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Welcome to the St. Croix Valley

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Welcome to the St. Croix Valley, where 52 miles of the **Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway** is home to seven beautiful state parks, sixteen county parks, and dozens of regional and local parks all waiting to be explored. Welcome to the historic and quaint communities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, which border the St. Croix River, each with its own unique personality and offering you one-of-a-kind shops, great dining, theater, galleries, wineries, distilleries and so much more.

As you browse the pages of this guide we invite you to discover your next best adventure exploring the special places that make-up the Wild and Scenic St. Croix Valley.



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Check for details at: www.nps.gov/sacn

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 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

Polk County Information Center

★ 710 Hwy 35 South
(just south of Hwy 8)
St. Croix Falls, WI • (715) 483-1410
DiscoverPolkCountyWI.com
DiscoverPolkCountyWI@gmail.com

Summer hours: May - Oct.: Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4:30 pm, Sat. & Sun. 8:30am - 2:30pm

Winter hours: Nov. - Apr.: Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4:30pm, Sat. 8:30am - 2:30pm
Check website for latest hours and updated information: DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

Services Available:

- Exhibits and historic displays
- Brochures, maps
- Clean restrooms
- Gift shop/bookstore
- Trailhead pass information for 50-mile Gandy Dancer Bike/Snowmobile Trail
- Parking for buses, RVs
- Outdoor bike repair tool station

Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

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info@chisagolakeschamber.com

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Services Available:

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- Information on lodging and attractions
- Resource for information and events
- Information on business resources

Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

★ 219 Second Street, Hudson, WI
(715) 386-8411 • HudsonWI.org

info@hudsonwi.org

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

Services Available:

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

St. Croix Welcome Center

★ Westbound rest area 3 miles from I-94
Bridge, 14100 I-94 West Lakeland
Township, MN (651)539-5806

David.Robb@state.mn.us

www.ExploreMinnesota.com

Staffed hours: Thurs.-Sun., 9am-5pm

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Services Available:

- Information on area lodging and attractions
- Restrooms, vending, and picnic area
- Playground, walking trails, pet area, bike trail
- Parking for trucks, RVs, buses

Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom Park

★ 200 Monroe Street • PO Box 22
Prescott, WI 54021 • (715) 262-0104

FreedomParkWI.org

[Facebook.com/FreedomParkWI](https://www.facebook.com/FreedomParkWI)

Director: Linda.schenk@freedomparkwi.org

Winter hours: Nov. 1 - April 30: Sat.

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

Spring, Summer, Fall hours: May 1 - Oct. 31: (Closed Mondays) Tues. - Sat.

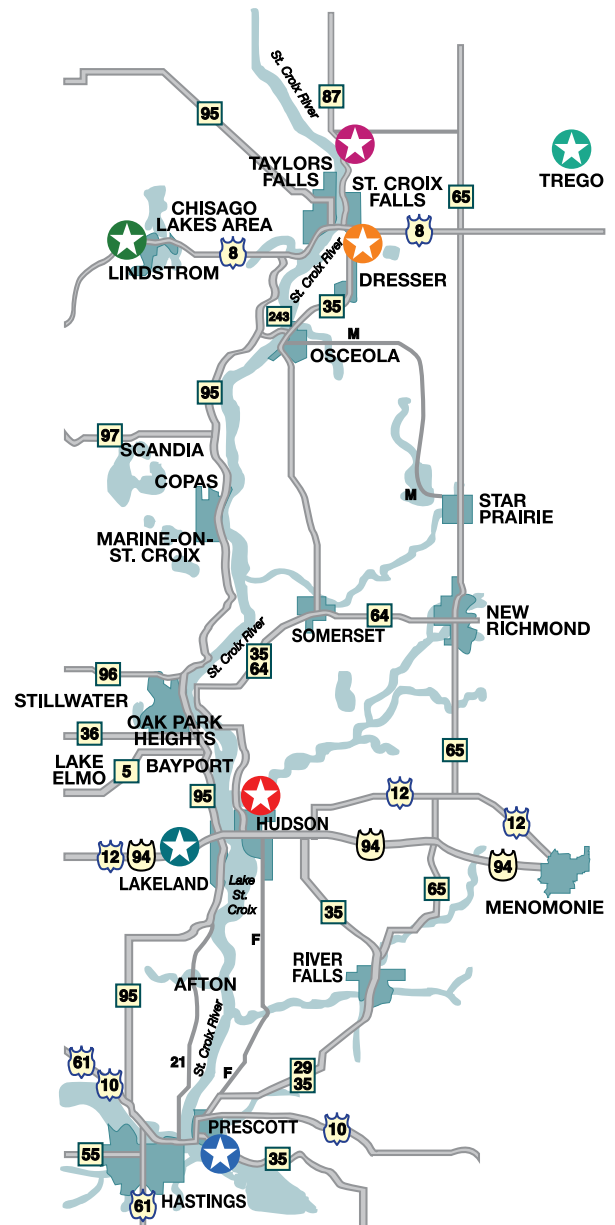
10am - 5pm, Sun. 12pm - 5pm

Please check www.freedomparkwi.org for all

programs, events and rentals.

Services Available:

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



2025 St. Croix Valley Events

Check out what's going on throughout the year in the St. Croix Valley. Please check websites for up-to-date event information.



JANUARY

Scandia, MN • Vinterfest at Gammelgarden Museum
GammelgardenMuseum.org/events

Stillwater, MN • The World Snow Celebration
WorldSnowCelebration.com



FEBRUARY

Balsam Lake, WI • WinterFest
TravelWisconsin.com/events

**Chisago Lakes, MN
Celebration of the Lakes**
ChisagoLakesChamber.com

Hudson, WI • Hudson Hot Air Affair
HudsonHotAirAffair.com

Luck, WI • Luck Winter Carnival
LuckWisconsin.com/events

Osceola, WI • Cocoa Crawl & Big Lake Ice Fishing Contest
MyOsceolaChamber.org

Stillwater, MN • Winterfest
one23events.com/winterfest



MARCH

Amery, WI • Maple Fest at Glenna Farms
GlennaFarms.com

Dresser, WI • Troll Cup Race at Trollhaugen Ski Area
Trollhaugen.com



APRIL

River Falls, WI • Bluegrass, Bourbon & Brews Festival
RiverFallsBluegrass.com

Osceola, WI • Spring Fling
MyOsceolaChamber.org



MAY

Bayport, MN • Memorial Day Parade • ci.Bayport.MN.us

Dresser, WI • 4x4 Memorial Total Off Road Rally at Trollhaugen • Trollhaugen.com

Hastings, MN • Historic Hastings Car Show
HastingsDBA.com/historic-hastings-carshow

Lindström, MN • Karl Oskar House Tours
FriendsOfTheKarlOskarHouse.org

New Richmond, WI • Park Art Fair at Mary Park
NewRichmondChamber.com/events

Polk County • Earth Arts Spring Tour • DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour
SaintCroixValleyPotteryTour.com



JUNE

Amery, WI • Amery Art Fair in North Park
AmeryArtAndCraftFair.com

Hudson, WI • Free Concerts in Lakefront Park • HudsonWi.org/discover

Hudson, WI • Valley Wide Pride Fest • SaintCroixPride.com

Osceola, WI • Rhubarb Fest
MyOsceolaChamber.org

Somerset, WI • Pea Soup Days
SomersetChamber.org



JULY

Balsam Lake, WI • Freedom Fest • BalsamLakeCC.com/event-calendar

Glenwood City, WI • St. Croix County Fair • StCroixCoFair.com

Frederic, WI • Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show
DiscoverPolkCountyWi.com/event-calendar

Hastings, MN • Rivertown Days • RivertownDaysMN.com

Hudson, WI • Hudson Booster Days • HudsonWi.org/discover

Hudson, WI • St. Croix RiverFest • StCroixRiverFest.org

Lindström, MN • Karl Oskar Days • CityOfLindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days

New Richmond, WI • Fun Fest
NewRichmondChamber.com/events

River Falls, WI • River Falls Days • Tourism.RFChamber.com/events

St. Croix Falls, WI • Polk County Fair
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

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

Stillwater, MN • Lumberjack Days • LumberJackDays.com



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HudsonHotAirAffair.com



Taylors Falls, MN • Wannigan Days • WanniganDays.com



AUGUST

Amery, WI • Music on the River • AmeryCC.org/music-on-the-river

Balsam Lake, WI • Corn on the Curb Days
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

Balsam Lake, WI • Labor Day Weekend Ski Show
DiscoverPolkCountyWis.com

Chisago City, MN • Ki-Chi-Saga Days Celebration
ci.Chisago.MN.US/kichisaga

Hudson, WI • Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day • [Facebook.com/StCroixYellowstoneTrail](https://www.facebook.com/StCroixYellowstoneTrail)

North Hudson, WI • Pepper Fest • PepperFest.org

Scandia, MN • Swedish Music Festival • GammelgardenMuseum.org/events

St. Croix Falls, WI • Dancing Dragonfly Wine & Cheese Festival • DancingDragonflyWinery.com/ourevents

Turtle Lake, WI • Moon Lake Threshing Bee
MoonLakeShow.org



SEPTEMBER

Amery, WI • Amery Fall Festival • AmeryWi.gov/Calendar

Amery, WI • Apple River Quilt Guild Show • TravelWisconsin.com/events

Bayport, MN • Derby Days
BayportCommunityActionLeague.com/Calendar

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

Hudson, WI • Spirit of St. Croix Art Festival • ThePhipps.org/community/art-festival

New Richmond, WI • New Richmond Heritage Days
NRHeritageCenter.org/Heritage-Days

Osceola, WI • Wheels and Wings • DiscoverPolkCountyWi.com/event-calendar

River Falls, WI • Bacon Bash
RFChamber.com/Bacon-Bash

Spring Valley, WI • Dam Days
SpringValleyWI.com



OCTOBER

Amery, WI • Indianhead Chorus Harvest of Harmony
TravelWisconsin.com/events

Hastings, MN • St. Croix River Valley Apple Fest
VisitHastingsMN.org/events

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

Hudson, WI • Hilltop Pumpkin Party & Rotary Parade
HudsonWi.org/discover

Osceola, WI • Fall Color Train Rides & Pumpkin Express
TransportationMuseum.org/train-rides

Osceola, WI • Valley Brew Fest
ValleyBrewFest.net

Stillwater, MN • Harvest Fest
HarvestFestStillwater.com

Stillwater, MN • Rivertown Art Festival
RiverownFallartFestival.com

St. Croix Falls, WI • St. Croix Fall AutumnFest & Craft Fair
TravelWisconsin.com/events



NOVEMBER

Amery, WI • Light Up the Park, Parade & Chili Feed
TravelWisconsin.com/events

Hastings, MN • Gobble Gait Fun Run • GobbleGait.com

Hastings, MN • Holiday Hoopla • HastingsDBA.com/holiday-hoopla

Hudson, WI • Buena Vista: A Stroll in the Park
HudsonWi.org/discover

Hudson, WI • Have a Hudson Holiday • HudsonWI.org/have-a-hudson-holidaydiscover

Hudson, WI • Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes
HudsonWI.org/discover

Osceola, WI • Doe on the Go
MyOsceola.org

River Falls, WI • River Dazzle
Tourism.RFChamber.com/events

Scandia, MN • VinterLights!
GammelgardenMuseum.org/events

Somerset, WI • Sam's Christmas Village
SamsChristmasVillage.com

St. Croix Falls, WI • Opening of Miracle at Big Rock
[Facebook.com/BigRockCreek](https://www.facebook.com/BigRockCreek)

Taylors Falls, WI • Taylors Falls Lighting Festival
LightingFestival.com



DECEMBER

Amery, WI • Holiday Stroll, Light Up the Town
AmeryWI.gov/Calendar

Amery, WI • Glenna Farms Holiday Sampler
GlennaFarms.com/events

Hastings, MN • The Canadian Pacific Railway Lighted Holiday Train • ExploreMinnesota.com/holiday-train-minnesota

Hudson, WI • Have a Hudson Holiday • HudsonWi.org/have-a-hudson-holidaydiscover

Luck, WI • Holiday Art Sale at Café Wren • CafeWren.com

New Richmond, WI • Hometown Holiday Parade
NewRichmondChamber.com/events

Osceola, WI • Light Up Osceola
[Facebook.com/LightUpOsceola](https://www.facebook.com/LightUpOsceola)

Scandia, MN • Luciadagen
GammelgardenMuseum.org/events

St. Croix Falls, WI • Rivertown Holiday • TravelWisconsin.com/events

Stillwater, MN • Hometown for the Holidays
GreaterStillwaterChamber.com/Hometown-for-the-Holidays

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 restaurants 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

(651) 275-4404 • www.ci.bayport.mn.us

EVENTS

May 26 – Memorial Day Parade
June 6-7 – Citywide Garage Sale
June-October – Monday Farmer's Market
September 19-20 – 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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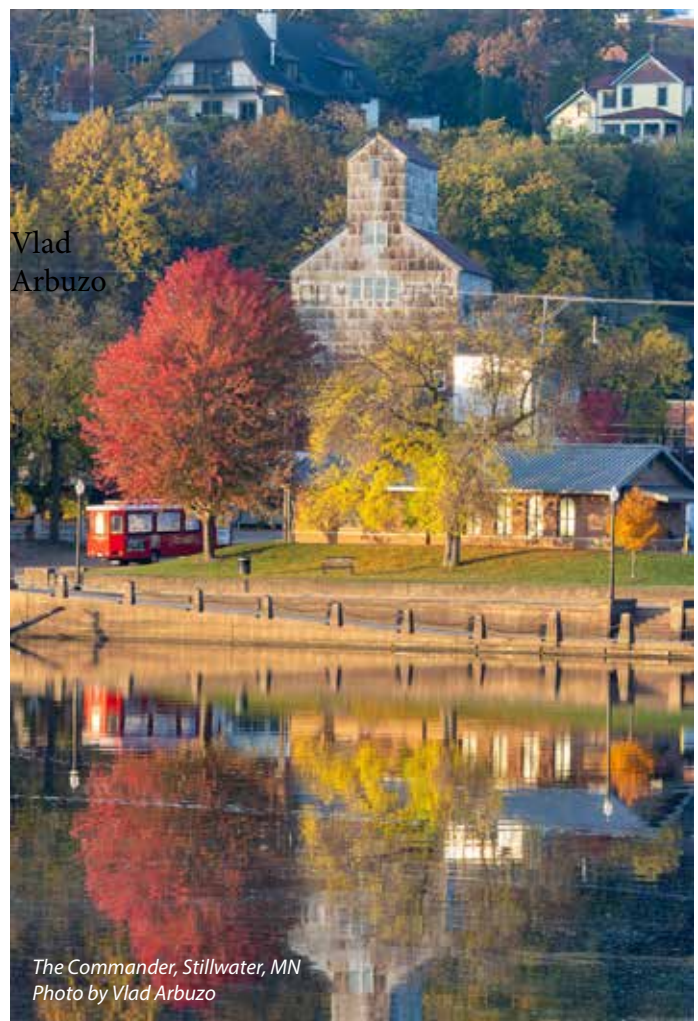
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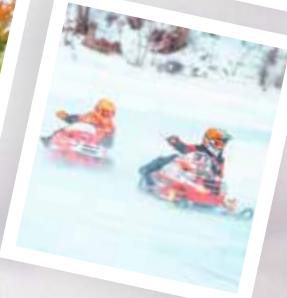
CHISAGO LAKES

— explore —



If you've already had the pleasure of exploring the beautiful Chisago Lakes area, then you know how rich in beauty, heritage, and charm this community is. If you haven't yet had the pleasure, what are you waiting for?

Nestled in the St. Croix River Valley, you'll find hiking, biking, water and snowmobile trails. Quench your thirst at our award winning brewery, wineries, and coffee shops. Enjoy our many unique shops and celebrate with us throughout the year at our many annual festivals.




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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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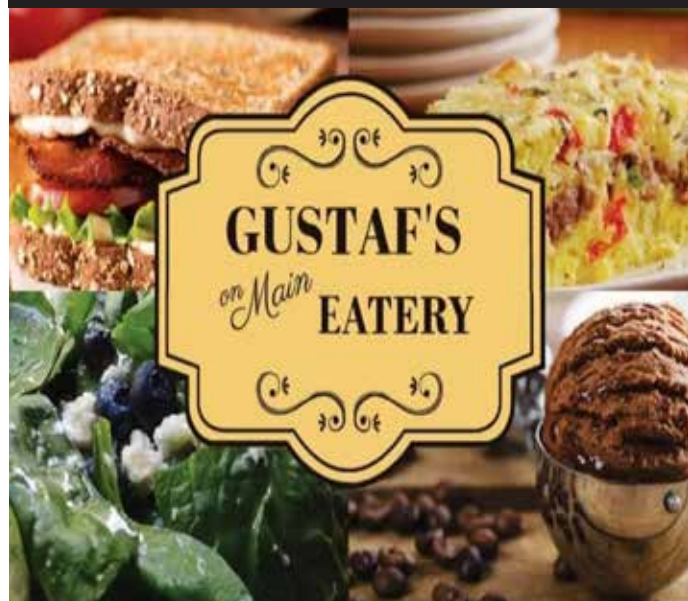
Barns, Quilts and Road Trips

Quilts tell the story of our indigenous peoples, immigrants and pioneers. The humble quilt has become a way to celebrate rural heritage, community pride, and artistic expression.

Check out the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail. No matter what time of year, a journey through the 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. From Interstate Park in Taylors Falls to the famous Coffee Pot Water Tower in Lindstrom, your road trip from quilt to quilt will leave you with wonderful memories.



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13045 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom, MN 55045
651-263-0737.gustafseatery.com

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.

HASTINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM BUREAU

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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

Get away to someplace close... Visit **HASTINGS, mn**

Opportunities for fun abound
just minutes from the Twin Cities!

More than 30 miles of bike trails along the
Mississippi, Vermillion Falls & other scenic byways

Charming & historic downtown with unique shops,
great antiques, dining, summer concerts & events

Vineyards, wineries, brewery, orchards and
many other unique attractions

LeDuc Historic Estate tours & special events

Great downhill & cross country skiing

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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



For information on lodging and area attractions, contact:

**(651) 437-6775 (Metro) • www.VisitHastingsMN.org
200 Second St. West, Suite 100 • Hastings, MN 55033**

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 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 3, 2025

Midsommardagen - June 28, 2025



Spelmansstämman - August 16, 2025

Luciadagen - December 7, 2025

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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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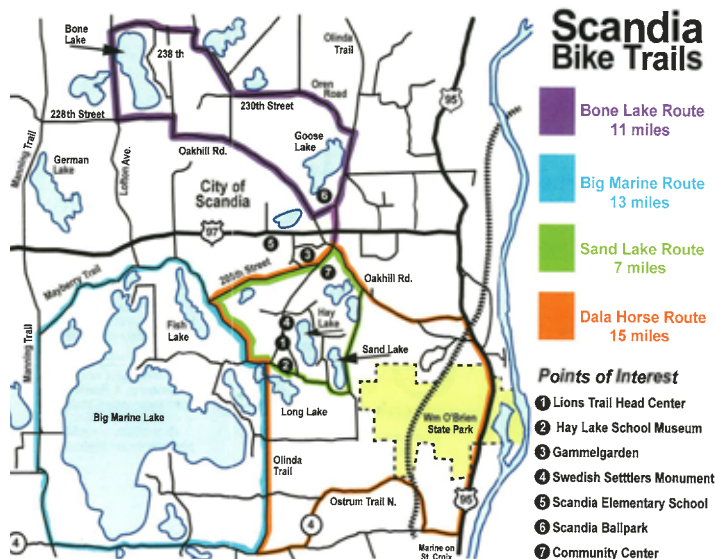


Community Center Playground & Tennis/Pickleball Courts!

Bring the kids and a picnic to the new Community Center Playground & Tennis and Pickleball courts. Easy to find at the Community Center – 14727-209th Street North.

Cycling in Scandia

Scandia's scenic country roads offer great views and rolling hills.



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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 – connecting 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.

STILLWATER/OAK PARK HEIGHTS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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Stillwater is filled with fun festivals, live music, and great events and activities all year long! Check out our online calendar at DiscoverStillwater.com/events for a complete list! Event dates and details subject to change.

EVENTS

World Snow Celebration - January 15-26, worldsnowcelebration.com
Frozen Flannel - January 25, Facebook.com/frozenflannel
Winterfest - February 19-23, one23events.com/winterfest
Run Stillwater Races - May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 9, Sept 20, runstillwater.com
Cruisin' on The Croix - select Wednesdays June- Sept, cruisinontheCroix.com
Food Truck Extravaganza - June 14, foodtruckextravaganza.com
Fourth of July Fireworks - July 4
Summer Tuesdays - July 8 - Aug 12, summertuesdays.com
Lumberjack Days - July 18-20, lumberjackdays.com
Opera on the River - July 26, scvopera.org
Rivertown Fall Art Festival - Oct 4-5, rivertownfallArtfestival.com

Harvest Fest - Oct 11-12, harvestfeststillwater.com
Hometown for the Holidays - 1st three weekends in Dec, greaterstillwaterchamber.com

ATTRACTIONS

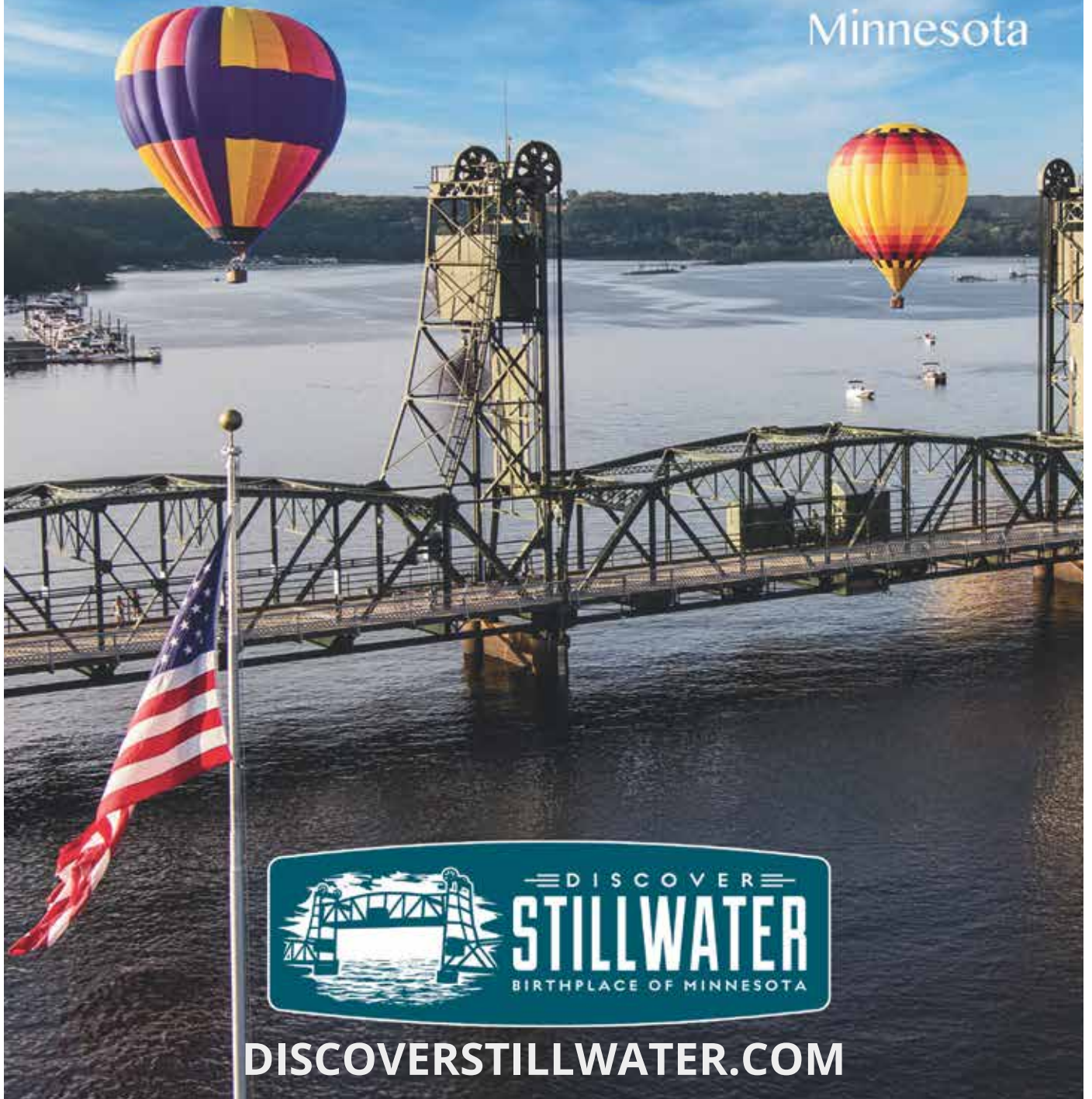
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Historic Main Street Shops & Restaurants
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

St. Croix River Loop Trail
Brown's Creek Bike Trail
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where you'll enjoy scenic views on the water. For some family fun, enjoy a tour at Eagle Eye Farm and connect with a variety of friendly animals. And for those who love indulging in local flavors, the Hudson Food Walk offers a delightful three-hour culinary adventure through some of Hudson's most celebrated spots.



Sip & Savor

Hudson is a food lover's paradise, with year-round patios perfect for any season. Savor a delicious meal at one of our noteworthy restaurants or cozy bistros. Craving something sweet? Stop by a local bakery or confectionary for gourmet ice cream, chocolates, or fresh pastries. And for those who enjoy a drink, Hudson's wineries, distilleries, and breweries offer the perfect setting to raise a glass with family and friends.



Historic Downtown Charm

If you're a history aficionado, visit the Octagon House Museum, take a self-guided walking tour, or cruise along a stretch of the Yellowstone Trail—the first transcontinental road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound. As you browse the shops and attractions in Hudson's historic downtown, be sure to admire the original architectural details that grace some of the town's oldest buildings.

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

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 June - Valley Wide Pride Fest
 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 - Hudson Hometown Music Fest
 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 Âme 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
 Lucky Guys Distillery
 The Phipps Center for the Arts
 St. Croix River Boat Cruises
 Somerset Amphitheater
 Summer Concerts in the Park
 Tattersall Distilling
 White Pine Berry Farm

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Badlands Snow Park
 Beanie's Marina
 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
 Sam's Christmas Village & Light Tour
 St. Croix National Golf & Events
 St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail
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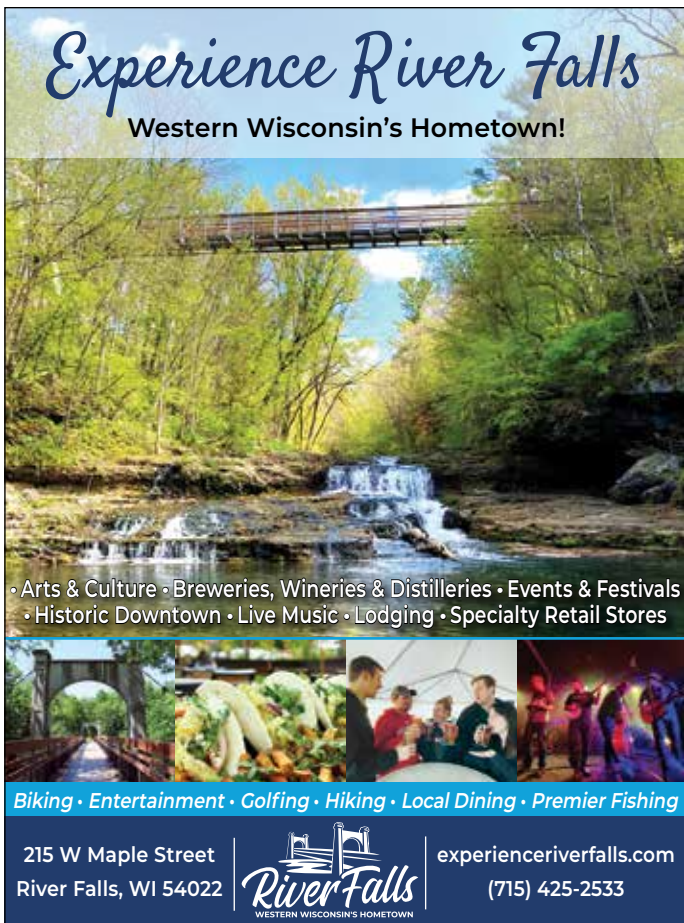
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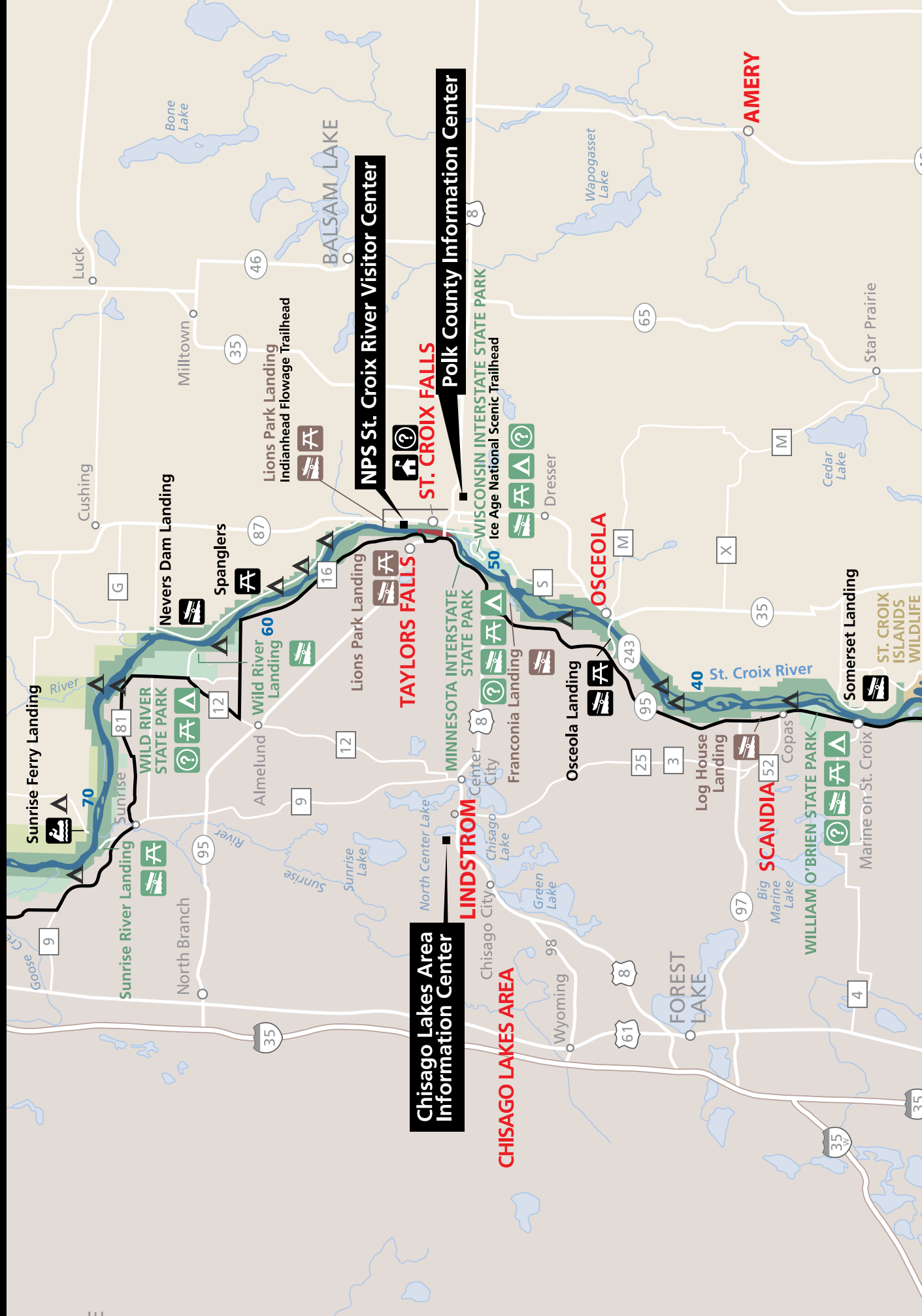
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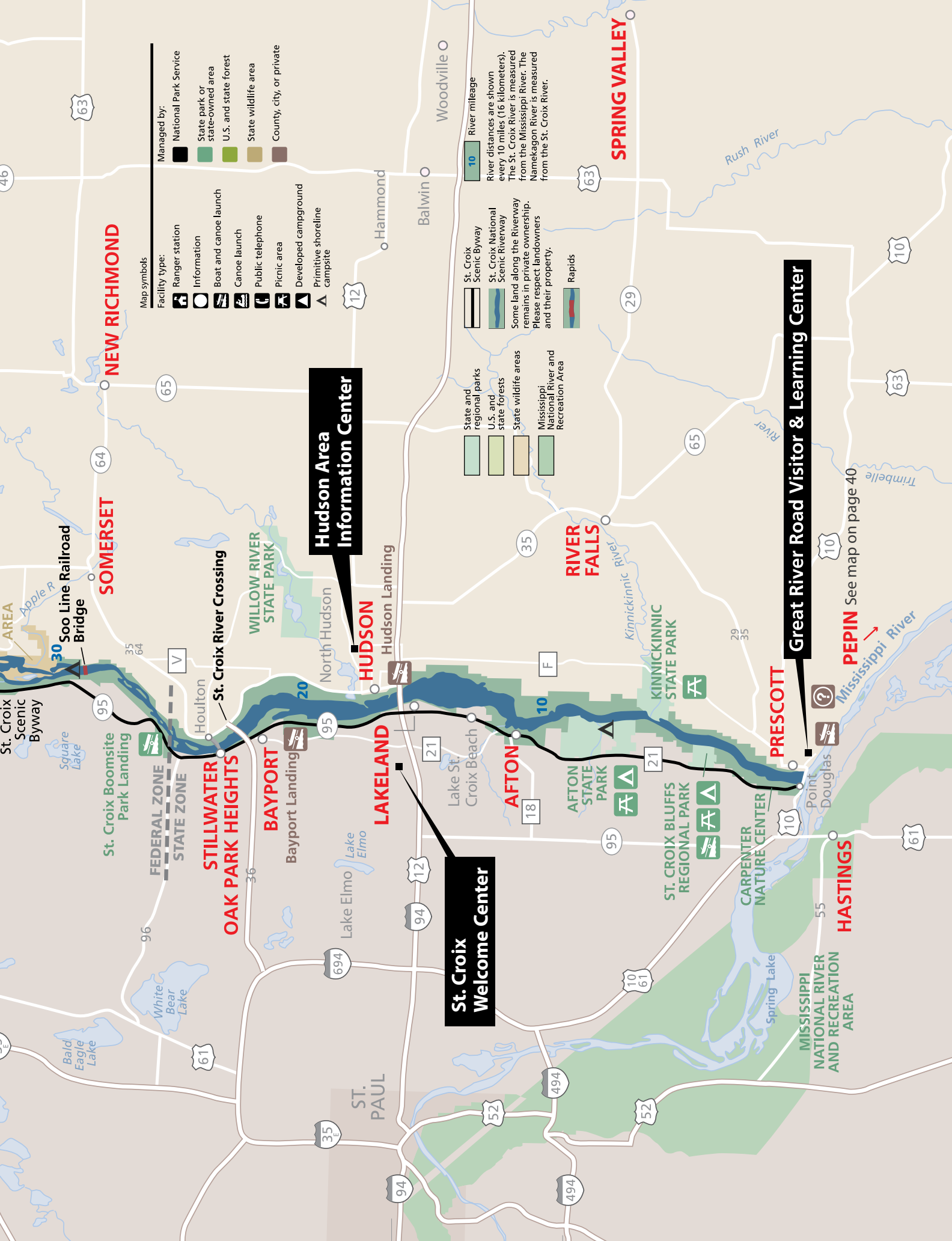
ATTRACTIONS

Eagle Eye Farm
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Golf Courses
Kinnickinnic River
Local bars & restaurants
Specialty retailers
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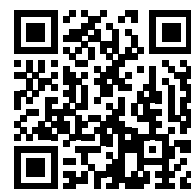



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- 🌍 **ArtOPENER (June 6, 7 & 8)** • www.ArtOPENER.org
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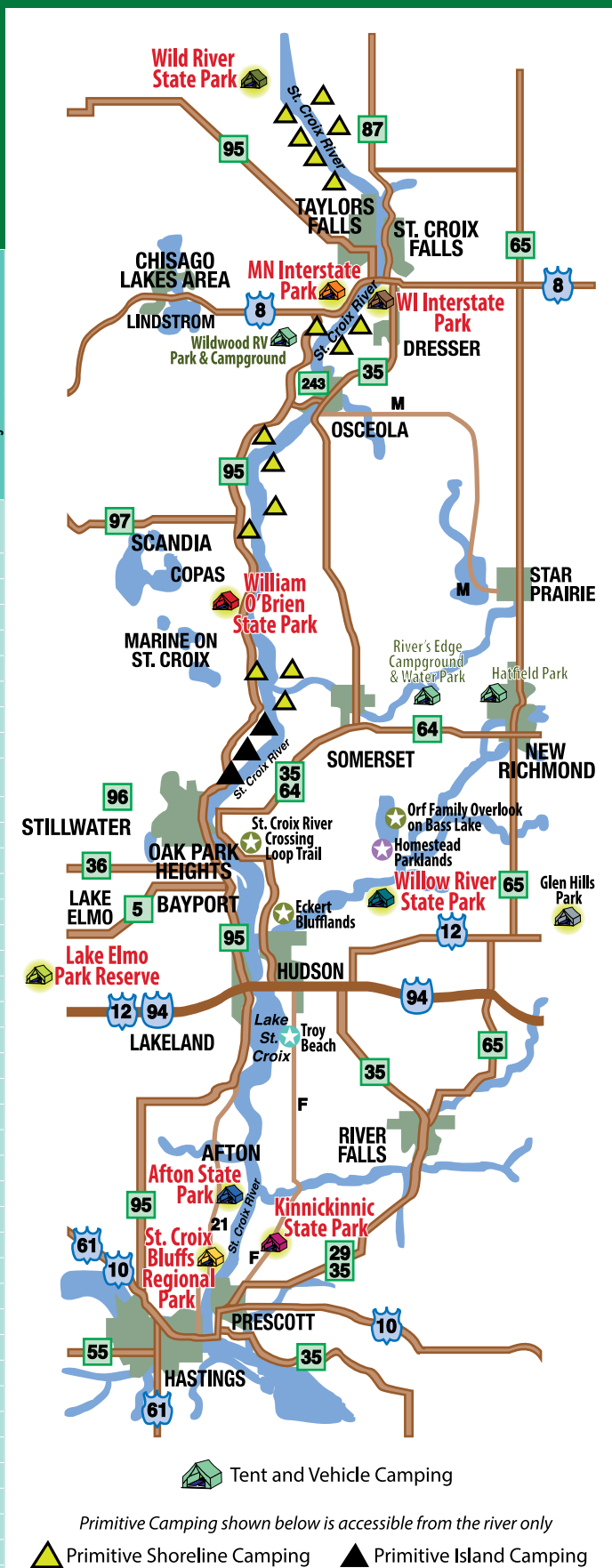
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Drive in /RV Campsites	94	37		81				80	36		73	
Pull-Through Site	2								26		6	
Family Campsites			82								103	
Hike-in Camping Sites	7		2			28		5				
Group Camping Sites	9	4	2	4	12	2		4	2		19	
Equestrian Camping	20							20				
Wheelchair Accessible 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	
Play Structures	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	
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	
Swimming Beach			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Fishing	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	X		X	
Restrooms	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	



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.

Interstate State Parks - Taylors Falls, MN & St. Croix Falls, WI Visitors can climb the cliffs of the St. Croix River Dales, 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.

NATURE CENTERS

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.

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 beautiful 78-acre Glen Lake. There are 103 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 in our new hammock village 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, restored prairie, over 100-foot-high river bluffs, and more than half a mile of river shoreline. (Projected development start date 2025.)

St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail - Houlton, WI ~ The Loop Trail is in Western 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.

POLK COUNTY PARKS

Apple River County Park & Campground - Amery, WI ~ A 20-acre park located along the Apple River north of Amery. The upper park includes 15 rustic camping sites with 5 electric sites, a picnic area with grills, playground, shelter with electric, vault toilets, and water fountain pump.

D. D. Kennedy Park - Amery, WI ~ A 99-acre environmental area preserve located between Amery and Balsam Lake along the Balsam Branch which flows through central Polk County. Located 17 minutes from Saint Croix Falls. The park includes a prairie restoration area with hiking trails (interpretive) with native grasses, wildflowers, and birds, fishing (bridge and handicap accessible pier), dam and millpond, education building, picnic area with grills, picnic shelter with electric, playground, and restroom.

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 natural beauty of the St. Croix Valley stirs a thirst to get outdoors and enjoy every moment of exploring nature.

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:**

Willow River State Park

The park has 13 miles of hiking trails that vary in difficulty. The most popular hiking trail destination is Willow Falls and the scenic overlooks of the river valley.
1034 County Road A • Hudson, WI



Interstate State Park, WI

More than 9 miles of hiking trails provide opportunities for viewing the spectacular scenery and natural attributes of the park.
851 State Road 35 • St Croix Falls, WI



Interstate State Park, MN

Approximately 5 miles of trails. Trails take you into the woods, along the river, and to the glacial potholes area.
307 Milltown Road • Taylors Falls, MN



William O'Brien State Park, MN

12 miles of trails rated from easy to difficult. Explore wooded areas, wetlands, and restored oak savanna areas. 16821 O'Brien Trail N
Marine on St. Croix, MN



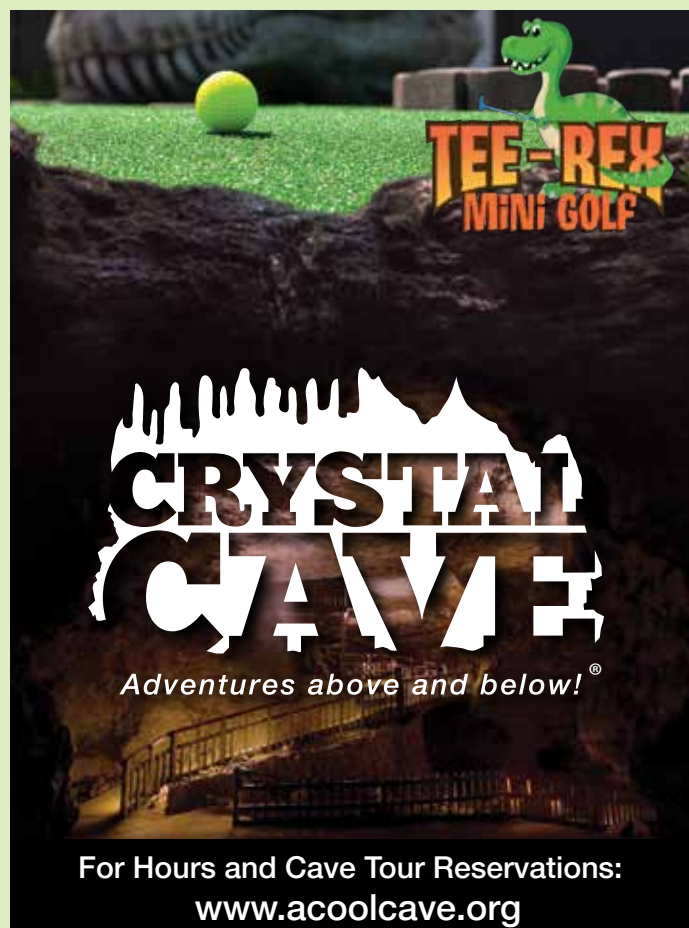
Afton State Park, MN

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



Nature Spaces With an Eye to the Arts

Bring the family to experience Franconia Sculpture Park, a 50-acre outdoor sculpture museum where art and nature meet. Founded in 1996, Franconia with its wide-open spaces inspires new ways of experiencing contemporary sculpture and land art. Enjoy wildflower walks in the spring, outdoor summer concerts, art & farmers markets, Halloween hayrides and winter snowshoe tours.



For Hours and Cave Tour Reservations:
www.acoolcave.org

Bring your Binoculars!

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.



Early morning and early evening hours are the quieter times along the river and in the wooded areas of the Valley. An ideal time for a drive, hike or paddle along one of the many area birding trails identified as Important Bird Areas (IBA). Here are just a handful of trails:



- **Wisconsin:** Interstate Park, St. Croix Falls, WI; Freedom Park Visitor & Learning Center, Prescott, WI; and Willow River State Park, Hudson, WI
- **Minnesota:** Wild River State Park, Center City, MN; William O'Brien State Park, Marine on St. Croix, MN; and Afton State Park, Afton, MN

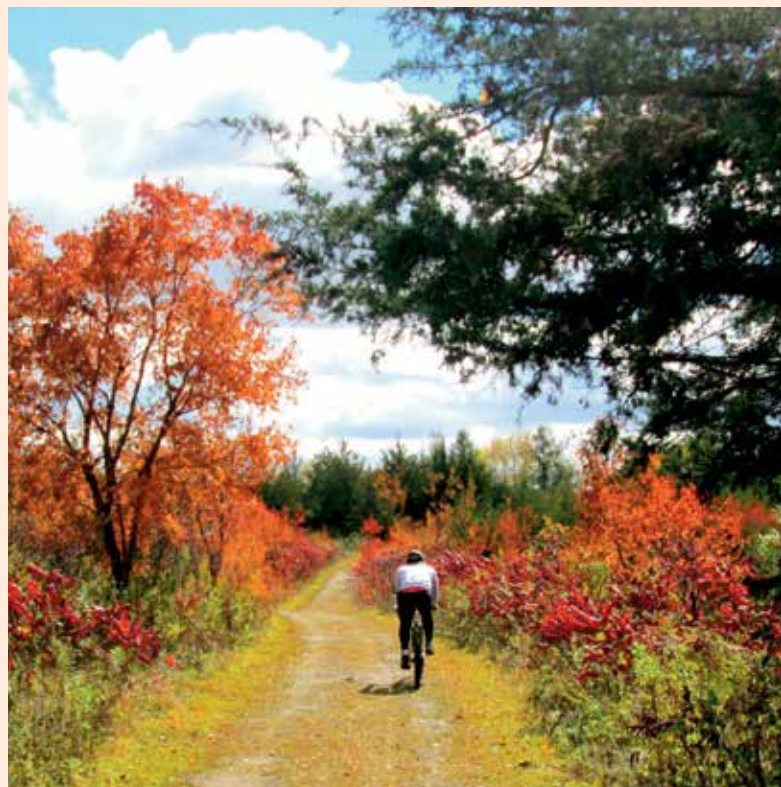
For more information about the best places to spot your feathered friends contact the National Park Service (www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/birdwatching.htm) or the St. Croix Valley Bird Club (www.facebook.com/SCVBC).

Get in Gear for a Great Ride

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 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 bike you 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

Cast Your Cares Away

Clean water and a wide variety of underwater habitats make the waters of the **Saint 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 at 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.

A Paddlers Paradise

Thousands of water enthusiasts flock to the **Saint 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 canoing 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



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.



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.



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.



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.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum
306 Third Street, Pepin, WI

2025 Season: May 1 through October 31

Museum & Gift Shop Hours:
10 am - 5 pm

Open 7 Days per Week, including
Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day

Visit Laura's Birthsite: N3238 Co. Road CC, Pepin, WI
www.LauraIngallsPepin.com

A small illustration of a log cabin, similar to the one in the image above, set against a background of trees.



Shop, Dine & Stay Overnight

An Historic Waterfront Village, Pepin is home to a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants and accommodations. Check out the quaint retail shops and you will find a variety of offerings – jewelry, fashion, giftware, souvenirs, antiques, repurposed goods plus artisan and specialty home furnishings.

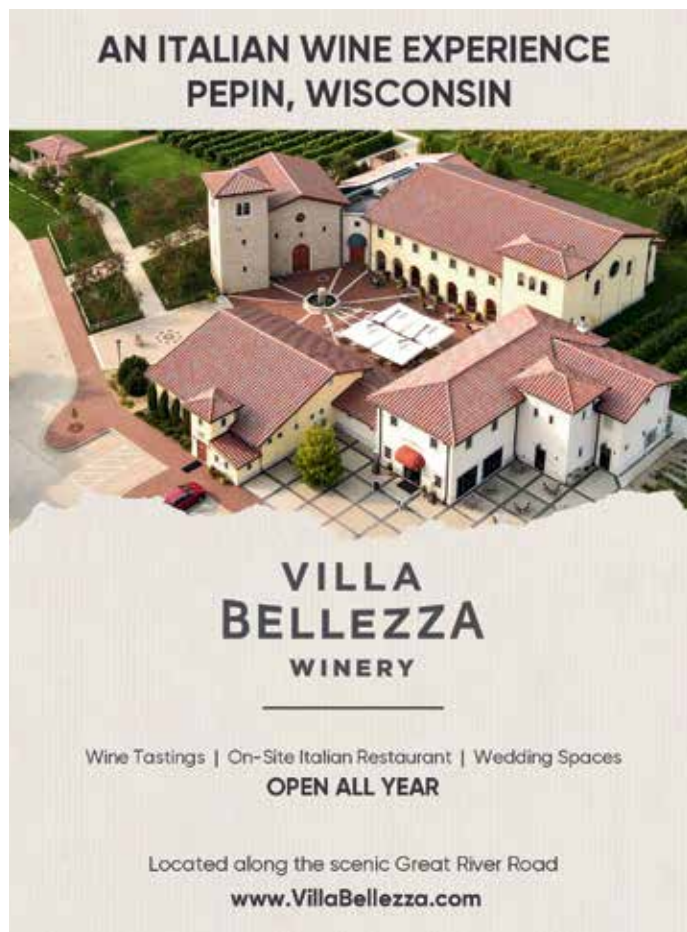
When it's time to dine and imbibe, choose from a popular restaurant, quaint café, bistro, winery or bar & grill. There's a variety of cuisine and settings that each offer something special.

An easy day trip or weekend get-away, you'll find the perfect home away from home. Pepin and the surrounding communities offer wonderful lodging options from quaint motels to beautifully appointed short-term rentals.

PEPIN TOURISM COMMISSION

To Plan Your Stay Visit: www.destinationpepin.com

Email: info@destinationpepin.com





Tiffany Wildlife Area

A 13,000-acre jewel and the largest and most important floodplain forest in Wisconsin. Tiffany Wildlife Area has a diversity and abundance of wildlife habitat. The area contains one of the state's largest, contiguous bottomland

hardwood forests. Beaver dams on sloughs and old river meanders create a maze of ponds and wetlands. This variety in woodland composition provides food and shelter for a wide variety of wildlife including deer, ruffed grouse and beaver. It's a birders' paradise where you can find nearly every species of bird that lives in Wisconsin. The Tiffany Wildlife Area is a perfect day getaway for everyone who loves the outdoors



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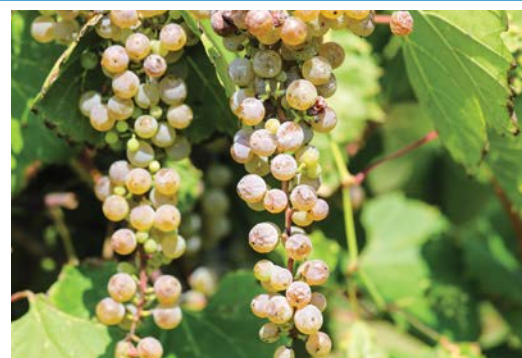


PEPIN, WISCONSIN
 On Wisconsin's Great River Road

A Short Drive to Peaceful



DestinationPepin.com



Settled in the rolling hills of the St. Croix Valley area is the picturesque, peaceful community of Spring Valley, WI.

Recreation & The Outdoors

The Eau Galle Dam and recreation area is the sight of the Midwest's largest earthen dam. The Eau Galle reservoir is surrounded by nature areas, a beach, boat launches, campground and several miles of hiking and equestrian trails. For the year-round Angler Lake George is a popular spot to drop a line. If fly-fishing is your passion the Eau Galle River is known as one of the best Class II trout streams in Wisconsin. A visit to **Crystal Cave** is a must! Take a dive down 70 feet, followed by a round of mini-golf or gem- panning.

Spring Valley Performing Arts

Celebrating its 39th year, the Spring Valley Stagehands Community Theatre is a treasure trove of live performance. This group has audiences region-wide, with a mix of performances including musicals, both dramatic and comedy plays plus community choir concerts. For more information, please visit <https://www.svstagehands.org>.

SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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www.springvalleywichamber.com
springvalleywichamber@gmail.com



EVENTS

April – 4-6 & 10-13 – Stagehands Theatre – The Passion of Christ Musical
July 4 – Fireworks Display
September 19-21 – Dam Days
December 6-7 – Stagehands Theatre Choir Holiday Concert
December 11-14 & 19-21 – Stagehands Theatre Holiday Party

ATTRACTIONS

Crystal Cave
Spring Valley Golf Course
Half Fast Brewery

The Great Outdoors

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

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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.



Freedom Park

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.

At the Heart of Prescott

Shoppers, boaters, bikers and cyclists are drawn to Prescott's historic Broad Street. Unique, award winning restaurants and bars have made Prescott a "Foodie Town", with beautiful outdoor patios and scenic river views for those with a discriminating palate, and an appreciation for nature. Antiques, home decor, gift shops, art galleries, and historic, beautiful murals add to the charm of one of Wisconsin's oldest river towns.



Visitors with a passion for architecture or history can stop in at the local Prescott Area Historical Society building and Information Center. It is housed in the 1885 Miller Bank building, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

A prominent river town for decades, at the peak of the Steamboat era, Prescott averaged 20 steamboat landings per week. At the mouth of the St. Croix River over 9 billion board feet of logs and lumber passed through in a 75 year period.



A self-guided tour brochure of Prescott is available that will take you to 41 locations, including the original town square with several historic churches in the surrounding area. The tour also includes several 1850's and 1860's Greek revival homes, along with others built from 1890 to 1925 in the bluff top residential area.

Riverfront Recreation & Leisure



Photo courtesy of Dallas Eggers

A walking tour of the riverfront is a popular choice, starting at the History Center and meandering along the river banks and including Mercord Mill Park, overlooking the confluence of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers. Enjoy the rivers while watching barges, boats, canoes, fishermen, and kayaks, and maybe an eagle or two.

Rent a boat or pontoon and enjoy the two great rivers yourself. Enjoy fishing or a relaxing pleasure cruise. The local boat launch is readily accessible nearby for those who bring their own water craft.

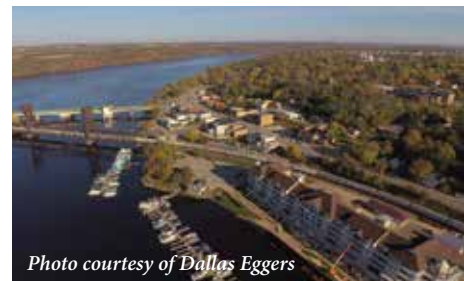


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PRESCOTT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

800 Borner Street, Prescott, WI 54021
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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



You might even catch the distinctive iron railroad bridge built in 1983, named the Mickey Mouse bridge by local kids, rising to accommodate sailboats and other large vessels. 30 to 60 trains per day rumble through town for railroad buffs. The first railroad bridge to connect Minnesota and Wisconsin at Prescott was built in 1886, while the first car bridge opened in 1923.

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.



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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

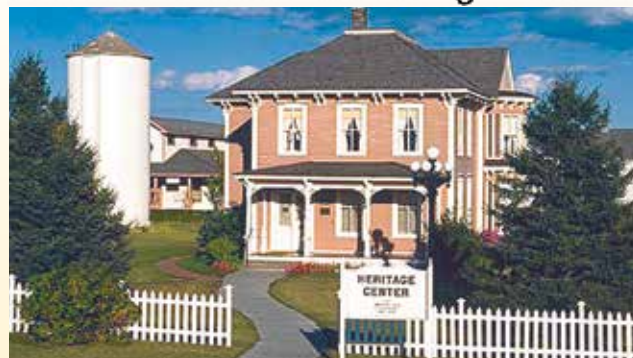
Stroll New Richmond's Main Street and browse through one-of-a-kind shops. Stop for lunch or dinner at one of the quaint cafes or enjoy visiting a brewery, distillery or one of the many pubs.

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.

New Richmond Heritage Center



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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
Ready Randy's Sports Bar
Wild Badger Saloon
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Cyclone Memorial Park
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New Richmond Skate Park
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Somerset is a charming, year-round destination only 30-minutes from the Twin Cities. With the Apple River meandering in the background Somerset is a perfect place to visit for a day-trip or weekend get-away.

Bites & Beverages

Somerset's main street offers whimsical shops, award winning breweries, local cheese shops and family eateries. If you love to start your day with a great cup of coffee, then a stop at **Wheelhouse Coffee** is a must. Make sure to visit the **Bass Lake Cheese Factory** and indulge yourself in their award winning, handcrafted cheeses, cheese curds and other delectable treats. If pizza is your comfort food of choice, then **Pizza Planet** is the place to go. Stop by award winning **Oliphant Brewing** or **Rendezvous Bar** for your beverage of choice.

Discover Somerset's Hidden Gems

Shopping in Somerset is always a delightful experience. It is the perfect spot to find unique souvenirs or gifts for someone special. **My Happy Place** and **Caffeine Chaos & Crafts** offer a wide variety of clothing, home décor, furniture, and more; whatever your preference these two must stops are 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. For some family friendly fun, try tubing or tanking down the Apple River. **River's Edge Resort**, in the New Richmond/Somerset area, has a range of activities, including mini golf, water slides, camping, and even cabin stays. Check out **Riverbend Venue** while visiting, this is the perfect spot to book your next event/wedding. If you are looking to relax and appreciate nature, **Somerset Landing** is great for swimming or a day of fishing. If you enjoy golfing, **St. Croix National** or **Bristol Ridge Golf Course** can tee-up your weekend getaway.

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EVENTS

June – Pea Soup Days
December – Light the Night

ATTRACTIONS

Bass Lake Cheese Factory & Antique Museum
Cedar Lake Speedway
Somerset Amphitheater
Somerset Hockey Arena

GREAT OUTDOORS

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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. Known as the City of Lakes and Trails, Amery is home to 2 State trailheads, 13 public parks and miles of shoreline.



Stower Seven Lakes Trail

Recreational Trails

Stower Seven Lakes Trail, a 14-mile crushed stone path is popular for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The 18-mile **Cattail State Trail**, traverses through some of Wisconsin's most picturesque forests, streams and farmlands and is open year round for hiking, mountain biking,

horseback riding, ATVing, and snowmobiling.

A Birder's Paradise

A St. Croix Valley hot spot for birding, Amery has been awarded both the **Wisconsin Bird City** and **Tree City** designation. Bring your binoculars; there is plenty to keep your eyes and ears aflutter in this perfect habitat for migrating and nesting birds.

Amery, Wisconsin City of Lakes & Trails

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EVENTS

April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt
June 20, July 18, and August 15 –
Music on the River
June 14 – Art Fair
August 5 – National Night Out
September 11-14 – Fall Festival
December 6 – Holiday Stroll, Light
Up the Town, Fire Department
Chili Feed

ATTRACTIONS

Historic Downtown
Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp
YMCA Camp Icacaghowan
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

Drop A Line

If you love fishing, drop a line in for, northern pike, muskie, bass or pan fish from the banks of the Apple River or the shores of 3 in-town lakes.

Historic Main Street

A stroll along Amery's main street would not be complete without an ice cream cone from Ellie's as you wander in and out of the unique antique shops, boutiques, and galleries. The **Amery Art Scene** has been highlighted in the travel book "The 100 Best Small Arts Towns in America" Amery's galleries and studios will make your visit even more special.



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Situated along the banks of the **St. Croix National Scenic Riverway**, Osceola beckons you to immerse yourself in its breathtaking landscapes. Feel the mist of Cascade Falls, explore scenic trails, or embark on a river adventure—whether it's swimming, kayaking, or a leisurely float embracing the serenity of gentle waves. Here, every moment is an opportunity to **fall in love with adventure**.



waterfalls. Whether you're an avid hiker, cyclist, skater, or simply love being in nature, you'll find endless ways to **fall in love with adventure**, here.

Always in Season

Osceola is a favorite weekend getaway. Join us for community events like Wheels and Wings, featuring an airshow and car & motorcycle exhibitions-the weekend after Labor Day. Coupled with the Osceola Community Fair, it's a time when memories are made.



An Outdoor Enthusiast's Paradise

The area around Osceola is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, offering an abundance of recreational activities. Experience the thrill at the brand-new 7,200 sq. ft. Osceola Skate Park, where skaters of all levels can enjoy state-of-the-art facilities. Hike the scenic trails of four nearby State Parks or explore Osceola's own Rivertown Trails. Fifteen unique paths guide you through river landscapes, historic sites, streams, and



Wheels & Wings

Historic Stories & One-Of-A-Kind Shops

Stroll through Osceola's historic downtown, where buildings dating back to the 1880's house charming, independent shops. Explore boutiques offering local handcrafted items, cozy restaurants with inviting outdoor patios, handmade chocolates, home décor, and a variety of vintage and retro treasures. Whether you're searching for the perfect accent for your home, a wardrobe refresh, or a one-of-a-kind gift for a friend, Osceola's shops offer something special for every visitor. Our local business owners love their community and can't wait to share their passion with you.



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A Variety of Dining and Lodging Experiences

Savor the flavors of Osceola at our restaurants, taverns and new outdoor patios that connect you to views of our natural surroundings. Enjoy fresh breakfast pastries, juicy burgers, or gourmet meals made with local ingredients. Don't forget to treat yourself to a visit to nearby local wineries for tastings or vineyard tours. Extend your adventure by staying overnight in one of Osceola's charming Bed & Breakfast Inns or enjoy a weekend at a local campground under the stars.

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 Café 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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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 the 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
Krooked Kreek Golf Course
Osceola Braves Amateur Baseball

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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

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 **Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway Visitor Center**.



The City of Trails

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Big Rock Creek
Chateau St. Croix Winery
City of Trails Biking & Hiking
Dalles of the St. Croix River
Dancing Dragonfly Winery
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Gandy Dancer State Bike Trail
Historic Auditorium
St. Croix Festival Theatre
Historic Downtown St. Croix Falls
Lions Club Park & Boat Landing
River Spirit Sculpture-Severson
Memorial Overlook Park
St. Croix National Riverway

Trap Rock Brewing Company
Western Terminus Ice Age Trail
Wisconsin Interstate Park

EVENTS

AutumnFest & Craft Fair
Bike & Foot Race Events
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Music on the Overlook
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Village on the St. Croix River



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 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
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
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EVENTS

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The beauty of Northwest Wisconsin is on full display in Polk County with its expansive waterways, scenic countryside, and charming communities. The area is truly a gift of the glaciers – home to over 400 lakes, the **Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway**, two state parks and the western trailhead of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

You will find Polk County communities filled with contemporary charm, while surrounded by peaceful byways, picturesque farms, and lots and lots of lakes. Many Polk County communities have taken their names from the beautiful lakes which surround them. The community of **Balsam Lake** is one of the most popular tourist destinations in northwest Wisconsin. **Clear Lake** – fed by living springs is excellent for both swimming and fishing. **Turtle Lake** – 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.

The community of **St. Croix Falls** is known as the City of Trails and home to Interstate Park, Wisconsin's oldest state park. Beautiful **Amery** is on an isthmus nestled between the Apple River and the three lakes of - Pike, North Twin, and South Twin Lakes.



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Places of Splendor

Ice Age National Scenic Trail is one of only 11 National Scenic Trails located entirely within Wisconsin. Polk County is home to 62 miles of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, a footpath that winds for more than a thousand miles across Wisconsin, following the edge

of glaciation that shaped the state's terrain.

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Wisconsin Interstate State Park

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Spend time exploring **Straight Lake Wilderness State Park** Wisconsin's newest state park and **Straight River Wildlife Area**, just 12 miles

northeast of St. Croix Falls. The park

is an easy day trip and the scenery and wildlife are worth the time. The **Village of Luck** is just 3 miles away.

Stower Seven Lakes Trail, a non-motorized 14-mile trail. The Stower Seven Lakes State Trail begins at Soo Line Park in **Amery** and ends at Lotus Lake County Park about 1 mile from **Dresser**. The 98-mile **Gandy Dancer 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 one of the most user friendly trails in the Midwest with easy access to local restaurants, lodging, parking and other local scenic trails and parks.

Adventures for Every Season

Established in 1950, **Trollhaugen Outdoor Recreation Area** is one of the longest-running snow sports resorts in the Midwest. Trollhaugen offers skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, and live music events to guests in the winter, and adventure-themed events and activities in the summer. Trollhaugen is located in Dresser, Wisconsin just 50 minutes north of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul.



Polk County Arts & Culture



Art unlocks our imagination, makes life richer and 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. 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.

Performing Arts

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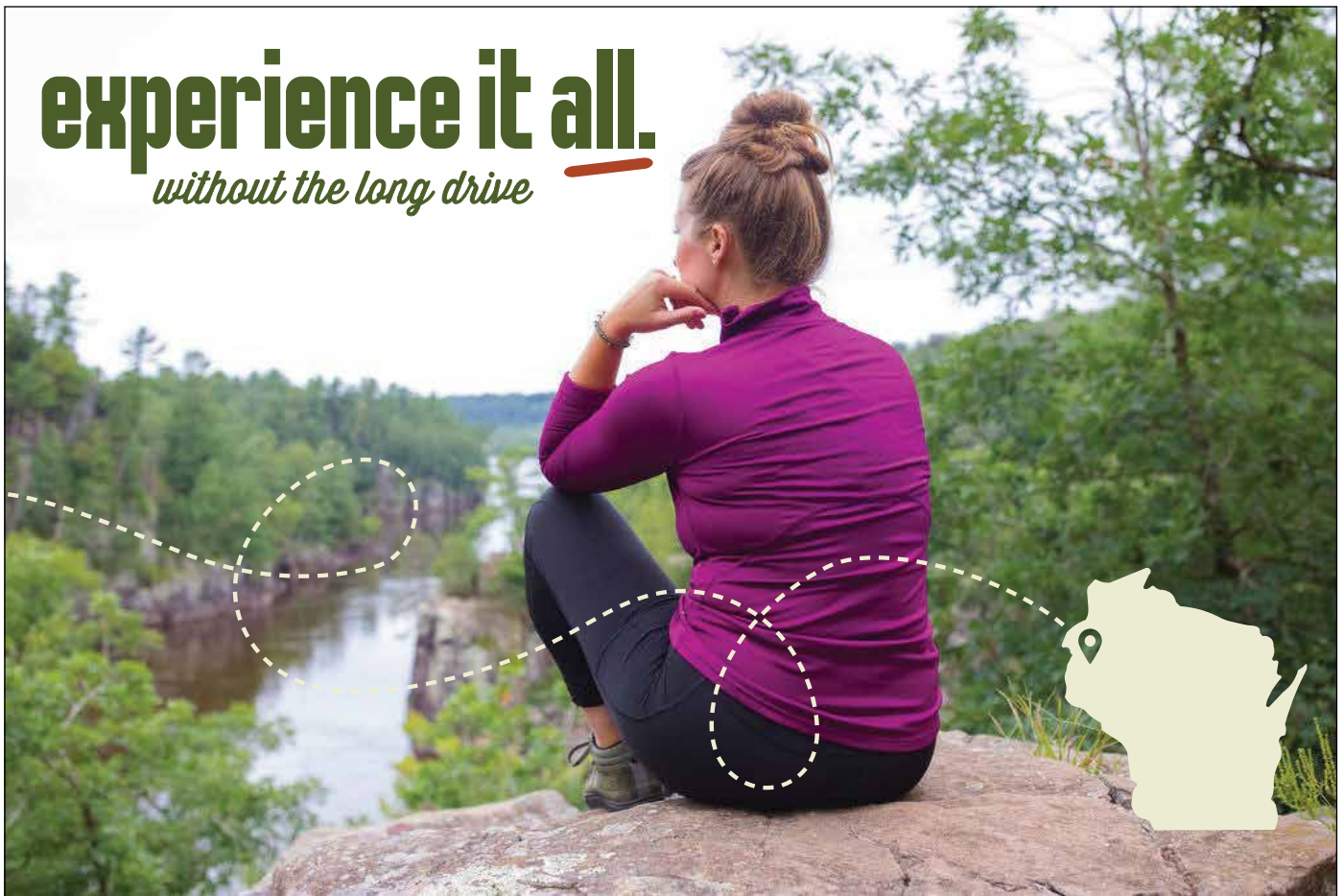
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