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Heritage Traveler



*A guide to 72 Wisconsin
art & history museums*





Welcome Travelers

Wisconsin is a rich blend of Native American, European, African American, and Asian cultures. All have contributed to our great Wisconsin culture – from art and architecture, to trade, education, and style. In Wisconsin, we value our diversity, celebrate our traditions, and take comfort in the common spirit that binds us.

This edition of the *Wisconsin Heritage Traveler* catalogs some of the state's best art and history museums. Together they tell the story of Wisconsin – the story of the Ojibwe warrior, the French voyageur, the German painter, and the tens of thousands of immigrants from countries around the world, who all made Wisconsin their home.

The people of Wisconsin are proud of their history and culture. We welcome you to Wisconsin and hope you enjoy experiencing our rich culture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jim Doyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jim Doyle
Governor

Wisconsin Heritage – yours to enjoy

Wisconsin, above all, is people. People of the great woodland tribes whose ancestors hunted and gathered in the basin of the Great Lakes; Yankees from the “original thirteen” headed west for more elbow room; European immigrants whose plows and winter wheat homesteaded the rolling hills of Wisconsin; and people of Asian, Hispanic and African ancestry who – though last to arrive – have added their own unique ingredients to this broadly-seasoned stew of humanity.

Together and separately, and not always perfectly, they poured their hopes and dreams, their labor and their love into the small spaces and the large places of what has become Wisconsin.

They left their monuments as they passed; of mud and timber and field-stone, of brick and mortar and steel. They painted and carved and dug and built and left their marks.

Much of what they created remains, and much has been re-created as it once was, preserved and honored in museums and historic sites across Wisconsin. There is much to see and experience. Visit an authentic re-creation of an Indian village where ceremonial drums still thunder and feathered dancers still fill the fire-light. Ride an old-fashioned steam train through the fragrant pine of a Wisconsin forest. Climb the conning tower of a WWII submarine. Soar, vicariously, with Wausau's famous “Birds in Art.” You can even join the circus for a day in the hometown of the Ringling Bros.

It's Wisconsin history; and it's all here for you to enjoy.

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How to use this guide

This edition of the *Wisconsin Heritage Traveler* includes descriptions for seventy-two Wisconsin art and history museums. The list is by no means definitive, but it does contain many of Wisconsin's best museums.

Each narrative includes a description of the property: historic focus, major collections, featured artifacts and cultural significance. We want you to know what you can expect to see and experience. You'll also find contact information: the property's Web site address, phone number, hours of operation, admission prices and handicapped accessibility. We've also included street addresses so that you can use Internet mapping URLs to get driving instructions.

The index below lists the properties alphabetically and references their respective page numbers. Note also that the properties are numbered. The numbers reference the map on the accompanying page. As you travel, use it to string multiple sites into an exciting driving tour of Wisconsin art and history.

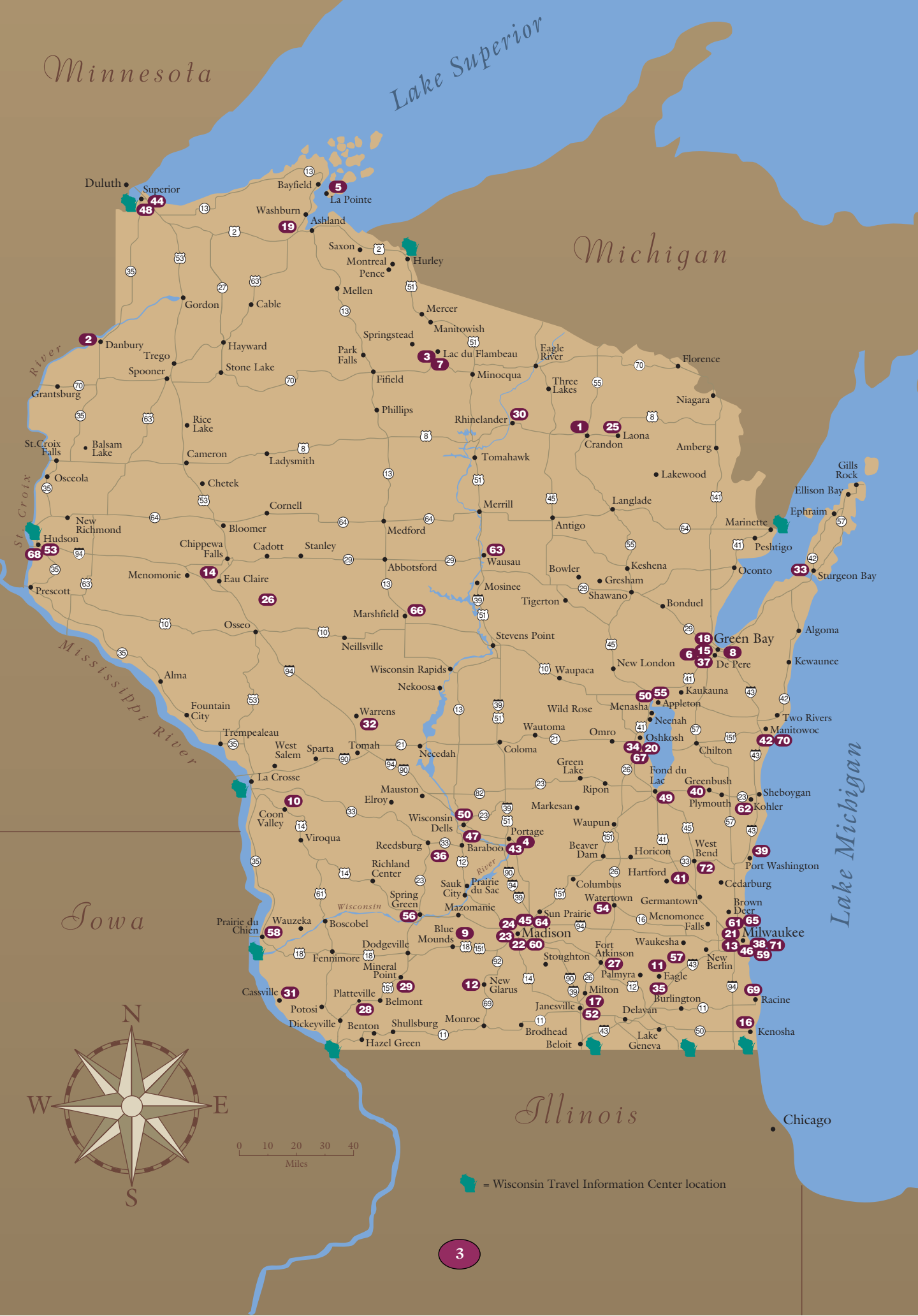
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Lake Superior

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Native American Heritage

Forest County Potawatomi Community Cultural Center & Museum

The Potawatomi have a long history as one of the original inhabitants of what is today the midwestern United States. Lands once occupied by the Potawatomi include all or parts of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Opened in 2002, the cultural center and museum house a tribal archive, library and gift shop as well as a permanent 2,700 square foot exhibit entitled “People of the Three Fires.” The beautifully

designed main diorama details the historic ties of the Ojibwe, Ottawa and Potawatomi people, a confederation known as the Council of the Three Fires.

The exhibit begins with a short video on the tribe’s history followed by a graphic display of the original lands occupied by the tribe, and the subsequent movements forced on the tribe during the period of the “Removal.” Of special interest is the Wall of Treaties containing replicas of each of the tribe’s forty-three American and seven Canadian treaties; the Potawatomi signed more treaties with the US government than any other tribe.

A language kiosk allows visitors to look up words or phrases in the Potawatomi language and hear how it should sound. Also, several well-known children’s stories have been translated into Potawatomi and may be heard in both languages. Exhibits are also signed in both English and Potawatomi.

The museum facility is fully accessible with ramps and an elevator.

Forest County Potawatomi Museum & Cultural Center

5460 Everybody’s Rd.
Crandon, WI 54520
www.fcpotawatomi.com
800/960-5479, 715/478-7474

Open daily 9am-4pm.

Admission fee: adults \$3, seniors (55+) \$1, students (5-12) \$1, under 5 free.



Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park.

FORTS FOLLE AVOINE



George W. Brown, Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center.

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park

In the fall of 1802 along the Yellow River just above Yellow Lake, two fur trading companies built outposts less than 100 feet apart. The North West Company arrived first and built a trading post, a cabin and a stockade. In November, the XY Company traders built a single structure combining trading post and living quarters. This was the only place on the continent where competing companies were such close neighbors.

After two seasons of trading with the local Ojibwe, both forts were abandoned. Forgotten for 165 years, the trading site was rediscovered in 1969 by archaeologists from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Based on their research, the fur trade posts were reconstructed by the Burnett County Historical Society. Today, visitors can tour the two forts and examine the many items collected from the archeological dig.

An authentic reconstruction of a Woodland Indian Village compliments the forts. Costumed, talented interpreters illuminate the culture of the early Native American residents and Euro-American explorers.

Other facilities available at the Park include a 1918 log visitor center that houses two museum exhibits, banquet rooms, and a gift shop. The award-winning Palmer House History Research Library provides fur trade records and county and township government records. The 80-acre site also offers cross-country skiing and nature trails along the beautiful Yellow River.

The Forts' visitor center, the library, and most trails are wheelchair accessible. Golf carts are available for those who have difficulty walking.

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park

8500 County Road U
Danbury, WI 54830-0159
www.theforts.org
715/866-8890

*Open May 28-Sep 4, Wed-Sun, 9am-5pm.
Admission fees: adults (12+) \$7, children (6-12) \$5, under 5 free, families \$20.*

George W. Brown, Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center

The museum and cultural center celebrate the customs, history and art of the Ojibwe group referred to as the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The museum offers cultural exhibits, visitor tours, videos, interactive displays, a tribal gift shop, and beautiful dioramas depicting the four seasons of Anishinabe ("Original People") life as it has been lived here for centuries. This small outpost of Native American history is important to Wisconsin because it reminds us that before the European settlers came, the Ojibwe and many other tribes occupied this area.

On the main museum floor there can be found an array of Ojibwe crafts including beadwork, clothing, basketry, tools, and artwork. The museum's significant holdings include a 24-foot dugout canoe, birch bark canoes, a recreated French fur trade post, and a world record sturgeon taken from one of the reservation's many beautiful lakes.

There are also more than 5,000 archived photos dating from the early 1800's to the present. Images include the reservation's Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, the area's lumberjack era, and early Indian Bowl dance shows.

Accommodations for the handicapped include designat-

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ed parking, wheelchair access,
and an elevator to each exhib-
it floor.

**George W. Brown, Jr. Ojibwe
Museum & Cultural Center**

603 Peace Pipe Rd.
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538-0804
www.ojibwe.com
715/588-3333

*Open May-Oct, Mon-Sat 10am-4pm;
Nov-Apr, Tue-Thu 10am-2pm.*

*Admission fees: adult: \$3, children (5-
15) \$2, children under 5 free.*

Indian Agency House

Built in 1832 for John
Kinzie, Indian Agent
to the Ho-Chunk
(Winnebago) Nation,
Portage's Indian Agency
House is a slice of frontier
life in the Wisconsin
Territory.

With ten rooms, five fire-
places and wallpaper, the
house was large and fancy for
the frontier. Kinzie and his

wife, Juliette,
brought fur-
nishings and
household
items
from
New
York,
including
the first
piano in
Wisconsin.

The house still
stands on its
original spot overlooking the
portage between the Fox and
Wisconsin Rivers and facing
the site of Fort Winnebago.

The Kinzies moved to the
fort in 1830. They lived in
the house from its completion
in the fall of 1832 until the
summer of 1833. Later,



Madeline Island Historical Museum.

Juliette Kinzie would write of
those years at the fort in Wau-
Bun, The "Early Day" in the
Northwest.

Restored in 1930, The
Indian Agency House is today
furnished with antiques dat-
ing from the time of the
Kinzie's occupancy. The
house is owned by The
National Society of The
Colonial Dames of America in
the State of Wisconsin. The
property's visitor center hous-
es changing exhibits and a
museum store, which sells
copies of Wau-Bun. The
grounds include a Prairie
Garden, access to the Portage
Canal and a handicap accessi-
ble portion of the Ice Age
Trail.

The property is not
wheelchair accessible.

Historic Indian Agency House

Agency House Road
Portage, WI 53901
www.portagewi.com
608/742-6362

*Open mid-May thru mid-Oct, Mon-Sat
10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm.*

Admission fee: Nominal.

**Madeline Island
Historical Museum**

Madeline Island, his-
torically the spiri-
tual home of the
Ojibwe people, became an
important fur-trading center
for the French in the late
1600s. Over the next three
centuries the island would
also see the arrival of mis-
sionaries, loggers, fishermen,
boat builders, coopers, and
by the 1890s, tourists and
summer cottagers.

In the original historic log
museum building and the
modern Casper Center, visi-
tors can explore this fascinat-
ing story through a lively
musical orientation program,
changing exhibits, a summer
lecture series, and interactive
programs for kids and fami-
lies.

Exhibits of rare and one-
of-a-kind artifacts, many of
them found on Madeline
Island, tell the whole story of
the area's exploration and set-
tlement, from prehistory to



INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE BY RJ & LINDA MILLER

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the present day. Prehistoric relics from the days of Ojibwe habitation rest alongside trade goods, missionaries' effects, tools of the lumbering and maritime industries, and other remnants of the island's human presence. The museum's outstanding collection illustrates more than 300 years of Madeline Island and northern Wisconsin history.

Owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Madeline Island Historical Museum is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Madeline Island Historical Museum

9 Colonel Woods Avenue
La Pointe, WI 54850-0009
www.wisconsinhistory.org/madelineisl
and/
866/944-7483, 715/747-2415
Open MD-first wknd in Oct, daily 10am-5pm.

Admission fees: adults \$5.50, seniors (65+) \$4.95, children (5-12) \$2.75, family \$15.

Oneida Nation Museum

Opened in 1979, the Oneida Nation Museum is one of the older Native American museums in the United States. The museum preserves Oneida cultural resources and assures their accessibility to the community and the public.

Exhibits explain the worldview and history of the Oneida (People of the Standing Stone), and then

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Petroglyphs, pictographs & effigy mounds

Wisconsin is rich in Native American history. Cultural artifacts can be found in several excellent tribal museums as well as in petroglyphs, pictographs and effigy mounds of the Woodland and Mississippian Indian cultures.

More than 100 rock art sites have been discovered in Wisconsin.

Roche-A-Cri State Park, just west of Friendship in Adams County, is the only interpreted rock art site in the state. An accessible ramp and observation deck allow all visitors to view the petroglyphs and pictographs.



Roche-A-Cri State Park petroglyphs.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROCHE-A-CRI STATE PARK

It is estimated that the petroglyphs were carved before 900 A.D. and pictographs appeared only 400-500 years ago. Interpretive panels present interesting facts, drawings of the art, and a map to help visitors locate carvings and paintings on the park's signature 300-foot rock outcropping.

Copper Culture State Park at Oconto features an Indian burial pit from the Copper Culture about 6,000 years ago, the oldest cemetery site in Wisconsin. A small museum displays artifacts and photos of the original 1952 archeological dig at the site.

Aztalan State Park, east of Lake Mills, contains one of Wisconsin's most important archaeological sites. It showcases an ancient Middle-Mississippian village and ceremonial complex that thrived from 1000-1300AD. They built large, flat-topped pyramidal mounds and a stockade around their village. Portions of the stockade and two mounds have been reconstructed in the park.

High Cliff State Park, on the east shore of Lake Winnebago south of the Fox Cities, contains excellent examples of effigy (animal-shaped) mounds constructed from 600-1300AD. Other Wisconsin state parks with effigy mounds include **Governor Nelson** near Madison, and **Wyalusing** just south of Prairie du Chien at the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.



AZTALAN STATE PARK BY DON ABRAMS

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focus on expressive culture, social change and cultural continuity. Exhibits include traditional and ceremonial dress, pottery, wampum belts, lacrosse, and a variety of historic documents and artifacts. The museum also showcases a special exhibit of intricate lace including many pieces fashioned as early as 1900 by tribal members.

The museum is completely wheelchair accessible.

Oneida Nation Museum

W892 County Road EE
Oneida, WI 54155
www.oneidanation.org
920/869-2768

Open Tues- Fri, 9am-5pm, Feb-Dec; plus Sat, 9am-5pm, Jun-Aug. Closed Mon & Jan.

Admission fees: adults \$2, seniors (55+) \$1, children (under 17) \$1.

Wa-Swa-Goning

Wa-Swa-Goning is a re-created 17th century Ojibwe village constructed amid the towering pine, aspen and white birch of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation in Northern Wisconsin. Built on twenty acres along the shore of Moving Cloud Lake, Waswagoning (“the place where they spearfish by torchlight”) is the original Ojibwe name for the area. This unique outdoor museum strives to historically preserve the culture of the Ojibwe whose seasonal migrations for food and materials are reflected in the displays.

An educational walking tour along a rustic trail

depicts the Ojibwe way of life – one that honored the earth and the interdependency of all living things. See wigwams, willow fish traps, birch bark baskets and canoes, bows, arrows, spears, hides and much more. Try the game of Double-Ball. Enjoy a story in the teaching lodge. See primitive fire making.

Group tours for schools, scouts or seniors can be scheduled from mid-May thru Sep. The museum is open for individual and family tours from mid-June thru Aug.

Village trails are accessible by light wheelchairs.

Wa-Swa-Goning

State Road 47 & County Road H
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538
www.waswagoning.com
715/588-2615, 715/588-3560

Open June 15-LD, Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Admission fees: adults \$7, seniors and children (under 12) \$5.



PHOTO BY LINDA MILLER

Wa-Swa-Goning Ojibwe Indian Village.

European Heritage

Heritage Hill State Historical Park

Heritage Hill State Historical Park invites you to experience a living history tableau of Wisconsin's early European history.

Visitors are invited to travel into the past on guided and self-guided

tours to explore four time periods in

Northeastern Wisconsin's rich history.

Journey to our La Baye area (1672-1830) to learn about fur trading and early law.

Witness life at a frontier military post as you visit Fort Howard in 1836, the year Wisconsin became a territory. A Growing Community (1850-1912) depicts some of the trades that were found in Green Bay during the last half of the 19th century. Lastly, explore the Ethnic Agricultural area (1848-1905) to see how the Badger state immigrants built sturdy houses, cultivated the land, and adjusted to life in America.

Heritage Hill is brought to life against a breathtaking backdrop of 25 historic buildings. Costumed interpreters show you how people lived, worked, and played long ago.

The park also offers special events, programs and theme days that feature a number of hands-on activities for visitors to enjoy.

All of Heritage Hill's twenty-five historic buildings are wheelchair accessible via ramps. All bathrooms are accessible as well. Heritage Hill offers a transportation system that travels throughout the 54-acre park; it does have limited wheelchair space.

Heritage Hill State Park

2640 S Webster Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54301

www.heritagehillgb.org
800/721-5150, 920/448-5150

Open MD-LD, Mon & Tue, guided tours only, 10:15am-2:15 pm; Wed-Sun, self-guided tours only, Wed-Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun noon- 4:30pm.

Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors (62+) \$7, children (5-17) \$6, under 4 free.

Little Norway

Nestled in a wooded valley among the foothills of Blue Mound lies Little Norway, a collection of a dozen authentic log buildings that preserve the character of the Norwegian pioneers who settled in this part of Wisconsin.

The original cabins, built in 1856, have been preserved. Several of the old farm buildings have been transformed from stables and granary into charming little cottages. A sod-roofed cabin and a spring house, which protects the valley's natural spring, were built about 1930. All the buildings are furnished with the simple

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HERITAGE HILL STATE HISTORICAL PARK BY JOHN TOUSCANO



Little Norway.

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furniture, tools, art and crafts of the pioneer. A pleasant little stream splashes among several trout pools.

But the property's signature structure is the "Norway Building," a reproduction of a 12th century Norwegian Stavkirke (church). It is a striking hewn pine structure with a high peaked roof and carved dragonheads in the gables. It was built in Trondheim, Norway for the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. At the close of the Expo, the building was dismantled, eventually making its way to Little Norway to be rebuilt in 1935. It holds a collection of ornate and deco-

rative Norse antiques and artifacts unique in the United States including jewelry and silver, glassware, china, embroidery, rosemaled chests, hand-carved furniture and musical instruments.

Costumed guides lead tours of the property. Considering the age of the buildings, there is no wheelchair access. However, staff accommodates the disabled in whatever way possible.

Little Norway

3576 County Road JG
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
www.littlenorway.com
608/437-8211

Open May 1-Oct 31: July & Aug 9am-7pm; May, June, Sep & Oct 9am-5pm.

Admission fees: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children (5-12) \$4.

Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center

begun in 1977, Norskedalen is today a 400-acre complex that includes an arboretum, five miles of nature trails, a visitor's center/museum and a reconstructed 1880's Norwegian farmstead. Tucked into Wisconsin's southwestern corner, the region is marked by steep ridges and long, narrow valleys popular among early Norwegian immigrants; hence the name Norskedalen, or "Norwegian Valley."

The Thrune Visitor's Center, constructed in 1982 with a major addition in 1991, houses the Center's museums, meeting rooms, gift shop, and a library specializing in natural history and Norwegian immigrant history and genealogy.

The Bekkum Homestead recreates a typical local farm at the turn of the century. The first buildings were moved to the site during the summer of 1982 from neighboring farms. Local families donated nearly all of the artifacts that enrich the buildings. The homestead includes a house, summer kitchen, springhouse, corncrib, granary, outhouse, chicken coop, machine shed, stable, barn, blacksmith's shop, and storage shed.

Norskedalen owns and operates a second property, The Skumsrud Heritage Farm, located on 43 acres about 4 miles southwest of the main complex. The prop-

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Bekkum Homestead at Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center.



Norskedalen in winter.

erty is an open-air museum with eleven restored pioneer log buildings nestled in a picturesque valley with a creek, croplands and forested hills. The property includes the 1853 Skumrud pioneer log cabin as well as the later Thrune farm home.

The Thrune Visitors Center is handicapped accessible, as are restrooms at the shelter house. The roughly paved trail to the Bekkum Homestead is navigable by wheelchair, or accommodations can be made to shuttle visitors to the homestead site. Norskedalen's half-mile High Hope Springs Trail, located in one of the most beautiful parts of the arboretum, is also handicapped-accessible, complete with interpretive signs and benches. Additionally, a close-captioned Norskedalen video is available.

Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center, Inc.

N455 Ophus Rd.
Coon Valley, WI 54623
www.norskedalen.org
608/452-3424

Open Apr 15-Oct 31, Mon-Fri 9am-4pm,
Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-4pm; Nov 1-
Apr 14, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sun noon-
4pm.

Admission fees: adults \$5, children (k-
12) \$2, family \$12.

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Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

Father Samuel Mazzuchelli was one of the preeminent Catholic missionaries of the 19th century. He is remembered as a teacher, an accomplished architect, a builder of churches, and a charismatic spiritual leader.

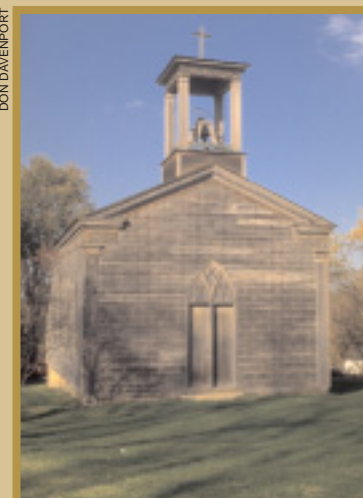
Born in Milan, Italy in 1806, Mazzuchelli entered the Dominican Order when he was seventeen. In 1828 he began his life as a missionary, posted to Mackinac Island on the Great Lakes frontier.

Five years later, he moved to the Upper Mississippi River Valley to minister to the lead miners in the area where today Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa meet. Mazzuchelli traveled a circuit of area mining communities that included the rough-and-tumble Wisconsin towns of Benton, New Diggings, Lead Mine, Shullsburg and Gratiot.

In 1844, he built a church at New Diggings. Today, this small, weather-beaten Greco-Gothic church is the only surviving Mazzuchelli wooden church. Efforts are underway to restore this important architectural testament to his faith. (From June-Sept the church is open Sun from 1-4pm, 608/744-3438.)

In 1847, he founded an order of teaching nuns, the Sinsinawa Dominicans who built their Mother House at Sinsinawa Mound in the far southwestern corner of

Wisconsin. The sisters exhibit a variety of Mazzuchelli artifacts including his desk, chalice, and penance chain, (open Mon-Fri 10am-noon & 12:30-3:30pm, Sat & Sun 12:30-3:30pm, 608/748-4411).



St. Augustine Church, New Diggings.

1993 Pope John Paul II proclaimed Mazzuchelli "Venerable," the first step to Catholic sainthood. He died in 1864 and is buried in the cemetery of St. Patrick's Church in Benton, one of twenty churches he designed and built.



FATHER MAZZUCHELLI

European Heritage, continued...

Old World Wisconsin

Nestled in the heart of the Kettle Moraine State Forest thirty-five miles southwest of Milwaukee, Old World Wisconsin, an outdoor museum of immigrant and pioneer history, awaits you. With more than 65 historic buildings relocated from their original Wisconsin sites, you can explore the very farms, homes, churches and stores of the state's early settlers.

The museum has grouped its historic buildings to re-create a Crossroads Village and 10 ethnic farmsteads featuring the heritage of the German, Finnish, Norwegian, Danish, Polish, Yankee, and African-American pioneers who immigrated to Wisconsin. Costumed interpreters and a series of special events further illuminate the past.

Rediscover how hard work, determination, and perseverance defined the charac-

ter of our ancestors in the late 19th century. Stroll village streets past homes and shops. Chat with merchants and townfolk. Wander the farm pathways. Savor the sweet smells of home-cooked meals prepared on wood burning stoves. Watch as historic breeds of oxen and horses work the fields. Try your hand at some of the crafts - and don't forget to bring your camera.

Plan to spend the day exploring the 576-acre site. A motorized tram takes you from one ethnic area to another. Or, hike Old World's award-winning nature trails through beautiful woods and prairies that abound with wildlife. Visit the museum gift shop for unique gift items. Enjoy a snack, lunch, or the famous Friday night fish fry in the charming historic atmosphere of the museum's Clausen Barn Restaurant.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for handicapped individuals. Call ahead to make arrangements.

Old World Wisconsin

S103W37890 Highway 67
Eagle, WI 53119
www.oldworldwisconsin.org
866/944-7483, 262/594-6300

Open May 1-Oct 31; Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm, (10am-5pm daily in July & Aug).

Admission fees: adults \$14, seniors. (65+) \$12.80, children (5-12) \$8.50, family pass \$39.

Swiss Historical Village

The 14-building Swiss Historical Village, which has hosted many thousands of visitors since it opened in 1942, tells a unique story of Swiss immigration to Wisconsin. It also documents the introduction and development of Swiss-style cheese making in the Badger state.

Among popular displays are a Swiss bee house, an original 1855 pioneer cabin, a log replica of the first church/schoolhouse in New Glarus, and a replica of an 1890's-era cooperative cheese factory.

New Glarus was founded in 1845 by the Emigration Society of the Canton of Glarus. The community's continuing ties to Switzerland are reflected in the museum's Hall of History. Descendants of Green County's early Swiss pioneers donated most of the museum's large collection. Their ancestors played a key role in the development of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

Continuous tours of the facility are hosted by local guides; or tour buildings on your own. The village museum is on level ground and almost all buildings are easily accessed by the handicapped.

Swiss Historical Village Museum

612 7th Avenue
New Glarus, WI 53574
www.swisshistoricalvillage.com
608/527-2317

*Open May 1-Oct 31, daily 10am-4pm.
Admission fees: adults \$7, children \$3,
group tour discounts.*



SWISS HISTORICAL VILLAGE BY RJ & LINDA MILLER

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Old World Wisconsin.

Wisconsin History

Milwaukee Public Museum

Considered one of the best natural history museums in the United States, the Milwaukee Public Museum offers 150,000 square feet of world-class exhibits, a year-round calendar of supporting lectures and special events, and a collection of 6.2 million specimens and objects.

Enter the Milwaukee Public Museum and witness natural wonders, cultures and scientific discovery millions of years in the making. The Museum's three floors of exhibits transport visitors to the past and offer a glimpse into the future. The Museum is also home to the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater, a six-story tall theater that takes audiences on

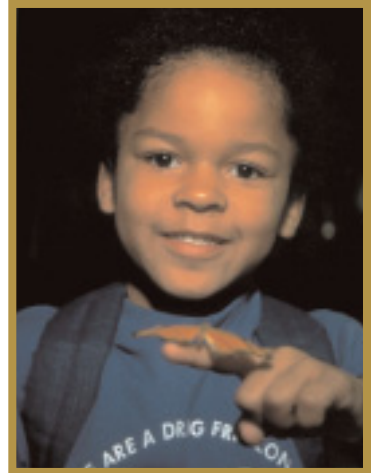
adventure around the world with giant images and 12,000 watts of surround sound.

Travel the world and celebrate the cultures of Africa, the Arctic, China, Japan, India, the Pacific Islands and Middle, Central and South America. Walk through the vanishing ecosystem of a Costa Rican rain forest and see spectacular plants and animals. Visit the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome. Learn how archaeologists piece together puzzles of the past.

Witness Wisconsin's varied animal and plant life in Wisconsin Woodlands. Hear the sounds of singers at a traditional drum in A Tribute to Survival. Thirty-seven life-size figures modeled from actual tribal members highlight a recreation of a Wisconsin Woodlands Indian Powwow, featuring the present-day

tribes of Wisconsin: Chippewa (Ojibwe), Menominee, Oneida, Potawatomi, Stockbridge-Munsee and Winnebago (Ho-Chunk).

Stand inches away from a life-size Tyrannosaurus rex, Triceratops, and Stegosaurus in The Third Planet. The exhibit features a walk-in ice



Puelicher Butterfly Wing.

cave and a walk through limestone cavern. Visitors can also see one of the world's largest Torosaurus skulls, measuring 9-feet long and 8-feet wide.

The contributions of European immigrants to the settlement of the United States and Wisconsin are highlighted in European Village. Thirty European homes showcase "old country" authenticity through artifacts and architectural detail. This "living exhibit" changes seasonally as members of the local community decorate their homes for the holidays.

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Milwaukee Public Museum.

Wisconsin History, continued...

Experience a bygone area in Streets of Old Milwaukee. Hundreds of original period objects and structural elements, including doors, windows, counters, railings, staircases and gingerbread trim from actual buildings built between 1850 and 1900 were used to construct the exhibit.

Walk amidst thousands of butterflies in the Puelicher Butterfly Wing, a walk-through tropical garden. The adjacent area features live bugs and elaborate interactive stations that outline why butterflies and insects are critical to the environment.



Streets of Old Milwaukee.

Exploring Life on Earth showcases the research and collection of Milwaukee Public Museum scientists. With real specimens and interactive displays, the exhibit explores the variety of life on Earth and how it has changed over time. Life-size dioramas, multimedia stations and animatronics augment the

excitement of scientific discovery.

The Milwaukee Public Museum and the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater are accessible to those using wheelchairs or with limited mobility. Wheelchairs are available on site for rental.

Milwaukee Public Museum

800 W Wells St
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1478
www.mpm.edu
414/278-2702, or 888/700-9069
Open daily 9am-5pm. (Evening IMAX shows Fri & Sat.)

Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors (62+) \$7, children (3-15) \$5.50, under 2 free, Milwaukee County residents with ID free every Mon.

Chippewa Valley Museum

Nestled under a canopy of pine trees in scenic Carson Park, the nationally recognized Chippewa Valley Museum (CVM) collects, preserves and tells the stories of the Chippewa Valley and its people.

CVM offers three long-term exhibits as well as a variety of programs and smaller exhibits. Paths of the People traces the Ojibwe Indians from their arrival in the Chippewa Valley 300 years ago, through treaties and boarding schools, to the powwow grounds of the 1990s. Settlement & Survival follows the flood of immigrants – Yankees, Germans, Norwegians and others – to the sawdust cities of the lumber boom; then lets visitors discover what happened after the “inexhaustible” pinery disappeared under the axe. CVM’s 2004 Farm Life



Chippewa Valley Museum.

exhibit asks why some farm families cling to this rural way of life, while others do not.

In addition, the museum maintains an 1882 schoolhouse and 1860’s Norwegian log house on the grounds; serves treats in a working 19th century ice cream parlor; and charms visitors with an eight-foot, 21-room dollhouse. Its research library holds 26,000 archival items, including 14,000 photographs. A genealogy section includes city directories and extensive area cemetery directories.

The museum is completely wheelchair accessible. While wheelchair-bound visitors have been in the log house, neither historic structure offers easy handicap access.

Chippewa Valley Museum

1204 Carson Park Dr.
P.O. Box 1204
Eau Claire, WI 54702-1204
www.cvmuseum.com
715/834-7871

Open MD-LD, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, Tues ‘til 8pm; LD-MD, Tues-Sun 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Tues ‘til 8pm.
Admission fees: Adults \$4, ages 3-17 \$1.50, under 3 Free; Tues eve free to all.

Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame

Located one level below the main floor of the Lambeau Field Atrium, the new Packers Hall of Fame is 25,000 square feet of pure Packers glory where you can see, touch and feel more than 80 years of riveting history.

A moving, 12-minute movie about the Packers, produced for the team by NFL Films, starts the Hall of Fame experience. Beautifully recreated moments are around every corner. Interactive videos line the hallways.

There are 77 exhibits featuring Packers fans, the Ice Bowl, and today's team. A huge kid's area lets little fans do the Lambeau Leap, throw passes and kick field goals.

A recreated office of legendary coach Vince Lombardi and lockers of all twenty Packers in the Pro Football Hall of Fame are among the highlights of this unique space, which does not end



Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

until the visitor reaches the plaques of all 131 members of the Packers Hall of Fame and a display of the team's three Super Bowl trophies.

Many fans include a stadium tour of Lambeau Field. You can walk through the team tunnel to the field and see several behind-the-scenes

areas, including the visiting team locker room. Bring your camera for outstanding photo opportunities.

Both the Packers Hall of Fame and the Lambeau Field Stadium Tours are wheelchair accessible.

Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame

1265 Lombardi Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54304

www.packers.com

888/442-7225, 920/569-7512

Open daily 9am-6pm, (hours may vary for home games).

Admission fees: adults (12+) \$10, seniors (62+) \$8, youth (6-11) \$5, under 5 free.

Kenosha Public Museum

Kenosha Public Museum exhibits detail how Wisconsin has changed over the last 425 million years. Pull trilobites out of a tropical coral reef. Visit the Mesozoic world of the deinonychus.

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Kenosha Public Museum.

Wisconsin History, continued...

See a Paleo-Indian hunting party attack woolly mammoths during the Ice Age. See Wisconsin's oldest water vessel. Discover the complex and sophisticated Aztalan culture that flourished in Wisconsin 1000 years ago. Tour a Native American village from the 18th century. Meet the state's first Euro-American explorers and traders.

The museum's signature exhibit is the largest and most complete mammoth ever excavated in North America. In 1992, a KPM archaeologist began excavating two woolly mammoth skeletons in western Kenosha County. Those bones show cut marks made by stone tools. Carbon dating indicates their age to be 12,500 years old – 1000 years earlier than the previously accepted date for the presence of humans in the Americas. The mammoth bones are displayed as they were found at the excavation site along with a life-sized skeletal replica.

The Kenosha Public Museum is fully accessible, with two elevators. Wheelchairs are available for use in the Museum. Additional accommodations may be made with 72 hours notice.

Kenosha Public Museum

5500 First Ave.
Kenosha, WI 53140
www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org
262/653-4140

Open Sun & Mon noon-5pm; Tue-Sat
9am-5pm.

Admission fees: free



Milton House Museum.

Milton House Museum National Historic Landmark

The Milton House National Historic Landmark, an 1844 stagecoach inn, is Wisconsin's only documented Underground Railroad site.

The unusual hexagonal three-story house was both an inn and the family residence of Joseph Goodrich, the founder of Milton. Goodrich was a Seventh Day Baptist and an outspoken abolitionist. His inn was a clandestine stop on the Underground Railroad; a forty-foot tunnel connects the inn to a small log cabin east of the main house.

The tunnel, originally an earthen structure about three to five feet high, is believed to have been constructed shortly after the house was completed. In 1953, the property was

rehabilitated to accommodate visitors and the tunnel was enlarged and lined with stone.

A guided tour explores the entire inn, including the tunnel. Tours focus on the history of Milton, the life and times of Joseph Goodrich, the operation of his stagecoach inn, and the unique features and functions of the Milton House itself. Constructed of lime mortar, the Milton House is recognized by the Portland Cement Association as the first concrete home in America.

Both the first floor of the inn and the cabin are handicapped-accessible. A video of the second floor and Underground Railroad display is available for those who are unable to negotiate the stairs.

Milton House Museum

18 S Janesville St.
Milton, WI 53563
www.miltonhouse.org
608/868-7772

Open May 1-LD. Open Sat & Sun in
May, 10am-5pm; MD-LD daily, 10am-
5pm.

Admission fees: adults (12+) \$5, seniors
(62+) \$4, children (5-12) \$2, under 5
free.

Neville Public Museum of Brown County

The rich history of Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin can be explored at the city's Neville Public Museum.

Walk through time in the permanent exhibition, On the Edge of the Inland Sea, a trip starting at the end of the last Ice Age. Dioramas and artifacts illuminate the area's unique geology, indigenous

wildlife and Native American culture. Relive the arrival of Frenchman Jean Nicolet in 1634. Follow the era of British influence, the building of Fort Howard, and Wisconsin statehood in 1848.

Thousands of artifacts, photographs, and film trace the development of Green Bay through the mid-20th century. The museum also features changing history exhibits focusing on various aspects of Wisconsin's past.

The permanent collection, open by appointment, is the heart of the museum. The diversity of the region is preserved in more than one million objects including historical artifacts, original artwork, and archeological specimens. The film collection – an invaluable resource for educators and researchers – includes more than 100,000 prints; 1,000,000 negatives (taken for the Green Bay Press-Gazette from about 1950-80); and 4,000,000 feet of local television news film.

Birthplace of the GOP

Nestled in rural east central Wisconsin, the city of Ripon is home to a building with a special place in our nation's history. In the center of the city, beside meandering Silver Creek, is The Little White Schoolhouse. Built in 1850, this National Historic Landmark is the birthplace of the Republican Party.

2004 marked the 150th anniversary of the historic meeting that took place here on March 20, 1854. This was the first grassroots meeting by members of three existing political parties to form a new party called Republican, which ignited a national movement.

The museum contains artifacts that relate the story of the meeting, as well as others that tell about the founding of Ripon and what school-life was like for children in the 1850's.

Located at 303 Blackburn St., The Little White Schoolhouse is open May 1-Oct 30; daily MD-LD 10am-4pm; Sat & Sun only May, Sep & Oct. Admission fees are adults (12+) \$1, under 12 free. www.ripon-wi.com, 920/748-6764.

There is a wheelchair ramp into the building making it accessible to the handicapped.



COMMENDERE BARNES

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Neville Public Museum.

The Neville and its parking lot are accessible for the handicapped with ramps, an elevator, and accessible restrooms. Wheelchairs are available. The Neville Theater (auditorium) can also accommodate visitors in wheelchairs.

Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place
Green Bay, WI 54303
www.nevillepublicmuseum.org
920/448-4460

Open Mon, Tues, Fri & Sat 9am-5pm;
Wed & Thur 9am-8pm; Sun noon-5pm.

Admission fees: adult (16+) \$4, child (6-15) \$2, under 5 free. Free admission 9-10am Mon-Sat.

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Wisconsin History, continued...

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

The interactive exhibits of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center tell the stories of the Great Lakes Region. They are the stories of the Native American, the fur trader, the lumberjack, the miner, the sailor and the farmer. Spend a few minutes or a few hours exploring the center's two floors of cultural and natural history exhibits.

The center's dioramas and displays interpret the interaction of human cultures with the land and natural resources of the region. The center's design allows visitors to pick and choose topics according to their interests and time

constraints. Topics include Lake Superior, lighthouses, fishing, Native American culture, farming, tourism, commercial fishing, mining, and more. Peek inside an 18th century fur trader's cabin; hear and feel the rumble of the explosion after pushing down the dynamite plunger at the head frame of a deep-shaft iron mine; or step back and listen to voyageurs singing as they paddle their birch bark canoe across Lake Superior.

Visitors can browse the center's annually changing exhibits that interpretively display the arts and culture of the region. In 2005, an exhibit exploring the history of forestry will be on display in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service. Nearby, visitors can also explore the Whittlesey

Creek National Wildlife Refuge through an interactive exhibit.

The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center building and grounds were designed to provide universal accessibility for every visitor. Wide hallways, automatic doors, outdoor paths, an elevator and spacious restrooms accommodate all handicapped visitors.

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

29270 County Road G
Ashland, WI 54806

www.northerngreatlakescenter.org
715/685-9983

Open daily 9am-5pm, (til 7pm during summer).

Admission fees: free

Oshkosh Public Museum

The Oshkosh Public Museum tells the rich story of the exploration, settlement, and development of Oshkosh and the Lake Winnebago Region of Wisconsin. It is the story of Native Americans, French fur traders, European immigrants, pioneer farmers, shopkeepers, and lumber barons.

Discover the museum's many innovative and exciting exhibits. Visitors can hear the haunting sounds of a Norwegian Hardanger fiddle. They can marvel at the intricate 1926 scale model of the city's Paine Lumber Company, once "The World's Largest Lumber Co." Kids of all ages will love exploring "Grandma's Attic," the extensive "Waterways & Wildlife" exhibit, or stand in awe of the

DALE THOMAS



Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

eight-foot tall Apostles Clock. The museum also displays impressive collections of folk art, glass and ceramics, military memorabilia and Native American culture.

The museum and its extensive archives are housed in the 1908 Edwardian mansion of former lumber baron Edgar P. Sawyer. With interiors by New York's famous Tiffany Studios, the Sawyer home is an architectural masterpiece. The museum complex is further augmented by the modern William Steiger addition.

Find out why the Oshkosh Public Museum was voted the No.1 family museum in the Fox River Valley for three straight years.

The museum is ADA compliant and wheelchair accessible.

Oshkosh Public Museum

1331 Algoma Blvd.
Oshkosh, WI 54901-2799
www.publicmuseum.oshkosh.net
920/424-4731

Open Tue-Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun 1-4:30pm. Closed Mon & holidays.

Admission fees: free to museum; \$2 a person requested for special exhibits.



Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum.

Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum

The Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum documents and preserves the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin. The museum collects and exhibits materials depicting this heritage. It also serves as a resource center for all people interesting in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage.

Museum exhibits currently focus on African American

labor, both in America and Wisconsin; the key historical, social and economic events that have affected and influenced African Americans as a workforce. There are sections on slavery, agriculture, and the industrial revolution that led blacks in America from the farm fields to the factories. The exhibit does much to dispel the myth of black people as lazy underachievers, acknowledging them as proud and industrious workers.

Another museum highlight is a giant 14-panel mural tracing African American history from ancient Egypt to the early settlers of rural Wisconsin and Milwaukee. George Gist artfully executed this larger-than-life panorama.

The museum is not wheelchair accessible.

Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum

2620 W. Center St.
Milwaukee, WI 53206
www.wbhsm.org
414/372-7677

Open Tues-Sat 9am-5pm.

Admission fees: unguided tours are free; guided tours are adults \$5, children \$2.50.

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Oshkosh Public Museum.

Wisconsin Historical Museum

Located on Capitol Square in downtown Madison, the Wisconsin Historical Museum tells the story of the state's rich history from arrival of the earliest Native Americans to the successive waves of European migration. Explore Wisconsin's distinctive heritage and a variety of other American history topics through artifacts, photographs, full-scale dioramas, audio-visual presentations, and interactive multimedia programs.

The museum offers four floors of permanent and changing exhibits. Explore the People of the Woodlands exhibit, which highlights the stories of native people living in Wisconsin before and after the fur trade. You can also enter an Aztalan-style house and investigate the science of archaeology.

Tour two hundred years of Wisconsin history in the museum's third and fourth floor exhibit, On Common Ground. Explore themes unique to Wisconsin History from settlement days to the present. Discover a frontier lead mine, track immigration routes, explore work and play in a lumber camp, and examine Wisconsin's political heritage.

From April 15th, 2005 through June 2006, explore Wisconsin folk culture in a temporary exhibit called Person to Person: Crafting



Wisconsin Historical Museum.

Identity through Wisconsin Folk Objects.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible with automatic doors, accessible restrooms, and elevators.

Wisconsin Historical Museum

30 N. Carroll St.
Madison, WI 53703

www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum
608/264-6555

Open Tues-Sat, 9am-4pm; closed Sun & Mon.

Admission fees: Suggested donation adults \$4, children 18 & under \$3, or \$10 family donation.

Wisconsin Historical Society Headquarters

Founded in 1846 — two years before Wisconsin statehood — the Wisconsin Historical Society moved from temporary quarters in the second state Capitol to its present-day headquarters on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus in 1900.

Today the Society ranks among the pre-eminent state historical agencies in the nation. Its collections have

grown to comprise the largest library in the world dedicated exclusively to North American history. The Society's library and archives hold numerous collections of national importance, ranging from early American frontier history to late 20th-century social action movements, such as civil rights. Highlights include historic diaries including that of Sgt. Charles Floyd, the only member of the Lewis and Clark expedition to die on their journey of discovery; the Wisconsin Genealogy Research Service; tens of thousands of historic Wisconsin images from the 19th and 20th centuries including the magnificent H.H. Bennett collection; rare books, handwritten manuscripts, and antique maps that illustrate 250 years of Wisconsin history.

The Wisconsin Historical Museum on Madison's Capitol Square and a statewide network of 10 historic sites provide one of the

nation's most comprehensive laboratories for the study, appreciation and enjoyment of midwestern frontier history. The Society also leads the way in working to preserve Wisconsin's built and archaeological heritage through a variety of historic preservation programs.

The Wisconsin Historical Society's headquarters building is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Wisconsin Historical Society Headquarters

816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706
www.wisconsinhistory.org
608/264-6400

Open Mon-Thur 8am-9pm, Fri & Sat 8am-5pm, closed Sun. (During UW break periods, closing is 5pm.)

Admission fees: free.

Wisconsin State Capitol

Wisconsin's State Capitol lies on an isthmus bordered by Lakes Monona and Mendota. This majestic granite structure designed by George B. Post & Sons was built between 1906 and 1917 at a cost of \$7.25 million.

Reaching a height of over 265 feet, the Capitol dome is topped by an elegant gilded bronze statue, "Wisconsin." The interior of the Capitol showcases 43 unique varieties of stone from around the world, hand-carved furniture and glass mosaics. The mural "Resources of Wisconsin" decorates the rotunda's interior dome.

Visitors can tour the chambers that house the three branches of government – executive, judicial and legislative. The Governor's Conference Room is styled after the small council chambers of the Doge's palace in Venice. The Supreme Court is decorated with German and Italian marble, mahogany furniture and four murals that illustrate historical events that have influenced current Wisconsin law. Wisconsin's bicameral legislature meets in its second floor chambers. The Senate is decorated with French and Italian marble, walnut furniture, and a mural depicting the opening of the Panama Canal. The Assembly features New York and Italian marble, Wisconsin oak furniture, and a mural symbolizing Wisconsin's past, present and future.

There are three handicapped-parking stalls located at the foot of the stairs on East Washington Avenue. Handicapped accessible entrances are located at East and West Washington Avenues, Wisconsin Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd. Many of the restrooms are also accessible. There are elevators throughout the building making all rooms featured on the tour accessible.

Wisconsin State Capitol Building

2 E. Main St.
Madison, WI 53702
www.wisconsin.gov
608/266-0382

Open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat & Sun 8am-4pm. Tours Mon-Sat at 9, 10 & 11am and 1, 2 & 3pm; Sun at 1, 2 & 3pm. (Additional 4pm tour weekdays in summer.)

Admission fees: free.

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Assembly Chamber, Wisconsin State Capitol.

Early Industry

Camp Five Museum

In the late 1890's, Camp Five began operations as a logging camp in northern Wisconsin. In 1914, a farm was developed at the site by the Connor Lumber & Land Company to raise meat, produce, and draft horses for other area logging camps. All logging camps of the era were numbered in succession as forestry moved from one location to another; hence the "Camp Five" designation.

Camp Five is the only logging company farm in Wisconsin still in existence. Today, the farm is still in operation. Most of the lumber company-era buildings remain, including the foursquare Sears farmhouse. In 1996, Camp Five was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Enjoy a memorable ride on the newly renovated 1916 Lumberjack Special Steam Train. The train runs from an 1880's Soo Line to Camp Five Museum's many attractions. At the logging museum, you can watch a blacksmith pound and shape your very own mini-horseshoe in a roaring furnace. See frying pans three feet across. Learn how draft horses pulled huge sleds piled thirty feet high with logs.

Camp Five's attractions include motorized surrey rides through the forest, friendly farm animals at the corral, and pontoon boat rides on the Rat River. The museum's season also includes captivating special events such as Cowboy Reenactments, Family Forestry Expo, WWI Doughboys, the Lumberjack Cook, and the Fall Festival.

Camp Five Museum's attractions are handicapped accessible.

Lumberjack Special Steam Train & Camp Five Museum Complex

5480 Connor Farm Rd.

Laona, WI 54541

www.camp5museum.org

800/774-3414, 715/674-3414

Open mid-June thru Aug, Mon-Sat, 11am-4pm. Train rides at 11am, noon, 1 & 2pm.

Admission fees: adults \$16, children (4-12) \$6, family \$45.

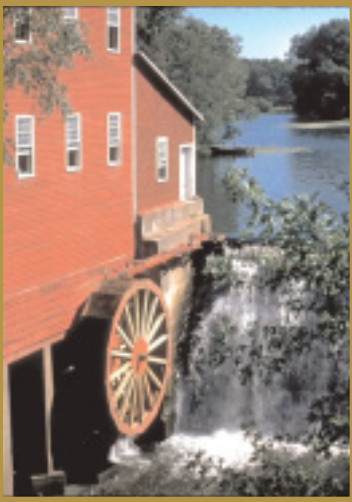
Dells Mill Historical Landmark & Museum

In operation since 1864, the Dells Mill is an impressive five-story structure built of hand-hewn timbers secured by pegs of oak. Powered by the waters of Bridge Creek, the mill ground flour and feed for more than 100 years. In 1968 the mill was converted into a museum, although grinding is still done on special occasions.



Lumberjack Special Steam Train, Camp Five Museum.

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Dells Mill Museum.

Visitors receive a guided tour of the mill that is not only a Wisconsin Registered Landmark, but is also on the National Register of Historic Places. On exhibit, visitors will find a slice of country life from days gone by including plows, scythes, butter churns, a rope-making machine, sleighs, buggies, a covered wagon, and a collection of Civil War memorabilia. But the most intriguing exhibit is the mill itself. In addition to 3,000 feet of belting and 175 pulleys – all powered by water – the mill’s machinery includes its old water wheels, drive shafts, core wheel, barrel stencils and cup elevators.

Only the mill’s main floor, containing the bulk of the museum’s exhibits, is wheelchair accessible. There are no restrooms on the property.

Dells Mill Museum

E18855 Cty. Rd. V
Augusta, WI 54722
715/286-2714

Open May 1-Oct 31, daily 10am-5pm.

Admission fee: adults \$7, students \$3.50, children (3-6) \$1.50.

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Beer & Cheese

For those with only a nodding acquaintance with the state, Wisconsin is beer and cheese. OK – we can work with that.

The United States consumes nearly 190 million barrels of beer each year, of which about 45 million barrels are produced by the Miller Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1997 statistics). That’s 25% of total sales – a whopping \$3.5 billion. And that’s what keeps Milwaukee famous. Free walking tours of the Miller Brewery are offered Mon-Sat from 10:30am-3:30pm, www.millerbrewing.com, 800/944-5483.

Equally famous are several regional brewers including the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company of Chippewa Falls (tours Mon-Sat from 9am-5pm, www.leinie.com, 715/723-5557), the Joseph Huber Brewing Company of Monroe (tours Thur, Fri & Sat at 11am, 1 & 3pm, www.berghoffbeer.com, 608/325-3191), and the Stevens Point Brewery (tours Mon-Sat at 11am & 1:30pm, www.pointbeer.com, 800/369-4911).

Wisconsin’s dairy industry produces 13% of the nation’s milk and 25% of its butter. Our cheesemakers lead the nation, producing 2.275 billion pounds of cheese each year – fully 26% or the national total. In 2004, Wisconsin cheesemakers garnered eleven of the thirty-two gold medals awarded to U.S. producers in the World Cheese Awards.

Thirty-five Wisconsin cheese factories offer tours or viewing opportunities. The Union Star Cheese Factory in Fremont offers tours Mon-Sat from 8-10am, 800/354-3373. Lakeview Farms in Bristol offers tours Mon-Fri at 10:30am and again at 2pm, 800/806-6952. Cedar Grove Cheese in Plain offers tours Mon-Sat from 8:30am-1:30pm, 800/200-6020.

For more Wisconsin beer and cheese information, visit savorwisconsin.com.



MILLER BREWERY TOUR BY DON ABRAMS



The art of cheesemaking.

Early Industry, continued...

Hoard Historical Museum & National Dairy Shrine's Visitors Center

Visit the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson to learn the fascinating history of this area. Meet Abraham Lincoln during the 1832 Black Hawk War, William Hoard – the father of the Wisconsin dairy industry, and internationally known poet Lorine Niedecker.

Visitors will enjoy walking through the historic 1864 Hoard home featuring period rooms and modern exhibits, including a spectacular collection of local Native American artifacts. A research room and small gift shop are also located in the house. On our grounds, just a short walk from the museum, is the 1841 Foster House, the first frame house built in Jefferson County, where visitors will get a feel for pioneer living.

The National Dairy Shrine's Visitors Center features an 18-minute multimedia show that captures the



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The Mining Museum.

sights and sounds of dairy farming – past, present and future.

The Hoard Museum and the National Dairy Shrine's Visitors Center are handicapped accessible with an automatic front entrance, an elevator, and a wheelchair for public use. However, the 1841 Foster House is not handicapped accessible.

Hoard Historical Museum & National Dairy Shrine's Visitors Center

407 Merchants Ave.
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
www.hoardmuseum.org
920/563-7769

Open MD-LD Tues-Sat 9:30am-4:30pm,
Sun 11am-3pm; LD-MD Tues-Sat
9:30am-3:30pm.

Admission fees: free.

Mining Museum and Rollo Jamison Museum

Founded in 1964, The Mining Museum traces the development of lead and zinc mining in the Upper Mississippi Valley through models, dioramas, artifacts and photographs. A guided tour descends ninety steps into the 1845 Bevans Lead Mine. Tours also include a visit to a head-frame where you can see how zinc ore was hoisted from a mine and hand sorted, as well as a train ride around the museum grounds in ore cars pulled by a 1931 5-ton



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Hoard Historical Museum & National Dairy Shrine.

Whitcomb mine locomotive.

The Mining Museum building has additional exhibits with maps, photographs, artifacts and mineral specimens. On the second floor, you will find the Rountree Gallery featuring work by area artists.

On the same grounds, the Rollo Jamison Museum displays a priceless collection of more than 20,000 items, including

everything from arrowheads to carriages, mechanical music boxes to farm implements. The collection has been in the making since Rollo Jamison, born in Beetown, Wisconsin in 1899, found his first arrowhead as a boy on the family farm. His collection grew over the years, illuminating the unique history of Southwest Wisconsin.

The Rollo Jamison Museum, the first floor of The Mining Museum building, and the first floor of the head-frame building are wheelchair accessible. The mine and the mine train are not accessible.

Mining Museum-Rollo Jamison Museum

405 E Main
Platteville, WI 53818-0780
www.platteville.org/business_tourism.html
608/348-3301

May-Oct museum & mine open daily 9am-5pm; Nov-Apr museum open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm.

Admission fees: adult \$7, seniors \$6.30, children 5-15 \$3, under five free.



SHAKE RAG ALLEY BY GARY KNOWLES

Pendarvis

Pendarvis, in historic Mineral Point, is nestled in the “driftless” area of southwestern Wisconsin, an area noted for the scenic beauty of its tree-covered ridges and valleys, limestone outcroppings, and picturesque rustic roads.

With the discovery of lead in 1827, Mineral Point grew to become one of the largest and most important cities in the area.

Cornish miners flocked to the region in the 1830s and ‘40s to work the mines of the newly established Wisconsin Territory. These Cornish settlers used native limestone to build stone-and-log houses that mirrored those they left behind in Cornwall.

Today guided tours lead visitors through several of these historic dwellings. On the restored Merry Christmas Mine Hill, remnants of early “badger hole” mines can still be seen as part of a 43-acre

prairie restoration. A visitors guide to the Mine Hill interpretive walking trails is available free of charge.

The Pendarvis Museum Store offers an extensive selection of old-fashioned toys and candy, hard-to-find books, English tea wares, Cornish jewelry and more. A changing gallery currently features an exhibit titled, “Selections from the Collections: The Quilts at Pendarvis.”

Pendarvis is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The historic house interiors of Pendarvis are not equipped for handicapped access, however handicapped persons are provided with an exterior tour of the grounds and gardens.

Pendarvis

114 Shake Rag Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
www.wisconsinhistory.org/pendarvis
866/944-7483, 608/987-2122

Open 2nd wk of May-Oct 31, 10am-5pm daily (last tour begins at 4pm).

Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors (65+) \$7.20, children (5-12) \$4, family \$22.

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Pendarvis.

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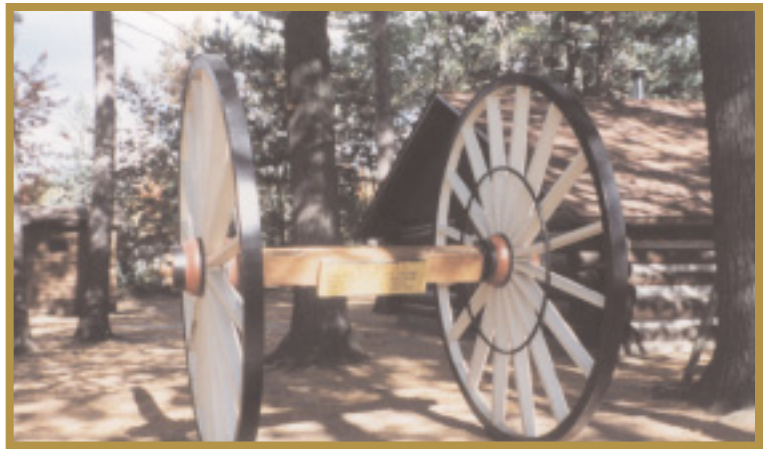
Early Industry, continued...

Rhinelanders Logging Museum

Located in beautiful Pioneer Park, the Rhinelanders Logging Museum is a true recreation of a lumber camp of the 1870's.

With a bunkhouse, cook shanty, and blacksmith shop the museum is the most complete display of its kind in the area. It houses lumberjack tools and equipment including peaveys, pike poles, cant hooks, and cross-cut saws, as well as many photographs covering the life and work of the old time logger. Outside, the museum displays the original Thunder Lake Railway engine No. 5, its coal tender, railroad president Jack Mylrea's private car, and a Soo Line caboose.

The Logging Museum shares Pioneer Park with four other historic buildings. Moved to the park and restored in 1975, the Rural School Museum was once the Newhaus School in the town of Newbold. The C.C.C.



Rhinelanders Logging Museum.

Barracks preserve some of the Northwood's memorabilia of the Civilian Conservation Corp. The fire barn houses an 1887 horse-drawn fire wagon and restored fire trucks. The Railroad Museum was once the town's Soo Line Railroad depot. It has been restored to its 1892 design and paint scheme. The depot's basement houses a model railroad display showing Rhinelanders in years past.

With a gift shop, storytelling teepee, and blacksmith's forge (home to the original "Black Hodag of the North"), the Logging Museum Complex in Pioneer Park is a great family destination.

The Logging Museum Complex is fully accessible with the exception of the Rural School Museum that offers a video tour for the handicapped.

Rhinelanders Logging Museum

Oneida Avenue
Rhinelanders, WI 54501
715/369-5004

Open MD-LD, daily 10am-5pm.

Admission fees: free

Stonefield & the State Agricultural Museum

Stonefield is located along the Mississippi River just north of Cassville. Developed in the 1860s and encompassing 2,000 acres, Stonefield was originally the estate of Nelson Dewey, the first governor of Wisconsin. Today you can discover Wisconsin's agricultural heritage by exploring the four parts of Stonefield state historic site.

In the State Agricultural Museum, browse exhibits of striking McCormick advertising art and rare examples of McCormick farm implements from incredibly detailed miniature models to a full-size

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Stonefield.

1865 McCormick “Old Reliable” reaper and other rare pieces. The museum’s extensive exhibits also include an Allis-Chalmers Model U tractor — the first rubber tire tractor produced. The outdoor museum’s 1900 farmstead is a re-creation based on a plan issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Then, tour the thirty buildings that re-create a Wisconsin rural village of the 1900s. See the shops that a century ago provided the farm family with access to goods, services and social activities. Finally, visit the Nelson Dewey home site that includes historic structures once part of Dewey’s expansive farm and orchard. The buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Stonefield is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The Nelson Dewey Barn, which serves as the visitor center and museum shop, and the State Agricultural Museum are accessible to handicapped persons. The farmhouse, village buildings and the Nelson Dewey home site are not handicapped accessible, although handicapped persons are provided with an exterior tour of the village and farmstead.

Stonefield

12195 County Road VV
Cassville, WI 53806
www.wisconsinhistory.org/stonefield
866/944-7483, 608/725-5210

Open MD-LD 10am-4pm daily, then
10am-4pm Sat & Sun only thru mid-Oct.
Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors (65+)
\$7.20, children (5-12) \$4, family \$22.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WISCONSIN CRANBERRY DISCOVERY CENTER

Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center.

Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center

Located in the heart of the state’s cranberry country, the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center preserves the history of the Badger state’s No. 1 fruit crop – from Indians gathering wild berries to modern harvest techniques.

Housed in a historic cranberry warehouse, the exhibit hall features a 150-year-old dugout canoe on permanent loan from the Wisconsin Historical Society, a log cabin-turned-workshop where cranberry hand rakes were once made, early cranberry harvesting equipment, a 1914 Model T truck, and other specialized tools unique to cranberry production.

During your tour, you’ll learn how cranberries are planted, tended, harvested and marketed. You’ll walk through the development of

the tools and machinery used in cranberry production from the 1870s to the present.

There are also interactive displays designed especially for children, including a cranberry corralling game where youngsters can try their skill at gathering cranberries.

After touring the exhibit hall, visitors can treat themselves to cranberry ice cream at the Center’s refurbished soda fountain. Dating to the 1930s, the marble ice cream counter graced a Tomah drug store until 1973. You’ll also delight in the Center’s cranberry-themed gift shop.

The Center is handicapped accessible with an elevator that services the lower level exhibit hall.

Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center

204 Main St.
Warrens, WI 54666-9501
www.discovercranberries.com
608/378-4878

Open Apr 1-Oct 31, daily 9am-5pm; Nov
1-Dec 31, Tues-Sat 10am-4pm.

Admission fees: adults \$4.50, seniors
(65+) \$4.25, students (K-12) \$3.50.

Transportation Heritage

Door County Maritime Museum

From the beginning of the 20th century, Sturgeon Bay shipyards have produced fishing trawlers, Navy vessels, ore carriers and some of the finest yachts in the world. That shipbuilding legacy is the focus of the city's beautiful 20,000 square foot maritime museum.

Several galleries include scale models of boats and ships built in Sturgeon Bay, an exhibit featuring the county's ten lighthouses with a full-sized replica of the lantern room of the Sherwood Point lighthouse, and Native American dugouts and birch bark canoes from the 1800s. There's also an exhibit of lumber schooners of the late 1800s, a working periscope and the pilothouse from the Great Lakes ore carrier Elba, and an extensive

exhibit on the raising of the George E. Humphrey, one of the largest ships ever salvaged, refitted and sailed. A major exhibit on Door County's early waterway transportation opens in April 2005.

The museum also operates a smaller but equally fascinating facility in Gills Rock at the northern tip of the county, as well as tours of the grounds and keepers house at the Cana Island Lighthouse located just north of Baileys Harbor.

The museum facilities in both Sturgeon Bay and Gills Rock are fully handicapped accessible; the Cana Island Lighthouse is not.

Door County Maritime Museum - Sturgeon Bay

120 N Madison Ave.
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
www.dcmu.org
920/743-5958

Open MD-Oct 31 9am-6pm daily; Nov 1-MD 10am-5pm daily.

Admission fee: adults \$7, children (5-17) \$4, family rate \$18.

EAA AirVenture Museum

The EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh is home to one of the world's largest private aircraft collections. More than 150 rare and historically significant airplanes are on display, covering the dynamic history of personal flight from the Wright brothers to today's innovators reaching the edge of space. The museum's galleries feature vintage airplanes, homebuilt aircraft, air racing, aerobatics and more. The Eagle Hanger is an impressive salute to the men, women and aircraft of the World War II era. The museum's new KidVenture Gallery offers young aviation enthusiasts the opportunity to explore and discover the excitement of flight with dozens of hands-on exhibits.



Door County Maritime Museum.

PHOTO BY LINDA MILLER



EAA AirVenture Museum.

From May through mid-October, the museum's Pioneer Airport welcomes visitors to a faithful re-creation of an airfield from the "barnstormers" era. Vintage aircraft fly from the 2,000-foot grass runway with flights offered to visitors in such fantastic flying machines as a 1929 Travel Air open-cockpit biplane and a 75-year-old Ford Tri-Motor.

The EAA AirVenture Museum also features special events throughout the year for visitors of all ages. The facility is fully accessible for disabled visitors and welcomes groups of all sizes.

EAA AirVenture Museum

3000 Poberezný Rd.
Oshkosh, WI 54902

www.airventuremuseum.org

920/426-4818

Open Mon-Sat 8:30am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm.

Admission fees: MD-LD: adult \$12, seniors 62+ \$10, student 6-17 \$9, children 5 & under free, family rate \$29; LD-MD adult \$8.50, seniors 62+ \$7.50, student 6-17 \$6.50, children 5 & under free, family rate \$21.

East Troy Electric Railroad Museum

The East Troy Electric Railroad Museum (ETER) operates on seven miles of Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company interurban track originally laid in 1907.

The ETER is an operating railroad with two-dozen pieces of rolling stock including locomotives, dining cars, coaches and a variety of streetcars. Regular passenger service is the mainstay of the operation. Streetcars, rapid transit cars, and interurbans make a ten-mile round trip between East Troy and The Elegant Farmer Farm Market near Mukwonago. The actual running time is twenty minutes in each direction, with a twenty-minute layover at either end. In season, trains run at least four times each day.

At the East Troy end, most trips include a two-block run from the depot to the East Troy Shop where the restoration of the cars takes place. This is your opportunity to see the other cars that aren't in use at the time of your visit. There's always a volunteer handy to show you around and answer questions.

Special events include Trolleyfest Weekend in early spring, Model Railroad Weekend, and Fall Fun Days. The ETER also features award-winning dinner train service aboard the railroad's Art Deco dining cars, the Ravenswood and Beverly Shores.

The ETER grounds are fully accessible to people in wheelchairs. The rolling stock, however, is not.



East Troy Electric Railroad Museum.

East Troy Electric Railroad Museum

2002 Church Street
PO Box 943

East Troy, WI 53120

www.easttroyrr.org

262/642-3263

Open Sat & Sun, May 14-Oct 30, 11am-5:30pm with 4 trains/day; and weekdays June 15-Sep 2, 9:30am-4pm with 3 trains/day on Wed, Thur, & Fri.

Admission fees: adults \$9, children (3-11) \$5, free under 3.

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Mid-Continent Railway Museum

The Mid-Continent Railway Museum is an outdoor, living museum and operating railroad recreating the small town/short line way of life. Its primary focus is on the railroad legacy of the Upper Midwest during the Golden Age of Railroading, 1880-1916. The museum collects and preserves rolling stock, structures, and other railroad artifacts of that era.

The museum's most visible focus is its seasonal schedule of operating passenger train rides. In summer, four trains leave the historic 1894 depot daily on a seven-mile, fifty-minute round trip on a former branch line of the Chicago & North Western Railway through the scenic Baraboo Hills. There are also weekend rides in the early and late seasons, as well as dinner train, fall color, Santa Express and Snow Train rides in season. Train fare includes



Mid-Continent Railway Museum.

admission to the museum's Coach Shed where patrons can view the interiors of a Great Northern wooden caboose, an 1888 DSS&A wooden coach, a combination car, and a 120-year-old Wisconsin Central business car – all from elevated walkways. While the rides are currently diesel powered, the museum will return to steam power just as soon as extensive repairs are completed on their three steam locomotives.

The train is accessible through the use of a mobile wheelchair lift. The depot is the one historic building that has a ramp to the entry door.

The restrooms across from the depot are handicapped accessible.

Mid-Continent Railway Museum

E8948 Diamond Hill Rd.
North Freedom, WI 53951

www.midcontinent.org
800/930-1385, 608/522-4261

Open May 7-Oct 2, 9:30am-5pm.

*Weekends only May 7-15 & Sep 10-Oct 2;
daily mid-May-LD. Train rides at
10:30am, 12:30, 2 & 3:30pm.*

*Admission fees: adults \$12, seniors (62+)
\$11, children (3-12) \$7, under 3 free.*

National Railroad Museum

Established by an Act of Congress in 1958, the National Railroad Museum is home to thousands of artifacts and more than 70 pieces of rolling stock including diesel, steam, and electric locomotives, and passenger and freight cars. Among these are some of the most influential and unique pieces in railroading history, including a number of items that pertain to the state of Wisconsin.

When visiting the Museum, a must-see is the largest steam locomotive ever operated, Union Pacific No.



National Railroad Museum.

4017 Big Boy. Other favorite attractions include the British Railway No. 60008 Dwight D. Eisenhower, a steam locomotive belonging to a class that holds the world speed record for steam locomotives; two of General Eisenhower's World War II Command Coaches; General Motors' 1955 experimental Aerotrains; the streamlined Pennsylvania Railroad No. 4890, a GG-1 electric locomotive; and the Frederick Bauer Drumhead Collection, the largest, single collection of railroad drumheads known to exist in the United States.

In addition to 30,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, visitors can enjoy a train ride aboard vintage rolling stock with historical narrative provided by the conductor. (Train ride offered May-Sep.) Admission fare includes the train ride, all exhibits, model railroad layout, theater presentation, and the 85-foot observation tower. Throughout the year, the Museum also hosts a variety of special events for all ages.

Most facilities are accessible, except where rolling stock cannot be altered due to their historic nature. The Museum's train ride is accessible, and a wheelchair lift is available.

National Railroad Museum

2285 S Broadway Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54304-4832
www.nationalrrmuseum.org
920/437-7623

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm.

Admission fees: May-Oct adults \$9, seniors (62+) \$8, children (4-12) \$6.50, under 4 free. Jan-Apr & Oct-Dec adults \$8, seniors (62+) \$6, children (4-12) \$5, under 4 free.

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The Yellowstone Trail

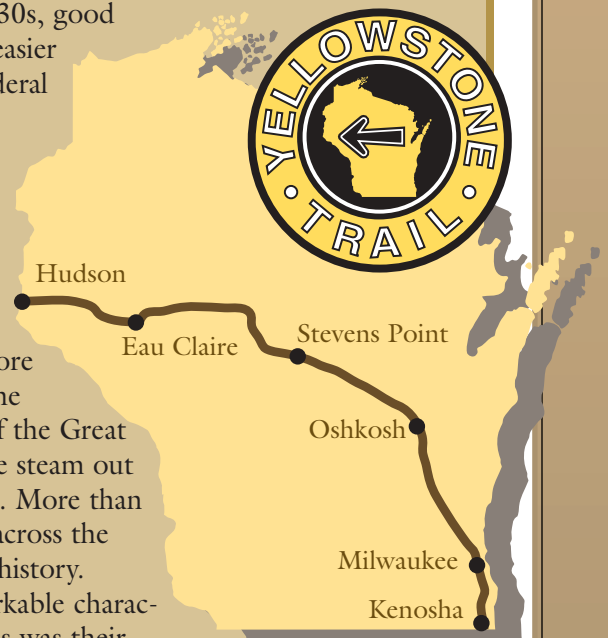
In 1912 a group of South Dakota businessmen, led by J.W. Parmley, organized to identify a series of good, all-weather roads through their state. They thought it would benefit automobile travel, then in its infancy, as well as their businesses. In the ensuing year, the group's recommended route stretched from Minneapolis to Yellowstone National Park. By 1917 the Yellowstone Trail was identified as the nation's first transcontinental highway – "a good road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound."

Active until 1930, the Yellowstone Trail Association was not a unit of government. Rather it was a national coalition of volunteers; businessmen and auto enthusiasts with a "can do" attitude. They lobbied locally for better roads, marked the route with the Association's official yellow circle and arrow, and served as a network of travel ambassadors.

Stretching across the northern tier of the United States, the Yellowstone Trail traversed Wisconsin from Kenosha to Hudson. The trail passed through Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Eau Claire, as well as many smaller communities.

By the early 1930s, good roads had become easier to find. In 1926 federal interstate highways were identified and uniformly numbered throughout the country. State highway maps had become common and automobiles more reliable. Through the '30s, the advance of the Great Depression took the steam out of most travel plans. More than 250 named routes across the country faded into history.

The truly remarkable characteristic of these trails was their grassroots nature. Today, that same grassroots appeal has brought the Yellowstone Trail Association back to life. Recently reformed and revitalized, the Yellowstone Trail is again promoting travel and tourism across America. To learn more about its Wisconsin connection, call the Stevens Point Area CVB at 800/236-4636.



Transportation History, continued...

Pier Wisconsin Center - S/V Denis Sullivan

Scheduled to open in spring 2005, the Pier Wisconsin Center promises to be Milwaukee's next "Great Lake effect."

The new Pier Wisconsin Center, built along the city's Lake Michigan shoreline at Municipal Pier, will bond six elements in a stellar new attraction. The Center will be the new home of a pair of existing attractions – Discovery World and Wisconsin's official flagship, the S/V Denis Sullivan. Additionally, the Center will house the all-new Great Lakes Aquarium, the Milwaukee Rotary Amphitheater, the Pilot House, and the Jeffry A. Posner Park Promenade.

A hit with kids since 1984, the new Discovery World Museum will house more than 150 interactive science and technology exhibits. The exciting new Great Lakes



Port Washington 1860 Light Station.

Aquarium will include both freshwater and saltwater aquariums, an HD digital theater and interactive exhibits. The Pilot House will offer a dramatic 360-degree rooftop view of Lake Michigan. The Center will also provide a permanent berth for the S/V Denis Sullivan, a 137-foot, three-masted, 19th century Great Lakes schooner built in 2000.

The Pier Wisconsin Center will be completely wheelchair accessible.

Pier Wisconsin Center - S/V Denis Sullivan

500 N. Harbor Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
www.pierwisconsin.org
414/276-7700

*Dates, rates & hours not available at
press time; call or visit Web site.*

Port Washington 1860 Light Station

Port Washington's historic 1860 Light Station is the second of four lighthouses that have guided Lake Michigan sailors to the city.

The Light Station is a fine example of a Great Lakes coastal lighthouse. It was an active navigation aid from 1860 to 1903. The restored keeper's dwelling, with its distinctive red shingled roof and cream city brick façade stands 85 feet above the Lake Michigan shoreline and offers a spectacular view of the city and lake front. The main structure, typical of its era, is a combination keeper's dwelling and lighthouse. It replaced the city's first lighthouse, built in 1849.

The effort to restore this maritime treasure is a won-

PORT WASHINGTON 1860 LIGHT STATION

DON ABRAMS



Sailing on the S/V Denis Sullivan.

derful story of historic preservation and civic pride. In 1935, Port's present lighthouse was built at the end of a new federal pier. The 1860 Light Station was gutted, tower and lantern destroyed, and the structure remodeled into a duplex for USLHS and USCG personnel. Late in 2000, after many years of neglect, the Port Washington Historical Society began restoring the lighthouse. The interior and exterior were extensively rebuilt to 1860 specifications. The keeper's dwelling on the first floor was authentically refurbished and furnished, and a new tower and lantern room constructed in Europe by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg breathed new life into the historic building.

Today the Light Station provides a glimpse into the life of a lightkeeper and his family nearly a century ago. An outbuilding houses a small local history museum and artifacts from the city's maritime past. The grounds are open year round.

The main floor of the Light Station is wheelchair accessible.

Port Washington 1860 Light Station

311 Johnson Street (follow the "Historic 1860 Light Station" signs)
PO Box 491
Port Washington, WI 53074
www.portlightstation.org
262/284-7240

Open Apr-Oct, Sat 11am-4pm & Sun noon-4pm.

Admission fee: adults \$3, children (7-18 accompanied by an adult) \$1.

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Wisconsin Lighthouses

There's something about them; sole sentinels along solitary shores. They are at once lonesome, yet romantic; stalwart, yet graceful; often built upon the most forlorn landscapes, yet wildly beautiful in their isolation.

They are lighthouses and they draw admirers like moths to a flame.

Wisconsin is blessed with 32 lighthouses that grace 860 miles of shoreline on the Great Lakes, as well as three lighthouses on the shores of the state's largest inland lake – Lake Winnebago. The oldest is the Baileys Harbor light built in 1851. The tallest is the Wind Point Lighthouse at Racine; a white spire soaring 112 feet.

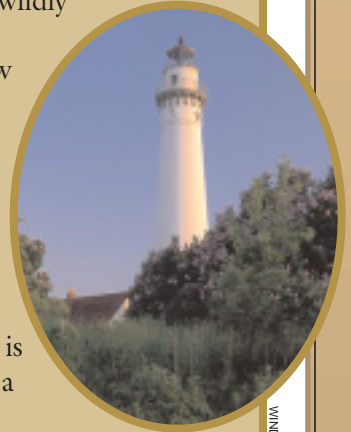
While all of Wisconsin's lighthouses are special, there are two "best places" to see and appreciate these magnificent landmarks.

The Door County peninsula, jutting defiantly into Lake Michigan just north of Green Bay, boasts eleven lighthouses and range lights. Several offer regular tours.

The Cana Island Lighthouse, an 89-foot operating light, offers tours of the keepers house May-Oct daily, 10am-5pm.

The Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, located in Peninsula State Park, offers guided tours daily June-Oct, 10am-4:30pm. The Potawatomi Lighthouse, a 41-foot light on the north end of Rock Island, offers tours June-Sept Tues-Sat from 11am-3pm.

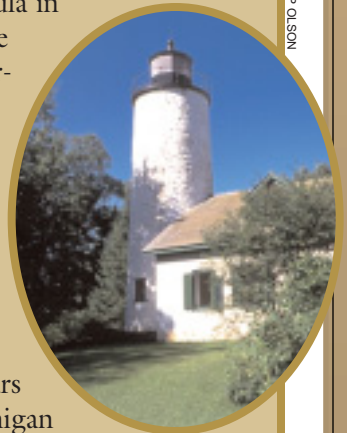
Scattered off the Bayfield Peninsula in Lake Superior, the Apostle Islands are home to six of the state's most picturesque lighthouses. National Park rangers offer daily tours of the Raspberry Island Lighthouse June-Sept from 9am-4pm. The Apostle Islands Cruise Service (800/323-7619, www.apostleisland.com), boards daily lighthouse cruises to Raspberry Island and several others. Park rangers and volunteers offer tours of lighthouses on Devils Island, Michigan Island, Outer Island and Sand Island as well (daily June-Sept, 9am-4pm, weather permitting).



WIND POINT LIGHTHOUSE BY RJ & LINDA MILLER



EAGLE BLUFF LIGHTHOUSE BY GARY KNOWLES



MICHIGAN ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE BY PHILIP OLSON

Wade House

Wade House is a Greek Revival-style stagecoach inn constructed in 1850 by Sylvanus Wade. The hotel served travelers along the busy plank road that once connected Sheboygan and Fond du Lac.

Stocked with many of its original furnishings, Wade House showcases the lifestyles and early transportation modes of 19th-century Wisconsin. The inn became both a social center of the little frontier settlement of Greenbush and a lodging place for land speculators, workmen, immigrants, travelers, and settlers.

The historic site also includes a smoke house, the Robinson House (the home of the Wade's daughter Julia and her husband Charles Robinson), a blacksmith shop, and the Wesley Jung Carriage Museum containing more than 120 horse-drawn vehicles - one of the largest such collections in the United States.

Opened in 2001, the site's newest attraction, the Herrling Sawmill, stands today where the site's original mill stood from 1854 until 1910. A costumed sawyer operates an original 1855 muley-saw mechanism utilizing waterpower to saw logs into board lumber. He also interprets the lives and livelihood of a German immigrant sawyer and his family.

Wade House is owned and operated by the

Wisconsin Historical Society.

The site has reasonable accommodations for handicapped access. The Visitor Center and its restrooms are accessible. People in wheelchairs can see a videotape of the orientation program in the gift shop. The Wade House has three steps to navigate to get to the first floor of the historic inn. The second and third floors are not accessible by wheelchairs. The site does provide a book with photos of these upper floors that guides explain to the handicapped. The horse-drawn wagon ride, the blacksmith shop, the Herrling sawmill and the Wesley Jung Carriage Museum are all accessible.

Wade House

W7824 Center Road
Greenbush, WI 53026
www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse
866/944-7483, 920/526-3271

Open mid-May thru mid-Oct, 10am-5pm daily. Last tour begins at 4pm.

Admission fees: adults \$10, seniors (65+) \$9, children (5-12) \$5, family \$27.

Wisconsin Automotive Museum

The Wisconsin Automotive Museum displays the largest assembled group of Kissel luxury automobiles in the world.

The Kissel, a custom built automobile, was manufactured in Hartford, Wisconsin from 1906-1931. Of the 25,000 produced, only 200 are known to exist today. The most famous Kissel model was the Speedster two-seater, affectionately called the "Gold Bug." It can be seen at the museum, along with Kissel coupes, touring cars, fire engines and trucks.

Another featured car at the museum is the Nash, first manufactured in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1916. Other vintage autos in the museum's striking art deco interior display themed "99 Rare Treats" include the Hudson Essex, Pierce-Arrows, Studebakers,



Herrling Sawmill at Wade House.

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Wisconsin Automotive Museum.

Chevrolets and Fords. Many models displayed are on rotating loan producing an ever-changing exhibit.

The museum also displays automotive memorabilia including spark plugs, license plates and signs, as well as a collection of outboard engines built in Hartford from 1936-1992. The latest additions to the collection are a 250-ton operational steam locomotive and a replica of a 1949 Lionel model train layout.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible. It has a gift shop and a nice picnic area in a park adjoining the museum.

Wisconsin Automotive Museum

147 N. Rural Street
Hartford, WI 53027
www.wisconsinautomuseum.com
262/673-7999

Open May-Sep, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm; Oct-Apr, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm.

Admission fees: adults \$7, seniors \$6, children (8-13) \$3, under 8 free.

Wisconsin Maritime Museum

Founded in 1970 as the Manitowoc Submarine Memorial Association, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum has grown into one of the largest maritime museums in the Midwest, a leader in preserving the maritime history of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region.

In the museum's permanent gallery, you can see a full-size cross section of the famous schooner "Clipper City." Then, explore the streets of old Manitowoc where shipbuilders, sailors and merchants plied their trades more than 150 years ago.

Other major exhibits include the museum's Model Ship Gallery, the 65-ton 1911 steam engine that once powered the Chief Wawatam car-ferry, the Wisconsin-Built Boat Gallery, and the Children's Waterway Room where kids can steer miniature ships across a model of the Great Lakes.

During WWII, shipyards in Manitowoc and through-

out northeastern Wisconsin contributed to the national defense by building many navy vessels – including submarines. One such submarine, the USS COBIA, is parked right next to the museum in the Manitowoc River. Hi-tech exhibits and a multimedia theater detail the COBIA's six wartime patrols and the important role US submarines played in WWII. Then, climb aboard for a 45-minute tour of the COBIA from forward torpedo room to aft engine room.

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is very much handicapped accessible including elevators and bathrooms on each level. Wheelchairs are available. However, the COBIA is not accessible. For those unable to tour the submarine, the museum has replicated the COBIA's conning tower and prepared a video tour.

Wisconsin Maritime Museum

75 Maritime Dr.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
www.wisconsinmaritime.org
866/724-2356, 920/684-0218

Open MD-LD 9am-6pm daily; LD-MD 9am-5pm daily.

Admission fees: adults \$12, children (6-15) \$10, under 5 free.



USS Cobia berthed alongside the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Military Heritage

Fort Winnebago Surgeons' Quarters Museum

The Fort Winnebago Surgeons' Quarters is the only remaining building of historic Fort Winnebago, the middle link in a chain of three forts established along the Fox-Wisconsin waterway. Located at "the portage," the fort guarded the crucial land bridge that connected the waters of the Great Lakes with the Mississippi River. Fort Winnebago was garrisoned by U.S. soldiers from 1828-1845.

The French Colonial log home known today as the Surgeons' Quarters was built between 1819 and 1824 by Francois LeRoi, a fur trader operating a portaging business between the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. Purchased by the army upon their arrival in 1828, the building was converted into living quarters for the fort surgeon.

Still standing on its original foundation, the Surgeons' Quarters provides a fascinating study of early Wisconsin architecture. The interior has been fully refurbished as a home of army occupation days with authentic period pieces, medical equipment of

the day and fascinating fort artifacts that include the original hospital operating table.

The Surgeons' Quarters site also features a fully furnished one-room schoolhouse used continuously from 1850-1960.

Due to the structure and location of the house museum, the Fort Winnebago Surgeons' Quarters is not wheelchair accessible.

Surgeon's Quarters of Fort Winnebago

W8687 State Road 33 – East Portage, WI 53901
www.wsdar.com/surgeons
608/742-2949

Open mid-May thru mid-Oct; Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-4pm.

Admission fee: adults \$4, seniors \$3.50, children (4-12) \$2, family \$10.



Surgeon's Quarters of Fort Winnebago.

RJ & LINDA MILLER



Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center.

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Opened in 2002, the Bong Heritage Center is named for America's WWII Ace of Aces and Medal of Honor recipient, Major Richard Bong. Bong was born in Superior and grew up on the family farm in nearby Poplar, Wisconsin. The Heritage Center honors the memory of Major Bong, as well as all the men and women of World War II who contributed to winning the peace.

The Center has a growing collection of more than 5,000 items of WWII memorabilia from the Homefront and the front lines. Donated by WWII veterans themselves or their families and friends, the artifacts include archival documents, photographs and prints, books and pamphlets, and objects such as uniforms, accessories, flags, medals and awards, and weapons.

Special artifacts include a fully restored P-38 Lightning,

similar to the one Major Bong flew and bearing his markings. Visitors can also see a Norden bombsight, women's military uniforms and accessories, a nice collection of Trench Art, two pilot's footlockers filled with personal accessories, several collections of German and Japanese military effects, and a remnant tailpiece from a German Dornier bomber.

The Center is fully accessible to wheelchair visitors with a wide, ramped drop-off point at the entrance to the building, button operated front doors, large elevator, and accessible restrooms. Four wheelchairs are also available.

Richard I. Bong World War II Heritage Center

305 Harborview Parkway
Superior, WI 54880

www.bongheritagecenter.org

888/816-9944, 715/392-7151

Open MD-Oct 31, 9am-5pm daily; Nov-MD, Tues-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm, closed Mon.

Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors \$7, youth \$6, five and under free. Family and group rates available

Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Located on Capitol Square in downtown Madison, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum (WVM) recognizes the contributions of state veterans in American military history through life-like displays and a variety of public educational programs.

Over the last ten years, WVM has received national and state awards for exhibit excellence. A series of dramatic dioramas feature tanks, aircraft, and a helicopter, all in re-created environments. Historical events are illuminated by thousands of artifacts associated with Wisconsin's military history.



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Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Theatrical lighting and specialized sound effects contribute to a sense of realism. Seventeen video presentations can be selected at various displays. Hands-on interactive exhibits include a functioning submarine periscope and a computerized roster contain-

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Transportation History, continued...

ing the names of every Wisconsin veteran who served in the Civil War. Enjoy a self-guided audio tour narrated by Academy Award-winning actor Gregory Peck, and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Stephen Ambrose.



WISCONSIN VETERANS MUSEUM

Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

WVM also allows interested visitors to do research in its specialized collection of books, historical photographs, and manuscripts. Located on the third floor, the Research Center is staffed by helpful and knowledgeable people.

Admission is free and the Museum is completely wheelchair accessible.

Wisconsin Veterans Museum

30 West Mifflin Street
Madison, WI 53703
www.museum.dva.state.wi.us
608/267-1799

Open Mon-Sat 9am-4:30pm; plus Sun
Apr-Sep noon-4pm.
Admission fees: free.

Territorial Forts of Wisconsin

After the War of 1812, American traders operating in the Mississippi Valley petitioned the U.S. Government to help regulate commerce between the eastern seaboard and the western frontier. A series of military outposts was established stretching from Canada to the Gulf Coast.

Three forts were constructed in Wisconsin. They were located at crucial points along the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers – a pair of waterways that link the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River. Fort Howard (1816-1853) was built at Green Bay. The fort commanded both the mouth of the Fox River and the eastern gateway to the Great Lakes. Fort Winnebago (1828-1853) was built at the natural portage between the two rivers. The fort served as the linchpin of the fur trade, and later protected the barge traffic passing through the Portage Canal. At Prairie du Chien, Fort Crawford (1816-1856) commanded the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.

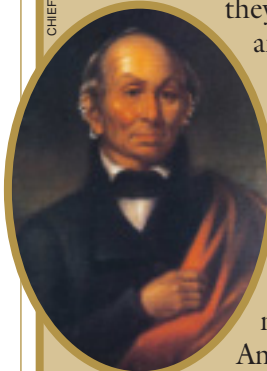
Soldiers and officials stationed along the route administered and protected commerce, negotiated treaties with Native American populations, and constructed Wisconsin's military roads.

The forts and roads attracted a wave of new settlers, comforted by the protection and ease of travel they provided. Conflict between new arrivals and Wisconsin's Native American residents increased, leading to a series of uprisings that culminated in the Black Hawk War of 1832.

After Black Hawk's people were decimated on the banks of the Mississippi, Wisconsin's remaining tribes were pressured into a series of new treaties and land cessions. As Native American populations were confined to reservations or forced beyond Wisconsin's borders, the need for the fort's diplomatic and military functions was sharply reduced. With statehood, governmental and administrative functions passed to civil authorities. In the 1850's the forts were discarded by the United States and sold into private hands.



FORT CRAWFORD IN 1860. WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CHIEF BLACKHAWK, WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Famous People & Historic Homes

Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion

In 1892, the Flemish Renaissance Revival mansion of Captain Frederick Pabst, world famous beer baron, accomplished sea captain, real estate developer, philanthropist and patron of the arts, was completed.

From the day the house was inhabited, it was considered the jewel of Milwaukee's famous avenue of mansions called Grand Avenue. The epitome of America's Gilded Age splendor in Milwaukee, the Pabst Mansion is a testament to Pabst's success, his love of life and his German heritage. Boasting stunning interiors, elegant original furnishings, elaborate wall coverings, the finest wood crafts-

manship, intricate ironwork, brilliant stained glass, and rare art, the Mansion helped make the 1890's the "Pabst Decade" in Milwaukee.

Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion, Inc. is dedicated to the restoration of the Pabst Mansion and the preservation of the Pabst family legacy. The Mansion offers changing exhibits incorporating Pabst topics, Milwaukee history, and Victoriana. Every year more than 10,000 guests view the Mansion's nationally recognized Christmas display alone. Additionally, the Pabst Archives hold more than 4,000 photographs dating back to 1855 covering the Pabst legacy, Milwaukee, and architecture-related topics. The Pabst Archives is available for public and scholarly pursuits by appointment.

The Pabst Mansion is fully wheelchair accessible.

Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion

2000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53233
www.pabstmansion.com
Phone: 414/931-0808

Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-4pm. (Closed Mon mid-Jan thru Feb.)

Admission fees: adults \$8, seniors \$7, children (6-17) \$4, under 6 free. (Special holiday fees apply mid-Nov thru mid-Jan.)

Circus World Museum

Circus World Museum houses the largest circus history collection in the world. Baraboo was the birthplace and home of the Ringling Brothers as well as the winter headquarters of their world-famous circus from 1874-1919. Owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society and operated by the Circus World Museum

Foundation, tens of thousands of visitors tour the 65-acre Circus World complex each year - an educational and fun family experience.

The Irvin Feld Exhibit Hall and Visitors Center serves as the Museum's year-

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TOURISM PHOTO FILE



Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion.



CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM BY ANDY KRAUSHAAR

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round entrance. It offers state-of-the-art exhibits of rare circus posters, lavish costumes, colorful wagons and spectacular floats. In the Feld Theater, you can catch "The World's Greatest Showmen" shown several times each day.

Circus World Museum is home to more than 270 priceless circus parade wagons. The collection is by far the largest and most extensive of its kind anywhere in the world. You can also explore several buildings filled with model circuses, costumes, props, and a collection of more than 10,000 circus posters – all tell America's rich circus story.

Each summer, Circus World brings the circus to life through its spectacular performance programs. Daily shows under the Big Top feature professional circus performers and visiting international circus stars. In our special KidsWorld Circus, children from the audience play every role in the show. You can also try your hand at a variety of circus skills, enjoy a close encounter with tigers and elephants while they rehearse, stroll the midway, take an animal ride, or meet the cast.

Most areas of the complex are wheelchair accessible.

Circus World Museum

550 Water St.
Baraboo, WI 53913
www.circusworldmuseum.com
866/693-1500, 608/356-0800
Open May 22-LD daily 9am-6pm; LD-May 21, Mon-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 11am-4pm.
Admission fees: \$2.95 - \$14.95



Fairlawn Mansion.

Fairlawn Mansion

Located on the shore overlooking Lake Superior, Fairlawn Mansion stands as a landmark of Superior's boomtown days, as well as a poignant remembrance of the mansion's 42 years as a children's home.

Fairlawn tells the stories of Martin Pattison, lumber and mining baron and three-time Mayor of Superior. It tells the stories of his wife Grace, who upon her husband's death donated their palatial home to The Superior Children's Home and Refuge. It tells the stories of those children who then called Fairlawn home.

Now an award-winning house museum, the first floor has been restored to its original splendor featuring extensive decorative painting and original woodwork. The second floor features the Pattison's bedrooms and servant quarters, and served as

the girl's dormitory for the Children's Home. A recently installed exhibit details the 1.6 million dollar restoration of the mansion's exterior and first floor, completed in 1999. The third floor is dedicated to the Children's Home, featuring photos and reminiscences from many of the 2000 children who lived in Fairlawn between 1920 and 1962.

Two large, Victorian era gardens have recently been installed at Fairlawn and are open to public viewing.

An outdoor ramp provides wheelchair entrance into Fairlawn and the entire first floor. The second and third floors are not accessible, however.

Fairlawn Mansion

906 E. 2nd St.
Superior, WI 54880
www.superiorpublicmuseums.org
715/394-5712
Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm.; last tour daily at 4:30pm. (Jan-May call for winter hours.)
Admission fee: adult \$7, seniors (65+) \$5.50, student 6-18 \$5.50, children under 6 free.

Galloway House & Village

Wisconsin's European history comes alive in the thirty buildings that comprise the Galloway House & Village.

At the center of the complex, the 30-room mid-Victorian Galloway House is a showplace of gracious living from the late 1800s. The hand-carved woodwork, etched glass, and hand-stenciled ceilings all echo the lifestyle of a bygone era. The mid-Victorian mansion boasts four fireplaces, Italianate detail, and many pieces of the Galloway's original furniture.

Thirty historic buildings including a church, gristmill, town hall, print shop, and one-room school surround the mansion. Each building is filled with representative artifacts of the era.

Also on the grounds, visitors can tour the Blakely Museum that displays one of the largest collections of Native American artifacts in

the nation. Military collections range from the Civil War's General Bragg, to World War I trench art, to recent history.

Nearby, the CCC Barracks Museum, with the first CCC statue erected in the state of Wisconsin, showcases the depression era's New Deal program.

The Adams House Resource Center is also on site for genealogy and historic research, but is separate from the tour.

Wheelchair accessible buildings include the Blakely Museum, church, doctor's office, lawyer's office, toyshop, print shop, and the first floor of the carriage house. The CCC Barracks Museum is a farther distance from the rest of the village, but has a newly paved path for wheelchair accessibility.

Galloway House & Village

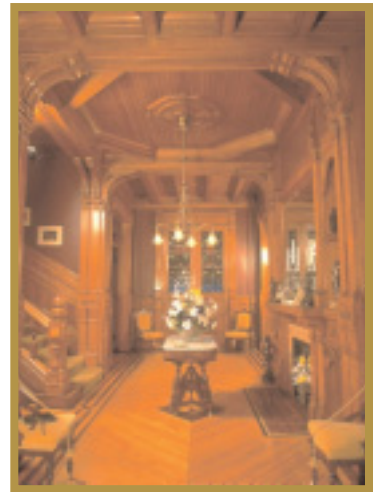
336 Old Pioneer Rd.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
www.fdl.com/history
920/922-1166

Open MD-LD daily 10am-4pm, plus Sat & Sun in Sept.

Admission fees: adults \$8, children (5-12) \$4, under 5 free, family \$20.



Galloway House.



Hearthstone.

Hearthstone

Hearthstone Historic House was built between 1881-82 on a bluff overlooking the Fox River. On completion, it became the first residence in the world to be lighted by a centrally located hydro-electric station using the new Edison system.

Designed by Wisconsin architect William Waters, Hearthstone is an eclectic Queen Anne style building. Guided tours spotlight the rare, original Edison light switches and period "electroliners" which are still in use. Intricate interior woodwork carved from native Wisconsin woods, nine charming fireplaces – some surrounded by imported English Mintons tiles - and exquisite stained glass windows add to the elegance of this splendid late 19th century home.

Decorated mainly with Eastlake style furniture and Victorian decorative arts, Hearthstone has received numerous awards for its

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ongoing restoration efforts. It is designated as a Wisconsin Registered Landmark and included on the National Register of Historic Sites. A gift shop and hands-on exhibit area are located in the finished basement.

Hearthstone is handicapped accessible on the first floor and basement levels. There is a small booklet with images and descriptions of the second floor for those who cannot climb the stairs. If mobility is an issue, please call ahead to inform the staff.

Hearthstone Historic House Museum

625 W Prospect Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911
www.hearthstonemuseum.org
920/730-8204

Open Tues-Fri 10am-3:30pm, Sun 1-3:30pm; tours begin on the hour and half-hour. (Closed mid-Jan thru mid-Feb. Groups of 10 or more must reserve in advance.)

Admission fees: adults \$5, children (7-17) \$2.50, children under 7 free.

H.H. Bennett Studio & History Center

Henry Hamilton Bennett, landscape photographer, inventor and promoter, is “the man who made Wisconsin Dells famous.” Considered one of the 19th century’s 10 best landscape photographers, Bennett created stereographic views of the craggy dells of the Wisconsin River that brought visitors from all

over the Midwest to view the splendid rock formations – and to stay for a vacation.

Bennett was also a tireless promoter and entrepreneur who advanced the world of photography with new inventions such as his rubber band-powered stop-action shutter that he called the “snap-per.”



Tour his restored 1875 photography studio (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and discover 6,000 square feet of interactive exhibits. Explore

Bennett’s three-dimensional world through a 21st-century interpretation of stereographic photography. View his eye-popping vistas on high-end computer monitors synchronized with specially outfitted liquid crystal spectacles. Take home a handmade Bennett print from the museum shop. The history center is fun and informative for the entire family.

Owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the H. H. Bennett Studio & History Center is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

H. H. Bennett Studio and History Center

215 Broadway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
www.wisconsinhistory.org/hhbennett
866/944-7483, 608/253-3523

Open 10am-5pm daily May 1-Oct 31; Sat & Sun only, 10am-4pm Feb-Apr and Nov & Dec, closed Jan.

Admission fees: adults (12+) \$5, seniors (65+) \$4.50, children (5-12) \$1, family \$12.

Lincoln-Tallman House

The Rock County Historical Society owns and operates the Lincoln-Tallman House, the most impressive of its five historic structures.

Constructed between 1855-57, the five-story, 26-room home is a superb example of Italian Villa-style construction. While on a speaking tour in 1859, Abraham Lincoln spent two nights in the Tallman home. Nearly three-quarters of the home’s furnishings are original,



Lincoln-Tallman House.

H.H. BENNETT STUDIO & HISTORY CENTER, WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GARY KNOWLES

included the bed in which Lincoln slept.

The RCHS also operates the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center located just down the street from the Lincoln-Tallman House. While mini-displays appear in both locations, the Center primarily exhibits the Society's other collections including Civil War artifacts, Victorian-era textiles, paintings by local artists, and artifacts from Janesville businesses – a collection of more than 40,000 pieces. Highlights include a large collection of Pauline Pottery, once thrown in nearby Edgerton, Wisconsin using local clay. There's also a collection of Parker Pen Company pens and memorabilia. Fountain pen manufacturing was once one of city's most lucrative enterprises; as its peak, Parker operated a 200,000 square foot factory here employing 2,000.

The Lincoln-Tallman House is equipped with an outdoor wheelchair lift that provides access to only the first floor. Because of the partial access, tours for the disabled are discounted. In addition, the entire tour is orally delivered by a tour guide and visitors have an opportunity to view a 20-minute documentary about the Tallman family and early Janesville.

Lincoln-Tallman House

440 N. Jackson St.
Janesville, WI 53548
www.rchs.us
800/577-1859, 608/756-4509

Guided tours daily 9am-3pm June-Sep & Nov 20-Dec 31; or year-round by appointment.

Admission fee: adults \$8, seniors \$7.50, children (7-18) \$4, under 6 free.

Octagon House Hudson

The Octagon House is a fine example of the novel eight-sided dwelling popular in America in the mid-1800s. Restored and furnished in the Victorian era, the complex includes a pair of historic outbuildings.

The house was built for judge John Shaw Moffat and his family, New Yorkers who arrived in Hudson in 1854. Four generations of the musically inclined Moffat-Hughes family lived in the home over the next 102 years.

On the first floor, the music room displays a rare 1839 Nunns Fischer piano manufactured in New York and transported to Wisconsin by riverboat. The dining room showcases a lovely mirrored buffet while the Victorian settees in the parlor provide insight into the customs of the era. Mid-19th century domestic life is easy

to envision in the kitchen with its wood-burning cast iron stove, hand pump and pierced copper pie safe.

On the second floor, visitors can tour the family bedrooms and the screened porch that overlooks the home's expansive gardens. In the rose garden, hydrangeas, lilies, tulips, daffodils, and lilacs frame a gazebo beneath a canopy of maple trees. The garden house displays 19th century farm life and a general store tableau. Nearby, the Carriage House includes a blacksmith shop, small gift shop and research center.

Because of their historic nature, the house and outbuildings are not wheelchair accessible.

Octagon House

1004 Third St
Hudson, WI 54016
715/386-2654

presenter.com/~octagon

Open May 1-Oct 31; Tues-Sat 11am-4pm (last tour 3:30pm) & Sun 2-4:30pm (last tour 4pm).

Admission fees: adults \$5, students \$2, children 5-12 \$1.

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Octagon House-Hudson.

DON DANENPORT

Octagon House/ First Kindergarten

The Octagon House, five floors of solid brick construction completed in 1854, was designed and built by John Richards, a pioneer Watertown settler and the city's first attorney.

The House was one of the largest single-family, pre-Civil War residences in Wisconsin. Its construction included central heating, running water and ventilating systems. In addition to those "modern conveniences," the house features a central spiral staircase that rises from the first floor to the tower room.

Occupied only by Richards' family members, the house was given to the Watertown Historical Society and has been open to the public since 1938. Many of the Richards family original furnishings still grace the house.

The First Kindergarten in the United States was begun in Watertown in 1856 by Margarethe Meyer Schurz, whose husband was the famous German-American statesman Carl Schurz. The building was moved from downtown Watertown to the museum grounds in 1956. Its interior depicts an early class in session.

The Plank Road Pioneer Barn was built in 1848 by Wenzel Quis and was originally located at the western terminus of the Watertown-Milwaukee Plank Road.



DON ABRAMS
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Octagon House-Watertown.

Moved to the museum grounds in the early 1960's, it now houses a collection of pioneer tools and farm implements.

Unfortunately, the Octagon House has no provisions for handicapped access.

Octagon House/First Kindergarten

919 Charles St.
Watertown, WI 53094
www.watertownhistory.org/
920/261-2796

Open May 1-MD 11am-3pm daily, MD-LD 10am-4pm daily, LD-Oct 31 11am-3pm daily.

Admission fees: adults \$7, seniors \$6, children (6-17) \$4.

Outagamie Museum

The Outagamie Museum is housed in a Norman Revival-style 1924 Masonic Temple in downtown Appleton.

The museum's all-new A.K.A. Houdini exhibit features numerous interactives, models and multimedia displays, illuminating the life and times of the great Harry Houdini. The exhibit spotlights the major milestones of Houdini's life including his early life in Appleton (he lived here from age 4-8), his association with Spiritualism, his years as a struggling magician, and his rise to superstardom as a vaudeville escape artist.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edna Ferber also spent her childhood in Appleton and used it as the setting for her early stories *The Homely Heroine* and *A Bush League Hero*. The exhibit Edna Ferber: *Her Own Words* offers original documents, first edition works and historic photographs to detail her life.



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Outagamie Museum.



GARY KNOWLES

Taliesin.

Another of the museum's major ongoing exhibits is Tools of Change. It details the changes in the working lives of the people of the Lower Fox River Valley. Exhibit highlights include a 1896 wire weaving loom, a 1920's newspaper composing room, a 1930's bulletproof bank, Dr. Taylor's 1941 examining room, a 1926 model T Ford, and a working 19th century paper shop.

The museum's major exhibits have won awards from the American Association of Museums. Its annual events include genealogy classes, papermaking demonstrations, and changing exhibits. The museum is fully accessible with ramps and elevators.

Outagamie Museum

330 E. College Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911-5715
www.foxvalleyhistory.org
920/735-9370

Open Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-4pm, & Mon (June-Aug only) 10am-4pm.

Admission fees: adults \$4, seniors \$3.50, children (age 5-17) \$2.

Taliesin

Were it just an opportunity to see perhaps "the greatest single building in America" as architecture critic Robert Campbell described it, Taliesin would be a must-see destination for most travelers. But a visit to Taliesin offers even more.

Although the name Taliesin is most often associated with the Wisconsin residence of Frank Lloyd Wright, the term also applies to the entire 600-acre property and the other buildings of Wright's design on the Spring Green estate. These include Hillside Home School, Midway Farm, Tan-y-deri House, and the Romeo and Juliet Windmill.

In addition to the buildings, the landscaped grounds, roads, waterfall, water garden, Wright-designed furnishings and art collections are all part of Wright's overall architectural composition.

Throughout his life Wright continued to refine

the entire complex of buildings that served as his studio, workshop, school, farm, laboratory, and retreat. The site achieved National Historic Landmark status in 1976.

The school Wright founded in 1932 still maintains its summer campus at Taliesin.

The site offers a broad range of public tours led by guides who share their knowledge about the history and architecture of the site.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center is completely wheelchair accessible. The Taliesin estate is partially wheelchair accessible, wheelchair tours are offered by special arrangement with two week's advance notice.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Visitors Center

5607 Cty. C (intersection of Hwy. 23 and Cty. C)
Spring Green, WI 53588
www.taliesinpreservation.org
877/588-7900, 608/588-7900

Open May 1-Oct 31, daily, 9am-6pm.
Call or see Web site for tour times; reservations recommended.

Admission fees: tour prices range from \$16-\$80; children under 18 free on the Hillside & Walking Tours.

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Ten Chimneys

Ten Chimneys is the National Historic Landmark estate of 20th century Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. Nearly all of the estate's historic furnishings, hand-painted murals, enchantingly personal décor, and diverse collections are intact and unchanged since the Lunts first assembled them.

A living monument to theatre and the arts, Ten Chimneys is overflowing with memorabilia: notes from Laurence Olivier, snapshots of the Lunts with the Queen Mother, mementos from Helen Hayes and Noël Coward, inscribed first edition books from Edna Ferber and Alexander Woollcott, and remembrances from dozens of other intimates and luminaries.

Each tour of 8-10 guests is led by a trained docent who tells stories that interpret not only the objects and décor of the estate, but also the lives and values of its remarkable creators.

Ten Chimneys highlights the natural beauty, quality of life, and cultural vitality of the Wisconsin community the Lunts chose as their home. United States Senator Herb Kohl has remarked, "Ten Chimneys is more than a beautiful estate; it serves as a symbol of both Wisconsin's vibrant arts legacy and a commitment to preserving our state's treasures for posterity."



Ten Chimneys.

The first and second floors of the Main House and the entire Program Center at Ten Chimneys are accessible by wheelchair. Prior to visiting, we ask guests to alert us to any mobility concerns they may have, and if they will be bringing a wheelchair.

Ten Chimneys

P.O. Box 225
S43 W31575 Depot Rd.
Genesee Depot, WI 53127
www.tenchimneys.org
262/968-4110

Open Apr 12-Nov 12, Tues-Sat, 10am-3pm. Reservations recommended. Must be 12 or older.

Admission fees: full estate tour \$35,
main house only tour \$28.

Villa Louis

Villa Louis is a Victorian country estate located on the banks of the Mississippi River in historic Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin's second oldest city. The Dousman family - fur traders and frontier entrepreneurs - developed the property in the mid-19th century and maintained it as their family home until 1913.

Over the past decade a careful restoration has replicated original wallpapers, carpets, textiles and other interi-



Villa Louis.

or details. With more than 90 percent of the household decor original to the property, the estate reveals a compelling time capsule of domestic life at the turn of the 20th century. It is a superb example of British Arts and Crafts design in a rural setting.

Collection highlights include furniture, paintings, ceramics and decorative objects, especially silver and glass. Many of these objects were crafted in Midwestern cities - Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati - and represent remarkable artistry and craftsmanship, the best on the market in the late 1800s.

The grand landscape of the Upper Mississippi River enhances the setting of the Villa Louis, where decorative flowerbeds and other landscape features have been restored to their 1890s appearance. A fur trade museum and Wisconsin's only War of 1812 battlefield further add to Villa Louis' historic appeal.

Villa Louis is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The fur trade museum is accessible by means of a ramped entrance. A wheelchair lift provides access to the first floor of the mansion and two wheelchair-accessible toilet facilities are located on the site. Access to other buildings requires at least minimal auto mobility.

Villa Louis

521 Villa Louis Road
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
www.wisconsinhistory.org/villalouis
866/944-7483, 608/326-2721

Open 1st Sat in May-Oct 31, 10am-5pm daily (last tour leaves at 4pm).

Admission fees: adults \$8.50, seniors (65+) \$7.50, children (5-12) \$4.50, family \$23.

Famous Wisconsinites

Many Wisconsin native sons and daughters have gone on to fame in a variety of careers.

In literature, Wisconsin's Pulitzer Prize-winning authors include **Edna Ferber** ("So Big" 1926, raised in Appleton), **Zona Gayle** ("Miss Lulu Bett" 1920, born in Portage), and **Thornton Wilder** ("The Bridge of San Luis Rey" 1927, "Our Town" 1938, and "The Skin of our Teeth" 1942, born in Madison).



EDNA FERBER

In art, **Georgia O'Keefe**, born in Sun Prairie, was a pioneer in American modern art. **Owen Gromme**, America's leading wildlife artist was born in Fond du Lac.



ORSON WELLS

In entertainment, magician **Harry Houdini** grew up in Appleton. Jazz singer **Al Jarreau** was born and raised in Milwaukee, as were **Liberace**, **Spencer Tracey** and **Gene Wilder**. Actor and Director **Orson Welles**, who won an Oscar for writing "Citizen Kane," was born in Kenosha. **Al, Alfred, William, Carl, John, August & Henry Ringling** - the Ringling

Brothers and their world-famous circus - operated out of Baraboo for 33 years.

Medal of Honor recipient **Maj. Richard Bong**, considered the greatest fighter pilot in US history, was born in Poplar. **James Lovell, Jr.**, one of the astronauts on the Apollo 13 mission, was born in Milwaukee.

Eric Heiden, born in Madison, won five gold medals in speedskating during the 1980 Olympics.

Famed environmentalist and author **Aldo Leopold** taught at UW-Madison for nineteen years. **John Muir**, noted environmentalist, author and teacher, was raised near Montello.

In politics, **Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follete**, former Wisconsin Governor and US Senator, was a founder of the Progressive movement in America. He was born in Primrose.

Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, was raised in Milwaukee.

Gaylord Nelson, US Senator and founder of Earth Day, was born in Clear Lake.



ROBERT LA FOLLETTE

Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the most influential architects of all time, was born in Richland Center.

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Art Museums

Charles Allis Art Museum

The Charles Allis Art Museum was originally the home of Charles Allis, first president of the Allis-Chalmers Corporation, and his wife Sarah. With keen collecting instincts, the couple amassed a unique art collection that spans more than 2,000 years. The collection and their 1911 Tudor-style mansion, intact with original furnishings, were generously bequeathed to the public.

On permanent view in the Allis home are 19th century French and American paintings, Chinese and Japanese

porcelains, Renaissance bronzes, Japanese netsuke, and much more. Some of the highlights in the collection include works by Rosa Bonheur, Winslow Homer, and several fine examples of 19th century French Barbizon works. The oldest paintings in the house are those attributed to Lucas Cranach the Elder (1472-1553) who in his time was referred to as “the outstanding representative of German Protestant painting.”

The Charles Allis Art Museum is one of the few such ensembles preserved intact in its original form. Some items in the collection are the only known examples

of their kind in existence. To complement this collection, the Charles Allis Art Museum holds several changing exhibitions each year that feature the work of Wisconsin artists. At the Allis there is an emphasis on fine art: drawing, painting, photography, print-making and sculpture.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible.

Charles Allis Art Museum

1801 N. Prospect Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
www.cavtmuseums.org
414/278-8295

Open Wed-Sun 1-5 pm.

Admission fees: adults \$5, seniors (65+) and students \$3, children under 12 free.

Elvehjem Museum of Art

The Elvehjem is the art museum for the University of Wisconsin–Madison. It has a reputation for exceptional exhibitions, insightful programs, and arts activities for all ages.

Eight galleries feature selections from the museum’s permanent collection of more than 17,500 works of art ranging from ancient to contemporary. Five of these galleries show European and American painting and sculpture. But the museum also displays ceramics, medals, coins, silver, furniture and glass. An Asian gallery features South Asian and Southeast Asian sculpture as

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Charles Allis Art Museum.



Elvehjem Art Museum.

well as East Asian scroll paintings and ceramics. About ten temporary exhibitions are mounted each year in three additional dedicated galleries.

Docents give free tours Thursdays at 12:30pm and Sundays at 2pm. “Sunday Afternoon Live From the Elvehjem” is a free chamber music series presented on Sundays at 12:30pm September through May.

The museum is wheelchair accessible, and will provide sign language interpreters for associated programs (make requests three weeks in advance to the curator of education).

Elvehjem Museum of Art

University of Wisconsin-Madison
800 University Ave.
Madison, WI 53706 -1479
www.lvm.wisc.edu
608/263-2246

Open: Galleries and the Museum Shop open Tues- Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 11am-5pm; closed Mon and major holidays.

Admission fees: free

Haggerty Museum of Art

The Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Museum of Art is affiliated with Marquette University in downtown Milwaukee. Opened in 1984, the museum includes four main galleries and houses a permanent collection of more than 8,000 works of art.

The Haggerty presents between ten and twelve special exhibitions annually showing cultural diversity and art influenced by modern technology. The permanent collection includes European and American contemporary art, as well as Old Master paintings, works on paper, photography, and small collections of African and Asian art. As a university museum, the Haggerty sponsors lectures, symposia, workshops, and tours.

The museum’s permanent collection is on display in its Old Master and Modern galleries. Old Masters include Leonaert Bramer, Juan Genovés, Ridolfo Ghirlandaio, Paulus Moreelse, and Francesco Trevisani. Modern and contemporary artists in the collection include Georges Braque, Salvador Dalí, Max Lieberman, Man Ray, Matta, Louise Nevelson, Nam June Paik, Ruldolf Schlichter, and Jacques Villon. Also part of the collection are murals by Joe Jones and J.B. Turnbull.



Haggerty Museum of Art.

The museum’s additional galleries host temporary exhibitions of individual artists and group shows mounted by the Haggerty, supplemented with occasional traveling exhibitions.

The facility is fully wheelchair accessible.

Haggerty Museum of Art

N. 13th St. & W. Clybourn Ave. on the campus of Marquette University
P. O. Box 1881
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881
www.marquette.edu/haggerty
414/288-1669

Open Mon-Sat 10am-4:30pm, Thurs til 8pm, Sun noon-5pm.

Admission fees: free.

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John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Established in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) mounts an annual exhibition schedule devoted to a wide range of concepts and directions in contemporary art. Particular consideration is given to craft-related forms, installation works, photography, new genres, ongoing cultural traditions, and the work of self-taught artists.

Housed in a 100,000-square-foot complex with surrounding gardens, JMKAC brings together an entire city block of art. Even the facility's six public washrooms are works of art that have been featured on the Travel Channel and on Good Morning America.

Programming at the Arts Center focuses on innovative explorations in contemporary

art. Visitors can expect to see 8-10 exhibitions at one time and up to thirty in the course of a year. The Center's five performing arts series include dance, music, and theatre companies from around the world, as well as an excellent film series.

On any given day at JMKAC, visitors may find an artist creating an installation in the galleries, developing a performance piece in the Matrix, or teaching in the studios. An interactive space, The ARtery, engages all ages in hands-on learning activities to enrich understanding of programming taking place throughout the Arts Center.

The Center is fully wheelchair accessible.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

608 New York Ave.
Sheboygan, WI 53082-0489
www.jmkac.org
920/458-6144

Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Tues & Thur 'til 8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm.

Admission fees: voluntary donation

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

The Museum's permanent collection soars in celebration of nature with historic and contemporary paintings, sculptures, and works on paper that focus on birds and expand art-in-nature and nature-in-art themes.

Eight to ten changing exhibitions each year bring an array of art from around the world to north central Wisconsin. A highlight of the schedule is "Birds in Art" in September and October, an annual event that features the work of international artists and attracts bird-lovers and art-lovers alike.

The Margaret Woodson Fisher Sculpture Gallery, a landscaped 1.5-acre garden dotted with works from the collection as well as temporary exhibitions, can be enjoyed year-round against a natural backdrop of the changing seasons. The sculpture garden is the site of a popular summer concert series. Five smaller gardens feature a pleasing variety of plantings and greenery and additional sculptures.

The Woodson is located on Wausau's east side in a historic structure designed in the English Cotswold Style built in the early 1930s. Since its transformation into an art museum in the 1970s, the building has been renovated, added onto, and updated to merit accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

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John Michael Kohler Arts Center.



Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum.

The Museum and Sculpture Gallery are wheelchair accessible.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

700 N. 12th Street
 Wausau, WI 54403-5007
www.lywam.org
 715/845-7010

Open Tues-Fri 9am-4pm; Sat-Sun noon-5pm.; Tues 'til 8 pm Sept-Oct
Admission fee: free

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

In the shadow of the State Capitol building, just up the street from the University of Wisconsin campus, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art will unveil a world-class new facility in April 2006. The museum's new home, a part of the Overture Center for the Arts, is designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli.

More than a century old, the museum (formerly the Madison Art Center) is an independent, nonprofit institution whose mission is to collect and exhibit works of

contemporary and modern art. Museum exhibitions have featured many of the most respected artists of the last century, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Romare Bearden, Richard Avedon, Cindy Sherman, Claes Oldenburg, and Wisconsin artists Truman Lowe, Fred Stonehouse, and Walter Hamady. The museum's permanent collection includes some 5,000 original works of art.

In addition to more than 13,000 square feet of exhibition space, the museum's new building will include a 220-seat lecture hall; a classroom; customized galleries for viewing video and studying works on paper; and a greatly expanded space for the award-winning Museum Store. The largest of the museum's new galleries, a 9,000-square-foot space with 18-foot ceilings, will enable the museum to mount exhibitions of an exhilarating scope and scale.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public. All areas of the museum's new building are wheelchair accessible. For information about hours and current exhibitions, please call or visit www.mmoca.org.

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

227 State Street
 Madison, WI 53703
 608-257-0158
www.mmoca.org

Opening April 2006.

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Architectural rendering of the new Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.

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Milwaukee Art Museum

The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM), located on the shores of Lake Michigan, combines art, dramatic architecture and stunning landscape design.

Time magazine recently named MAM's addition "Best Design of 2001" and Conde Nast Traveler calls it a "Wonder of the World." The new Quadracci Pavilion is the first Santiago Calatrava-designed building completed in the United States. It features the glass-walled Windhover Hall enclosed by the Burke Brise Soleil, a sun-screen that can be raised or lowered creating a unique moving sculpture. Visitors can take in lectures, films and other programs in the MAM auditorium, chat with friends over lunch in our lakefront café, shop in the Museum store, and enjoy views of the city and lake from outdoor



Milwaukee Art Museum.

terraces and The Cudahy Gardens.

With a history dating back to 1888, the Milwaukee Art Museum's far-reaching collections include nearly 20,000 works from antiquity to the present. The Museum's permanent holdings include important collections of Old Masters and 19th- and 20th-century art. Our collections of American decorative arts, German Expressionism, folk and Haitian art, and American art after 1960 are among the nation's best. The museum also features chang-

ing exhibitions to suit every taste, including some of the art world's finest national and international collaborations.

The museum is fully wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Milwaukee Art Museum

700 North Art Museum Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-224-3220
www.mam.org

Open daily 10am-5pm, Thurs 'til 8pm.
Admission fees: members free, adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$4, children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Some feature exhibitions require a separate ticket.

New Visions Gallery

Located in the lobby of Marshfield Clinic, New Visions Gallery is a unique example of a public/private adventure in art that has flourished for thirty years.

A nonprofit community organization, New Visions organizes a dynamic series of changing exhibitions that are displayed in a 1600 square foot, secure, climate controlled gallery. Exhibits change every 6-8 weeks and feature a variety of art forms



Milwaukee Art Museum.

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including national traveling exhibitions, significant works on loan from private and public collections, and quality regional art. “New Visions’ Culture and Agriculture,” an annual theme show that presents agriculture through the eyes of artists from across the United States, is a favorite among visitors.

New Visions cares for and displays a permanent collection of fine art. Most of the collection is a gift of longtime friends of the gallery, Robert and Barbara Bromberg. Highlights of the collection include 125 Japanese prints including woodblock prints by nineteenth century masters, woodblock revival prints, and modern works in many printing processes by distinguished Japanese printmakers.

More than sixty acrylic paintings and original prints by Australian Aboriginal artists are currently on display as are col-



BEA HALFEN

Paine Art Center.

lections of Haitian paintings, contemporary prints by a variety of artists, and West African sculpture and masks.

New Visions Gallery is fully wheelchair accessible.

New Visions Gallery

(in the Marshfield Clinic)
1000 N. Oak Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449
www.newvisionsgallery.org
715/387-5562

Open Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 11am-3pm

Admission fee: Free

Paine Art Center and Gardens

Referred as one of “America’s Castles”, the Paine Art Center and Gardens is a unique combination of historic mansion, art galleries and botanical gardens.

Experience the grandeur of a Tudor Revival manor house, exquisite craftsmanship, a world-class collection of French and American landscape paintings and exquisite decorative objects. The Paine estate was originally designed in the 1920s as a residence for Oshkosh lumber baron Nathan Paine and his wife, Jessie Kimberly Paine. The architect, Bryant Fleming, was one of the last great estate architects to recreate islands of European high culture in modern America.

Surrounded by three acres of twenty themed garden design areas, the Paine offers an unforgettable experience and source of inspiration to both garden enthusiasts and visiting tourists. Enjoy season-

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New Visions Gallery.

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al garden displays featuring a stunning living collection of trend setting plant varieties.

The Paine presents traveling art exhibitions of world-renowned artists in the Paine's Main Gallery and Gothic Gallery. Discover the Paine's newly opened Family Discovery Gallery with more than a dozen "hands on" exhibits geared for children ages 5-12 and participate in changing family activities.

The Paine Art Center and Gardens is completely wheelchair accessible.

Paine Art Center and Gardens

1410 Algoma Blvd.
Oshkosh, WI 54901
www.thepaine.org
920/235-6903

Open Tues-Sun, 11am-4pm.

Admission fees: adults \$6, seniors (65+) \$5, students \$4, children (5-12) \$3, under 5 free, family \$15. (Paid admission is required to view the gardens May 1-Sept 30.)

The Phipps Center for the Arts

The Phipps Center for the Arts, in historic downtown Hudson, has celebrated the creative spirit for over 20 years by offering exciting performances, outstanding exhibitions and professional instruction. The Star Tribune, of Minneapolis, claims, "... the brick-and-glass arts center overlooking the St. Croix River has become a magnet for lovers of theater, art, and music in the river valley and beyond."

The center annually produces five community theater productions ranging from

musicals to dramas. The Phipps Children's Theater mounts four shows every year featuring student actors from area schools.

Each season The Phipps presents a series of five diverse classical concerts highlighting soloists and small ensembles. The special events series includes The Phipps Festival Chorus, The Phipps Oratorio Society, an annual dance concert, as well as popular, folk, and jazz concerts. In addition, five nationally acclaimed musicians annually perform on the Wurlitzer theater pipe organ.

Over 300 area artists display their work in a wide variety of media in 10 to 12 juried exhibitions in the five galleries each year. Two gift galleries feature the fine art and traditional crafts of noted local artists.

The Phipps also offers professional instruction in the visual and performing arts to students of all levels of ability.

The center is completely wheelchair accessible.

The Phipps Center for the Arts

109 Locust Street
Hudson, WI 54016-1518
715.386.8409

www.ThePhipps.org

Open year-round

Performances: Fri-Sun, \$12-\$21

The Galleries hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4:30pm, Sun noon-4:30pm, and one hour prior to curtain through intermission for all performances, free of charge.

Racine Art Museum

With a concentration in ceramics, fibers, glass, metals and wood, the Racine Art Museum (RAM) houses one of the most significant collections of contemporary crafts of any North American museum.

The evolution of its collection began at the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts with 300 pieces created for the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project in the 1930s. This initial gift created a regionally



Racine Art Museum.

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Rahr-West Art Museum.

significant collection of WPA-era works on paper. The museum continues to collect graphics, photographs and watercolors today, as well as contemporary crafts.

In 2003, having outgrown the Wustum Museum space, RAM reinvented itself in downtown Racine opening a 46,000 square foot museum designed specifically for its permanent collection of more than 3,000 objects. RAM's collection features work by Dale Chihuly, Joel Philip Myers, Wendell Castle, George Nakashima, Gertrud and Otto Natzler, Peter Voulkos, Lia Cook, Sheila Hicks, Arline Fisch and Albert Paley in rotating exhibitions.

RAM focuses on artists with international, national and regional reputations. It collects and exhibits both functional and sculptural works. It often combines displays of crafts with painting, sculpture and works on paper to demonstrate what these

works have in common, rather than their differences.

In addition to regular shows from its permanent collection, RAM also brings major temporary art exhibitions to the Midwest.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible.

Racine Art Museum

441 Main Street
Racine, WI 53401-0187
www.ramart.org
262/638-8300

Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm.

Admission fees: adults \$5, seniors (62+), students & young adults (12-18) \$3, under 12 free.

Rahr-West Art Museum

Located along the shores of Lake Michigan, the Rahr-West Art Museum is housed in the 1891 Victorian mansion of one of Manitowoc's pioneer families. In 1975 a modern exhibition wing was added. In 1986 further exhibition and storage space was constructed. The Rahr

Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the museum is affiliated with the American Association of Museums.

Exhibitions are mounted in three galleries featuring thematic presentations of works from the museum's 2000-plus collection of American art, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and Mary Cassatt. The museum's exhibit schedule also incorporates a variety of media from outside sources. Visitors can even see a replica of a Sputnik fragment that fell through the atmosphere to earth, landing just outside the museum.

Two levels of the mansion are open to the public. The first floor includes the Central Gallery displaying 19th century paintings, and a restored 1910 Victorian parlor. The second floor offers collections of Chinese ivory carvings, Boehm Studio porcelain, dolls, and exchange gifts from Manitowoc's sister city, Kamogawa, Japan.

Activity backpacks are available for children to interact with the exhibitions. Classes and workshops are held regularly.

The museum galleries are completely accessible, with stair access only to the mansion. A wheelchair is available.

Rahr-West Art Museum

610 North Eighth Street
Manitowoc WI 54220
www.rahrwestartmuseum.org
920/683-4501

Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Wed 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 11am-4pm.

Admission fees: free

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Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

Overlooking Lake Michigan, the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum is an Italian Renaissance-style villa designed and built by architect David Adler in 1923. The building was originally the residence of Lloyd Smith of the A.O. Smith Corporation and his family.

Reminiscent of a Tuscan villa in northern Italy, the exterior walls are white-washed warm-pink brick and limestone trim quarried and carved in Italy. The low-pitched roof is made up of red Italian barrel tiles. Milwaukee's Cyril Colnik crafted the intricate wrought iron entrance gates.

Inside, a circular stairway rises stunningly without any central support. The Great Hall is accented with a sten-



Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum.

ciled beamed ceiling of Georgian cypress. Upstairs the former master bedroom (now a gallery for changing exhibitions) contains a hand-decorated ceiling. Another former bedroom is decorated with Zuber wallpaper, hand-printed in France.

To the rear of the Villa is a handsome paved terrace, flanked by Palladian-style pavilions overlooking a formal Renaissance Garden. The Garden features a dramatic “water stairway,” flowing

down three terraces to the lawn and the Lake Michigan shore.

The Villa features fine and decorative arts dating from the 15th through the 18th centuries. Changing exhibitions emphasize the architectural, decorative arts, European and garden-themed subject matter of both Wisconsin and non-Wisconsin artists of national or international repute.

Renovations are underway to make the Villa fully wheelchair accessible.

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

2220 N. Terrace Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
www.cavtmuseums.org
414/271-3656

Open Wed-Sun from 1-5pm.

Admission fees: adults \$5, seniors (65+) and students \$3, children under 12 free.

West Bend Art Museum

The West Bend Art Museum (WBAM) occupies a unique niche as Wisconsin's regional art museum. Attractively housed in a deceptively large

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West Bend Art Museum.

building in the city's downtown cultural district, it is home to the finest collection of Milwaukee-born, Munich-trained academic realist painter Carl von Marr (1858-1936). Examples of every stage of Marr's glittering career can be seen including his magnificent, massive, magnum opus painting of 1889, *The Flagellants*.

Featuring many of Wisconsin's most famous and notable artists, the WBAM also exhibits the finest survey collection of historic Wisconsin art (1800 to 1950), which reflects the artistic, cultural and physical development of the state. This is complemented by the state's primary archive on Wisconsin art and artists that currently holds almost 4,000 files. Contemporary artists from Wisconsin are also well represented through the monthly *One from Wisconsin* exhibitions and through seven temporary shows each year that offer an eclectic mix of exhibitions with broad appeal.

Truly a gem of an institution, the West Bend Art Museum is proud to be one of approximately twenty museums in America that celebrate and showcase the art and artists of their own state.

The museum is fully wheelchair accessible.

West Bend Art Museum

300 South Sixth Avenue
West Bend, WI 53095
www.wbartmuseum.com
262-334-9638

Open Wed-Sat, 10am-4:30pm, Sun 1pm-4:30pm, closed Mon & Tues.

Admission fees: free.

The William F. Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design

The William F. Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design offers an amazing, amusing and enlightening opportunity to explore the science and art of advertising and design.

Originally opened in 2000, the Eisner is the only museum of its kind in the United States. It hosts more than 20,000 visitors annually from across the country. Visitors can explore changing exhibitions, each telling a different story through television and radio commercials, billboards, package designs, magazine advertisements and interactive displays.

As an exhibition and interpretive center, the Museum explores the influence advertising and design has had and continues to have on our culture. Its mission is implemented through exhibits, educational programs, industry retrospectives, and special events.

For educators, as well as advertising and design professionals, the Museum helps initiate study and offers young people insight into careers through symposia, lectures and mentoring programs. For the general public, the Museum offers interactive and entertaining exhibits that reveal the strategy and impact of advertising and design.

Located at 208 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee, the Eisner is open Wed & Fri 11am-5pm, Thurs 11am-8pm, Sat noon-5pm, and Sun 1-5pm. Admission fees are: adults \$5, seniors \$3, students (12-18) \$2.50, under 12 free. The facility is completely wheelchair accessible. www.eisnermuseum.org, 414/847-3290.



William F. Eisner Museum of Advertising & Design.

County, Community & Area Tourism Contacts

Do you need information on lodging, attractions or local events? Go right to the source! Here we've listed Wisconsin's convention bureaus, chambers of commerce, county and area tourism offices. These organizations are ready and waiting to help you plan your Wisconsin Tour.

Adams County Chamber of Commerce

608/339-6997
888/339-6997
www.adamscountywi.com

Algoma Area Chamber of Commerce

920/487-2041
800/498-4888
www.algoma.org

Alma Chamber of Commerce

608/685-4445
www.almawisconsin.com

Antigo Area Chamber of Commerce

715/623-4134
888/526-4523
www.antigochamber.com

Appleton

(see Fox Cities)

Arbor Vitae

(see Minocqua-Arbor Vitae-Woodruff)

Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce

715/682-2500
800/284-9484
www.visitashland.com

Augusta City Clerk's Office

715/286-2555

Balsam Lake Village Clerk's Office

715/485-3646
www.balsamlake-wi.com

Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce

608/356-8333
800/227-2266
www.baraboo.com/chamber

Barron County Clerk's Office

715/537-6200

Bayfield Chamber of Commerce

715/779-3335
800/447-4094
www.bayfield.org

Bayfield County Tourism & Recreation

715/373-6125
800/472-6338
www.travelbayfieldcounty.com

Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce

920/887-8879
www.beaverdamchamber.com

Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau

608/365-4838
800/423-5648
www.visitbeloit.com

Berlin Chamber of Commerce

920/361-3636
800/979-9334
www.lberlin.com

Birchwood Area Lakes Association

715/354-7846
800/236-2252
www.birchwoodwi.com

Black River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

715/284-4658
800/404-4008
www.blackrivercountry.com

Bloomer Chamber of Commerce

715/568-3339
www.bloomer.net/~bchamber

Boscobel Chamber of Commerce

608/375-2672
www.boscobelwisconsin.com

Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce

715/385-2400
800/466-8759
www.boulderjct.org

Brodhead Chamber of Commerce

608/897-8411

Brookfield Convention & Visitors Bureau

262/789-0220
800/388-1835
www.brookfieldcvb.com

Buffalo County Clerk's Office

608/685-6209
www.buffalocounty.com

Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce

262/763-6044
www.burlingtonareachamber.com

Burnett County Dept. of Tourism & Information

715/349-7411
800/788-3164
www.burnettcounty.com

Burnett County Resort/Campground Owners Association

715/349-2000
www.bcrca.com

Cable Area Chamber of Commerce

715/798-3833
800/533-7454
www.cable4fun.com

Cadott Chamber of Commerce

715/289-3338

Calumet County Tourism Association

920/439-2092
888/576-9196
www.calumetcountytourism.com

Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

608/423-3780
www.cambridgewi.com

Cassville Department of Tourism

608/725-5855
www.cassville.org

Castle Rock-Petenwell Lakes Association

608/847-1904
www.castlerockpetenwell.com

Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

262/377-9620
800/237-2874
www.cedarburg.org

Chetek Area Chamber of Commerce

715/924-3200
800/317-1720
www.chetekwi.net

Chetek Resort Owners Association

715/924-4440
800/224-3835
www.chetek.net

Chilton Chamber of Commerce

920/849-4541
www.chiltonchamber.com

Chippewa Falls Area Visitors Center

715/723-0331
888/723-0024
www.chippewachamber.org

Chippewa Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau

715/831-2345
888/523-3866
www.chippewavalley.net

Clark County Economic Development Corporation

715/267-3205
888/252-7594
www.clark-cty-wi.org

Columbia Co Tourism & Economic Development

608/742-6161
800/842-2524
fun.co.columbia.wi.us

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce

920/623-3699

Conover Chamber of Commerce

715/479-4928
800/236-4928
www.conover.org

Crandon Area Chamber of Commerce

715/478-3450
800/334-3387
www.crandonwi.com

Crivitz Recreation Association

715/757-2467
800/274-8480
www.crivitzrecreation.com

Darlington

(see Lafayette County)

Delafield Promotional & Tourism Council

262/646-8100
888/294-1082
www.delafield-wi.org

Delavan-Delavan Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

262/728-5095
800/624-0052
www.delavanwi.org

Dodge County Tourism Association

920/386-3705
800/414-0101
www.dodgecounty.com

Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce

608/935-5993
877/863-6343
www.dodgeville.com

Door County Chamber of Commerce

920/743-4456
800/527-3529
www.doorcounty.com

Douglas County

(see Superior-Douglas County)

Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

715/479-6400
800/359-6315
www.eagleriver.org

East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
262/642-3770
www.easttroywi.org

Eau Claire
(see Chippewa Valley)

Eau Claire Lakes Area Business Association
715/376-2322
800/299-7506
www.eauclairelakes.com

Edgerton Area Chamber of Commerce
608/884-4408
888/298-4408
www.edgertonwisconsin.com

Elkhart Lake Tourism Commission
920/876-2922
877/355-4278
www.elkhartlake.com

Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce
262/723-5788
www.elkhorn-wi.org

Elroy Commons Tourist Info Center
608/462-2410
888/606-2453
www.elroywi.com

Ephraim
(see Door County)

Fennimore Chamber and Economic Development Office
608/822-3599
800/822-1131
www.fennimore.com

Fish Creek Civic Association
920/868-2316
800/577-1880
www.doorcounty-wi.com/fishcreek.html

Fond du Lac Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
920/923-3010
800/937-9123
www.fdl.com

Forest County Advertising Committee
715/478-2212
800/334-3387
www.forestcountywi.com/

Fort Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce
920/563-3210
888/733-3678
www.fortchamber.com

Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
920/734-3358
800/236-6673
www.foxcities.org

Fremont Chamber of Commerce
920/446-3838
www.fremontwis.org

Galesville
(see Trempealeau County)

Gays Mills Tourist Information
608/735-4341

Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce
262/275-5102
877/275-5102
www.glwchamber.org

Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce
262/255-1812
www.germantownchamber.org

Glidden Area Chamber of Commerce
715/264-4304

Grant Co. UWEX Office
608/723-2125
grantcounty.org/visitor

Grantsburg Chamber of Commerce
715/463-2405
www.grantsburgwi.com

Greater Cornell Area Community Development Association
715/239-3713

Green Bay
(see Packer Country)

Green County Tourism
608/328-1838
888/222-9111
www.greencounty.org

Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
920/294-3231
800/253-7354
www.visitgreenlake.com

Green Lake Country Visitor's Bureau
800/662-6927
www.glcountry.com

Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
262/673-7002
866/222-5401
www.hartfordwi.net

Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce
262/367-7059
www.hartland-wi.org

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau
715/634-4801
800/724-2992
www.haywardlakes.com

Hazlehurst Information Center
715/356-7350

Hidden Valleys
608/647-2243

Horicon Chamber of Commerce
920/485-3200
www.horiconchamber.com

Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau
715/386-8411
800/657-6775
www.hudsonwi.org

Hurley Area Chamber of Commerce
715/561-4334
866/340-4334
www.hurleywi.com

Iowa County Clerk's Office
608/935-0399

Iron County Development Zone Council
715/561-2922
www.ironcountywi.com

Iron River Area Chamber of Commerce
715/372-8558
www.iracc.com

Jackson County
(see Black River Area)

Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
608/757-3171
800/487-2757
www.janesvillecvb.com

Jefferson County Area Tourism Council
920/563-3210
www.jctourism.com

Juneau Chamber of Commerce
920/386-3359

Juneau County Visitors Bureau/Economic Development
608/847-1904
juneaucountytourism.com

Kaukauna
(see Fox Cities)

Kenosha Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
262/654-7307
800/654-7309
www.kenoshacvb.com

Kewaunee Chamber of Commerce
920/388-4822
800/666-8214
www.kewaunee.org

Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Dept.
920/388-0444

Kickapoo Valley Association
608/872-2504
www.windingrivers.com

Kickapoo Valley Reserve
608/625-2960
http://kvr.state.wi.us

Kohler Visitor Information Center
920/458-3450
www.sheboygan.org

La Crosse Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
608/782-2366
800/658-9424
www.explorelacrosse.com

Lac Court Oreilles Resort Association
715/634-2423

Lac du Flambeau Chamber of Commerce
715/588-3346
877/588-3346
www.lacduflambeauchamber.com

Ladysmith
(see Rusk County)

Lafayette Co. UWEX Office
608/776-4820
lafayettecounty.org

Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
262/248-4416
800/345-1020
www.lakegenevawi.com

Lake Mills Area Chamber of Commerce
920/648-3585
www.lakemills.org

Lake Tomahawk Information Bureau
715/277-2257

Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
608/635-8070
www.lakewisconsin.org

Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce
715/276-6500
www.lakewoodareachamber.com

Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce
608/723-2820
866/876-2665
www.lancasterwisconsin.com

Land O' Lakes Chamber of Commerce
715/547-3432
800/236-3432
www.landolakes-wi.org

Langlade County
(see Antigo Area)

Laona Chamber of Commerce
715/674-3007

Lincoln Co. Forestry, Land & Parks
715/536-0327
www.co.lincoln.wi.us/tourism.htm

Long Lake Chamber of Commerce
715/354-3500
www.longlake99.cc

Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce
715/747-2801
888/475-3386
www.madelineisland.com

Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greater
608/255-2537
800/373-6376
www.visitmadison.com

Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce
715/543-8488,
888/626-9877
www.manitowishwaters.org

Manitowoc Area Visitor & Convention Bureau
920/683-4388
800/627-4896
www.manitowoc.info

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County, Community & Area Tourism Contacts, continued...

Manitowoc-Two Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce
920/684-5575
800/262-7892
www.manitowocchamber.com

Marinette Area Chamber of Commerce
715/735-6681
800/236-6681
www.marinettechamber.com

Marquette County Clerk's Office
608/297-9136

Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
715/384-3454
800/422-4541
www.marshfieldchamber.com

Mauston Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater
608/847-4142
www.mauston.com

Mayville Area Chamber of Commerce
920/387-5776
800/256-7670
www.mayvillechamber.com

Medford Area Chamber of Commerce
715/748-4729
888/682-9567
www.medfordwis.com

Mellen Area Chamber of Commerce
715/274-2330
www.mellenwi.org

Menasha
(see Fox Cities)

Menominee Tribal Public Relations
715/799-5217

Memomonie
(see Chippewa Valley)

Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce
715/476-2389
www.mercercc.com

Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce
715/536-9474
877/907-2757
www.merrillchamber.com

Merrimac
(see Lake Wisconsin)

Milton Area Chamber of Commerce
608/868-6222
www.miltonareachamber.com

Milwaukee, VISIT
414/273-7222
800/554-1448
www.milwaukee.org

Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce
608/987-3201
888/764-6894
www.mineralpoint.com

Minocqua-Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Area Chamber of Commerce
715/356-5266
800/446-6784
www.minocqua.org

Monroe Chamber of Commerce
608/325-7648
www.monroechamber.org

Monroe Co UWEX Office
608/269-8722

Montello Area Chamber of Commerce
608/297-7420
800/684-7199
www.montellowi.com

Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce
608/437-5914
888/765-5929
www.trollway.com

Muscoda Chamber of Commerce
608/739-3154

Neenah
(see Fox Cities)

Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce
715/743-6444
888/252-7594
www.neillsville.org

New Glarus Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Information
608/527-2095
800/527-6838
www.swisstown.com

New London Area Chamber of Commerce
920/982-5822
www.newlondonwi.org

New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
715/246-2900
800/654-6380
www.newrichmondchamber.com

Oconomowoc Convention & Visitors Bureau
262/569-3236, 800/524-3744
www.oconomowocusa.com

Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce
920/834-6254
www.ocontocounty.org

Oconto County Tourism
920/834-6969
888/626-6862
www.ocontocounty.org

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
920/846-8306
www.ocontofalls.org

Omro Area Chamber of Commerce
920/685-6960
www.omro-wi.com

Onalaska Center for Commerce & Tourism
608/781-9570
800/873-1901
www.discoveronalaska.com

Oneida County Visitor's Bureau
715/365-7466
800/236-3006
www.oneidacountywi.com/

Ontario, Village of
608/337-4381
www.hillcountrywi.com

Osceola Area Chamber of Commerce
715/755-3300
800/947-0581
www.osceolachamber.org

Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau
920/303-9200
877/303-9200
www.oshkoshcvb.org

Osseo City Hall
715/597-2207
www.cityofosseo.com

Ozaukee County Tourism Council
262/284-9288
800/403-9898
www.ozaukeetourism.com

Packer Country Regional Tourism Office
920/494-9507
888/867-3342
www.packercountry.com

Park Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
715/762-2703
800/762-2709
www.parkfalls.com

Pelican Lake Chamber of Commerce
715/487-5222
www.oneidacountywi.org/
pelicanlake/

Pepin County Visitor Information
715/672-5709
888/672-5709
www.pepinwisconsin.com

Pepin Visitor Information Center
715/442-3011
www.pepinwisconsin.com

Peshtigo Chamber of Commerce
715/582-0327

Phelps Chamber of Commerce
715/545-3800
www.phelpswi.org

Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce
715/339-4100
888/408-4800
www.phillipswi.com/chamber

Pickerel-Pearson Business Association
715/484-3901

Pierce County Partners in Tourism, Inc.
715/273-5864
800/474-3723
www.travelpiercecounty.com

Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce
608/348-8888
www.platteville.com

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce
920/893-0079
888/693-8263
www.plymouthwisconsin.com

Polk County Information Center
715/483-1410
800/222-7655
www.polkcountytourism.com

Portage Area Chamber of Commerce
608/742-6242
800/474-2525
www.portagewi.com

Post Lake Area Business Association
715/275-3906

Potosi-Tennyson Chamber of Commerce
608/763-2261
www.potosiwisconsin.com

Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce
608/326-8555
800/732-1673
www.prairieduchien.org

Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce
715/262-3284
www.prescottwi.com

Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce
715/686-2910
888/835-6508
www.presqueislewi.org

Price County Tourism Dept.
715/339-4505
800/269-4505
www.pricecountywi.net

Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce
920/295-3877
www.princetonwi.com

Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau
262/884-6400
800/272-2463
www.racine.org/

Red Cliff Chamber of Commerce
715/779-5225

Reedsburg Area Chamber of Commerce
608/524-2850, 800/844-3507
www.reedsburg.org

Rhineland Area Chamber of Commerce
715/365-7464, 800/236-4386
www.rhinelandchamber.com

Rib Lake Commercial & Civic Club
715/427-5761

Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
715/234-2126, 800/523-6318
www.rice-lake.com

Richland Center Area Chamber/Main Street
608/647-6205, 800/422-1318
www.richlandchamber.com

Ripon Area Chamber of Commerce
920/748-6764
www.ripon-wi.com

River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
715/425-2533
www.rfchamber.com

Rock County Tourism Council
608/757-5587, 866/376-8767
www.rockcounty.org

Rusk Co. Visitors Center & Rail Displays
715/532-2642, 800/535-7875
www.ruskcounty.org

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce
608/643-4168, 800/683-2453
www.saukprairie.com

Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce
715/542-3789, 888/722-3789

Shawano Area Chamber of Commerce
715/524-2139, 800/235-8528
www.shawanocountry.com

Sheboygan County Convention & Visitors Bureau
920/457-9495
800/457-9497
www.sheboygan.org

Sheboygan Falls Chamber/Main Street, Inc.
920/467-6206
www.sheboyganfalls.org/
chamber-mnst.htm

Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce
715/468-4477
www.shell-lake.com

Shullsburg Community Development Corp.
608/965-4401
www.shullsburg.com

Siren Area Chamber of Commerce
715/349-2273
800/788-3164
www.sirenwis.com

Sister Bay Advancement Association
920/854-2812
www.sisterbaytourism.com

Somerset Chamber of Commerce
715/247-3366

Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce
608/269-4123
800/354-2453
www.bikesparta.com

Spoooner Area Chamber of Commerce
715/635-2168
800/367-3306
chamber.spoooneronline.com

Spring Green Chamber of Commerce
608/588-2054
800/588-2042
www.springgreen.com

St. Croix Falls
(see Polk County)

St. Germain Chamber of Commerce
715/477-2205
800/727-7203
www.st-germain.com

Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
715/344-2556
800/236-4636
www.stevenspointarea.com

Stone Lake Area Tourism Information
715/865-2486
800/639-6822

Stoughton Chamber of Commerce
608/873-7912
888/873-7912
www.stoughtonwi.com

Sturgeon Bay Visitor & Convention Bureau
920/743-6246
800/301-6695
www.sturgeonbay.net

Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce
608/837-4547
800/400-6162
www.sunprairiechamber.com

Superior-Douglas County Convention & Visitors Bureau
715/392-2773
800/942-5313
www.superiorchamber.org

Taylor County Tourism
715/748-4729
888/682-9567
www.medfordwis.com

Three Lakes Information Bureau
715/546-3344
800/972-6103
www.threelakes.com

Tomah Convention & Visitors Bureau
608/372-2166
800/948-6624
www.tomahwisconsin.com

Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce
715/453-5334
800/569-2160
www.gototomahawk.com

Trempealeau Chamber of Commerce
608/534-6780
www.trempealeau.net

Trempealeau County Tourism Council
608/534-6615
800/927-5339
www.trempealeaucountytourism.com.

Turtle Flambeau Flowage Association
715/476-2555

Twin Lakes Area Chamber & Business Association
262/877-2220
www.twinlakeschamber.com

Two Rivers
(see Packer County)

Uplands of Southwest Wisconsin
608/437-6580
800/279-9472
www.uplands.ws/

Vernon County Tourism Council
608/637-2575
www.visitvernoncounty.com

Vilas County Advertising & Publicity Dept.
715/479-3649
800/236-3649
www.vilas.org

Viroqua
(see Vernon County)

Walworth County Visitor's Bureau
262/723-3980
800/395-8687
www.walworthcountytourism.com

Warrens Area Business Association
608/378-4200
www.cranfest.com

Washburn Area Chamber of Commerce
715/373-5017
800/253-4495
www.washburnchamber.com

Washburn County/Spooner Area Tourism
715/635-9696
800/367-3306
www.washburncounty.org

Washington Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau
262/677-5069
888/974-8687
www.visitwashingtoncounty.com

Washington Island Chamber of Commerce
920/847-2179
www.washingtonislandchamber.com

Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce
920/261-6320
www.watertownchamber.com

Waukesha & Pewaukee CVB
262/542-0330
800/366-8474
www.visitwaukesha.org

Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce
715/258-7343, 888/417-4040
waupacaareachamber.com

Waupun Chamber of Commerce
920/324-3491
www.waupunchamber.com

Wausau-Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau
715/355-8788, 888/948-4748
www.visitwausau.com

Wausara Area Chamber of Commerce
920/787-3488, 877/928-8662
www.wausarachamber.com

Webster
(see Burnett County)

West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce
262/338-2666, 888/338-8666
www.wbachamber.org

Westby Chamber of Commerce
608/634-4011, 866/493-7829
www.westbywi.com

Weyauwega Area Chamber of Commerce
920/867-2500
www.weyauwegachamber.com

Winchester Chamber of Commerce
715/686-2872
www.winchesterwi.org

Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce
920/582-4775
www.winneconne.org

Winter Area Chamber of Commerce
715/266-2204, 800/762-7179
www.winterwi.com

Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau
608/254-4636, 800/223-3557
www.wisdells.com

Wisconsin Indian Head Country Tourism
715/924-2970, 800/826-6966
www.wisconsinindianhead.org

Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
715/422-4650
800/554-4484
www.visitwisrapids.com

Woodruff
(see Minocqua-Arbor Vitae-Woodruff)

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1. Access for the Mobility Impaired

Direct questions about the accessibility of Wisconsin's State Parks to:

Wisconsin DNR
Bureau of Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921
608/266-2181
www.wiparks.net

For information about accessible hunting and fishing in Wisconsin, consult the Department of Natural Resources' Web site at www.dnr.state.wi.us.

2. Accommodations

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Bed & Breakfast Directory, the official

publication of the Wisconsin Bed and Breakfast Association (WBBA), featuring 248 unique B&Bs throughout the state, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, including amenities, contact information, and photos of each property, visit the WBBA Web site at www.wbba.org.

Wisconsin Bed & Breakfast Association
108 S. Cleveland St.
Merrill, WI 54452
715/539-WBBA (9222)
www.wbba.org

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Lodging Directory, the official publication of the Wisconsin Innkeepers Association (WIA), listing more than 1,000 hotels, motels, resorts, B&Bs and country inns across the state, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, including amenities, contact information and photos of each property, visit the WIA Web site at www.lodging-wi.com.

Wisconsin Innkeepers Association
1025 S. Moorland Rd. Suite 200
Brookfield, WI 53005-6945
262/782-2851
www.lodging-wi.com

For information about the three hostels in Wisconsin, contact:

Hostelling International
American Youth Hostels
Wisconsin Council
Bayshore Shopping Center
5900 N. Port Washington Rd.
Suite 128
Milwaukee, WI 53217
414/961-2525
www.hiayh.org

3. Agricultural Information

The Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture maintains an excellent Web site, savorWisconsin.com. It offers the most advanced search capabilities to find your favorite Wisconsin products, including municipal farmers markets, roadside markets,

maple syrup and honey products, wineries, Christmas tree farms, farms where you can pick-your-own fruits and vegetables, organic produce, and much more.

4. Arts Information

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Arts Board's Art and Craft Fairs Directory, listing more than 400 art and craft fairs statewide, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, as well as an online copy of the Wisconsin Art Museum & Gallery Guide, visit the Wisconsin Arts Board's Web site at www.arts.state.wi.us.

Wisconsin Arts Board
First Floor, 101 E. Wilson St.
Madison, WI 53702
608/266-0190
TDD 608/267-9629
www.arts.state.wi.us

The Cultural Coalition of Wisconsin has created www.portalwisconsin.org to support the state's culture, arts, humanities and history. It is a comprehensive guide to Wisconsin's performance and visual arts.

5. Attractions

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Highway Map & Attraction Guide, a publication of the Association of Wisconsin Tourism Attractions (AWTA) featuring 64 member and associate member attractions, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, visit the AWTA Web site at www.wiattraction.com.

Assn. of Wisconsin Tourism Attractions
Chet Gerlach
44 E. Mifflin St. Suite 900
Madison, WI 53703
608/250-4873
www.wiattraction.com

The Wisconsin Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus maintains an attractive Web site with direct links to each of its twenty-seven member city sites. There you'll find plenty of timely information about the events, attractions,

recreational activities and amenities offered by each destination. To access this Wisconsin travel information, visit www.escapetowisconsin.com.

Wisconsin Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus
P.O. Box 393
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0393
608/837-6693, 877/967-9674
www.escapetowisconsin.com

6. ATV Information

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Spring/Summer Event and Recreation Guide, which includes information about ATV trails in many Wisconsin counties, call 800/432-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com.

The Wisconsin ATV Association has free membership information, publishes a magazine, and has additional information on its Web site www.watva.org, or call 920/565-7531.

7. Biking Information

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Biking Guide including detailed maps and descriptions of 30 designated bike trails, off-road mountain bike trails, and on-road loop tours, call 800/432-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com. That same Web site also includes maps, descriptions and trail facts for more than fifty other Wisconsin bike trails and tours.

The Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin sells a set of four, comprehensive maps showing on-road bicycle routes as well as linear bike trails. The large, foldout maps are available in many Wisconsin bicycle shops for suggested retail \$3.95 each, or \$12.95/set, plus tax. The maps can also be ordered by calling 800/362-4537; the set of 4 maps is \$15.95, single maps are \$6.95 (tax and S&H included).

Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
106 E. Doty St.
Madison, WI 53703
608/251-4456
www.bfv.org

Wisconsin Off-Road Bicycling Association
P.O. Box 5184
Elm Grove, WI 53122-5184
www.worba.org

8. Business Development

Forward Wisconsin is a unique public-private state marketing and business recruitment organization. Its job is marketing outside Wisconsin to attract new businesses, jobs and increased economic activity to the state.

Forward Wisconsin, Inc.
201 West Washington Ave;
Suite 500
Madison, WI 53703-2796
800/669-1190, 608/261-2500
www.forwardwi.com

9. Boat, Snowmobile & ATV Licensing & Regulation

For information about boat, snowmobile, and ATV licensing and regulation, contact:

Wisconsin DNR
P.O. Box 7924
Madison, WI 53707-7924
608/266-2107
www.dnr.state.wi.us

10. Camping Information

Private Campgrounds

For a free copy of the WACO Campground Directory, the official publication of the Wisconsin Association of Campground Owners, featuring 164 privately owned campgrounds across the state, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, visit the WACO Web site at www.wisconsincampgrounds.com

Wisconsin Assn. of Campground Owners (WACO)

P.O. Box 130
Galesville, WI 54630-0130
800/843-1821, 608/582-2092

www.wisconsincampgrounds.com

State Park and Forest Campgrounds

To request a free Wisconsin State Parks Visitors Guide, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, visit the state parks Web site at www.wiparks.net. To make a

campsite reservation at a Wisconsin State Park or State Forest, call 888/WI-PARKS (888/947-2757), or go on-line at www.reserveamerica.com

County Park Campgrounds

Wisconsin counties offer hundreds of beautiful parks. For camping information, contact the counties you plan to visit. (See the "County, Community & Area Tourism Contacts" index in Wisconsin Department of Tourism guides, including this one.)

National Park and Forest Campgrounds

Two federal agencies manage national properties in Wisconsin: the National Park Service and the Forest Service. Most camping on these properties is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The National Park Service operates two properties in Wisconsin: the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Limited camping opportunities are available at both sites.

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
Route 1, Box 4 - Old Courthouse Bldg.
Bayfield, WI 54814
715/779-3397
www.nps.gov/apis

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
P.O. Box 708
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
715/483-3284
www.nps.gov/sacn

The Department of Agriculture's Forest Service operates the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, a 1.5 million acre property divided into four major tracts that sprawl across northern Wisconsin. The Forest Service operates 47 campgrounds within the Chequamegon-Nicolet with nearly 1,200 campsites. For camping reservations call 877/444-6777, or make reservations on-line at www.reserveusa.com. The Chequamegon-Nicolet maintains major offices in both Park Falls and Rhinelander. Those addresses follow:

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
1170 Fourth Avenue S.
Park Falls, WI 54552
715/762-2461
TTY 715/762-5701,
www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
68 S. Stevens St.
Federal Building
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715/362-1300
TTY 715/362-1383
www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf

11. Educational Vacations

Many programs, seminars, workshops and special classes are offered through Wisconsin educational institutions, environmental centers, at state parks and even at some resorts. For those over 55 years of age (may include companion of unrestricted age), one popular program is Elderhostel. More than thirty Wisconsin sites offer Elderhostel programs. For details contact:

Elderhostel, Inc.
11 Avenue de Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111-1746
877/426-8056, FAX
877/426-2166
www.elderhostel.org

12. Fishing & Hunting Licensing & Regulation

For information about fishing and hunting licensing and regulations, contact:

Wisconsin DNR
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921
608/266-2621 (Mon-Fri
8am-4:30pm)
877/945-4236 (24/7,
including Non-resident
Snowmobile Pass sales)
www.dnr.state.wi.us

13. Golf Courses

For a free copy of the Wisconsin Golf Guide, Directory of Courses, the official publication of the Golf Course Owners of Wisconsin (GCOW) featuring more than 450 golf courses in the state available for public play, call 800/432-8747, or order from the tourism Web site, www.travelwisconsin.com. To view the same data on-line, visit the GCOW Web site at www.wisconsin4golf.com.

Golf Course Owners of Wisconsin, Inc.
8989 N Port Washington Rd
Ste 205
Milwaukee WI 53217F
414.540.3833, 800/348-2721
www.wisconsin4golf.com

14. Group Travel

For assistance in motor coach itinerary planning in Wisconsin, contact:

Circle Wisconsin
Attn: Peggy Bitzer
2012 Esmond Rd.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
800/223-0652,
715/833-1100,
www.circlewisconsin.com

15. Hiking Information

For a free Wisconsin State Park Visitors Guide including hiking opportunities in state parks and forests, call 800/432-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com. The Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Parks & Recreation also maintains some hiking trail information on-line at www.wiparks.net.

For information about Wisconsin's unique 1,000-mile Ice Age Trail, contact: Ice Age National Scenic Trail
207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 515
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5712
414/278-8518, 800/227-0046
www.iccagetrail.org

For information about Wisconsin's section of the North Country Scenic Trail, contact:

North Country National Scenic Trail
229 E. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
616/897-5987, 888/454-6282
www.northcountrytrail.org

For information about hiking opportunities in the 1.5 million-acre Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, contact:

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
68 S. Stevens St.
Federal Building
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715/362-1300
TTY 715/362-1383
www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf

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More Sources of Tourism information, continued...

Also see the "Birding" section of the Wisconsin Spring/Summer Event & Recreation Guide for wildlife areas that may include public nature and hiking trails. To order this free guide, call 800/4342-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com.

16. History & Heritage

Wisconsin Historical Society Sites

The Wisconsin Historical Society operates ten historic sites and museums statewide that illuminate and preserve Wisconsin's past. For information about these educational and cultural sites, contact:

Wisconsin Historical Society
816 State St.
Madison, WI 53706-1482
608/264-6400 (Information Desk),
608/264-6535 (Library Reference Desk)
608/264-6555 (Museum at 30 N Carroll on the Square)
www.shsw.wisc.edu/

The Wisconsin Historical Society also offers a wide range of historical books and manuscripts on Wisconsin topics. To obtain a free catalog of its publications, contact the University of Wisconsin Press at 608/263-1110, or visit their Web site at www.wisc.edu/wisconsinpress

Wisconsin Heritage Traveler

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism publishes a guide to 72 of the states best art and history museums. For a free copy of the Wisconsin Heritage Traveler, call 800/432-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com.

Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Sites

Wisconsin recognizes twelve heritage tourism areas in the state. Contact information for those areas is listed below:

Cheese Country Heritage Green Country Welcome Center
N3150B Hwy 81
Monroe, WI 53566
608/328-1838, 888/222-9111
www.cheesecountryheritage.com

Coulee Pathways
P.O. Box 165
New Lisbon, WI 53950-0165

Fox-Wisconsin Rivers Heritage Corridor
c/o East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
132 Main St.
Menasha, WI 54952-3100
920/751-4770
www.eastcentralrpc.org

Frank Lloyd Wright Heritage Tour
P.O. Box 6339
Madison, WI 53716-6339
608/287-0339
www.wrightinwisconsin.org

From Pineries to the Present
P.O. Box 38
Shawano, WI 54166-0038
715/524-2139, 800/235-8528
www.shawanocountry.com

Iron County - Rooted in Resources
c/o Iron County Development Zone
P.O. Box 97
Hurley, WI 54534-0097
715/561-2922
www.ironcountywi.com/

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 67
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538-0067
715/588-3303
www.glitc.org

Lake Superior Heritage Highways
29270 County Road G
Ashland, WI 54806
715/685-2646
www.heritageconnection.org

Point of Beginnings
P.O. Box 608
Platteville, WI 53818-0608
608/723-4170, 888/225-9225
www.pointofbeginnings.org

Rivers, Rails & Trails
New Richmond Area COC
235 S Knowles Ave
New Richmond, WI 54017
800/654-6380, 715/246-2900
www.riversrailsandtrails.org

Timber Trails in the Chippewa Valley
Chippewa Valley CVB
3625 Gateway Dr., Suite F
Eau Claire, WI 54701-8187
715/831-2345, 800/344-3866
www.timbertrails.com/

Wisconsin's Ethnic Settlement Trail
518 Water Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
920/467-9518
www.west.org

17. Horseback Riding

The Horseman's Guide to Wisconsin Trails lists all county, state and national parks and forests with riding trails. The guide includes terrain maps, fees and facilities with listings of stables, camps, and ranches. To learn cost of booklet, including postage and handling, contact :

Wisconsin State Horse Council
132A S. Ludington St.
Columbus, WI 53925-1516
920/623-0393
www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org

For information about horseback riding opportunities in Wisconsin state parks and forests, visit www.wiparks.net.

18. Map Sources

Aeronautical Charts & Wisconsin Airport Directory

Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
Bureau of Aeronautics
P.O. Box 7914
Madison, WI 53707-7914
608/266-3351
Or, visit www.dot.state.wi.us/modes/a/ir.htm
(A small fee includes shipping & handling.)

County Highway Maps

Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
Maps & Publication Sales
P.O. Box 7713
Madison, WI 53707-7713
608/246-3265
FAX 608/246-5632 to request an order/fee sheet.
Or, visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/maps/county.htm

Navigational Maps

For a map of the Upper Mississippi River from Cairo, Illinois to St. Paul, Minnesota, contact:

Mississippi River Visitor Center
P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004
800/645-0248,
309/794-5338
www.missriver.org

For maps of the Fox River, Lake Winnebago, or the Great Lakes, contact:

FAA Distribution Division
Nautical Chart Sales
6303 Ivy Lane, Suite 400
Greenbelt, MD 20770
800/638-8972,
301/436-8301
www.naco.faa.gov

State Highway Map

For a free Wisconsin State Highway Map (single copies only), call 800/432-8747, or order on-line at www.travelwisconsin.com.

Topographic Maps

Wisconsin Geological Survey
3817 Mineral Point Rd.
Madison, WI 53705-5100
608/263-7389
www.uwex.edu/wgnhs/

19. Meeting & Convention Planning

For assistance in planning a meeting or convention in Wisconsin, contact: Wisconsin Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus
P.O. Box 393
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0393
608/837-6693, 877/967-9674
www.thinkwisconsin.com

20. Multi-Cultural Contacts

For activities and events of special interest to the African American, Native American and Hispanic communities, contact:

African American Chamber of Commerce
6203 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
414/462-9450
www.aacc-milw.org

Great Lakes Intertribal Council, Inc.,
P.O. Box 9,
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.
715/588 3324
www.glitc.org

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin
816 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
414/643-6963
www.hccw.org

21. Paper Mill Tours

Four Wisconsin paper mills host regularly scheduled tours. They all require reservations in advance. For more information, visit www.wipapercouncil.org/tour.s.htm, or contact:

Wisconsin Paper Installation
Tours
c/o Wisconsin Paper Council
P.O. Box 718
Neenah, WI 54957-0718
920/722-1500
www.wipapercouncil.org/tour
s.htm

22. Regional Tourism Contacts

Great Lakes: Wisconsin's harbor towns welcome visitors to 1,100 magnificent miles of coastline on the Great Lakes; Lake Michigan forms Wisconsin's east coast, with Lake Superior to the north. The Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association is a non-profit organization marketing fourteen of these coastal communities. Their Web site at wisconsinharbortowns.org provides direct links to each member city. Their 42-page printed travel guide includes harbor maps and is available free by calling 800/554-1448 (the Milwaukee CVB).

Mississippi River: Trace 238 miles of quaint river towns, historic sites, soaring limestone bluffs, inviting state parks, water recreation and fun along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. The river forms Wisconsin's western border; the route you'll follow is Hwy 35, a National Scenic Highway called the Great River Road. For a free 16-page guide to the area titled "Of Boats, Bikes and Binoculars," call 800/658-9424 (La Crosse Area CVB). For a comprehensive view of river communities, their attractions, events, recreational activities and amenities, visit www.wigreatriverroad.org.

23. Restaurants

To verify whether or not a restaurant is a member of the WRA, contact:
Wisconsin Restaurant Assn.
2801 Fish Hatchery Rd.
Madison, WI 53713-3197
608/270-9950,
or 800/589-3211
www.wirestaurant.org

24. Road Conditions & Construction Detours

For recorded reports of statewide detours, closures, traffic inconveniences or winter road conditions, call 800/ROAD-WIS (762-3947) toll-free from Wisconsin and

neighboring states, or visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones.htm

25. Rustic Roads

The Wisconsin Rustic Roads Program identifies rural, lightly traveled roadways that retain the charm of an era when people traveled slower and savored the sights and sounds along the way. There are 90 rustic roads in Wisconsin ranging from 2.5 to 10 miles in length. Most are paved, but some are gravel. The speed limit is often 45 mph or less. Visit the rustic road's Web site at www.dot.state.wi.us/dtim/bop/rustic-index.htm where each roadway is detailed with a small map, driving directions and descriptions.

26. Snowmobiling Information

For a free Wisconsin Snowmobile Trails Map or for a free Wisconsin Fall/Winter Event & Recreation Guide listing county contacts for local maps and conditions, call 800/432-8747, or order online at www.travelwisconsin.com.

For membership and contact information about local snowmobile clubs in all 72 Wisconsin counties that groom and maintain Wisconsin's 22,000 miles of trail, contact:

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs
5497 Waterford La. Suite B
Appleton, WI 54913
920/734-5530
www.awsc.org

27. Sports

Wisconsin offers venues for sports in any season. For assistance in siting athletic competition of any kind, contact the Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation at 608/226-4780, or visit www.sportsinwisconsin.com.

28. Weather Reports

Before you travel, you can check the weather report for Wisconsin and the Midwest by visiting www.crh.noaa.gov/fldof.html.

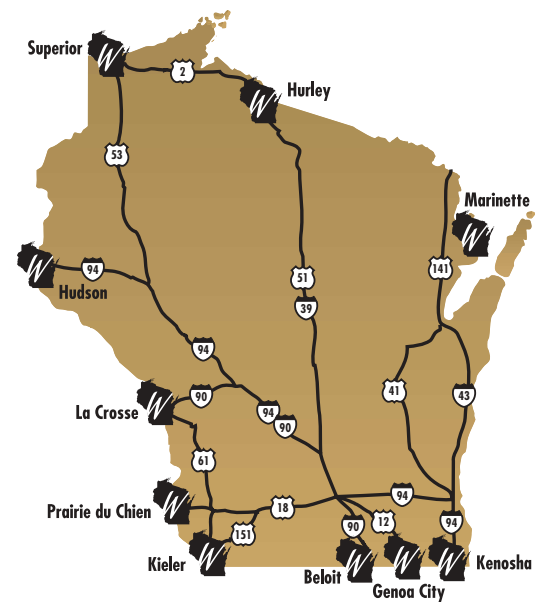
For sectors in Wisconsin, call one of these numbers:
Green Bay 920/494-2363
La Crosse 608/784-7294
Madison (Sullivan)
608/249-6645

Milwaukee (Sullivan)
414/744-8000

29. Wisconsin Travel Information Centers & Rest Stops

Wisconsin has six year-round tourist information facilities. Their locations are: Beloit (Interstate 90, westbound/north only); Hudson (Interstate 94, Exit 2); Hurley (Hwy 51); Kenosha (Interstate 94, exit 347 at Lakeview Parkway); La Crosse (Interstate 90 rest area,

eastbound only); and Superior (Rest area 23, Hwys 2/53). Additionally, four seasonal tourist information centers, open April through October, are located at: Genoa City (Hwy 12 rest area, northbound only); Grant County (Hwy 151/61 just north of Hwy 11 interchange); Prairie du Chien (at the Hwy 18 bridge); and Marinette (US Hwy 41/Bridge St; closed in 2005, reopening in 2006).



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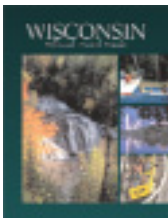
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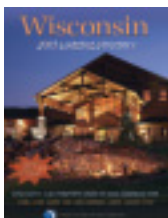
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A pocket-sized guide to the recreational facilities offered at Wisconsin's 94 state parks, forests and trails.



Wisconsin Lodging Directory

A comprehensive directory describing more than 1,100 Wisconsin hotels, motels, resorts and B&Bs. Provided by the Wisconsin Innkeepers Association.



Wisconsin Birding Guide – Lake Superior Northwood's Edition

A 72-page, glove-box guide to 88 birding hot spots in northern Wisconsin. Includes maps and driving directions.



Wisconsin Bed & Breakfast Directory

An 88-page guide detailing 250 Wisconsin B&Bs and historic inns. Each is pictured. Provided by the Wisconsin Bed & Breakfast Association.



Wisconsin Arts & Craft Fairs Directory

An 72-page directory to more than 250 Wisconsin art & craft fairs. Provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board.



Native Wisconsin

A full-color guide showcasing the attractions, events and history of Wisconsin's Indian people. Provided by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.



Wisconsin Attractions Guide & Highway Map

A pocket-sized guide to 45 of Wisconsin's most popular attractions, plus a state highway map. Provided by the Association of Wisconsin Tourism Attractions.

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