



Photo courtesy of Minnesota Marine Art Museum

**Little Falls Railroad & Doll Museum, The**

9208 Cty Hwy II  
Sparta, WI  
608-272-3266  
*Interactive Museum*  
www.raildoll.org  
Th-Su 1-5 or by appt; Tu-W closed  
Located 1.8 mi E of Cataract, WI on  
Cty Hwy II; 1600+ dolls from  
antique to modern, Garden RR,  
Kid's train rides, Caboose, picnic  
shelter, 1910 telegraph office and  
much more.

**Minnesota Marine Art Museum**

800 Riverview Dr  
Winona, MN  
507-474-6626  
*Art Centers/Galleries*  
www.minnesotamarineart.org  
Tu 10-8; W-Sa 10-5; Su 11-5  
World-class marine art collection,  
marine artifacts and historical  
paintings, Leo & Marilyn Smith  
Folk Art, historic Mississippi River  
photographs. Family activities.  
WiFi Access

**Mississippi River Sculpture Park**

St. Feriole Island (east of Villa Louis)  
Prairie du Chien, WI  
608-326-7333  
*Kid's Activity, City Parks*  
www.mississippiriversculpture  
Park.com  
Open year round  
Black Hawk & other life-sized bronze  
sculptures of 12,000-year history of  
Mississippi River Confluence Region;  
fire circle of bronze cultural symbols;  
donation accepted.

**Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center, Inc.**

N455 O Ophus Rd  
Coon Valley, WI  
608-452-3424  
*Events/Festivals, Hiking*  
www.norskedalen.org  
Winter & summer hours, see web site  
Nonprofit nature and heritage center  
with arboretum, museums,  
trails, rental cabin, events, pro-  
gramming, tours, gift shop,  
exhibits, wildlife viewing.

**Riverside Museum**

410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
(Riverside Park)  
La Crosse, WI  
608-782-1980  
*Tours, Chambers of  
Commerce/Visitors' Bureaus*  
www.lchsweb.org  
Memorial-Labor Day M-Sa 10:30-  
4:30; Su 10:30-4  
Largest collection of artifacts  
brought up from the steamboat  
"War Eagle" which burned & sank  
in La Crosse in 1870. Also artifacts  
from the Mississippi Valley  
Archaeological Center.

**Swarthout Museum**

112 S 9th St  
La Crosse, WI  
608-782-1980  
*Shopping-Gifts/Collectibles, Tours*  
www.lchsweb.org  
Tu-F 10-5; Sa-Su 1-5p  
Changing exhibits about La Crosse  
County, local business, daily life,  
weapons, Native Americans, mini-  
atures and children's room.

**Tomah Area Historical Society Museum**

1112 S Superior Ave  
Tomah, WI  
608-372-1880  
Tu-Sa 10-4  
In the heart of downtown Tomah, the  
museum catalogs the history of  
Tomah, including displays from  
Tomah native son, Frank King, creator  
of "Gasoline Alley".

**West Salem Historical Society**

306 N Leonard St  
West Salem, WI  
608-786-1675  
*Events/Festivals, Shopping-  
Antiques, Shopping-  
Gifts/Collectibles*  
www.westsalehistory.org  
8-4

**Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center**

204 Main St  
Warrens, WI  
608-378-4878  
*Interactive Museums, Shopping-  
Gifts/Collectibles*  
www.discovercranberries.com  
See web site for hours  
Housed in a historic cranberry  
warehouse, the Cranberry  
Discovery Center is dedicated to  
educating the public about cran-  
berries and Wisconsin's cranberry  
growing heritage.

**Interactive Museums**

**Children's Museum of La Crosse**

207 5th Ave S  
La Crosse, WI  
608-784-2652  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.funmuseum.org  
Tu-Sa 10-5; Su 12-5  
Three floors of hands-on exhibits,  
climbing wall (open limited hours-  
call ahead), party/meeting rooms,  
gift shop & more! For ages 1-12,  
with adult. \$5/person.

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www.discovercranberries.com  
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growing heritage.

**City Parks**

**Cedar Meadows East Park**

3103 S. Cedar Ave  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, basketball court, vol-  
leyball court, open field, picnic  
shelter (1.46 acres)

**Cedar Meadows West Park**

3303 S Locust Ave  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Hiking*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, open field, creek,  
nature area, walking trail  
(1.18 acres)

**City of Winona Park & Recreation Dept.**

207 Lafayette St  
Winona, MN  
507-457-8258  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.cityofwinona-mn.com  
8-4:30; Sum 7:30-4  
Youth sport programs include  
baseball/softball, camps, swim-  
ming lessons. Adult sports pro-  
grams including volleyball, soft-  
ball, kickball, football, basketball.

**Countryside Park**

1000 Western Ave  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, soccer field, volleyball  
court, basketball court, open shel-  
ter (3.25 acres)

# Parks



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## Deer Wood Park

500 Anderson St  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Ice Skating/Hockey, Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
Year-round until 11p  
3 baseball/softball fields, 4 tennis courts, lighted walking trail, basketball courts, outdoor ice rink, batting cage, nature trails, sledding hills and playground (40 acres)

## Grandad Bluff Park

400 La Crosse St  
La Crosse, WI  
608-789-7533  
www.cityoflacrosse.org  
8a-10:30p  
540 ft. bluff offers a panoramic view of our Mississippi River Valley and three states. It has been voted one of the most scenic views.

## Green Island Ice Arena & Park

2312 S 7th Street  
La Crosse, WI  
608-789-7533  
*Ice Skating/Hockey, Boating*  
www.cityoflacrosse.org  
Hours vary Oct-Mar  
This indoor facility offers public skates, ice and figure skate instruction, all levels of hockey, and tournaments.

## Halfway Creek Park

300 W Roberts St  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Hiking*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Halfway Creek Trailhead, playground, log rollers 3 open shelters, picnic area, 2 enclosed shelters (reservable), horseshoe pits, volleyball court, creek, bike trail, & restrooms.

## Holmen Park & Rec Dept

421 S Main Street  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
Office: M-F 8-4:30  
Year-round recreational activities and park facilities for all ages. Online registration is available

## La Crosse Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
La Crosse, WI  
608-782-2366 or 800-658-9424  
*Chambers of Commerce/Visitors' Bureaus, Historical Museums*  
www.explorelacrosse.com  
M-F 8-5; Museum 10:30-4 Daily  
Jun-Labor Day  
We actively market the area to tourists and meeting planners. Riverside Museum features artifacts from the wreck of the War Eagle, as well as river history.

## Mississippi River Sculpture Park

St. Feriole Island (east of Villa Louis)  
Prairie du Chien, WI  
608-326-7333  
*Kid's Activity, Historical Museum*  
www.MississippiRiverSculpturePark.com  
Open year round  
Black Hawk & other life-sized bronze sculptures of 12,000-year history of Mississippi River Confluence Region; fire circle of bronze cultural symbols; donation accepted.

## Myrick Park

2000 La Crosse St  
La Crosse, WI  
608-789-7533  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.cityoflacrosse.org  
Myrick park is one of the city's most popular attractions including bike/hiking trails, zoo, kids coulee playground, picnic shelter, dog park, and tennis courts.

## Onalaska Aquatic Center

250 Riders Club Rd  
Onalaska, WI  
608-781-9524  
*Kid's Activity, Swimming*  
www.cityofonalaska.com  
M-F 12:30-4:30 & 6:30-8:30; Sa 12-7; Su 12-5  
8500 square foot, zero depth pool. Six competitive lap lanes, two 250 ft waterslides, drop slide, water play features, sand play area and concession stand.

## Ponderosa Park

300 Flora Ct  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Volleyball court, basketball court, playground, T-Ball field (1.06 acres)

## Remington Hills Park

1100 S. Cherry Ln  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, open space, open shelter, volleyball court, soccer/football field, basketball court, softball/baseball field, tennis court (7.5 acres)

## Rotary Lights

Riverside Park  
La Crosse, WI  
800-784-9993  
*Events/Festivals, Kid's Activity*  
www.rotarylites.org  
Thanksgiving - New Year's Eve  
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

## Sylvan Park

403 E McHugh St  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, basketball court, soccer field/open play area, open shelter (1.94 acres)

## Timberline Park

700 Evergreen Dr  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, baseball fields, basketball court, volleyball court (2.5 acres)

## Viking Park

1602 Viking Ave  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, basketball court (533 acres).

## Village of La Farge - Campground

105 W Main St  
La Farge, WI  
608-625-4422  
*Camping*  
www.lafarge-wisconsin.com  
8-5  
RV & tent sites, new shower/restroom facility, playground, picnic shelters, & canoeing nearby.

## Village of Wilton Campground

400 East St, 5 blocks from Elroy Sparta State Trail  
Wilton, WI  
608-435-6666  
*Camping*  
villageofwilton@centurytel.net  
In the heart of the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail, Swimming pool, bathhouse, electric-water-dump station, playground, volleyball. No reservations, 50 sites on grassy-wooded area.

## Whispering Pines Park

925 Dana Ln  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-2152  
*Kid's Activity*  
www.holmenwi.com  
8a-10p  
Playground, volleyball court, basketball court, open shelter, open field (1.66 acres)



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

La Crosse Parks, Ice Arena, Various Facilities  
La Crosse, WI  
608-789-7533  
*Events/Festivals, Ice Skating/Hockey*  
[www.cityoflacrosse.org](http://www.cityoflacrosse.org)  
Jan 25-Feb 1, 2009 8:30 - 5  
Winter Rec Fest offers over 30 different winter related activities and events through 15 different venues in the city.

## County Parks

### Goose Island Park & Campground

3 mi. S of La Crosse on Hwy 35 on Cty Rd G1  
La Crosse, WI  
608-785-9770  
*Camping, Biking Trails, Boating, Equipment Rental, Hiking, Fishing, Canoeing/Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Bird Watching*  
[www.lacrossecountycamping.com](http://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.

### McMullen Memorial County Park

1703 Atlantic Rd  
Warrens, WI  
608-378-4913  
*Camping, Fishing*  
[www.co.monroe.wi.us/pub/dept.php](http://www.co.monroe.wi.us/pub/dept.php)  
8-4:30  
McMullen Memorial Park is a 60 acre campground nestled in among 1,000 acres of County Forest Land. It has 67 campsites with water/electric hookups & 4 primitive sites.

### Mindoro County Park

Cty Hwy D in Mindoro  
La Crosse, WI  
608-785-9770  
*Bird Watching, Hiking*  
[www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://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.

### Neshonoc South Park

End of Tilson St  
West Salem, WI  
608-785-9770  
*Boating, Fishing, Bird Watching, Hiking*  
[www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Departments/Facilities/Documents/Parks.htm#PARK%20LOCATIONS](http://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.

### Neshonoc Swarthout Park

Hwy 16, 1/2 mile N of West Salem  
La Crosse, WI  
608-785-9770  
*Boating, Swimming, Fishing*  
[www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Departments/Facilities/Documents/Parks.htm#PARK%20LOCATIONS](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Departments/Facilities/Documents/Parks.htm#PARK%20LOCATIONS)  
Open year round  
Boat landing for Lake Neshonoc, picnicking, playground, shelter, swim beach.

### Veteran's Memorial Park & Campground

N4668 Cty Rd VP, off Hwy 16, 9 mi east of La Crosse  
La Crosse, WI  
608-785-9770  
*Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Biking Trails, Hiking, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing*  
[www.lacrossecountycamping.com](http://www.lacrossecountycamping.com)  
Campground Apr 15-Oct 15;  
Park year round  
Well-groomed, clean atmosphere for camping on the La Crosse River and the La Crosse River State Bike Trail. No Reservations.

## State Parks

### 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, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Mini Golf, Restaurants, Swimming*  
[www.iowadnr.com/parks/state\\_park\\_list/backbone.html](http://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.

### Coulee Experimental State Forest

Entrances: Cty Rd II and Russlan  
Coulee off Cty Rd M  
Bangor, WI  
608-785-9007  
*Hunting, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Horseback Riding*  
[www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/stateforests/SF-Coulee/](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/stateforests/SF-Coulee/)  
3,000 acres for hunting, cross-country skiing, hiking, and horseback riding, no camping or campfires are permitted.

### Perrot State Park

W26247 Sullivan Rd  
Trempealeau, WI  
608-534-6409  
*Camping, Hiking, Cross Country Skiing, Fishing, Swimming, Snowshoeing, Canoeing/Kayaking*  
[www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks)  
500-foot river bluffs, camping, hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and access to the Great River State Trail. Limited boat access to Mississippi River.

### Wildcat Mountain State Park

E13660 State Hwy 33  
Ontario, WI  
608-337-4775  
*Hiking, Canoeing/Kayaking, Camping, Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Horseback Riding*  
[www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/wildcat/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/wildcat/)  
Hiking and horse trails with spectacular views. Camping for families and groups. Separate horse camp. Canoeing on the Kickapoo River.

### Yellow River State Forest

729 State Forest Rd  
Harpers Ferry, IA  
563-586-2254  
*Camping, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Biking Trails, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Snowmobiling, Cross Country Skiing, Hunting*  
[www.iowadnr.com/forestry/yellowriver.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry/yellowriver.html)  
8,500 acres open to hunting (except for campgrounds), hiking and cross country skiing, hiking trails and cross country ski trails. Equestrian trails, mountain bike trails.

## National Parks/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### Black Hawk Park

**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
E590 Cty Rd B1  
(3 mi N DeSoto Hwy 35)  
DeSoto, WI  
608-648-3341  
*Boating, Fishing, Camping*  
[www.mvp.usace.army.mil/recreation/](http://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.

### Effigy Mounds National Monument- National Park Service

151 Hwy 76  
Harpers Ferry, IA  
563-873-3491  
*Bird Watching, Hiking*  
[www.nps.gov/efmo](http://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.

# Refuges

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### **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, Birding Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting 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, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://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, Fishing, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access.

### **Long Lake, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge**

Below Lock & Dam 6  
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:  
627119 (E) 4871355 (N)  
Trempealeau, WI  
*Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters or on marked canoe trail. Fish from shore or boat.

### **Lower I-90 Landing, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge**

Near MN I-90 Vis Cent  
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:  
0636510 (E) 4857195 (N)  
Dresbach, MN  
*Boating, Bird Watching, Fishing*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/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, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://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, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat, children's fishing events throughout year (check website). 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, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Explore, walk, & sightsee.

### **Peterson Lake, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge**

14366 N County 24  
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:  
583271 (E) 4909803 (N)  
Kellogg, MN  
*Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat.

### **Pontoon Slough, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge**

Hwy 60/25  
GPS: UTM NAD83Z15:  
577673(E) 4916261 (N)  
Wabasha, MN  
*Boating, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Hunting access.



Photo courtesy of Effigy Mounds, view from Fire Point

### **Raft Channel, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge**

Hwy 26 south of Brownsville  
Brownsville, MN  
*Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Fall waterfowl migration viewing. Oct Observation area.

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

Hwy 35 N  
Alma, WI  
*Bird Watching, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Camping*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
Fall waterfowl migration viewing. Canoe through refuge waters. Fish from shore or boat. Observation platform.

### **Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge**

Winona Off. - Pools 4, 5, 5A & 6  
Winona, MN  
507-454-7351  
*Bird Watching, Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, Boating*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://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  
507-454-7351  
*Bird Watching, Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, Boating*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/)  
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### **Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge**

La Crosse Office - Pools 7 & 8  
Onalaska, WI  
608-783-8405  
*Bird Watching, Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Biking Trails, Shopping-Gifts/Collectibles*  
[www.midwest.fws.gov/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://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/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, Bird Watching*  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/](http://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 website). Explore, walk, & sightsee.

# Restaurants

## Weaver Bottoms, Upper Miss. River National Wildlife Refuge

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

## Restaurants

### 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, Fishing,  
Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting,  
Mini Golf, State Park, Swimming*  
[www.iowadnr.com/parks/state\\_park\\_list/backbone.html](http://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.

### Beedle's Bar & Restaurant

W24966 State Rd 54/93  
Centerville, WI  
608-539-2251  
[www.beedlesbar.com](http://www.beedlesbar.com)  
Tu-Th 4-12; F 4-2;  
Sa 11-2; Su 9:30-9:30  
Relaxed and inviting atmosphere,  
homemade food, steaks, seafood,  
sandwiches, cold beer, and great  
service.  
WiFi Access

### Black River Falls Downtown Association

221 Main St  
Black River Falls, WI  
715-284-2503  
*Chambers of Commerce/Visitors'  
Bureaus, Shopping*  
[www.downtownblackriverfalls.com](http://www.downtownblackriverfalls.com)  
Historic Downtown Black River  
Falls offering old time charm with  
a mix of unique antiques, gift &  
specialty shops, eateries & pubs.

### Culina Mariana

5250 Justin Rd  
La Crosse, WI  
608-788-8400  
*Bird Watching, Hiking*  
[www.guadalupeshrine.org](http://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.



Photo courtesy of Westby House Victorian Inn & Restaurant

### Isle of Capri Casino and Hotel

Hwy 18  
Marquette, IA  
1-800-4YOU BET  
*Hotel/Motel, Casinos*  
[www.isleofcapricasino.com](http://www.isleofcapricasino.com)  
Su-Th 8a-2a; F-Sa 24hrs  
Located under the bluffs along the  
scenic Mississippi River, the Isle of  
Capri Casino & Hotel in Marquette,  
Iowa is a great way to get away  
from the every day.

### People's Food Co-op/ Hackberry's Bistro

315 5th Ave S  
La Crosse, WI  
608-784-5798  
[www.pfc.coop](http://www.pfc.coop)  
7a-10p  
A community owned natural foods  
store featuring organic and local  
produce, health & beauty section,  
a deli, and full-service restaurant.

## Casual Dining

### Blue Cup Coffee House

Holmen Square  
Holmen, WI  
608-526-6177  
*Coffee Shops*  
[www.bluecup-coffeehouse.com](http://www.bluecup-coffeehouse.com)  
M & F 6-6; Tu - Th 6-8; Sa 7-3; Su 8-1  
Fast, casual dining with coffee  
house component. Fun, unique  
foods that include wraps, paninis  
and salads. Full coffee menu.  
See web site. Drive thru open at  
5:30 am!  
WiFi Access

### Bookends & Beans, LLC

309 E Water St  
Decorah, IA  
563-382-0100  
*Coffee Shops, Other*  
[www.bookendsbeans.com](http://www.bookendsbeans.com)  
M-F 7-5, Sa 8-4  
Full-service coffee bar with espresso  
drinks, 4 brewed coffees daily,  
chai, scones, muffins & cookies.  
General new bookstore with large  
fiction section, 3000+ books in  
stock.  
WiFi Access

### Bucks N Bulls

402 West Chestnut  
Harpers Ferry, IA  
563-586-2117  
[www.bucksnbulls.net](http://www.bucksnbulls.net)  
M-Sa 6a-close; Su 11a-close  
We offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner  
menus as well as our fabulous  
pizza. We have a full bar, 5 TV's, a  
pool table, an outdoor beer garden,  
and an outdoor stage.

### Coaches Family Restaurant

634 S. Marquette Rd  
Prairie du Chien, WI  
608-326-8115  
[www.coachespdc.com](http://www.coachespdc.com)  
5a daily  
Family owned and operated offering  
home style cooking since 1970.  
We also provide carry outs and  
deliveries, and can cater for any  
event. Just call us for details!

### County Line Bar & Supper Club

W3686 Monroe Rd  
Warrens, WI  
608-378-4767  
Dining: W-Sa open 5p  
Great food in a casual atmosphere.  
A local meeting place since 1938.  
Enjoy nightly specials or choose  
from full menu.



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