

# Cold Climate Winery of the Year

2019 ICWC - International Cold Climate Wine Competition (MGGA)

# White Wine of the Year

**2019 Indy International Wine Competion** 



Located just an hour northeast from the Twin Cities, Dancing Dragonfly Winery is the perfect day trip destination. Our spacious tasting room is open 361 days a year. We offer award-winning wine tastings and pairings, wine by the glass or bottle, and many savory food options.

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Or Lindy, rated 98 at the prestigious
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# Welcome to the St. Croix Valley

Nestled in the valley between Minnesota and Wisconsin you will find quaint, historic river towns to explore featuring one-of-a-kind shops, wineries, breweries, artist studios, spas and great dining. Hudson,WI - the Gateway to Wisconsin. Stillwater, MN - the Birthplace of Minnesota. Hastings, MN renowned for Victorian architecture. River Falls, WI - the "City on the Kinni", a class A trout stream. Chisago Lakes Area, MN – with its strong Swedish Heritage and Polk County, WI. showcasing the Upper St. Croix "where people go to pay tribute to nature". Visitors come year round to experience these charming communities and the beauty of the St. Croix Valley.

This guide provides a snapshot of the many fun and memorable experiences you can have on a visit to the St. Croix Valley. Please use it for inspiration on where to visit, where to stay, what to do and what to eat and drink. And if you need even more ideas please visit us on line at www.saintcroixriver.com.

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# Saint Croix Valley Visitors' Centers

# National Park Service St. Croix River Visitor Center

401 North Hamilton St. St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-2274 Hours: mid-April - mid-October

daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Off season hours: daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visitor Center closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

# Namekagon River Visitor Center

Hwy 63, one mile east of Hwy 53 in Trego, WI • (715) 635-8346 ex.429

Hours: Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day: daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rest of the year Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Both visitor centers have National Park Service Rangers available to help you plan

Service Rangers available to help you plan a river trip, direct you to maps, educational materials, and answer questions about the St. Croix River and National parks.

# Services Available:

- Trip Planning
- Ranger presentations
- Picnic areas, river trails
- Gift shop/bookstore
- Parking for buses and RVs

# Polk County Information Center

710 Hwy 35 South
(just south of Hwy 8)
St. Croix Falls, WI • (800) 222-POLK (7655)

www.PolkCountyTourism.com info@PolkCtyTourism.com

Hours: May - October

Open 7 days a week 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Winter hours: November-April

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (when snowmobile trails are open, and closed when trails are closed)

# Services Available:

- Exhibits & historic displays
- Brochures, maps
- Gift shop/bookstore
- Trailhead pass information for 50-mile Gandy Dancer Bike/Snowmobile Trail
- Parking for buses, RVs
- Clean restrooms

# St. Croix Travel Information Center

Westbound rest area 3 miles from I-94 Bridge, PO Box 305 • Lakeland, MN 55043 (651) 296-0733 • Julie.Ramer@State.MN.us www.ExploreMinnesota.com

*Hours:* Monday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nov. - March: Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

Services Available:

• Information on lodging & attractions

- Travel counselors on staff
- Family restroom, vending & picnic area
- •Walking trail, playground, pet area
- Located on bike trail
- Parking for trucks, RVs, buses

# Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom Park



200 Monroe St. • Prescott, WI (715) 262-0104

www.FreedomParkWI.org

grrvlc@gmail.com

Hours: Spring: February - Memorial Day Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Sun., Noon - 5 p.m., Closed on Monday Summer: Memorial Day - Labor Day

Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m. Fall: Labor Day - Nov. 30

Tue. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Sun., Noon - 5 p.m., Closed on Monday Winter: Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Closed: Monday - Friday

Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun., Noon - 5 p.m. *Services Available:* 

- Gift shop
- Art Exhibits and Art Bench
- Walking Trails
- Clean Restrooms
- Educational gardens, native plants/gardens
- Audubon Birding site
- Shaded picnic area
- Overlooks of Mississippi & St. Croix Rivers
- Northern gateway to the Wisconsin Great River Road

# Welcome & Heritage Center - Prescott, WI

237 Broad St., Prescott, WI www.PrescottWl.com

info@PrescottWl.com • (715) 262-3284 Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Services Available:

- Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce & Prescott Area Historical Society
- Local history exhibits Prescott & Pierce County
- Brochures, maps, information on lodging & attractions

# Chisago Lakes Chamber & Information Center

30525 Linden St. • Lindstrom MN (651) 257-1177

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Services Available:

- Brochures, maps
- Information on lodging and attractions
- Resource for information and events
- Business resources



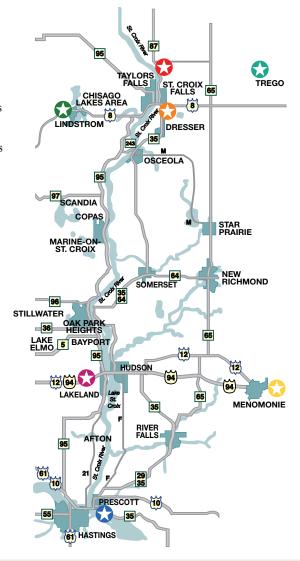
# Menomonie Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center

East bound Interstate 94 • Located on I-94 between Hwy 25 in Menomonie and County Rd B

or Exit 25 • Menomonie, WI • www.TravelWisconsin.com (800) 432 - 8747

*Hours:* Now open on seasonal hours. East Bound: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Services Available:* 

- Tourism information and Guide Books
- Assistance with travel planning
- Information on local and state attractions, community information, lodging
- Parking for trucks, buses, RVs
- · Disabled access and clean restrooms



# **2020 Calendar of Events** The Scenic Saint Croix Valley

Communities throughout the St. Croix Valley host a variety of special events and festivals all year long which appeal to visitors of all ages and interests. Please keep in mind that dates and locations are subject to change please call ahead or check websites to confirm.

# **CAR SHOWS**

Hastings, MN • June - early Oct. – EVERY OTHER SATURDAY NIGHT HISTORIC CRUISE IN CAR SHOWS, www.DowntownHastingsMN.com/ Cruise-In-Car-Shows.html

Stillwater, MN • June – Sept. – CRUISIN' ON THE CROIX HOT ROD & VINTAGE CAR SHOW – Select Wednesdays, www.DiscoverStillwater.com

River Falls, WI • July 12 & Sept. 20 – Car Cruz-In www.RFChamber.com

# **FARMERS' MARKETS**

**St. Croix Falls, WI • Mid-May – Oct.**, Farmers' Market *fallschamber.org/* 

Scandia, MN • June – Sept., FARMERS' MARKET GAMMELGÅRDEN MUSEUM – Wed. 3:30 - 6:30 pm. 651-271-4734

www.ScandiaFarmersMarket.com

New Richmond, WI • June – Oct., New Richmond Heritage Center Farmers' Market - Sat. am www.nrheritagecenter.org/

**Osceola, WI • June – Oct.**, Farmers' Market - Fri. 2- 6pm *christine.elmquist@communityhomestead.org.* 

River Falls, WI • June – Oct., DICK'S MARKET - Tues. 3-6pm, Sat. 8am-12pm www.facebook.com/River-Falls-Farmers-Market-104782026231449

**Lindstrom, MN • July • Oct.**, Farmers' Market • Wed.3 – 6pm, Sat.8 – noon, *651-257-5079*.

## **CONCERTS**

Hudson, WI • June - August – FREE CONCERTS - Lakefront Park Thurs.7 pm. 715-386-8411 www.DiscoverHudsonWI.com

Lindstrom, MN • June - August HARMONY IN THE PARK Wed. 6:30 pm. 651-257-0620 www. CityOfLindstrom.us/Parks-Harmony.htm

River Falls, WI • June - August - MUSIC IN THE PARK – Veteran's Park www.RiverFallsCAB.org/Music Hastings, MN • July – August – JAZZ IN THE VINEYARD, Sunday's www.abvwines.com/index.html

Hastings, MN • August – SUNDAY EVENINGS FREE CONCERT SERIES, LeDuc Estate, 651-438-8480 www. dakotahistory.org/leduc-historic-estate

**Scandia, MN • June – Sept.** BLUEGRASS & LEMONADE, 4th Sunday of month Gammelgården Museum gammelgardenmuseum.org/

**Stillwater, MN • June – August** SUMMER TUESDAYS MUSIC – Lowell Park www.discoverstillwater.com/

**St. Croix Falls, WI • June – August**MUSIC ON THE OVERLOOK – Friday
Night Summer Concert Series- Severson
Memorial Overlook Park *fallschamber.*org/

# **MUSEUM TOURS**

Hudson, WI • May – Oct. - OCTAGON HOUSE OPENS FOR TOURS, Fri. – Sun., 715-386-2654 www.StCroixCountyHistory.org

Scandia, MN • April - mid-Oct. GAMMELGARDEN MUSEUM OPEN FOR TOURS, Fri., Sat. & Sun., 1 & 2:30 pm. 651-433-5053 www.GammelgardenMuseum.org

**Hudson, WI - Year Round** - Yellowstone-Trail Auto Route

# **FLEA MARKET**

**New Richmond, WI • Weekends May - Oct**. FARMSTEAD FLEA MARKET,
www.NRHeritageCenter.org

# **JANUARY**

**1/10 • Hastings, MN** • ADULT MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE CARPENTER NATURE CENTER, 651-437-4359 www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org

1/11 • Hastings, MN · ICE FISHING at LAKE REBECCA – Lake Rebecca Park, 651-480-6182, www.hastingsmn.gov/ city-government/city-departments/parksrecreation

**1/11 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - ART AT THE WINERY,

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**1/16 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, *exploreafton.com/* 

**1/18 · River Falls, WI** · COMMUNITY BARN DANCE - RUSH RIVER RAMBLERS, www.riverfallscab.org/

1/18 • Clear Lake, WI · 104th ANNUAL FIREMAN'S OYSTER & CHILLI FEED − Clear Lake Community Center, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com

**1/23 - 26 • Stillwater, MN •** WINTER FEST & WINTER GAMES, www.discoverstillwater.com

**1/24-25 • Scandia, MN •** "VINTERFEST", 651-433-2274 www.ci.scandia.mn.us

**1/25 • Stillwater, MN •** WINTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Lowell Park, www.discoverstillwater.com/

1/25 - Feb. 22 • Hastings, MN · DINNER THEATER at The Onion Grille, www.blackdirttheater.com/

**1/25 • Frederic, WI •**WINTER FUN DAY, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com

**1/25 • Amery, WI** • CANDLELIGHT SKI STOWER LAKES TRAIL, *amerywi.gov/* 

**1/25 • Amery, WI** • ST. JOE'S FISHING CONTEST NORTH TWIN LAKE, *amerywi.gov/* 

1/29 • New Richmond, WI · ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING AWARDS BANQUET & CAKE AUCTION, www.newrichmondchamber.com/events

#### **FEBRUARY**

**2/1 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY ART AT THE WINERY,

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**2/6 - 8 • Luck, WI •** WINTER CARNIVAL, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com

**2/7 - 28 • Amery, WI** · PAINT THE TOWN RED, *amerywi.gov/* 

2/7 - 9 • Hudson, WI • HOT AIR AFFAIR - Evening parade, hot air balloon launches and moon glow, geocaching, 715-386-8411 www.HudsonHotAirAffair.com **2/14 • Stillwater, MN •** PAINT THE TOWN RED,

www.discoverstillwater.com/

**2/14-16 • Chisago Lakes, MN** · CELEBRATION of the LAKES, *651-257-1177* 

www.chisagolakeschamber.com/

**2/15 • River Falls, WI** • COMMUNITY BARN DANCE - BARN CATS, www.riverfallscab.org/

**2/15 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - VALENTINE'S DINNER & COMEDY www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**2/15 • Clam Falls, WI** • WINTER CARNIVAL/ICE FISHING CONTEST, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com

**2/15 • New Richmond, WI •** CABIN FEVER CLASSIC, 715-246-2900 www.NewRichmondChamber.com

**2/20 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

**2/28 • River Falls, WI** • RIVER FALLS FLY FISHING FESTIVAL, www.lundsflyshop.com/

**2/29 - 3/1 • Hastings, MN •** MASTERS OF THE SKY- Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center, 651-437-4359 www. CarpenterNatureCenter.org

**2/29 – 3-1• Lindstrom, MN** · CHISAGO LAKES HOME & BUSINESS EXPO, 651-257-1177 www.chisagolakeschamber.com/

# **MARCH**

**3/5 - 8 & 12 - 15 • River Falls, WI •** VINTAGE CHARM TOUR, www.facebook. com/VintageCharmTour/

**3/7 - 8 • St. Croix Falls, WI** · DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - FOOD & PAIRING WEEKEND, www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**3/7 – 8 • Chisago City, MN** · WINEHAVEN CABIN FEVER DAYS, 651-257-1017 www.winehaven.com/

**3/14, 15 & 17 • Stillwater, MN • ST.**PATRICK'S DAY- Charlie's Irish Pub,
Water Street Inn
www.discoverstillwater.com/

- **3/17 River Falls, WI •** ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION, 715- 425-2533 www.RFChamber.com
- **3/21 St. Croix Falls, WI** POLAR WINE PARTY − DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY, 715-483-9463 www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/
- **3/21 River Falls, WI** COMMUNITY BARN DANCE WOOLY BUGGERS, www.riverfallscab.org/
- **3/28 29 Amery, WI** MAPLEFEST AT GLENNA FARMS, 715-438-1410 www. PolkCountyTourism.com

# **APRIL**

- **4/4 Polk County, WI** COUNTY WIDE MAPLE SYRUP TOURS, 14 Different Sugar Houses, 715-483- 1410 www.PolkCountyTourism.com
- **4/3 River Falls, WI •** RELAY FOR LIFE OF PIERCE COUNTY, www.relayforlife.org/riverfalls.
- **4/4 Amery, WI •** ANNUAL SPRING SHOW Amery Ice Arena, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com
- **4/4 5 Chisago City, MN** · WINEHAVEN NEW VINTAGE DAYS, 651-257-1017 www.winehaven.com/
- **4/5 Sept. 6 Lindstrom, MN** · KARL OSKAR HOUSE TOURS, www.chisagolakeschamber.com/events/karl-oskar-days-2/
- **4/9 Stillwater, MN** LADIES NIGHT OUT Main Street, www.discoverstillwater.com/
- **4/11 Amery, WI** EASTER EGG HUNT – Soo Line Park, *amerywi.gov/*
- **4/11 St. Croix Falls, WI** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY COMEDY DINNER

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

- **4/11 Luck, WI •** Smelt Feed, 800-222-7655 www.co.polk.wi.us/tourism
- **4/16 Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com
- **4/17 19 River Falls, WI •**BLUEGRASS, BOURBON & BREWS
  MUSIC FESTIVAL,
  www.RiverFallsBluegrass.com
- **4/18 · Hastings, MN** · EARTH DAY BIRDING FESTIVAL CARPENTER NATURE CENTER, 651-437-4359 carpenternaturecenter.org/
- **4/18 Stillwater, MN** VICTORIAN TEA at HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, www.discoverstillwater.com/

- **4/23 Hudson, WI** HISTORY & TROLLEY TOUR, 715 -386-2654 www.StCroixCountyHistory.org
- **4/25 · St. Croix Falls, WI ·** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY THE BAZAAR
- www.dancing drag on flywinery.com/
- **4/25 Amery, WI** WORK PLAY EARTH DAY STOWER TRAIL amerywi.gov/
- **4/25 River Falls, WI** RIVER FALLS SPRING ARTS GALA, www.riverfallscab.org.
- **4/25 26 Hastings, MN** HOOTENANY/DOWNTOWN HASTINGS, A community of living music, 651-438-6887 www.visithastingsmn.org/

# MAY

- **5/1 Scandia, MN •**GAMMELGARDEN MUSEUM
  OPENING DAY, 651-433-5053
  www.GammelgardenMuseum.org
- **5/1 St. Croix Falls, WI** FALLS SAMPLER Polk County Fairgrounds, *fallschamber.org/*
- **5/1 2 St. Croix Falls, WI** · SPRING AWAKENINGS, *fallschamber.org/*
- **5/1 3 St. Croix Valley** THE ST. CROIX VALLEY ART OPENER, www.artopener.com/
- **5/1 3 Chisago Lakes, MN** & Polk County, WI • EARTH ARTS SPRING ART TOUR, 800-222-POLK www.earthartswi.org/ wwwminnesotapotters.com
- **5/2 River Falls, WI •** WINGS OF SPRING BIRD FESTIVAL, www.SCVBirdClub.com
- **5/2 St. Croix Falls, WI** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY YOGA BY THE VINES,

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

- **5/3 Hudson, WI •** OCTAGON HOUSE OPEN WEEKENDS IN MAY, www. StCroixCountyHistory.org
- **5/6 New Richmond, WI •** Professional and Business Woman of the Year Luncheon, 715 246-2900 www.newrichmondchamber.com
- **5/8 10 Upper St. Croix Valley** MINNESOTA POTTERS TOUR, www. chisagolakeschamber.com/ www. discoverstillwater.com/
- **5/10 · Hudson, WI ·** OCTAGON HOUSE MUSEUM MOTHER'S DAY TEA & HOME TOUR, www.StCroixCountyHistory.org

- **5/10 · Hudson, WI** · SAINT CROIX RIVER CRUISES MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, stcroixrivercruises.com/
- **5/10 St. Croix Falls, WI** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY BRUNCH & BUBBLY.

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

- **5/14 Stillwater, MN** LADIES NIGHT OUT, www.mainstreetstillwateriba.com/
- 5/15 17 Woodville, WI SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION, Norway's Independence Day www.Baldwin-WoodvilleChamber.org
- **5/21 Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com
- **5/22 24 Dresser, WI** 4 X 4 MEMORIAL TOTAL OFF ROAD RALLY – Trollhaugen, 715-483-1410 www.co.polk.wi.us/tourism
- **5/25 Bayport, MN •** MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, *www.ci.Bayport.MN.us*
- **5/30 31 Lindstrom, MN** · LAKES AREA ROYALE FARE – Renaissance Festival www.chisagolakeschamber.com/

# **JUNE**

- **6/3 6 Baldwin, WI •** JUNE BUG DAYS, www.Baldwin-WoodvilleChamber.org
- **6/5 6 Amery, WI** · AMERY TRAIL DAYS, *amerywi.gov/*
- **6/5 6 Bayport, MN** · CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE, www.ci.bayport.mn.us
- **6/5 6 New Richmond, WI** PARK ART FAIR & FOOD TRUCK EXTRAVAGANZA, 715 246-2900 www.newrichmondchamber.com
- **6/6 Amery, WI** AIRPORT FLY-IN BREAKFAST AMERY AIRPORT amerywi.gov/
- **6/6 · Hudson, WI ·** OCTAGON HOUSE MUSEUM MASTER GARDNER PLANT SALE, www.StCroixCountyHistory.org
- **6/6 St. Croix Falls, WI** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY -ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/
- **6/6 Milltown, WI** MILLTOWN ANNUAL DAIRY BREAKFAST – Milltown Community Center, 715-483-1410 www.co.polk.wi.us/tourism
- **6/6 · Osceola, WI ·** RHUBARB FEST Mill Pond Park, 715-483-1410 www.myosceolachamber.org
- **6/6 Prescott, WI** · KIWANIS KIDS FISHING CONTEST, *prescottwi.com/*
- **6/13 St. Croix Falls, WI** CITY OF TRAILS FESTIVAL, www.cityoftrailsrace.com/

- **6/14 River Falls, WI •** TOWN N' COUNTRY DAY, www.rfchamber.com 715-425-2533
- **6/18 Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT www.ExploreAfton.com
- **6/19 Amery, WI** MUSIC ON THE RIVER Michael Park, *amerywi.gov/*
- **6/19 20 Clayton, WI** Clayton Cheese Days, 715-483-1410 www.polkcountytourism.com/ www.townofclayton.net
- **6/20 St. Croix Falls, WI** DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY ART AT THE WINERY

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

- **6/20 Amery, WI** · WOMAN'S CLUB ART FAIR *amerywi.gov/*
- **6/20 Amery, WI** 9th ANNUAL TRIATHLON STOWER TRAIL amerywi.gov/
- **6/21 Hastings, MN** 4th ANNUAL MAKE MUSIC DAY, Hastings Area Parks, 651-480-6182 www.hastingsmn.gov/city-government/city-departments/parks-recreation
- **6/26 28 Milltown, WI** · ANNUAL FISHERMAN'S PARTY, 715-483-1410 www.co.polk.wi.us/tourism
- **6/27 28 Afton, MN •** STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & MARKETPLACE, www.exploreafton.com
- **6/27 Scandia, MN •** MIDSOMMER DAG FESTIVAL, 651-433-5053 www.GammelgardenMuseum.org
- **6/29 JULY 4 Amery, WI** · AMERY BUSINESS FREEDOM SALES, *amerywi.gov/*

# **JULY**

- **7/2 5 Hudson, WI •** BOOSTER DAYS, www.hudsonboosters.org
- **7/3 5 · Balsam Lake, WI** · FREEDOM FEST Arts, crafts, boat parade, fireworks, 715-483-1410 www.co.polk.wi.us/tourism
- **7/4 Stillwater, MN** FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS Lowell Park & Pioneer Park www.discoverstillwater.com/
- **7/4 Afton, MN •** 4th of JULY CELEBRATION & PARADE, www.ExploreAfton.com
- **7/4 Amery, WI** AMERY FIREWORKS Soldier's Field *amerywi.gov/*
- **7/4 · Amery, WI** · WAPO/BEAR TRAP 5K FUN RUN STOWER TRAIL, amerywi.gov/

**7/4 · Hudson, WI ·** SAINT CROIX RIVER CRUISES – Stillwater, MN Fireworks www.stcroixrivercruises.com

**7/5 • Hudson, WI** • SAINT CROIX RIVER CRUISES – Hudson, WI Fireworks www.stcroixrivercruises.com

**7/7,14,21,28 - Stillwater, MN** SUMMER TUESDAYS MUSIC - Lowell Park, 5pm www.discoverstillwater.com/

**7/8-12 · Lindstrom, MN** · KARL OSKAR DAYS, 651-257-0805 www.cityoflindstrom.us/

**7/9–12 • New Richmond, WI** • FUN FEST CARNIVAL, 715-246-2900 www.NewRichmondChamber.com

**7/9–12 • Centuria, WI** • MEMORY DAYS, 800-222-7655 www.centuria-wi.org

**7/9-12 • River Falls, WI •** RIVER FALLS DAYS, 715-425-2533 www.RFChamber.com

**7/11 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY JAZZ IN JULY CONCERT dancingdragonflywinery.

**7/12 • River Falls, WI •** CAR CRUZE, 715-425-2533 www.rfchamber.com

**7/16 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

**7/17 • Amery, WI** · MUSIC ON THE RIVER –Michael Park, *amerywi.gov/* 

**7/17 - 19 • Stillwater, MN** · LUMBERJACK DAYS, www.discoverstillwater.com/

**7/17 - 19 • Hastings, MN •** RIVERTOWN DAYS, 651-437-6775, www.hastingsmn.org

**7/17 – 19 • Luck, WI •** LUCKY DAYS FESTIVAL, 800-222-7655 www.luckwisconsin.com

**7/17 - 19 • St. Croix Falls, WI** · WANNIGAN DAYS-SPIRIT OF THE RIVER, 651-465-5133 www. fallschamber.org 800-222-7655 www. polkcountytourism.com

**7/19 • Hudson, WI •** CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Octagon House Museum, www.StCroixCountyHistory.org

**7/21 - 26 • Hudson, WI •** RIVERFEST, A party with a purpose, *www.StCroixrRverFest.org* 

**7/24 - 26 • Hastings, MN •** ANTIQUE POWER SHOW AT LITTLE LOG HOUSE, 651-437-2693 www.LittleLogHouseShow.com

**7/24 - 26 • Center City, MN •** CENTER CITY DAYS, 651-257-5284 www.CenterCityMN.us

**7/26 • Chisago City, MN •** CHISAGO LAKES TRIATHLON – 651-257-0620 www.chisagolakeschamber.com

**7/30 – Aug. 2 • St. Croix Falls, WI •** POLK COUNTY FAIR, www.polkcountyfair.com

# **AUGUST**

**River Falls, WI** • KINNI RIVER TROUT TROT, 715-426-9000 www.OurNeighborsPlace.org

**8/1 • Stillwater, MN** • OPERA ON THE RIVER - Lowell Park, operatunity the atre. org/

**8/1 • Amery, WI** • HALF MARATHON STOWER TRAIL *amerywi.gov/* 

**8/4 & 11 • Stillwater, MN** • SUMMER TUESDAYS MUSIC - Lowell Park www.discoverstillwater.com/ www. summertuesdays.com/

8/6-9 & 13-16 • River Falls, WI • VINTAGE CHARM TOUR, www.facebook.com/VintageCharmTour/

**8/7 - 9 • Almelund, MN •** ALMELUND THRESHING SHOW, 651-257-1177 www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

**8/8 - 9 · Lewis, WI** · CHARLES E. LEWIS DAYS, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**8/15 • Cushing, WI** • CUSHING FUN DAY & ADULT SOAP BOX DERBY, 800-222-7655

www.polkcountytourism.com

8/15 • Scandia, MN •

SPELMANSSTAMMA- FIDDLE FEST, 651-433-5053

www. gammel garden museum. org

**8/15 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - WINE & CHEESE FESTIVAL, www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**8/20 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT,

www.ExploreAfton.com

**8/20 • Lindstrom, MN** • CHAMBER COMMUNITY GOLF TOURNAMENT, 651-257-1177

www.chisagolakeschamber.com/

8/20 - 23 • Chisago City, MN •

KI CHI SAGA DAYS, 651-257-5464 www.chisagolakeschamber.com www. ci.Chisago.MN.us

**8/21 • Amery, WI** • MUSIC ON THE RIVER – Michael Park, *amerywi.gov/* 

**8/21 - 23 • Hudson, WI •** NORTH HUDSON PEPPERFEST, 715-386-0797 www.PepperFest.org

**8/22 • Hasting, MN** · CARTPENTER NATURE CENTER ART FESTIVAL Wisconsin Campus 651-437-4359 www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org

**8/28 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - GREAT TABLE DINNER

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**8/29 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • RIBFEST, featuring Chris Kroeze – Polk County Fairgrounds, *fallschamber.org/* 

# **SEPTEMBER**

9/1 – 30 • St. Croix River Valley, MN & WI • TAKE ME TO THE RIVER – Art events throughout the Valley 715-386-8411. www.discoverstillwater.com/ www.discoverhudsonwi.com

**9/5 • Balsam Lake, WI •** CORN ON THE CURB DAYS, 715-485-3424 www.polkcountytourism.com

9/5 • Osceola, WI • WHEELS & WINGS, 800-222-7655 www.WheelsWings.com www.PolkCountyTourism.com

**9/7 - 11 • Amery, WI** · FALL DECORATING CONTEST, *amerywi.gov/* 

**9/10 • Stillwater, MN** · LADIES NIGHT OUT, www.mainstreetstillwateriba.com/

**9/11 - 13 • Prescott, WI** • PRESCOTT DAZE,

www.prescottdaze.com/calendar.html

**9/12 • River Falls, WI •** ART ON THE KINNI, www.RiverFallscab.org

**9/12 • Hastings, MN** · CIVIL WAR WEEKEND, LeDuc Estate, 651-438-8480 www.dakotahistory.org/leduc-historic-estate

**9/12 - 13 • Almelund, MN •** HAY DAYS, www.snobarons.com

9/12 • Scandia, MN •

GAMMELGÅRDEN MUSEUM -THE RUNNING OF THE MEATBALLS -Scandia TACO DAZE, 651-433-5053 www.GammelgardenMuseum.org

**9/17 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

**9/17, 18, 19 • Hudson, WI** · VINTAGE & VARIETY YARD SALE, Octagon House Museum *www.StCroixCountyHistory.org* 

**9/17 - 20 • Amery, WI** · AMERY FALL FESTIVAL, *amerywi.gov/* 

**9/18 - 19 • Bayport, MN •** DERBY DAYS, www.ci.Bayport.MN.us

**9/18 – 19 • Shafer, MN •** SHAFER DAYS, 651-257-4726 www.ShaferMN.com

**9/19 • Hudson, WI** • SAINT CROIX RIVER CRUISES FALL COLOR, stcroixrivercruises.com/public-cruises/ fall-colors-cruise/

9/19 - 20 • St. Croix Falls, WI ·
DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY GRAPE STOMP FESTIVAL
www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**9/19 - 20 • River Falls, WI •** RIVER FALLS BACON BASH, www.RiverFallsBaconBash.com

**9/20 • River Falls, WI •** CAR CRUZE IN, www.rfchamber.com/

**9/25 - 27 • Polk County, WI** ∙ FALL GALLERY ADVENTURE - Self guided tour of Polk County Galleries, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**9/26 · · Hastings, MN** · RAPTOR RELEASE CARPENTER NATURE CENTER, 651-437-4359 www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org

**9/26 • St. Croix Falls, WI •** RIVER ROAD RAMBLE- Enjoy the ride from St. Croix Falls to Cushing, WI, 800-222-7566 www.polkcountytourism.com

**9/26 • Franconia, MN** · 24th ANNUAL ART & ARTISTS CELEBRATION Franconia Sculpture Park, fallschamber.org/

**9/26** • **Baldwin, WI** · CHILLI FEST www.baldwin-woodvillechamber.org/

**9/26 - 27 • Centuria, WI** · BAKER ORCHARD FALL ART FESTIVAL, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**9/26 - 27 • Hudson, WI •** SPIRIT OF ST. CROIX ART FESTIVAL, 715-386-8411 www.DiscoverHudsonWI.com

**9/26 - 27 • Afton, MN •** AFTON ART IN THE PARK, www.exploreafton.com

# **OCTOBER**

**10/1 • Hudson, WI** • HISTORY & TROLLEY TOUR, www.StCroixCountyHistory.org

**10/3 • St. Croix Falls, WI** · AUTUMN FEST & CRAFT FAIR – Library Plaza, fallschamber.org/

10/3 • St. Croix Falls, WI · DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - DAVID ROTH CONCERT

www.dancing drag on flywinery.com/

**10/3 - 4 • Stillwater, MN •** RIVERTOWN FALL ART FESTIVAL greaterstillwaterchamber.com/ rivertownfallartfestival.com 10/10 • Prescott, WI · BARRELS & BACON

www.ptaceksiga.com/barrels-bacon

**10/10 • Amery, WI** • FALL COLOR BIKE RIDE/STOWER LAKES STATE BIKE TRAIL, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**10/10 • Milltown, WI •** PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, 715-825-2222 www.polkcountytourism.com

**10/10 - 11• Hastings, MN** · APPLE FESTIVAL CARPENTER NATURE CENTER, 651-437-4359 www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org

**10/10 – 11 • Stillwater, MN** • HARVET FEST & GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH OFF – Lowell Park www.harvestfeststillwater.com/

**10/15 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

**10/17 • Osceola, WI** • PUMPKIN EXPRESS TRAIN RIDES – Osceola to Dresser, WI 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**10/17 • Hudson, WI** • SAINT CROIX RIVER CRUISES OKTOBERFEST CRUISE, stcroixrivercruises.com/publiccruises/oktoberfest/

**10/23 • Hudson, WI** • VICTORIAN SUPERSTITIONS & GHOST STORIES TOUR, Octagon House Museum, www.StCroixCountyHistory.org

**10/23 • Chisago Lakes Area •** TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN STREET, www.chisagolakeschamber.com

**10/23 - 25 • River Falls, WI •** FALL FINDS & BARN TOUR, like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FallFindsandBarnTour/

**10/24 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - DINNER & JAZZ,

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**10/24 • Afton, MN •** AFTON TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL, www.exploreafton.com

**10/30 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - COSTUME PARTY

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**10/31 • Hastings, MN** · DOWNTOWN HASTINGS CREEPY CANDY CRAWL, 651-437-6775 www.hastingsmn.org/

**10/31 • Amery, WI** • HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT & COSTUME CONTEST, *amerywi.gov/* 

# **NOVEMBER**

**11/14 • Cushing, WI** • FIRE DEPT. VENSION FEED - Community Center, 800-222-7655

www.polkcountytourism.com

**11/19 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

11/19 • Scandia, MN •

GAMMELGÅRDEN MUSEUM – LUTFISK & SWEDISH MEATBALLS, 651-433-5053

www.gammelgardenmuseum.org

**11/20 - 22 • Hudson, WI •** HUDSON TOUR OF HOMES & CRAFT SALE, 715-386-8411

www.DiscoverHudsonWI.com

11/20 - 22 - Stillwater, MN · CHRISTMAS AT THE COURTHOUSE www.discoverstillwater.com

11/21 - 22 • St. Croix Falls, WI · DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - CHEESE & CHOCOLATE WEEKEND, www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

11/24 • Amery, WI • LIGHT UP THE TOWN – Soo Line Park www. amerywisconsin.org 1-800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com amerywi. gov/

**11/24 • Amery, WI** • ANNUAL CHILLI FEED – Amery Fire Department, *amerywi.gov/* 

**11/26 • Prescott, WI** • THANKSGIVING DAY POLAR PLUNGE, *prescottwi.com/* 

**11/26 • Hastings, MN •** GOBBLEGAIT RUN - Downtown Hastings www.GobbleGait.com

**11/27 • Amery, WI** • EARLY BIRD SHOPPING, *amerywi.gov/* 

**11/27 • River Falls, WI •** RIVER DAZZLE, www.RFChamber.com

11/27 • St. Croix Falls, WI · DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - DINNER & COMEDY

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

**11/27 – 28 • Amery, WI** · SMALL BUSINESS WEEKEND, *amerywi.gov/* 

11/27, 28, 29 • Taylors Falls, MN – LIGHTING FESTIVAL, fallschamber.org/

**11/27 – 29 • Luck, WI** • HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SALE – Café Wren 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**11/28 • Chisago Lakes Area** • SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, Shop local.

**11/28 • Stillwater, MN** • SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

https://www.discoverstillwater.com/

**11/28 • Hastings, MN •** DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY HOOPLA, *612-272-0584 www.downtownhastingsmn.com* 

11/28, Dec. 5 & 8 • St. Croix Falls, WIDANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/

# **DECEMBER**

12/1 - 31 • Stillwater MN ·

HOMETOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS, www.discoverstillwater.com/

**12/1 - 31 • Clear Lake, WI** · LIGHT UP THE TOWN – Self guided tour of lights, 800-222-7655

www.polkcountytourism.com

**12/3 • New Richmond, WI** · HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE & FIREWORKS, 715-246-2900 www.NewRichmondChamber.com

**12/4 - 5 • Afton, MN •** HOLIDAY IN THE VILLAGE, www.exploreafton.com

**12/4 - 6 · Luck, WI** · HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT SALE – Café Wren 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**12/5 • Stillwater, MN** • STILLWATER TWINKLE PARTY – Lowell Park Tree Lighting www.discoverstillwater.com/

**12/5 • Lindstrom, MN** • TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL - Memorial Park, 651-257-0620

**12/5 • Amery, WI** ∙ HOLIDAY STROLL, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism. com, amerywi.gov/

**12/5 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • FAT BIKE DAY – Woolley Trail 800-222-7655 www. polkcountytourism.com

**12/5 • Baldwin, WI** • HORSE PARADE & VISIT FROM SANTA & MRS. CLAUS, www.baldwin-woodvillechamber.org/

**12/5 - 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 · Hudson, WI ·** CHRISTMAS TOURS, Octagon House Museum *www.StCroixCountyHistory.org* 

**12/5 – 6 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • RIVERTOWN HOLIDAY, *fallschamber.org/* 

**12/6 • Chisago City, MN** • LIGHTING FESTIVAL – Moberg Park, *651-257-5464* 

**12/12 • Hudson, WI** • HOLIDAY TOUR & TEA, Octagon House Museum, *www. StCroixCountyHistory.org* 

**12/13 • Scandia, MN •** LUCIA DAGEN, 651- 433-5053 www.GammelgårdenMuseum.org

**12/17 • Afton, MN •** ULTIMATE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, www.ExploreAfton.com

**12/31 • Stillwater, MN** • SING IN THE NEW YEAR – Live opera & dancing operatunitytheatre.org/

**12/31 • Clear Lake, WI** • NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS – Clear Lake Park, 800-222-7655 www.polkcountytourism.com

**12/31 • St. Croix Falls, WI** • DANCING DRAGONFLY WINERY - NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & SHOW, www.dancingdragonflywinery.com/



# Seasons In the St. Croix Valley

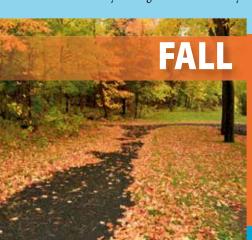


# A Beautiful, Blossoming Landscape

Spring in the St. Croix Valley is a time of renewal. As the grass greens, the wildflowers come to life and the trees unfurl their new leaves, new bird songs echo through the forests and at the feeders. Spring is heralded in the St. Croix Valley by wildflowers peaking their heads up above the forest floor. At the same time, snow melt and spring rains feed the streams and waterfalls that flow into the St. Croix River. A host of festivals and events celebrate the coming of Spring and provide opportunities to get outside and go cycling, hiking, biking, running or birding. With the warmer weather Farmers' Markets return with local produce, artisan wares and homemade bake goods. There may be no better time to enjoy the Valley than in this quieter season as the St.Croix Valley comes to life.

# **Diverse Offerings for the Taking**

Experience why so many people visit the St. Croix Valley each summer. During the summer there is a constant pulse of energy, arts events, natural recreation, social gatherings, and community festivities throughout the St. Croix Valley. With 7 State Parks, more than 20 regional and county parks, and nature centers there are a countless number of ways you can relax and soak up the summer sun. From land activities such as hiking, biking and a hot air balloon ride, to water activities such as canoeing, kayaking, or sailing, make sure you take advantage of all of the great outdoor adventures in the Valley. And when summer days transition to night make sure you enjoy some live theatre or music at one of the many area's performing arts venues. Experience everything from adventurous outdoor activities, to quiet escapes and first class entertainment by visiting the St. Croix Valley a summer-long vacation destination.



# **Brilliant Colors Lead the Show**

What else can we say? The fall colors here in the St. Croix Valley are simply breathtaking.

Whether you are touring the Valley on one of the scenic country roads or enjoying a crisp autumn hike outdoors, almost everywhere you look during the fall months the foliage is alive with bursting reds, oranges and yellows which only enhances the beauty of the lush evergreens.

Adding to the natural beauty of autumn in the St. Croix Valley are a variety of festivals, events and activities that help celebrate the season. Harvesting fruits, vegetables, visiting farms, pumpkin patches and corn mazes are among the host of outdoor thins to do that make this a special time of year.

# **Experience a Thrilling Winter Adventure**

It's a special time to be in the St. Croix Valley. As the snow begins to fall and the ice begins to form, there are plenty of winter activities to experience. Lace up your boots, strap on your snowshoes, buckle on your cross-country skis or hop on a fat tire bike and explore miles of tranquil trails. If winter is not your favorite season for being outside, that's ok. You're not alone. Add some warmth to your winter with music, theatre, and dance performances or treat yourself at one of the Valley's award-winning spas. You deserve this.

No matter which activity you choose to take part in this winter, warm your soul and clear your thoughts by connecting with the natural world around you in the Scenic St. Croix Valley.







# Amazing Parks to Explore... Saint Croix Valley Parks

**If you are looking to escape city life,** or just everyday life, look no further than the amazing Saint Croix Valley's parks!

	Wild River State Park www.dnrstate.mn.us/state_parks/wild_niver	Minnesota Interstate Park www.dnr.state_marks/interstate	Wisconsin Interstate Park dn.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/interstate	William O'Brien State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/william_obrien	Willow River State Park dur.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/willowriver	Afton State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/afton	Kinnikinnic State Park dn.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kinnickinnic	Lake Elmo Park Reserve www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=502	St. Croix River Bluffs Park www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=505
Acres	along St. Croix	298	1330	1803	3000+	1700	1242	2165	579
Total Campsites	171	63	84	113	750	31		80	73
Campsites electrical hook ups	34	22	23	81	55			80	62
Drive in /RV Campsites	94	37		81				80	36
Pull-Through Site	2								26
Family Campsites			82						
Hike-in Camping Sites	7		2			28		5	
Group Camping Sites	9	4	2	4	12	2		4	2
Equestrian Camping	20							20	
Wheelchair Accessible Campsites	1		1	3	3				
Canoe Sites	4					1			
Camper Cabins	6			4		4			
Yurts						2			
Historic Information Site	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х			Х	
Special Programs and Events	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
Ranger Station/Visitor Center	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Handicap Access	Х	Χ		Х	Х			Х	
Park Shelters	Х		Х	Х	Х			Х	
Picnic Shelters	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
Play Structures	Х		Χ		Х			Х	
Picnic Tables	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ
Drinking Fountains	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ
Fire Rings/Grills	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ
Firewood	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Х		Х	Χ
Hiking/Walking Trails (miles)	35	4	9	12	13	20	6.5	20	4
Wheelchair Accessible Trails (miles)	2.6	.5		1.5		.6			
Paved Bicycle Trails (miles)	2.6			1.5	.9	4		5	1
Equestrian Trails (miles)	18					5		8	
Cross Country Ski Trails Groomed	30		2.8	12	Χ		Χ	10.8	
Cross Country Ski Trails (miles)	30		12.5	12	Χ	18	16.4	5.5	
Winter Walking Trails	6		12.5	2.1	Χ	6	Х	7.5	.6
Snowshoeing Trails (miles)	6	Χ	12.5	Χ	Χ	4	2.8	4.5	
Rock Climbing		Χ							
Boat/Canoe Launch			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Х
Swimming Beach			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ		
Fishing	Х		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х
Geocaching	Х			Χ		Х			
Vehicle Permits Required	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х
Showers	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			Χ	Х
Restrooms	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
Vault Toilets	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			
Dump Station	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ			Χ	Χ



# **Explore**St. Croix Valley Parks & Nature Centers

Favorite spots for Birding, Wildlife Watching, Hiking & Camping.

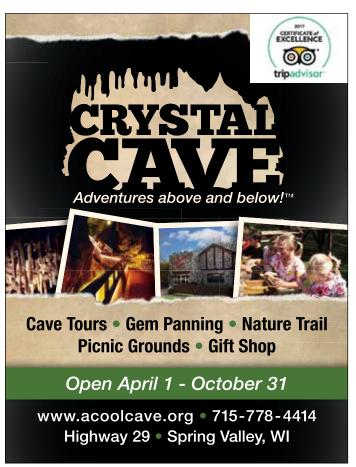


# **MINNESOTA**

**Afton State Park - Afton, MN** ~ Grand oaks and delicate prairie flowers grace the rugged, rolling landscape of this park. Wind your way down deep ravines and rise up to the grassy ridgetops and bluffs overlooking the scenic St. Croix River. The trails are perfect for hikers, horseback riders and cross-country skiers, in the winter.

# William O'Brien State Park - Marine on St. Croix, MN

A great "get away" park only one hour from the Twin Cities. Hiking trails offer quiet exploration of the Park's rolling, wooded hills. For anglers, the channels of the St. Croix have northerns, walleye, bass and trout. Ideal for canoeing, the river is also a migratory pathway that offers visitors an exciting diversity of sights and sounds.



# Wild River State Park - Center City, MN ~ Located along

**18 miles of the beautiful St. Croix River.** The park attracts people who enjoy camping, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, interpretive programs, self-guided trails, and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

# **Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center**

Located along the bluffs of the Wild & Scenic St. Croix River, 425 acres of tall grass prairie, oak savannah, flood plain, pine plantation, wetland and woodland. Hike or stroll 4 miles of paved trails and 11 miles of mulched trails. Birders will find perfect viewing of fall raptor migration.

# Interstate Park - Taylors Falls, MN & St. Coix Falls, WI

**Visitors can climb the cliffs of the St. Croix River Dalles**, canoe the flat-water, and watch kayakers' rush through the rapids. Spring brings a great diversity of wildflowers; in fall the St. Croix River Valley forest is ablaze in autumn colors of red, gold, and orange

# **WISCONSIN**

Willow River State Park - Hudson, WI ~ Multiple Habitats, Multiple Seasons. At 2,891 acres, Willow River State Park has a variety of habitats to explore - prairie, forests and panoramic river scenery. Avid birders will find glimpses of Eastern and Western Meadowlarks, Bobolinks and Sedge Wrens in the prairies. The most popular hiking trail destinations are the Willow Falls and the scenic overlooks of the river valley.

Kinnickinnic State Park - River Falls, WI ~ Wildlife watchers in Kinnickinnic State Park can observe a wide variety of birds and animals in their natural environments. The gorge and delta are designated as a state natural area. The valley of the Kinnickinnic River, a cold water trout stream, is a rare sanctuary with majestic white pines and sheer limestone cliffs. The Kinnickinnic valley is a haven for birds and other wildlife.

Freedom Park Visitor & Learning Center – Prescott, WI ~ Located at the northern gateway to Wisconsin's Great River Road, a National Scenic Byway, the Center overlooks the scenic upper Mississippi River Valley where the St. Croix River enters the mighty Mississippi. Stroll the trails, enjoy the educational native plant gardens, and look for raptors, migrating birds and other wildlife at this Audubon Birding site and watchable wildlife site.

# **St. Coix Valley** Outdoor Adventures create lasting memories

# **Hiking**

Lace up your walking shoes or hiking boots and take advantage of 8 State Parks and over 24 County and Regional Parks. The St. Croix Valley has hundreds of trails perfect for all levels of hiking.





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# **Biking**

If your idea of fun is where the rubber meets the road, bicycling is a great way to tour the St. Croix Valley. A few popular routes include: Wisconsin - Great River Road Trail, Stower Seven Lakes Trail, Gandy Dancer Trail. Minnesota – Brown's Creek State Trail, Hastings Loop

# **Birding**

The St. Croix Valley is an extremely bio-diverse area that serves as home to 100's of species of birds all year. Bring a camera and binoculars to enjoy world-class bird watching. Not sure where to begin? Let the St. Croix Valley Bird Club be your guide: www.scvbirdclub.com

# **Fishing**

The waters of the St. Croix support one of the best fisheries in the Upper Midwest. Casting a line into the river is a wonderful way to relax and spend the day. For a complete list of what you might hook visit: www.nps.gov/sacn/indes.htm



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# Sailing

The Saint Croix Sailing School provides sailing access for all those seeking to enjoy the beautiful St. Croix River. The SCSS offers youth sailing day camps, adult ASA keelboat certifications, and Tuesday night keelboat sailing as well as Wednesday evening small boat races. Please contact: director@saintcroixdailingschool.org



# Motorcycling

The St. Croix Valley of Minnesota and Wisconsin is a motorcycling haven for those that are looking for winding roads, spectacular views, and friendly communities. For the inside scoop on planning the perfect ride visit the St. Croix Valley Riders website https://stcroixvalleyriders.org/ And for all your motorcycle gear a stop at Croixland Leatherworks in Osceola, WI is a must. https://croixlandleather.com/

# A Paddler's Paradise

The St. Croix Valley is a premier destination of both canoeing and kayaking. Bring your own equipment, choose to rent from local outfitters or take advantage of organized tours by well trained and seasoned guides. http://www.kinnicreek.com/









# The Saint Croix Valley Where Art & Nature Meet

Explore art in the Valley by visiting the many Galleries, Theaters, Studios, Nature Centers, and Musical Venues. Create a memorable day, an incredible weekend, or a perfect vacation—where art and nature meet.

# In the St. Croix Valley, we believe places change people.



**⊘** Galleries & Studios **⊘** Theater **⊘** Events & Tours

Nature Spaces With an Eye to the Arts
Arts Organizations & Venues

Full maps of each Venue listing are available on line at www.stcroixsplash.org

# **Galleries & Studios**

- Art's House 108 E. Maple St., River Falls, WI (715)268-8600 www.riverfallscab.org/
- ArtReach St. Croix 224 N 4th St Stillwater, MN (651) 439-1465 www.ArtReachStCroix.org
- artZ Gallery 208 Keller Ave N Amery, WI (715) 268-8600 www.artZGallery.org
  - **Gallery 101, UW-River Falls** Kleinpell Fine Arts 410 S 3rd St River Falls, WI UWRF.edu/Art/Gallery101.cfm
- Gustaf's Galleries 13025 Lake Blvd Lindstrom, MN (651) 257-2575 • www.GustafsGalleries.com
  - **Healing Arts Hospital Programs** 405 Stageline Rd Hudson, WI (715) 531-6059 www.ThePhipps.org/ecategory/Healing-Arts
  - **River Falls Public Library Gallery**

140 Union St • River Falls, WI • (715) 425-3496 www.RiverFallsPublicLibrary.org/In-The-Gallery.html

- SEASONS on St. Croix Gallery 401 2nd Street Hudson, WI (715) 381-2906 • www.SeasonsOnStCroix.com
  - Smith + Trade Mercantile, 229 S Main St, Unit B, Stillwater, MN 651-342-2976smithandtrade.com
  - Stillwater Art Guild Gallery 402 Main Street N Stillwater, MN • (651) 689-0149 • www.ArtGuildGallery.com
  - The Judd Street Exchange and Van Dell Studio & Gallery, 101 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix, MN juddstreetexchange@gmail.com www.maryjovandell.com
- The Phipps Center for the Arts 109 Locust St Hudson, WI (715) 386-2305 www.ThePhipps.org



**Operatunity Theatre** • (612) 404-9265 https://operatunitytheatre.org/

Music St. Croix • www.MusicSaintCroix.com

**St. Croix Falls Music on the Overlook •** MusicOnTheOverlook.com **St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra •** www.SCVSymphony.org







# **Nature Spaces With an Eye to the Arts**

Belwin Conservancy • 1553 Stagecoach Trail S • Afton, MN (651) 436-5189 • www.Belwin.org

**Borner Farm Project** • 1266 Walnut St • Prescott, WI www.BornerFarmProject.com

- Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center •12805 St. Croix Trail S Hastings, MN • (651) 437-4359 CarpenterNatureCenter.org
- Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center 200 Monroe St Prescott, WI • (715) 262-0104 • www.FreedomParkWI.org

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust • (715)483-3300 • KinniRiver.org

National Park Service St. Croix Scenic Riverway 401 N Hamilton • St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-2274 • NPS.gov/SACN

**St. Croix River Association** • (715) 483-3300 www.StCroixRiverAssociation.org

**Willow River State Park** • 1034 County Hwy. A, Hudson, WI (715) 386-5931 www.willowkinnifriends.org/



# **Arts Organizations & Venues**

**Arcola Mills •** 12905 Arcola Trail N • Stillwater, MN (651) 439-1652 • ArcolaMills.org

- Franconia Sculpture Park 29836 St. Croix Trail Shafer, MN • 651-257-6668 • www.Franconia.org
- Gammelgården Museum 20880 Olinda Trl Scandia, MN (651) 433-5053 • GammelgardenMuseum.org
- Hastings Arts Center 216 4th St E Hastings, MN (651) 437-4320 • www.HastingsArtsCenter.org

Hastings-Prescott Area Arts Council hastingsprescottarts@gmail.com • www.HPAAC.org

- Marine Mills Folk School 550 Pine Street, Marine on St. Croix, MN • marinemillsfolkschool.org
- The Phipps Center for the Arts 109 Locust St Hudson, WI • (715) 386-2305 • www.ThePhipps.org

River Falls Community Arts Base • 108 E Maple St River Falls, WI • (715) 426-5219 • www.RiverFallsCAB.org

**St Croix Valley Folk School •** 110 N. Washington Street, St. Croix Falls, WI www.stcroixvalleyfolkschool.org



- **Black Dirt Theater** 213 Sibley Street Hastings, MN (651) 300-9567 www.BlackDirtTheater.com
- Old Gem Theater 116 S Knowles Ave New Richmond, WI (715) 246-3285 www.OldGemTheater.com
- St. Croix Art Barn 1040 Oak Ridge Dr Osceola, WI (715) 294-2787 • www.StCroixArtBarn.org
- St. Croix Festival Theatre 125 N Washington St St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-3387 • www.FestivalTheatre.org
  - **St. Croix Off Broadway Dinner Theatre** 1616 Crest View Dr Hudson, WI • (715) 386-2394 • www.StCroixOffBroadway.com
- The Phipps Center for the Arts 109 Locust St Hudson, WI • 715-386-8409 • www.ThePhipps.org
  - University Theatre, UW-River Falls Kleinpell Fine Arts River Falls, WI • (715) 425-3114 • UWRF.edu/SASA/UniversityTheatre
- Zephyr Theatre 601 Main St. N., Stillwater, MN (651) 342-1542 stillwaterzephyrtheatre.org/



# **Events & Tours**

**Art Bench Trail** (*year round*) • www.ArtBenchTrail.org **artOPENer** (*May*) • artOPENer.com

Earth Arts (May) • www.EarthArtsWl.org

- **St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour (Mother's Day weekend)** www.MinnesotaPotters.com
- Art on the Kinni (Sept.) RiverFallsCAB.org/artonthekinni.php
  Take Me to the River (Sept.) TakeMeToTheRiver.info
  Western Wisconsin Pottery Tour (Sept.) •







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# Afton...

# a Charming, Nineteenth Century Village anchored on Lake St. Croix

The historic Village of Afton is nestled between wooded river bluffs on the scenic, nationally protected St. Croix River. Those that visit call Afton "nostalgic, friendly, charming, and quaint." In the mid-1800s, visitors, were reminded of Robert Burns' poem "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton," and hence came its name.

# **Explore Main Street Treasures**

Afton's Historic Main Street (St. Croix Trail) features several unique shops offering clothing, repurposed antiques, works from local artists, spas/salons, jewelry, hand-made gift items and more. A visit to Afton would not be complete without a stop at the lovely 19th century **Afton House Inn**, offering upscale dining and gracious accommodations featuring rooms with fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs—perfect for a romantic weekend get-away.

# **Explore the River**

Afton is home to two of the largest marinas in the Valley. Enjoy a cruise on the beautiful St. Croix River with Saint Croix River Cruises. Pleasure boaters will find Windmill Marina, ready to cater to any of their needs. The Marina features a complete service department, ship's store, launch ramp and gas dock with pump out facilities, ice, bait and more.





No one can resist a great parade on the 4th of July and Afton's parade is not to be missed! A tradition for St. Croix Valley residents and visitors, alike. Enjoy great music, food, and music in the park.

# A Summertime Tradition

Selma's Ice Cream Parlour is small-town, step- back- intime, old-fashion ice cream shop. Minnesota's oldest ice cream shop, Selma's has been dishing out ice cream and other wonderful treats since the early 1900s. Ice cream is only the beginning, at Selma's.



Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or espresso, or satisfy your sweet tooth by browsing through the large selection of fine candies.

# **Get in Touch with Nature**

Afton's location on the widest expanse of the St. Croix River, Lake St. Croix, and its proximity to Afton State Park, Belwin Nature Center and Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center offers visitors and nature lovers the opportunity to see a variety of wildlife, excellent birding, and great hiking.

# **AFTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

www.ExploreAfton.com

### **EVENTS**

June 27-28 - Strawberry Festival July 4 - 4th of July Parade Sept. 26-27 - Art in the Park Oct. 24 - Trick or Treat Trail Dec 4-5 - Holiday in the Village Ultimate Girls Night Out - Every 3rd Thursday

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Afton House Inn Squire House Gardens Civil War Cemetery City Docks on Lake St. Croix Current Restaurant Afton Historical Society & Museum Afton-Lakeland Bike Trail Afton Apple Corn Maze
Saint Croix River Cruises
The Old School House Art Studio
Swirl Wine Bar
Lumberyard Pub
Baglio's of Afton
Perfectly Pink
Bisou Bisou Salon

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Afton State Park
Belwin Nature Center
Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park
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Afton Art in the Park • September 26 - 27 • AftonArtFair.com

Afton Trick or Treat Trail • October 24

Afton Village Holiday • Dec. 4 - 5 • AftonHoliday.com Ultimate Girls Night Out • Third Thursdays from 5-8 p.m.

www.ExploreAfton.com

# A short trip to far away..

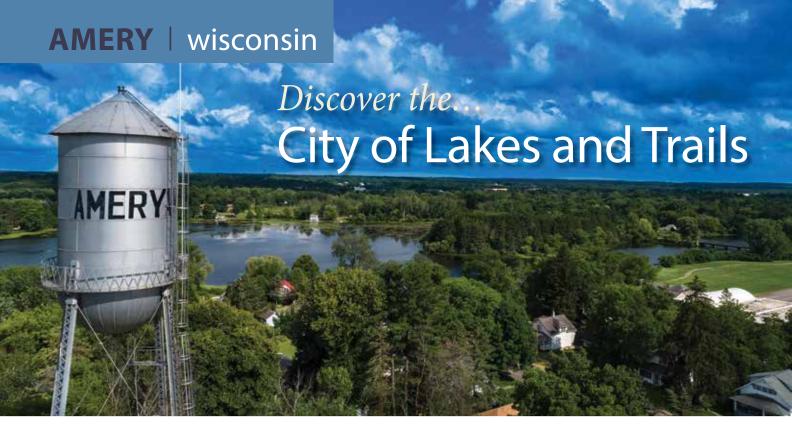
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Nestled along the meandering Apple River, the community of Amery is small in size but big in spirit. Stay and play year-round in the City of Lakes & Trails. Amery is a hot spot for outdoor recreation located just an hour east of Minneapolis, small-town Amery is home to 2 State trailheads,13 public parks, and miles of trails and shoreline.



# Hiking & Biking

**Stower Seven Lakes State** 

Trail – A 14-mile crushed stone path is popular for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The trail will take you from woodlands to wetlands and prairies, skirting many scenic lakes. Cattail State Trail This 18-mile trail traverses through some of Wisconsin's most picturesque forests, small

streams, and farmlands. This popular trailhead in downtown Amery is open year-round for ATVing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and snowmobiling.



Amery has been awarded both the Wisconsin Bird City designation and the Tree City USA designation. Bring your binoculars for spectacular sightings. Surrounded by three lakes, the Apple River, open farmland, forests and pothole marshes Amery is the perfect habitat for migrating and nesting birds.

# **Drop a Line**

From the banks of the Apple River to the shores of three in-town lakes, take your pick of public fishing piers to drop a line in for northern pike, muskie, bass and pan fish.



# **Amery, Wisconsin City of Lakes & Trails**

118 Center Street W. Amery, WI 54001 Phone: 715-268-7486

# **Community Events**

January 25 – Candlelight Ski April 25 – Work Play Earth Day June 19, July 17, August 21 – Music on the River July 4 – Amery Fireworks September 17-20 – Amery Fall

November 24– Light Up the Town December 5– Holiday Stroll

## **ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Downtown Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp YMCA Camp Icaghowan Amery Ale Works Z-Orchard Ellies's Ice Cream Acme Junk Company Outside-In Gifts Farm Table Restaurant and Coop

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Stower Seven Lakes State Trailhead
Cattail State Trailhead
North Twin Lake
South Twin Lake
Pike Lake
Apple River
D.D. Kennedy Environmental Area
York Park



# **Amery Art Scene**



Highlighted in the travel book, "The 100 Best Small Arts Towns In America", Amery is home to many artists including, potters, sculptors, woodworkers, multi-media visual artists, graphic artists, musicians, dancers writers, quilters,

weavers and more. Besides providing gallery events at artZ Gallery, Farm Table and The Northern Lakes Center for the Arts; local churches, restaurants, the medical center and the school system hold art tours and events throughout the year.

When you visit Amery make sure to stop at **artZ Gallery**. The gallery is one of those places where you want to take a slow thoughtful stroll from one displayed painting, sculpture or pottery vessel to another. artZ Gallery combines qualities seen in metropolitan galleries with the warmth and charm of a small-town experience. **www.artzgallery.org** 





# **Historic Main Street**

What a special treat to stroll downtown Historic Main Street while enjoying an ice cream cone from Ellie's and wandering in and out of unique shops. You will find treasures you cannot live without at the Outside-In gift shop, antiques and vintage at Acme Junk and Ruby Maes, and you never know what you'll find at Worn Again.

# The Tastes of Amery

Amery is home to a number of unique dining experiences. Offerings range from "farm-to-table," homemade from scratch, ethnic cuisine, favorite chains and a local brewery – Amery Ale Works.







# **BALDWIN/WOODVILLE** | wisconsin

# Once in a while you find **communities** that have it all...

# **BALDWIN, WI**

Baldwin is a relaxing place to visit and an easy 30 mile drive east of the Twin Cities or just 40 miles west of Eau Claire, WI. Baldwin is located one mile north of Interstate 94 on Highway 63.

# **Set Your Own Pace**

Flowers and windmills offer a sign of welcome and a nod to the communities Dutch Heritage to all who visit Baldwin. Stroll Main Street, shop at quaint shops, or search for antiques and unique treasurers. Baldwin also offers a variety of dining options, and coffee shops. Be sure to visit one of the lovely parks for a summer picnic.

# **Unforgettable Events**

June Bug Days, the first week in June is an annual community celebration complete with a parade, live music, family activities and great food! Chili Fest, held the last Saturday of September, has become a crowd pleasing area event where along with a beverage tent, live music and food, local businesses provide chili samples to participants while giving them an opportunity to showcase their business. Trick or

Treat Main Street, held the end of October on Main Street in Baldwin is a safe alternative for kids to enjoy first Saturday in December b

alternative for kids to enjoy Halloween festivities. Finally, the first Saturday in December brings Santa and Mrs. Clause to town with the much anticipated **Horse Parade & Festival of Lights**, getting all attendees in the Holiday spirit!







Where beauty abounds, there are stories to tell, families come together and businesses are proud to call it home.

# **WOODVILLE, WI**

# Velkommen!

Nestled in scenic western Wisconsin, 4 miles east of Baldwin, Woodville invites young and old with an enthusiastic welcome!

The popular **Syttende Mai Celebration** is the celebration of Norway's independence. This year will mark the 69th year that Woodville will welcome everyone to come and celebrate on the weekend closest to May 17th and enjoy food, a carnival, music, the Grand Parade and tent dances.

# Trails & Parks to Explore...

Steven Park is the trailhead for the popular Wildwood Trail, a 7 mile off-road hiking, biking, and snowmobile trail on a former railroad right-of-way. The trail runs from Woodville south to the St. Croix/Pierce County line through the picturesque Town of Eau Galle.

# The Heart of Downtown

The downtown area is a center of activity, including shopping, festivals and holiday events. Area attractions including: parks, tennis courts, the Amphitheater, Veteran's Memorial and Wildwood Trail.



# **BALDWIN-WOODVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR BUREAU**

860 Main Street Room 3 / PO Box 142 Baldwin, WI 54002 • (715)-684-2221 www.Baldwin-WoodvilleChamber.org

#### **BALDWIN EVENTS**

June: June Bug Days September: Chili Fest October: Trick or Treat Main St. December: Horse Parade & Festival

#### **BALDWIN ATTRACTIONS**

**Dutch Windmill** Twin Cities Sky Dive **Wolf Honey Farm** 

#### **WOODVILLE EVENTS**

May: Syttende Mai August: Lion's Club Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Windmill Park (Baldwin) Heritage Park (Baldwin) Mill Pond Park (Baldwin) Steven Park (Woodville) Best Park (Woodville)

# **SIP AWAY – HOT STOPS**

# ALONG THE ST. CROIX VALLEY SPIRIT & WINE TRAIL

The St. Croix Valley is home to several wineries, breweries and distilleries. Each of them offers a unique experience and ambience, which could include live music and tasty food. Spend a day on the St. Croix Valley Spirit & Wine Trail where you can sip, swirl and savor the tastes of the Valley.



# **Breweries**

Hop & Barrel Brewing - Small brewery with big plans for craft beer!

310 Second Street, Hudson, WI 715-808-8390 www.hopandbarrelbrewing.com

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588 - 115 St., Amery, WI 715-268-5226 www.ameryaleworks.com/

Rush River Brewery - Welcome drinkers of fine ales! 990 Antler Court, River Falls, WI www.rushriverbeer.com

Barley John's Brewing Company - Minnesota heart. Wisconsin soul.

1280 Madison Avenue, New Richmond, WI 715-246-HOPS www.barleyjohnsbrewery.com

# Wineries

Dancing Dragonfly Winery - Award winning winery - Passionate about great wine!

2013 - 120th Ave., St. Croix Falls, WI 715-483-9463 www.dancingdragonflywinery.com

Winehaven Winery and Vineyard - Serene and intimate atmosphere wine tasting daily.

9757 292nd Street, Chisago City, MN 612-867-6848 www.winehaven.com

Belle Vinez Winery - Big aspirations - an array of options sure to satisfy.

W10829 - 875th Ave. River Falls, WI 715-456-9463 www.bellevinez.com

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18200 Kirby Ave., Hastings, MN., 651-437-1413, www.abvwines.com



# Welcome

Located on the St. Croix River, between the cities of Afton and Stillwater, Bayport is known for its scenic charm and warm, small town hospitality. Whether you are a nature lover, recreation enthusiast, or a foodie in search of a great new place to eat, Bayport provides visitors with a variety of ways to enjoy the river valley!

# **Natural Beauty**

At the south end of the city, photographers and birders come to enjoy the St. Croix Savanna Scientific and Natural Area (SNA). This area is considered to be the best hill prairie and oak savanna along the Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. In addition to stunning views of the river valley that span this 148 acres of open space, the SNA offers high bird diversity, with 115 bird species sighted and several varieties of native vegetation. Hiking trails can also be found throughout the SNA.

# **Waterfront Amenities**

Visitors looking to explore the St. Croix River Valley by water will be pleased to know that Bayport offers multiple boat launches, boat rental, transient boat slips, waterside dining, and a full-service gas dock at the area marinas. Lakeside Park, located on the shores of the St. Croix River, is also a valued community asset and the perfect destination to take a swim, have a picnic, or take a leisurely stroll along the river's shore.

# **Dining and Hospitality**

Bayport offers a variety of unique, independent restaurant and dining options, which definitely enhance the character and charm of this historic town. Fresh fish and seafood, handmade baked goods, made from scratch American comfort food, and farm to table inspired wood-fired cuisine are just a few of the selections that aim to please. Visitors will find that the restaurants are easy to access off of the St. Croix Scenic Byway (Highway 95) and offer ample, free parking.

#### **Visit Often**

Full of interesting places and friendly faces, easy to get to and hard to forget, Bayport is a place where everyone feels welcome. Be sure to explore all that the St. Croix River Valley has to offer, including the unforgettable experiences you will discover in Bayport!



# **BAYPORT COMMUNITY ACTION LEAGUE**

www.bayportcommunityactionleague.com

# **GREATER STILLWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

www.GreaterStillwaterChamber.com

# **BAYPORT CITY HALL**

(651) 275-4404 • www.ci.bayport.mn.us

#### **EVENTS**

May 25 - Memorial Day Parade June 5-6 - Citywide Garage Sale June-October - Monday Farmer's Market Septmeber 18-19 - Derby Days

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Outdoor ice skating rinks at Perro Park Swimming beach at Lakeside Park Hiking trails at Barker's Alps Park Boat launch to St. Croix River St. Croix Savanna Scientific & Natural Area (SNA)



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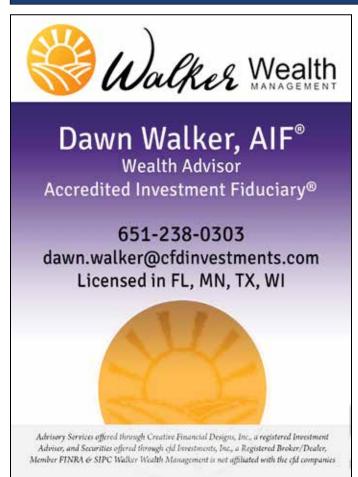
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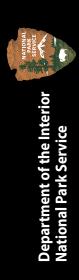
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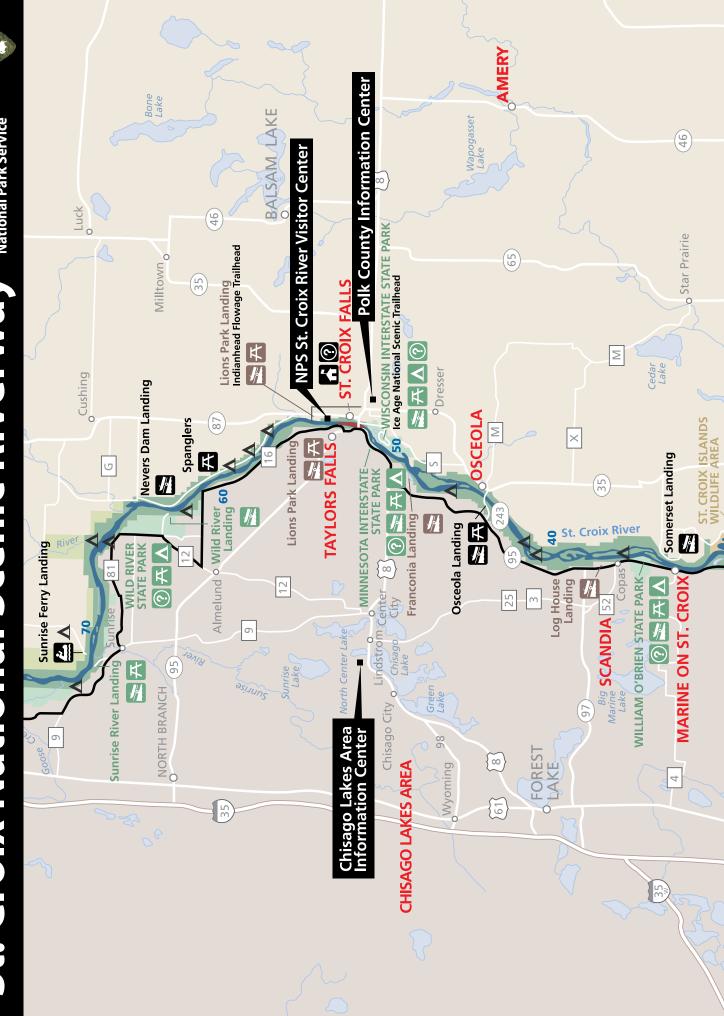


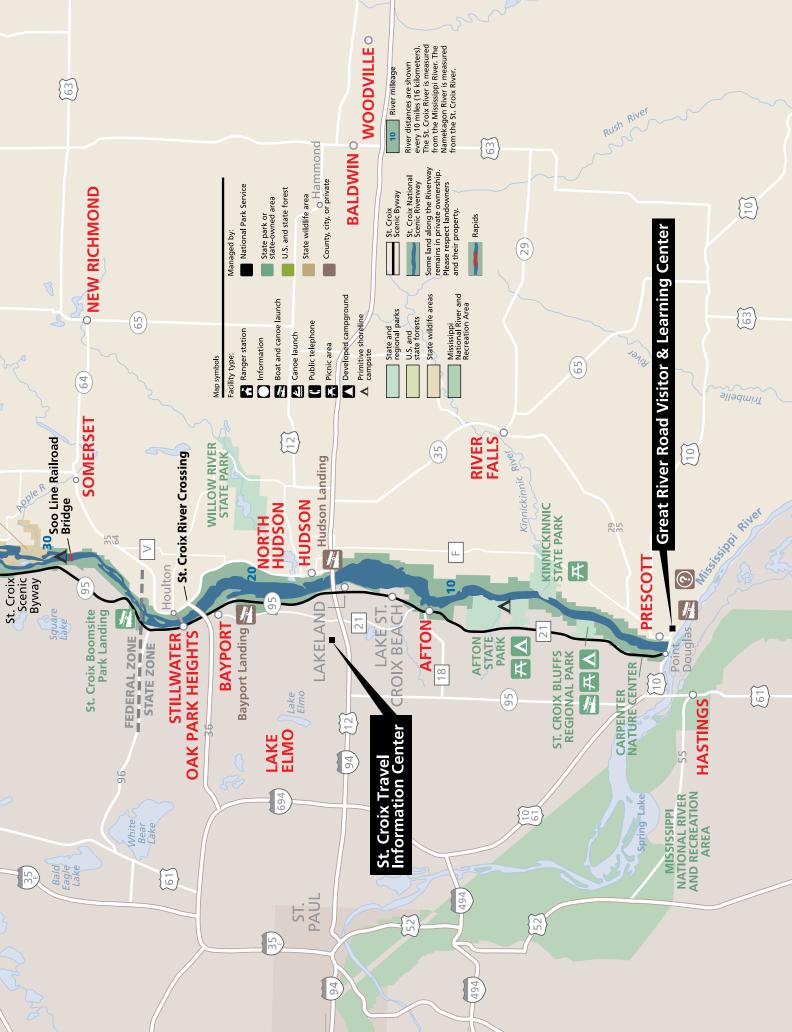




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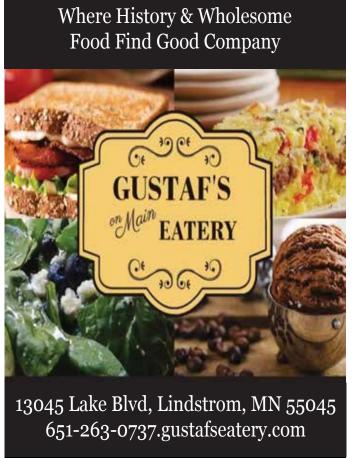


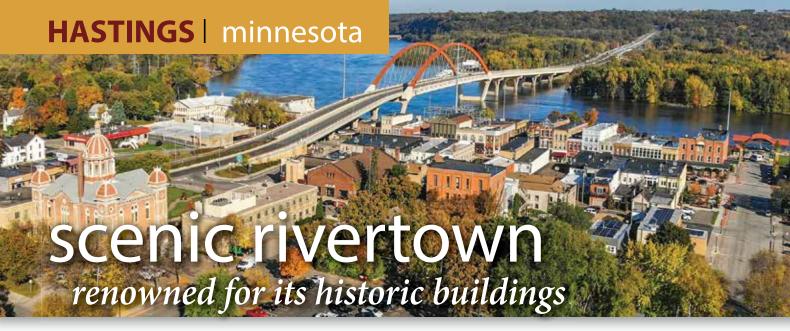
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gustafsupnorthgallery.com | 13025 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom, MN









Set along the rugged and colorful scenery of the Mississippi, St. Croix and Vermillion rivers, Hastings is a scenic river town steeped in tradition. Just 25 miles (40km) south of the Twin Cities, Hastings welcomes visitors to share in its history and traditions. The City is renowned for Victorian architecture with over 60 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A must see is the **LeDuc Historic Estate**—a beautiful Gothic Revival mansion, open for tours mid-May through October and special events throughout the year.

# The Great Outdoors

If you're a fan of the great outdoors, you can enjoy more than **30 miles** of paved bike and walking trails along the Mississippi River and other scenic byways; picnic by Vermillion Falls or explore beautiful nearby **Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center.** Spend the day fishing on the Mississippi or St. Croix Rivers, play golf at one of several local courses, take in a free outdoor Sunday concert, visit the Mississippi Lock & Dam #2 or just relax by the banks of the river.

In the lush Hiawatha Valley of the Upper Mississippi the **Alexis Bailly Vineyard** was the first to make all its wine from Minnesotagrown grapes. Visitors are invited to walk through the vineyards, enjoy a picnic lunch, play bocce ball, sample and purchase the wines. Tours are available Friday - Sunday, May through mid-November.

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# **Year-Round Festivals**

Spring and summer bring fun-filled events for visitors to enjoy. May 30th through early October take in the historic **Saturday Night "Cruise In's"** featuring classic cars. In July, thousands of people come to enjoy **Rivertown Days**, a community wide festival featuring a music stage, parade, arts and crafts fair, carnival and tournaments of all kinds. Also, in July, step back in time with the **Little Log House Antique Power Show and Pioneer Village**. October brings the **St. Croix Valley Apple Fest** with a variety of fun events for all ages at area apple orchards.

# **Shopping and Dining**

Visitors delight in the selection of retail and dining establishments, including antique stores, gift shops, boutiques and more. Take time to meander up and down Main Street and be welcomed by friendly shop owners and locals. And be sure to bring your appetite, Hastings offers a variety of cuisine and dining options to satisfy even the most discerning tastes. If you're feeling lucky or want to take in a great show, **Treasure Island Resort and Casino** is just minutes away.

# HASTINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM BUREAU

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# **ATTRACTIONS**

LeDuc Historic Estate Extreme Sandbox – Heavy Equipment Adventures Treasure Island Resort & Casino

### **POINTS OF INTEREST**

Mississippi Regional Trail - MRT Great River Road Scenic Drive St. Croix Scenic Byway Welch Village Ski Area Afton Alps Ski Area Alexis Bailly Vineyards Spiral Brewery

# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Afton State Park
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Located along the beautiful banks of the scenic St. Croix River, Hudson is a true gem rich with natural beauty, outdoor adventure, arts & culture and a unique array of lovely boutiques & shops, restaurants & cafes, wineries, breweries and cocktail lounges. One of the fastest growing communities in Wisconsin, Hudson maintains its historic charm and panoramic beauty throughout the city. Experience a birds eye view of the St. Croix River Valley from atop historic Birkmose Park.

# **Enjoy Authentic Charm**

The historic downtown district in Hudson invites visitors to meander through a variety of eclectic shops, art galleries, exceptional dining venues and cultured cocktail spots. If you are looking for a night out at the theatre The Phipps Center for the Arts, across from beautiful Lakefront Park, offers a

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#### **EVENTS**

February: Hudson Hot Air Affair April: Ladies Day Out June-August: Free Concerts in Lakefront Park July: Fourth of July Hudson Booster Days July: St. Croix RiverFest August: Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day August: North Hudson Pepper Festival September: Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival October: Ladies Day Out

November: Christmas Tour of Homes & Craft Sale
December: Celebrate the Holidays in

Hudson including Buena Vista Holiday Lights in Lakefront Park

## **ATTRACTIONS**

The Phipps Center for the Arts St. Croix River Boat Cruises Summer Concerts in the Park Hudson Food Walk Hudson Trolley Tours Cracked Barrel Winery
Madison Avenue Wine & Spirits
Belle Vinez Vineyard & Winery
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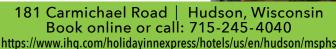




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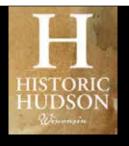


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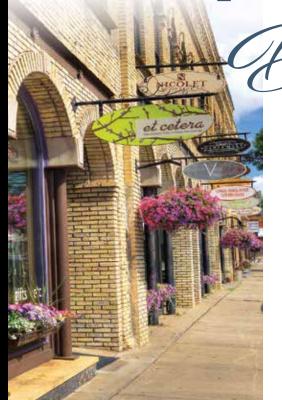


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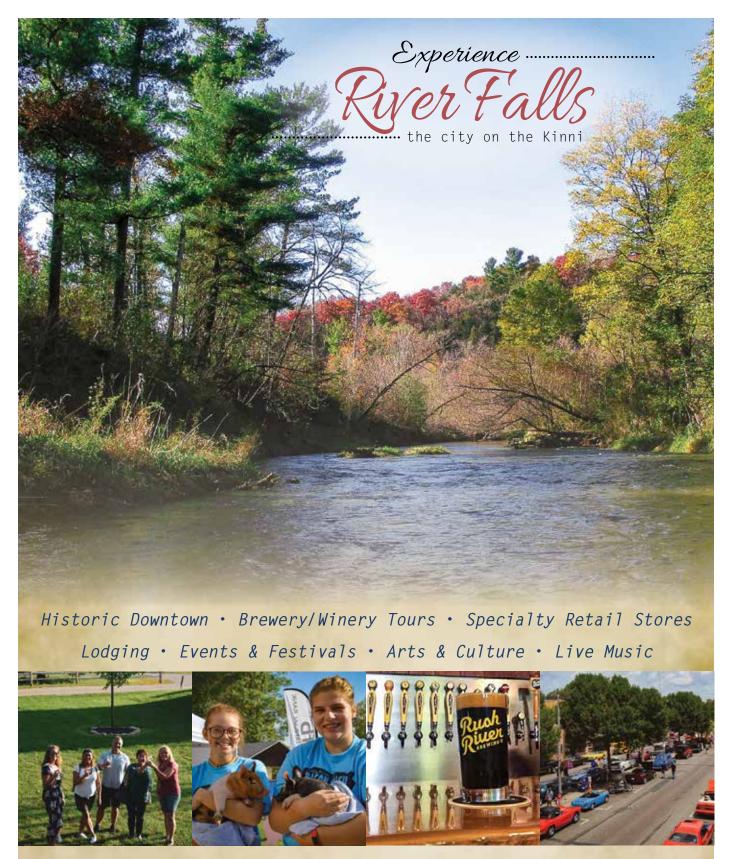




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# Experience River Fall the City on the Kinni

River Falls exemplifies the best Wisconsin has to offer with its perfect combination of outdoor activities, arts & culture events, and hometown charm. Ranked in the "Top 100 Best Small Towns" by Livability magazine, River Falls is nestled on the banks of the Kinnickinnic River and is conveniently located 30 minutes east of the Twin Cities. The historic Main Street offers a variety of quaint shops, antique stores, art galleries/studios, family-friendly restaurants and more!

# **Enjoy Live Music**

Live music is performed at a mix of venues around town Friday and Saturday evenings. Take in a relaxing summer outdoor concert at Veteran's Park or UW-River Falls.

# **Embrace the Great Outdoors**

The Kinnickinnic River, a Class I designated trout stream, offers the finest trout fishing in Western Wisconsin. Anglers from across the country come to wet a line in the "Kinni." Kayaking through the towering canyons or serene landscapes along the river is also a favorite pastime for many visitors.

# **Gear Up for a Great Ride**

As a designated bronze-level biking community by *The League* of American Bicyclists, River Falls offers miles of scenic trails. The Whitetail Ridge is a favorite for mountain bikers looking to explore acres of rugged terrain.

# Whatever the reason, whatever the season...

Experience River Falls during the Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews, River Falls Days, or Bacon Bash - the nation's largest free bacon festival. Your visit to River Falls will be a memorable one!

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#### **EVENTS**

April: Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews July: River Falls Days, Car Cruze-In September: Art on the Kinni, Bacon Bash, Car Cruze-In November: River Dazzle

# **ATTRACTIONS**

Crystal Cave (Spring Valley) Field of Dreams First National Bank of River Falls Field St. Croix Lanes Falls Theatre

Tri Angels Playground Wineries & Breweries

# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Glen Park Hoffman Park Kinnickinnic State Park Suspension Bridge White Pathway Whitetail Ridge Fly fishing & kayak rentals Golf courses



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With the now three year old St. Croix River Crossing Bridge ushering 13,000 vehicles a day across the river into Wisconsin, New Richmond is experiencing unprecedented growth because it offers the best of both worlds - a small town feel but conveniently located near Minneapolis/St. Paul. New Richmond's population is nearing 10,000 residents!

# **Unique Heritage**

New Richmond has a noteworthy 150 year history. In 1899, the city was nearly destroyed by a tornado, killing 117. The city's unique story is chronicled at the New Richmond Heritage Center, which showcases an 1884 farmhouse as well as other historic buildings. Open all year for tours, the Center sponsors summer flea markets and farmer's markets. Visit the last weekend in September for its Heritage Days Celebration.

# **Events and Entertainment Await**

Usher in summer at one of the oldest art fairs in western Wisconsin. Food, art, music and helicopter rides are all elements of the popular Park Art Fair at scenic Mary Park – June 5-6. The event brings artists from all over the Midwest. Fun Fest brings thousands to New Richmond, July 9-12. Fun Fest runs for four days with events and activities including: the region's premier carnival, the area's top music acts, food stands, the area's largest beer tent and a 90 minute parade!

The first Thursday evening after Thanksgiving don't miss **Hometown** Holiday Celebration - December 3, 2020. The St. Paul Winter Carnival's Royal Family has called this event among the best holiday celebrations in the Twin Cities area. It features an illuminated parade, sleigh rides, live music, s'more stations and fireworks over historic downtown Mill Pond. Last year over 4,000 attended one of Wisconsin's best holiday celebrations!



While in the area make sure and travel a few miles west of New Richmond to see the Sam's Christmas Village & Light Tour, which was a smashing success in its first year, 2019. Walk or drive among 4.5 million lights and holiday decorations over 30 acres along the scenic and historic Apple River.

# **Experience Unique Shops and Restaurants**

Stroll New Richmond's Main Street and browse through one-ofa-kind shops. Stop for lunch or dinner at one of the quaint cafes or enjoy one of the cities breweries or pubs. Champs rooftop bar and the Wild Badger backyard patio are great places to relax, and new to downtown New Richmond---Mallards offers cuisine from across the US. Gibby's is a popular bowling destination and Table 65 offers a Twin Cities like menu and ambiance. Not Justa Café is well known for their breakfasts, Ready Randy's the perfect place to watch sports, and Garibaldis a well-established Mexican restaurant.

# If you Love the Outdoors...

A paradise for golfers, New Richmond has several premier courses, including Pheasant hills and the New Richmond Golf Course. Sports anglers rave about the Willow River. Get on the water of the Willow in a canoe or kayak or hike along its banks on one of the beautiful trails.

For more information about New Richmond and the many things it has to offer, please contact the New Richmond Chamber of Commerce at 715-246-2900. We hope to see you soon.

# **NEW RICHMOND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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#### ATTRACTIONS

New Richmond Heritage Center **New Richmond Golf Course** Pheasant Hills Golf Course Cedar Lake Speedway 45th Parallel New Richmond Area Centre Willow River Saloon (Burkhardt) Wild Badger Saloon Ready Randy's Sports Bar **Champs Rooftop Bar** Gibby's Lane

General Sam's (Somerset) Escape Room (Somerset)

# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

**New Richmond Nature Center** Mary Park Cylon Marsh Wildlife Area Paperjack Creek Cyclone Memorial Park Mill Pond Park John Doar History Trail New Richmond Skate Park

### New Richmond Heritage Center



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### **SOMERSET** | wisconsin

Only 30 minutes from the Twin Cities and with the Apple River meandering in the background Somerset is a perfect place to visit for day trip or a week-end get away.

Exploring Somerset you will find quaint shops to browse through like My Happy Place, Oliphant's award winning brewery, General Sam's for great food and drink selection, or for a more family feel try Bass Lake Cheese with its homey, relaxed atmosphere.

Somerset reflects Wisconsin's love of the outdoors. Summer, brings visitors to Somerset to enjoy a cooling, leisurely float down the Apple River. Or for those seeking more water excitement pick up the pace and nurture your wild side while shooting the rapids. Make sure to take advantage of boating, swimming and beaches at Somerset Landing. Float Rite Park offers a beautiful campground or cabins and boasts of the longest float on the Apple River. If golf is your passion, Somerset's scenery and rolling terrain is highlighted at the Bristol Ridge Golf Course and the St. Croix National Golf Course.

History is everywhere, from lumbering, agriculture and French-Canadian heritage to the whispering of the long ago speakeasies and high times. Somerset's central location in the St. Croix Valley makes it a great place to stop and play while traveling throughout the region.



### **Village of Somerset**

110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 715-247-3395 www.vil.somerset.wi.us/

### **EVENTS**

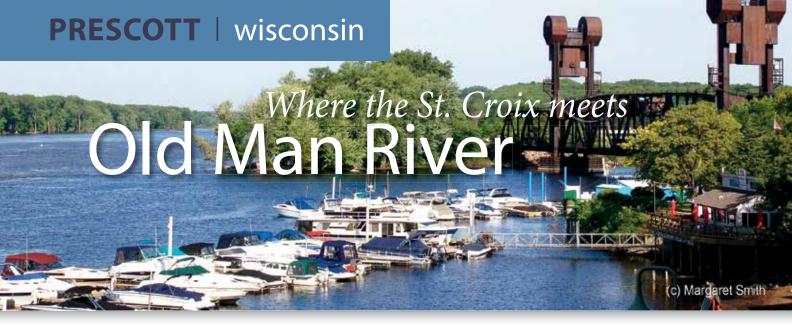
April: Community Easter Egg Hunt June: Pea Soup Days September: Apple Splash December: Light the Night

### ATTRACTIONS:

Apple River Family Campground Apple River Hideaway Bass Lake Cheese Factory Cedar Lake Speedway Float Rite Park Rivers Edge Somerset Amphitheater

### **The Great Outdoors**

Apple River Arcola High Bridge Bristol Ridge Golf Course St. Croix National Golf Course St. Croix Islands LaGrandeur Natural Parnell Prairie Preserve



Prescott is a small, picturesque river town, located where the blue waters of the Scenic St. Croix River meet the Mighty Mississippi River. Most downtown businesses occupy buildings erected in the 19th century, giving the community a historic flavor. On the bluff above Prescott is the Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom Park offering visitors a chance to learn about the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers, see majestic bald eagles soaring and experience the expansive views of the river valley.

### At the Heart of Prescott -

Shoppers, boaters, bikers and cyclists will be drawn to Prescott's historic Broad Street. Unique bars and restaurants with award winning patios and scenic deck views are enjoyed by day-trippers, discriminating diners and local residents. Antiques, home décor, the Orange Dragon Art Gallery and gift shop, and one-of-a-kind murals add to the welcoming charm of one of Wisconsin's earliest river towns.

For visitors with a passion for architecture, a self-guided tour of Prescott will take you to 41 locations, including the original town square with three of its church buildings still standing. The tour also takes in several 1850's and 1860's Greek revival homes in the bluff top residential area of Prescott.

The Welcome and Heritage Center, located in downtown Prescott is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1855 as a bank, it now serves as the office for the Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce and Area Historical Society.

### **Riverfront Recreation & Leisure**

A four- block River Walkway extends along Prescott's Riverfront area, and includes Mercord Mill Park, overlooking the confluence of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers. Stroll the River Walkway along the levee and watch the barges, boats, kayaks and canoes moving up and downstream. Rent a boat or pontoon and experience the two great rivers yourself. Enjoy fishing, pleasure cruising or watching the nearby lift bridge rise to accommodate sailboat masts, and see freight trains rumble across the distinctive iron bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

### A Well-Rounded City

In the summer you can find live music, art gallery exhibits, and amateur baseball from the Prescott Pirates, Flood Runs and space at the beach to spend your weekends. In the winter, Prescott is an entrance point for 200 miles of well-maintained Pierce County snowmobile trails. Cross-country and downhill skiing are available at nearby area ski resorts and parks. The winter "village" of ice houses is a popular fishing tradition on the St. Croix River at Prescott. Not to mention the ice sculpture garden or giant Christmas trees on display at local restaurants.

Whatever your interests, you'll discover unique and enchanting experiences in Prescott.

### PRESCOTT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### **ATTRACTIONS**

Welcome & Heritage Center Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom Park Mercord Mill Park Daniel Smith House Copper Water Tower Gearhouse Museum

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Afton State Park
Kinnickinnic State Park
Point Douglas Beach
Bell Park
Freedom Park
River Walkway
Sunset Park
Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center





View of Stillwater from St. Croix River Crossing Bridge

### Discover Stillwater

### Voted one of the "Prettiest Small Towns in America" by Forbes

An inspiring feeling starts to grow as you drive into Stillwater which is considered the Birthplace of Minnesota. Located along the banks of the St. Croix River with its much photographed historic lift bridge, Stillwater has wonderfully preserved architecture, impressive homes and a bustling Main Street, listed on the National Historic Register. Stillwater's quaint retail district makes you feel like you have traveled back in time.

Stillwater, just minutes from the Twin Cities, has a wonderful romantic quality and is considered a premier wedding destination. Stillwater features a variety of retail boutiques, bookstores, antique/vintage shops and art galleries. Dinning choices are endless with outdoor cafes, restaurants with river view dining, historic pubs, and wine bars.

Enjoy year-round activities including golf, historic sites, segway tours, shopping, dining, breweries, wineries, DIY workshops and Stillwater's proximity to nearby downhill ski hills and cross-country trails. Cruise the St. Croix river on an authentic paddle wheel riverboat or private Venetian gondola for two. Don't miss taking a trolley tour for a narrated look at old Stillwater with its incredible architecture and hillside mansions. Bring your bikes to pedal the new Brown's Creek State Bike Trail that connects downtown Stillwater to downtown St. Paul—and now also to Wisconsin via the Loop Trail.

Plan to linger overnight, your choices are endless. Choose from new downtown hotel options, seven B&B's, five franchise hotels nearby, and over twenty new vacation rental homes or downtown lofts. Snuggle in front of a fireplace, soak in your in-room whirlpool tub, take a dip in a pool—relax!

For a free visitor guide/map, visit: www.DiscoverStillwater.com.

### Oak Park Heights

Oak Park Heights is a growing community, just up the hill from Stillwater and offers visitors a number of leisure opportunities including dining, lodging and outdoor activities.

Enjoy home cooking and award-winning pies at Joseph's Family Restaurant on the frontage road along Highway 36. Phil's Club Tara Hideaway restaurant in a historic log building is famous for its prime rib, walleye, and legends as a gangster stop during Prohibition.

Nature lovers will enjoy the 70 acres of wooded hills in Valley View Park and Oak Park Crossing with paved trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, new single track mountain bike trails, and views of the new bridge.

### STILLWATER/OAK PARK HEIGHTS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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#### **EVENTS**

February: Valentines Carriage Rides April: Ladies Night Out on Main Street May: St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour June: Hot Rod & Vintage Car Shows July: Lumberjack Days August: Summer Tuesdays Outdoor Movies September: Aamodt's Apple Farm October: Rivertown Art Festival November/December: Hometown for the Holidays Events

January: Winter Ice Cream Social

### **ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Lift Bridge St. Croix Boom Site Warden's House & Museum Historic Washington County Courthouse Historic Main Street Shops & Restaurants Segway & BeirCycle Tours Stillwater Historic Trolley Tour St. Croix Boat & Packet Paddle wheel River Cruises Wineries & Breweries

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Brown's Creek Bike Trail Lowell Park, riverfront downtown Pioneer Park Square Lake County Park Pine Point Park/Gateway State Bike Trail Boating, Kayaking, SUP rentals Bicycle Loop Trail to Wisconsin

### **SCANDIA** | minnesota

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Nestled among rolling hills and many beautiful lakes, Scandia is the site of the first Swedish settlement in Minnesota. Visitors to Scandia can stop and view the Swedish Monument marking the location of the first log cabin built in 1850 and tour the Hay Lake School Museum before heading up the road to the Gammelgården Museum.

Gammelgården (means Old Small Farm) is the only open air museum devoted to Swedish immigration in the United States. Regular tours are available May-October. The museum is also home to the Scandia Farmers' Market June-September. Community celebrations include Vinterfest in January, Midsommar Dag in June, Fiddling Fest (Spelmanstamma) in August, Taco Daze in September, Lutefisk Dinner in November, and Lucia Dagen in December.

In addition to its rich heritage, Scandia is blessed with many natural resources. Scandia boasts a number of lakes including Big Marine, Goose, Bone, Sand and Hay Lake. The St. Croix River marks the eastern edge of the community and was designated as a Scenic Riverway by Congress in 1968. Log House Landing provides access to the river for visitors. Scandia also offers a variety of recreational opportunities including William O'Brien State Park, Wayne



Keep your eyes open for Dala horses throughout Scandia!

Erickson Memorial Ball Park and Wind in the Pines Preserve

Be sure to visit the historic village area and stop in Scandia Market & Mercantile and have breakfast or lunch at the Scandia Café.

### **CITY OF SCANDIA**

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### **ATTRACTIONS**

Gammelgården Museum, May - October Hay Lake School Museum, May - October

#### **EVENTS**

January: Vinterfest June: Midsommar Dag June-September: Farmers' Market August: Fiddling Fest (Spelmanstamma) September: Taco Daze November: Lutefisk Dinner December: Lucia Dagen

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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hiking, a swimming beach, boat launch, interpretive building, picnic area and camp sites. The park entrance is located just south of Highway 8, off of Highway 35, in St. Croix Falls. Located along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, the Park offers spectacular views of walled bluffs, deep valleys, serene forests, lush meadows, and teeming wetlands. Abundant trails allow hikers of all abilities to explore fauna and flora, geological potholes, and logging and mining history. You're bound to catch a glimpse of the incredible bird population that call Interstate Park home. In addition to Interstate Park, explore the quaint downtown for unique shopping, ice cream and dining, a fish hatchery, Severson Memorial Overlook Park, and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Visitor Center.

### **FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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### POLK COUNTY VISITOR AND INFORMATION CENTER

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### **ATTRACTIONS**

Wisconsin Interstate State Park Historic Downtown St. Croix Falls St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Polk County Visitor and Information Center City of Trails Biking & Hiking The Dalles of the St. Croix River Gandy Dancer State Bike Trail Ice Age Trail

Lions Park and Boat Landing River Spirit Sculpture at Severson Memorial Overlook Park Fawn-Doe-Rosa Wildlife Education Park Chateau St. Croix and Dancing Dragonfly Wineries

#### Events

Falls Sampler
Spring Awakenings Celebration
Music on the Overlook
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Polk County Fair
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Bike and Foot Race Events
AutumnFest & Craft Fair
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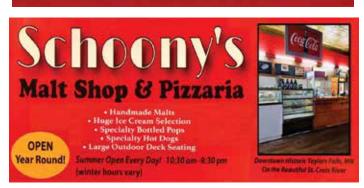
### The Historic Angel Hill District–Rich with History

This quaint section of Taylors Falls is reminiscent of a New England village. Make time to see the 1855 Folsum House, the 1861 Methodist church and the Schoolhouse built in 1852 (the oldest in the State).

### **Treasures on Main**

Stroll Main Street to find treasures in the antique shops and try the local restaurants, coffee shops, and ice cream parlors-a culinary treat. If you are planning an overnight stay make reservations at the "Old Jail Bed and Breakfast", a former jail house converted to a B&B.





### **Climb Aboard**

Don't miss the opportunity to board an authentic paddle wheeler, the Taylors Falls Princess or Taylors Falls Queen, to have a scenic boat trip on the River; or rent a canoe or kayak to see the river up close.

### Interstate Park & Wild River State Park

Visitors to Interstate Park enjoy climbing the cliffs of the River Dalles, canoeing the flat-water, shooting the rapids in a kayak, or relaxing on an excursion boat. Quiet and removed from signs of civilization, **Wild River Park** is on the upper "wild and scenic" portion of the river. The park offers camping, trails for hiking and biking, good fishing and, in the winter, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

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### ATTRACTIONS

Minnesota Interstate State Park Wild River State Park William O'Brien State Park Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours Taylors Falls Walking Tour Historic Folsom House Museum Angel Hill Historic District Franconia Sculpture Park Wild Mountain Recreation Area Lions Park and Boat Landing Adventure Falls Mini Golf Pleasant Valley Orchard Swedish Immigrant Trial

### **EVENTS**

Wannigan Days Taylors Falls Lighting Festival





Sitting on the bluffs of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway you'll feel welcome the moment you step foot in Osceola's historic downtown. There is no shortage of things to do in this charming community - canoe or kayak along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, explore 4 nearby state parks, go zip lining, catch a ride on a vintage excursion train, check out the nearby wineries or do some power shopping—great for an easy daytrip or a weekend get away—you'll find it in and around Osceola.

### **Shop & Stroll**

Osceola's historic main street is packed with delightful stores filled with local handcrafted items. Historic buildings showcase clothing, jewelry, leather apparel, home accessories, handmade chocolates, a variety of vintage, collectables and retro shops. Treat yourself to time at one of Osceola's delightful spas.

Many Osceola merchants and artisans personally create or source the handcrafted items they sell and often have an interesting story to share or tale to tell about the history of Osceola.



If you love chocolate you must visit the Chocolate Gnome in the lower level, 201 3rd Ave. All of their delicious candy is made from scratch including caramels, creams and toffee.

### The Taste of Osceola!

Fresh from the oven breakfast pastries, juicy hamburger, made from scratch soups and pizza, local cheese curds, hand crafted chocolates and candies, down-home cooking, farm to table—the choice is yours. Great outdoor dining- visit little Lambeau field or decks overlooking waterfalls.



Perched above the rocky bluffs of the St. Croix River, The Watershed Café was built on the vision of a sustainably sourced restaurant that honors the surrounding natural resources and the vibrant community of the St. Croix River Valley. Inspired by fresh and seasonal ingredients produced by local farmers and suppliers committed to land stewardship, The Watershed Cafe features intentionally-prepared dishes with flavor unique to this rustic restaurant. Come in and enjoy the simple pleasures of delicious, mindfully-crafted meals!



### **Find the Perfect Place to Stay**

Each Osceola area Hotel or Inn reflects the unique style and personality of its location and innkeepers.

### Inn On The St. Croix River

Want to enjoy some of Osceola's best views of the St. Croix River? You'll find them here. Built out of limestone on the bluffs, you will experience the amenities of a luxury hotel along with gourmet food and all the comforts of a cozy bed & breakfast.

### **River Valley Inn**

One of Osceola's favorite hotels, the River Valley Inn offers an affordable, cozy place for guests to call their home away from home. Located at the north end of town but within easy walking distance to downtown Osceola. Free breakfast, a swimming pool and hot tub are just a few of the amenities that await you.

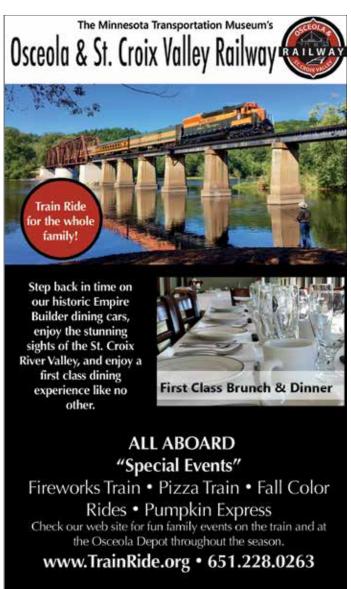


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### Take a Vintage Train Ride on the St. Croix Valley Railway

Hear the train whistle? Create a family memory as you ride through the beautiful St. Croix River Valley on this vintage train. Fall color train rides are a family favorite. The Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway Excursions are located at 114 Depot Road, and run May 2 through October 24, 2020.





### Natural Beauty in the Heart of Downtown

### **Cascade Falls**

In the center of downtown Osceola, wind your way down the stairs to a 25 foot roaring waterfall and follow the woodland trail to the St. Croix River.

### **Favorite Hikes**

The Osceola area offers something for all skill fitness levels -from a leisurely walk among the wildflowers to a back country climb up rocky outcroppings. You can start right out from downtown Osceola and hike up to Eagle Bluff, head to the St. Croix River or drive to miles of trails in Standing Cedars and disappear into the countryside. Find diverse forest lands, climb to a breathtaking view or pull off your boots and cool your feet in streams along the trails. The waterfalls and Osceola Creek rush, gurgle and roar right through town.



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#### **EVENTS**

April: Osceola Spring Fling May: Earth Arts Tour June: Rhubarb Days July: Fireworks Express Train Ride Christmas in July on the Train September:

Wheels & Wings Community Fair Osceola Bazaar October:

Pumpkin Express Fall Colors Train Rides November: Doe on the Go, Seasonal: Farmers' Market

### **ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Downtown Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway Cascade Falls
St. Croix Art Barn
Glider Rides - L.O. Simenstad Airport
Wisconsin Interstate Park
Trollhaugen Ski & Aerial Adventure
Park
Dancing Dragonfly Winery
Krooked Kreek Golf Course

Osceola Braves Amateur Baseball

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Eagle Bluff Trail
Standing Cedars Land Conservancy
Stower Seven Lakes Trails
Ridge View Trails
Cascade Falls Trail
Riverwood Canoe Rental
Osceola Landing-swimming,
beach, boat launch



Wisconsin Interstate Park



Polk County is filled with charming towns and villages surrounded by picturesque farms, lakes, streams and a National Wild and Scenic Riverway.

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activities **Balsam Lake**, **Clear Lake** and **Turtle Lake** are rare and beautiful places to visit. **Balsam Lake** – one of the most popular tourist destinations in northwest Wisconsin rests on the southwest shore of Balsam Lake. Enjoy a refreshing relaxed change of pace in **Clear Lake**. Feed by living springs the lake is excellent for both swimming and fishing. **Turtle Lake** is home to Turtle Lake Casino and the St. Croix Band of the Chippewa Indians. Don't miss the annual **Pow-Wow** held in late June. **St. Croix Falls**, with its charming Main Street, grew up with the lumbering era that relied on the St. Croix River to move logs downstream. **Amery** is nestled on an isthmus between the Apple River and the three lakes of – Pike, North Twin and South Twin. The Apple River, in Amery, with its gentle rapids makes it very popular for canoeing, kayaking, tubing and fishing.



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### Come Play in our Backyard

Experience community celebrations like Milltown's Fisherman's Party, be amazed at Osceola's community festival "Wheels & Wings" offering airshows, car and motorcycle shows, crafts

and food. Board a **Vintage Train** in Osceola and take a trip back in time with a scenic excursion along the River. **Cushing Fun Days** features a soapbox derby for adults!

### The Place Where People go to Pay Tribute to Nature

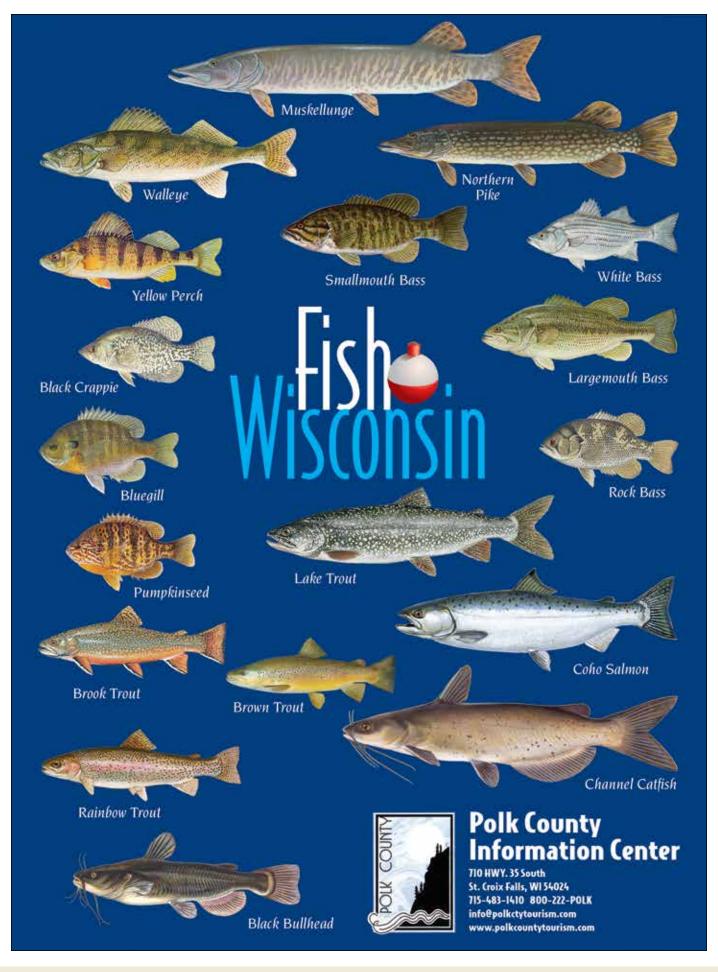
Spend time exploring Interstate Park, the oldest state park in Wisconsin, Straight Lake State Park and Wildlife Area, just 12 miles northeast of St. Croix Falls, or the 14 mile Stower Seven Lakes Trail. The Ice Age Trail is one of only 11 National Scenic Trails located entirely within Wisconsin. It is a premier hiking trail and conservation resource for silent sport and outdoor enthusiasts. The 98 mile Gandy Dancer State Recreation Trail follows the old Minneapolis-St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad grade, from St. Croix Falls to Superior, WI. In Polk County, the trail passes through Centuria, Milltown, Luck, Frederic and Lewis, WI. The short distances between these quaint towns makes the Gandy Dancer the most user friendly trail in the Midwest with easy access to local restaurants, lodging, parking and other local scenic trails and parks.

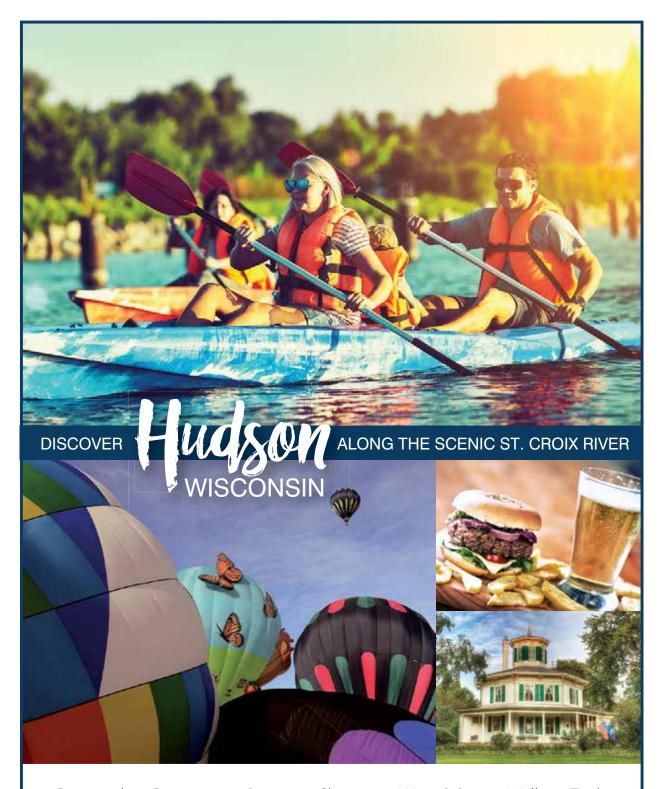


Ice Age National Scenic Trail

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