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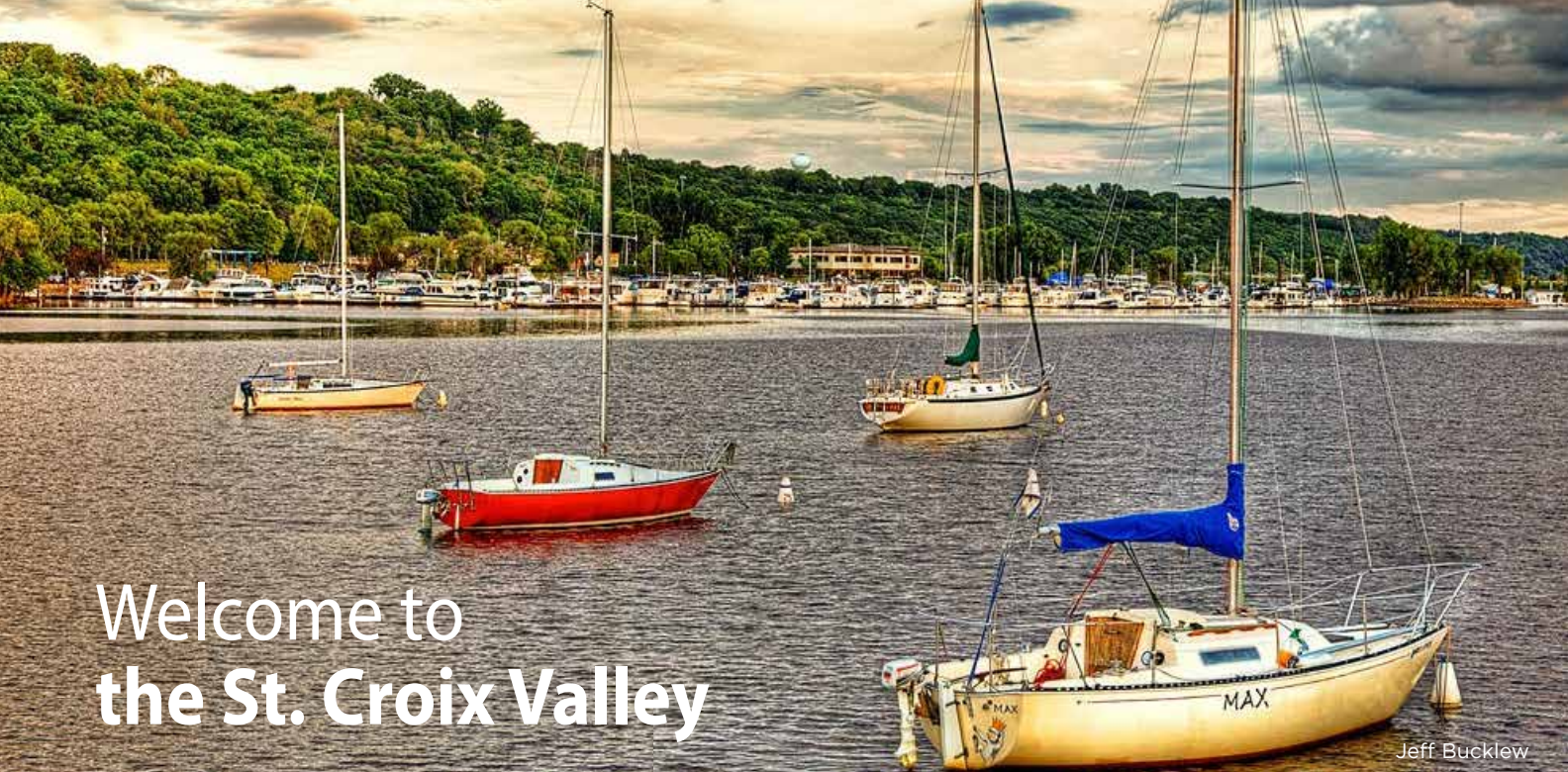
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Please browse through this guide to get an idea of the culture and personalities of the special places that are the St. Croix Valley.

Please visit our website www.saintcroixriver.com where you will find more information on the St. Croix Valley and its communities.

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2024 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.



APRIL

4/6 • Amery, WI • Easter Egg Hunt • (715) 268-7468

4/13 • Luck, WI • Ambulance Smelt Fry & Auction
(715) 472-2388

4/19-21 • River Falls, WI • Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews Festival • RiverFallsChamber.
Chambermaster.com/Events

4/22 • Amery, WI • Work, Play Earth Day at Stower Seven Lakes Trail • StowerSevenLakesTrail.org

4/27 • Osceola, WI • Spring Fling • MyOsceolaChamber.org



MAY

5/3-5 • Polk County • Earth Arts Spring Tour • DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com/EarthArtsWI.org
(715) 483-1410

5/10-12 • St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour
MinnesotaPotters.com

5/18 • Osceola, WI Train Depot Opens
TrainRide.org

5/19 • Hastings, MN Historic Hastings Car Show
HastingsDBA.com/Historic-Hastings-Carshow

5/24-27 • Dresser, WI 4x4 Memorial Total Off Road Rally at Trollhaugen • (651) 280-8282
Memorial4x4.org



JANUARY

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

1/17-21 • Stillwater, MN The World Snow Sculpting Championships
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

1/20 • Hastings, MN • Ice Sculpture Celebration
HastingsDBA.com/calendar

1/20-21 • State Wide Free Fishing Weekend • DNR.
Wisconsin.gov • (715) 483-1410

1/27 • Scandia, MN Vinterfest • (651) 433-5053
GammalgardenMuseum.org/events

FEBRUARY

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



2/2-4 • Hudson, WI Hudson Hot Air Affair
HudsonHotAirAffair.com
(715) 575-1864

2/3 • Stillwater, MN Frozen Flannel Outdoor Curling Bonspiel
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

2/9-11 • Chisago Lakes, MN Celebration of the Lakes
ChisagoLakesChamber.com
(651) 257-1177

2/10 • St. Croix Falls, WI Candlelight Ski at Interstate Park • (715) 483-1410
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

2/10 • Osceola, WI Annual Firefighters Ball
MyOsceolaChamber.org

2/15-19 • Stillwater, MN Winterfest 2024
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

2/16-17 • Balsam Lake, WI Iceman 500 Race
www.Iceman500-race.com

2/17 • Osceola, WI • Big Lake Ice Fishing Contest
MyOsceolaChamber.org
(715) 294-2342

2/18 • Stillwater, MN • Fat Tire Bike Rally • Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

2/24 • Osceola, WI Cocoa Crawl
MyOsceolaChamber.org

2/24 • Amery, WI Vintage Snowmobile Ride at Cattail Trail head
AmerySnowmobileClub.com



MARCH

3/2-3 • Chisago City, MN Cabin Fever Days
Winehaven.com/Event-Calendar
(651) 257-1017

3/9 • St. Croix Falls, WI Polar Wine Party at Dancing Dragonfly Winery
DancingDragonflyWinery.com
(715) 483-wine

3/16 • Dresser, WI Troll Cup Race at Trollhaugen Ski Area • (715) 755-2955
Trollhaugen.com

3/23-24 • Amery, WI Maple Fest at Glenna Farms
(715) 268-4702 • GlennaFarms.com



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HudsonHotAirAffair.com   

5/25 • Dresser, WI
**Trollhaugen Adventure Park
Opens** • Trollhaugen.com

5/27 • Bayport, MN • **Memorial
Day Parade** • ci.Bayport.MN.us

5/31-6/2 • New Richmond, WI
Park Art Fair • (715) 246-2900
NewRichmondChamber.com



JUNE

**June-Sept • Hudson, WI
Free Concerts in the Park**
in Lakefront Park • (715) 386-8411
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events

**June-Aug • Lindström, MN
Harmony in the Park**
Wednesdays • (651) 257-0620

**June-Aug • Stillwater, MN
Cruisin' On The Croix - Hot Rod
& Vintage Car Show** • Events.
DiscoverStillwater.com

**June-Sept • River Falls, WI
Music in the Park** • in Veterans
Park • [RiverFallsCAB.org/
MusicInThePark](http://RiverFallsCAB.org/MusicInThePark)

6/1-2 • State of Wisconsin
**Free State Park Entrance
& Fishing Weekend**
DNR.Wisconsin.gov/Events/69426

6/7-8 • Bayport, MN
City Wide Garage Sale
ci.Bayport.MN.us

6/8 • Osceola, WI • **Rhubarb
Fest** • (715) 483-1410
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

6/14-16 • Clayton, WI
Clayton Cheese Days
VillageOfClaytonWI.com

6/15 • Amery, WI
Amery Art Fair • in North Park
AmeryWI.gov/Calendar.aspx

6/15 • Stillwater, MN
Food Truck Extravaganza
FoodTruckExtravaganza.com

6/16 • Hastings, MN
Historic Hastings Car Show
[HastingsDBA.com/Historic-
Hastings-Carshow](http://HastingsDBA.com/Historic-Hastings-Carshow)

6/22 • Scandia, MN
Midsommerdagen
GammelgardenMuseum.org

6/21 • Amery, WI
Music on the River
AmeryWI.gov/Calendar

6/27-30 • Clear Lake, WI
Clear Lake Heritage Days
ClearLakeWI.com/_Events

6/29-7/2 • Hudson, WI
Hudson Booster Days
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events
(715) 386-8411

6/30 • Scandia, MN • **Bluegrass
& Lemonade in the Shade**
GammelgardenMuseum.org



JULY

Stillwater, MN • **Lumberjack
Days** • lumberjackdays.com

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

7/4 • Stillwater, MN
Fourth of July Fireworks • the
largest display in Minnesota
Events.DiscoverSillwater.com

7/5-7 • Balsam Lake, WI
Freedom Fest • (715) 483-1410
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

7/10-13 • Lindström, MN
Karl Oskar Days • [CityOf
Lindstrom.us/Karl-Oskar-Days](http://CityOfLindstrom.us/Karl-Oskar-Days)

7/11-14 • River Falls, WI
River Falls Days • [RFChamber.
com/River-Falls-Days-2024](http://RFChamber.com/River-Falls-Days-2024)

7/11-14 • New Richmond, WI
Fun Fest • [NewRichmond
Chamber.com/Events](http://NewRichmondChamber.com/Events)

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

7/19 • Amery, WI
Music on the River
AmeryWI.gov/Calendar

7/13-14 • Centuria, WI
Memory Days • (715) 483-1410
Centuria-WI.org/Memory-Days

7/19-21 • Taylors Falls, MN
Wannigan Days
WanniganDays.com

7/17-21 • Glenwood City, WI
St. Croix County Fair
StCroixCoFair.com

7/19-21 • Hastings, MN
**Rivertown Days & Historic
Car Show** • [Business.
VisitHastingsMN.org/Events](http://Business.VisitHastingsMN.org/Events)

7/25-28 • St. Croix Falls, WI
Polk County Fair
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
(715) 483-1410

7/26-28 • Hastings, MN **Little
Log House Antique Power
Show & Pioneer Village**
LittleLogHouseShow.com

7/27-28 • Frederic, WI
Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

7/27 • Stillwater, MN • **Opera
on the River** • SCVOpera.org

7/28 • Scandia, MN • **Bluegrass
& Lemonade in the Shade**
GammelgardenMuseum.org



AUGUST

8/10 • Hudson, WI
**Yellowstone Trail Heritage
Day** • [Facebook.com/
StCroixYellowstoneTrail](http://Facebook.com/StCroixYellowstoneTrail)

8/6 • Amery, WI
National Night Out
(715) 268-7486

8/9-11 • Almelund, MN
Almelund Threshing Show
AlmelundThreshingCo.org

8/10-11 • Lewis, WI
Charles E. Lewis Days
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
(715) 483-1410

8/16 • Amery, WI
Music on the River
AmeryWI.gov/Calendar

8/16-18 • North Hudson, WI
Pepper Fest • PepperFest.org

8/17 • Scandia, MN
**Spelmansstämman (Swedish
Music Festival)**
[GammelgardenMuseum.org/
Events](http://GammelgardenMuseum.org/Events)

8/17 • St. Croix Falls, WI
Wine & Cheese Festival at
Dancing Dragonfly Winery
DancingDragonflyWinery.com

8/17 • Cushing, WI
**Cushing Fun Day & Adult
Soap Box Derby**
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com
(715) 483-1410

8/17-18 • Chisago City, MN
Ki-Chi-Saga Days Celebration
ci.Chisago.MN.US/KiChiSaga

8/17-18 • Turtle Lake, WI
Moon Lake Threshing Bee
MoonLakeShow.org

8/18 • Hastings, MN
Historic Hastings Car Show
HastingsDBA.com/Historic-Hastings-Carshow

8/31-9/1 • Balsam Lake, WI
Corn on the Curb Days
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com



SEPTEMBER

9/6-8 • Osceola, WI
Community Fair
MyOsceola.com/Events

9/7 • Osceola, WI • Wheels and Wings • WheelsAndWings.org
(800) 222-7655

9/7-8 • Almelund, MN
Hay Days • HayDays.com

9/9 • Osceola, WI
Harvest Bazaar at Mill Pond Park • MyOsceola.com/Events

9/12-15 • Amery, WI • Amery Fall Festival • AmeryFallFestival.org

9/14-15 • Hastings, MN • Civil War Weekend • DakotaHistory.org/LeDuc-Historic-Estate

9/15 • Hastings, MN
Historic Hastings Car Show
HastingsDBA.com/Historic-Hastings-Carshow

9/20-21 • Bayport, MN
Derby Days • BayportCommunityActionLeague.com/Calendar

9/20-21 • St. Croix Falls, WI
Grape Stomp Festival at Dancing Dragonfly Winery
DancingDragonflyWinery.com

9/20-22 • Spring Valley, WI
Dam Days • SpringValleyWI.com

9/27-28 • Hudson, WI
Spirit of St. Croix Art Festival
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events
(715) 386-8411

9/27-28 • River Falls, WI
Bacon Bash • (715) 425-2533
RFChamber.com/Bacon-Bash

9/28-29 • New Richmond, WI
New Richmond Heritage Days
NRHeritageCenter.org/Heritage-Days • (715) 246-3276

9/29 • Scandia, MN • Bluegrass & Lemonade in the Shade
GammelgardenMuseum.org



OCTOBER

Hastings, MN • Zywiec's Haunting Experience
HauntingExperience.com

10/5 • St. Croix Falls, WI
AutumnFest & Craft Fair
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

10/5-6 • Hastings, MN • St. Croix River Valley Apple Fest
VisitHastingsMN.org/Events

10/5-6 • Stillwater, MN
Rivertown Art Festival
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

10/12-13 • Stillwater, MN
Harvest Fest • 651-351-1717
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

10/14-15 • Osceola, WI
Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway Fall Color Train Rides
TransportationMuseum.org/Train-Rides

10/18 • Osceola, WI • Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway Pumpkin Express Train Rides
TransportationMuseum.org/Train-Rides

10/19 • Hudson, WI
Hilltop Pumpkin Party
Please call or check website.
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events
(715) 386-8411



NOVEMBER

Nov-Dec • Hudson, WI
Have a Hudson Holiday
Please call or check website
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events
(715) 386-8411

11/15-17 • Hudson, WI
Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes • Please call or check website Business.HudsonWI.org/Events • (715) 386-8411

11/22-2/14 • Hudson, WI
Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park • Please call or check website • Business.HudsonWI.org/Events • (715) 386-8411

11/22-24 • Osceola, WI
Doe on the Go • MyOsceola.com

11/22-24 • Taylors Falls, WI
Taylors Falls Lighting Festival
Check dates & times on website
LightingFestival.com

11/24 • Scandia, MN
VinterLights! • Check dates & times at VisitsSandia.com

11/26 • Amery, WI • Light Up the Park, Parade & Chili Feed
AmeryWisconsin.org

11/28 • Hastings, MN • Gobble Gait Fun Run • GobbleGait.com

11/29-12/31 • Somerset, WI
Sam's Christmas Village
Check dates & times on website
SamsChristmasVillage.com

11/29 • St Croix Falls, WI
Opening of **Miracle at Big Rock Creek** Facebook.com/BigRockCreek

11/29 • River Falls, WI
River Dazzle • (715) 425-2533
Tourism.RFChamber.com/Events

11/30 • Hastings, MN
Holiday Hoopla • HastingsDBA.com/Holiday-Hoopla



DECEMBER

Nov-Dec • Hudson, WI
Have a Hudson Holiday
Please call or check website
Business.HudsonWI.org/Events
(715) 386-8411

Hastings, MN • Canadian Pacific Holiday Train • Check dates & times at www.cpkcr.com/en/community/HolidayTrain

Scandia, MN Luciadagen
Check dates & times at VisitsSandia.com

Enjoy Thru 2/14 • Hudson, WI
Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park • Please call or check website at Business.HudsonWI.org/Events • (715) 386-8411

12/1-31 • St Croix Falls, WI
Miracle at Big Rock Creek
Facebook.com/BigRockCreek

12/5 • New Richmond, WI
Hometown Holiday Parade
NewRichmondChamber.com/Events

12/6-8 • Luck, WI
Holiday Art Sale at Café Wren
CafeWren.com

12/7-22 (3 Weekends)
Stillwater, MN • Hometown for the Holidays • 651-351-1717
Events.DiscoverStillwater.com

12/7 • Osceola, WI
Light Up Osceola at Mill Pond Park • MyOsceola.com/Events

12/7 • Amery, WI
Holiday Stroll, Light Up the Town • AmeryWI.gov/Calendar
(715) 573-4697

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.

Theater

-  **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
-  **UWRF Stage & Screen** • Kleinpell Fine Arts • 420 E Cascade Ave River Falls, WI • Facebook.com/UWRFSA

Events & Tours

-  **Earth Arts Tour (May)** • www.EarthArtsWI.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



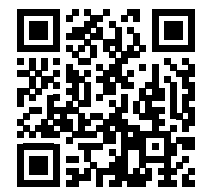
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- Art's House** • Riverwalk Square, 127 N Main Street
River Falls, WI • (715) 426-5219 • www.RiverFallsCAB.org
- ArtReach St. Croix** • 224 N 4th Street • Stillwater, MN
(651) 439-1465 • ArtReachStCroix.org
- artZ Gallery** • 208 Keller Ave N • Amery, 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
- Seasons Gallery** • 401 2nd Street • Hudson, WI
(715) 381-2906 • www.Seasons-Gallery.com
- The Phipps Center for the Arts** • 109 Locust Street
Hudson, WI (715) 386-2305 • ThePhipps.org

Musical Groups

- Music Saint Croix** • (651) 430-9198 • MusicSaintCroix.com
- St. Croix Falls Music on the Overlook** • St Croix Falls, WI
www.MusicOnTheOverlook.com
- 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 Trail • Scandia, MN
(651) 433-5053 • GammelgartenMuseum.org
- Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center** • 200 Monroe Street
Prescott, WI • (715) 262-0104 • www.FreedomParkWI.org



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The Historic Auditorium

St Croix Falls ~ Wisconsin

Just Look at Her Now!

A Testament to Building Community

by Danette Olsen McCarthy



Photo by Rick Vezina, October 2023

After years of being in limbo, the early months of 2023 saw a stalled project move into action as two men, having known this building since they were very young, asked themselves, "What if WE took the project to the finish line?"

Brothers-in-law, Rick Vezina and Jeff Virchow, brought together their combined talents and experiences for what became a labor of love. "This had to get done," said Jeff in March of 2023, as a small group of stewards toured the building. Yet, the story doesn't start there. It starts, like all lasting stories, at the beginning.

In 1915, when St. Croix Falls was still a young municipality, a combination of elected officials and town boosters set into motion a civic project that would provide social space at the street level and a performance hall upstairs. Imagine the excitement this project brought to a village less than thirty years old, where Wisconsin's first State Park had been designated, and a hydroelectric dam project recently completed. All this was within a downtown where commerce was rapidly expanding. What a thrill it must have been to watch the Auditorium added to the treasures of St. Croix Falls!

Not long after the Auditorium's opening, two history-changing events had a profound impact on the building and community: the emergence of the silent movie industry and the combination of World War I and the Spanish Flu. First, the Historic Auditorium's community social space, having barely been in service, was repurposed as a Red Cross Hospital to support the war effort and respond to the pandemic.

Then, as the war and flu epidemic ended, the performance hall was repurposed by R.O. Pepper to become a movie theater, which it stayed until 1985. All historic buildings face opportunities for modernization, and the municipally-owned Auditorium received many waves of upgrades over the years as the lower level changed hands (it remained a community center until the 1950s and then a sewing factory, city offices, and library). The upper level adapted to decades of innovation in the movie industry. In 1961, a street-front lobby addition was added to the Auditorium that would better serve the thriving business managed by the Pepper Family's enterprise.

The performance hall was vacated in 1985 and went unused until the spring of 1989 when a local community theatre troupe stepped in to clean seats, refinish the floor, and prepare the space for the renewed use of its original purpose: live theater. One year later, a new professional theater company added summer stock programming to the mix and that marked the birth of St. Croix Festival Theatre.

By 1994, the City of St. Croix Falls, along with the municipal library and Festival Theatre, began planning for the future of the building, which included removal of the 1961 addition, and securing a place on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Robust planning efforts took place from 2007 to 2016, including essential contributions by the Living Landmark Committee. Ready to go out to bid in the fall of 2016, the rehabilitation project was derailed several times. Which returns THIS story to today.

Those two men referenced at the start of this article worked tirelessly to remove years of "improvements," from paneling and acoustic ceiling panels to obsolete mechanical infrastructure and century-old fixtures. Rick Vezina used his talents and expertise as President of Lift Bridge Builders to mobilize the construction efforts and brother-in-law Jeff Virchow used his talents and expertise in management to hold the redevelopment project to a high standard of collaborative success. The Historic Auditorium has entirely new heating, cooling, and ventilation, and all new electrical service and fire suppression systems. It finally has a long-awaited elevator and restrooms at all levels. Fresh coats of paint on the inside and stucco outside are all part of welcoming audiences back to a building that has served the community and visitors well since 1916!

In purchasing the building and moving the Historic Auditorium project forward, Rick and Jeff have brought this beloved building back to a careful version of what it was in the beginning, including the meticulous restoration of windows that had not been allowed to let in the beautiful St. Croix Valley light since 1927.

***Learn more about the project at
TheHistoricAuditorium.com and the anchor performing
arts company at FestivalTheatre.org***



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

Both Visitor Centers 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

**710 Hwy 35 South
(just south of Hwy 8)
St. Croix Falls, WI • 715-483-1410**

**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
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Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

**219 2nd Street, Hudson, WI 54016
(715) 386-8411 • HudsonWI.org**

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4:30pm

Services Available:

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

St. Croix Travel Information Center

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Director: Linda.schen@freedomparkwi.org

Hours: Nov. 1 - May 1, Weekends only
May 1 - Memorial Day, Tues. - Sat.

10am - 5pm, Sun. 12pm - 5pm

Memorial Day - Labor Day, Mon. - Sat.

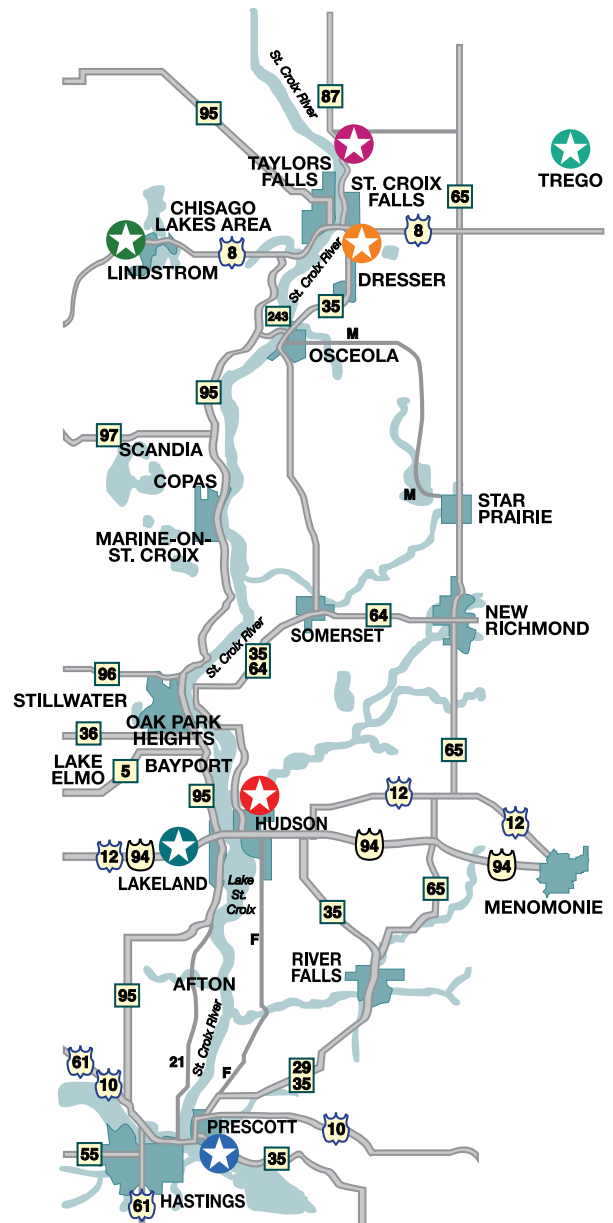
10am - 5pm, Sun. 12pm - 5pm

Labor Day - Nov. 1, Tues. - Sat. 10am - 5pm, Sun. 12pm - 5pm

Please check www.freedomparkwi.org for all programs, events and rentals.

Services Available:

- Gift shop • Art exhibits • Art Bench
- Restrooms
- Shaded picnic area
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- Walking trails
- Audubon birding site
- Overlooks of Mississippi & St. Croix Rivers
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Discover the City of Lakes and Trails



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.

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.



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,



Amery, Wisconsin City of Lakes & Trails

104 Maple Street W. Amery, WI 54001

Phone: 715-268-7486

Community Events

- April 6 – Easter Egg Hunt
- June 21, July 19, August 16 – Music on the River
- June 15 – Amery Art Fair
- August 6 – National Night Out
- September 12 -15 – Amery Fall Festival
- December 7 – Holiday Stroll, Light Up the Town, Fire Department Chili Feed

ATTRACTIONS

- Historic Downtown
- Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp
- YMCA Camp Icahowan
- Amery Ale Works

Z-Orchard

- Ellie’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, 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.



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Scenic River Valley

Bayport Offers Small Town Hospitality



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

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BAYPORT CITY HALL

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EVENTS

May 27 – Memorial Day Parade
June 7-8 – Citywide Garage Sale
June-October – Monday Farmer's Market
September 20 -21 – 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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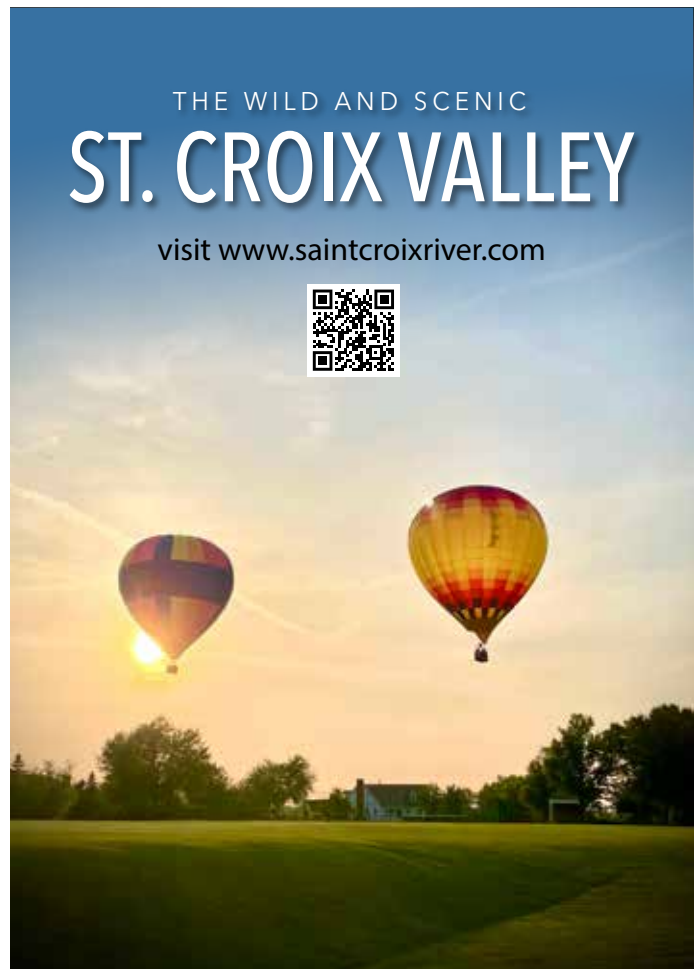
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Chisago Lakes is just 45 minutes Northeast of the Twin Cities. An easy daytrip, but worth planning for a longer stay. Join us in Chisago Lakes – we look forward to sharing our little corner of Minnesota with you!

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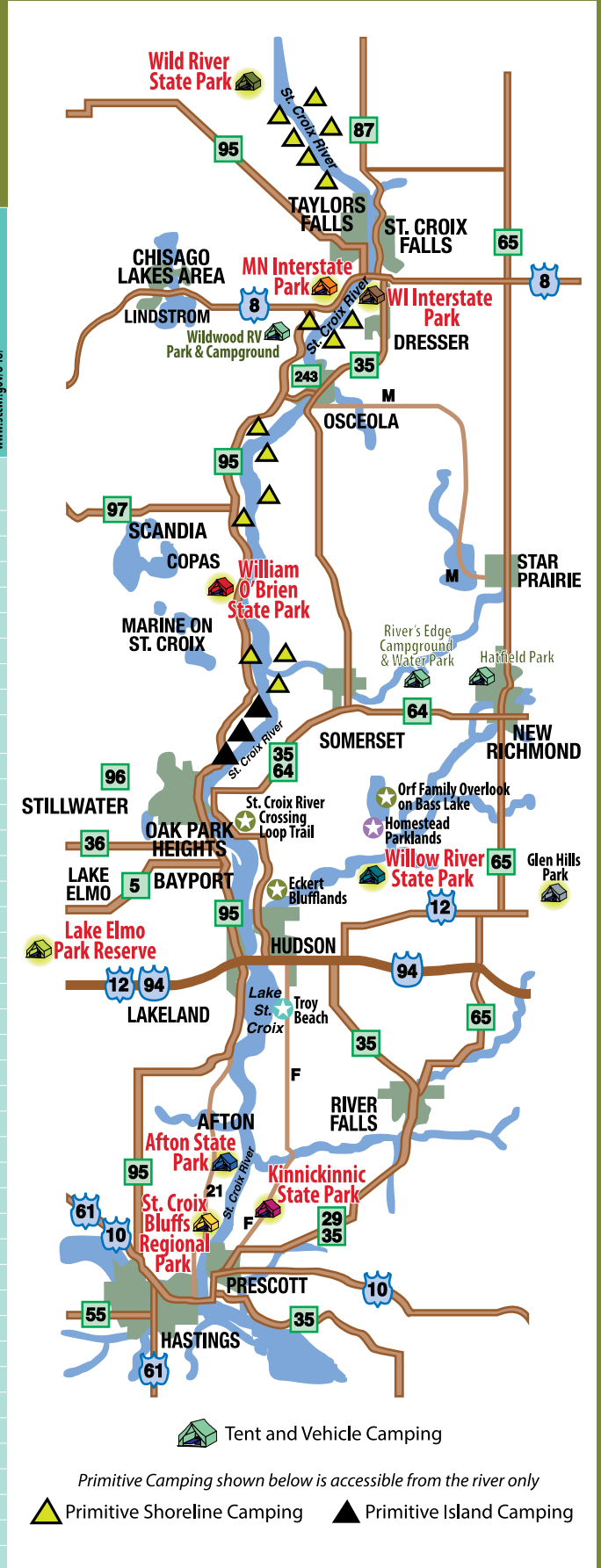
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Explore the Wonders of St. Croix Valley's Parks in Any Season

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, regional, and 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.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/interstate	Wisconsin Interstate Park dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/interstate	William O'Brien State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/william_obrien	Willow River State Park dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/willowriver	Afton State Park www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/afton	Kinnikinnic State Park dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kinnikinnic	Lake Elmo Park Reserve www.co.washington.mn.us/facilities	St. Croix River Bluffs Park www.co.washington.mn.us/facilities	Homestead Parklands www.sccwi.gov/345	Glen Hills Park https://www.sccwi.gov/344	Troy Beach County Park www.sccwi.gov/348/
Acres	18 miles along 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								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 Campsites	1		1	3	3						3	
Canoe Sites	4					1						
Camper Cabins	6			4	4						2	
Yurts						2						
Historic Information Site	X	X	X	X	X			X				
Special Programs and Events	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
Ranger Station/Visitor Center	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Handicap Access	X	X		X	X			X		X	X	
Park Shelters	X		X	X	X			X		X	X	
Picnic Shelters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Play Structures	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	
Picnic Tables	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Drinking Fountains	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fire Rings/Grills	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Firewood	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Hiking/Walking Trails (miles)	35	4	9	12	13	20	6.5	20	4	3.5	13	
Wheelchair Accessible Trails (miles)	2.6	.5		1.5	.6					.5		
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	X		X	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	X	7.5	.6	3.5	13	
Snowshoeing Trails (miles)	6	X	12.5	X	X	4	2.8	4.5		3.5	13	
Rock Climbing		X										
Boat/Canoe Launch			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Swimming Beach			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Fishing	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geocaching	X			X		X				X	X	X
Vehicle Permits Required	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Showers	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	
Restrooms	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vault Toilets	X	X	X	X	X	X						X
Dump Station	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	

St. Croix Valley Parks



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 northern, 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.

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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.



St. Croix Valley The Great Outdoors

The St. Croix Valley is more than charming communities, incredible dining and shopping, that's only the beginning. The St. Croix Valley's beauty stirs a thirst to get out and enjoy every moment. Come to life hiking in one of the beautiful parks, paddling the St. Croix River, wandering through the countryside looking for barn quilts or grabbing your binoculars to enjoy world-class birding.

Hiking

Lace up your hiking boots or walking shoes with 7 state parks and over 24 county and regional parks the St. Croix Valley has hundreds of miles of trails that are perfect for all skill levels of hiking. **Some favorites include:**

Interstate State Park, MN

Approximately 5 miles of trails. Trails take you into the woods, along the river, and to the glacial potholes area.
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www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00178#homepage

Interstate Park, WI

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William O' Brien State Park, MN

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16821 O'Brien Trail N • Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
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www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00283#trails

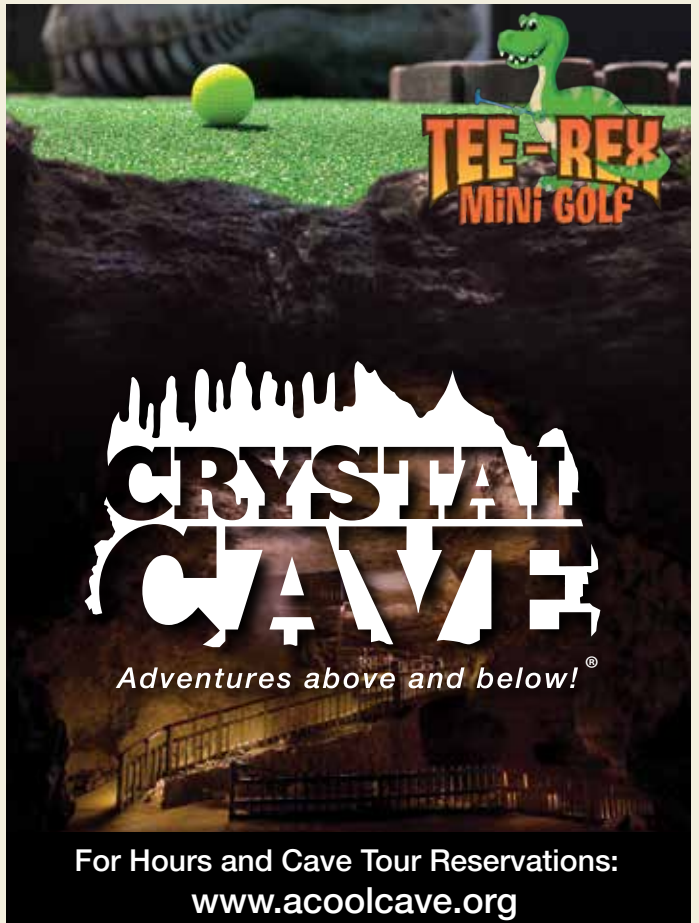
Afton State Park, MN

20 miles of trails pass through remnant and restored prairies, wind down deep ravines, and rise up to the grassy ridge tops and bluffs overlooking the scenic St. Croix River.
6959 Peller Ave S • Hastings, MN 55033 • (65) 201-6780
www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00100#trails



The Ice Age National Scenic Trail, WI

A thousand-mile footpath that highlights the landscape features as it travels through some of the state's most beautiful natural areas. The trail is entirely within Wisconsin and is one of only eleven National Scenic Trails. Primarily an off-road hiking and backpacking trail that provides excellent opportunities for sightseeing, wildlife viewing and bird watching. For information call: (608) 798-4453 • Toll Free: (800) 227-0046
www.iceagetrail.org/explore/explore-the-trail/ice-age-trail



Birding in the St. Croix Valley

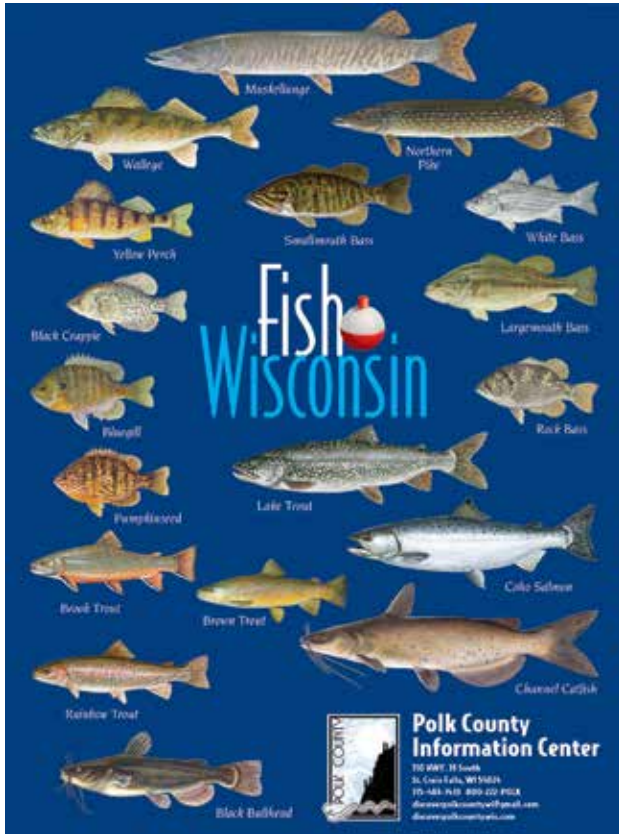
The same pristine landscape that draws human visitors to the area each year also attracts 100's of species of birds throughout the year. Conservation efforts among the communities of the St. Croix Valley have garnered the Bird City designation by Bird City Minnesota and Wisconsin for 5 communities within the St. Croix Valley. Grab your camera and binoculars to enjoy some world-class bird watching.

If you are curious about the best places to spot your feathered friends let the St. Croix Valley Bird Club (www.facebook.com/SCVBC) or the National Park Service (www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/birdwatching.htm) help guide your St. Croix Valley birding hike.



Birding Ethics

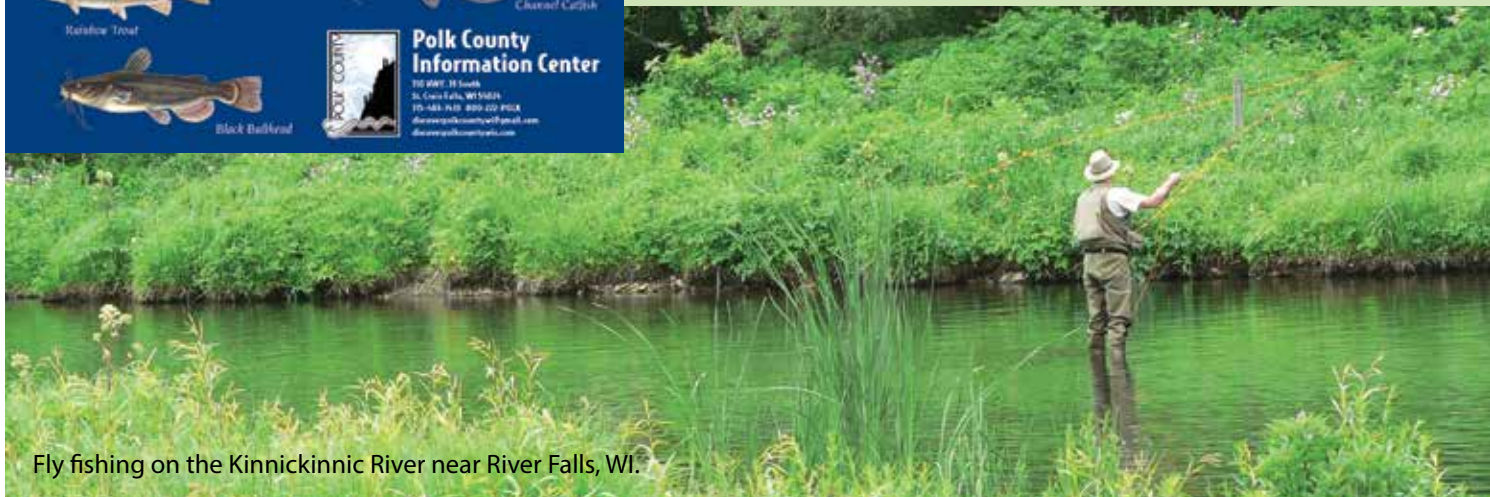
According to the American Birding Association, it is always important to exercise restraint and caution to avoid exposing birds and wildlife to danger, and please always stay on roads and trails as much as possible to avoid disturbances. This includes maintaining a generous distance from nests, colonies, roosts and feeding areas. • www.aba.org/aba-code-of-birding-ethics



Cast Your Cares Away

Clean water and a wide variety of underwater habitats make the waters of the **St. Croix National Scenic Riverway** support one of the best fisheries in the Upper Midwest. There have been more than 60 species of fish documented from the St. Croix River. The St. Croix Valley's pan fish season never closes, and Walleye, Northern Pike, and other seasons extend deep into winter. As a result, fishing continues to be one of the St. Croix Valley's most popular outdoor activities even long after the rivers and lakes have turned to ice. For a complete list of fish found in the waters of the St. Croix River, please visit the National Park Service website: www.nps.gov/sacn/index.htm or www.stcroixriverfishing.com

One of the most famous designated trout streams in the St. Croix Valley, the **Kinnickinnic River**, is one of the few naturally sustaining trout fisheries in the Midwest; the 22-mile spring fed river in St. Croix County produces both brook and brown trout.



Fly fishing on the Kinnickinnic River near River Falls, WI.

Biking Trails

If your idea of fun is where the rubber meets the road, bicycling is an awesome way to tour the St. Croix Valley. Pedal your way through the countless roads and trails throughout the St. Croix Valley from 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 your ride the perfect roads and trails are waiting to be explored year-round.

A sampling of bike trails include:

- St. Croix Valley Bike Trails
sccwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/541/St-Croix-County-Bike-Map
sccwi.gov/963/Loop-Trail
- Stower 7 Lakes Trail
dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/stower
- Gandy Dancer Trail
www.burnettcounty.com/287/gandy-tancer-trail
- Gateway State Trail
www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/gateway.



St. Croix County



Stower 7 Lakes



Gandy Dancer



Gateway State

A Paddlers Paradise

St. Croix River

Thousands of water enthusiasts flock to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway each year, taking advantage of its beauty and resources. The St. Croix River flows 164 miles to its confluence with the Mississippi River near Prescott, WI. The upper St. Croix River flows past heavily wooded banks and islands while the lower St. Croix River showcases steep sandstone and limestone bluffs with winding side channels. Both sections of the river are perfect for canoeing and kayaking; bring your own gear and equipment, rent from local outfitters or take advantage of organized tours by well-trained and seasoned guides. • www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/paddling.htm

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Water Trail Brochure



Water Trail Map

Chisago Lakes Water Trail

The Chisago Lakes Water Trail is the perfect way to explore the areas recreational lakes by canoe or kayak. The Chisago Lakes Water Trail provides recreational routes on waterways that are managed for canoeing, kayaking, paddle boards and camping. Explore 13 miles of trails, traverse through 10 individual lakes, with over 5,000 acres of water, connected by small channels or short portages.





Motorcycling

The St. Croix Valley 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 motorcycling gear visit Croixland Leatherworks, in Osceola, WI.



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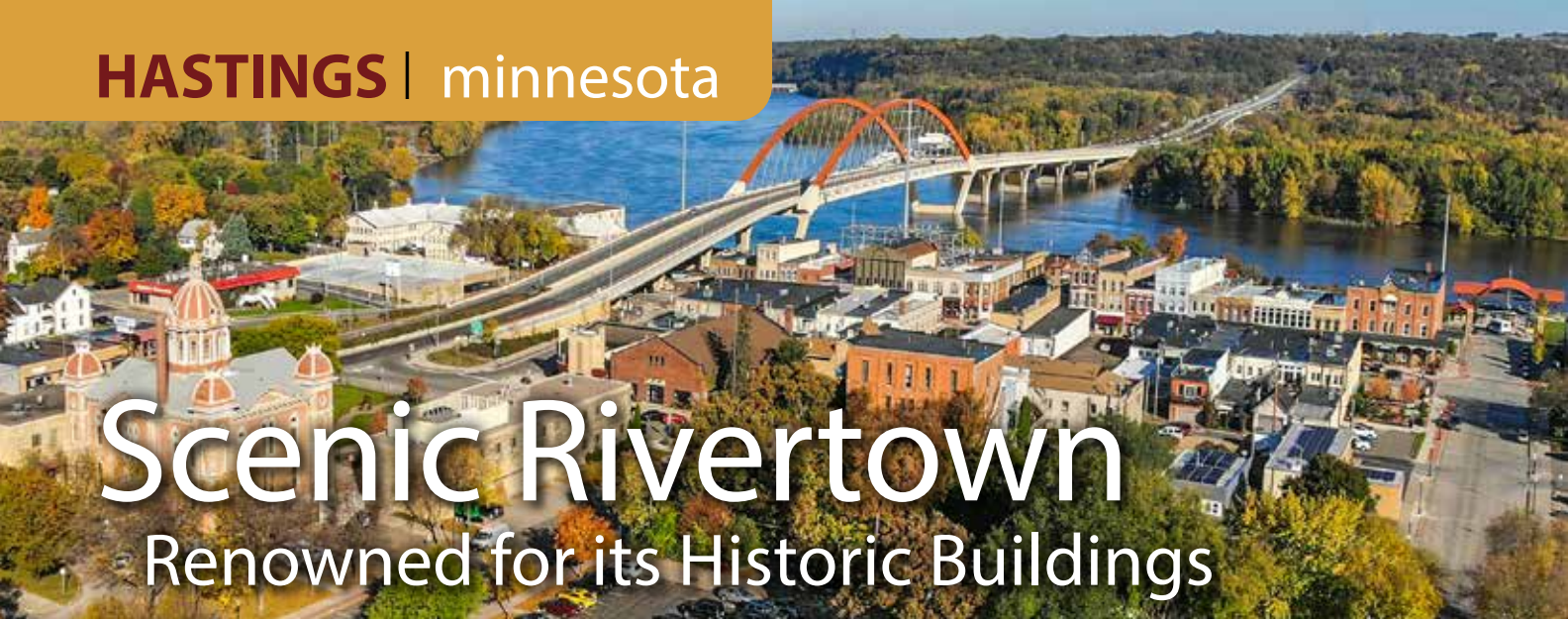

Barn Quilt Trail

Barns, Quilts and Road Trips

If you are looking for something unique to do on a beautiful day, check out the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail. No matter what time of year, a journey through the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail offers a beautiful experience and exquisite scenery. Each of the cities along the Trail has its own personality, with a variety of things to do that will enhance your exploration of barn quilts. From Interstate Park in Taylors Falls to the famous Coffee Pot Water Tower in Lindström, your road trip from quilt to quilt will leave you with wonderful memories.

What is a Barn Quilt? Within many cultures, the humble quilt has represented hard work, individuality, warmth, and resourcefulness. Quilts tell the story of our indigenous peoples, immigrants and pioneers. Created as a representation of these iconic art forms, barn quilts are quilt block patterns, colorfully painted on wood squares of varying sizes. These squares started appearing on farmstead barns more than 100 years ago, and many farms were known by their unique quilt pattern.





Scenic Rivertown

Renowned for its Historic Buildings

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.

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.

Hastings is home to two amazing vineyards/wineries; the **Alexis Bailly Vineyard and the Lone Oak Vineyard & Winery**. Both have award-winning wines to sample and purchase while you walk about the vineyards. If your palette is looking for a home brew or seltzer, **Spiral Brewery** is located in Historic Downtown Hastings. With its family-friendly taproom all ages are welcome, even well-behaved leashed pups. Stop in, sample a few and take your favorite home in a growler or two.



five local golf courses

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.

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ATTRACTIONS

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

Afton Alps Ski Area
Alexis Bailly Vineyards
Spiral Brewery

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Afton State Park
Spring Lake Park, Schaar's Bluff
Cannon Valley Trail
Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

POINTS OF INTEREST

Mississippi Regional Trail - MRT
Great River Road Scenic Drive
St. Croix Scenic Byway
Welch Village Ski Area

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many other unique attractions

LeDuc Historic Estate tours & special events

Great downhill & cross country skiing

Many local golf courses plus beautiful
18 hole disk-golf course in the park



60 buildings on the Historic Register



Great bike trails connect to the MRT



Local brewery, vineyards & orchards



Boutique Lodging



Historic Hastings Car Shows



Hastings Area
Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

For information on lodging and area attractions, contact:
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Where the St. Croix Meets Old Man River

Prescott is a quaint, picturesque river town, located where the blue waters of the scenic St. Croix River meet the mighty Mississippi River. Most downtown businesses occupy buildings from the 19th century, giving the community its historic flavor.

On the bluff above Prescott is **The Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center at Freedom Park** offering visitors the opportunity to learn about the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, to watch bald eagles soaring and experience the views of the river valley.



Freedom Park

At the Heart of Prescott

Shoppers, boaters, bikers and cyclists are drawn to Prescott's historic Broad Street. Unique, award winning restaurants and bars with beautiful outdoor patios and scenic views are enjoyed by those with a discriminating palate. Antiques, home décor, gift shops, art galleries, and historic, beautiful building murals add to the 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 historic church buildings still standing. The tour also includes 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 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. You will enjoy strolling the river walkway along the levee and watching the barges, boats, canoes or kayaks moving up and downstream.



Rent a boat or pontoon and experience the two great rivers yourself. Enjoy fishing or a relaxing pleasure cruise. You might even

catch the lift bridge rise to accommodate sailboat masts, or see freight trains rumble across the distinctive iron bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A Well-Rounded Community No Matter the Season

Summer weekends you can find live music, art festivals, gallery exhibits, and amateur baseball from the Prescott Pirates or plan a relaxing day at the beach. 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 throughout town.

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

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Two unique bike trails offering stunning river views, historic downtowns, bird watching and more!

The Point Douglas Trail connects Hastings, MN to Prescott, WI running along the Mississippi & St. Croix River. Hastings 10-Mile Loop starts and stops in Hastings Historic Downtown with views

of the Vermillion Falls and Mississippi River bluffs.

The 10-Mile Loop

Explore a 10-mile loop around the city of Hastings with stops at The Vermillion Falls, Mississippi River Scenic Overlook and Lake Rebecca Dike. This trail starts and stops in Hastings Historic Downtown. <https://www.visithastingsmn.org/bike-hike-trail-maps>

Point Douglas Trail

Two states, two historic river towns, one trail! The Point Douglas Trail connects Prescott, WI to Hastings, MN and runs right along the Mississippi River. This 3.5 mile trail is great for cyclists of all levels and offers an incredible view from the HWY 61 Bridge. <https://www.traillink.com/trail/point-douglas-regional-trail>



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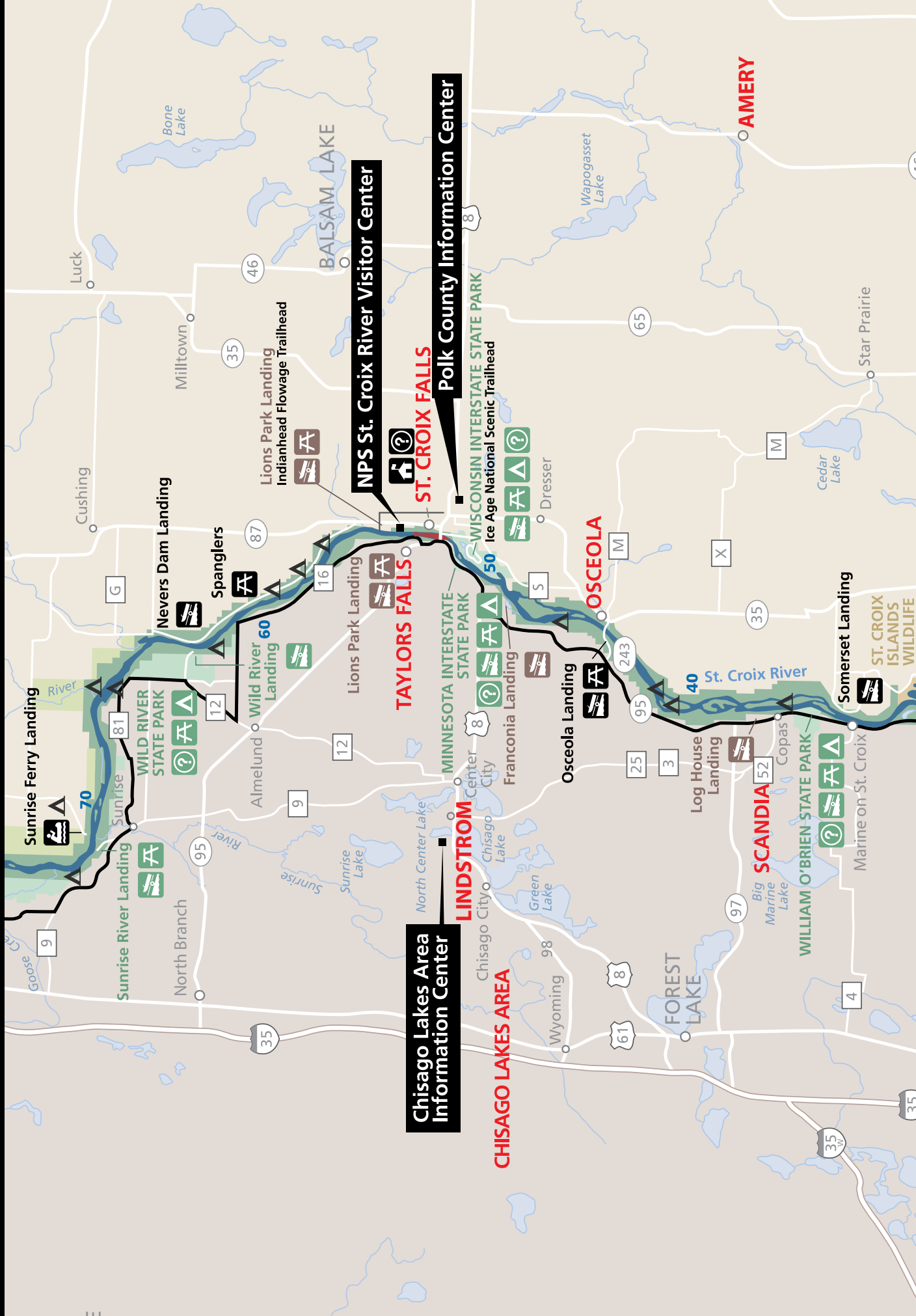
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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Department of the Interior
National Park Service





- Map symbols**
- Facility type:**
- Ranger station
 - Information
 - Boat and canoe launch
 - Canoe launch
 - Public telephone
 - Picnic area
 - Developed campground
 - Primitive shoreline campsite
- Managed by:**
- National Park Service
 - State park or state-owned area
 - U.S. and state forest
 - State wildlife area
 - County, city, or private

Hudson Area Information Center

St. Croix Travel Information Center

Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center

River mileage

River distances are shown every 10 miles (16 kilometers). The St. Croix River is measured from the Mississippi River. The Nankagon River is measured from the St. Croix River.

St. Croix Scenic Byway

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Some land along the Riverway remains in private ownership. Please respect landowners and their property.

Rapids

State and regional parks

U.S. and state forests

State wildlife areas

Mississippi National Recreation Area

SPRING VALLEY

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RIVER FALLS

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St. Croix Boomsite Park Landing

FEDERAL ZONE STATE ZONE

St. Croix River Crossing

WILLOW RIVER STATE PARK

North Hudson

Hudson Landing

Lake St. Croix Beach

AFTON STATE PARK

ST. CROIX BLUFFS REGIONAL PARK

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The Birthplace of Minnesota

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, now converted to a multi-use trail. Stillwater has wonderfully preserved architecture, impressive homes and a bustling Main Street, listed on the National Historic Register.

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. Dining 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. Choose from downtown hotels, Bed & Breakfasts, familiar favorite hotels nearby, and a variety of 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. Stillwater is a great place to 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 St. Croix River Crossing bridge.

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EVENTS

- World Snow Sculpting Championship
Jan 17-21
WorldSnowSculptingStillwaterMN.com
- Frozen Flannel- Feb 3
www.facebook.com/frozenflannel
- Winterfest - Feb 15-19
www.facebook.com/frozenflannel
- Run Stillwater Races- May 25, June 29, July 27, August 10, Sept 21
www.runstillwater.com
- Cruisin' on The Croix- Select Wednesdays June- September
cruisinontheCroix.com
- Food Truck Extravaganza -June 15
foodtruckextravaganza.com
- Fourth of July Fireworks- July 4
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- Summer Tuesdays- July 9-Aug 13
summertuesdays.com
- Lumberjack Days- Check back for Dates
More details to come, check online.
- Opera on the River- July 27
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- Rivertown Fall Art Festival- Oct 5-6
RivertownFallArtFestival.com
- Harvest Fest Oct 12-13
Harvestfeststillwater.com
- Hometown for the Holidays First three Weekends in Dec
greaterstillwaterchamber.com

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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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. For those with a sweet tooth, stop at a local confectionary or bakery for ice cream, chocolate, or baked goods. Hudson is home to various 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. If you consider yourself a foodie, check out the Hudson Food Walk, a three-hour culinary tour of some of Hudson's best locales! Another favorite is the Hudson Trolley Company which offers both themed public and private tours, which is a great way to elevate your weekend away.



Historic Downtown Hudson

If you love history, consider a tour at the Octagon House Museum and continue the experience with a self-guided walking tour. The riverside downtown area is packed with a multitude of shops and stops with buildings showcasing 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.

Start planning your stay in Hudson. Contact us at 715-386-8411 or visit DiscoverHudsonWI.org for a complete listing of area events, things to do, and places to stay.

Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

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EVENTS

February: Hudson Hot Air Affair
 May: Hudson Community Expo
 June-August: Free Concerts in the Park
 July: Hudson Booster Days
 July: St. Croix RiverFest
 August: Yellowstone Trail Heritage Days
 August: North Hudson Pepper Festival
 September: Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival
 October: Hilltop Pumpkin Party and Rotary Halloween Parade
 November: Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes
 November – December: Have a Hudson Holiday
 November – February: Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park

ATTRACTIONS

Belle Amé Vineyard
 Cracked Barrel Winery
 Eagle Eye Farm
 Great River Road & Yellowstone Trail
 Historic Octagon House Museum
 Historic Walking Tour
 Hop & Barrel Brewing, LLC
 Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael
 Hudson Food Walk
 Hudson Trolley Tours
 Lucky Guys Distillery
 St. Croix River Boat Cruises
 Summer Concerts in the Park
 Tattersall Distilling
 The Phipps Center for the Arts

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Badlands Snow Park
 Birkmose Park & Native American Burial Grounds
 Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
 Hudson Rod, Gun & Archery Club
 Kilkarney Hills Golf Club
 Kinnickinnic State Park
 Lakefront Park
 Local Beaches
 St. Croix National Golf & Events
 St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail
 St. Croix Sailing School
 Troy Burne Golf Club
 White Eagle Golf Club



Hudson Hot Air Affair



Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park



Hilltop Pumpkin Party



Burkhardt Trail

Best trails and hikes in Hudson

The Hudson area is packed with scenic trails. Whether you're getting ready to hike, bike, trail run, or explore other outdoor activities, this list of scenic trails will help you plan your perfect adventure.

Willow Falls & Nelson Farm Trail Loop – Moderate

Length: 5.8 Miles Est. Time: 1 hr. 59 min.

This is a very popular area for camping, cross-country skiing, and fishing.

Willow Falls Trail to Burkhardt Trail - Moderate

Length: 2.0 mi. Est. Time: 59 min.

This is a very popular area for hiking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are May through October.

Burkhardt Trail – Moderate

Length: 3.5 mi. Est. Time: 1hr. 29 min.

Generally considered a moderately challenging route, this is a popular trail for hiking and running.

Pioneer Trail & Willow Falls – Moderate

Length: 3.2 mi. Est. Time: 1hr 15 min.

Generally, considered a moderately challenging route, popular for hiking.

Pioneer to Willow Falls & Burkhardt Trail Loop – Moderate

Length: 4.6 mi. Time: 1 hr. 52min.

Generally considered a moderately challenging route. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.

Little Falls Trail – Easy

Length: 1.6mi. Est. Time: 30 min.

This is a very popular area for birding, road biking, and walking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring.

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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 Museum of Scandia**.

Gammelgården Museum of Scandia was established in 1972 to preserve, present and promote Swedish immigrant heritage. Gammelgården, 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 **Luciadagen**.

Keep an eye out for **barn quilts** and **Dala horses** as you make your way through Scandia. To learn more about the 22 historical sites within the village center and greater Scandia, pick up a copy of the **Scandia Heritage Trail brochure**, from our museums and local shops. Scandia’s unique shops located in historical buildings, invite you to browse a delightful selection of local art, pottery, edibles, and artisan gifts. Come join us on the 3rd Thursday of October, November, or December to enjoy **Scandia Evening Adventures** hosted by the local shops, serving special libation and activities to all that come. The Sunday following Thanksgiving don’t miss **VinterLights!**, the celebration of winter, and enjoy carols, cocoa, cookies and the tree lighting.

Gammelgården Museum of Scandia

Step back in time at this open-air museum to experience the stories of Swedish immigrants and relate them to your own family immigration stories.

Opening Day - May 4, 2024
Midsommardagen - June 22, 2024






Spelmansstämman - August 17, 2024
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ATTRACTIONS

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

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- Big Marine Park Preserve
- William O'Brien State Park
- Wayne Erickson Memorial Ball Park
- Wind in the Pines Preserve
- Log House Landing

EVENTS

- January: Vinterfest
- June: Midsommar Dag
- June-September: Farmers Market
- August: Spelmansstämman
- September: Taco Daze
- November: VinterLights!
- December: Luciadagen

Get In Touch With Nature

Scandia boasts a number of beautiful lakes including Big Marine, Goose, Bone and Hay Lake, all can be enjoyed year-round. The St. Croix River marks the edge of the Scandia community and was designated as a Wild and Scenic Riverway by Congress in 1968.

Big Marine Lake

A public boat launch, offers boaters and anglers access to Big Marine Lake. Big Marine has the best large mouth bass fishing in the area. Northern Pike are abundant, but small. Walleye are present. Bluegills are average size and abundant as well as crappie.

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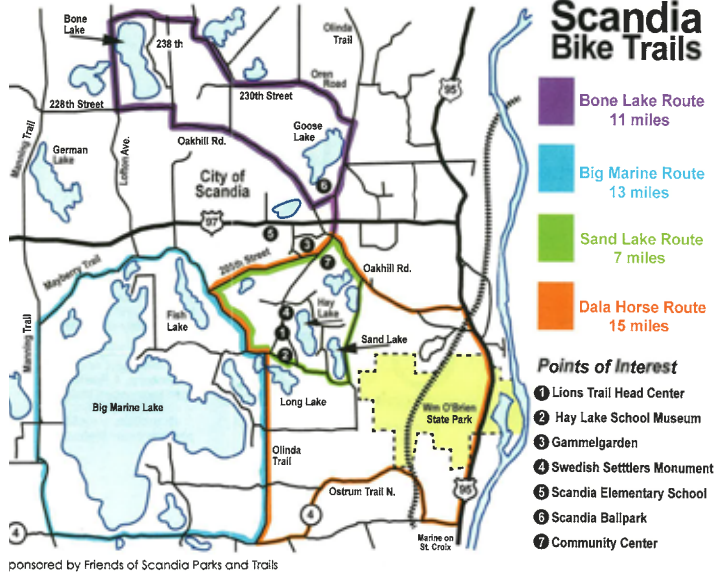
Bring the Kids and a Picnic to the new Community Center Playground & Tennis and Pickleball courts. Easy to find

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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 serene landscapes along the river is also a favorite pastime for many visitors.

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ATTRACTIONS
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Spring Valley is home to the Eau Galle Dam and Recreation Area, the Midwest's largest earthen dam. The Eau Galle reservoir is a 150-acre impoundment surrounded by nature areas, a beach, boat launches, a campground and several miles of hiking and equestrian trails. For the year-round angler Lake George provides an abundance of large-mouth bass, crappies, bluegills and sunfish. If fly-fishing is your passion the Eau Galle River is known as one of the best Class II trout streams in Wisconsin, stocked with brown trout and brook trout.

Adventures Above and Below

One of the most popular attractions in Spring Valley is **Crystal Cave**. At Crystal Cave, there are things to do for people of all ages. Take a dive down 70 feet and learn about the history of the Cave. Have fun gem-panning at Crystal Cave's Prospector's Creek or test out your mini golf skills at Tee-Rex Mini Golf.

Spring Valley Performing Arts

In an evolving world of digital and social media, it's good to know that there's still a place for live theatrical shows. Now, in its 38th year, the newly renovated **Stagehands Theatre** invites you to enjoy a bag of popcorn and be part of the thrill when the stage lights go up and another show is about to begin. <https://www.svstagehands.org/>

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EVENTS

July – Spring Valley Theater – Beauty and the Beast
 September 20-22- Spring Valley Dam Days

ATTRACTIONS

Crystal Cave
 Spring Valley Golf Course

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Eau Galle Recreation Area
 Eau Galle Beach
 Lake George
 Spring Valley Dam
 Wildwood Trail
 Equestrian Trails
 Eau Galle River

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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 visiting a brewery, distillery or one of the many pubs.

If you Love the Outdoors...

A paradise for golfers, New Richmond has several premier courses, including **Pheasant Hills**, **Bristol Ridge** 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 programming.

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.

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ATTRACTIONS

45th Parallel
Bass Lake Cheese Factory
Bristol Ridge Golf Course
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
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Cyclone Memorial Park
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Bites & Beverages

When it comes to fabulous local eateries and beverage choices, Somerset has it all. Start your culinary adventure at Bass Lake Cheese Factory and indulge yourself in their award winning, handcrafted cheeses and cheese curds and other delectable treats. If pizza is your comfort food of choice then Pizza Planet is the place to go.

Discover Somerset's Hidden Gems

Shopping in Somerset is always a delightful experience. Locale Maker's Market is filled with handmade treasures and

products from local crafters and vendors. It is the perfect spot to find unique souvenirs or gifts for someone special. My Happy Place is a must stop. Offering a wide variety of clothing, home décor, furniture, and more; whatever your preference is, My Happy Place is sure to have something that will catch your eye. Create a great summertime memory by taking in a concert at the Somerset Amphitheater, the largest outdoor concert venue in the Midwest featuring big name artists in a relaxing outdoor setting.

Sports & Adventure

If you are craving outdoor adventures, Somerset has plenty to offer. Rent an E-Bike and explore the parks and trails at a leisurely pace or grab an ATV/UTV and tour the more rustic trails. If water is your passion, check out Somerset Landing for swimming or a relaxing day of fishing. For some family friendly fun, try tubing or tanking down the Apple River. River's Edge Resort offers a range of activities, including mini golf, water slides, camping, and cabin stays.

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Events:
June – Pea Soup Days
December – Light the Night

Attractions:
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Somerset Hockey Arena
Sam's Christmas Village

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Village on the St. Croix River



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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 Folsom House, the 1861 Methodist church and the Schoolhouse built in 1852 (the oldest in the State).



Treasures on Main

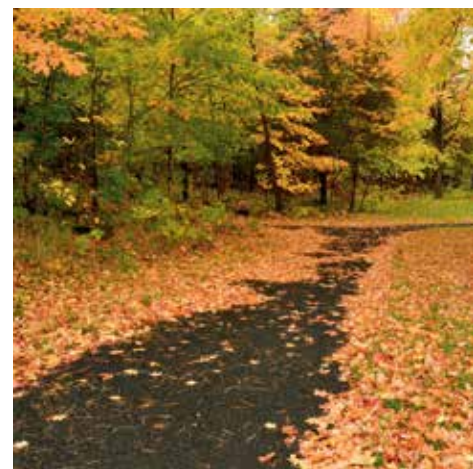
Stroll Main Street to find treasures in the antique shops and try the local restaurants, coffee shops, and ice cream parlors—a culinary treat. If you are planning an overnight stay make reservations at the “Old Jail Bed and Breakfast”, a former jail house converted to a B&B.

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.



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ATTRACTIONS

- Minnesota Interstate State Park
- Wild River State Park
- William O'Brien State Park
- Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours
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- Historic Folsom House Museum
- Angel Hill Historic District
- Franconia Sculpture Park
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EVENTS

- Wannigan Days
- Taylors Falls Lighting Festival

The City of Trails

In today's crazy, complex, gigabyte-per-second world, thank goodness we have our trails. Nothing virtual about this. 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** highlights the effects of melting glaciers on the landscape. The 98 mile **Gandy Dancer Trail**, popular with hikers, cyclists, and cross-country skiers and snowmobilers, runs from St. Croix Falls north to Superior, WI.

Summer and fall, in the area, are perfect kayaking, canoeing, fishing, birding, and hiking. In the winter months enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or fat tire biking.

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 on the Wild & Scenic Riverway, the Park offers spectacular views of walled bluffs, deep valleys, forests, meadows, and wetlands. Abundant trails allow hikers of all abilities to explore glacial potholes. Bring your binoculars and catch sight of the incredible bird population that calls Interstate Park home. Make sure to explore the quaint downtown for unique shopping, dining, a fish hatchery, Severson Memorial Overlook Park, and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Visitor 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

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Events

- Falls Sampler
- Spring Awakenings Celebration
- Music on the Overlook
- Wannigan Days
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Situated along the banks of the **St. Croix National Scenic Riverway**, Osceola invites you to delve into its natural wonders. Lose yourself in the awe-inspiring beauty of the surrounding landscapes as you embark on thrilling outdoor adventures. Immerse yourself in the refreshing waters for a day of swimming or embark on a leisurely float, embracing the serenity of gentle waves.



Osceola Main Street Historic stories, one-of-a-kind shops.

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

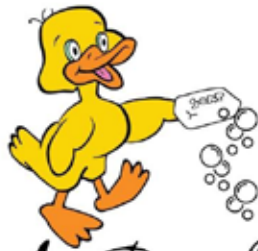
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Perched above the rocky bluffs of the St. Croix River, the Watershed Cafe was built on the vision of a sustainably sourced restaurant that honors the surrounding natural resources and the vibrant community of the St. Croix River Valley. Inspired by 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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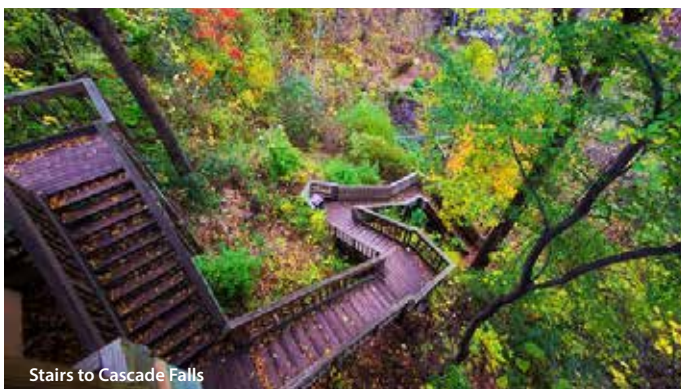
A favorite weekend get-away in the fall includes taking in 3 great community events- **Wheels and Wings**, with its air show, car & motorcycle show is one of the most popular events in the Valley the weekend after Labor Day. Coupled with the **Harvest Bazaar and Craft Fair** it is a weekend memories are made from.

Whether you are seeking adventure, relaxation, or a bit of both, Osceola, Wisconsin is a hidden gem that promises an unforgettable experience. Discover the magic of the Cool Little Rivertown and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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Outdoor Adventure

The area around Osceola offers a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. With an abundance of recreational activities. Visitors can enjoy hiking the scenic trails of 4 nearby State Parks or Osceola's own **Rivertown Trails**. Fifteen unique trails take you through beautiful river landscapes, historic sites, streams and waterfalls.

EVENTS

Seasonal: Farmer's Market,
 February: Cocoa Crawl, Big Lake Ice Fishing Contest, Firefighters Ball
 April: Spring Fling
 May: Earth Arts Tour
 June: Rhubarb Days
 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 in December

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
 Krokod Kreek Golf Course
 Osceola Braves Amateur Baseball

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Eagle Bluff Trail
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 Cascade Falls Trail
 Riverwood Canoe Rental
 St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
 Osceola Landing



A Short Drive to PEACEFUL

Look no further than the quaint village of **Pepin, Wisconsin**, an easy 90-minute drive south of the Twin Cities. Pepin is tucked between **Lake Pepin** and the rolling hills of **Wisconsin's Great River Road**, on the **Mississippi River**. Come to Pepin to experience the ultimate in beautiful scenery year-round. Pepin is the place to get away from the city, unwind, and breathe in peace.



Bringing History to Life

Explore history by visiting the birthplace of beloved children's author, **Laura Ingalls Wilder**. Wilder was born in a small log cabin just 7 miles north of the Village. Visit a reconstruction of the original Cabin where her early childhood adventures became the basis of her book, "Little House in the Big Woods". Make sure to stop by the **Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum**, dedicated to preserving Laura's legacy.



Bring Your Binoculars

Grab your birding guide and binoculars to look for hundreds of avian species throughout the year in this globally important birding area of the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The bluff lands and river habitat of Lake Pepin provide a year-round home to song birds and raptors and the majestic American bald eagle. Migratory birds such as white pelicans, green herons, tundra swans and osprey make semi-annual stops in the Lake Pepin Area.

Cast Your Line

Lake Pepin is a popular fishery that is home to 85 species of fish including – Walleye, Northern Pike, Sauger, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Perch and Sunfish. Launch your boat from Pepin's public ramp and head for deep water, rocky shorelines, or weed cover to bag your catch. The launch area features a fully equipped fish cleaning station and public restrooms.

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When it's time to dine and imbibe, choose from a popular restaurant, quaint café, bistro, winery or bar & grill. There's a variety of cuisine and settings that each offer something special.

An easy day trip or weekend get-away, you'll find the perfect home away from home. Pepin and the quaint communities nearby offer wonderful lodging options from an eclectic array of short-term rentals, Bed & Breakfasts and motels.

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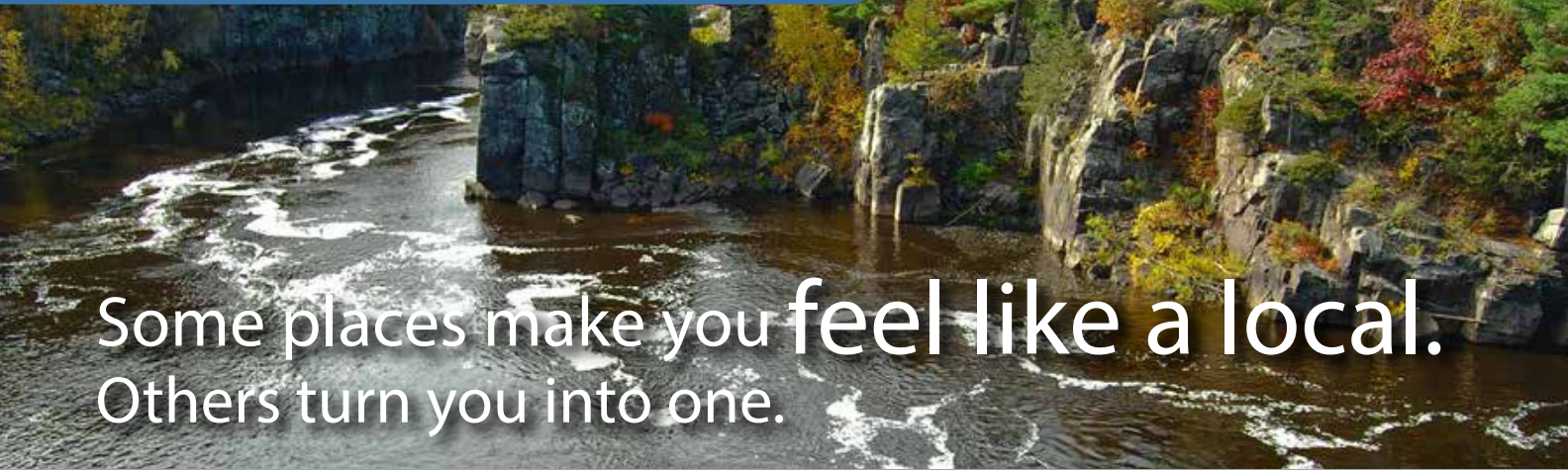
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Polk County is filled with charming towns and villages surrounded by picturesque farms, lakes, streams and the National Wild and Scenic Riverway. A few of the visitor favorite Polk County communities are **Balsam Lake, Clear Lake, Turtle Lake, St. Croix Falls** and

Amery. The **Village of Balsam Lake** rests on the southwest shore of Balsam Lake and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in northwest Wisconsin. Whether you are looking to relax or take advantage of activities both on and off shore, you will love Balsam Lake. **Clear Lake** is named for the lake that lies a ½ mile from town. The water in the lake is fed by living springs, which makes for excellent fishing and swimming. **Turtle Lake** is home to the St. Croix Band of the Chippewa Indians. You won't want to miss the annual **Pow-Wow** in late June. Turtle Lake is also home to the **Turtle Lake Casino**. A historic river town, **St. Croix Falls** is known as the City of Trails, providing access to diverse landscapes through the beautiful backdrop provided by the bluffs and dalles of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. **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.

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.



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**.



Places of Splendor - Polk County Parks

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Interstate Park – The oldest state park in Wisconsin with unique geology found nowhere else. Year-round camping on the St. Croix River, with some handicap accessible campsites. Picnic shelters, scenic overlooks, swimming beach. Hiking, snowshoe & cross-country ski trails, boat access, shore fishing. Open year-round. www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/interstate/

D.D. Kennedy Environmental Area – 99 acres along Balsam Branch Waterway south of Balsam Lake. Canoeing, fishing, hiking, and cross-country ski-trails. Picnic shelter and playground.

Straight Lake Wilderness State Park – Wisconsin's newest state park and Straight River Wildlife Area located northeast of Luck, WI. near the intersection of Hwy 48 and County Road I. Just 12 miles northeast of St. Croix Falls. Over 2000 acres includes mature hardwood forest, three flowages, and varied habitat for rare plant and bird species.

Polk County Arts & Culture

Art unlocks our imagination, makes life richer, and most importantly, brings us to life. So live life to its fullest with a visit to Polk County's art galleries and theaters. **St. Croix Art Barn** is a bi-state community arts organization. Guilds include theater, visual arts, music, writing and dance. Annual events include – a concert series, bluegrass festival, garden tour and art classes. www.stcroixartbarn.com



Northern Lakes Center for the Arts - located in Amery, WI which ranks as one of the nation's top 100 small arts towns. The center is where musicians practice, community theater performs, writers gather and visual artists display works. Along with several permanent exhibits, rotating

exhibits display works of up to 40 artists each year. www.northernlakescenter.org Your Polk County art adventure won't be complete without a visit to **artZ Gallery** in Amery, **Café Wren** in Luck, and **One 10 Gallery** in Frederic.



St. Croix Festival Theatre – A Festival Theatre patron described the professional theatre in St. Croix Falls as “world Class Theater in a small town package”. That is what audiences have come to expect from St. Croix Festival Theatre as they bring professional actors, directors, and designers from all over the country to the St. Croix Valley each year. Combine inspiring live entertainment with Festival Theatre's beautiful atmosphere and you will have a perfect getaway for couples, groups, or the entire family. www.festivaltheatre.org

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