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Potosi/Tennyson
Chamber of Commerce(608) 763-2208
or (608) 763-2121
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Richland Center
Spring Green Chamber of Commerce (800) 588-2042
or (608) 588-2054
Viroqua Tourism

voca, a small, beautiful village nestled between lush hills and scenic Wisconsin river straddles the northwest border of Iowa County. Avoca's yearly celebrations include: Fireman's Annual Celebration in February, St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, Memorial Day Celebration in May, and Labor Day Celebration in September. Avoca has the biggest Prairie Land east of the Mississippi River, from which you are able to walk to the Wisconsin River and enjoy the natural beauty.

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Avoca

In 2008, Avoca dedicated its new Veteran's Memorial in Legion Park on Front Street, complete with a retired military tank. The Avoca Lakeside Park features a campground, ancient Indian mounds, ball diamond, concession stand, two picnic shelters, playgrounds, a swim at your own risk beach, and boat ramp.

The Avoca Campground has 75 sites, accommodating

both permanent and vacationing campers. Indian mounds are in the park overlooking the Avoca Lake. The group includes six linear and four conical mounds. The Avoca Lake is backwater of the Wisconsin River and is great for fishing, no-wake boating, canoeing and kayaking. The lake is approximately 2 miles long and during most of the summer is shallow, with the deepest areas about 8-10 feet. The Avoca Prairie



is located about 2 miles east of the village and is one of four Department of Natural Resources public hunting area within 7 miles of the village. Game common to the area are the whitetail deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, pheasants, and other small game. The prairie is the largest contiguous prairie east of the Mississippi River. The bottomlands are covered with many different grasses, flowers, and other plants.

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Bagley is a small community nestled in the valley between the Mississippi River and the rolling hills of Wyalusing State Park. Bagley is a sportsmen's paradise. Cabin rental, camping, fishing, boating, hunting and just plain relaxing are all a part of the village. River of Lakes Camp Ground, Jellystone Park and Wyalusing State Park are where you can find many of your camping and boating needs. Have a boat and want to put it on the river? There are multiple locations for you to launch your boat including Bohringer Landing and Jays Lakes landing to name a few.

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Wyalusing State Park has 2,628 acres including hardwood forests, pines, bluffs, springs, waterfalls, wetland and backwaters. The park is home to deer, beaver, fox, and many other animals. A canoe trail through the river sloughs offers a unique way to see the waterfowl and diverse animal life. There are hiking trails that lead





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throughout the park as well.

There is dining at its best with four well established restaurants offering nightly specials. Last minute groceries as well as bait can be found at the River of Lakes Camp Ground Store. The Lutheran Church offers Sunday worship.

Every one flocks to Bagley for the Independence Day Celebration each

year which includes a chicken barbeque, flea market, concession stand and beer tent ran by local organizations, Cow Chip Bingo, Bean Bag Tournament, raffle, fireworks and at dusk a street dance.

The big event of the Independence Day Celebration is

Valley Professional Bull Riding which is a 3-peat Bullriders of America-Event of the Year. The event is always full of laughs, fun and adventure. It is not only the rodeo you get to watch, but Mutton Busting and Wild Cow Milking.





Belmont invites you to enjoy some of the areas finest local attractions. Belmont is located on Hwy. 151 between Platteville and Mineral Point.

FIRST CAPITOL HISTORIC SITE

First Capitol Historic Site is located 3.5 miles northwest of Belmont on County Highway G. In the 1800s this area, the lead mining region, was so prominent that Belmont was chosen as the meeting place for the First Territorial Legislature of Wisconsin Territory. First Capitol Historic Site features two restored buildings from the 1836 legislative session. Today, the buildings house displays relating to the formation of Wisconsin Territory, the 46 day legislative session, the site's transition to private use, its rescue from destruction, and its establishment as a state historic site.

BELMONT MOUND STATE PARK

Belmont Mound is a prominent topographical feature located three miles northwest of the Village of Belmont. Belmont, from the French 'Bell Monte', means "beautiful mountain". The Niagara Dolomite which caps this mound and the Platte Mound are the only remains of this formation that once covered the county.

Natural attractions of the park include rock formations such as "The Devils Dining Table", "Devils Chair", and "The Cave", all of which are located off the park drive on the north slope. This family park has nature, recreational and ski trails, woodland, wildlife, playground equipment, picnic area with grills and a shelter house as well as restrooms. There is an abandoned limestone quarry on the south side of the mound. Near the picnic area are remains of what probably were kilns used to heat limestone to form lime.







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ravelers on Highway 35 pass through the small town of Bloomington, Wisconsin, population 735. The bluffs and river valley create a scenic drive every season of the year. Bicyclists are challenged on the hills and snowmobilers enjoy the winter trails.

Settled in the early 1800s, this village was originally called "Blake's Prairie". A flour mill and mill house, erected by D. W. Taft, were completed in 1853. The old Taft's Mill, constructed of native limestone, still stands today and currently houses a pottery shop.

Agriculture remains the principal economic base, as evidenced by the types of businesses serving area residents, including a butcher shop, equipment dealer, vet clinic, livestock sale barn, hardware store, lumber yard and building center. Many small businesses provide basic services for the people in this quiet neighbor-helping-neighbor community.

Bloomington has three specialty events each year. First, the Blakes Prairie Junior Fair, held in July which highlights the projects of area 4-H and FFA youth, The Bloomington Sidewalk Sales held in August and Christmas in Bloomington Shopping Spree which runs the 1st Thursday in December where you will shop until you drop.

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BLUE RIVER

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Don't let this little village discourage you. It is full of unique spots and a beautiful scenic area worth the drive. Blue River is a small village in Grant County. Located in the southwest corner of Wisconsin located off Highway 133 between Boscobel and Muscoda. The Wisconsin River is just minutes away to the north with beautiful farmland and hills to the south. You will see young and old riding their bikes or walking for enjoyment in this peaceful community.

Blue River has a wonderful park where you can watch a ballgame almost every night during the summer as children play on the new playground equipment just a few feet away.

SWEET SPOTS

It is the home of Eagle Cave, Wisconsin's largest onyx cave. Which has guided cave tours available during the summer. It is also home to a unique gift shop, Robin's Nest. And while you're visiting, enjoy a lunch at The Port with their wide variety of food choices.

AUTUMN FEST

The third weekend in August means Autumn Fest in Blue River, a three-day celebration that includes tractor pulls, fast pitch softball and the mouth watering Firemen's Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, after which visitors line the village streets for the Fest's parade finale.

The 1866 School Museum, a refurbished one-room schoolhouse, is open Autumn Fest Weekend and by appointment. Two churches serve the community, the Gospel Hall and the Blue River United Methodist Church which is over 100 years old and has wonderful stained glass windows to enjoy.

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oscobel, offers a variety of community life experiences to residents and visitors. Historical and scenic area attractions, quality education programs, excellent economic development opportunities, and an active Chamber of Commerce blend together to create an outstanding little city in southwest Wisconsin.

Nestled along the lower Wisconsin River in northern Grant County, Boscobel has recreational activities for all ages. The swimming pool, ball diamonds, city parks, tennis courts, shelters, and boat landings are always busy. The Memorial Library offers residents an excellent collection of reading materials as well as public-access computers.

COMMUNITY

The area churches and religious organizations serve the spiritual needs of the community. Healthcare needs are served by the qualified staff and modern facilities of Gundersen Boscobel Area Hospital and Clinics. The many service organizations provide valuable support to the foundation of the community.



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A modern Industrial Park is home to businesses that employ a workforce known for high productivity, low absenteeism, and an excellent work ethic. Boscobel businesses enjoy the advantages of the Boscobel Municipal Airport and local freight train service.

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RECREATION

The city has 10 public parks, including 30-acre Kronshage Park. The Olympicsize swimming pool, a basketball court, a volleyball court, five tennis courts, five shelters, and many picnic tables and outdoor grills are available for public use. There is a fee to reserve use of park shelters for private affairs such as family reunions.

Kronshage Park offers Olympic size swimming pool, wading pool, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court, sand volleyball courts, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, 3 picnic shelters (Kronshage East, Kronshage West & Larsen), restrooms



(handicap accessible), numerous picnic tables and outdoor grills. Bluffview Park offers playground equipment and picnic table; Memorial Park – playground equipment, picnic table, horseshoe pit; Northside (Fireman's) Park – playground equipment, picnic tables, picnic shelter,



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outdoor grill, youth ball park/diamond; Scout Cabin Park – playground equipment, picnic tables, family ball diamond; Westside (Hinman) Park – playground equipment, picnic shelter, picnic tables, outdoor grill, restrooms (handicap accessible), family ball diamond.

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One of the Wisconsin River's tributaries is the twisty and beautiful Kickapoo River with its sandstone cliffs, thought by some geologists to be the oldest river in the world! The confluence of the Kickapoo and Wisconsin Rivers is next to Wauzeka, in Crawford County.

For those that would rather stay on the road or stick to the land, most of Boscobel's streets and highways are UTV/ATV accessible, so bring yourself into town on your recreational vehicle of choice and enjoy a day in the city.

The scenic highways and bicycle trails of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway in the ruggedly beautiful Driftless Region



provide an excellent place for bicycling for families, groups of friends and organized tours.

State Highway 60 is designated by Wisconsin as one of only two Scenic Byways in the state. Wooded bluffs soar above the road while the wild Wisconsin River follows alongside. Numerous quiet country lanes wind past idyllic pastures and lazy trout streams. You'll see sheep and dairy cows grazing the hillsides and valleys, while bald eagles and red tail hawks soar overhead. Wild turkeys and whitetail deer often can be seen along the margins of lush, forested hills.

Stop for a cold drink or a juicy burger at one of the many family-owned bar & grill establishments in the quaint villages that you'll find every six or seven miles along the route.

The Wisconsin River Trail Organization continues their construction of a paved trail for biking, walking and running with the final trail measuring 26 miles





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long.

You can also enjoy the paved 2-mile long Sanders Creek Trail, which winds right through the City of Boscobel.

For those who enjoy the water, a recreation area on the banks of the Wisconsin River offers picnic tables, fishing, and access to the river by an asphalt landing. The area also has restrooms, a telephone, and ample parking. Some of the best canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and fishing in the state are here on the lower Wisconsin River. The scenic bluffs, woodland, and sand beaches make for a memorable day on the river.

With its tree lined shores, sandy bottom, shallow depth and hundreds of sand bars to camp/fish/swim from, the Wisconsin River is a virtual paradise in the heart of the Midwest.

Our river town is home to lovely parks, trails for walking, biking, rollerblading, and fishing, a public swimming pool, free tennis courts, ball diamonds, and disc golf courses. In addition, exercise enthusiasts can utilize a full-featured fitness center. We have a number of nightlife hotspots, including DJs and bands for dancing as well as a bowling alley and a variety of restaurants, cafes, bakeries and coffee shops.

With the Lower Wisconsin River, fishing (all year), canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, and floating the river are among the many activities. Also, road cyclists and motorcyclists both love to explore the varied, beautiful terrain. There are over 170 trout streams (nearly 90 are designated as high-quality Class I streams) in Grant County and neighboring counties of Richland and Crawford, making the area a worldclass destination for trout fishing. The area is also well known for small game, deer, and turkey hunting. Simply driving the rural roads and viewing the beauty from various vantage points in the unique Driftless Area of Wisconsin, is an adventure to share with family and





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ATTRACTIONS / MUSEUMS

The Boscobel Hotel was built in 1863 and originally known as the Central House, this three-story native limestone landmark is now listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. The hotel etched its mark in world history in 1898 when two Christian traveling salesmen shared a room and conceived the idea of a Christian travelers' association. That meeting led to the formation of the world-famous Gideon Society, which has since placed millions of Gideon Bibles in lodging facilities throughout the world.

The Old Rock School is an excellent example of turn-of-the century Romanesque revival. The building was saved from demolition through a concerted effort to preserve the city's

rich architectural heritage and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today it is home to grades K-1 and complements a rich variety of educational opportunities for area youngsters.

Since th e construction of the "old depot" in 1857, the Boscobel Depot was the "heartbeat of the area." It served as the marshaling point of over 2,000 young enlisted men of the Union Army, and again in subsequent vears of WWI and WWII. It also served the area with food and industrial goods, as well as travel-through station. Included among notable people entering the city were the two traveling salesmen, Samuel E. Hill and John H. Nicholson, who began

the writings of the Gideon Bible, as well as John Blaine who left the city for a 3-term governorship of Wisconsin and later adversary for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Boscobel Depot has recently been restored and will again serve the community as a very functional building with the conversion of its interior into



a "Turn-of-the Century Railroad" and "Early Rural America walk-through museum."

A meeting hall for veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic was established after the war and it still stands today. It is considered by experts to be the only remaining G.A.R. Hall





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in Wisconsin, possibly in the Midwest. The Hall received State & National Registers of Historic Places designation on December 27, 2007.

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The GAR Civil War Museum is filled with mementos of the Civil War era. Pictures, old drums, flags, and even volumes of history from local veterans can be seen at the hall.

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FARMERS MARKET

Boscobel is starting its second year with the Farmer's Market in the Depot Park from 8 a.m.-Noon every Saturday from May until the end of October. The market has lots to offer as far as meat, produce and homemade baked goods and craft items. The Boscobel Depot will be open for tours from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. also. **SMOKE IN THE VALLEY**

Like tractors? Like loud tractors? Like loud, modified

tractors? Come check out Boscobel Antique Club's annual tractor pull, Smoke In The Valley. First Saturday in June. The pull will be held at the Boscobel antique club grounds, just off Hwy. 133 on Chestnut Street. Antique tractor pull starts between 8 and 10 a.m.; American Pullers at 11 a.m.; NTPA pull at 7 p.m.

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volunteer fire department. You will not be disappointed and it is a day of family fun. Every year Boscobel starts the morning off with the Firecracker Fun Run/Walk. Boscobel then struts its stuff with a parade of various floats and then up to the Kronshage Park for the variety of camaraderie and fun for the whole family. At dusk, the town takes a seat with young and old alike to watch Southwest Wisconsin's largest fireworks display. It is well worth the wait.

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In addition to the attractions and outdoor activities in the City of Boscobel, there is much to do and explore nearby. With the Lower Wisconsin River, fishing (all year), canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, and floating the river is just a good start.

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Few places can rival the Boscobel area for the sheer volume of publicly accessible land, Driftless Region scenic beauty, and wide range of opportunities for outdoor fun and adventure. For these reasons, our area truly is Wisconsin's Outdoor Recreation Destination.

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of the new Wisconsin Territory back in 1836.

The town is built on history, the first recorded mention of the present site of Cassville was made by Henry Schoolcraft in 1820. But it wasn't until 1827 that signs of a real settlement appeared when John York Sawyer built a smelting furnace and the first real house was built.

Wisconsin was initially governed by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and subsequently as part of the Indiana, Illinois and Michigan Territories. Cassville took its name by from Lewis B. Cass, at one time governor of the Michigan Territory. In 1836, after surrounding territories broke away to become states, it became the new Wisconsin Territory and included all of the present day Iowa, Minnesota and eastern Dakotas.

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Travel here by scenic country roads, bike, car ferry, boat or airplane. River recreation beckons all. Fishermen find their year-round catch whether on the Mississippi or picturesque backwaters. Riverside Park, located along the banks

of the Big River, offers shelters, picnic and play areas, and a picture-perfect view of passing tugboats, pleasure boats, and perhaps an old fashioned paddle wheeler.

Boaters can find launching and docking facilities near the park to enjoy a day on the majestic Mississippi. Riverside Park is in walking



distance of downtown Cassville with its shops and eateries. Enjoy America's rural small town hospitality.

NELSON DEWEY STATE PARK

Witness a breathtaking scene at the summit of the park drive at the Nelson Dewey State Park and imagine what Nelson Dewey envisioned for his elaborate 2000-acre estate. The Mississippi River stretches lazily below with the Iowa bluffs in the distance. Hopewell

Indian Mounds along the winding road reminds us of the rich heritage of a bygone era. A delight for hikers and campers alike, the park offers wooded campsites. showers, and picnic areas with shelters and grills. The scenic bluffs and trials offer incredible hiking, bird watching and fantastic photo opportuni-



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LOOP THE LOOP

Take a ride on the Cassville Car Ferry and visualize a twenty-three year old Nelson Dewey and his first trip across the Mississippi to reach the little village that was envisioned to become the first capital of the Wisconsin territory. The ferry served the early settlement as far back as 1836 and was powered by horses working on a tread-

mill, and though horses have been replaced, it continues today making that same trip back and forth across the mighty Mississippi. "Looping the Loop" was fashionable in the 20's when cars were a novelty. People of the area would cross the river via the ferry, then travel to Dubuque, IA., then cross back to the Wisconsin side for their return home. Today, it is still a fun way to cross the Mississippi.



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Explore Wisconsin's roots at Stonefield Historic Site! Journey by way of the Great River Road to become part of Wisconsin's rural life and agricultural history through a 1901 farmstead and village, the State Agricultural Museum, and home site of Wisconsin's first governor, Nelson Dewey. Stroll through the streets of the Stonefield village and tour the shops, school, and church. Make sure to stop in the confec-

tionary for a sweet ice cream treat. See how Wisconsin became the dairy state instead of the wheat state in the State Agricultural Museum, home to the oldest tractor in North America. Head to higher ground to discover the unique Gothic revival style home site of Governor Nelson Dewey, and the impact



he had on the formation of Wisconsin. Enjoy the bluff views of the Mississippi from the same vantage point the Dewey family once did.

Don't miss our special event days full of hands-on activities, speakers, food, tours, and more! Celebrate June Dairy Month with Agriculture Appreciation

Day. Learn not only about dairy, but also the diverse agricultural landscape of Wisconsin today, from speakers, cooking on the woodstove, making butter, wagon rides, and an implement show among other activities. Get a feel of an historic fall with the Great River Road Festival in September. Hang out by the Mississippi to help to make sorghum, try your hand at broom making, take in the fall atmosphere on a wagon ride, and watch a tractor pull. Finally, prepared to be spooked in our transformed vil-

lage during Safe & Spooky Halloween. Wear your scariest costume and trickor-treat around the "haunted" village!

Stonefield Historic Site is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. It is open Thursday – Sunday, June 1 through September 30. www. stonefield.wisconsinhistory.org



DARLINGTON

arlington, the Pearl of the Pecatonica, is a community that offers the small town friendliness of days gone by, the tranquil pace of rural America and something for just about everyone with a mix of unique shops, premier ATV trails and other recreational opportunities.

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The site of Darlington was first claimed in 1836 by Jameson Hamilton. In the spring of 1850, J.M. Keep and J.B. Lynde, the latter an agent of Joshua Darling of New York, purchased the land. The money used for the purchase was furnished by Mr. Darling, the reason his name was used in the selection of a title for the village.

The original plat of the village was registered on July 25, 1850. It contained 35 blocks of eight lots each. The streets of the original plat were named for the wives of the originators and remain today. They are Louisa, Catherine, Ann, Mary, Cornelia, Lucy and Minerva.

Darlington became a village in 1865



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and was incorporated as a city in 1877.

The city of Darlington has many beautiful historic buildings, including but not limited to, its Main Street. Darlington's Nationally Registered Historic Downtown is now the focal point for Darlington's Main Street Program. The distinction unites Darlington with other communities across the state. They share the common goal of revitalizing their downtowns by reinvesting in their historic buildings and local businesses. Darlington offers local residents and tourists a diversity of restaurants, retail businesses and service businesses with quality personal service.

The funding for the Lafayette County Courthouse located in Darlington, was provided by a single person. Matthew Murphy, an attorney from New Diggings, donated the proceeds from a civil War widows and disabled victims fund that were never used along with a percentage of his own personal estate. Shortly after Murphy's death in 1905, the courthouse was erected at a cost of \$136,500. Visitors to Darlington should take an hour or so to see the beautiful rotunda and then stroll over to the Carnegie Free Library which now houses the Lafayette County Historical Society.

In 1904, Andrew Carnegie gave a grant of \$10,000 to the city of Darlington to build a library on a picturesque spot in the city park. Next door you'll find the Johnson Public Library, built in 2000, with funds donated by Ervin W. Johnson and additional money raised by the community. Johnson, a Darlington attorney, gave over \$1 million to the project. Also in the city park, you'll see Civil War Monument erected in 1889 to honor all Lafayette County men who served in the Civil War.

Whether you want to relax and watch the world go by at a campsite on the Pecatonica River, research your family tree, shop the distinctive shops on our historic Main Street, get some great Wisconsin cheese, fish or soak in some rays at nearby Yellowstone Lake or cruise along the ATV recreational trail in any of three directions, you can do it all in Darlington, a short distance from nearby Galena, Ill., Dubuque, Iowa, and other southwest Wisconsin tourist destinations.

Canoers enjoy the quiet, relaxing and enjoyable surroundings that the scenery of the Pecatonica River has to offer as you drift on through this body of water. Darlington offers canoeists three convenient locations for putting in and taking out. Landings are also located in and near Blanchardville, Argyle, Black Hawk Memorial Park in Woodford, South Wayne and Gratiot. The Pecatonica River's east and west





branches provide tranquil floats through woods, prairie, dairy farms, bluffs and rock outcroppings.

Nothing goes better with canoeing than camping and fishing, and Darlington's Pecatonica River Trails Park is a great place for both. Yellowstone Lake State Park near Blanchardville offers over 150 camping units with picnic sites, hiking, fishing, hunting and an array of water sports opportunities.

Darlington is the heart of the Cheese Country Recreation Trail. The 47 miles of trail link Darlington with the communities of Monroe, South Wayne, Gratiot, Calamine and Mineral Point. The trail is open to bikes, horses, ATVs, snowmobiles, walkers and cross-country skiers. Park in one of Darlington's convenient lots adjacent to the trail and then follow the abandoned rail corridor as it meanders through oak and maple woodlots, sloughs, dairy farms and colorful rides. You can enjoy the trail throughout the year. Multicolored, gorgeous stands of native prairie wildflowers bloom along the trail through October. Because the railroad protected its property from the plow, these plants are the same ones that inhabited southwest Wisconsin when the first settlers arrived.

The Pecatonica River State Recreation Trail connects Belmont to the Cheese Country Trail at Calamine. This trail is open to bikers, hikers and snowmobilers only.





he Village of Dickeyville began in 1842 when Charles Dickey, a surveyor from Pennsylvania, opened a general store in what is the center of the village today. The 30-year-old Dickey established a dry goods store which also sold groceries, boots, shoes, clothing and farm machinery. That first building sat on farm land, where Muller's Restaurant used to be.

Dickey owned that store for 19 years and during that time he surveyed Grant County. The village was named for him. The small community was called "Dickeysville" in 1849 and the "s" remained in the town's name until 1932 when it was shortened to fit on maps. Dickey got "western fever" in 1861 and moved to Kansas. He never returned to the village before he died in 1902.

Dickeyville is a small, friendly town, located in the rolling hills in the heart of America's dairy land approximately ten miles from Dubuque, IA and Platteville, WI where a lot of the villagers commute to work. There are two community parks which feature; softball fields, horseshoe pitch, tennis courts, playground equipment and covered pavilions. Softball and Horseshoe leagues are available in the Summer and Fall. Need some ice, pop or snacks? Stop in at the local grocery store, meat store or local gas stations. Eating is never out of reach with three different eating establishments.

GROTTO

Today, Dickeyville is the home of the famous Dickeyville Grotto and shrines, built by Father Matthias Werneus, a Catholic priest, pastor of the parish from 1918 to 1931. There are several shrines in the grotto garden. In addition to the main shrine which houses the grotto of the Blessed Virgin, there is a patriotic shrine, the sacramental shrine of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Heart Shrine, Christ and Kind Shrine and the Stations of the Cross.

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Exploring

Julien was the first permanent white settler in Iowa and was greatly respected by the Indians. When he died in 1810, he was buried with honors befitting a chief. A large limestone monument overlooking the Mississippi displays his grave just off Grandview and Julien Dubuque Drive.

However, after Dubuque's death in 1810, other settlers met with trouble in their attempts to mine lead where the present-day city lies. It wasn't until 1833 under the terms of the Black Hawk treaty, that settlement was allowed.

Dubuque grew rapidly into a thriving river city, and a survey was made by the U.S. government for a town site. The site was laid on the river plain, and today,

DUBUQUE

the city covers an area of more than 25 square miles.

If shopping is on your list of things to do, make sure you shop Dubuque. Cable Car Square is located at the base on the Fenelon Place Elevator and features charming shops. Antiques, clothing, collectibles, imports, gourmet food, art, jewelry, gifts and candy can be found throughout the year. Also located in Dubuque is the Kennedy Mall Shopping Center. Kennedy Mall features JC Penney, Sears, Younkers, Eddie Bauer, Christopher & Banks, Victoria's Secret and many more. While shopping enjoy a bite to eat at Bishop's or any of the snack bars located in the mall.

Don't miss Asbury located on the west end of Dubuque which has a Kohl's, Michael's, Famous Footwear, Dress Barn, and much more. We invite you to enjoy shopping Dubuque. You'll be surprised at what you find!

Recreation for everyone in your

traveling party can be found in Dubuque. Heritage Trail located off Hwy. 52 are a 26-mile recreational trail. Woodland, river overlooks, railroad artifacts and general scenic sites can be found throughout the trail. Bike, run, job, ski or snowmobile on the trail. Canoeing is popular in the area as there are many rivers and lakes in the immediate vicinity. Enjoy golf a Lacoma Golf Club, Derby Grange, Bunker Hill or The Meadows. These courses are well kept and include a wide variety of challenges for the novice or experienced golfers.

NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM

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Exploring

You'll find specialty food and other shops and service businesses, along showcases collectible dolls and toys from around the world. The museum incorporates heirloom dolls and toys which are both owned and on loan to the museum. The Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum is located at 1135 6th Street (next to Subway) and just a short walk from the Fennimore Historical Railroad Society Museum. **Please call**



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FENNIMORE DOLL AND TOY MUSEUM

The Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum

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The Railroad Museum located at 610 Lincoln Avenue. The building has been remodeled inside and out to resemble a turn-of-the-century depot. Ticket booth



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housands of years ago, Ice Age glaciers thundered down from the far north, leveling hills and valleys in their path. When they came to the idyllic land we call Galena and Jo Daviess County, they inexplicably divided, detoured, and spared the primal beauty of rolling hills and rugged cliffs.

Exploring

Native Americans called this land Manitoomie, which means "Sacred Ground," or "god's Country." They mined Jo Daviess County's rich deposits of lead ore long before French explorers of the late 1600's discovered the mineral treasure. Congress created the Upper Mississippi Land Mine District in 1807 and Galena's first trading post was built in 1819. four years later the first steamboat ascended the Mississippi.

Visitors and Galenians alike – some of whom trace their ancestry back to lead miners, steamboat captains, and early farmers – appreciate in common the bounty of Galena: the living history that bricks and mortar and time can speak, the warmth of a people who left the hurry behind and the beauty of the

GALENA

land the Ice Age missed.

This quaint community is vast with visitor appeal. Wineries, restaurants, galleries and shops galore are tourist favorites. Explore the Ulysses S. Grant home or view three states from the Horseshoe Mound located on the outskirts of Galena. Beautiful bed and breakfasts line many streets and bluffs in the city. Enjoy the trails and waterway through the city itself.



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ays Mills is a small community north east of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, located at the junction of Highways 171 and 131 and adjacent to the Kickapoo River. The history of the town's name goes back to 1847, when James B. Gay, a civil engineer and a native of Indiana traveled to the then unsettled Kickapoo Valley. Impressed with acres of untouched forest and a river with a good rock bottom he built a dam and a saw mill which proved to be a flourishing success. Because of failing health, James persuaded his brothers John and Thomas to come to the valley and help him in the business. In 1865 many families moved to this community, which by mutual consent bore the name of Gays Mills in honor of the founder and his brothers.

Also historically linked with Gays Mills are still flourishing apple orchards which first received recognition by winning first place at a national apple show in New York in 1905.

Today several orchards remain to carry on the horticultural tradition, with new plantings of apples, cherries, grapes, Christmas trees, pumpkins, strawberries and raspberries. Orchard salesrooms offer these products, along with their own baked goods, other Wisconsin products such as cheese, sausage, jams, jellies, maple syrup, sorghum, popcorn, syrups, mustards, and more.

LANCASTER

ancaster, situated atop a ridge in the Driftless Region, is located on fertile uplands surrounded by

Exploring



wooded valleys and striking rock bluffs. Lancaster is home to the Grant County Fair, one of the oldest in the state, and enjoys community events that draw visitors year-round.

Lancaster is well known for its historic courthouse square which features the magnificent Grant County Courthouse. A stroll a-round the Courthouse Square in Lancaster can carry the visitor to an earlier time in Wisconsin history. The most striking feature of the square is the Courthouse itself, which boasts a glass and copper dome patterned after St. Peter's Basillica in Rome. The dome can be seen from miles around and is iconic to Lancaster's image. Inside, the rotunda and murals are striking examples of public building architecture. The grounds of the courthouse contain statues and monuments attesting to the rich history of the area. In fact, the square is the site of the first publicly conceived Civil War monument in the United States. The square is also home to one of just two known Blue Boy Statues representing the Union Soldiers of the Civil War.

The shops and offices surrounding the square are classic examples of turn of the century architecture indigenous to this part of Wisconsin. From modern





fashion, to fantastic gifts, to locally made foods, these shops give you a taste of life in Lancaster today.

Lancaster City Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a classic example of prairie style architecture made popular in the early 1900's. Today the city hall houses the restored community movie theatre as well as the municipal offices.

Located just off the square is the













June 19 • Brews & Blues

3pm - 8pm Brews and Blues is a music and beer festival. Music, beer, wine, food, and fun, brought to you by the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce! Get your tickets and check out event details by visiting brewsandblueswi.org

July 15 • Night on the Square

5pm - 9pm Gather with friends, family and neighbors Thursday, July 15th for Lancaster's 25th Annual Night on the Square. Enjoy games, food, dancing and more! Performances by America Best Karate, Gotta Dance Academy, and ending with our main music feature performing live at 7pm.

August 18-22 • Grant County Fair

One of the oldest fairs in Wisconsin, the Grant County Fair features a tremendous 4-H and FFA show of livestock, crafts, and other activities. It also features a full midway, grandstand events, and delicious local foods.

September TBD • Sip'n Shop

3pm - 6pm A self guided wine tasting tour. 150 tickets sold. Guest 21 years and older are invited to sample wine while strolling between the downtown businesses and shopping exclusive specials just for event guests. Tickets are available at lancasterwichamber.weebly.com



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Cunningham Museum, as a showcase of Grant County's vibrant past. The Museum is named after Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Cunningham, who donated their home to found the museum. The museum features a medical exhibit with artifacts donated from Dr. Cunningham's office. It also holds artifacts from all periods of Grant County's storied history including a wealth of information on the area's first African American settlement, Pleasant Ridge, just southwest of Lancaster. The Museum has just recently expanded and has even more room to display Grant County's rich history.

Visitors can stroll through one of our many well-manicured parks, play a round of golf at our beautiful 18 hole golf course, or take a walking tour of our neighborhoods full of historic homes ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright to Queen Anne architecture. Lancaster is also proud of their new public pool available to enjoy throughout the summer months.

One of Lancaster's must sees is Vesperman Farms located just south of town. Vesperman farms has been around since 1900, the farm has passed down through the family. Now a registered Century Farm and in the hands of its fifth-generation owner the farm is now a destination for weddings, picking strawberries & pumpkins, making donuts, ice cream and fall fun. It's become a destination for families and friends to come together and celebrate great moments.

There is also no shortage of activities for the outdoor enthusiast as Lancaster is surrounded by some great highways for cycling and excellent trout streams for fishing.













This is where the lead rush of the 1820's began – in the hills of Mineral Point. The city is named for the Point at which the "mineral" was discovered. In 1829, it became the Iowa County seat and by the 1830's it was a bustling, growing city that attracted many politically significant and influential people. Henry Dodge, the first Territorial Governor of Wisconsin, was





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inaugurated here on July 4th, 1836.

Today, Mineral Point is a place where makers and dreamers have been molding a creative community for decades. There are potters and painters, weavers and woodworkers, print

makers and pizza makers, glass artists and jewelry makers, sculptors and music makers, photographers and

farmers and award winning cheese makers (because this is Wisconsin!) Come visit and spend time with artists in their galleries or studios. Stay a little longer and take a class at Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts to nurture your creative side.

Historic buildings are

treasured here and many have been re-birthed to accommodate new uses while preserving our architectural heritage. Stroll downtown or take a drive around town to soak in the charm of 19th century architecture that was crafted by early residents and



restored by modern craftsmen.

We invite you to stay awhile and enjoy some Midwestern hospitality – dine with us, shop in unhurried leisure and at the end of the day, cozy up in a century old guest house or modern hotel.

PENDARVIS HISTORIC SITE

Bob Neal and Edgar Hellum, business and life partners, purchased and rehabilitated their first stone cottage at the height of the Great Depression, setting off a historic preservation movement. Built by Cornish settlers in the 1840s, the collection of stone buildings became known as Pendarvis.

SHAKE RAG ALLEY

Shake Rag Alley located in Mineral Point has a wide array of activities. The nine buildings include a wide array of workshops, performing arts, and historic paths of gardens and trees. Classes are available year round and summer classes happen under trees or tents.





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Alley Stage, located on Shake Rag Alley, offers original plays on an outdoor stage.

GUNDRY HOUSE MUSEUM

The Mineral Point Historical Society maintains the Gundry House Museum to preserve Mineral Point's history and to display the Gundry House



in its Victorian-era splendor. The Gundry House Museum is an impressive example of an Italianate-style home that is built of finely crafted local sandstone. Joseph and Sarah Gundry came in the 1840's from Cornwall, England, and built their home in 1868. Their estate was known as "Orchard Lawn" due to its large apple orchard,

gardens. Gundry was a partner with John Gray in the dry goods business of "Gundry and Gray". Their store was widely known for its extensive stock of clothing and house wares. After the last of the local family members passed away in the 1930's, the Mineral Point Historical Society was formed to acquire the house and use it to interpret the Gundry's place in the local history.

The Gundry House Museum has period rooms as they would have appeared during the late 1800's and displays of Mineral Point's wide ranging history.

MINERAL POINT ROOM

Tucked down in the basement of the Public Library, behind barred windows, is one of the most valuable Mineral Point treasures of the past: the Mineral Point



room, also known as "Mineral Point's Root Cellar." The barred windows, by the way, are the reminders that this space was once used for the city jail.

The collection got its start in 1981 with a large donation of materials from Robert Neal, who along with Edgar Hellum restored the Pendarvis Complex. His donation included 400 books, many maps, photographs, local newspaper files, letters and other written documents, all relating to the Mineral Point area.

These materials formed the nucleus of the Mineral Point Room collection.



which has been increasing in size and depth steadily ever since with donations of materials from individual donors.

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS MINE

The Merry Christmas Mine at Mineral Point was one of a few large zinc mines in the United States operating between 1906 and 1913. In underlies the eastern part of Mineral Point Hill where the original discovery of lead ore was made about 1825 and where much early mining was done between 1830 and 1855.

Today the Merry Christmas Mine is a part of the Merry Christmas Mine Prairie, a 43 acre area that includes a number of educational walking trails highlighting early crevice mines and "badger holes", The Merry Christmas Mine Prairie is one of the largest in the area and features a wide variety of native grasses and plants.

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Exploring MONTFORT

ontfort is located just north of Livingston on Highway 80. This small town is big on community spirit and contains a lot of history. Visitors enjoy a quiet relaxing atmosphere in a rural setting. Wild animals such as deer, wild turkey, birds, and other game are plentiful in the area. Any outdoorsman would love the area's surrounding sites to camp and fish. On your tours of southwest Wisconsin make sure to mark Montfort on your list of places to see.

It was in August of 1827 that Richard H. Palmer, following the Indian trail, stopped in the ravine which is now known as Main Street. Tossing his pack on the ground, Dick Palmer entered the ravine and commenced parting the high grasses in his effort to locate fresh water. Following the stream up the ravine, he soon discovered a beautiful spring on the lot.

East of Montfort along Highway 18 sits the Montfort Wind Farm. Twenty massive wind turbines stretch along the highway from Montfort to Cobb. Developed by FPL Energy and Enron Wind, the turbines generate 52,000 MW hours of power per year. Based on the U.S. average fuel mix, the 1.5 MW wind turbines can be expected to annually offset approximately 81 million pounds of carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas), 420,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide (major cause of acid rain), and 260,000 pounds of nitrogen oxides. The Montfort Wind Farm is Wisconsin's largest wind energy facility.

To kick off Summer in Montfort the Montfort VFW post 9298 has their annual Big Days the first weekend of June. This fabulous weekend event includes softball games, volleyball games, a walk run, a BBQ Contest, the Red Bandana Run, concession stand along with brats, burgers and music at the beer tent, not to mention the best BBQ Chicken dinner and parade on Sunday. It is a wonderful community event and continues to grow each year. A perfect way to honor our Veterans.

The Montfort Fire Department has their Ultimate Raffle every April which is another great way to bring the community together and raise money for our wonderful fire department.

Montfort also offers great food and fun at the local bars and restaurants, a great grocery store and many other businesses makes this little town the perfect place to visit, along with the beautiful pool, park and library downtown. You will always find friendly folks in Montfort.





uscoda is the largest village in Grant County. Incorporated as a community in 1894, the community once known as 'English Prairie' is a tale of two communities changed by the times.

Once thought to be a major port on the Wisconsin River for the lead mining industry in the hills south of the community, Muscoda changed its focus.

With the introduction of the railroad the community slowly moved. The main street that once ran parallel to the banks of the river turned to its present north/ south orientation.

Muscoda remains a strong farming and industrial community to this day with a large industrial base envied by many other communities of the same size and why not? With the back drop of majestic rolling hills and the hardest working river in America.

Muscoda, which means "Prairie of Flowers," is a growing community of almost 1,300. Located in the heart of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway and nestled in the corner of three counties – Grant, Iowa & Richland – Muscoda, is conveniently located at the junction of Hwy 80 and Hwy 60. If you are traveling on the beautiful 100-mile Scenic Lower Wisconsin River Road, Highway 60, which follows the graceful curves of the Wisconsin River, be sure to stop and visit Muscoda.

Muscoda is a nature lover's dream with access to thousands of acres of public land on which to hunt, fish or hike. The winding country roads can be enjoyed by auto, motorcycle or the hearty bicycle rider to view the many wildflowers or vibrant fall colors. If winter's snow holds your interest, then enjoy a ride on the many snowmobile trails in the area or do some cross



MUSCODA



country skiing.

In the summer take a relaxing canoe trip down the scenic Lower Wisconsin River or try your luck at fishing. Muscoda offers the only riverbank campground of its kind along the 90 miles of the Wisconsin River as it serves both water and highway travelers. The campground

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the Muscoda Area Veteran's Memorial, erected in 2009, located on Wisconsin Avenue at the west end of the Victora Riverside Park.

swimming pool. Be sure to visit

Morel mushroom fever strikes Wisconsin every spring. In 1982, Muscoda acquired the title of "Wisconsin's Morel Capital." It is so extreme you'd think there was gold in them hills. Muscoda, is located in the heart of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway following the graceful curves of the Wisconsin River. The Morel Mushroom Festival is







held annually the weekend following Mother's Day with activities for the whole family. It's the perfect day trip and opportunity to join thousands of morel maniacs from around the region as they come to buy morel mushrooms.

Muscoda, is also widely recognized as being the home of renowned metal sculptor Ellis Nelson, whose works produced at his shop in Muscoda for several years have garnered worldwide recognition and publicity. He was featured on "Good Morning America" and on CNN. In 2013 his son, Tom Nelson, took over the business.

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BELMONT MOUND STATE PARK The Belmont Lions Club operates and maintains this park. Belmont Mound, an outlier of the famed Niagara dolomite escarpment, reaches nearly 400 feet above the Village of Belmont. From the 64-foot observation tower on top, you can see for many miles in all directions. The wooded mound abounds in berries and wildlife. It has picnic and playground facilities but no camping.



BLUE MOUND STATE PARK Spectacular view of the countryside from the highest point in southern Wisconsin. Observation towers, wooded campsites, swimming pool with a lift for people with disabilities, picnic areas and hiking, and nature and crosscountry ski trails offer year-round recreation. Rustic cabin for people with disabilities. 4350 Mounds Park Rd., Blue Mounds.



DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK An Ice Age unit where 500-foot bluffs flank a 360-acre lake. Swimming, fishing, boating (electric motor only), canoeing, scuba diving, hiking, nature center S5975 Park Rd, Baraboo.



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NELSON DEWEY STATE PARK

Take in a panoramic view of the Mississippi River or relax in wooded campsites atop the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi. Visit Stonefield, home of Wisconsin's first governor, Nelson Dewey, and Stonefield Village [exit DNR], a reconstructed 1890 village. Open year round. 12190 County Rd V V, Cassville.



NEW GLARUS WOODS STATE PARK

At this park near the Sugar River Trail, you'll find camping as it was intended, with drive-in or hike-in campsites of quiet solitude. A picnic area and playground. Nature trails lead to wildlife and the beauty of undisturbed woodland. W5446 County Trunk Highway NN, New Glarus.



TOWER HILL STATE PARK Visit the park's restored shot tower and melting house to see exhibits on lead shot making from the 1800s. Just two men, using picks and crow bars, tunneled 120 feet down and 90 feet horizontally through the rock. Challenging bluff trails, panoramic views, camping (first-come, first-served), and canoeing and fishing on the Wisconsin River. Open May through October. 5808 County C, Spring Green.



WYALUSING STATE PARK The Wisconsin Ridge Campground overlooks the Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers 500 feet below. Scarlet tanagers and wild turkeys are among the more than 100 bird species spotted on

one-day field trips. 13342 Ctv. Hwy. C.



YELLOWSTONE LAKE STATE PARK

One of the few lakes in the driftless area, 450-acre Yellowstone Lake is popular for ice fishing and other water sports. The park adjoins the Yellowstone Lake State Wildlife Area. 8495 Lake Road, Blanchardville.

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our underground adventure awaits at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums in Platteville, Wisconsin. Visitors tour the 1845 Bevans Lead-Zinc Mine, ride in a genuine 1931 mine train (weather permitting), and discover the local history of the Tri-State area's Upper Mississippi Valley mining district. The museums trace the development of regional culture starting with mining and the establishment of rural communities.

The exhibit galleries include the historical one-man collection of Rollo Jamison, who was born in nearby



Beetown in 1899 and started collecting arrowheads on the family farm as a boy. His life-long interest in the objects used by pioneering people in their everyday lives grew to a collection of over 20,000 items of regional significance. Museum exhibits take you back to the turn of the century with exhibits of carriages, farm implements, tools, a general store, a kitchen and parlor, musical instruments and much more.

A guided Mine Tour includes a walk down 90 stairs into the underground Bevans Mine, an 1845 mine that produced over 2 million pounds of lead ore in one year. It also includes a visit to the headframe building, where you can see how ore was hoisted from a mine and

hand sorted, and an amusement ride through the beautiful 2.5-acre museum campus on a train pulled by a genuine 1931 locomotive from an area mine.



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Exploring PLATTEVILLE

THE WORLD'S LARGEST "M"

hile in Platteville, look for the world's largest "M" east of the city. Constructed of limestone and weighing 400 tons, the giant "M" measures 214 ft. by 241 ft. The letter represents the first mining school in the United States.

In 1853, Platteville Academy built Rountree Hall, which later became the state's first Normal School and the Wisconsin School of Mines.

Today, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville is a merger of the Wisconsin School of Mines and the Platteville State Teachers College (founded in 1925). The "M" still remains to be part of the university's heritage.

To get to the "M", drive on Hwy. 151 exit 19 and go east one mile on County Rd. XX, then turn left (north) onto West Mound Road, which leads directly to the landmark. 266 newly constructed steps and several rest areas are provided for your "climb" to the top, but the view from the mound

is worth it. Farmland as well as a birds-eye view of Platteville and the tri-states is spectacular, especially at sunset. Twice



a year the "M" is white-washed by UW–Platteville students who volunteer for the job and it is lit at UW–Platteville's homecoming.



PLATTEVILLE

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Exploring

he University of Wisconsin-Platteville Center For the Arts is comprised of five major components plus ancillary spaces. These include a 600-seat recital-concert-theatre space, a 250-seat playhouse, instrumental and choral rehearsal rooms, a public lobby, shop and dressing rooms.

Completed in April 1983 the center was remodeled in 2012. The facility provides ideal environments for campus teaching programs in music and theatre as well as serving as a roadhouse for groups of visiting artists. While the justification for its construction was primarily its value as an educational adjunct to the university, its role as a cultural center for the whole of southwestern Wisconsin was always a major consideration. Through wide and



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constant use it has truly served as a Center For The Arts for the Platteville Community, which for many years has been so vitally concerned with its cultural educational environment. Come see for yourself what the Center For The Arts has to offer you....you'll be glad you did!



PLATTEVILLE'S VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located in Platteville's City Park, the Veterans Memorial is a time-honored memorial to remember all those who served our country. There are seven statues, each depicting a different war. The walkway contains engraved bricks from people, businesses, services who want to commemorate their names in the great City of Platteville. Come explore our Veteran's Memorial.









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PLATTEVILLE

MITCHELL-ROUNTREE STONE COTTAGE

Exploring

Built in 1837 by the Rev. Samuel Mitchell, the Stone Cottage stands today as it did over 150 years ago. Much of the interior is the original furnishings of the home which was the private residence of the Rountree family and kept in its original state until the 1960's when it was turned over to the Grant County Historical Society.



Rev. Mitchell was the father-in-law of Major John Rountree, one of the founders of Platteville.

Major Rountree superintended the building of the house for the Rev. Mitchell, who had moved to Platteville in 1837.



Mitchell lived there until his wife's death in 1842. He died in 1855 in Missouri, and his remains lie buried in Platteville at the Hillside Cemetery. Major Rountree eventually bought the house.

The house has some unusual features. Among them are that each room contains a real fireplace. There is no kitchen. This was located some fifty feet away form the house in a separate building. The dining

room wing and the kitchen were connected with a covered walk.

Servants carried food back and forth from the isolated kitchen to the house. The food was brought up to the opening (with a slide) in the wall of the dining room. Here many hands grabbed the food containers and served the master's family and guests.

Visitors may tour the Stone Cottage from May through October and select dates throughout the year. To verify open dates and times call the Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce at (608)348-8888.



TRAIL SYSTEM

Platteville Offers miles of trails for everyone! Featuring over 10 miles of trails and nearly 200 acres of public open space within the city. Four hundreds overall acres include prairie, savannah and the Rountree stream. The connected trails can take users to Governor Dodge State Park, New Glares, Madison, Freeport , IL and more! The Rountree stream is located next to the trail and is a class 1 trout stream. The David Canny Rountree Branch trail offers miles of paved and lit trail and single track bike trail. The new trail system is used by many local and visiting residents who enjoy exploring outside throughout the year. The trails are a collaborative effort and it should be understood to keep these trails clean and respected to have them for years to come for all to enjoy.

Local Trails: David Canny Rountree Branch Trail, Knoll Wood Park, Mound View Park, Platteville to Belmont Trail & Smith Park. For more information or to view the full map visit: plattevilletrailnetwork.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK is held on Thursday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. in City Park June through August.



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Exploring

TENNYSON! Located in the Driftless Region of Southwest Wisconsin, Potosi-Tennyson showcases the Mississippi, Grant and Platte rivers, wooded valleys, limestone bluff outcroppings and stunning ridgetop views. Recreational opportunities abound including bird watching and photography, tubing, fishing, hunting, camping, boating, biking, snowmobile and ATV-UTV trails. Enjoy the drive on country roads and scenic highways and byways to explore all that we have to offer.

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RICHLAND CENTER

ichland Center, the county seat of Richland County, is in an area known as the Ocooch Mountains. Located at the junction of US Hwy. 14 and State Hwy. 80, about halfway between Madison and La Crosse, it's perhaps best known as the birthplace of legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Exploring

The scenery is breathtaking, with high ridges, low valleys, natural rock formations, trout streams, wooded areas, and dairy farms. There are many outdoor activities to enjoy, including hiking or biking on the Pine River Recreational Trail, paddling or tubing on the Pine River, hunting or fishing, as well as birdwatching.

The Pine River winds through valleys, under a natural bridge, and boasts scenic views of bluffs and lowlands as it meanders south to the Wisconsin River. The lower Wisconsin River is large, relatively swift moving, and surrounded by hidden backwaters



to explore. The Kickapoo River is famous for its winding course and is a favorite of paddlers. The Richland County area is a kayaker's paradise. Contact Pine River Paddle and Tube LLC at 608-475-2199 to plan your day of fun.

For bicycling enthusiasts, the Pine River Recreation Trail stretches 15.8



miles from Richland Center to Lone Rock. In the City of Richland Center, the trail is located on top of the Pine River dike and has an asphalt surface. In the county the trail is located on an abandoned railroad bed and is constructed of well-compacted pea gravel. The trail is well maintained by County and City Park departments and parallels the Pine River. It's open yearround and is a favorite of hikers and bikers, as well as snowmobile riders in winter. You can also hike on trails located behind the UW Platteville-Richland campus.

Richland Center has numerous public parks, with Krouskop Park being the largest. Its features include a community-senior center, gazebo and newly constructed state-of-the-art aquatic center.

Other nearby parks include Pier Natural Bridge Park, located along Hwy. 80 North, at Rockbridge in Richland County. The park obtains





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its name from the Pier family, who donated the land to Richland County to preserve the site as a park. The site has a very unusual geological feature - a half-mile long "finger" of blocked and layered sandstone rising nearly 60 feet above the flood plain of two merging valleys. This narrow finger is topped by tall pines and covered with green shrubs. The West Branch of the Pine River meets with the Main Branch underneath this rock formation, which forms a Natural Bridge. Ash Creek Community Forest is Richland County's largest park at 354 acres. It is located two miles south of Richland Center on State Highway 80. Ash Creek, a Class One brook trout stream, runs through the middle of this recreational property. Fishing regulations are governed by the Department of Natural Resources. The Community Forest allows public hunting in season. There are four miles of primitive hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails.



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No unauthorized, motorized vehicles are allowed in the forest. The site does not allow camping or fires of any sort. There are two parking lots with a capacity of fifteen vehicles each.

Not very far from Richland Center is Eagle Cave, 16320 Cavern Lane, Blue River (608-537-2988), which is open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. Wisconsin's largest onyx cave offers camping, fishing, canoeing and hiking, as well as an in-cave exploratory program. Eagle Cave has over 3,000 feet of passage, featuring four main walking levels and four levels of subterranean tunnels.

Give your taste buds a treat with a visit to Wild Hills Winery or Oakwood Fruit Farm.

Wild Hills Winery, 30940 Oakridge Drive, Muscoda (608-647-6600), is located on an 80-acre parcel. Tram tours take guests around the site every Saturday, Sunday and summer holiday. Reservations are requested.





Guests will visit acres of orchard trees consisting of apples, peaches, Asian pears and cherries. After touring the land, guests can stop by the Winery for wine tasting and souvenir shopping.

Oakwood Fruit Farm, 31128 Apple Ridge Road, (608-585-2701), sits among the ridges and coulees directly east of Richland Center. The on-site shop is open from August 18 until the apples are sold out in December.

Take in a movie at one of Wisconsin's few remaining outdoor movie theaters, Starlite 14, located on US Hwy. 14 East in Richland Center (608-647-3669). Under new ownership, in addition to movies shown on weekend nights, the drive-in is also a venue for other entertainment, including concerts and car shows.

June brings a whirlwind of activities, including the Wisconsin High School Rodeo State Finals, June 11-13; June Dairy Days and Rodeo Parade, Saturday, June 12, 10:30 a.m., downtown Richland Center; and the Richland County Dairy Breakfast, Sunday, June 19, Richland County Fairgrounds.

The Richland County Historical Society's Akey School Museum is open 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sundays, June



through September. From Richland Center, take Hwy. 14 East to Twin Bluffs Road, then in Twin Bluffs to County Hwy. TB, then south on TB to the museum.

Autumn is a busy time of year, with the Richland County Fair set for September 4-8; the Viola Horse & Colt Show scheduled September 24-25;



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the annual Center Color Fest, Wheels of Time, and Canyon of Lights Parade, during the weekend of October 1-3. The gorgeous Rotary Lights in the (Krouskop) Park, will open in late November.

For year-round fun, lace on some roller skates at Galaxie Skate Center, 1215 E. Haseltine Street, Richland Center (608-647-4515).

Arguably the crown jewel of Richland Center is the Frank Lloyd Wrightdesigned A.D. German Warehouse, located at 300 S. Church Street. Tours are available by appointment, by calling 608-649-1915. Tours are available on Sundays, from May through October, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tours begin at quarter past the hour and last 45 minutes. It is best to book in advance. The Warehouse, considered to be one of Wright's most important structures. is undergoing a massive renovation project.







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Spring Green

pring Green is a beautiful small town nestled among the hills of Southwest Wisconsin's Driftless Region. It is also surrounded by world-class attractions which include The House on the Rock, American Players Theatre, and renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright's summer home, Taliesin.

Exploring

The House on the Rock recently got a boost of recognition when it was featured in the Starz channel's fantasy series "American Gods." However, a vast multitude of people had already visited it in the decades since its creation in 1960. On a self-guided tour, you can explore unique collections, including the world's largest carousel, a 200-foot sea creature, automated music machines and much more. The House on the Rock is located at 5754 State Road 23, Spring Green (608-935-3639). It's open March through November, with special hours at Christmastime. If you've ever wondered whether the dolls come alive at night you can find



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out by attending the Dark Side of the House at night. You will stroll down the walkway of the macabre and see the carousel in a whole new light. You will travel through the Devil's Throat and wander through the mysterious maze before escaping, only to be greeted by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

American Players Theatre (APT) is a professional theater located just outside Spring Green. Situated on 110 acres of hilly woods and meadows, APT has two theaters, the newly renovated 1,089seat outdoor amphitheater and the 201-seat indoor Touchstone Theatre. From June through November, APT produces plays in rotating repertory. experience every minuscule change of expression in ways that aren't possible even in the Touchstone. So spread your picnic blanket in the living room, pour a beverage of choice and prepare for a new kind of APT experience. APT at Home plays will open 7 to 10 days after the first in-person performance, and close when the live version closes. Your one-time admission is viewable any time during that window. Simply buy a ticket, click the link they send and click the Watch Now button. American Players Theatre is located at 5950 Golf Course Road, Spring Green (Box Office 608-588-2361. Administration 608-588-7401).

Taliesin is the home, studio, school, and 800-acre estate of Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959). Located in the Driftless Region of southwestern Wisconsin near Spring Green, Taliesin is the name of Wright's home as well as the estate that includes buildings from nearly every decade of Wright's career from the 1890s to the 1950s. Taliesin has a commanding presence in



With annual attendance of over 100,000 and an annual budget in excess of \$6 million, APT ranks as the country's second largest outdoor theater devoted to the classics. Play from the comfort of home! APT is offering an option to watch the plays virtually this season as an alternative (or addition) to coming to see them in Spring Green. Unlike the Zoom readings of this past season, these are fully produced recordings of fully staged plays; as close as you can get to watching in the theater. On the other hand, seeing the actors work their magic on screen brings a new degree of intimacy to their performances, allowing you to hear every word, and Jones Valley, the land along Wisconsin River where Wright's Lloyd Jones ancestors settled in the 1860s after emigrating from Wales 20 years before. Taliesin was named in honor of his Welsh heritage: the name of a Druid bard, Taliesin literally means "shining brow." Its many wings and terraces reach out to frame the crown of the hill, embracing the site and standing as "brow." Taliesin is designated as a National Historic Landmark (1974) and inscribed as part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2019). Taliesin was the principal residence of Wright, and the valley was his inspiration and laboratory for architectural designs



and innovation. Taliesin in its three iterations (1911, 1914, 1925) and its landscape are considered the most complete embodiment of Wright's philosophy of organic architecture. The Taliesin residence is the heart of a series of buildings that Wright designed for himself and his family members across the estate: Romeo & Juliet Windmill (1896), Hillside Home School (1903), Tan-y-Deri (1907), Hillside Drafting Studio (1932), Midway Barn (1949), Hillside Theater (1952), and the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center (1967). Taliesin Preservation Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, 5607 County Road C, Spring Green (608-588-7900).

Spring Green and its environs is a mecca for artists and artisans, exemplified by Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts, located at 18 Shake Rag Street, Mineral Point (608-987-3292). Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts provides educational experiences in visual, performing, and literary arts for adults and children; cultivates the creativity that thrives in its rural community; and preserves its historic buildings and rustic campus. Its instructors are drawn from a wealth of talented teachers, including nationally known artists from across the country and across the street. They are innovative craftsmen and artists who enjoy trying new techniques and love sharing what they do with their students. Their workshops include blacksmithing and welding; business of art; ceramics and pottery; creative writing; culinary arts; fiber arts; glass; home and garden; jewelry; literary events; mixed media; painting and 2D art; paper and book arts; printmaking; rustic arts and nature crafts; virtual workshops; and a youth program. Its monthly events include Antiracism Book Club; Driftless Poets; Literary Events; and Women's Art Party. Ita retreats include Jewelry Boot Camp; Writing Retreat; Woodlanders; and Art Adventure.

Jewelry lovers will also want to take time to visit The Opal Man, located at 137 S. Winsted Street in Spring Green (608-588-9317). The Opal Man is the only all-opal store in the USA. The shop offers fine opals and opal jewelry in silver and gold, and specializes in high quality Australian opal varieties, consisting of black, Koroit, boulder, crystal, light, white, opal doublets, treated matrix, and opal specimens. They also carry Mexican and Ethiopian opals. Their master cutters cut and polish rough opal material in the shop and work with customers to create custom jewelry. The staff enjoys sharing their knowledge and experience with customers, who often have questions about opals.

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iroqua is an accredited Main Street America city Its downtown is listed on the Wisconsin and National Register of Historic Places. Viroqua was dubbed "The Town That Beat Walmart" by Smithsonian Magazine in 1992 because it fostered businesses that coexist with the retail giant. The city and its nonprofit chamber of commerce, the Viroqua Chamber Main Street, actively promote small business development through several state and federal programs.^[18] One noteworthy program that has kept downtown storefronts occupied has been the Pop-Up Shop Initiative, which allow entrepreneurs to use a space downtown rent-free for the holiday season.

This city embodies a unique way of life through the celebration of our rich rural history, thriving arts community, and burgeoning local business. With open arms, we invite you to explore what Viroqua's historic downtown district, outlying ridges, creeks, valleys, and rolling hills have to offer!

Whether you're enjoying the lush surrounding valleys or our historic downtown district, Viroqua offers enough variety to occupy even the most restless visitors with entertainment, shopping, dining, and natural beauty begging to be explored. Start the day in a cozy bed and breakfast and unpack your hiking boots, mountain bike or cross-country skis, we've got trails to accommodate you. When you're done exploring, trek back into town and shop around a little at our farmer's market before a meal downtown and a show at one of our theatres. And that's just your Saturday.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Take a trip outside the city to experience all that the Viroqua area has to offer. Between our expansive local parks and nature reserves, vistas fit for a postcard and history remembered in several memorials and museums, your visit won't be easily forgotten.

Viroqua is blossoming with artists from all over the world. We have a strong network of people working all subjects on from photography, clothes design and production, theater, painting, dance, film, writing and everything in between. Seriously. This goes beyond the great galleries and events that occur. Viroqua hosts an annual Harvest Parade and Festival in the fall.

During the warmer months, and often in the cooler months as well (this is Wisconsin, after all), Viroqua rolls out its colorful farmer's market Saturday everv morning. Fresh fruit, vegetables and other food delights are rolled out, as well as a plethora of artistic endeavors ranging from Amish hand-woven baskets, furniture and quilts, to freshly painted gourds, oneof-a-kind jewelry to body art (henna is the best!).

FARMER'S MARKET

It is fortunate to live in a region that has an abundance of local family farms who grow and raise such phenomenal goods. The Viroqua Farmers Market is hosted every Wednesday and Saturday from May through October at the Western Technical College parking lot. The market hosts more than 50 vendors each week, all of whom are within a 100 mile radius of Viroqua. These farmers, growers, bakers, crafters and artists are eager to tell you all about the products and goods they produce. They are a producer only market, with edible delectable and artisan wares. You can find organic produce, maple syrup, canned goods, honey, soap, pork, beef, lamb, bison, jewelry, art, paintings, furniture, fresh flowers, dried flowers, bird houses, Amish rugs and quilts, baked goods, books, mushrooms. quilted items, lamb hides, lotions and winter gourds.

WILD WEST DAYS

The third weekend in August will bring you the wild west to life. The 1880's Bustling Boom Town with many authentic buildings is held at the Vernon County fairgrounds. It has a rodeo, vendors, concert, parade, hog wrasslin' and many events throughout the weekend. Come join us for a fun weekend full of the old and new west!

VERNON COUNTY FAIR

Fairgoers can take in a variety of activities and exhibits during this fiveday event which is held in September. This event showcases products like artifacts, farm products, livestock feed and management machines, masks and hoods, DIY kits and tool kits, home utility products, garden and home improvement tools, sowing and farm work clothes and safety gear cleaning and moving apparatus, moving machinery, building tools, time cutting, cattle management equipment, organic food, bike and vehicle maintenance apparatus, fencing tools and equipments etc. in the Industrial



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ACCOMMODATIONS

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elkommen to Westby Wisconsin... Where Old Traditions and New Opportunities await your visit!

Westby celebrates its Scandinavian heritage by hosting the annual Syttende Mai festival with music, traditional arts and activities, parades, heritage tent, and entertainment. The winter attraction event is the Snowflake Ski Jumping International Tournament. Watch jumpers fly through the crisp air in Timber Coulee.

Travel through the countryside surrounding Westby and discover the rugged hills, scenic farms, and state parks to see why vacationers return to this ideal place time and again season after season. Take in the trout streams that wind through the coulees while being on the lookout for round barns or stop at a shop and studio ran by a local artist. Be transfixed with the fall leaves on the country touring roads or visit the Amish community for many of their handcrafted goods.

NORWEGIAN HISTORY

The name "Westby" is a Norwegian name and literally translates to "Western city".

Westby was named after general store owner and Civil War Union soldier Ole T. Westby of Biri, Norway, where many of the city's Norwegian-American settlers originated. Westby Coon-Prairie Lutheran Church in Westby was established in 1851. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad began servicing Westby and surrounding townships in August 1879, and the La Crosse and Southeastern Railroad began service to the area in January 1905, though both railroads have long since ceased local operations. The Westby depot was torn down in 1970.

QUAINT SHOPS & EATERIES

Your shopping experience is a revelation of Norway's most treasured gift lines. Over 40 years of tradition has been to always bring you the finest selection of Scandinavian gifts to visitors. There are plenty of unique restaurants and local taverns to also grab a bite to eat while you are out and about.

WESTBY CREAMERY

As a farmer-owned cooperative, and producer of cultured dairy food products and hard cheeses for over 110 years, Westby Cooperative Creamery has a unique perspective on the dairy industry; from farm-to-fridge and everything in between. The dairy business is a daily business. Cow care is 24/7/365, with cows being fed and milked at least twice a day, every day of the year. That's how everything starts at Westby Cooperative Creamery, with fresh milk delivered daily by our member-owners to produce the highest quality and best tasting dairy food products.

Westby Cooperative Creamery is unique in many ways, with one distinction being the milk that our patron-members produce.



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BAGLEY

MAY

29: French Toast & Pancake Drive-Thru Breakfast at the Fire House from 7 – 10:30 a.m.

JULY

3: Thunder in the Valley Bull Riding at Bagley Community Park. Mutton Busting at 6:30 p.m. Rodeo at 7 p.m. Half-time Show TBA. Fireworks after rodeo.

Belmont May

30: Annual Fireman's Dance at Belmont Fire Station from 7 p.m. to midnight.

JUNE

4 & 5: Citywide Garage Sales.

SEPTEMBER

17 - 19: 107th Belmont School & Community Fair.

BLOOMINGTON JULY

23-25: Blake's Prairie Jr. Fair.

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BOSCOBEL

MAY – OCTOBER 23:

Farmers Market at Depot Park on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

MAY – OCTOBER 30:

Boscobel Depot open for tours on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

JUNE

5: Smoke in the Valley. Antique Club Grounds.

Smoking Gun Showdown at Kronshage Park from 7 – 11 p.m.

11 - 13: Hall of Fame Softball Tournament.

19: Depot Day at Boscobel Depot Museum.

JULY

- **3:** Chicken Q from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Music in the Park from 6 – 8 p.m. at Kronshage Park.
- **4:** Boscobel Fourth of July Celebration. Firecracker Run at 9 a.m. Parade at noon.

Jammin' on Wisconsin.

AUGUST

- 8: Music in the Park from noon to 4 p.m.
- **14:** Antique Tractor Show at Antique Club Grounds.
- **29:** Drive-In/Fly-In Breakfast.

SEPTEMBER

11: Taste of Boscobel.

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OCTOBER

8 - 10: Big River Long Rifles Rendezvous at Kronshage Park.

CASSVILLE

MAY

Cassville Car Ferry begins operation. Daily from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Info line (608) 725-5180.

JUNE

- **4 5:** Citywide Garage Sales.
- **5 6:** Free Fishing Weekend in Wisconsin Waters.
- **11:** Night in the Park.
- **19:** Cassville Fire Department's Chicken BBQ.
- **25:** Cassville Rescue Squad Supper & Dance.

JULY

9: Night in the Park.

17: Lions Day in the Park/ UTV Ride.

AUGUST

- 7: American Legion Tonnage Tournament.
- 13: Night in the Park Potosi Band.

SEPTEMBER

- 4: Cassville Car Cruise.
- **11:** Cassville Park Preservation Party.
- **19:** St. Charles Fall Festival.

CUBA CITY

18 & 19: Truck & Tractor Pull at Splinter Park Pull Grounds.

DARLINGTON MAY –

OCTOBER:

Farmers Market at Festival Grounds on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

JUNE

11 - 13: Canoe Festival. Little League, softball and volleyball tournaments, stock car races, road runs, talent show, craft fair, chicken BBQ, carnival, parade and fireworks. Canoe race Sunday morning.

JULY

- **4, 11, 18 & 25:** Tunes at Twilight at Veteran's Memorial Park at 6:30 p.m.
- **14 18:** Lafayette County Fair at Lafayette County Fairgrounds.

SEPTEMBER

11 & 12 : Pecatonica Valley Antique Days. Flea market, antique tractors and machinery displays at Lafayette County Fairgrounds.

OCTOBER

23: Witches, Warlocks & Wine Walk.



- **15:** Corey Taylor at Five Flags Arena at 7:30 p.m.
- **21:** Chamber Open Annual Golf Outing at Dubuque Golf & Country Club from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **27:** Johnnie Walker at Promiseland Winery in Guttenberg at 9 a.m.
- **28:** 18th Annual Golf Classic at Thunder Hills Country Club from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

JULY

- **3:** Styx at Five Flags Arena at 6 p.m.
- **3:** The Fireworks Spectacular! Salute to Heros Air Show from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Jump at 9 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.
- **25:** Johnnie Walker at Promiseland Winery in Guttenberg from 2 – 5 p.m.
- 27 August 1: Dubuque County Fair.

AUGUST

- **5:** Taste of Dubuque at 305 E 3rd Street at noon.
- 7: Dubuque Cub Scout Day Camp at 3342 John Wesley Drive at 4 p.m.
- 22: Johnnie Walker at Promiseland Winery in Guttenberg from 2 – 5 p.m.
- **29:** Blackberry Smoke at Five Flags Arena at 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

4: The Texas Tenors at Five Flags Arena at 8 p.m. **19:** Johnnie Walker at Promiseland Winery in Guttenberg from 2 – 5 p.m.

Fennimore may

31 - Labor Day: Fennimore Historical Railroad Society open Thursday – Monday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$1 train rides.

JUNE

14 - Labor Day: Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum open Thursday – Monday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free.

JULY

- **13:** Fennimore Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Chicken BBQ and Community Awards at 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Building.
- **31:** Southwest Wisconsin Tractor and Equipment Ride at 9 a.m. at Lafayette Street and Switzer Road in Business Park.

AUGUST

28: Fennimore School and Community Fair Tractor Show at Fennimore High School.

SEPTEMBER

- **25:** Annual Heritage Day at Fennimore Historical Railroad Museum from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$1 Train Ride.
- **25:** Fennimore FFA Pancake Breakfast at Memorial Building from 7 a.m. to noon.

25: Annual FFA Alumni Farm Toy Show and Sale at Memorial Building from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



JULY

3: Army Golden Knights parachute jump at Southwestern School football field at 11 a.m.

LANCASTER

JUNE

- 4 6: Little Britches Rodeo.
- **19:** Brews & Blues. Music, beer, wine and food from 3 8 p.m.
- **25:** Jaycee Fireworks at the fairgrounds. Rain date is June 27.
- **26:** ATV/UTV Drag Race/ Demo Derby at Grant County Fairgrounds.

JULY

15: Night on the Square. Games, food, dancing and more from 5–9 p.m.

AUGUST

- **15 22:** Grant County Fair at the fairgrounds. Details at www. grantcountyfairwi.org.
- **27 29:** Lancaster Regional Rodeo at Grant County Fairgrounds.

SEPTEMBER

TBD: Sip 'n Shop. Selfguided wine tasting tour from 3–6 p.m.

- **18:** Annual Grant County Cancer Coalition Fall Fundraiser at Grant County Fairgrounds.
- **25:** Alzheimers Walk at Grant County Fairgrounds.

OCTOBER

- 2: Harvest Festival Parade.
- 3 9: National 4-H Week.
- 22: Elderfest at Grant County Fairgrounds.



JUNE

- **5:** Pyrotechnic's Demonstration, Kastner's Fireworks at Industrial Park from 7 p.m. – dark.
- **24-26:** Community Wide Garage Sales from 8 a.m. – ??? 25: Brat Sale from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Old Time's Fast Pitch Game at 6 p.m. 26: Family Movie (free) at Livingston Free Methodist Church yard at dusk.
- **27:** Livingston Festival, Memorial Park from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m. 5th Quarter Show at 2 p.m. Old Fashion Ice Cream Social at 3:15 p.m.

JULY

24: Steak Sandwich Lunch at Community First Bank from 10:30 a.m. until gone. Iowa and Grant County Cattlemen serving.



MINERAL POINT

MAY – OCTOBER:

Mineral Point Farmers Market every Saturday under the water tower from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

JUNE

11: Jammin' on the Porch at Orchard Lawn from 6 – 8 p.m.

JULY

- **4:** 40th Annual Gettin' the Lead Out Historic Run at Soldiers Park at 8 a.m.
- **4:** Fourth of July Parade on High Street at 11 a.m.
- **4:** July 4th Lunch in the Park at Water Tower Park from noon to 2 p.m. Live Music.
- **9:** Jammin' on the Porch at Orchard Lawn from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **29:** Chambers Golf Outing from noon to 4 p.m.

AUGUST

- **11 14:** Paint the Point. Sale on Saturday at the Masonic Temple from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **13 & 14:** Citywide Garage Sales.
- 13: Jammin' on the Porch at Orchard Lawn from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **20 & 21:** Blues & Roots Festival at Orchard Lawn.

SEPTEMBER

2 - 6: Iowa County Fair.

- **10:** Jammin' on the Porch at Orchard Lawn from 6 – 8 p.m.
- 24 26: Cornish Festival.

Montfort

JUNE

4 - 6: Montfort VFW Post #9298 Annual Big Days. Friday: Kickball tournament at 6 p.m. Flag disposal and dedication ceremony at VFW Shelter at 7 p.m. Swing Crew Band from 8 p.m. - midnight. Saturday: Volleyball tournament at 8 a.m. Red Bandana Ride at VFW Shelter leaves at noon. Addison Hill Band from 5–10 p.m. Sunday: Chicken BBQ at 10 a.m. and pie stand. Parade at 2 p.m. All Weekend: Citywide garage sales. Boy Scouts concession stand at ball diamond. Brats, burgers and beer tent at VFW Shelter. 50/50 Raffle at VFW Shelter.

PLATTEVILLE

- MAY OCTOBER 30:
 - Platteville Summer Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at City Park.

JUNE

3: Music in the Park – Wundo Band at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.

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10: Music in the Park – Boxcar Social at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.

- **17:** Music in the Park Ensemble Nouveau at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **18:** Platteville Regional Chamber Annual Golf Outing.
- **21:** Make Music Platteville at a variety of Platteville locations from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **24:** Music in the Park Point Five at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.

JULY

- 1: Music in the Park Gary Beal Band at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **4:** Patriotic Program at City Park at 10 a.m.
- **4:** Heritage Day at the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **4:** Fourth of July Celebration at Legion Park. Fireworks at dusk.
- 8: Music in the Park Ralph Kluseman at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **15:** Music in the Park City Band at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- 17 25: Platteville's 23rd Annual Hometown Festival Week. 17th -Farmers Market 8 a.m. to noon. Southwest Music Festival on 2nd Street from 5 p.m. to midnight. 19th – An Evening in Katie's Garden. 22nd – 23rd Annual Party in the Park "Salute to Volunteers" at City Park at 5:30 p.m. 22nd – Music in the Park, Ken Killian's Classic Big Band from 6 - 8 p.m. at City Park. 23rd - Fourth Annual Trinity Episcopal Church's Fish

Boil from 5 – 7 p.m. 24th – Craft & Vendor Fair at City Park from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. 25th – Southwest Christian Music Festival at City Park.

29: Music in the Park – Harmonious Wail at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.

AUGUST

- 5: Music in the Park Boogie Monster at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **12:** Music in the Park Honey Pies at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.
- **19:** Music in the Park Adam Bartels at City Park from 6 – 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- **10 12:** 23rd Annual Historic Re-enactment at Mound View Park.
- 10 12: Annual Dairy Days Celebration. Friday: Flea Market at 8 a.m. at Legion Park. Carnival Rides and Vendors at 5 p.m. Tri-County Mini Rod & Fantasy Truck Pulls at Legion Park at 6 p.m. Saturday: Flea Market at Legion Park at 8 a.m. Parade on Main Street at 9:30 a.m. Carnival Rides and Vendors, Dairy Cattle Show, Jr. and Open Exhibits at Legion Park at noon. ECIPA Tractor Pulls at Legion Park at 6 p.m. Sunday: Flea Market at Legion Park at 8 a.m. Carnival Rides and Vendors, Dairy Goat Show at Legion Park at noon.
- **17:** Miner's Ball Fundraiser for The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums at 5 p.m.

18: Ben's Hope Run/Walk.



OCTOBER

- **2:** Day on the Farm at UWP Pioneer Dairy Farm from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 18 23: UW–Platteville Homecoming. Saturday: Parade on Main Street at 10 a.m. M Lighting at 9 p.m.
- **30:** Katie's Halloween Garden at Katie's Garden. Halloween display up 22 - 31.

POTOSI AUGUST

- 8: Potosi Area Annual Fireman's Catfish Festival at Potosi Fire and Rescue Building.
- 28: Potosi Brewery Brewfest at Holiday Gardens Event Center.

SEPTEMBER

19: Masonic Lodge Annual Car Show at Holiday Gardens Event Center.

Opens at 8 a.m. Judging at noon.

OCTOBER

- 9: Masonic Lodge Annual Fish Fry at Masonic Lodge from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10: Davis Memorial UCC Chicken and Biscuit Dinner from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **17:** Port of Potosi Breweriana & Flea Market at Potosi Brewery parking lot from 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
- **24:** SS. Andrew-Thomas Parish Fall Festival at SS. Andrew-Thomas Catholic School.

RICHLAND CENTER

MAY -**OCTOBER: Richland Area Farmers** Market.

JUNE

- 10 13: Wisconsin State **High School Rodeo** Finals at Richland County Fairgrounds.
- **12:** June Dairy Days Rodeo/Parade.

SEPTEMBER

8 - 12: Richland County Fair. Details at www.fair. co.richland.wi.us/.



Spring Green Area Farmers Market.

JUNE

3 – November 20: **American Players** Theatre: An Improbable

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Fiction, The Mountaintop, Rough Crossing, An Illiad, Cymbeline and A Phoenix Too Frequent.

AUGUST

21: Spring Green Car Show. Charming downtown Spring Green becomes a huge showcase for prized automobiles.

VIROQUA/ WESTRY

MAY – **OCTOBER:** Viroqua Farmers Market, every Saturday from

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

15-19: Vernon County Fair.



We would like to thank the area chambers and city organizations for their contributions to **Exploring The Tri-States.**



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