grow. No included in this property is 4-car garage for cars and toys. All this located within miles of the Brainerd Lakes and Bay Lake areas. 169170. **\$199,900**

**REMODELLED 3BR HOME** - On large city lot in SE Aitkin, includes upstairs apartment for extra income, large det. garage private backyard. MLS 168237. **\$144,900**

**BRM.** - 1 bath home situated on 1+ acres, new roof, well & Very nice yard & garden area. MLS 176426. **\$112,000**

**TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 • 5PM**

**HOME** - 3 bdrm., 2 bath manufactured situated on 2.5 acres. Fully landscaped w/huge garden areas, provides potential vegetable marketing. Heated workshop & poultry building. Attached garage. Close to many lakes!

**PROPERTIES & CABINS**  
**REDUCED**

**LAKE** - Great opportunity to own large family home on Brainerd Lake. Enjoy beautiful sunsets from the living room or sit by either the main or lower level fireplace on those chilly evenings. This property offers master BR w/master BA 2 addi-

# Signs of the times – managing ATV use in Aitkin County

By MARK JACOBS  
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 Land Commissioner

If you've been out and about in the wilds of Aitkin County in recent weeks you may have observed new signage on some forest roads.

One of the primary purposes of this new signage initiative is to clearly define those roads that are open to recreational ATV use and those that are not. This initiative is in response to the ever-increasing recreational ATV riding in our area over the past several years and some of the growing problems associated with that increase. We acknowledge that ATV use is an important recreational use on county managed land; however as land managers we must manage that recreational use to avoid adverse environmental impacts to the land and conflicts with other users of the county forestland.

In May of this year, Aitkin County established the rules for recreational ATV use on county managed forestland, via the updated Aitkin County Parks and Recreation Ordinance (subdivision 10): <http://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/Land%20Dept/Land-dept/Park%20Ordinance%202008.pdf>. Shortly after that the Aitkin County Land Department began erecting signs with a forest road number for emergency purposes, a sign containing a synopsis of the recreation use rules, and a sign designating if the forest road is open to recreational ATV use (Class 1 ATV only or both Class 1 and 2 ATV). If there is no sign indicating that the forest road is open to

recreational ATV use (red ATV sign) the forest road is not open to recreational ATV use (closed unless posted open). These rules apply to recreational ATV use (trail riding); the "hunter/trapper exemption" applies the same as with MN DNR managed lands (page 20 of the MN DNR 2007-08 OHV Regulations). If there is a "No-ATV" sign posted on a road or trail that would indicate a non-motorized route (closed to ATV's year-round).

The other component of this process is to develop more "designated" ATV trails. As opposed to forest roads, these recreation trails are specifically designed and managed for recreational ATV use. Currently Aitkin County is working on projects that will, if successful, establish more than 50 additional miles of designated ATV trails in Aitkin County over the next few years. These trails will be located and designed to accommodate ATV trail riders, enhance the economic benefits related to ATV-based tourism, and reduce environmental impacts, by having a well-advertised, enjoyable place to ride. The 70-Mile Trail project is an example of a designated trail project: <http://www.70miletrail.net>.

Aitkin County is also embarking on a Recreation Trail Plan to better define future opportunities for motorized and non-motorized recreation use on county managed lands. Watch for future announcements of public meetings over the next few months. Recreational ATV use is a



Forest trail closed to ATV

significant outdoor activity on public land, but it's a land-use that we are responsible to manage. Aitkin County's approach includes...

- Managing recreational ATV use of forestlands (and the associated environmental damage) by defining forest roads open to responsible use
- Increasing quality recreational ATV riding availability by developing more trails specifically designed for ATV use
- Developing a plan to provide diverse recreational opportunities (motorized and non-motorized) and to avoid user conflicts.

This approach is not a cure-all for recreation use issues nor will it make everyone happy; but I believe it is a logical step toward addressing the ever increasing pressure for recreational use on public lands. Public lands in Aitkin County are a great place to enjoy your favorite outdoor activity but we need to ensure that they are used wisely, responsibly, and sustainably.

