

Bird Watching

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Backbone State Park - IA Dept of Nat Res

1347 129th St
Dundee, IA
563-924-2527
Mountain Biking, Biking Trails, Boating, Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Climbing, Cross Country Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Mini Golf, State Parks, Restaurants, Swimming
www.iowadnr.com/parks/state_park_list/backbone.html

8-4:30
2,000 wooded acres including lake (with a boat ramp), trout fishing, 21 miles of trails, climbing and bicycling to enjoy

Beef Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife & Refuge

Hwy 60/25, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 578115 (E) 4917173 (N)
Wabasha, MN

Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access

Blue Highway Motorcycle Lodge LLC

S 2669 Cty Hwy V
Hillsboro, WI
608-489-4131
Hotel/Motel, Hiking
www.bluehighwaymotorcyclelodge.net
24 hrs, 7 days a week
Upscale lodging for motorcyclists April through October. We have 6 cottages, each with a fireplace, king size bed, whirlpool tub, screened in back porch. Open year round

Culina Mariana

5250 Justin Rd
La Crosse, WI
608-788-8400
Hiking, Restaurants
www.guadalupeshrine.org
9-4
A beautiful spacious dining room with soaring ceilings and windows majestically nestled in 100 acre wooded hillside. Signature soups, sandwiches, bakery & catering

Eagles Landing Bed & Breakfast

82 North St
Marquette, IA
563-873-2509
Bed & Breakfast, Biking
www.eagleslandingwinery.com
Open year round. Call ahead
Rest, relax; 68' Mississippi River deck; comp. breakfast/wine; year-round paradise to bird watch, bike, fish, hike, hunt; by national/state parks, trails, marina, casino.
WiFi Access

Eastridge Farm

S2505A Tri-State Rd
Westby, WI
608-634-3940
Fishing, Hunting
www.eastridgefarm.org

Effigy Mounds National Monument- National Park Service

151 Hwy 76
Harpers Ferry, IA
563-873-3491
Hiking, National Parks
www.nps.gov/efmo
Daily 8:30-4:30; mid Jun-Labor Day 8-6
2,526 acres with 206 ancient Indian mounds (31 effigies), museum exhibits, video presentation, spectacular views from Mississippi river bluff and 14 miles of hiking trails.

Genoa House

708/712 Water St
Genoa, WI
608-689-2339
Hotel/Motel
www.genoamotel.com
ph. hrs. 7a-10p; Open year round
Non-smoking Motel and loft apartment in nearby historic stone house with kitchens. Motels: 2 double beds. Apartments: 6 beds in 2 bdrms, and loft. Large family rm

Goose Island Park & Campground

3 mi. S of La Crosse on Hwy 35 on County Rd G1
La Crosse, WI
608-785-9770
Camping, Biking Trails, Boating, Equipment Rental, Hiking, Fishing, Canoe/Kayak, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, County Parks
www.lacrossecountycamping.com
Campground: Apr 15-Oct;
Park: year round
View wildlife in forest and marshland. Walking, biking or driving access to Mississippi River backwaters, canoe trail, camping



Photo courtesy of Mississippi Explorer Cruises

Grapevine Log Cabins Bed & Breakfast

19149 Jade Rd
Sparta, WI
608-269-3619
Bed & Breakfast, Hiking
www.grapevinelogcabins.com
Open year round
Private log cabins in the country, quiet, romantic, hiking trail, gift shop. Close to famous Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail

Haberstad House Bed & Breakfast

706 Fillmore Ave S
Lanesboro, MN
507-467-3560
Bed & Breakfast
www.haberstadhouse.com
1897 Queen Anne Victorian home in quiet residential area with lovely gardens. 5 rooms, queen/king beds, private baths, C/A, full breakfast. Near bike trail, shops and theatre.
WiFi Access

Halfmoon Landing, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

12067 622nd St
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 587015 (E) 4901898 (N)
Kellogg, MN
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters or on marked canoe trail. Fish from shore or boat. Explore, walk, & sightsee.

Hoeth Forest

2 mile W of Hwy 108 on Hwy Q in Burr Oak
La Crosse, WI
608-785-9770
Hiking, Hunting
www.co.la-crosse.wi.us
Open year round
Combination of Wildlife Habitat and Nature Study Retreat. With 439 acres of open green space

Indian Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

Hwy 60/25, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 577385 (E) 4915696 (N)
Wabasha, MN
Boating, Canoeing, Fishing, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access.

Inn at Sacred Clay Farm B&B, The

23234 Grosbeak Rd
Lanesboro, MN
507-467-9600
Bed & Breakfast, Fishing
www.sacredclayfarmbandb.com
24 hours
The Inn at Sacred Clay has 5 guest rooms, each with private bath and queen bed, some with massage tub & gas stove. Outdoors - enjoy the porches, gardens, trails & trout stream.

International Festival of Owls

215 W Plum St
Houston, MN
507-896-4668
Events/Festivals, Kid's Activity
www.festivalofowls.com
Mar 6-8, 2009
F 6p-10p; Sa 9-9; Su 9-8
Live owls, owl prowls to call in wild owls, owl experts, photography, kid's activities, owl merchandise, owl-themed food, World Owl Hall of Fame awards and more.

La Riviere Park
62036 Vineyard Coulee Rd
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-326-8555
Hiking, Horseback Riding
320 acre city of Prairie du Chien nature park of wooded hills, native prairies and limited facilities. Primitive and horse camping. Picnic area and hiking trails.

Lighthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast
9529 Gardener Ave
Sparta, WI
608-269-4002 or 888-277-1001
Bed & Breakfast, Biking Trails
www.lighthouseinn.com
8-8

Here you are, drinking a great glass of wine, watching an awesome sunset...here with us. We're waiting. "Everything went perfectly once we got to Sparta!" It can be yours. WiFi Access

Lokens Sawmill Inn & Suites
809 East Cedar
Houston, MN
507-896-7070 or 888-791-9192
Biking Trails, Canoeing/Kayaking, Cross Country Skiing, Golf Courses, Hotel/Motel, Hunting, Snowmobiling
www.lokessawmill.com
24 hours
New jacuzzi rooms, double queens, extended stay suites located in the bluffs. Bike the trail, walk the hills, canoe the river, watch the birds, and enjoy the Nature Center. WiFi Access

Lower I-90 Landing, Upper Miss. River Nat. Wildlife Refuge
Near MN I-90 Vis Cent
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 0636510 (E) 4857195 (N)
Dresbach, MN
Boating, Fishing, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/u/UpperMississippiRiver/
Fish from shore or boat

Lower Spring Lake, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge
S. River Rd, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 593250 (E) 4895342 (N)
Buffalo, WI
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters, fish from shore or boat, walk on trail. Hunting access

McNally Landing, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge
Prairie Island Dike Rd
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 605183 (E) 4881470 (N)
Winona, MN
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat, children's fishing events throughout year (check web site). Explore, walk, & sightsee.

Mertes' Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge
Hwy 54, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 609178 (E) 4879993 (N)
Winona, MN
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Explore, walk, & sightsee.

Mindoro County Park
Cty Hwy D in Mindoro
La Crosse, WI
608-785-9770
Hiking, County Parks
www.co.la-crosse.wi.us
Apr-Oct
114 acre park managed in a natural state with hiking trail, picnicking, ball diamond, hand pump, vault toilet.

Minnesota Great River Road National Scenic Byway
US 61, MN 16, MN 26
Hastings, MN to IA border
763-212-8556
Biking, Other
www.mnmississippiriver.com
This is a scenic byway of the Mississippi River, traveling 575 miles through the heart of the Mississippi and Bluff country. Follow the green pilot's wheel highway signs.

Mississippi Explorer Cruises-La Crosse
Best Western Midway Hotel
1835 Rose St
La Crosse, WI
877-688-9260 or 877-647-7397
Boating, Tours
www.mississippiexplorer.com
May-Oct
Providing Wildlife Eco-Tours and other Cruises on the Mississippi & Black Rivers. Please call the Midway Hotel for tickets. Great Meal & Eco-Tour packages available on-site!

Mississippi Explorer Cruises-Prairie du Chien
Lawler Park
Prairie du Chien, WI
877-647-7397 or 563-586-4444
Boating, Tours
www.mississippiexplorer.com
May-Oct
Providing unique Wildlife Eco-Tours, Fall Foliage Cruises and Expedition Cruises on the Upper Mississippi Nat'l Fish & Wildlife Refuge. Please call for ticket info.

Natural Gait, The
274 Burger Rd
Harpers Ferry, IA
877-776-2208
Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Canoeing/Kayaking
www.thenaturalgait.com
Scenic, peaceful haven, log cabins, bunkhouses, camping, bird watching, horseback riding, hiking, fishing, canoeing, and absolutely gorgeous views!

Neshonoc South Park
End of Tilton St
West Salem, WI
608-785-9770
County Parks, Boating, Fishing, Hiking
www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Departments/Facilities/Documents/Parks.htm#PARK%20LOCATIONS
Open year round
Public boat landing for Lake Neshonoc; handicap accessible fishing pier; picnicking, hiking, bird watching

Picatee Creek Lodge
63506 Picatee Creek Rd,
5 mi N of Prairie du Chien
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-874-4187
Camping
www.picateecreeklodge.com
Year round
Beautiful, large, fully furnished cabin-wood floors & carpet. 2 bedrooms-main floor. 5 single beds-large loft area. Central air, yard with picnic tables, fire pit and wood.

Pleasant Knoll Inn
11451 Main St
Trempealeau, WI
888-210-8790
Biking, Casual Dining
www.pleasantknoll.com
24/7
Best nights sleep in Trempealeau!!! 2 blocks from the busy railroad tracks. 16 rooms-King & Queen suites, double beds, single queens, kitchenettes. Locked indoor bicycle storage.

Pontoon Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge
Hwy 60/25, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15: 577673 (E) 4916261 (N)
Wabasha, MN
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access.

Raft Channel, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge
Hwy 26 south of Brownsville
Brownsville, MN
Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Fall waterfowl migration viewing. Oct Observation area.



Photo courtesy of Mississippi Explorer Cruises

Boating



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Rieck's Lake, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

Hwy 35 N
Alma, WI
Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Camping, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Fall waterfowl migration viewing. Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Observation platform.

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

W28488 Refuge Rd
Trempealeau, WI
608-539-2311
Canoeing/Kayaking, Hiking
www.fws.gov/midwest/trempealeau
Grounds: Daylight Hours
Office: M-F 7:30-4
This 6,226-acre backwater refuge is isolated from the Mississippi and Trempealeau rivers by dikes, providing resting and feeding areas for waterfowl and other birds.

Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge

Winona Off. - Pools 4, 5, 5A & 6
Winona, MN
507-454-7351
Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Refuge, Fishing, Boating
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Bird watching year round. Boat & canoe access from landings. Children's fishing events throughout the year. Special regulations apply for hunting. Visit web site for details.

Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge

McGregor Off. - Pools 9, 10, & 11
McGregor, IA
563-873-3423
Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Refuge, Fishing, Boating
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Bird watching year round. Boat & canoe access from landings. Children's fishing events throughout the year. Special regulations apply for hunting. Visit web site for details.

Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge

La Crosse Office - Pools 7 & 8
Onalaska, WI
608-783-8405
Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Biking Trails, Shopping-Gifts/Collectibles, Refuge
www.midwest.fws.gov/UpperMississippiRiver/
M-F 7:30-4
200,000 acres on the Upper Mississippi: 265 bird species, mammals, canoe trails, observation points, and Great River State Trail biking.

Verchota Landing, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

27988 Harbor Dr
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:
602445 (E) 4882931 (N)
Winona, MN
Boating, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters or on marked canoe trail. Fish from shore or boat, children's fishing events throughout year (check web site). Explore, walk, & sight-see.

Weaver Bottoms, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

57606 Hwy 61
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:
585585 (E) 4896530 (N)
Weaver, MN
Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Fall waterfowl migration viewing. Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat, hunting access. Observation platform

Wings Over Alma, Inc.

118 North Main St
Alma, WI
608-685-3303
Art Centers/Galleries, Chambers of Commerce/Visitors' Bureaus
www.wingsoveralma.org
10-5
Open every day, all year round. Non-Profit Organization

Wyalusing State Park

13081 State Park Ln
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-996-2261
Hiking, Camping
www.wyalusing.org
Park: 6a-11p; Office hours vary
2,700 acre park overlooking the MS and WI Rivers, camping, hiking, and wildlife.

Boating

Backbone State Park-IA Dept of Nat Res

1347 129th St
Dundee, IA
563-924-2527
Mountain Biking, Biking Trails, Bird Watching, Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Climbing, Cross Country Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Mini Golf, State Parks, Restaurants, Swimming
www.iowadnr.com/parks/state_park_list/backbone.html
8-4:30
2,000 wooded acres including lake (with a boat ramp), trout fishing, 21 miles of trails, climbing and bicycling to enjoy.

Beef Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

Hwy 60/25, GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:
578115 (E) 4917173 (N)
Wabasha, MN
Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Bird Watching, Refuge
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access.

Black Hawk Park US Army Corps of Engineers

E590 Cty Rd BI
DeSoto, WI
608-648-3341
Fishing, Camping, National Parks
www.mvp.usace.army.mil/recreation/
Apr-Nov 7 days a week
Main Channel Mississippi River
Access, boat ramps, shore fishing, swimming and camping. Playgrounds, volleyball courts and picnic shelters are here to enjoy.

Black River Beach and Boat Landing

1400 Rose St
La Crosse, WI
608-789-7533
Swimming
www.cityoflacrosse.org
Large beach and boat launch area

Captain Hook's Bait and Tackle

108 Main St
Genoa, WI
608-689-2800 or 800-903-4903
Fishing, Shopping
www.captainhookstackle.com
6a - 6p
Sport shop located in Genoa with access to great fishing, hunting and boating. Cabin rental available

Clements Fishing Barge

Hwy 35
Genoa, WI
608-689-2800
Fishing
www.clementsifishing.com
7a-6p
Floating fishing piers located below Lock & Cam #8 on the Mississippi River in Genoa. Outstanding fishing and recreation