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2019 ICWC - International Cold Climate Wine Competition (MGGA)

# White Wine of the Year

**2019 Indy International Wine Competion** 



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As one of America's National treasures and a gift from past generations to be preserved for future generations visitors to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway will have memories to cherish forever. If you love nature - enjoy a quiet paddle on the river, hike a trail in one of the beautiful State or County Parks, go rock climbing or birding. **If shopping or dining** are your passion the charming historic communities nestled in the Valley will be a delight.

Enjoy browsing through this Visitors Guide or please visit our website www.saintcroixriver.com where you will find more information on the Saint Croix Valley and its communities.

#### The Saint Croix Valley.... A Place Like No Other.

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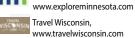
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# St. Croix Valley Visitors' Centers

#### **National Park Service** St. Croix River Visitor Center

**401 North Hamilton Street** St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-2274

Hours: Open and staffed mid-April through October, daily 10am - 5pm.

#### **Namekagon River Visitor Center**



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

Hours: Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend Check for details at: www.nps.gov/sacn

#### Both the St. Croix River Visitor Center and the Namekagon River Visitor

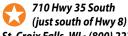
**Center** have National Park Service Rangers available to help you plan a river trip, direct you to maps, educational materials, and answer questions about the St. Croix River and national parks.

#### Services Available:

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

More information at: www.nps.gov/sacn (715)483-2274, or sacn\_info@nps.gov.

#### **Polk County Information Center**



St. Croix Falls, WI • (800) 222-POLK (7655) DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com DiscoverPolkCountyWi@gmail.com

Hours: May - Oct., Mon. - Fri. 8:30am -

4:30pm, Sat & Sun. 8:30am - 2:30pm Winter hours: Nov. - April, Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4:30pm, Sat. 8:30am - 2:30pm

#### Services Available:

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

#### **Chisago Lakes Chamber** & Information Center



30525 Linden Street • Lindstrom MN (651)257-1177 • www.chisagolakes.org

#### info@chisagolakeschamber.com

Five small towns, one amazing community; united by Swedish heritage, recreational opportunities and charm. Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm Services Available:

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

#### **Hudson Area Chamber** of Commerce & Tourism Bureau



219 2nd Street, Hudson, WI 54016 715-386-8411• www.HudsonWl.org

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm Weekend hours June - August, Sat., 11am - 3pm & Sun., Noon - 3pm Services Available:

- Tourism brochures & maps
- Trip planning
- Information on lodging and attractions
- Business resources
- Community information

#### St. Croix Travel Information Center



Westbound rest area 3 miles from I-94 Bridge, 14100 I-94 • West Lakdeland

Township, MN • (651) 296-0733 Julie.Ramer@State.MN.us

#### ExploreMinnesota.com

Hours: Mon. - Sun., 9am - 5pm, Nov. - March: Sun., 12 - 5pm

#### 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**



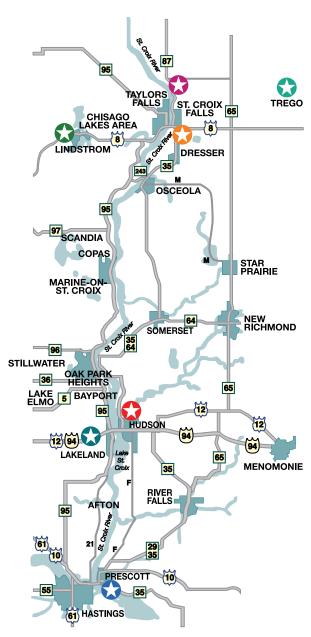
200 Monroe St. • Prescott, WI (715) 262-0104 • FreedomParkWI.org

Hours: Summer: Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mon. - Sat., 9am - 5pm., Sun., Noon - 5pm. For other seasonal hours, please check www.FreedomParkWI.org.



#### Services Available:

- Gift shop Restrooms
- Art exhibits Art Bench
- Shaded picnic area Walking trails
- Educational gardens, native plants/gardens
- · Audubon birding site
- Overlooks of Mississippi & St. Croix Rivers
- Northern gateway to the Wisconsin Great River Road



# 2023 St. Croix Valley Events

The events listed are just a sampling of the hundreds of events occurring in St. Croix Valley Communities throughout the year; please check websites or call ahead to confirm dates and locations.

**5/29 • Bayport, MN • Memorial Day Parade •** 651-275-4404 www.ci.Bayport.MN.us

May-Sept • Scandia, WI Bluegrass & Lemonade in the Shade • Chisago Lakes.org/Events/ Bluegrass-Lemonade-in-the-Shade



#### **JANUARY**

11/23-2/10 • Hudson, WI Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park Business.HudsonWI.org/Events 715-386-8411

1/1 • Amery, WI • First Day Hike at Stower Seven Lakes Trail DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com 715-483-1410

1/18-22 • Stillwater, MN • The World Snow Sculpting Championships Events. Discover Stillwater.com

**1/21 • Frederic, WI • Winter Fun Day** DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
715-483-1410



#### **FEBRUARY**

**2/3-4 • Balsam Lake, WI WinterFest •** 715-483-1410 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 

**2/3-5• Hudson, WI • Hot Air Affair** *HudsonHotAirAffair.com* 

**2/9-11 • Luck, WI • Luck Winter Carnival •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

2/11 • St. Croix Falls, WI Candlelight Ski at Interstate Park 715-483-3747, 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

**2/17 • Balsam Lake, WI** *Iceman 500 •* 715-483-1410 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 

**2/18 • Osceola WI • Big Lake Ice Fishing Contest •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

**2/24 • Dresser, WI • "Lord of the Ropes" •** at Trollhaugen Ski Area 715-755-2955 • www.Trollhaugen.com



#### MARCH

**3/11 • Dresser, WI • Troll Cup Race** Trollhaugen Ski Area • 715-755-2955 www.Trollhaugen.com

**3/25-26 • Amery, WI • Maple Fest** at Glenna Farms • 715-268-4702 www.GlennaFarms.com



#### MAY

**APRIL** 

4/8 • Amery, WI • Easter Egg Hunt

4/8 • Turtle Lake, WI • American

**Legion Smelt Fry •** 715-556-5664

www.VillageOfTurtleLake.com/

4/8 • Luck, WI • Ambulance

4/15 • Clear Lake, WI • Earth

ClearLakeEarthDavCelebration

4/21-23 • River Falls, WI Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews

**Festival** • RiverFallsChamber.

Chambermaster.com/Events

**Day Celebration** • Facebook.com/

**Smelt Fry** • 715-472-2388

American\_Legion.htm

AmeryWI.gov/Calendar.aspx

715-268-7468

715-483-1410

715-425-2533

**5/5-7 • Polk County Earth Arts Spring Tour •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

5/7 • St. Croix Falls, WI • Falls Sampler at Big Rock Creek www.BigRockCreekWI.com 715-501-8172

5/26-29 • Dresser, WI • 4x4

**Memorial Total Off Road Rally** at Trollhaugen • 715-755-2955 www.Trollhaugen.com



#### JUNE

June-Aug • Hudson, WI Concerts in the Park in Lakefront Park • 715-386-8411 Business. Hudson WI. org/Events

June-Aug • St. Croix Falls, WI
Music on the Overlook
MusicOnTheOverlook.com

June-Aug • Lindstrom, MN
Harmony in the Park
CityOflLndstrom.us/ParksDepartment/Pages/Harmony-Park

June-Sept • River Falls, WI Music in the Park • in Veterans Park RiverFallsCAB.org/MusicInThePark

**6/2-4 • New Richmond, WI Park Art Fair •** in Mary Park **NewRichmondChamber.com/Events**715-243-2600

6/3 • Amery, WI Amery Trail Days DiscoverPolkCounty Wis.com 715-483-1410

6/9-11 • Frederic, WI Frederic Family Days DiscoverPolkCounty Wis.com 715-483-1410

**6/10 • Osceola, WI Rhubarb Fest •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

**6/17 • Amery, WI Amery Art Fair •** in North Park *AmeryWI.gov/Calendar.aspx* 

**6/23-25 • Clear Lake, WI Clear Lake Heritage Days**DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
715-483-1410



#### Hudson, WI

# Balloon Rally & Winter Festival

First full weekend in February

Feb. 3-5, 2023 Feb. 2-4, 2024

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#### **JULY**

July-Aug • Stillwater, MN Summer Tuesdays • Music, market, and movies • Summer Tuesdays.com

**7/1 • Amery, WI Wanderoos Independence Day Celebration •** 715-483-1410 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 

**7/1-2 • Hudson, WI • Hudson Booster Days •** 715-386-8411
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events

**7/1-2 • Balsam Lake, WI Freedom Fest •** 715-483-1410 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 

7/5-8 • Lindstrom, MN

Karl Oskar Days

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CityoflLndstrom.us/Karl-Oskar-Days

7/6-9 • New Richmond, WI Fun Fest • NewRichmond Chamber.com/Events

**7/8-9 • Centuria, WI Memory Days •** 715-483-1410
Centuria-WI.org/Memory-Days

7/14-16 • Stillwater, MN Lumberjack Days LumberJackDays.com

7/14-16 • Taylors Falls, MN
Wannigan Days – Spirit of the
River • Wannigan Days.com

**7/18-22 • Hudson, WI St. Croix RiverFest •** 715-386-8411 StCroixRiverFest.org

**7/19-23 • Glenwood City, WI St. Croix County Fair •** 715-749-3442 StCroixCoFair.com

**7/21-23 • Hastings, MN** *Rivertown Days •* 651-437-6775 *Business.VisitHastingsMN.org/Events* 

7/22-23 • Frederic, WI Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

**7/27-30 • St. Croix Falls, WI Polk County Fair •** 715-483-1410 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 



#### **AUGUST**

8/12 • Hudson, WI Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day Business. Hudson WI. org/Events

**8/12-13 • Lewis, WI • Charles E. Lewis Days •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

8/18-20 • North Hudson, WI **Pepper Fest** • PepperFest.org

Scandia, MN • Spelmansstämman (Swedish Music Festival)

Please check website for date GammelgardenMuseum.org/Events

8/19 • Cushing, WI Fun Day & Adult Soap Box Derby DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com 715-483-1410

8/19-20 • Turtle Lake, WI Moon Lake Threshing Bee MoonLakeShow.org

**8/22-23 • New Richmond, WI** *New Richmond Heritage Days NRHeritageCenter.org/Heritage-Days*715-246-3276

8/25-27 • St. Croix Falls, WI Rockin' Rib Fest • at Big Rock Creek BigRockCreekwWI.com/Rib-Fest



#### **SEPTEMBER**

**9/9 · Osceola, WI Wheels and Wings ·** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

9/9 • Balsam Lake, WI Corn on the Curb Days DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com 715-483-1410

**9/14-17 • Amery, WI Amery Fall Festival •** 715-573-4697 *AmeryWI.gov/Calendar.aspx* 

#### 9/15-16 • Bayport, MN Derby Days

BayportCommunityActionLeague. com/Calendar/Derby-Days

**9/22-23 • River Falls, WI** *Bacon Bash •* 715-425-2533 *RFChamber.com/Bacon-Bash* 

9/23 • Osceola, WI 20th Annual Croixland Bike Show CroixlandLeather.com • 715-294-4640

9/23-24 • Hudson, WI Spirit of St. Croix Art Festival Business.HudsonWI.org/Events 715-386-8411



#### **OCTOBER**

**10/7 • St. Croix Falls, WI AutumnFest •** 715-483-1410 DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

**10/7 • Osceola, WI Valley Brew Fest •** 715-755-3300 *DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com* 

**10/14-15 • Stillwater, MN** *Harvest Fest •* 651-351-1717 *Events.DiscoverStillwater.com* 

10/20-22 • Osceola, WI Fall Colors Train Rides

TransportationMuseum.org/ Train-Rides

#### Hudson, WI Hilltop Pumpkin Party

Please call or check website. Business.HudsonWI.org/Events 715-386-8411



#### **NOVEMBER**

11/17-19 • Hudson, WI Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes Business.HudsonWI.org/Events 715-386-8411

### 11/21 • Amery, WI Parade of Lights

DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com 715-268-7486

11/24 • River Falls
River Dazzle

*Tourism.RFChamber.com/Events* 715-425-2533

11/24-26 • Taylors Falls, WI Lighting Festival LightingFestival.com

11/24-12/31• Somerset, WI Sam's Christmas Village

SamsChristmasVillage.com 715-247-5099

11/24-1/124 • St Croix Falls, WI Miracle at Big Rock Creek Facebook.com/BigRockCreek 715-501-8172



#### **DECEMBER**

12/1 • Hudson, WI Candlelight Stroll

Business.HudsonWI.org/Events 715-386-8411

12/2 • Stillwater, MN Twinkle Party and Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Events.DiscoverStillwater.com 651-351-1717

12/2 • St. Croix Falls, WI Rivertown Holiday Celebration DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

12/2 • Amery, WI Holiday Stroll, Light up the Town Amerywi gov/Calendar astx

Amerywi.gov/Calendar.aspx 715-573-4697

715-483-1410

**12/2 • Frederic, WI Christmas in Frederic**DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
715-566-0255

12/3 • Osceola, WI Light Up Osceola MyOsceolaChamber.org

*MyOsceolaChamber.org* 715-204-4022

# The Saint Croix Valley Where Art & Nature Meet

The natural beauty of the St. Croix Valley has always attracted painters, sculptors, performers, storytellers and musicians. There is hardly a country road, that doesn't lead to an artist's gallery, not a community on a summer day without live music, an art fair or theatrical production. 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.



- Old Gem Theater 116 S Knowles Ave New Richmond, WI (715) 246-3285 www.OldGemTheater.com
- St. Croix Festival Theatre 125 N Washington St St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-3387 • www.FestivalTheatre.org
- The Phipps Center for the Arts 109 Locust St Hudson, WI • 715-386-8409 • www.ThePhipps.org
- Black Dirt Theatre 213 Sibley St, Hastings, MN (651)300-9567 www.BlackDirtTheater.com
- St. Croix Art Barn 1040 Oak Ridge Dr Osceola, WI (715) 294-2787 • StCroixArtBarn.org



- (May) www.EarthArtsWl.org
- St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour (Mother's Day weekend) www.MinnesotaPotters.com
- ArtOPENer (June) www.ArtOPENer.org
- Art on the Kinni (Sept.) www.RiverFallsCAB.org/art-on-the-kinni
- Take Me to the River (Sept.) TakeMeToTheRiver.info
- Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival (Sept.)
  ThePhipps.org/The-Spirit-Of-The-St-Croix-Art-Festival
- Octagon House Museum & Shoppe in the Carriage House (May-Oct & Dec.) www.HudsonOctagonHouse.org
- Rivertown Fall Art Festival (Oct.) RivertownFallArtFestival.com



- Galleries & Studios
- Theater
- Nature Spaces With an Eye to the Arts
- **Events & Tours**

Full maps of each venue listing are available online at www.StCroixSplash.org



Seasons Gallery

One of the area's finest collections of fine art and contemporary craft, featuring the work of over 160 local, regional and national artists.

401 Second Street in Hudson (715) 381-2906 seasons-gallery.com





- 🔷 Art's House Riverwalk Square, 127 N. Main Street River Falls, WI • (715)-426-5219 • www.RiverFallsCAB.org
- ArtReach St. Croix 224 N 4th Street Stillwater, MN (651) 439-1465 • www.ArtReachStCroix.org
- **artZ Gallery** 208 Keller Ave N Amery, WI (715) 268-8600 www.artZGallery.org
- Glädje Gallery 13025 Lake Blvd Lindstrom, MN (651) 257-2575 • www.GladjeGallery.com
- Hastings Art Center 216 4th Street East Hastings, MN (651) 437-4320 • www.hastingsartscenter.org
- Natural Heritage Art Centre 213 N Casade St Osceola, WI (715) 417-3000 • www.NaturalHeritageArtCentre.org
- Seasons Gallery 401 2nd Street Hudson, WI (715) 381-2906 • www.Seasons-Gallery.com
- The Phipps Center for the Arts 109 Locust St Hudson, WI (715) 386-2305 • www.ThePhipps.org



- Music Saint Croix (651) 430-9198 MusicSaintCroix.com
- St. Croix Falls Music on the Overlook St Croix Falls, WI www.MusicOnTheOverlook.com
- St. Croix Sounds www.SCVSymphony.org
- St. Croix Valley Opera (612) 404-9265 www.SCVOpera.org
- St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra scvsymphony.org
- Valley Chamber Chorale www.ValleyChamberChorale.org

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

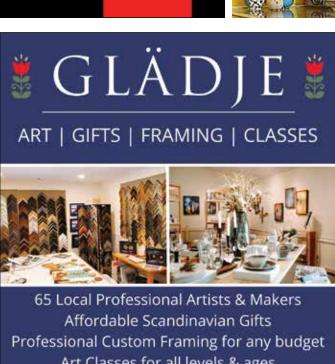
- Belwin Conservancy 1553 Stagecoach Trail S Afton, MN (651) 436-5189 • www.Belwin.org
- Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center (651) 437-4359 • CarpenterNatureCenter.org Wisconsin Campus - 279 South Cove Road • Hudson, WI Minnesota Campus - 12805 St. Croix Trail S • Hastings, MN
- Franconia Sculpture 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
- Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center 200 Monroe St Prescott, WI • (715) 262-0104 • www.FreedomParkWI.org











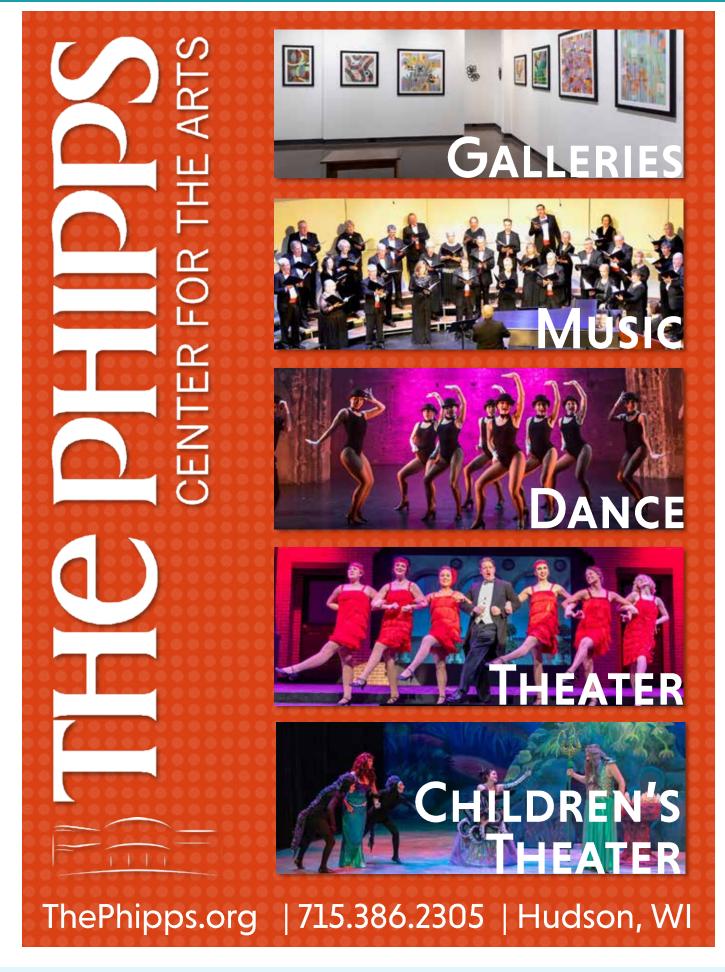
Art Classes for all levels & ages

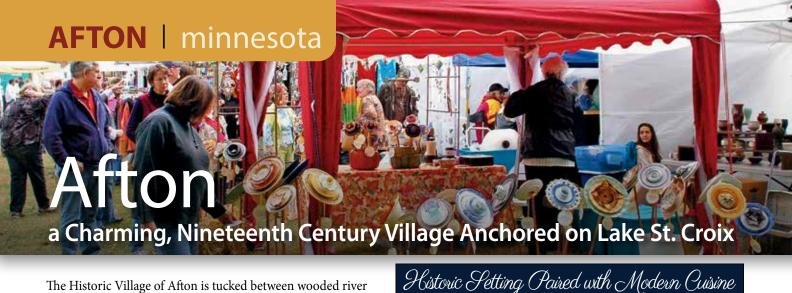
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The Historic Village of Afton is tucked between wooded river bluffs on the scenic, nationally protected St. Croix River. Those that visit call Afton "nostalgic, friendly, charming, and quaint." In the mid-1800s, visitors, were reminded of Robert Burns' 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, 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.

#### Summertime traditions –River Cruises, **Art Fairs & Ice Cream**

Enjoy a cruise on the beautiful St. Croix River with Saint Croix River Cruises. Pleasure boaters will find the public marinas with complete service departments. Or if you enjoy the thrill of finding a treasure in an art fair, the Village hosts both Spring



and Fall events featuring local artists. A trip to Afton would not be complete without a stop at Selma's Ice Cream Parlor the oldest ice cream shop in Minnesota.

#### AFTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

www.ExploreAfton.com

June - Strawberry Festival July - July 4th Parade September – Art in the Park October - Trick or Treat Trail December - Holiday in the Village

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Civil War Cemetery Afton Historical Society & Museum Afton - Lakeland Bike Trail

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Afton State Park Belwin Nature Center Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Steamboat Park

# 3291 St. Croix Trail | Afton, MN | 651-436-8883







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CURRENTRestaurant.com





Date Night Wednesday • Call for Reservations & Hours Free Wine Tasting Fridays 6 - 8:30pm • Outdoor Seating by the Firepits! • Join Our Wine Club for fabulous wine!

651-436-2010 • SwirlMyWine.com



Located 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.



#### **Recreational Trails**

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.



#### For the Birds

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**

104 Maple Street W. Amery, WI 54001 Phone: 715-268-7486

#### **Community Events**

April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt
June 16, July 14, August 18 – Music
on the River
June 17 – Amery Art Fair
August 1 – National Night Out
September 14 -17 – Amery Fall
Festival
December 2 – Holiday Stroll, Light
Up the Town, Fire Department
Chili Feed

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Downtown Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp YMCA Camp Icaghowan Amery Ale Works Z-Orchard Ellies's Ice Cream Vintage and Boutique Shops Agricultural Experiences

#### 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 Lake Wapogasset and Bear Trap



#### **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.

#### 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. You could also take a trip out to one of the many farms in the area, and directly purchase product or catch them at the farmer's market on Saturdays and Mondays.

#### **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 one of the many boutiques or vintage shops.







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#### 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, 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. Handmade baked goods, made from scratch American comfort food, farm to table inspired wood-fired cuisine, and old fashioned ice cream treats are just a few of the selections that aim to please. Visitors will find that the restaurants are easy 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**

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#### **EVENTS**

May 29 – Memorial Day Parade June 2-3 – Citywide Garage Sale June – October – Monday Farmer's Market

September 15 -16 – 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)

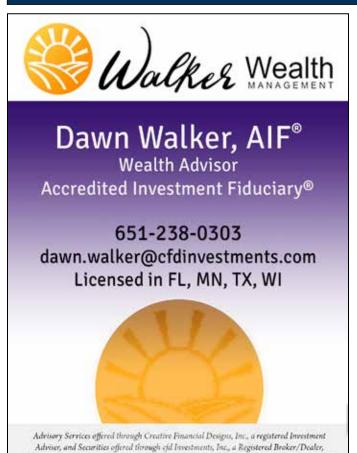


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#### Off the Beaten Path

What truly makes the St. Croix Valley special are the smaller villages, towns and attractions that you will find "off the beaten path". Each one offers a different perspective and experience of The St. Croix Valley. Be adventurous and explore one of the gems listed below.



#### Franconia, MN

A side trip to Franconia Sculpture Park, on Minnesota State Highway 95, will delight and amaze! Franconia Sculpture Park is a 43-acre outdoor sculpture

park, founded in 1996 by a small group of professional artists who envisioned a supportive artist residency community and outdoor museum. Today, this vision has been achieved. Franconia provides an intriguing and exciting place to discover an ever-changing exhibition of contemporary sculpture and opportunity to meet artists-in-residence who invite you to engage in their creations.



#### MARINE ON ST. CROIX, MN

The Marine on St. Croix town square, with its general store, town hall, library, ice cream shop, bank, and café, give the downtown area the look of a New England village. Foodies interested in shopping for food-related items are in luck. The Marine General Store is brimming with culinary

favorites. Make sure to spoil yourself with a visit to the award winning St. Croix Chocolate Company .









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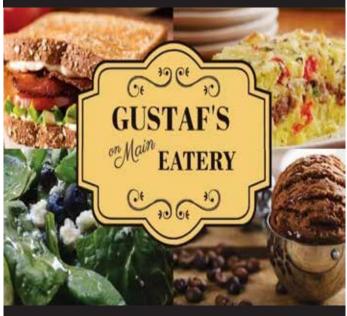
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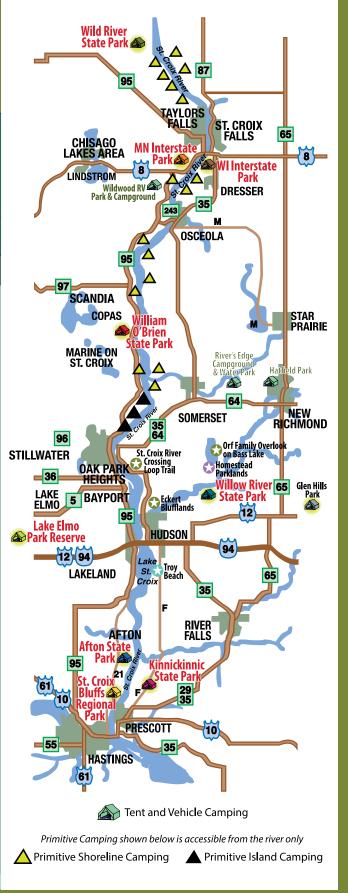


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# Explore the Wonders of St. Croix Saint Croix Valley Parks Valley's Parks in Any Season

The St. Croix Valley is packed with beautifully preserved county, state and community parks just begging to be explored. Home to seven state parks, sixteen county parks, dozens of local and regional parks and even six dog parks. If you are looking to escape city life or just everyday life, look no further than the amazing St. Croix Valley Parks.

|  | Wild River State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/wild_river | Minnesota Interstate Park www.dnrstate.mn.us/state_parks/interstate | Wisconsin Interstate Park dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/interstate | William O'Brien State Park www.dnrstate.mn.us/state_parks/william_obrien | Willow River State Park dr.w.igov/topic/parks/name/willowriver | Afton State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/afton | Kinnikinnic State Park<br>dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kinnickinnic | Lake Elmo Park Reserve | St. Croix River Bluffs Park www.co.washington.mn.us/Facilities | Homestead Parklands | Glen Hills Park<br>https://www.sccwi.gov/344 | Troy Beach County Park |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------|--|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| Acres  | 18 miles<br>along<br>St. Croix                                   | 298   | 1330   | 1803   | 3000+  | 1700   | 1242   | 2165                   | 579  | 125                 | 700  | 5                      |
| Total Campsites  | 171  | 63  | 84   | 113  | 750  | 31   |  | 80                     | 73   |                     | 103  |                        |
| Campsites electrical hook ups                                      | 34   | 22  | 23   | 81   | 55   |  |  | 80                     | 62   |                     | 76   |                        |
| Drive in /RV Campsites   | 94   | 37  |  | 81   |  |  |  | 80                     | 36   |                     | 73   |                        |
| Pull-Through Site  | 2  | ٠.  |  | •  |  |  |  |                        | 26   |                     | 6  |                        |
| Family Campsites   |  |   | 82   |  |  |  |  |                        |  |                     | 103  |                        |
| Hike-in Camping Sites  | 7  |   | 2  |  |  | 28   |  | 5                      |  |                     |  |                        |
| Group Camping Sites  | 9  | 4   | 2  | 4  | 12   | 2  |  | 4                      | 2  |                     | 19   |                        |
| Equestrian Camping   | 20   |   |  |  |  |  |  | 20                     |  |                     |  |                        |
| Wheelchair Accessible  | 1  |   | 1  | 3  | 3  |  |  |                        |  |                     | 3  |                        |
| Campsites  |  |   | '  | J  | J  |  |  |                        |  |                     | J  |                        |
| Canoe Sites  | 4  |   |  |  |  | 1  |  |                        |  |                     |  |                        |
| Camper Cabins  | 6  |   |  | 4  |  | 4  |  |                        |  |                     | 2  |                        |
| Yurts  | v  | .,  | .,   | .,   | v  | 2  |  | v                      |  |                     |  |                        |
| Historic Information Site  | X  | X   | X  | X  | X  | .,   |  | X                      |  | .,                  | .,   |                        |
| Special Programs and Events  | X  | X   | X  | X  | X  | X  |  | Х                      |  | X                   | X  |                        |
| Ranger Station/Visitor Center                                      | X  | X   | Χ  | X  | X  | Х  |  | v                      |  | X                   | X  |                        |
| Handicap Access  | X  | Х   | v  | X  | X  |  |  | X                      |  | X                   | X  |                        |
| Park Shelters  | X  | v   | X  | X  | X  | v  | v  | X                      | v  | X                   | X  |                        |
| Picnic Shelters  |  | Χ   | X  | Χ  | X  | Х  | Х  | v                      | Χ  |                     | X  |                        |
| Play Structures  | X  | v   | X  | v  | X  | v  | v  | X                      | v  | X                   | X  | v                      |
| Picnic Tables  | X  | X   | X  | X  | X<br>X   | X  | X  | X                      | X<br>X   | X                   | X  | Х                      |
| Drinking Fountains   | X  | X<br>X  | X  | X  | Х  | X  | X  | X                      | Х  | χ                   | X  | Х                      |
| Fire Rings/Grills<br>Firewood                                      | X  | X   | X  | X  | Х  | Х  | ^  | X                      | X  | ^                   | X  | ^                      |
|  | 35   | 4   | 9  | 12   | 13   | 20   | 4 5  | 20                     | 4  | 2 E                 | 13   |                        |
| Hiking/Walking Trails (miles) Wheelchair Accessible Trails (miles) | 2.6  | .5  | 7  | 1.5  | 13   | .6   | 6.5  | 20                     | 4  | 3.5                 | 13   |                        |
| Paved Bicycle Trails (miles)                                       | 2.6  | .5  |  | 1.5  | .9   | .o<br>4  |  | 5                      | 1  | .5                  |  |                        |
| Equestrian Trails (miles)  | 18   |   |  | 1.3  | .7   | 5  |  | 8                      | '  |                     |  |                        |
| Cross Country Ski Trails Groomed                                   | 30   |   | 2.8  | 12   | Χ  | J  | Х  | 10.8                   |  |                     |  |                        |
| Cross Country Ski Trails (miles)                                   | 30   |   | 12.5   | 12   | X  | 18   | 16.4   | 5.5                    |  | 1.5                 | 4  |                        |
| Winter Walking Trails  | 6  |   | 12.5   | 2.1  | X  | 6  | 10.4<br>X  | 7.5                    | .6   | 3.5                 | 13   |                        |
| Snowshoeing Trails (miles)   | 6  | Х   | 12.5   | χ. Ι   | X  | 4  | 2.8  | 4.5                    | .0   | 3.5                 | 13   |                        |
| Rock Climbing  | J  | X   | 12.J   | ٨  | ٨  | 1  | 2.0  | 7.5                    |  | 5.5                 | 13   |                        |
| Boat/Canoe Launch  |  | ,   | Χ  | Χ  | Χ  |  | Χ  | Х                      | Χ  | Χ                   | Χ  |                        |
| Swimming Beach   |  |   | Χ  | X  | Х  | Χ  | Χ  | ^                      | ,,   | Χ                   | Х  | Χ                      |
| Fishing  | Χ  |   | Χ  | X  | Х  | Х  | Χ  | Χ                      | Χ  | Χ                   | Х  | ,,                     |
| Geocaching   | X  |   |  | Х  |  | Х  |  | .,                     | .,   | Χ                   | Х  | Χ                      |
| Vehicle Permits Required   | X  | Χ   | Χ  | Х  | Χ  | Х  | χ  | Χ                      | Χ  | χ                   | Х  | X                      |
| Showers  | X  | Χ   | Χ  | Χ  | Χ  |  |  | Х                      | Χ  |                     | Х  |                        |
| Restrooms  | X  | Χ   | χ  | Χ  | Χ  | Χ  | Х  | Х                      | Χ  | χ                   | Х  |                        |
| Vault Toilets  | X  | Χ   | Χ  | χ  | χ  | Χ  |  |                        |  |                     |  | Χ                      |
| Dump Station   | Χ  | Χ   | Χ  | Χ  | Χ  |  |  | Χ                      | Χ  |                     | Χ  |                        |



# **Explore**Saint 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, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center - MN & WI 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. Croix Falls, WI Visitors can climb the cliffs of the St. Croix River Dalles, canoe the flat-water, or kayakers' can 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 glimpse 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.

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. 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. CROIX COUNTY PARKS

Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake – Hudson, WI ~ Scuba Divers Paradise. Homestead Parklands is on the northern 2/3 of Perch Lake, which is the central feature of the park. The land area includes steep slopes covered by oak woodlands and pine stands, a beautiful flowering prairie, 6,800 feet of shoreline along pristine Perch Lake, and the best beach in St. Croix County. Please see the parks grid for a full list of park amenities.

**Orf Family Overlook on Bass Lake – Hudson, WI ~ Orf Family Overlook on Bass Lake** is adjacent to the Bass Lake Boat Launch. The 15-acre park includes hiking trails, a picnic shelter, a scenic overlook, boardwalk, and a viewing platform perfect for bird watching.

Glen Hills Park on Glen Lake - Glenwood City, WI ~ Camping in all seasons. Glen Hills Park is a water-based recreation facility located in the hill country of West Central Wisconsin. This park consists of 700 wooded acres surrounding the beautiful 78-acre Glen Lake. There are 88 electric, non-electric, RV, and tent campsites, and two all season camper cabins available throughout the park. Please see the parks grid for a full list of park amenities.

**Troy Beach on the St. Croix – Hudson, WI ~ Relaxation central!** Troy Beach is a five-acre day use park on the beautiful St. Croix River, a national scenic riverway. The 400-foot beach is a popular destination for those looking to beat the summer heat under the shade of large cottonwood trees or to relax and watch the sail boats on the St. Croix.

**Eckert Blufflands on the St. Croix – Hudson, WI** ~ The new Eckert Blufflands County Park, along the St. Croix River just north of Hudson, consists of 170 acres of wooded upland, deep ravines, prairie restoration, over 100-foot-high river bluffs, and more than half a mile of river shoreline. (Currently under development.)

**St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail – Houlton, WI** ~ The Loop Trail is in Northwestern St. Croix County, approximately seven miles north of Hudson and eight miles southwest of Somerset. The Loop Trail is part of an interstate trail between Houlton, Wisconsin and Stillwater, Minnesota. The 4.7-mile trail is open to pedestrians and bicycles and crosses both the St Croix Crossing Bridge and the historic Stillwater Lift Bridge.

Learn about St. Croix County Parks at www.sccwi.gov/parks.



# The Saint Croix Valley **Great Outdoors**

The Saint Croix Valley is more than charming communities, incredible dining and shopping, that's only the beginning. Discover what makes the St. Croix Valley a hot spot for biking, fishing, hiking, paddling, birding, and snow-filled adventures.



#### **Hiking**

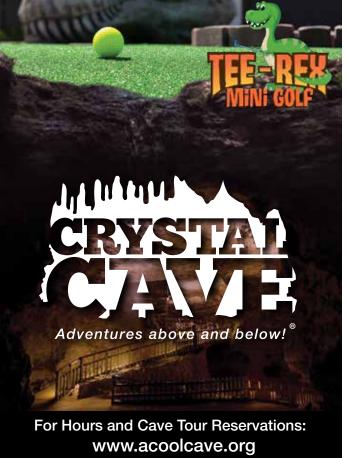
Lace up your walking shoes or hiking boots. There is no better way to immerse yourself in the wonders of the St. Croix River Valley great outdoors than on foot. With 7 State Parks and over 24 county and regional Parks the St. Croix River Valley has hundreds of miles of trails that are perfect for all levels of hiking.



#### **Birding**

The St. Croix Valley is an extremely bio-diverse area that serves as home to 100's of species of birds throughout the year. Conservation efforts among the communities of the St. Croix Valley have garnered the Bird City designation by Bird City Minnesota and Wisconsin for 5 communities within the St. Croix Valley. Bring a camera and binoculars to enjoy world-class bird watching. Let the St. Croix Valley Bird Club be your guide - www.scvbirdclub. com/home







#### 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 or checking out the latest in motorcycle gear visit Croixland Leatherworks, in Osceola, WI a must stop. https:// croixlandleather.com/

#### **Biking**

If your idea of fun is where the rubber meets the road, bicycling is an awesome way to tour the Saint Croix Valley. Pedal your way through the countless roads and trails throughout the Saint Croix Valley from the South at the confluence of the



from the South at the confluence of the Mississippi and St.Croix Rivers to the North where you will find beautiful trails through serene woods in our state parks or soak up rural beauty on quiet country roads. No matter what style of bike you ride, the perfect roads and trials are waiting to be explored year-round. A sampling of bike trails include: Minnesota – Brown's Creek State Trail – https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\_trails/browns\_creek/index.html Stower 7 Lakes Trail - https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/stower Gandy Dancer Trail - https://www.burnettcounty.com/287/Gandy-Dancer-Trail







**Browns Creek** 

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#### **Snow-filled Adventures**

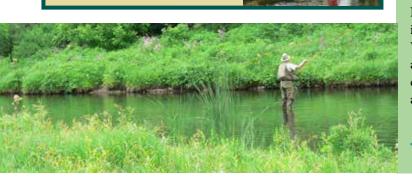
Winter's chill doesn't stop St. Croix Valley visitors from taking advantage of the beautiful winter landscapes and area's trails, parks and nature centers. Here are three ways to explore the Valley's winter sports. By Foot: St. Croix Valley Parks provide plenty of opportunity for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking. By Ice: If you're a fan of fishing, try venturing out onto a frozen lake for a little ice fishing. By Machine: If you like speed, consider snowmobiling across and open field or hidden trial.

# The Saint Croix Valley Great Outdoors

#### A Paddler's Paradise

The St. Croix Valley is a premier destination for both canoeing and kayaking. Offering crisp, clean waters surrounded by incredible views of limestone cliffs and serene woods. Bring your own equipment, choose to rent from local outfitters or take advantage of organized tours by well trained and seasoned guides. Contact – Kinni Creek Lodge and Outfitters http://www.kinnicreek.com/

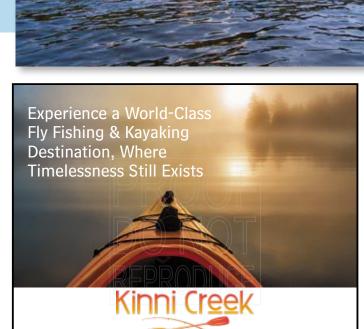




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#### **Fishing**

The waters of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway support one of the best fisheries in the Upper Midwest. For a complete list of

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fish found in the waters of the St. Croix River, please visit the National Park Service Website- https://www.nps.gov/sacn/index.htm or. http://www.stcroixriverfishing.com/ The St. Croix Valley's panfish season never closes, and walleye, northern pike and other seasons extend deep into winter. As a result, fishing continues to be one of the Valley's most popular outdoor activities even long after the rivers and lakes have turned to ice.



#### **Protecting Our Future**

Flowing between Minnesota and Wisconsin lays a moving National Park – the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The St. Croix River and its tributary to the east, the Namekagon River, making up 255 miles of protected Riverway. In 1968, these two rivers were established as the nation's first wild and scenic river national park for the free-flowing character, exceptional water quality and the recreational, cultural, historic and aesthetic values present in the Riverway. Visitors' camp, hike, take photos; observe wildlife, swim, paddle, fish and more in this pristine Riverway environment.

The challenges of protecting the health of this wild and scenic riverway are many and include: invasive species displacing native plants, water quality due to development, habitat loss, deforestation and loss of land cover, industrial feedlots and more.

Wild River Conservancy of the St. Croix & Namekagon recognizes that not only does the stewardship and protection of our natural places support the economy of our communities, which benefit from the millions of Riverway visitors each year, it is vital to who we are. It is essential that we protect this special place now and for generations to come. The Conservancy is uniquely postioned to help address these issues. We are the only non-profit focused specifically on the St. Croix watershed. As the official non- profit partner for the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, the Conservancy actively partners with the National Park Service on educational initiatives, land and water protection, invasive species detection and prevention and public access programs.





#### **Leave No Trace Seven Principles**

When we practice Leave No Trace we all play a role in protecting our treasured outdoor spaces



#### **Know Before You Go**

Be prepared! Remember food & water and clothes to protect you from cold, heat & rain. Use maps to plan where you are going. Bring a leash for your pet and plastic bags to pick up your pet's waste. Learn about the areas you plan to visit.



#### Leave It As You Find It

Treat living plants with respect. Leave rocks and historical items as you find them so others can enjoy them.



#### **Keep Wildlife Wild**

Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow them. Make sure you learn about hunting seasons and local fishing regulations.



#### Stick to Trails & Camp Overnight Right

Walk and ride on designated trails, avoid stepping on flowers & small trees, respect private property, camp only on existing or designated campsites, remember good campsites are found, not made.



#### **Trash Your Trash**

Pack it in, Pack it out. Put litter – even crumbs, peels and cores in garbage bags and carry it home. Use a plastic bag to pack out your pet's waste. Keep water clean. Do not put soap, food or human or pet waste in lakes and streams.



#### **Be Careful With Fire**

Use existing fire rings, to protect the ground and keep your fire small. Burn all wood to ash and be sure the fire is completely out and cold before you leave.

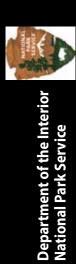


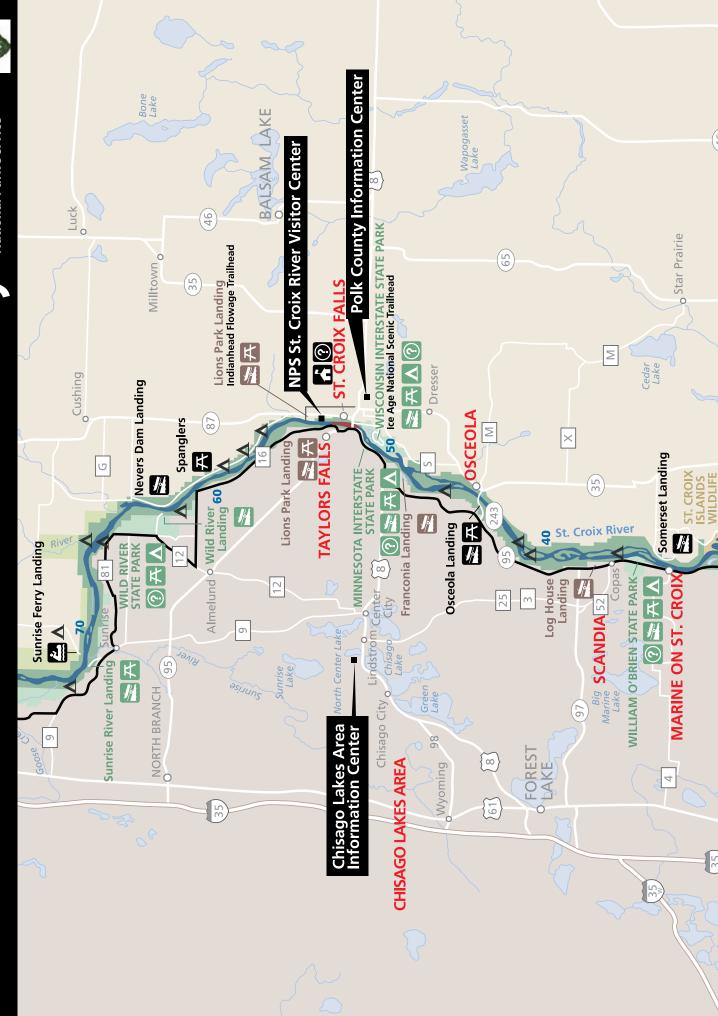
#### Share Our Trails and Manage Your Pet

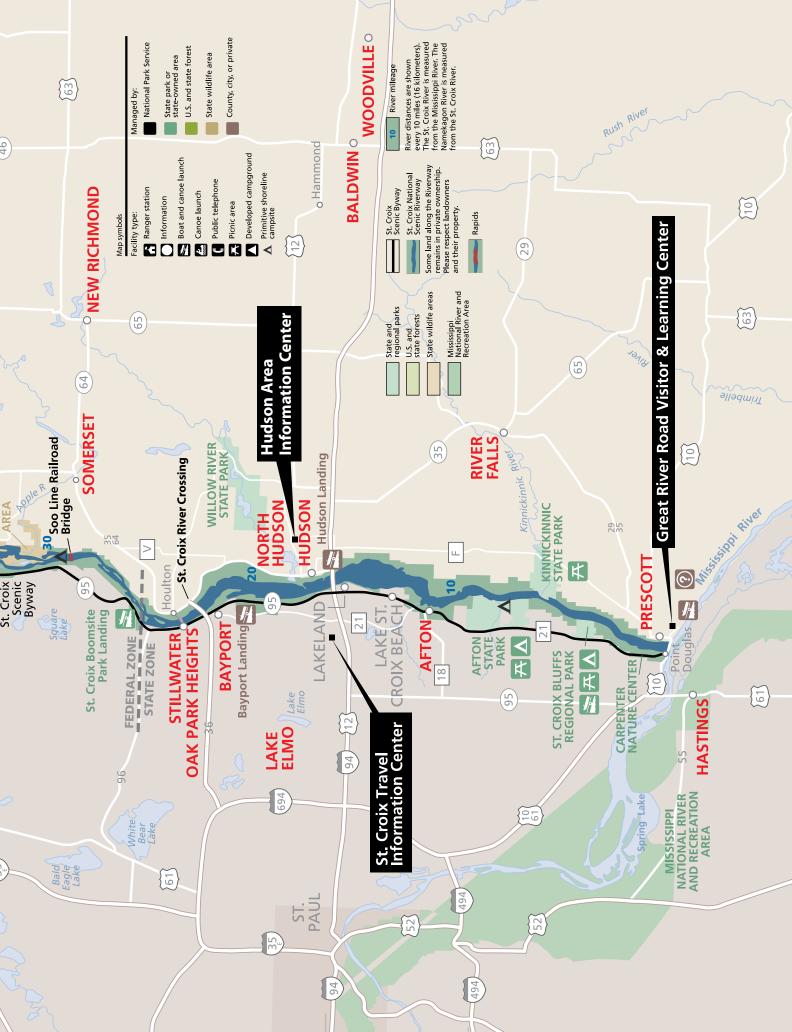
Be considerate when passing others on the trail, keep your pet under control to protect it, listen to nature, avoid making loud noises, be sure the fun you have outdoors does not bother any one else.

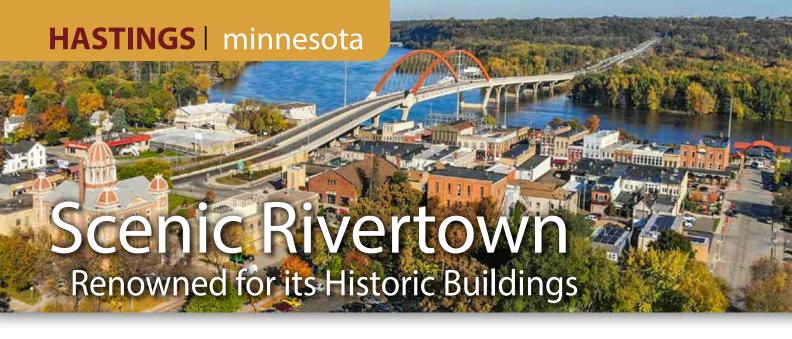
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# St. Croix National Scenic Riverway









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.



For winter adventure, ski, snowboard, or tube the slopes at Welch Village or Afton Alps ski areas. Check out Spring Lake Park and Afton State Park for beautiful groomed cross country ski trails.

#### **Year-Round Festivals**

Spring and summer bring fun-filled events for visitors to enjoy. From May through September take in the **Historic Hastings Car Shows**. In July, thousands of people come to enjoy **Rivertown Days**, a community wide festival featuring music stages, arts and craft fair, carnival and a car show. Also in July, step back in time with the **Little Log House Antique Power Show & Pioneer Village**. October brings the **Saint 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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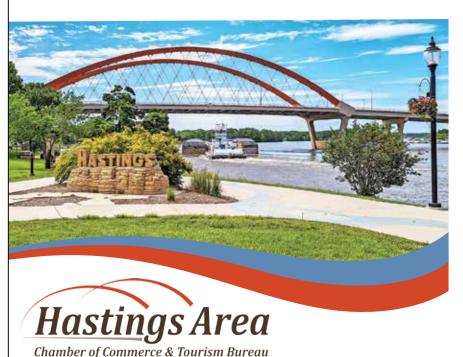
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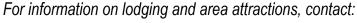
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#### Sip & Savor

Visitors love that Hudson is packed with places to dine and drink, some with patios open all year-round! Grab a bite to eat at one of our many mouth-watering restaurants or bistros. Have a sweet tooth? Why not stop at a local confectionery or bakery for ice cream, chocolate, or baked goods. Hudson is home to a variety of wineries, distilleries, and breweries to raise a glass with your family and friends.

#### **Distinctive Tours**

Schedule a tour that is sure to please friends and family. Consider a tour down the wild and scenic St. Croix River with St. Croix River Cruises or if you consider yourself a foodie, check out the **Hudson Food Walk**, a three-hour culinary tour of some of Hudson's best locales! Or ride in style with the **Hudson Trolley Company** that offers both public and private tours, which is a great way to elevate your weekend away.

#### **Historic Downtown Hudson**

If you love vintage, consider a tour at the Octagon House Museum or a stay at the historic Phipps Inn Bed and Breakfast. Both landmarks are located a few blocks from the downtown area, packed with many small businesses located in buildings with original architectural details. Extend your history tour and cruise down a section of the Yellowstone Trail, the first transcontinental road running from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound.

#### Nature and Adventure

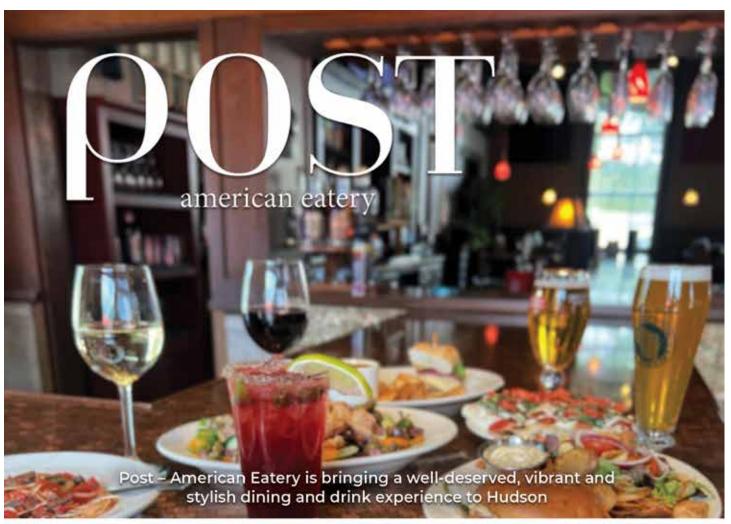
Hudson's plethora of parks offer incredible spaces to enjoy nature. Willow River State Park is



famous for

its waterfalls and miles of trails for hiking and biking. **Homestead Park** offers a beautiful lake with canoes and kayaks to rent, a full playground, grills for cookouts, and covered structures. And in town, you'll find breathtaking views at either **Birkmose Park** or **Prospect Park**.

Start planning your stay in Hudson. Contact us at 715-386-8411 or visit DiscoverHudsonWI.com for a complete listing of area events, things to do, and places to stay. Follow Your Heart to Hudson and enjoy your Wisconsin weekend.











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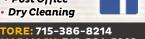






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River Falls exemplifies the best Wisconsin has to offer with its perfect combination of outdoor activities, arts & culture events, and hometown charm. Ranked in the "Top 100 Best Small Towns" by *Livability* magazine, River Falls sits on the banks 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. Your visit to River Falls will be a memorable one!

## RIVER FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM BUREAU

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#### **EVENTS**

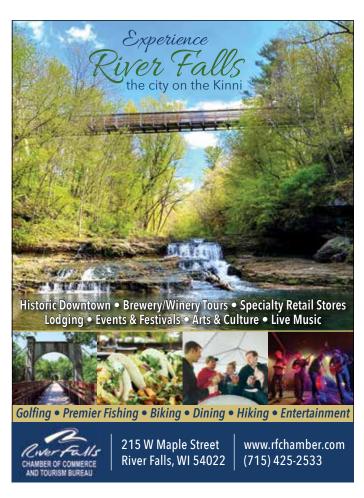
April: Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews festival July: River Falls Days September: Art on the Kinni, Bacon Bash November: River Dazzle

#### ATTRACTIONS

First National Bank of River Falls Field St. Croix Lanes Falls Theatre Tri Angels Playground Wineries, Breweries & a Distillery

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Glen Park
Hoffman Park
Kinnickinnic State Park
Swinging Bridge
White Pathway
Whitetail Ridge Mountain Bike Trail
Fly fishing & kayak rentals
Golf courses









New Richmond offers the best of both worlds – that small town feel while being conveniently located near the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

#### **Unique Heritage**

New Richmond has a noteworthy 150 year history. 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**

If Art, Music, Food Trucks, and Fun Runs are your cup of tea, don't miss the popular **Park Art Fair** at scenic Mary Park, every **June**. The event brings artists from all over the Midwest. **Fun Fest** brings thousands of visitors to New Richmond in, **July**. Running for 4 days take in events and activities including: A huge carnival, the region's top music acts, food stands, the area's largest beer tent and a parade!

The **first Thursday evening** after Thanksgiving don't miss the always popular **Hometown Holiday Celebration**. Featuring an illuminated parade, sleigh rides, live music and fireworks over historic downtown Mill Pond. Last year over 6000 attended one of Wisconsin's best Holiday celebrations!

#### **Experience Unique Shops and Restaurants**

Stroll New Richmond's Main Street and browse through one-of-a-kind shops. Stop for lunch or dinner at one of the quaint cafes or enjoy one of the cities breweries or pubs. Champs roof-top bar and the Wild Badger Backyard patio are great places to relax.

#### 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. And just a few miles north of town check out Riverwood Nature Center. It consists of 35 acres of land, with 3,000 feet of frontage along the Apple River. Available activities will include walking trails, cross country skiing, fishing, permitted hunting, wildlife observation, and environmental and outdoor educational programing.

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 Heritage Center



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## NEW RICHMOND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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#### **ATTRACTIONS**

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

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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



Just 30 minutes from the Twin Cities and with the beautiful Apple River winding its way in the background, Somerset is the perfect place to visit for a day-trip or week-end get-away. Somerset's Main Street & upper business area offer whimsical shops, an award-winning brewery and family eateries. Make sure you visit the amazing Bass Lake Cheese Factory for great food, amazing cheese, drinks on tap, and a little museum of antiques!

A lively history is evident in Somerset, from lumbering, agriculture, and the long-ago speakeasy's. Somerset's historic festival –Pea Soup Days - celebrates the strong French-Canadian heritage of the community.

#### Go Outside & Play

Somerset reflects Wisconsin's love of the outdoors and is ready with



dozens of outdoor recreation possibilities. Enjoy a cool leisurely float down the beautiful Apple River. For those seeking more excitement pick up the pace and nurture your wild side shooting the rapids. Take advantage of boating, swimming and beaches at Somerset Landing or enjoy mini golf, waterslides and camping at River's Edge. If golf is your passion, Somerset's scenery and rolling terrain is highlighted at Bristol Ridge Golf Course and St. Croix National Golf Course; or if disc golf is more your game, throw on one of the best disc-golf courses in the upper midwest at LaGrandeur Natural Park. Parnell Prairie Preserve is a perfect way to enjoy nature with its walking paths. For motorized nature adventures take the UTV/ATV/Motorcycle out to for a ride and catch the fabulous fall colors on one of Wisconsin's Rural Routes that run through our community.

#### **MUSIC & ART**

Music lovers will want to take in a concert at the Somerset Amphitheater. Somerset has an active arts community take in some of the local flair for arts and crafts at the new Locale Maker's Market or at Calico Umbrella. You'll find everything from hand blown glass art to beautiful photography and everything in-between.

Summer, Spring or Fall, campers can "stake out" at several parks – Apple River Family Campground, River's Edge, Apple River Hideaway, or the Somerset Amphitheater. Winter enthusiasts will find no shortage of skiing, snowmobiling, ice-fishing or fat tire biking events to enjoy. When the Holidays roll around you won't want to miss Sam's Christmas Village, with the largest Santa in North America and a display of over 10+ million lights complete with quaint European style Christmas shops and cabins to rent for the evening with visits from Santa!

#### **SOMERSET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PO Box 205, Somerset, WI 54025 (715) 247-3366 | www.somersetchamber.org

#### **EVENTS**

June - Pea Soup Days December- Light the Night

#### ATTRACTIONS:

Apple River Family Campground Apple River Hideaway Bass Lake Cheese Factory Calico Umbrella Cedar Lake Speedway Locale Maker's Market Oliphant Brewery River's Edge Somerset Amphitheater Sam's Christmas Village

#### **The Great Outdoors**

Apple River Arcola High Bridge Bristol Ridge Golf Course St. Croix National Golf Course Croix Islands La Grandeur Natural Park & Disc Golf Course 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
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#### **Discover Stillwater**

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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, now converted to a multi-use loop trail. Stillwater's quaint retail district makes you feel like you have traveled back in time, but with today's trends very present.

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 distilleries.

**Enjoy year-round activities** including bike trails, golf, historic sites, axe throwing, shopping, nightlife, breweries, wineries, DIY and walking and hiking 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 trails – connect to St. Paul or Wisconsin

Plan to linger overnight, your choices are endless. Choose from new downtown hotel options, five B&B's, five franchise hotels nearby, and over twenty new vacation rental homes or downtown lofts. Snuggle in front of a fireplace, enjoy a rooftop salt-water hot tub or take a dip in a pool – simply 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.

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#### **EVENTS**

January: World Snow Sculpting Championship
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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: World Snow
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#### ATTRACTIONS

Warden's House & Museum Historic Washington County Courthouse Historic Main Street Shops & Restaurants Cycle Tours Stillwater Historic Trolley Tour Stillwater River Boats Wineries & Breweries plus Distilleries

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

St. Croix River Loop Trail Brown's Creek Bike Trail Lowell Park, riverfront downtown Pioneer Park Pine Point Park/Gateway State Bike Trail Boating, Kayaking, SUP rentals Historic Lift BridgeSt. Croix Boom Site

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### Lovers of all things Scandinavian will be delighted

Surrounded by rolling hills and many beautiful lakes, Scandia is the site of the first Swedish settlement in Minnesota.

#### **Rich with History**

Visitors to Scandia often 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 **Gammelgården** of Scandia.

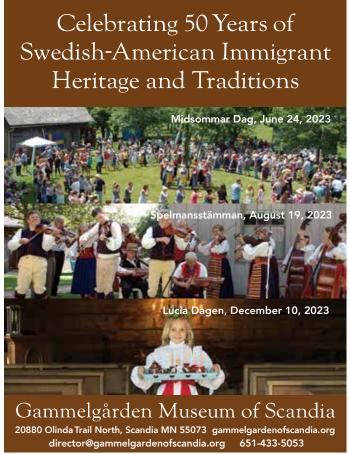
Gammelgården of Scandia was established in 1972 to preserve, present and promote Swedish immigrant heritage. Gammelgarden, meaning "old small farm" in Swedish, is an open-air museum featuring historic buildings dating back to the 1850s. Join us on a **guided tour** to catch a glimpse into the daily lives of early immigrants to Minnesota through a Swedish lens. Signature Events through the year include **Midsommar Dag**, **Spelmansstämman**(Swedish Fiddle Festival) and **Lucia Dagen**.

#### **Get In Touch With Nature**

Scandia boasts a number of beautiful lakes including Big Marine, Goose, Bone, Sand and Hay Lake. The St. Croix River marks the edge of the community and was designated as a Scenic Riverway by Congress in 1968. **Log House Landing** is a perfect spot to drop your canoe or kayak into the river for a relaxing paddle. Scandia is only minutes away from **William O'Brien State Park**. Other recreational opportunities include Wayne Erickson Memorial Ball Park and Wind in the Pines Preserve.

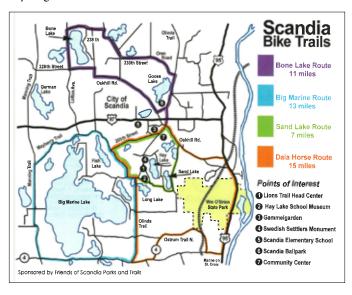






#### Cycling in Scandia

Scandia country roads with great views and few cars bring lots of cycling visitors to town. Scandia offers several scenic bike trails.



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#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Gammelgärden of Scandia, May - October Hay Lake School Museum, May - October

#### **EVENTS**

January: Vinterfest June: Midsommar Dag June-September: Farmers Market

August: Spelmansstamman (Swedish Folk Music Festival) September: Taco Daze December: Lucia Dagen

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Eko Backen William O'Brien State Park Wayne Erickson Memorial Ball Park Wind in the Pines Preserve Log House Landing



Whether you are looking for a fun road trip with the family, a romantic getaway or some extended time away from it all... Taylors Falls is the perfect place.

#### 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 State 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.

#### **FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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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 Taylors Falls Canoe & Kayak Rental Wildwood RV Park & Campground Lions Park and Boat Landing Adventure Falls Mini Golf Pleasant Valley Orchard Swedish Immigrant Trial

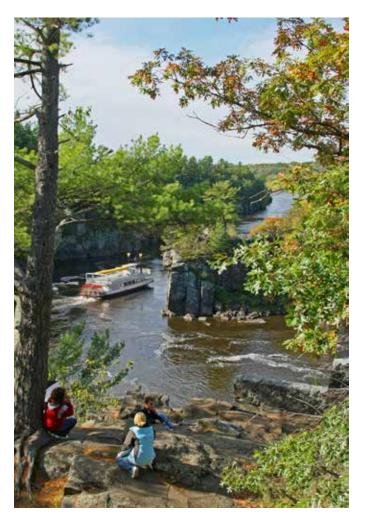
#### **EVENTS**

Wannigan Days Taylors Falls Lighting Festival





In today's crazy, complex, gigabyte-per-second world, thank goodness we have our trails. Nothing virtual about this – it's all real. Fill your lungs with fresh air. Immerse your senses in the natural beauty as you run, walk, ski or ride your favorite trail in the St. Croix Falls network of trails. The **Ice Age Trail** with its western terminus in St. Croix Falls highlights the effects of melting glaciers on the landscape. The 98 mile **Gandy Dancer Trail**, popular with hikers, cyclists, ATV enthusiasts, cross-country skiers and snowmobilers, runs through the north woods from St. Croix Falls north to Superior, WI.



In the **Spring, Summer, and Fall** the St. Croix Falls area provides opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, fishing, birding, hiking, rock climbing and more. In the **Winter** months enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fat tire biking, snowmobiling and more.

#### **Gateway to the Upper St. Croix**

Interstate Park is Wisconsin's oldest State Park and offers 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 calls 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.

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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
Wannigan Days
Polk County Fair
Trap Rock Brewing Company and St.
Croix Festival Theatre
Bike and Foot Race Events
AutumnFest & Craft Fair
Rivertown Holiday



#### Come for the Fun. Stay for the Memories.

Perched atop the bluffs of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, Osceola has been named "The Most Charming Small Town in Wisconsin" by tripstodiscover.com. Popular for a day-trip or a weekend get-away, Osceola is a quaint, historic St. Croix River community dating back to 1844. Not only is Osceola filled with history but is also home to major industries such as Polaris producing world renowned motorcycles, ATV's and snowmobiles. And for quiet sports, Bending Branches known around the world for making light weight, high quality paddles for both canoeing and kayaking.

#### Osceola Main Street – Shop & Stroll

Discover and enjoy Osceola's downtown with buildings dating back to the 1880's housing charming and independent shops offering local handcrafted items, cozy restaurants with outdoor patios, artist studios, galleries, hand-made chocolates, home décor, and a variety of vintage and retro shops

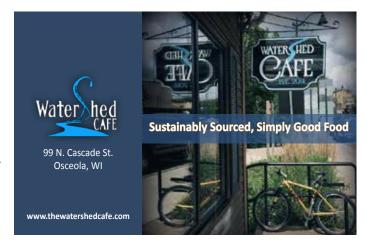
Many Osceola merchants and artisans personally create or source the handcrafted items they sell and often have an interesting story to share or tale to tell about the history of Osceola.

**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!

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!











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#### **Outdoor Adventures**

Some of the favorite things to do in and around Osceola include – canoeing or kayaking the St. Croix River, exploring one of the 4 nearby State Parks, Zip lining or skiing **Trollhaugen**, take a ride on a vintage excursion train **Osceola St. Croix Railway**, visit near- by wineries **Dancing Dragonfly**. A favorite weekend get-away in the Fall includes taking in **3 great community events** – **Wheels and Wings**, with its air show, car & motorcycle show are some of the most popular events in the Valley the weekend after Labor Day. Coupled with the **Harvest Bazaar and Craft Fair** it is a weekend memories are made from.

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#### **EVENTS**

Seasonal: Farmer's Market, Farmer's Markets & MainStreet

February: Cocoa Crawl, Big Lake Ice Fishing Contest, Firefighters Ball April: Spring Fling

April: Spring Fling May: Earth Arts Tour June: Rhubarb Days

July: Fireworks Express Train Ride September: Wheels & Wings, Community Fair, Harvest Bazaar October: Pumpkin Express & Fall Color Train Rides, Valley Brew Fest November: Doe on the Go, Shop Small Saturday-Saturday after

Thanksgiving December: Light Up Osceola - first

Saturday

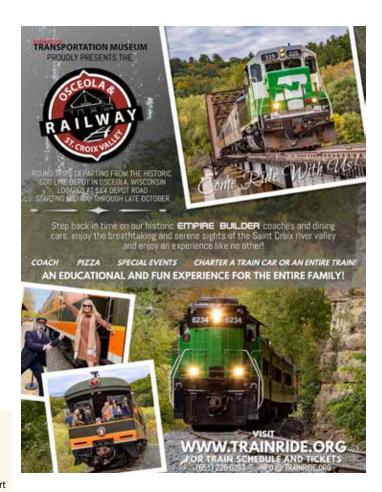
#### **ATTRACTIONS**

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

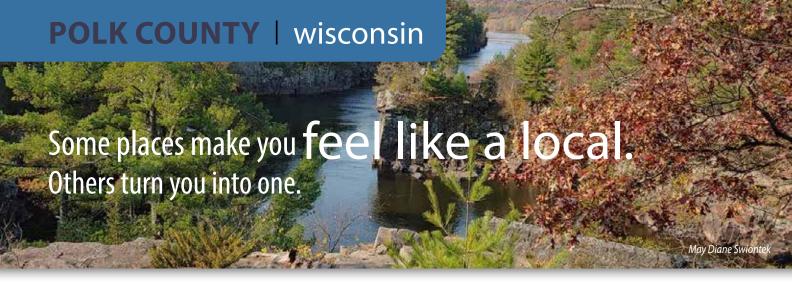
#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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



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

Hear the train whistle and feel the gentle swaying as you ride the rails along your choice of a 10 or 20 mile excursion. Special Fireworks and the popular Pumpkin trains create a family memory on vintage cars through the beautiful St. Croix River Valley. Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway Excursions are located at 114 Depot Road, Mid-May through late October.





Polk County is filled with charming towns and villages surrounded by picturesque farms, lakes, streams and a National Wild and Scenic Riverway. Whether you are looking to relax on shore or take advantage of a

wide variety of water

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.



#### Come Play in our Backyard

In June, experience community celebrations like Milltown's Fisherman's Party, or in August, Cushing Fun Days, featuring a soap box derby for adults. In September, be amazed at Osceola's community event,

Wheels & Wings, offering air shows, car shows and The Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair.

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

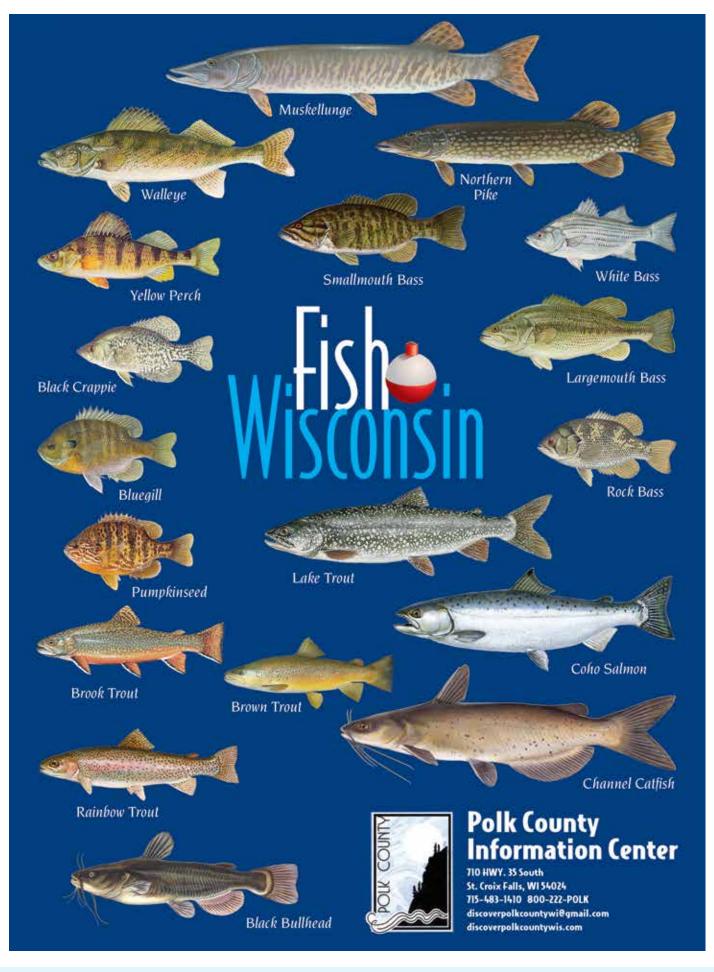
Spend time exploring Interstate Park, the oldest state park in Wisconsin, Straight Lake State Park and Wildlife Area, just 12 miles northeast of St. Croix Falls, or the 14 mile Stower Seven Lakes Trail. The Ice Age Trail is one of only 11 National Scenic Trails located entirely within Wisconsin. It is 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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