

Events/Festivals

Root River Outfitters

109 S Parkway
Lanesboro, MN
507-467-3400
Biking, Casual Dining
www.rootriveroutfitters.com

Apr-Sept

Root River Outfitters offers bike, canoe and tube rentals. Located next to Riverside on the Root restaurant, bike trail and Root River.

WiFi Access

Speed's Bicycle & Electric Motors

1126 John St
Sparta, WI
608-269-2315
Biking Sales & Repair
www.speedsbike.com

M-Sa 8-6; Su 9-5

Repairs, Rentals, Shuttle Service, Trail Passes, Accessories, Specialized Bicycles, Recumbents. Located near trail link between the Elroy/Sparta & La Crosse River State Trails.

"Take Me Fishing" - La Crosse

Park & Rec

400 La Crosse St
La Crosse, WI
608-789-7533
Boating, Fishing
www.cityoflacrosse.org

M-F 8:30-5

Run through the city's recreation department this program includes; fishing hot spots, group instruction, fish pole rental, fishing derbies, and boater education.

Three Rivers Outdoors

400 Main St
La Crosse, WI
608-793-1470
Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Canoe/Kayak Sales, Climbing, Cross Country Skiing, Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding, Hiking
www.threeriversoutdoors.com
M, Tu, Sa 10-5; W-F 10-7; Su 11-4

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36th Annual Warrens Cranberry Festival

Sep 26-28, 2008 8-4:30
402 Pine St
Warrens, WI
608-378-4200
Farmers' Market, Shopping
www.cranfest.com
3 Miles of a/c, flea/antique, farm market, and lots of food. Cranberry Marsh Tours Friday & Saturday. Large Parade on Sunday. Contests and lots of fun for everyone!

Cesky Den

Jun 13-16, 2008
Hillsboro Fireman's Park
Hwy 33 West
Hillsboro, WI
608-489-3192
www.ceskyden.com
F 6p-10p; Sa 9a-11p; Su 9a-5p
A weekend festival to preserve and promote our Czech heritage with good food, good music, and good entertainment. Held in beautiful Hillsboro, the Czech capital of Wisconsin.

Dregne's Scandinavian Gifts

Store Anniversary. Oct 4
100 S Main St
Westby, WI
608-634-4414 or 1-877-634-4414
Shopping-Gifts & Collectibles
www.dregnesscandinaviangifts.com
M-F 9-5:30; Sa 8:30-5
Your shopping experience at Dregne's will be a revelation of Norway's most treasured gift lines in one location!

Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day

May 17, 2008 9-3
Open House
Hwy 21
Fort McCoy, WI
608-388-2407
Historical Museum
www.mccoy.army.mil
Open House activities include military displays and equipment, installation bus tours, interactive shooting van, face painting, personalized dog tags and much more.

Great River Shakespeare Festival

June - July
79 East Third St
Winona, MN
507-474-7900
Theatres
www.grsf.org
National, professional theatre company. Produces two Shakespeare plays in repertory at WSU along with vibrant education programs.

Historic Temple Theatre

116 S Main St
Viroqua, WI
608-637-8190
Theatres, Art Centers/Galleries
www.temple-theatre.com
Open for scheduled shows
The beautifully restored theatre brings a wide variety of stage shows including nationally known bands, vocalists, and ensembles for family-friendly entertainment.



Photo courtesy of International Festival of Owls

International Festival of Owls

Mar 6-8, 2009
215 W Plum St
Houston, MN
507-896-4668
Bird Watching, Kid's Activity
www.festivalofowls.com
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.

IrishFest - La Crosse

Aug 8-10, 2008
27 Market St
La Crosse, WI
608-785-8153
Kid's Activity, Theatres
www.irishfestlax.org
Largest Irish celebration in the Tri-State area, music, theatre, Irish Harp competition. Wee folks play area, Highland Games, Irish market.

June Dairy Days

May 30-June 1, 2008
PO Box 71
West Salem, WI
608-769-7732
Kid's Activity
www.westsalemwi.com/jdd.htm
Friday: 8-3 Beers 'til Dubuque, 10-Fireworks, Saturday: 12-Parade, 9-Troubleshooter, Sunday-Bicycle Tour, Chicken Q: Food, Fun, and entertainment all weekend.

Karner Blue Butterfly Festival

July 12, 2008
Downtown Black River Falls
Black River Falls, WI
715-284-2503
9a-11p
Crafters, art show, museum/brewery tours, trolley tours, food, music, parade, kids land, education center.

Kickapoo Valley Reserve

Damn Challenge Triathlon 10/4/08
S3661 State Hwy 131
La Farge, WI
608-625-2960
Biking, Canoeing/Kayaking, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing
www.kvr.state.wi.us
M-Sa 8-4:30 year round; Su 10-4 May-Oct
The Kickapoo Valley Reserve is located between the Villages of La Farge and Ontario in Vernon County Wisconsin. Open to the public year round.

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

April 19-Sept 6, 2008
N4985 Cty Rd M
West Salem, WI
608-786-1525
www.lacrossespeedway.com
NASCAR Sanctioned Short Track Stock Car Racing every Saturday night! Watch the live outdoor unscripted drama of stock car racing! Gates open at 5:00. Racing at 7:30.

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway-Octoberfest Race Weekend

Oct 2-5, 2008
N4985 Hwy M
West Salem, WI
608-786-1525
www.lacrossespeedway.com
M-S 9a-4:30
Two tracks -518 & 1/4 paved- twice the fun! Home of the Octoberfest Race Weekend Oct 2-5, 2008.

Farmers' Market



Photo courtesy of Skipperliner, La Crosse Queen

Lanesboro Tours and Treasures/Cheryl's Apparel April 12-Ladies Day

102 E Beacon St
Lanesboro, MN
507-467-4466
Shopping, Tours
www.tourstreasures.com
www.funfashionstt.com

Open Year Round
Make sure to visit this unique store where you will find jewelry, ladies fashions, books and gifts. Book your tour to learn all about historic Lanesboro
WiFi Access

Luther College - Center Stage Series

Center for Faith & Life, 700 College Dr
Decorah, IA
563-387-1357
Art Centers/Galleries, Theatres
www.programming.luther.edu
Schedule of events on Web site
Box Office M-F 9-3 During season
Th 9-7

Professional performing arts series includes dance, theatre, music & special events Sept - May. Visit web site for performance schedule.

Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center, Inc.

N455 O Ophus Rd
Coon Valley, WI
608-452-3424
Hiking, Historical Museums
www.norskedalen.org
winter & summer hours,
See Web site for hours
Nonprofit nature and heritage center with arboretum, museums, trails, rental cabin, events, programming, tours, gift shop, exhibits, wildlife viewing.

Onalaska Omni Center Craft Show 4/5-4/6

255 Riders Club Rd
Onalaska, WI
608-781-9566
Ice Skating/Hockey
www.omnicenter.net

8-5p
A great place to host business meetings, family reunions, picnics, receptions, seminars, conferences and annual meetings and more!
Large outdoor picnic shelter.

Potter's Holler Holiday Sale & Kiln Firing Dec 6-7, 2008

Allamakee Wood-Fired Pottery
2856 Blair Rd
New Albin, IA
563-544-4378
www.allamakeewoodfiredpottery.com
Sa Dec 6 10a-4p; Su Dec 7 12p-4p
Experience the excitement of a wood firing. Firing on Saturday Only. Shop for holiday gifts.

Prairie Villa Rendezvous - 33rd Annual Jun 12-15, 2008

St Feriole Island
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-822-6916
www.mhtc.net/~brlrendv
Take a step back in time to largest traders rendezvous in the Midwest. Pre-1840 historical encampment is free. The public can listen to storytelling and many other activities.

Riverside Memorial Park - Campground Sep 12-14, 2008

325 Park Rd
Blair, WI
608-989-2517
Camping, Fishing
Office: M-F 8-4:30
31 campsites, shelters, playground equip., tennis, volleyball, basketball, fishing, boating, deer park, ball fields and beautiful scenery.

Rotary Lights

Thanksgiving-New Year's Eve
Riverside Park
La Crosse, WI
800-784-9993
Kid's Activity, City Parks
www.rotarylites.org
Largest holiday lighting display in the Midwest. Free Admission. Donations accepted of food & cash. Over 2.2 million lights, animated and computerized displays, live reindeer

Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc. Sep 5-7, 2008

521 N. Villa Louis Rd
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-326-4436
www.carriageclassic.com
A weekend of elegant horse-drawn carriage competition on the lawn of the historic Villa Louis. Held annually the weekend following Labor Day.

Village of West Salem

175 S Leonard St
West Salem, WI
608-786-1858
Biking Trails, Boating
www.westsalemwi.com
8-4
Boat Landings, June Dairy Days

Viroqua Bluegrass & Gospel Music Festival July 11-13, 2008

Vernon County Fairgrounds Hwy 14-61-27
Viroqua, WI
608-637-3820
www.viroquabluegrass.com
7/11 7-10:45; 7/12 11-11:15; 7/13 9:15-12:15
Come enjoy the 6th Annual Bluegrass & Gospel Music Festival in Viroqua at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds. Information 608-637-3820 with camping and food.

West Salem Historical Society Garland Days

Sep 12-14, 2008
360 N Leonard St
West Salem, WI
608-786-1675
Historical Museums, Shopping-Antiques, Shopping-Gifts/Collectibles
www.westsalemhistory.org
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Wild West Days

Aug 16-17, 2008
Wild West Grounds
Viroqua, WI
608-637-2575
www.wildwestdays.info
Sa 1-11:30, Su 10:30-5
Wild West Days, Hell on Hooves Rodeo and Bull Riding, 13 Annual, concerts, parade and trail ride.

Wilton Wood Turtle Days Aug 1-3, 2008

400 East Street
Wilton, WI
608-435-6826
Volleyball-Softball Tournament, Arts & Craft, Parade, Kid's Games, Fireworks, Music, Food & Fun.

Winter Rec-Fest - La Crosse Park & Rec Dept.

Jan 25 - Feb. 1, 2009
La Crosse, WI
608-789-7533
City Parks, Ice Skating/Hockey
www.cityoflacrosse.org
8:30 - 5
Winter Rec Fest offers over 30 different winter related activities and events through 15 different venues in the city.

YWCA GardenFest May 31-Jun 1

South side Oktoberfest Grounds
La Crosse, WI
608-781-2783
Shopping
www.ywcagardenfest.com
9-4
If you like gardening, you'll love GardenFest. Vendors selling plants, ponds, bird feeders and gardening accessories. Seminars, food and beverages.

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Fishing

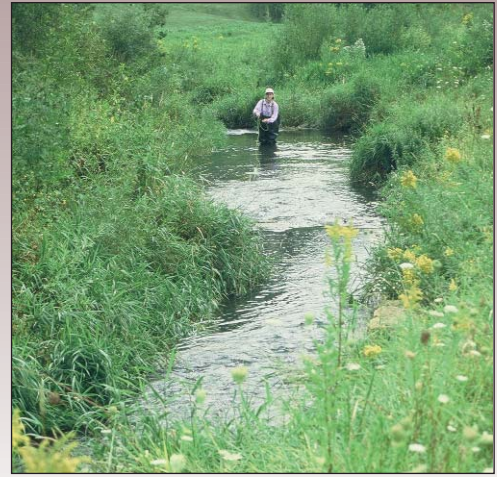


Photo courtesy of Westby House Victorian Inn & Restaurant

Shihata's Orchard

Aug 15 - Oct 31

61543 Limery Road
Prairie du Chien, WI
608-326-2785

Shopping, Other, Orchard
9am-5pm

Shihata's Orchard offers fresh picked and pick your own apples & pumpkins. We press and pasteurize our own cider. We carry a wide selection of jams, wines and gift items.

Fishing

Backbone State Park- IA Dept of Nat Res

1347 129th St
Dundee, IA

563-924-2527

Mountain Biking, Biking Trails, Bird Watching, Boating, Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Climbing, Cross Country Skiing, 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, 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 (3 mi N of DeSoto
off Hwy 35)

DeSoto, WI

608-648-3341

Boating, 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.

Captain Hook's Bait and Tackle

108 Main Street

Genoa, WI

608-689-2800 or 800-903-4903

Boating, Shopping

www.captainhookstackle.com

6a - 6p

Sport shop located in Genoa with access to great fishing, hunting and boating. Cabin rental available.

Clearwater Cabins

W7605 County Rd ZB

Onalaska, WI

608-781-1716 or 608-317-9170

Canoeing/Kayaking, Hotel/Motel

www.clearwatercabins.net

8-8 all seasons

Lake Onalaska, quiet country, 2 bdrms. and efficiencies, each with full kitchen, prvt. bathrm. Fish off dock, fire pit, grills, near bike trail, screened birding, sunsets.

Clements Fishing Barge

Hwy 35

Genoa, WI

608-689-2800

Boating

www.clementsangling.com

7a-6p

Floating fishing piers located below Lock & Cam #8 on the Mississippi River in Genoa. Outstanding fishing and recreation.

Cozy Corners Cottages

W8071 County Rd ZB

Onalaska, WI

608-781-3792

Hotel/Motel, Swimming

www.cozycornercottages.net

Open year round

Year round recreational cottages on Lake Onalaska. Outdoor pool, boat dock, grill and picnic tables. Each cottage has heat, a/c, and sleeps 6 comfortably. WiFi Access

Eastridge Farm

S2505A Tri-State Road

Westby, WI

608-634-3940

Bird Watching, Hunting

www.eastridgefarm.org

Goose Island Park & Campground

3 mi. S of La Crosse on Hwy 35 on
County Rd GI

La Crosse, WI

608-785-9770

Camping, Biking Trails, Boating, Equipment Rental, Hiking, Canoeing/Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, County Parks, Bird Watching

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.

Halfmoon Landing, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

12067 622nd St

GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:

587015 (E) 4901898 (N)

Kellogg, MN

Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking,

Hiking, Bird Watching, Refuge

www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/

Canoe through refuge waters or on marked canoe trail. Fish from shore or boat. Explore, walk, & sightsee.

Indian Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

Hwy 60/25,

GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:

577385 (E) 4915696 (N)

Wabasha, MN

Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Bird

Watching, 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, Bird Watching

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.

Kickapoo Campground and Canoes

30531 State Hwy 131

Ontario, WI

608-337-4528

Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking

www.kickapocampground.com

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Campsites with electric, water, sewer. Located on the Kickapoo River in Ontario, WI. Canoe right from the campground, river pick-up available.

Landing, The

12014 Cty X

Wyalusing, WI

608-444-3974

Hotel/Motel

Year round home available for vacation rental-weekend, weekly & monthly rates. Located on Miss. River near Prairie du Chien. Near boat launch, beach & Wyalusing State Park.

Lazy D Campground & Trail Rides, Inc.

8748 Co Rd 39

Altura, MN

507-932-3098

Camping, Horseback Riding

www.lazydcampground.com

Mid Apr-Nov

Located in scenic Whitewater Valley. 117 campsites, sleeper cabin, swiss chalet cabin (yr round). No mosquitoes, pool, horseback riding, canoe & tube rental, fishing.