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**WINTER IS COMING: WINTER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES LAUNCH IN WISCONSIN**

*State's events list from November 2018 to April 2019 includes holiday fun, fests, fairs and more*

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**MADISON, Wis. (Nov. 1, 2018)** – There's no time to be cold with events this hot. Wisconsin offers endless festivals, fairs, seasonal celebrations and activities when the temperature drops. Whether indoors or out, Wisconsin has something for everyone, so bundle up and join the fun. From the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Folk Fair International, to the 2019 World Ice Snow Sailing Championship, and the annual Droppin' of the Carp—yes, you heard it right—there's enough to keep you occupied all season long.

*Please note that event changes may occur. We encourage media to double-check dates and contact information before going to print or posting online.*

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*Holiday Folk Fair International  
Courtesy of Holiday Folk Fair International*

**75<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Folk Fair  
International – West Allis – Nov. 16-  
18, 2018**

Experience the cultures of more than 50 countries at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Folk Fair International in West Allis. Sample traditional ethnic food at The World Café and browse artisan gifts at the International Bazaar. Watch performers from Indonesia, Kenya, the Bahamas, and more share their heritage through song and dance. 414-225-6225; [www.folkfair.org](http://www.folkfair.org)

**Holiday Market – Kohler – Nov. 16-18, 2018**

Browse and shop vendors from across the Midwest as Kohler Co. celebrates the end of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season. The annual holiday market features decorations, handmade wooden toys, sweets and more. Spend the day and enjoy additional shopping at the Shops at Woodlake, lunch at a Kohler restaurant or a trip to the Kohler Waters Spa. 855-444-2838; [www.americanclubresort.com](http://www.americanclubresort.com)

**MMoCA Art & Gift Fair – Madison – Nov. 17-18, 2018**

Support local artists while perusing the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's Art and Gift Fair, formerly the "Holiday Art Fair." From handmade jewelry to fine art – find the perfect gifts for the holiday, and stop by the "Gourmet Gallery" for chocolate, cheese and other delicious goodies. The fair will once again kick off "Shine on Madison" on Saturday night, which features the lighting of Christmas lights that line the MMoCA windows. 608-257-0158; [www.mmoca.org](http://www.mmoca.org)

**Christmas in the Country – Lake Geneva – Nov. 18-Dec 31, 2018**

It's a holly jolly Christmas at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa Christmas in the Country. The magic kicks off on Nov. 18 with the Illumination Ceremony, featuring two million holiday lights decorating the resort. Take part in the breakfast with Santa, a nighttime trolley tour of the resort and a festive holiday afternoon tea. There's no shortage of yuletide family fun at this holiday

tradition.  
262-248-8811; [www.grandgeneva.com](http://www.grandgeneva.com)

**Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade – Appleton – Nov. 20, 2018**

Dubbed the largest nighttime Christmas parade in the Midwest, the Appleton Christmas Parade draws more than 80,000 spectators to downtown Appleton as beautifully decorated floats lit with holiday lights, marching bands, live animals and baton twirlers parade through the town. This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays," and features Santa Claus.

920-954-9112;

[www.appletondowntown.org](http://www.appletondowntown.org)



*Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade  
Photo Courtesy of Appleton Downtown, Inc.*

**Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas: The Musical! – Milwaukee – Nov. 20, 21 & 23-25, 2018**

Discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage. Featuring the hit song "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch," watch as the Grinch discovers there's more to Christmas than he bargained for in this heart-warming holiday classic. Hailed by The New York Times as "100 times better than any bedtime story," Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical enchants adults and children alike. An ASL and Audio Described performance is available on Saturday, November 24 at 2 p.m.

414-273-7206; [www.marcuscenter.org](http://www.marcuscenter.org)

**The Santa Cruise – Lake Geneva – Nov. 23-Dec. 31, 2018**

All aboard the Santa Cruise! Enjoy the lights along Geneva Lake, as you cruise past waterfront estates with decorative displays for the season. A professionally narrated story will be shared on each deck of the boat - and Christmas carols will be sung as guests pull back into Williams Bay. Specialty Cruises will run on the weekends including a Santa Claws Cruise where furry family members can come aboard and enjoy some festive time with their families, too.

262-248-6206; [santacruiselakegeneva.com](http://santacruiselakegeneva.com)

**Garden of Lights – Green Bay – Nov. 23-Dec. 23 (Fri. – Sun.), Dec. 26-30, 2018**

Experience holiday magic as more than 300,000 lights decorate the Green Bay Botanical Garden at night. You and your family won't want to miss the spectacular array of botanical-themed light displays, including the enchanted icicle forest, sparkling flowers and a 60-foot walk-through caterpillar. Enjoy this stunning winter landscape by foot or horse drawn wagon ride. New this year, a "Veggie Tails" display featuring carrots, corn, pumpkins and a furry friend. The show is topped off with the area's tallest and brightest shining tree.

920-490-9457; [www.gbbg.org](http://www.gbbg.org)

**A Vintage Christmas – Prairie du Sac – Nov. 24, 2018**

Toast to the holiday season with a stop at Wollersheim Winery & Distillery's A Vintage Christmas. Take a self-guided tour of this charming 160-year-old winery while enjoying award-winning wines and spirits paired with festive foods and Wisconsin artisanal cheeses. Get a little shopping in with a selection of unique Wisconsin-made gifts. Listen to the sounds of the season as Christmas carolers serenade in the historic Sugarloaf Room.

608-643-6515; [www.wollersheim.com](http://www.wollersheim.com)

**Cambridge Classic Christmas – Cambridge – Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2018**

Greet the season with a trip to Cambridge for a weekend filled with Christmas cheer. Take a horse-drawn hayride, participate in gingerbread house-making and snap a photo with Santa. Round out the experience with a walk through Lake Ripley Park to admire the sparkling lights display.

608-423-3780; [www.cambridgewi.com](http://www.cambridgewi.com)



*Old World Christmas  
Photo Courtesy of Old World Wisconsin*

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Old World Christmas Market – Elkhart Lake – Nov. 30- Dec. 9, 2018**

Celebrate the spirit of Gemutlichkeit as the Osthoff Resort recreates the centuries-old Christkindlesmarkt in Germany. Talented regional and international artisans sell handmade gifts, including Czech blown-glass, German hand-carved nutcrackers and Russian nesting dolls. As you shop, sample bratwursts, wiener schnitzel and other tasty traditional German fare. New this year—imported items from Ireland. Be sure to bring your camera as Father Christmas is often spotted strolling through the market.

877-517-4596;

[www.christmasmarketatosthoff.com](http://www.christmasmarketatosthoff.com)

**An Old World Christmas – Eagle – Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16, 2018**

Jingle all the way to the 1800s at Old World Wisconsin. Celebrate the holiday traditions and customs of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with Christmas storytelling, caroling and horse-drawn bobsled rides around the decorated Old World village. Sample authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century holiday foods and even have breakfast with Santa.

262-594-6301; [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)

**Harborholiday International Market and Festival – Kenosha – Dec. 1, 2018**

Deck the halls in Kenosha this year. This collaborative holiday event combines the Kenosha Civil War Museum's Victorian Christmas, the Kenosha Public Museum's International Holiday Faire and the Winter Harbor Market. Learn how Civil War soldiers and civilians celebrated Christmas through arts, crafts and hands-on activities. Enjoy international foods, music and entertainment from around the world. Don't miss storytelling on the Harbor Holiday Express Street Car and the 12 Days of Christmas life-sized artwork.

262-653-4140; [www.visitkenosha.com](http://www.visitkenosha.com)

**Dickens of a Christmas – Ripon – Dec. 7-9, 2018**

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Ripon. Walk or take a carriage ride through the historic downtown, stroll through the Enchanted Forest and watch the quirky fruitcake toss. Don't miss the holiday craft show and breakfast with Santa.

920-748-6764; [www.ripon-wi.com](http://www.ripon-wi.com)

**Droppin' of the Carp – Prairie du Chien – Dec. 31, 2018**

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a...fish? Bring your family for an unforgettable New Year's Eve in Prairie du Chien and watch as "Lucky," the 30-pound frozen carp, is hoisted up into the air then dropped at the stroke of midnight. Blend in with locals by kissing Lucky for a year of good luck! 608-326-8602; [www.carpfest.org](http://www.carpfest.org)

**New Year's Eve Fireworks & Cherry Drop – Sister Bay – Dec. 31, 2018**

Put a cherry on top of 2018 by attending the New Year's Eve fireworks and cherry drop in Sister Bay. Lace up your ice skates and take a spin on the ice, listen to live music, and bite into local delicacies. Make sure to arrive by 8 p.m. for the fireworks display. 920-854-4118; [www.cometosisterbay.com](http://www.cometosisterbay.com)

**Plymouth's Big Cheese Drop – Plymouth – Dec. 31, 2018**

Visit the Cheese Capital of the World for Plymouth's Big Cheese Drop. Back by popular demand, the nationally acclaimed "Big Cheese Drop" will again occur at 10 p.m. instead of midnight. Come early to enjoy the music, roast a S'more at the bonfire or sip hot cocoa. After the drop, head inside the Arts Center for live music and a complimentary champagne toast at midnight.

920-892-8409; [www.plymoutharts.org](http://www.plymoutharts.org)

**St. Germain Arctic Warrior Race – St. Germain – Jan. 12, 2019**

Tap into your inner warrior at this exciting outdoor obstacle course. Sign up for the 5K or 10K courses to tackle brand new heart-pumping obstacles like the tire shuffle and the snow hill climb. Enlist your friends and family in the Obstacle Course Team Challenge or enroll your little warriors in the kid-friendly Little Arctic Warrior snowshoe race.

715-477-2205; [www.st-germain.com](http://www.st-germain.com)

**AMSOIL World Championship Snowmobile Derby – Eagle River – Jan. 18-20, 2019**

Rev your engines for the world snowmobile championship, also known as the "Indianapolis 500 of Snowmobile Racing." Considered the largest and most prestigious snowmobile competition in the sport, it is sure to attract the best snowmobilers in the country.

715-479-4424; [www.derbytrack.com](http://www.derbytrack.com)

**Winter Free Fishing Weekend – Statewide – Jan. 19-20, 2019**

There's no hook—fishing is free in Wisconsin this weekend. Fish anywhere in the state without a license or trout stamp for one weekend only. Other fishing rules apply, such as limits on the number and size of fish you can keep.

608-266-2272; [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

**Lake Superior Ice Festival – Superior – Jan. 25-27, 2019**

Brrr-ing your family to one of the "coolest" festivals in Wisconsin. The Lake Superior Ice Festival is a family-friendly fest that brings the community together for three-days jam-packed with fun. Come for beautiful ice sculptures, a craft fair and live music. Stay for the highly competitive pond hockey tournament, and the wildly-popular snow slide. "Chill" with ice princesses in the fun-filled Kids Zone and don't miss the ice racing events and fireworks on Saturday.

800-942-5313; [www.superioricefestival.com](http://www.superioricefestival.com)



Lake Superior Ice Festival  
Photo Courtesy of Superior Ice Festival

### **Waukesha JanBoree – Waukesha – Jan. 25-27, 2019**

For more than 30 years, the Waukesha JanBoree has provided the community with an event to heat up the winter. Bundle up for classic fun, like cross-country skiing, ice bowling and hockey. Tap in to the popular ice sculpture contest featuring the outstanding artistry of carvers from around the world. Don't miss the beer garden, complete with a heated tent and Raised Grain Brewery beer on tap. This year's theme is Carnival, complete with carnival games, entertainment and a penguin egg hunt.

262-524-3737; [www.janboree.org](http://www.janboree.org)



Phillips Winterfest  
Photo Courtesy of Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce

### **Phillips Winterfest and Flurry 5k & 10K Snowshoe Race – Phillips – Jan. 26-27, 2019**

Head to Phillips for a weekend filled with outdoor fun. The 2019 Wisconsin State Snowshoe Championship Race has both the 5k & 10k courses consisting of groomed ski trails and rolling terrain. On Saturday, drop a line in the Ice Fishing Contest where you could win \$5,000 if you catch the tagged walleye. Snowmobilers are invited to join the Snowmobile Parade or spectate the Cor PowerSports Snowmobile Races.

715-339-2190;

[www.phillipsflurry.com](http://www.phillipsflurry.com)

### **Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Race – Merrill – Jan. 26-27, 2019**

Glide in to Merrill for the Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Race. Watch as more than 100 mushers compete in this ISDRA-sanctioned race for a chance to win a cash purse. In addition to sled dog races, visitors can spectate skijoring, kiddie and celebrity races too.

715-873-4787; [www.witrailblazers.shutterfly.com](http://www.witrailblazers.shutterfly.com)

### **Winterfest & U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition – Lake Geneva – Jan. 26-Feb. 3, 2019**

Watch professional snow sculptors from across the country compete for a national title as they create intricate snow masterpieces. This nine-day festival offers more than the usual winter activities with a human dog sled race, amazing ice castles, ice bars and helicopter rides. Warm up during the festival on the Cocoa Crawl and at the Chili cook-off.

800-345-1020; [www.visitlakegeneva.com](http://www.visitlakegeneva.com)

### **Fish Creek Winter Festival – Fish Creek – Feb. 1-3, 2019**

Celebrate winter with this long-standing Fish Creek tradition. Choose from a variety of outdoor activities, including the bike toss and minnow racing. Sample delicious chili during the chili cook off or sip wine from Orchard Country Winery. Don't miss fireworks on Saturday followed by candlelight skiing or hiking at Peninsula State Park.

920-868-2316; [www.visitfishcreek.com](http://www.visitfishcreek.com)



*Hudson Hot Air Affair  
Photo Courtesy of Travel Wisconsin*

**Hudson Hot Air Affair – Hudson – Feb. 1-3, 2019**

Float on over to the premier winter hot air balloon rally in the Midwest for a weekend of crowd high flying fun. This year's theme is "Pirates Fly'n the Croix-ribbean" with a special parrot shaped hot air balloon to match the pirate theme. Watch the sky light up during the torchlight parade and firework show, run or walk in the Up, Up and Away 5K and enjoy live entertainment. A hot air balloon rally wouldn't be complete without a mass balloon ascension with more than 30 balloons and night-time Moon Glow.

715-381-2050;  
[www.hudsonhotairaffair.com](http://www.hudsonhotairaffair.com)

**Great Lakes Pet Expo – West Allis – Feb. 2, 2019**

Head to the Wisconsin State Fair grounds for a paws-itively great time! More than 14,000 pet lovers flock to this expo every year for over 30,000 square feet of the latest pet gear, toys and treats. Looking to find a new addition to your family? Don't miss the Parade of Adoptables. There's also the special cat-only area, featuring serious cattitude, or the fur-ocious Bark Park for all things dog. All proceeds go to the animals of Wisconsin. Please leave all pets at home. 414-915-4156; [www.petexpomilwaukee.com](http://www.petexpomilwaukee.com)

**2019 World Ice and Snow Sailing Championships and Sturgeon Spectacular – Fond du Lac – Feb. 4-10, 2019**

Making a rare return to the United States, Fond du Lac will once again host the World Ice and Snow Sailing Championships, held on Lake Winnebago. Bundle up for six days of international race events, including course racing, slalom, speed racing and freestyle for kites, sails, and wings. The week will be concluded with the 4th Annual Sturgeon Spectacular Winter Festival. Highlights include a kick-off parade starting with The Running of the Sturgeon, live musical performances, ice carving and the Family Fun Zone.

920-923-3010; [www.fdl.com](http://www.fdl.com)

**Sky Circus on Ice – Delavan – Feb 15-17, 2019**

Head to Delavan for a snow filled spectacle featuring thrilling airborne performances by professional kite teams and expert snow sculpting and ice carving by top regional artists. Slide down a blizzard run, sign up for a kite making workshop, participate in a family snow carving class, and heat up at the warming stations.

262-728-7950; [www.lakelawnresort.com](http://www.lakelawnresort.com)

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bar Stool Races – Drummond – Feb. 16, 2019**

There's no other race that compares to the Drummond Bar Stool Races. Watch as daring competitors race down Brian Miller Hill atop themed bar stools attached to skis. Afterwards, fill up with chili and brats—the perfect comfort foods for a winter day. Food, drink and raffle ticket profits raise money for Drummond Sno-Jacks.

715-739-6645; [www.drummondwi.com](http://www.drummondwi.com)

**Book Across the Bay Cross-Country Ski Race – Ashland – Feb. 16, 2019**

Founded to bring relief to stir crazy Wisconsinites, this nighttime tradition does just that. Open to skiers and snowshoers of all ages and ability levels, the 10-kilometer course starts in Ashland and ends in Washburn, following a route over the frozen surface of Lake Superior. The course is lit by the stars above and up to 1,000 candles in ice luminaries that line the entire route.

Enjoy well-deserved post-race chili, drinks and music.

715-682-2500; [www.batb.org](http://www.batb.org)



*Book Across the Bay  
Photo Courtesy of Book Across the Bay*

**Forest Frenzy Winter Triathlon – Boulder Junction – Feb 16, 2019**

Sign up for the first outdoor winter triathlon of its kind in the state of Wisconsin. The event consists of a 7.5-kilometer cross-country ski, a 5-kilometer snowshoe event and a 7.5-kilometer fat tire bike race. Staged at Camp Manito-wish YMCA, the race takes place on the trails of the scenic Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. This wilderness endurance event boasts challenging tight turns and narrow areas. Soup, hot beverages, bottled water and fruit will be available at the finish line for all participants upon completion of the race.

715-385-2400; [www.boulderfct.org](http://www.boulderfct.org)

**Northern Pines Sled Dog Race – Iron River – Feb. 16, 2019**

Situated in the Bayfield County Forest, this sprint race is an exhilarating downhill run through the Northern Pines golf course, the Bayfield County Trail system and the Tri-County Corridor. Experience the excitement of the race from vantage points on event center grounds and along the trail route. Free family-friendly events will be hosted in the event center with opportunity to meet the mushers on Friday evening.

715-372-8558; [www.visitironriver.com](http://www.visitironriver.com)



*Mad City Model Railroad Show  
Photo Courtesy of National Model Railroad Association*

**Mad City Model Railroad Show – Madison – Feb. 16-17, 2019**

All aboard for one of the Midwest's best model train events, drawing close to 10,000 attendees. Marvel the beautiful model train layouts and classic toy trains. Learn about the history of trains at educational exhibits. Children can ride a model train and create their own wooden train rail road. Over 300 vendors will showcase collectables, books, artwork and more.

608-267-3976; [www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org)

**Pig-in-the-Ice Festival – Elkhart Lake – Feb. 16, 2019**

Get ready to pig out at this aptly named fest. Not only can you enjoy the famous pig roast sandwiches, but you can listen to live music and

ride motocross bikes across the ice. Adults and kids can take part in the quirky ice cube hunt to win prizes. Stick around until dusk for the fireworks display.

920-876-2535; [www.elkhartlake.com](http://www.elkhartlake.com)

### **Bike Across the Bay – Washburn – Feb. 17, 2019**

Ride on the awesome expanse of Lake Superior ice. Enjoy the incredible shoreline scenery of the planet's largest fresh water lake. Discover the brownstone ice caves, cracks, and crevices. Experience the stunning beauty of the rock formations during the ride of either 10k or 20k. 715-209-8169; <http://www.northcoastcycling.com/>

### **Beloit International Film Festival – Beloit – Feb. 22-March 3, 2019**

Grab the popcorn for this 10-day tribute to independent film. More than 100 documentaries, features and short films in all genres will be featured at various venues across Beloit. Speak with passionate filmmakers from across the world during panel discussions. This unique festival continues to grow and has caught national attention with The New York Times calling BIFF, “a festival with a unique goal of returning to the spirit of film festivals’ golden era...”

608-312-4256; [beloitfilmfest.org](http://beloitfilmfest.org)

### **Wisconsin Fishing Expo – Madison – Feb. 22-24, 2019**

Showcasing fantastic fishing, hunting and a variety of watercraft, the Wisconsin Fishing Expo has something for everyone. Mom-and-pop vendors bring quality gear for both beginner and expert outdoorsmen. Browse the latest technologies from some of the leading national brands in the fishing industry. Kids will enjoy the expanded Kid’s Zone, with minnow races, bow fishing and a kids casting competition.

262-305-1907; [www.wifishingexpo.com](http://www.wifishingexpo.com)



*American Birkebeiner  
Photo Courtesy of Travel Wisconsin*

### **American Birkebeiner – Hayward – Feb. 23, 2019**

The adrenaline is contagious whether you’re skiing in the Skate 50K or Classic 55K or joining thousands of spectators. The largest cross-country ski marathon in North America spans 50 kilometers from Cable to Hayward for skaters and 55 kilometers for skiers. Deemed the “greatest show on snow,” this winter tradition is an unforgettable experience.

715-634-5025; [www.birkie.com](http://www.birkie.com)

### **Overture Center for the Arts’ International Festival – Madison – Feb. 23, 2019**

Celebrate Madison’s rich cultural heritage with over 30 free live performances by local artists, musicians and storytellers. Sample a variety of cuisine at the International Café to bring your taste buds on a trip around the world. Shop international arts and crafts and learn about the many local businesses with global connections.

608-258-4455; [www.overture.org](http://www.overture.org)

**Bayfield Winter Festival – Bayfield – March 1-3, 2019**

Immerse yourself in the Northwoods winter wonderland at the Bayfield Winter Festival. Hit the slopes at Mt. Ashwabab, shop and eat in charming downtown Bayfield, take the plunge into icy water or bike right across the ice. This year, kids' activities will include a penguin egg hunt.

715-779-5408; [www.recreationandfitnessresources.org](http://www.recreationandfitnessresources.org)

**World's Longest Weenie Roast – Cable – March 2, 2019**

Join the world's longest line of hot dog cookers over one fire to raise money for the Great Divide Ambulance Service, Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department and other area charities. After you've had your fill, participate in winter classics like snowmobile speed runs, ice bowling and outlaw drags at the event dubbed the region's "most fun on ice."

715-779-3335; [www.lakewoodsresort.com](http://www.lakewoodsresort.com)

**Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show – Milwaukee – March 6-10, 2019**

Gear up for spring at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show. Lovers of fishing, hunting, camping, kayaking, and more will enjoy exhibits and seminars. A tradition since 1940, this indoor event celebrates everything outdoors. Try out the latest equipment, plan an excursion and find great deals on outdoor gear.

414-727-1673; [www.jssportsshow.com](http://www.jssportsshow.com)

**Canoecopia – Madison – March 8-10, 2019**

Discover more than 250,000 square feet of kayaks, canoes, stand up paddleboards and outdoor gear at the world's largest paddlesports consumer event. Find the perfect gear for your adventure and develop skills during the more than 140 educational seminars. Uncover the most alluring spots to paddle from seasoned experts.

608-223-9300; [www.canoecopia.com](http://www.canoecopia.com)

**Fat Bike Birkie – Cable – March 8-9, 2019**

Pedal over to North America's premiere snow bike event: The Fat Bike Birkie. This snow-tacular event provides a one-day-a-year chance to ride a fat bike on the groomed, snow-covered American Birkebeiner Ski Trail. Registration includes a post-race party of grilled Birkie Brats and craft beer on tap—right in the big heated tent at the finish line.

715-634-5025; [www.birkie.com](http://www.birkie.com)

**Shamrocks and Shenanigans – Plymouth – March 15-17, 2019**

Feeling lucky? Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Plymouth where visitors will get their fill of the luck of the Irish. Start your weekend with "Shamrocks and Shenanigans", as presented by the Plymouth Arts Center. This revue will consist of traditional Irish songs, both sung and instrumentals, as well as Irish dancing, poetry and folk tales. On Sunday, don your best green to walk with your fellow Irishmen in the parade, beginning at 11 a.m.

888-693-8263; [www.plymouthwisconsin.com](http://www.plymouthwisconsin.com)

**St. Patrick's Day Parade – New London – March 23, 2019**

The week-long fest kicks-off with leprechauns changing the town's name to "New Dublin." Spectate Wisconsin's Largest St. Patrick's Day parade to see an extensive lineup of bagpipers, marching bands and Irish dancing. Listen to Celtic music and Irish caroling at Irish fest, and fill up at local restaurants and pubs for a taste of traditional Irish cuisine like corned beef and cabbage.

920-982-3891; [www.newdublin.com](http://www.newdublin.com)

**MapleFest – Amery – March 30-31, 2019**

Enjoy a sweet day full of free activities at Glenna Farms this sugaring season. Free pancakes will be served with USDA Certified Organic maple syrup produced on the farm. Learn about sapping on the “sap to syrup” farm tour and enter to win maple products in the drawing. Shop the Country Store that features products made in Wisconsin. Food shelf donations will be collected.

715-268-4702; [www.glennafarms.com](http://www.glennafarms.com)

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