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PHOTO: Rent a boat and go waterskiing on Gull Lake (cover), photo by Paul Vincent;  
A young dancer in powwow regalia at the Mahkato Wacipi (above), photo by Karla Caspari



The Lora hotel in downtown Stillwater blends modern amenities with historic charm. *Discover Stillwater*



This summer, you can pedal across the St. Croix River on the newly completed Loop Trail. *Discover Stillwater*

# DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW IN HISTORIC STILLWATER

BY CAITLIN HANNAH & ERICA WACKER

Nicknamed the “birthplace of Minnesota” and one of the oldest towns in the state, historic Stillwater is in the midst of a rebirth. New boutique hotels, eateries and events have cropped up in recent years, and this spring marks the much-anticipated debut of the new-and-improved Lift Bridge across the St. Croix River.

Closed since 2017, the new bridge will be open to cyclists and pedestrians only (BYO bicycle or rent one in town—standard or electric). The bridge will complete the 5-mile Loop Trail, connecting to the parallel St. Croix Crossing bridge via trails on both sides of the river. To mark the occasion, a local resident is inviting at least 6,200 people to line up along the trail on May 16 in an attempt to break a very specific Guinness World Record: clasping wrists in a continuous circle across two state lines.

Also that weekend, visitors and locals can partake in a spaghetti dinner across the bridge and a street dance on Friday night, and a pancake breakfast, bike rodeos, a beer tent and brewers bazaar on Saturday. If you can't make it to the celebration, don't worry; there are plenty of other ways to experience something new in Stillwater this season.

## WHAT'S NEW

If you go to Stillwater to shop (and who doesn't?), check out new merchants like Smith + Trade Mercantile, selling wares made by local craftspeople and offering classes to make your own art. Other newcomers include lifestyle boutique

Kenzington and When Pigs Flew, a resale and consignment shop.

Traveling with a group? Book a time to experience axe throwing at The Lumberjack, which includes a coach and one hour of throwing. Next, try navigating your way out of a cave or breaking out of Mr. Connolly's office at Stillwater Escape Co., then celebrate your victory (or lack thereof) at Stillwater Proper, a soon-to-open distillery and tasting room that makes its spirits using local grains.

While Stillwater makes for an easy daytrip from the Twin Cities, there are many enticing reasons to stay overnight. Two new boutique hotels, the Lora and Hotel Crosby, bookend Main Street. One historic and one modern, both hotels have on-site bars and restaurants to elevate your stay. Other lodging options include the renovated Water Street Inn, now with 20 more rooms and a rooftop restaurant, and over 20 downtown home and loft rentals.

## TRIED & TRUE

Even if you've been here before, there are surely things you haven't done. Hop a ride on the Stillwater Trolley for a fully narrated, scenic tour of the city. As the cheery red trolley weaves its way into the hills overlooking downtown, it's hard not to be transported back in time by the beautiful Victorian homes once occupied by the wealthy lumber barons who settled here.

Have you seen Stillwater from the water? Designated as a

National Scenic Riverway by the National Park Service, the St. Croix is one of the most beautiful and least developed rivers in the Upper Midwest. Take a lunch, dinner or jazz paddleboat cruise with Stillwater River Boats, or celebrate a special occasion with an intimate gondola ride for two.

Once you've worked up an appetite, there's no shortage of places to grab a good meal, sweet treat or satisfying drink. For lunch or dinner, check out trendy restaurants like Brick & Bourbon, LoLo's, Feller or Lolito Cantina, or head up the hill to Chilkoot Cafe, a bike shop and eatery in one.

Sip Minnesota-made wines at Northern Vineyards, with views of the Lift Bridge from the outdoor deck, or do a wine tasting at Saint Croix Vineyards. Beer drinkers should check out Maple Island Brewing and the aptly named Lift Bridge Brewery, and craft cocktails are the specialty at Velvetten, No Neck Tony's and The Long Goodbye. For dessert, a trio of candy stores as well as three ice cream shops will surely do the trick.

Though any time is a good time to visit, consider planning your trip around a special event. Summer Tuesdays (June 30-Aug. 11) feature live music and food at Lowell Riverfront Park, and the Cruisin' on the Croix Hot Rod & Vintage Car Show rolls in every other Wednesday starting June 10. Other highlights include the Food Truck Extravaganza at the Washington County Fairgrounds (June 13), the 86th annual Stillwater Lumberjack Days (July 16-19) and Opera on the River (Aug. 1). ■



ATV riders can leave civilization behind and witness wild places. *Paul Vincent*

# ATV ADVENTURES IN MINNESOTA'S GREAT NORTHWEST

BY C.B. BYLANDER

For big thrills off the beaten path, nothing compares to the adrenaline rush you get from laying on the throttle of an ATV—and nowhere does it quite like northwest Minnesota, where a seemingly endless network of ATV trails weaves through the remote wilderness landscape.

Northwest Minnesota, where all-terrain vehicle manufacturers Polaris and Textron Arctic Cat were founded, is truly an ATV-riding destination. This part of the state has long trails, great scenery and a remoteness rarely found. In fact, some trails take riders so deep into forests and bogs the nearest gas station is a good 50 miles away.

The trails are largely the product of 20-plus years of work. Over time, those who manage local, county and state lands have worked with ATV clubs to create an extensive network of trails through state forests, wildlife management areas and other public lands and roadways. Today, the far northwest region—around Warroad, Roseau, Fourtown, Grygla, Crookston and Bemidji—has many ATV trails that attract riders from throughout Minnesota and nearby states.

But how many riders are there? For starters, nearly 270,000 ATVs are registered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. That number is similar to the number of licensed small game hunters and three times the number of waterfowl hunters.

Northwest Minnesota is where western prairie and farm fields merge with the forests of the east. Together, they create a compelling mosaic of lakes, wildflowers, wooded groves, bogs and other natural features—perfect conditions to get on the trail, squeeze the throttle and witness the wilderness.

Where to go? Consider these popular destinations:

## BEMIDJI AREA

There are three trail systems in the Bemidji area. These include the Wilton Trails Northwest system, west of Bemidji, and the Schoolcraft and Round River Drive Trail systems to



Ride next to the river on the ATV trails near Thief River Falls. *Textron Arctic Cat*

the south. The Wilton trails run for 37 miles along abandoned railroad grade. The Round River Drive Trail is 107 miles long. This trail is a combination of Paul Bunyan State Forest roads and trails. The terrain varies greatly, and miles of trail twist and climb in this rocky moraine and pothole landscape.

The Round River trails connect to the community of Akeley, which is a good place for getting gas or finding a private campground. The Schoolcraft Trail is 29 miles long. It connects the community of Lake George to the Paul Bunyan State Forest. This hilly terrain is dotted with ponds and bogs. The trail is a combination of forest and township roads as well as county and state road right-of-ways.

## BAUDETTE/WARROAD AREA

This area features the Warroad/Roseau trail system and the Bemis Hill trail system. Nearly 90 miles long, the Warroad/Roseau trails are located largely in the northeast corner of the 700,000-acre Beltrami State Forest. The Bemis Hill trails travel for 96 miles on the eastern edge of the forest. The Warroad/Roseau trails connect to 200 additional miles of

Off-Highway Vehicle trails.

Trails in the Beltrami State Forest mostly travel along pine covered ridges, large flatlands and look out over peat bogs. Carp's Pit Recreation Area is a popular picnic and resting area for Warroad/Roseau trail riders. There's also a picnic area for Bemis Hill riders, too.

## GRYGLA AREA

This area features the Fourtown-Grygla and Con-Con trails. These trails are located immediately south of the Warroad/Roseau and Bemis Hill trails. The Fourtown-Grygla trail system covers a whopping 170 miles, making it one of the state's longest ATV trails. Much of the trail follows county roads, township roads, ditch banks and existing trails. The Con-Con trails are short segments scattered within Marshall and Beltrami counties. These trails are not contiguous but do connect with the Fourtown-Grygla system.

With generally flat and easy riding, Fourtown-Grygla is the perfect spot to hit the gas and see what your engine can do. Riders in this area may see the occasional moose as well as black bear, sandhill cranes and many different waterfowl species.

## CROOKSTON AREA

The Agassiz Recreational Trail begins at Crookston and extends 52 miles southwest until it ends at the tiny town of Ulen. Not far from the North Dakota border, the trail offers surprisingly scenic views of the Sand Hill and Wild Rice rivers from the bridges that pass over them. The trail runs atop an abandoned railroad grade. Riders travel through sparsely wooded stretches and scenic farm country. This is a multi-use trail also popular with hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders.

Plan your next ride with a free copy of the Minnesota ATVentures guide, available at [exploreminnesota.com/offroad](http://exploreminnesota.com/offroad). ■



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Grandpa and grandson at Hull Rust Mine View in Hibbing. *Iron Range Tourism Bureau*



Grandma and granddaughter play on the beach at Dickerson's Resort. *Aury G Photography*

# GREAT MINNESOTA VACATIONS FOR GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS & KIDS

BY ALISA BLACKWOOD

Think back to your most cherished childhood memories and you'll find most of them share a common thread: family. From peaceful mornings on the lake, sitting side by side with hands wrapped around a fishing pole, to summer evenings spent listening to stories and roasting marshmallows with grandma and grandpa: These are the moments your kids will remember most from your next Minnesota vacation.

Going on vacation with three (or more!) generations is becoming a popular way to travel, because it gives families a unique chance to bond. "Think about a kid seeing mom or dad on a paddleboard out of the lake—that's cool," says Niki Geisler, executive director of Camp du Nord near Ely. "Then if they see grandma and grandpa on a paddleboard? That's something to strive for. It's phenomenal the bonding that happens. You break down age barriers."

When planning your multigenerational trip in Minnesota, look for options that allow for both play and rest, alone time and together time, advises travel expert Lynn O'Rourke Hayes, editor of FamilyTravel.com. Luckily, Minnesota's great outdoors, historic sites and charming small towns offer something for all ages, ensuring every member of

the family will go home with more than a few good stories to tell.

## STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

Nature-loving families who gravitate toward outdoor fun will find endless options throughout Minnesota. Try the underground geological wonder of Mystery Cave State Park in Preston, perfect for those walking and those who need wheelchair- and stroller-accessible trails, with the above-ground Forestville living history site offering a fun trip into the past.

At Itasca State Park, hop across the headwaters of the Mississippi River as it begins its 2,552-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, and snap the ultimate Minnesota family photo with the historic signpost. Other highlights of the state's oldest state park include an interpretive center, bike and kayak rentals, a narrated boat tour and hiking trails.

Visiting a historic site during your extended family vacation is fun for inquisitive minds of all ages. While younger kids play with the site's interactive elements, parents and grandparents can delve more deeply into the artifacts and uncover the stories they tell. Because each age group approaches the material with a different point of view, interpreting them together helps everyone gain

new perspectives not only of the sites themselves, but of each other.

Immerse your family in the cultural history of Native American pipemakers at southern Minnesota's Pipestone National Monument, where tribes from all over still use the soft stone to carve pipes for ceremonial smoking. The 301-acre monument now balances its role as both a natural and cultural resource, offering interpretive programs with traditional pipemakers, quarry pits, a waterfall, and a paved 3/4-mile Circle Trail through the prairie and oak savannah (semi-accessible by wheelchair). Play and stay in nearby Blue Mounds State Park to view the roaming bison herd that grazes on the prairie.

## LEARNING GETAWAYS & SLEEP-AWAY CAMPS

You're never too old—or too young—to learn something new, and there's no better classroom than Minnesota. Learning getaways come in all shapes and sizes, but for multigenerational travelers, we recommend wildlife-focused treasures like the International Wolf Center and North American Bear Center, both in Ely, or Wabasha's National Eagle Center. Each offers naturalist-led programs, interactive exhibits, cultural and historical displays

with plenty of handicapped accessibility.

Prefer learning with your hands? Intergenerational crafters can feed their creativity and enjoy the satisfaction of making something together at the Ely Folk School or Grand Marais' North House Folk School. Think pine needle basket making, toy boat making or handcrafting a wooden paddle.

For a structured, overnight vacation the whole family will love, try a sleep-away camp. The YMCA's Camp du Nord nature immersion family camp near Ely offers both tent camping and modern cabins that sleep up to 16 people. Energetic, friendly camp counselors and staff make sure all physical abilities, ages and levels of comfort in the wilderness are catered to. It's common to see three- and even four-generation families strolling the trails, doing arts and crafts, paddling and sitting by the campfire. Choose from a weeklong summer camp, or three-night spring, winter or fall camps.

Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland hosts a Grand Summer Adventure specific to grandparents and kids aged 6-11 who want to enjoy more time one-on-one. Participate in canoeing, high ropes course challenges, hiking and crafting at this four-night eco-camp in Minnesota's north woods. ■

## COME SEE THE ACTION & EXPERIENCE OUR STORIES

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**Minnesota's Aviation Pioneers Speaker Series**

**April 11, 2020: Jim Johns**

Villiaume Industries WW2 CG-4 Troop Glider

**May 16, 2020: Lincoln Hudson / Jim Zdrasil**

Honeywell, What's Next in Space

**June 13, 2020: Panel Discussion: Joe Kilpatrick / Armand Peterson**

Honeywell, Ring Laser Gyro Precision Navigation System

**August 8, 2020: Bernie Gruber**

Northrop Grumman on GPS, Smart Munitions, & Space Systems

**September 12, 2020: Special Guest Speaker**

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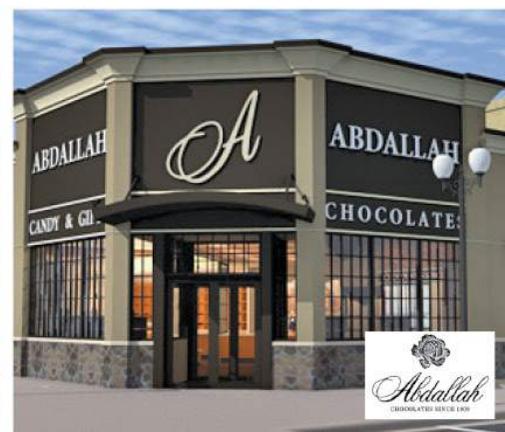
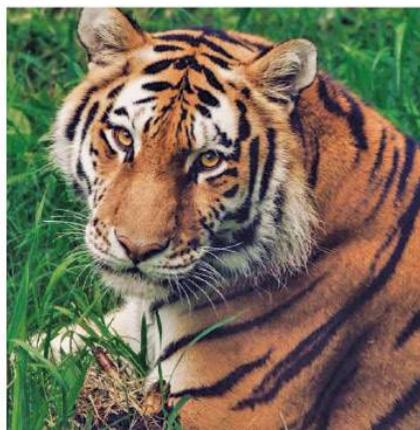
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## APRIL

- 1-19 Lutsen**  
Mountain Melt-down, Lutsen Mountains, 218-406-1340
- 2-4 Lutsen**  
Sweetwater Shakedown, Papa Charlie's, 218-406-1340
- 3-5 Deerwood**  
Maple Weekend: Season Tap Off, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, 218-678-2885
- 4 Collegeville**  
Maple Syrup Festival, St John's University, 320-363-2011
- 4 Minneapolis**  
Strike! The Workers' Rights Tour, Mill City Museum, 612-341-7555
- 4 Norwood Young America**  
Maple Syrup Open House, Baylor Regional Park Historic Barn, 952-466-5250
- 4 Vergas**  
Vergas Maple Syrup Festival, Vergas Event Center, 218-342-2091
- 4 Walker**  
North Country Woman's Expo, Chase on the Lake, 218-547-1313
- 4-5 St Paul**  
GSTA Rod and Custom Spectacular, State Fairgrounds, 651-288-4400
- 5 Maplewood**  
Easter Bunny Breakfast, 651-748-8645
- 5 Minneapolis**  
Pillsbury A Mill Tour\*, A-Mill Artist Lofts, 651-259-3015
- 5 St Paul**  
Easter Egg Hunt\*, James J. Hill House, 651-297-2555
- 5 St Paul**  
Urban Expedition, Landmark Center, 651-292-3225
- 11 Harmony**  
Community Easter Egg Hunt, Harmony Community Center, 507-886-2469
- 11 Henderson**  
Geocaching Egg Hunt, 507-357-8580
- 11 Longville**  
Easter EGGStravaganza, downtown, 218-363-2630

- 23 McGregor**  
Taste of McGregor, Minnesota National Golf Course, 218-768-3692
- 24 Deerwood**  
Taste of the Cuyuna Lakes, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, 218-454-8020
- 24 St Paul**  
Angels and Madams, Alexander Ramsey House, 651-296-8760
- 24-26 Marietta**  
Salt Lake Birding Weekend, Salt Lake, 952-595-9265
- 24-26 St Paul**  
Minnesota Horse Expo, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 952-356-2029
- 24-26 Winona**  
Bluff Country Studio Art Tour, multiple locations, 651-307-6373
- 25 Austin**  
Taste of Nations, Packer Arena, 507-433-0686
- 25 Chanhassen**  
Cars and Caves\*, Chanhassen AutoPlex, 952-278-3140
- 25 Chaska**  
All About Dogs, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 612-624-2200
- 25 Lanesboro**  
Get Squirrelly with Surly, downtown, 507-467-2696
- 25 Wabasha**  
Eagle Viewing Field Trips\*, National Eagle Center, 651-565-4989
- 25 Wabasha**  
Taste of Wabasha, National Eagle Center, 651-565-4989
- 25-26 St Paul**  
Party for the Planet, Como Park, 651-487-8201
- 26 St Paul**  
Bandwidth Community Band Festival, Landmark Center, 651-292-3225
- 30-May 3 Winona**  
100 Mile Garage Sale, various cities, 507-452-0735

## MAY

- 1-2 Winona**  
Mid West Music Fest, multiple venues, 507-452-0735
- 1-3 Deerwood**  
Lakes Area Spring Yoga Expo, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, 218-678-2885
- 2 Alexandria**  
Nordic Fest, Runestone Museum, 320-763-3160
- 2 New Ulm**  
Mai Fest, Morgan Creek Vineyards, 507-947-3547
- 2 St Cloud**  
May Day Frolic, downtown, 320-247-2354
- 2 St Paul**  
Cinco de Mayo, Wabasha Brewing, 651-224-2102
- 7-9 Milaca**  
Milaca's Citywide Garage Sale, 763-439-7856
- 8-10 Lake City**  
Spring Warbler Weekend, Hok-Si-La Park, 651-340-3487
- 9 Milan**  
Syttende Mai, downtown, 320-734-4411
- 9 Nisswa**  
Gull Lake Welcome Wannigan, Gull Lake, 218-963-2620

## WHERE TO GO FOR FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS



Fourth of July fireworks over Lake Bemidji. @JacobLaducer on Instagram

All the Minnesota towns listed here, and likely many more, are celebrating Independence Day with parties and fireworks, plus plenty of food, music and family fun. Most are on the Fourth of July (Saturday). For a more complete list with details and contact information, visit [exploreminnesota.com/fourthfireworks](http://exploreminnesota.com/fourthfireworks).

**Anandale**  
**Afton**  
**Albert Lea**  
**Alexandria**  
**Aurora**  
**Baudette**  
**Brainerd**  
**Crane Lake**  
**Crosslake**  
**Deerwood**

**Detroit Lakes**  
**Duluth**  
**Eagan**  
**East Grand Forks**  
**Ely**  
**Eveleth**  
**Grand Marais**  
**Harmony**  
**Holyoke**  
**Luverne**

**Madison**  
**Maynard**  
**McGregor**  
**Minneapolis**  
**New Ulm**  
**Nisswa**  
**Owatonna**  
**Perham**  
**Prinsburg**  
**Sleepy Eye**

**Spicer**  
**St Cloud**  
**St Joseph**  
**St Peter**  
**Stillwater**  
**Waconia**  
**Walker**  
**Warroad**  
**Waseca**  
**White Bear Lake**

**14-16 Detroit Lakes**  
Festival of Birds, 218-847-9202

**15-17 Austin**  
Austi-Con V, Holiday Inn Conference Center, 507-437-4563

**15-17 Houston**  
Bluegrass Festival, Cushon's Peak Campground, 507-864-8109

**15-17 Preston**  
Preston Trout Days, downtown, 507-765-2153

**16 Madison Lake**  
Madison Lake in May BBQ Cook-Off, Main Street, 507-243-4343

**16 Marshall**  
Made in Minnesota Craft Beer Festival, Red Baron Arena, 507-537-1865

**16 New Ulm**  
Bacchus Fest, Morgan Creek Vineyards, 507-947-3547

**16 Whalan**  
Stand-Still Parade, Main Street, 507-467-2696

**16-24 Duluth**  
Duluth Dylan Fest, citywide, 218-391-6299

**17 Brooklyn Park**  
Spring on the Farm, Historic Eidem Homestead, 763-493-4604

**17 Eagan**  
Holz Farm Spring Festival, 651-675-5500

**17 Sunburg**  
Syttende Mai Celebration, downtown, 320-235-3552

**19 Henderson**  
Henderson Classic Car Roll-In\*, downtown, 507-248-3691

**21 Lakeville**  
Taste of Lakeville, Lakeville Area Arts Center, 952-985-4640

**21 Mankato**  
Free Family Fun Night\*, Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, 507-386-0279

**21-24 Waseca**  
A Touch of Country Class Boutique\*, 641-204-2290

**22-25 Schroeder**  
Art Along the Lake: Spring, North Shore studios, 218-387-2524

**23 Anandale**  
Chili Cook-Off, Main Street, 651-555-5555

**23 St Paul**  
Scott Fitzgerald Walking Tour\*, Commodore Bar and Restaurant, 651-259-3015

**23 Winona**  
Kashubian Centennial: Jen Kochany Festival, Levee Park, 507-457-8258

**24 Preston**  
Memorial Ceremony, Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, 507-765-2153

**24 Scandia**  
Immigrant for a Day!, 651-433-5053

**25 Onamia**  
Memorial Day Powwow, Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 320-532-3632

**29-30 Owatonna**  
Smokin' In Steele, Steele County Fairgrounds, 507-455-1428

**29-31 Long Prairie**  
Prairie Days, downtown, 320-732-2514

**30 Eagan**  
Bow-Wow-a-Rama, Eagan Festival Grounds, 651-675-5000

**30 St Louis Park**  
City Pages Beer Fest, The West End, 612-372-3710

## JUNE

**1 Baudette**  
Willie Walleys Day, Main Street, 218-634-1174

**3 Nisswa**  
Turtle Races\*, downtown, 218-963-2620

**3 Perham**  
Turtle Races\*, 218-346-7710

**3 Winona**  
Lakeview Drive Inn Cruise Night\*, Lakeview Drive Inn, 507-454-3723

**4 Rochester**  
Thursdays Downtown\*, 507-216-9882

**4-7 Spring Lake Park**  
Tower Days City Celebration, Lakeside Lions Park, 763-792-7201

**5 Hutchinson**  
Dairy Day Celebration, McLeod County Fairgrounds, 320-587-5252

**5 St Cloud**  
Downtown Art Crawl, 320-251-4170

**5-7 Boyd**  
Good Time Days, downtown, 320-855-2242

**5-7 Edina**  
Edina Art Fair, 50th and France, 952-922-1524

**5-7 Luverne**  
Buffalo Days, downtown, 507-283-4061

**6 Deerwood**  
Legends of the Road Classic Car Show, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, 218-678-2885

**6 Embarrass**  
National Sauna Day, Nelmark Homestead Museum, 218-984-3012

**6 Grand Rapids**  
Wizard of Oz Festival, Judy Garland Museum, 218-327-9276

**6 Lanesboro**  
Rhubarb Festival, Sylvan Park, 507-467-2696

**6 South St Paul**  
Rhubarb Festival, LeDuc Historic Estate, 651-438-8480

**6-7 Grand Marais**  
Grand Marais Block Party, downtown, 218-387-2524

**10 Stillwater**  
Cruisin' on the Croix Hot Rod and Vintage Car Show\*, Lowell Park and downtown, 651-351-1717

**11 Battle Lake**  
Turtle Races\*, Lakes Area Community Center, 218-862-5222

**11-13 Brooklyn Park**  
Tater Daze, Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center, 763-493-8254

**11-13 Grand Rapids**  
Judy Garland Festival, Judy Garland Museum, 218-326-1900

**11-14 St Cloud**  
Swingin' into Summer Tap Festival, Holiday Inn, 320-253-9000

**12-13 Kandiyohi**  
Kandi is Dandy Days, citywide, 320-212-2978

**12-13 Nisswa**  
Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, Pioneer Village, 218-764-2994

**12-13 Winsted**  
Winstock Country Music Festival, Festival Grounds, 320-485-4287

**12-14 Babbitt**  
Peter Mitchell Days, 218-780-3187

**12-14 Chisholm**  
Iron Pour, Minnesota Museum of Mining, 218-254-5543

**13 Apple Valley**  
Beastly Bash, Minnesota Zoo, 952-431-9200

**13 Golden Valley**  
Golden Valley Pride Festival, Brookview Park, 612-735-4251

**13 New York Mills**  
Great American Think-Off, New York Mills Cultural Center, 218-385-3339

**13 Stillwater**  
Food Truck Extravaganza, Washington County Fairgrounds, 651-439-4001

**13 Taylors Falls**  
Winehaven Dinner Cruise on the St Croix River\*, 651-465-6315

**13 Two Harbors**  
Children's Day, Split Rock Lighthouse, 218-226-6372

**13-14 East Grand Forks**  
Art on the Red, downtown, 701-772-3710

**13-14 Maple Grove**  
Chalkfest, Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, 410-302-5715

**13-14 St Paul**  
Deutsche Tage (German Days), The Germanic-American Institute, 651-222-7027

**14 Benson**  
Pioneerland Band Festival Parade and Flag Day Festival, 320-843-2710

**14 New London**  
Smokin' for the Link Rib Fest, Goat Ridge Brewery, 320-354-5465

**14-21 Buffalo**  
Buffalo Days, 763-682-4902

**14-21 Hutchinson**  
Hutchinson Jaycee Water Carnival, citywide, 320-587-5252

**16-20 Atwater**  
Atwater Festival Days, 320-974-8760

**17-21 Perham**  
Turtle Fest, multiple locations, 218-346-7710

**17-21 Winona**  
Steamboat Days, Levee Park, 507-452-0735

**18-20 Brooklyn Center**  
Earle Brown Days, Centennial Park,  
763-569-3400

**18-20 Lake Crystal**  
Lake Days/Battle of the Bands Parade,  
downtown, 507-726-6088

**18-July 4 White Bear Lake**  
Manitou Days, citywide, 651-653-5122

**19 Pine River**  
Duck Races\*, Pine River Dam,  
218-587-4000

**19-20 Avon**  
Spunktacular Days, Lake Wobegon Park  
Trailhead, 320-217-4792

**19-20 Brainerd**  
Confidence Learning Center Golf and  
Fishing Classic, 218-963-2620

**19-20 Caledonia**  
Founder's Day, downtown,  
507-725-3450

**19-20 Harmony**  
60-Mile Garage Sale, towns along the  
Root River Trail, 507-886-2469

**19-20 Little Falls**  
Little Falls Dam Festival, Maple Island  
Park, 320-632-3664

**19-21 Minneapolis**  
Stone Arch Bridge Festival,  
952-473-6422

**19-21 Montevideo**  
Fiesta Days, citywide, 320-269-5527

**19-21 St Paul**  
Back to the 50s Weekend, State  
Fairgrounds, 952-925-4848

**20 Minneapolis**  
Midsommar Celebration, American  
Swedish Institute, 612-871-4907

**20 Owatonna**  
Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival,  
downtown, 507-451-3103

**20 Pelican Rapids**  
International Friendship Festival, Sherin  
Park, 218-863-1221

**20 Waconia**  
Lake Waconia Marching Band Festival,  
Main Street, 952-442-0667

**22-27 Red Wing**  
Plein Air Art Festival, Red Wing Arts,  
651-388-7569

**22-28 St James**  
Railroad Days, citywide, 507-375-3333

**24 Maplewood**  
Dairy Day, 651-748-8645

**25 St Cloud**  
Lemonade Arts Festival, St Cloud State  
University, 320-308-0121

**25-27 Brainerd**  
Lakes Jam Music Festival, Brainerd  
International Raceway, 218-640-3785

**25-27 Pelican Rapids**  
Pelican Fest, citywide, 218-863-1221

**25-27 Pipestone**  
Water Tower Festival, downtown,  
507-825-3316

**25-28 Wayzata**  
Lake Minnetonka Summer Splash, Lake  
Street & Wayzata Bay, 952-473-9595

**26 Round Lake**  
Hogs and Hot Rods Cruisin', Round Lake  
Vineyards, 507-945-1100

**26-27 Proctor**  
Monster Truck Show, Proctor Speedway,  
715-392-8697

**26-28 Browerville**  
Browerville Heritage Days, downtown,  
320-594-2300

**26-28 Dawson**  
Riverfest, 320-769-2981

**26-28 Granite Falls**  
Western Fest Stampede Rodeo, Lee Mar  
Ranch and downtown, 320-321-3202

**26-28 Henderson**  
Sauerkraut Days, citywide,  
507-248-3234

**26-28 Lake City**  
Water Ski Days, citywide, 651-345-4123

**27 Alexandria**  
Awake the Lakes, Big Ole Park,  
320-808-5083

**27 Duluth**  
Chum Rhubarb Festival, First Lutheran  
Church, 218-720-6521

**27 Scandia**  
Midsommar Dag, Gammelgarden  
Museum, 651-433-5053

**27 Ham Lake**  
Ham Lake Freedom Festival, Lions Park,  
763-434-3011

**27 Minneapolis**  
Rock the Garden, Walker Art Center,  
612-375-7600

**27-28 Afton**  
Afton's Strawberry Festival, downtown,  
651-436-8883

**27-28 Eagan**  
Eagan Art Festival, Central Park Festival  
Grounds, 651-675-5500

**27-28 Minneapolis**  
Twin Cities Pride Festival and Parade,  
Loring Park, 612-255-3260

**27-28 Wayzata**  
Wayzata Art Experience, downtown,  
952-473-9595

**28 Alexandria**  
Vikingland Band Festival, downtown,  
320-491-9268

**28 Brainerd**  
Arts in the Park, Gregory Park,  
218-829-5278

**28 Minneapolis**  
Uptown Food Truck Festival,  
763-220-2380

**28 New Ulm**  
New Ulm Autofest, Brown County  
Fairgrounds, 507-354-3410

**28 St Louis Park**  
Common Sound Music Festival,  
Beth El Synagogue, 952-873-7300

## JULY

**3-4 St Joseph**  
Joetown Rocks, Church of St Joseph,  
320-363-7505

**4 Alexandria**  
Star Storm, Arrowwood Resort,  
320-762-1124

**4 Alexandria**  
Veterans Memorial Park Dedication,  
320-460-8303

**4 Waseca**  
Lakefest Music Festival, Clear Lake Park,  
507-461-2604

**4 Winona**  
Live at the Levee, Levee Park,  
507-457-8258

**4-5 Little Falls**  
Transatlantic Flight Weekend, Charles  
Lindbergh House and Museum,  
320-616-5421

**4-11 Lakeville**  
Pan-O-Prog, historic downtown,  
952-985-4400

**7-11 Hackensack**  
Sweetheart Days, downtown,  
218-675-6135

**8-12 Maple Grove**  
Maple Grove Days, various locations, 763-  
494-5985

**9-11 Edgerton**  
Edgerton Dutch Festival, 507-442-7891

**9-11 Hibbing**  
Hibbing Jubilee Community Festival,  
downtown, 218-262-3895

**10 New York Mills**  
Summer Celebration, 218-385-3339

**10-11 Hinckley**  
Corn and Clover Carnival, downtown,  
320-384-7837

**10-11 Minneapolis**  
Basilica Block Party, 612-333-1381

**10-11 Prior Lake**  
Lakefront Music Fest, Lakefront Park,  
952-445-1660

**10-12 Blue Earth**  
Giant Days, Blue Earth Area Chamber of  
Commerce, 507-526-2916

**10-12 Canby**  
Cobra Fest, 507-223-7775

**10-12 Cass Lake**  
SummerFest, Cedar Lakes Casino and  
downtown, 218-214-1359

**10-12 Clara City**  
Prairie Fest, 320-847-2114

**10-12 Deer River**  
World's Largest Wild Rice Festival,  
downtown, 218-246-8302

**10-12 Henning**  
Henning Festival, 218-548-5585

**11 Anoka**  
Anoka Riverfest and Craft Fair, downtown,  
763-421-7130

**11 Bagley**  
Bagley Art in the Park, Bagley City Park,  
218-533-0120

**11 Pelican Rapids**  
Cars in the Park, Sherin Park,  
218-863-1221

**11 Pierz**  
Freedom Fest, Genola Ball Park,  
320-468-6925

**11-12 Chicago City**  
Rhubarb Frenzy, Winehaven Winery and  
Vineyard, 651-257-1017

**11-12 Grand Marais**  
Grand Marais Arts Festival,  
218-387-2737

**11-12 Maple Grove**  
Arbor Lakes Art Fair, Maple Grove Arts  
Center, 763-370-3003

**11-12 Stillwater**  
Wine Meets Art Festival, St Croix  
Vineyards, 651-430-3310

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Take in the sunrise over Big Pine Lake near Perham.

## 3 DAYS OF FAMILY ADVENTURES IN OTTER TAIL COUNTY

BY CINNAMON JANZER & BRIAN FANELLI

If you're planning a trip to Otter Tail County and happen to call their visitors bureau in the process, the specially made jingle you'll hear on the other end nicely sums up what you should expect during a long weekend there: a warm, sometimes quirky, quintessential small-town Minnesota experience.

Located in west-central Minnesota, Otter Tail is one of the state's largest counties at over 2,200 square miles, encompassing 21 towns from tiny Vining (pop. 78) to the county seat of Fergus Falls (pop. 13,000). One of the standout features of Otter Tail County is its mesmerizing natural environment. Comprised of rolling prairie lands—and the most lakes in any U.S. county, including the namesake Otter Tail Lake—the county exudes a classic, laid-back Minnesota lakeside vibe.

The best way to explore the region is to pick one place to stay for a few nights and venture out from there. Whether you stay in a yurt at Glendalough State Park, a hotel in Fergus Falls or a B&B in Perham, you're never more than a hop, skip and a jump away from all of Otter Tail County's many attractions.



Go tubing on the picturesque Otter Tail River.

### DAY 1: EXPLORE CHARMING SMALL TOWNS

Start your three-day weekend in Fergus Falls, the county's biggest small town and a hub for arts and culture. The Center for the Arts focuses on all things performance art, and the Lakes Region Arts Council and Kaddatz Art Galleries specialize in visual art. Next, head over to The Market to scoop up some souvenirs like a pair of classic Minnetonka Moccasins, or fancy soaps and other bath products perfect for pampering. While you're there, be sure to stop at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center to soak up some knowledge about the 325 acres of prairie wetlands that span the northern Great Plains.

About half an hour east of Fergus Falls, the tiny town of Vining is nearly impossible to miss, despite its small size. Just watch for the giant metal sculptures! This quiet central Minnesota town has become a popular tourist attraction thanks to the massive metal structures at Nyberg Sculpture Park. In addition to a giant metal watermelon—an homage to the town's annual Watermelon Day, held the third Saturday in August—the park features about 10 other sculptures, include a giant coffee cup, an elephant made entirely out of lawnmower blades and an infamous “big foot” sculpture you need to see to believe.

After traipsing around Fergus Falls and Vining, head over to the town that Smithsonian magazine named one of the “20 Best Small Towns to Visit” in 2018, Perham. First, there are the International Turtle Races that take place every Wednesday morning from June to August. Believe it or not, people come from all over the world to compete. The races kick off alongside Turtle Fest, a series of festivities throughout the month of June that include a half-marathon, street dance, brew fest and a parade.

Of course, there's plenty to do in Perham all year long, like sipping coffee at Gathering Grounds, a two-story coffee shop housed in a 100-year-old building. Visitors can also peruse the handmade goods sold at Your Porch, which run the gamut from kids toys to health and beauty products and a surprisingly large selection of teas. For dinner, a night in Perham gives you the chance to finally make it to Zorbaz after hearing about it forever. A Minnesota take on a beach bar, Zorbaz is an “up north” favorite for pizza, nachos, burritos and fun summer drinks adorned with plastic bobbers instead of paper umbrellas.



People come from all over to attend the weekly International Turtle Races in Perham.

Get fishing supplies, advice or guide services from a local bait shop.  
*Jenny Anderson*



## DAY 2: FUN ON THE WATER

After spending your first day taking in the towns of Otter Tail County, make day two about spending some time on the water. With 1,048 lakes in the county, your options for aquatic adventure are practically unlimited. For the marquee “Lake Life” experience, head to the biggest among them—the county’s namesake, Otter Tail Lake.

Nearly the entire lake is less than 15 feet deep—ideal conditions for catching smallmouth and largemouth bass—but ardent anglers will also find active populations of walleye, northern pike and crappie. No gear? No problem. Contact one of the region’s many local fishing guides for rod and reel rentals or guided fishing adventures, and leave the work to them.

Looking to get on the water without hiring a guide? Many resorts in the area have boats available for guests, including Red Lantern Resort & Campground on Otter Tail’s northern shore and Barky’s Resort on its western edge, just up the road from the lake’s public swimming beach. Barky’s is especially notable as one of the few places in Otter Tail County that offers boat rentals to the general public, with jet skis, pontoons and motorboats among the many options.

For canoers and kayakers, paddling the Otter Tail River is a unique way to explore the region’s many lakes and ecosystems. The linear, 30-mile water trail weaves through pine forests, deciduous forests and prairie grasslands and flows through several lakes including Rice, Little and Big Pine, Rush, Deer, Mud and Otter Tail, offering a stunning and picturesque adventure ideal for both families and thrill-seekers.

When it comes to dining, seek out spots with a view of the lake. The patio at Shoreline Restaurant, Bar & Bowl overlooks West Battle Lake, and after watching the sunset, head back inside for a round of cosmic bowling. Overlooking the western shoreline of Otter Tail Lake, you can sip margaritas and play beanbag toss from the large outdoor seating area at Beach Bums Bar & Eatery. Or, for anyone trying to fill up their “pazzport,” you’ll also find Otter Tail County’s second Zorbaz location just down the road.

## DAY 3: TAKE TO THE TRAILS

On the final day of your blissful central Minnesota vacation, set aside the life jacket, strap on a helmet and

explore the rolling hills and abundant lakes of Otter Tail County from the saddle of your bike.

The Central Lakes State Trail winds through picturesque countryside and communities from Fergus Falls to Osakis. Like other trails built on former railroad lines, Central Lakes is relatively flat and easy to ride—perfect for families and groups of all ages and abilities.

Nearby, the Glendalough Trail serves up a 12-mile loop of easy riding between the town of Battle Lake, along the shore of West Battle Lake, around tranquil Glendalough State Park and back into town. Like much of Otter Tail County, Glendalough is nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, and the trail offers a uniquely serene perspective of the area’s understated and sublime landscape.

Glendalough State Park is also a fantastic destination for hiking, with numerous trails that meander around the park’s lakes, and through its hardwood forest and wild prairie. Altogether, you’ll find 9 miles of hiking trails in the park, including two interpretive nature trails. If you’ve only got time for one, try the brief but dazzling 3.3-mile hike around Annie Battle Lake.

For something more ambitious, the North Country National Scenic Trail is an absolute gem. The entire trail spans 4,600 miles between North Dakota and Vermont, with 800 of its best miles in Minnesota. The trail’s path through Minnesota slices right through Otter Tail County, with easily accessible trailheads in Maplewood State Park and Fergus Falls.

Playing a round at one of the 10 (yes, 10!) golf courses in the county is another excellent outdoor activity. For those who prefer driving on the road more than the range, a cruise along the 150-mile Otter Trail Scenic Byway is another great way to take in the scenery before heading home after a relaxing yet adventurous weekend in Otter Tail County.

## COMPETE IN ONLINE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT FOR GOVERNOR’S FISHING OPENER



Catch the longest walleye to win eternal glory at the Governor’s Fishing Opener. *Joe Scegura’s Guide Service*

As Otter Tail County gears up to host the 2020 Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener (May 7-10), anglers from all over are invited to visit and compete in an online fishing tournament as part of the celebration.

The free fishing contest is a new and exciting way for the public to engage with the Governor’s Fishing Opener, and the perfect opportunity to showcase the world-class angling opportunities found in Otter Tail County.

To enter this catch, record and release walleye fishing competition, licensed anglers need to simply download the Minnesota-made FishDonkey app on their smartphone and cast a line in any body of water within Otter Tail County.

Use the app to measure and document any walleye caught during the tournament and keep tabs on the leaderboard as the competition heats up. At the end of the day, the angler with the longest walleye will win eternal glory as the crowned champion of the Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener.

**THE CONTEST BEGINS AT 12:01 A.M. ON SATURDAY, MAY 9.**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT  
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**11-12 Underwood**  
Phelps Mill Art Festival, Phelps Mill Park,  
218-826-6159

**12 Owatonna**  
Extravaganza at the Village of Yesteryear,  
Steele County Historical Society, 507-451-  
1420

**13-19 Rushford**  
Rushford Days, Root River Trailhead, 507-  
864-3338

**14-15 Pequot Lakes**  
Bean Hole Days, Trailside Park,  
218-568-8911

**15-19 New London**  
New London Water Days, 320-354-2444

**16 St Cloud**  
Art Fair in the Gardens, Munsinger  
Clemens Gardens, 320-257-5959

**16-19 New Ulm**  
Bavarian Blast, Brown County  
Fairgrounds, 507-233-4300

**17-18 Hutchinson**  
RiverSong Music Festival,  
503-807-9442

**16-19 Stillwater**  
Lumberjack Days, Lowell Park,  
651-351-1717

**17-19 Hastings**  
Rivertown Days, Levee Park and Jaycee  
Park, 651-437-6775

**17-19 Madison**  
Dragonfest, 320-598-7301

**17-19 St Paul**  
Highland Fest, Highland Park,  
925-925-4848

**17-19 Taylors Falls**  
Wannigan Days, downtown,  
651-465-5133

**18 Anoka**  
Anoka Food Truck Festival, downtown,  
763-220-2380

**18 Burnsville**  
International Festival of Burnsville,  
Nicollet Commons Park, 952-895-4509

**18 Round Lake**  
Summer Bash, Round Lake Vineyards,  
507-945-1100

**18 Winona**  
Dixieland Jazz Festival, Winona State  
University, 507-452-0735

**18 Winona**  
Tour of Gardens, citywide, 507-452-0735

**18 Duluth**  
Bayfront Reggae and World Music  
Festival, Bayfront Festival Park,  
218-525-8099

**18-19 Duluth**  
Duluth Airshow, Duluth International  
Airport, 218-628-9995

**18-19 Eden Prairie**  
AirExpo, Flying Cloud Airport,  
952-746-6100

**18-19 Hibbing**  
Mines and Pines Revisited, Bennett Park,  
218-262-3895

**19-21 Chaska**  
Auxiliary Garden Tours, Minnesota  
Landscape Arboretum, 612-624-2200

**22-25 Minneapolis**  
Aquatennial, downtown, 612-376-7669

**22-26 Pine River**  
Summerfest, citywide, 218-587-4000

**23-25 Dilworth**  
Loco Daze, Dilworth Community Center,  
218-287-2313

**23 Soudan**  
Batty About Bats\*, Soudan Underground  
Mine, 218-300-7000

**23-26 Glenwood**  
Waterama, Lake Minnewaska,  
320-634-3636

**23-26 Hoyt Lakes**  
Water Carnival, downtown,  
218-225-2654

**23-26 Owatonna**  
Crazy Days, downtown, 507-451-7970

**24-26 Crane Lake**  
Voyageur Days, 800-362-7405

**24-26 Ely**  
Blueberry/Art Festival, 218-365-6123

**24-26 Franklin**  
Catfish Derby Days, 507-557-2259

**24-26 Houston**  
Hoedown Days, 507-896-3863

**24-26 Hutchinson**  
Orange Spectacular, McLeod County  
Fairgrounds, 320-587-5252

**24-26 Kerkhoven**  
Town and Country Days, downtown,  
320-264-5701

**24-26 Montgomery**  
Kolacky Days, Memorial Park and  
downtown, 507-953-0094

**24-26 Shoreview**  
Slice of Shoreview, Island Lake County  
Park, 651-483-2416

**24-26 Waconia**  
Waconia Wine Festival, 952-446-9957

**25 Grand Rapids**  
Northern Cruisers Weekend of Wheels Car  
Show, IRA Civic Center,  
218-244-0742

**25 Pelican Rapids**  
Art in the Park, E.L. Peterson Park,  
218-863-1221

**25-26 Hutchinson**  
Minnesota Pottery Festival, Clay Coyote  
Pottery, 320-587-2599

**25-26 Mendota Heights**  
Fur Trade Weekend, Sibley Historic Site,  
651-452-1596

**26 Madison**  
Heritage Day, Lac qui Parle County  
Museum, 320-598-7678

**27-Aug 2 Lake Lillian**  
Lake Lillian Fun Days, various locations,  
320-664-4444

**29-Aug 2 Duluth**  
Spirit Valley Days, West Duluth,  
218-391-3696

**30-Aug 2 Grand Marias**  
Fisherman's Picnic, Harbor Park,  
218-387-2524

**30-Aug 2 Lanesboro**  
Buffalo Bill Days, citywide,  
507-467-2696

**31 Parkers Prairie**  
Ring of Fire Bull Riding Event,  
218-338-4115

**31-Aug 2 Aitkin**  
Riverboat Heritage Days, downtown,  
218-927-2316

**31-Aug 2 Little Canada**  
Canadian Days, Spooner Park,  
651-766-4029

**31-Aug 1 Pine River**  
Pine River Community/Merchant Garage  
Sale, citywide, 218-587-4000

**31-Aug 2 Pennock**  
Fun Days, various locations,  
320-599-4546

**31-Aug 2 Red Wing**  
River City Days, Bay Point Park,  
651-388-4719

## AUGUST

**1 La Crescent**  
Apple Blossom Bike Tour/Lizfest, Abnet  
Field, 507-895-2800

**1 Maple Grove**  
Woof-a-Pawlooza, The Shoppes at Arbor  
Lakes, 763-424-0504

**1 Pequot Lakes**  
Choke Cherry Festival, 218-838-8002

**1 St Paul**  
Fife and Drum Muster, Historic Fort  
Snelling, 612-726-1171

**1 Walker**  
Walker Bay Days, Walker City Park,  
218-547-1313

**1-2 Little Falls**  
A Boy's Life Weekend, Charles Lindbergh  
House and Museum, 320-616-5421

**5 Little Falls**  
Green Fair Folk Festival, St Francis  
Campus, 320-632-2981

## ELY'S BLUEBERRY/ART FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

This year, Ely's annual Blueberry/Art Festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary much like it has every other year: with blueberries. And also art. Every July, more than 40,000 festivalgoers fill the tiny Up North town's streets like blueberries under a flaky piecrust. A promise on which, of course, the festival delivers in spades. The intoxicating aroma of freshly baked blueberry pie wafts gently through the festival, carried on the breeze courtesy of the local Kiwanis Club's immensely popular bakery stall, where warm slices of pie await an ever-present line of hungry visitors.

In addition to the incredible pies, you'll also find dozens of other food vendors and nearly 300 artists, crafters and makers in beautiful Whiteside Park. Wander the maze of stalls to find all manner of handcrafted items, many creatively imbued with the festival's namesake fruit, such as blueberry-colored nail polish, berry-infused barbecue sauce, soaps, jewelry, photography, leather goods, woodcarvings and more.

Many of Ely's local restaurants and retail shops also jump on board the blueberry brigade, fashioning unique blueberry wares, meals and cocktails to much fanfare, surprise and delight.

Whether you visit solely for the festival, or serendipitously stumble across it on your way to the Boundary Waters, attending this quirky, fruit-filled festival is a true Minnesota bucket list item. Or, maybe in this case, a bushel list item.

Attend this year's Ely Blueberry/Art Festival July 24-26. Learn more at [ely.org](http://ely.org). —Brian Fanelli



Thomas McDonald Bear Island Art Factory

**5-9 Chisholm**  
Doc "Moonlight" Graham Days,  
downtown, 218-254-7931

**6 Little Falls**  
Raise the Roof Pig Roast and Dance,  
Linden Hill, 320-616-5580

**6-8 Montevideo**  
Crazy Days, 320-269-5527

**6-9 Richmond**  
Minnesota Bluegrass August Festival, El  
Rancho Mañana Campground,  
651-456-8919

**7 Eagan**  
Eagan Food Truck Festival, Eagan  
Community Center, 651-675-5500

**7 St Cloud**  
Art Crawl, downtown, 320-251-4170

**7-8 Duluth**  
City on the Hill Music Festival, Bayfront  
Festival Park, 218-591-5268

**7-8 Nisswa**  
Crazy Days, downtown, 218-963-2620

**7-8 Perham**  
Crazy Days, 218-346-7710

**7-9 Elbow Lake**  
Flekkefest, 218-685-6260

**7-9 Grand Portage**  
Rendezvous Days and Powwow,  
Grand Portage National Monument,  
218-475-0123

**7-9 Granite Falls**  
Wacipi Days, Upper Sioux Community,  
320-564-3853

**7-9 Sandstone**  
Quarry Days, downtown, 320-216-7646

**7-9 St Paul**  
Irish Fair of Minnesota, Harriet Island,  
651-645-0221

**8 Battle Lake**  
Art and Craft Fair, Railroad Park,  
218-864-8606

**8 Crosslake**  
Cardboard Boat Races, Moonlite Bay,  
218-692-3575

**8 Deerwood**  
Blues and BBQ Blast, Ruttger's Bay Lake  
Lodge, 218-678-2885

**8 Hackensack**  
Northwoods Art and Book Festival,  
Hackensack, 218-675-6181

**8 Ottertail**  
Otter Fest, 218-367-2250

**8 Brooklyn Park**  
Igbofest, North Hennepin Community  
College, 763-488-0391

**8-9 Brainerd**  
This Old Farm Pioneer Days, Paul Bunyan  
Land, 218-764-2524

**9 Proctor**  
Studebaker Swap Meet and Car Show,  
South St Louis County Fairgrounds,  
218-624-5932

**10-15 Proctor**  
Hoghead Festival, citywide,  
218-624-1062

**13 Proctor**  
Paws and Pigtails Pet Parade, Historical  
Museum, 218-624-3344

**13-16 Houston**  
Bluegrass Festival, Cushon's Peak  
Campground, 507-864-8109

**13-16 Vergas**  
Vergas Looney Daze, 218-342-2091

**14 Henning**  
Annual Turkey BBQ, Henning Fairgrounds,  
218-583-2065

**14 Soudan**  
Night Sky of the Northwoods, Soudan  
Underground Mine, 218-300-7000

**14-15 Burnsville**  
Art and All That Jazz Festival, Nicollet  
Commons Park, 952-895-4500

**14-16 Duluth**  
Bayfront Blues Festival, Bayfront Festival  
Park, 218-722-4011

**14-15 Lanesboro**  
Lanesboro Area Art Trail, various locations,  
507-467-2946

**14-16 Montevideo**  
Steam Threshing Show, Heritage Hill,  
320-269-8470

**14-16 Shakopee**  
SMSC Wacipi, SMSC Wacipi Grounds,  
952-445-8900

**15 Battle Lake**  
Mono Printing with Michael Weatherly,  
Art of the Lakes, 612-385-1851

**15 East Grand Forks**  
Happy Harry's Rockin' Up North Fest, Up  
North Pizza Pub, 701-306-2166

**15 Fergus Falls**  
Monarch Mania, Prairie Wetlands  
Learning Center, 218-998-4480

**15 Hutchinson**  
Minnesota Garlic Festival, McLeod County  
Fairgrounds, 763-244-6659

**15 New London**  
New London Music Festival, Neer Park,  
320-235-3552

**15-16 Perham**  
Black Powder Rendezvous/Pioneer Days,  
Pioneer Village, 218-346-7710

**15 Scandia**  
Spelmansstamma, Gammelgarden  
Museum, 651-433-5053

**15-16 Pipestone**  
Pipestone Civil War Days, Hiawatha  
Pageant Park, 507-825-2563

**16 Pennock**  
Old Log Church of Norway Lake  
Anniversary Celebration, 320-366-3819

**16 St Paul**  
Japanese Obon Festival, Como Park,  
651-487-8201

**17-19 Wood Lake**  
Wood Lake Community Fair,  
507-485-3476

**19-22 St Cloud**  
Common Roots Festival, downtown,  
320-251-4170

**20-23 Marshall**  
Marshall Sounds of Summer, West College  
Drive, 507-828-2951

**21 Henning**  
Corn and Brat Feed, Landmark Center,  
218-548-5760

**21 New York Mills**  
Puppet Pageant and Corn Feed, VFW,  
218-385-3339

**21-22 Albert Lea**  
Big Island State BBQ Championship,  
Freeborn County Fairgrounds, 507-402-6371

**21-22 Sleepy Eye**  
Buttered Corn Days, Allison Park,  
507-794-4731

**21-23 East Grand Forks**  
Downtown Street Fair, 791-757-4051

**21-23 Goodview**  
Goodview Days, downtown,  
507-452-1630

**21-23 Long Prairie**  
Bike and Trike Motorcycle Rally, Todd  
County Fairgrounds, 320-232-3977

**22 Fergus Falls**  
Public Duck Banding, Prairie Wetlands  
Learning Center, 218-998-4480

**22 Virginia**  
Olcott Park Brewfest, 218-749-8161

**22-23 Duluth**  
Art in Bayfront Park, Bayfront Festival  
Park, 218-727-8100

**22-23 New York Mills**  
Finn Creek Festival, Finn Creek Museum,  
218-385-3339

**22-23 Shakopee**  
Minnesota Renaissance Festival\*,  
Festival Grounds, 952-445-7361

**22 St Paul**  
St Paul Food Truck Festival, Mears Park,  
763-220-2380

**27-29 Duluth**  
Tribute Fest, Bayfront Festival Park,  
218-422-8210

**27-30 Backus**  
Lakes Bluegrass Festival, Lakes Area  
Music and Event Park, 218-587-4000

**27-Sept 7 St Paul**  
Minnesota State Fair, State Fairgrounds,  
651-288-4400

**28 Luverne**  
Tractor Parade, Luverne City Park,  
507-283-4061

**28-30 Embarrass**  
Embarrass Region Fair, Timber Hall,  
218-984-2009

**28-30 Norwood Young  
America**  
Stiftungsfest, Willkommen Park,  
952-467-1812

**29 Lake Shore**  
Gull Lake Classic Boat Show, Bar Harbor,  
218-963-2620

**29 Round Lake**  
Grape Stomp, Round Lake Vineyards,  
507-945-1100

**29-30 Austin**  
ArtWorks Festival, downtown,  
507-434-0934

**30 Maplewood**  
Johnny Applesed Day, Bruentrup  
Heritage Farm, 651-748-8645

# ARTS

## TWIN CITIES ART EXHIBITS

### The AZ Gallery

St Paul, 651-224-3757, [theazgallery.org](http://theazgallery.org)  
• Spring St Paul Art Crawl Exhibit, Apr 1-30

### Hallberg Center for the Arts

Wyoming, 651-272-5122, [wyomingcreativearts.org](http://wyomingcreativearts.org)  
• Material Matters by Rita Kirsch Dungey, through Apr 18

### James J. Hill House

St Paul, 651-297-2555, [sites.mnhs.org](http://sites.mnhs.org)  
• Art from the Edge of the Boreal Forest: Reflecting Biodiversity, through Jun 21

### Minneapolis Institute of Art

Minneapolis, 612-870-3000, [artsmia.org](http://artsmia.org)  
• Living Clay: Artists Respond to Nature, through Apr 26  
• Turkish Rugs on Tudor Walls, through Jun 7  
• Abstract Prints by Hagiwara Hideo, through Jun 13

### Minnetonka Center for the Arts

Wayzata, 952-473-7361, [minnetonkaarts.org](http://minnetonkaarts.org)  
• Up Close and Sculptural, Ridgedale Center, through May 7  
• Juried Figure Show, through Apr 9  
• Minnesota Watercolor Society Spring Exhibition, Apr 17-May 14

### Northern Clay Center

Minneapolis, 612-339-8007, [northernclaycenter.org](http://northernclaycenter.org)  
• Triaxial Blends and It's Still Political, through Apr 19

### Visit Roseville

Roseville, 651-633-3002, [visitroseville.com](http://visitroseville.com)  
• Roseville in Bloom, from Jun 1

### Walker Art Center

Minneapolis, 612-375-7600, [walkerart.org](http://walkerart.org)  
• The Expressionist Figure: 100 Years of Modern and Contemporary Drawing, through Apr 19  
• 5 Ways In: Themes from the Collection, ongoing  
• Selections from the Permanent Collection, ongoing  
• An Art of Changes: Jasper Johns Prints, 1960-2018, ongoing

## DANCE

### Landmark Center

St Paul, 651-292-3225, [landmarkcenter.org](http://landmarkcenter.org)  
• Ballet Tuesdays\*, Apr 14

### Northrop

Minneapolis, 612-624-2345, [northrop.umn.edu](http://northrop.umn.edu)  
• Martha Graham Dance Company, Apr 4  
• The State Ballet of Georgia, Apr 29

### The Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts

Minneapolis, 612-206-3600, [thecowlescenter.org](http://thecowlescenter.org)  
• The Enchantment by Minnesota Dance Theatre, Apr 3-5  
• Freddie-Break Free by Ballet Co. Laboratory, Apr 10-19  
• Duende by Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre, Apr 24-26  
• TU Dance Spring Concert, May 1-3

## THEATER

### Bruentrup Heritage Farm/Maplewood Historical Society

Maplewood, 651-748-8645, [maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org)  
• Summer Musical Theatre Production, Jul 23-Aug 2

### Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

Chanhassen, 952-934-1525, [chanhassendt.com](http://chanhassendt.com)  
• The Music Man, ongoing

### Children's Theatre Company

Minneapolis, 612-874-0400, [childrenstheatre.org](http://childrenstheatre.org)  
• The Rainbow Fish, through Apr 5  
• Spamtown, USA, through Apr 5  
• Annie, Apr 19-Jun 21

### Guthrie Theater

Minneapolis, 612-377-2224, [guthrietheater.org](http://guthrietheater.org)  
• The Bacchae, through Apr 5  
• Emma, Apr 11-May 31  
• Destiny of Desire, May 30-Jul 11  
• Sweat, Jul 25-Aug 29

### Historic Orpheum Theatre

Minneapolis, 612-339-7007, [hennepintheatretrust.org](http://hennepintheatretrust.org)  
• Anastasia, through Apr 5

### Merrill Arts Center

Woodbury, 651-200-4610, [merrillartscenter.org](http://merrillartscenter.org)  
• Cyrano de Bergerac, East Ridge High School, Apr 17-26  
• Matilda: The Musical, East Ridge High School, Jul 10-19

### Minnesota Fringe

Minneapolis, 612-872-1212, [fringefestival.org](http://fringefestival.org)  
• Minnesota Fringe Festival, multiple locations, Jul 30-Aug 9

### Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company

St Paul, 651-647-4315, [mnjewishtheatre.org](http://mnjewishtheatre.org)  
• The People's Violin, Highland Park Community Center, Apr 25-May 17

### Operability Theatre

Forest Lake, 612-404-9265, [operabilitytheatre.org](http://operabilitytheatre.org)  
• Opera on the River, Lowell Park, Aug 1

### Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

St Paul, 651-224-4222, [ordway.org](http://ordway.org)  
• The Color Purple, through Apr 5  
• The Last Ship, Apr 8-19  
• Groundhog Day the Musical, Jul 21-Aug 9

### Park Square Theatre

St Paul, 651-291-7005, [parksquaretheatre.org](http://parksquaretheatre.org)  
• Marie and Rosetta, Jun 19-Aug 2  
• Holmes and Watson, Jun 12-26

### Stages Theatre Company

Hopkins, 952-979-1111, [stages theatre.org](http://stages theatre.org)  
• The Day You Begin, Apr 17-May 17  
• A Different Pond, Apr 24-May 23  
• Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jun 19-Aug 2  
• All the World, Aug 5-23

### Theatre in the Round Players

Minneapolis, 612-333-3010, [theatreintheround.org](http://theatreintheround.org)  
• Great Expectations, through Apr 12  
• Prints, Apr 24-May 17  
• Putting It Together, May 29-Jun 21  
• Jeeves at Sea, Jul 3-26

### Yellow Tree Theatre

Osseo, 763-493-8733, [yellowtreetheatre.com](http://yellowtreetheatre.com)  
• Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood, Apr 10-May 10

### Youth Performance Company

Minneapolis, 612-623-9080, [youthperformanceco.com](http://youthperformanceco.com)  
• Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, May 1-17

## MUSIC

### Ames Center

Burnsville, 952-895-4685, [ames-center.com](http://ames-center.com)  
• Rumours and Dreams - A Fleetwood Mac Tribute, Apr 17

### Artistry

Bloomington, 952-563-8575, [artistrymn.org](http://artistrymn.org)  
• Everything's Coming Up Roses, Bloomington Center for the Arts, May 15-16  
• From Bach to Bernstein, Bloomington Center for the Arts, May 17

### Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Bloomington, 952-563-8573, [bloomingtonsymphony.org](http://bloomingtonsymphony.org)  
• Music in 3D #7, Gideon S. Ives Auditorium at the Masonic Heritage Center, Apr 5

### Cabooze

Minneapolis, 612-338-6425, [cabooze.com](http://cabooze.com)  
• Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Show, Apr 18

### Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

Chanhassen, 952-934-1525, [chanhassendt.com](http://chanhassendt.com)  
• A Tribute to Queen - Her Majesty's Royal Subjects, Apr 17-18  
• Memories - The Music of Barbra Streisand, May 3  
• A Night of Hall and Oates, May 17  
• I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar, Jun 14

### City of Hastings

Hastings, 651-480-6182, [hastingsmn.gov](http://hastingsmn.gov)  
• Make Music Day, Jun 21

### Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

St Paul, 651-487-8201, [comozooconservatory.org](http://comozooconservatory.org)  
• Groovin' in the Garden, Jun 10-29

## LEARN NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AT NEW MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS



Angela Jimenez, courtesy Minnesota Historical Society

From Pipestone National Monument in southwest Minnesota to Grand Portage way up north, Ojibwe (or Anishinaabe) and Dakota (Lakota) history is embedded into the fibers of Minnesota's past, present and future.

For visitors seeking to understand the heritage and history of Minnesota's indigenous people, two recently opened museum exhibits invite you to learn about Native stories of survival, resilience and adaptation in the face of colonialism.

### Fine Line

Minneapolis, 612-332-1775, [finelinemusic.com](http://finelinemusic.com)  
• L'Impératrice, Apr 3  
• Flora Cash, Apr 10  
• Astrid S, Apr 25  
• Nada Surf, Jun 4

### First Avenue and 7th St Entry

Minneapolis, 612-332-1775, [first-avenue.com](http://first-avenue.com)  
• Polica w/Wilisen, Apr 10  
• Soccer Mommy w/Emily Reo, Apr 19  
• An Evening with They Might Be Giants, May 15  
• The Airborne Toxic Event, Jun 20

### The Fitzgerald Theater

St Paul, 612-332-1775, [thefitzgeraldtheater.com](http://thefitzgeraldtheater.com)  
• Killer Queen, Apr 2  
• Brad Mehldau, Apr 8  
• Crash Test Dummies, Apr 16  
• Brian Culbertson: The XX Tour, May 3

### Gammelgarden Museum

Scandia, 651-433-5053, [gammelgardenmuseum.org](http://gammelgardenmuseum.org)  
• Bluegrass and Lemonade in the Shade\*, Jun 28

### Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter

Stillwater, 651-439-7128, [gasthausbavarianhunter.com](http://gasthausbavarianhunter.com)  
• Music in the Meadow, Aug 1-29

### Heart of the City Music Factory

Anoka, 612-990-6192, [heartofthecity.org](http://heartofthecity.org)  
• The Snowman Band, Apr 3  
• Michael Card Concert, May 9  
• Sara Renner Concert, Jun 5

### Landmark Center

St Paul, 651-292-3225, [landmarkcenter.org](http://landmarkcenter.org)  
• St Paul Civic Symphony Mother's Day Concert, May 10

### Minnesota Bach Ensemble

St Paul, 651-243-1711, [mnbach.org](http://mnbach.org)  
• Italian Seasonings, MacPhail Center for Music, Apr 5-6

### Minnesota History Center

St Paul, 651-259-3000, [minnesotahistorycenter.org](http://minnesotahistorycenter.org)  
• Minnesota Jazz Legends, Apr 19

### Minnesota Opera

Minneapolis, 612-333-6669, [mnopera.org](http://mnopera.org)  
• Don Giovanni, Ordway Center for Performing Arts, May 2-12

### Minnesota Sinfonia

Minneapolis, 612-871-1701, [mnsinfonia.org](http://mnsinfonia.org)  
• Dmitry Kouzov Cello Master with the Minnesota Sinfonia, First Covenant Church, Apr 17

### Minnesota Youth Symphonies

St Paul, 651-699-5811, [mnyouthsymphonies.org](http://mnyouthsymphonies.org)  
• Spring Concert, Orchestra Hall, Apr 19

### Mississippi Valley Orchestra

St Paul, 651-964-0651, [missvalleyorch.com](http://missvalleyorch.com)  
• Mahler 1, Benson Great Hall at Bethel University, Apr 5  
• Alexander Nevsky, Benson Great Hall at Bethel University, May 17

### Richfield Historical Society

Richfield, 612-798-6140, [richfieldhistory.org](http://richfieldhistory.org)  
• Back Porch Concert! Featuring Dan Israel, Jun 6

Hoçokata Ti [ho-cho-kah-tah-tee] is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's (SMSC) newly opened cultural center and gathering space. Most of the center is intended for use by SMSC members, but its public exhibit, "Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake," is open to all. Here, visitors can gain cultural experience and knowledge of the Mdewakanton Dakota people and their history, with displays covering everything from Dakota creation stories to the tribe's present day way of life. For a more in-depth analysis of the exhibit, guided tours are offered daily, included with the cost of entry.

The Minnesota History Center in downtown St. Paul recently opened its first permanent exhibit about Native communities in Minnesota, "Our Home: Native Minnesota." Curated by a team of indigenous historians, the exhibit is told in first person as a way to show that the history of Native people in Minnesota is both a part of our state's past, and a story that's still being written today. The exhibit text is displayed in Dakota, Ojibwe and English.

Learn more at [shakopeedakota.org](http://shakopeedakota.org) and [mnhs.org](http://mnhs.org). —Brian Fanelli

### The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

St Paul, 651-291-1144, [thespc.org](http://thespc.org)  
• James Ferree Plays Mozart's Fourth Horn Concerto, Wayzata Community Church, Apr 17  
• Thomas Zehetmair Conducts Haydn's London Symphony, Ordway Concert Hall, Apr 24-25  
• Mozart's Requiem with the St Olaf Choir, Cathedral of St Paul, May 7  
• Jonathan Cohen Conducts Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, Ordway Concert Hall, Jun 12-14

### Shakopee Chamber and Visitors Bureau

Shakopee, 952-445-1660, [downtownshakopee.org](http://downtownshakopee.org)  
• Rhythm on the Rails\*, downtown, Jul 15

### Target Field

Minneapolis, 800-33-TWINS, [mlb.com/twins](http://mlb.com/twins)  
• Guns N' Roses, July 24  
• Green Day, Fall Out Boy, Weezer, Aug 11

### Xcel Energy Center

St Paul, 651-726-8240, [xcelenergycenter.com](http://xcelenergycenter.com)  
• Elton John, Jun 15-16  
• Ozzy Osbourne, Jul 3  
• Hall & Oates, Jul 16  
• Nickelback, Aug 6

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

### American Swedish Institute

Minneapolis, 612-871-4907, [asimm.org](http://asimm.org)  
• extra/ordinary, through Jul 5

### Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

St Paul, 651-487-8201, [comozooconservatory.org](http://comozooconservatory.org)  
• Spring Flower Show, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, through May 3  
• Summer Flower Show, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, from May 9

### Minnesota Children's Museum

St Paul, 651-225-6000, [mcm.org](http://mcm.org)  
• Hot Wheels: Race to Win!, through May 24

### Minnesota History Center

St Paul, 651-259-3000, [minnesotahistorycenter.org](http://minnesotahistorycenter.org)  
• First Avenue: Stories of Minnesota's Mainroom, through May 3

### Warden's House Museum

Stillwater, 651-439-5956, [wchsmn.org](http://wchsmn.org)  
• Open House, Apr 26

## VARIETY

### Dakota County Historical Society/Lawshe Memorial

South St Paul, 651-552-7548, [dakotahistory.org](http://dakotahistory.org)  
• Books from Our Shelves: Stassen Again, Apr 9  
• Books from Our Shelves: In the Garden of Beasts, May 14  
• History Storytime: Plants and Flowers, May 19  
• Books from Our Shelves: Across America on an Emigrant Train, Jun 11

### Minnesota History Center

St Paul, 651-259-3000, [minnesotahistorycenter.org](http://minnesotahistorycenter.org)  
• Minnesota Women in WWII, Apr 28

## AROUND THE STATE

### ART EXHIBITS

#### Art of the Lakes Gallery

Battle Lake, 218-864-8606, [artofthelakes.org](http://artofthelakes.org)  
• The Art of Fishing, May 7-10  
• Landscapes in Watercolor with Michael Holter, Jun 15-17

#### CSB/SJU Fine Arts Programming

St. Joseph, 320-363-5777, [csbsju.edu](http://csbsju.edu)  
• Rachel Melis, Gorecki Gallery, Benedicta Arts Center, Apr 16  
• Senior Art Thesis Exhibition, St. John's Art Center, Apr 25  
**Miner's Dry House**  
Ely, 218-235-1721, [elygreenstone.org](http://elygreenstone.org)  
• Ely Watercolor Show and Sale, Jul 15-18

#### Minnesota Marine Art Museum

Winona, 507-474-6626, [mmam.org](http://mmam.org)  
• Gregory Euclide: Observation Infiltration, through May 24  
• Christy Lee Rogers: Baroque Water Worlds, from May 8  
• Shutterbug: The Mid-Century Photography of David Tewes, through May 3  
• Mark Herman: Landmarks, from May 29

#### Red Wing Arts at the Depot

Red Wing, 651-388-7569, [redwingartsassociation.org](http://redwingartsassociation.org)  
• Plein Air Gallery Show, Jun 11-Jun 29

#### Winona County History Center

Winona, 507-215-4598, [theartoffinefurniture.com](http://theartoffinefurniture.com)  
• The Art of Fine Furniture, Jul 11-Aug 22

## FILM

#### Duluth Superior Film Festival

Duluth, 218-336-1412, [ds-ff.com](http://ds-ff.com)  
• Duluth Superior Film Festival, multiple venues, May 27-31

#### Rochester Downtown Alliance

Rochester, 507-216-9882, [downtownrochestermn.com](http://downtownrochestermn.com)  
• Movies in the Park, Central Park, Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25; Aug 8, 22

## THEATER

#### Absolute Theatre

Rochester, 507-722-2731, [absolutetheatre.org](http://absolutetheatre.org)  
• The Laramie Project, The Castle Community, Apr 16-26

#### The Barn Theatre

Willmar, 320-235-9500, [thebarntheatre.com](http://thebarntheatre.com)  
• A Year with Frog and Toad, Apr 16-26  
• Shrek the Musical, Jun 11-28  
• Dracula, Aug 20-28

#### Bemidji Community Theater

Bemidji, 218-755-8942, [bemidjicommunitytheater.org](http://bemidjicommunitytheater.org)  
• The Trip to Bountiful, May 8-17

#### Dawson-Boyd Arts Association

Dawson, 320-312-2311, [dawsonboydarts.com](http://dawsonboydarts.com)  
• Diary of Anne Frank, Apr 8

#### Duluth Playhouse

Duluth, 218-733-7555, [duluthplayhouse.org](http://duluthplayhouse.org)  
• Macbeth: Dinner Party, The Underground Theatre, Apr 16-25  
• Around the World in 80 Days, The Underground Theatre, May 28-Jun 6  
• The Wild Party, The Underground Theatre, Aug 6-22

#### Great Theatre

Waite Park, 320-258-2787, [greattheatre.org](http://greattheatre.org)  
• Mamma Mia!, Paramount Center for the Arts, Apr 16-26  
• Our Town, May 8-17

#### Marion Ross Performing Arts Center

Albert Lea, 507-377-4371, [cityofalbertlea.org](http://cityofalbertlea.org)  
• Act Theatre presents Doublewide, Texas, Apr 23-May 2  
• Act Theatre presents Willy Wonka, Jul 16-26

#### Matchbox Children's Theatre

Austin, 507-437-9078, [matchboxchildrenstheatre.org](http://matchboxchildrenstheatre.org)  
• The Magician's Nephew, Historic Paramount Theater, Apr 3-5

#### Merely Players Community Theatre

Mankato, 507-388-5483, [merelyplayers.com](http://merelyplayers.com)  
• Rex's Exes, Lincoln Community Center, May 8-

**Riverland Theater**

- Austin, 507-433-0595, riverland.edu  
 • As You Like It, Apr 23-May 2  
 • Mary Poppins, Jun 18-28  
 • We Will Rock You, Jul 23-Aug 2

**Theatre B**

- Moorhead, 701-729-8880, theatreb.org  
 • The Father, Apr 24-May 16

**University of Minnesota Duluth**

- Duluth, 218-726-8561, d.umn.edu  
 • Little Shop of Horrors, Marshall Performing Arts Center, Apr 16-25

**MUSIC****Arrowhead Concert Association**

- Virginia, arrowheadconcertassociation.com  
 • Beginnings: The Ultimate Chicago Tribute Band, Virginia High School, May 3

**Austin Symphony Orchestra**

- Austin, 507-433-5647, austinmsymphony.org  
 • Sarah Chang and Brahms, Austin High School, Apr 19

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra**

- Bemidji, 218-444-7914, bemidjisymphony.org  
 • Across the Pond, Bemidji High School, May 17

**Big Sandy Lodge and Resort**

- McGregor, 218-426-5040, bigsandylodgeandresort.com  
 • Maddy Braun Band, Jul 4

**A Center for the Arts**

- Fergus Falls, 218-736-5453, fergusarts.org  
 • ACATA Center Series: Christian Howes, Apr 25

**Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota**

- Mankato, 507-386-0279, cmsouthernmn.org  
 • Free Family Night Concert Series: Haydn Go Seek, Apr 18

**CSB/SJU Fine Arts Programming**

- St Joseph, 320-363-5777, csbsju.edu  
 • Chanticleer: Trade Winds, Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, Apr 4  
 • Jeremy Messersmith, Benedicta Arts Center, Apr 17

**Dawson-Boyd Arts Association**

- Dawson, 320-312-2311, dawsonboydart.com  
 • Prairie Arts Chorale, May 2  
 • Rainy Days and Mondays: The Music of the Carpenters, Jun 27

**Detroit Mountain Recreation Area**

- Detroit Lakes, 218-844-7669, detroitmountain.com  
 • Music on the Mountain, Jul 11

**Ely Chamber of Commerce**

- Ely, 218-365-6123, ely.org  
 • Tuesday Nite Live, Jun 23-Aug 25

**Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce**

- Glenwood, 320-634-3636, glenwoodlakesarea.org  
 • Music in the Park, Glenwood City Park, Jun 11, 25; Jul 9, 30; Aug 13

**Heartland Symphony Orchestra**

- Little Falls, 800-826-1997, heartlandsymphony.com  
 • A Tribute to Beethoven, Charles D. Martin Auditorium, Apr 4  
 • A Tribute to Beethoven, Tornstrom Auditorium, Apr 5

**Itasca Symphony Orchestra**

- Grand Rapids, 218-327-5781, itascaorchestra.org  
 • Itasca Symphony Orchestra featuring pianist Alexander Sandor, Reif Performing Arts Center, May 16

**Lakes Area Community Center**

- Battle Lake, 218-282-0998, lakesareacommunitycenter.org  
 • Free Thursday Concerts, Jun 4-Aug 27

**Linden Hill Historic Estate**

- Little Falls, 320-616-5580, linden-hill.org  
 • Log Jam, Jul 14  
 • Raise the Roof, Aug 6

**Mesaba Concert Association**

- Hibbing, 218-403-0089, mesabacconcert.org  
 • Ball in the House, Hibbing High School, May 5

**Mesabi Symphony Orchestra**

- Virginia, 218-749-8161, mesabisymphonyorchestra.org  
 • Splendor & Grandeur, Virginia High School, Apr 18

**Minnesota Beethoven Festival**

- Winona, 507-474-9055, mnbeethovenfestival.org  
 • Minnesota Beethoven Festival, multiple venues, Jun 28-Jul 19

**Munsinger Clemens Gardens**

- St Cloud, 320-257-5959, munsingerclemens.com  
 • Music in the Gardens, Jun 14, 28; Jul 12, 26; Aug 9, 23

**Northwoods Arts Council**

- Hackensack, 218-675-6181, northwoodsartsCouncil.org  
 • Sinatra! Part Blue, Hackensack Community Center, Jul 24-25

**Ottertail Business & Community Association**

- Ottertail, 218-367-2250, visitottertail.com  
 • Music in the Park, Ottertail City Park, Jun 9, 23; Jul 14, 28; Aug 11, 25

**Owatonna Business Partnership**

- Owatonna, 507-451-7970, owatonna.org  
 • 11@7 Concert Series, Central Park, Thursdays May 28-Aug 6

**Preston Minnesota**

- Preston, 507-765-2153, prestonchamber.com  
 • Rhythm by the River, Trailhead Park, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 20

**Red Rock Center for the Arts**

- Fairmont, 507-235-9262, redrockcenter.org  
 • Galaxy: 50s and 60s Band, May 8

**Riverland Theater**

- Austin, 507-433-0595, riverland.edu  
 • Northwestern Singers: Rodgers and Hammerstein, Apr 4-5

**Rochester Chamber Music Society**

- Rochester, 507-287-9765, rochesterchambermusic.org  
 • Jazz from Broadway, Apr 18

**Rotary Club of St Cloud**

- St Cloud, 320-258-2214, summertimebygeorge.com  
 • Summertime by George, Lake George Park, Wednesdays Jun 10-Aug 26

**West Central Concert Series**

- Willmar, 320-584-9227, westcentralconcertseries.org  
 • Ball in the House, Apr 30

**Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra**

- Willmar, 320-214-9433, willmarorchestra.com  
 • Young Artists' Concert, Willmar Education and Arts Center, May 9

**Willmar Rotary Club**

- Willmar, 320-235-3552, rockinrobbins.com  
 • Rockin' Robbins, Robbins Island, Jul 14, 21, 28; Aug 4

**SPECIAL EXHIBITS****Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post**

- Onamia, 320-532-3632, sites.mnhs.org  
 • Ziibaaska' Iganagooday: The Jingle Dress at 100 Exhibit, ongoing

**Minnesota Military Museum**

- Little Falls, 320-616-6050, mnmilitarymuseum.org  
 • General Vessey Day, Jun 29

**Minnesota Museum of Mining**

- Chisholm, 218-254-5543, minmuseumofmining.org  
 • Train Days, Jun 20-21

**VARIETY****Historic Paramount Theater**

- Austin, 507-434-0934, austinarearts.org  
 • Dweebz Comedy Showcase, Apr 20

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- Hibbing, 218-403-0089, mesabacconcert.org  
 • Kenny Ahern, Hibbing High School Auditorium, Apr 21

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Wander through Minnesota's magnificent native tallgrass prairie at Blue Mounds State Park. *Jim Henderson*

# SEE SOME OF MINNESOTA'S LAST REMAINING NATIVE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

BY LISA MEYERS MCCLINTICK

A few hundred years ago, much of Minnesota was covered by endless tallgrass prairie, where summer winds rippled grasses and flowers like a sea. But as colonial settlers carved up North America's native prairie into farms, the original tallgrass prairie that once covered 170 million acres of the continent was whittled down to less than 4 percent of that range.

Tallgrass prairie is a rarity in Minnesota nowadays, but less than two hours west or south of the Twin Cities you can still see remnants of rolling and pancake-flat prairie, and catch a colorful snapshot of what the state once looked like.

## TALLGRASS PRAIRIE AT MINNESOTA STATE PARKS

Blue Mounds State Park ranks among the most iconic landscapes of southwest Minnesota, with its blend of wild prairie, majestic outcroppings of pink Sioux quartzite, and even a herd of bison. Look for occasional rock climbers ascending the 100-foot-high quartzite cliff, which is the most beautiful and dramatic early in the day or near sunset. Morning is also the best time to spot bison grazing in the 1,800-acre park.

Hikers should keep their eyes open for wildflowers, including wispy prairie smoke and yellow prickly pear cactus tucked into wild grasses. The visitor center, with its sweeping views, provides more details about tallgrass prairie and the area's geography, and staff can help with camping reservations for the more than 70 sites, including a teepee.

To admire beautiful images of the prairie, head to nearby Luverne, where the Brandenburg Gallery showcases Blue Mounds State Park and other wild places from his work in Minnesota and beyond, including assignments for National Geographic.

Elsewhere, visitors can spot storms from miles away when looking across the 6,000-acre Bluestem Prairie Preserve, a rare tallgrass prairie that adjoins Buffalo River State Park near Fargo-Moorhead. Birders know to reserve a coveted spot in a blind and arrive before dawn in the early spring. Stealth and quiet allow them the rare chance to see and hear prairie chickens "boom" and do their mating dance. Bobolinks, upland sandpipers and marble godwits also attract birders and add their songs to the quiet rustle of the prairie.

## BIKE ALONG PRAIRIE FLOWERS & TALL GRASSES

For a summer bike ride through rural farmlands and remnants of Minnesota's tallgrass prairie, head to Lake Louise State Park near the southeastern town of LeRoy. The 20-mile Shooting Star State Trail often parallels Highway 56, which is known as the Shooting Star Scenic Byway. The rare shooting star flower, also known as wild prairie primrose, can be spotted here, along with native orchids and showier flowers such as coneflowers and prairie clover. Look for educational kiosks and walkable trails near the Taopi Prairie Interpretive Area and Shooting Star Prairie State Natural Area.

## EXPLORE PRAIRIE WETLANDS

The Prairie Wetlands Learning Center near Fergus Falls features a museum and acreage dedicated to preserving America's prairie pothole ecosystem, an area rich with small ponds that are essential for migrating birds, especially in the spring. Explore 4 miles of pretty trails, many with interpretive signs, or go easy on the 1-mile Tatanka Trail. Go in early spring for the best bird-watching, or in summer to see wildflowers and grasses in full glory. ■

## EXPERIENCE LIFE ON THE PRAIRIE AT THE WILDER PAGEANT

The daunting prairie landscape and pioneers' struggles to tame it became famous when Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote the "Little House on the Prairie" series about her experiences growing up in the 1870s.

Almost every weekend in July, horses pull a creaking, jostling covered wagon across the expansive Wilder Pageant grounds in the tiny town of Walnut Grove, where the legacy of Laura looms large. A cast of more than 50 actors brings her childhood back to life, a town tradition for more than 35 years since the "Little House on the Prairie" TV series became an international hit in 1974.

Audiences fill the outdoor theater and surrounding hillside to see the family's shock when Pa moves them into a sod house, their struggles with grasshopper plagues that destroyed crops, and the battles with real flames of a prairie fire. There's also the joy of building a town church, meeting new friends in the farming community and a Walnut Grove Christmas gathering.

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum fills several historic buildings with pioneer artifacts, "Little House" books in other languages, and newspaper articles and exhibits on the TV series. The town also welcomes former stars of the TV show during pageant weekends.

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**Mayor's Bike Ride**, Willmar, May 15, 320-235-3552

**Le Grand du Nord Gravel Cycling Classic**, Grand Marais, May 23, 218-387-2524

**Tour De Water**, Winona, May 30, 507-450-5317

**Tour De Pepin**, Lake City, Jun 6, 651-345-4123

**MS150 Bike Race**, Proctor, Jun 12-14, 218-624-3641

**Caramel Roll Ride**, Albany, Jun 13, 320-255-6172

**MN Ironman Bike Ride**, Shakopee, Jun 13, 952-445-1660

**The Tour of Minnesota**, Chaska, Jun 19-26, 952-215-5056

**Shooting Star Trail Ride**, LeRoy, Jun 20, 507-433-7571

**Lutsen 99er**, Lutsen, Jun 27, 952-229-7330

**River Towns on the Mississippi Bike Tour**, Hastings, Jul 12-17, 248-345-6929

**Tour de Meeker 2020**, Litchfield, Jul 18, 320-693-4584

**Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour**, Eveleth, Aug 1, 218-744-1388

**Tour de Tonka**, Minnetonka, Aug 1, 952-401-6800

### BOATING EVENTS/RACES

**Kettle River Paddle Festival**, Sandstone, May 1-3, 651-302-1774

**Qayak Greenland Style Kayaking**, Lake City, May 14-17, 651-345-3855

**Paddle on the Crow**, Spicer, Jun 6, 320-354-5894

**Women's St Croix River Canoe**, Taylors Falls, Jun 12-14, 612-676-9400

**St Croix Voyageur Family Canoe kickoff**, Taylors Falls, Jun 19-21, 612-676-9400

**I Rocked the River Canoe and Kayak Trip**, Luverne, Jun 27, 507-283-4061

**Canoeing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Canoeing**, Soudan, Jul 2 & Aug 5, 218-300-7000

**Gunflint Trail Canoe Races**, Grand Marais, Jul 15, 218-387-2788

**North Shore Water Festival**, Grand Marais, Jul 17-19, 218-387-2524

**Ripplesippi Fun Paddle**, Aitkin, Aug 1, 218-927-2316

**Ely Watercross Event**, Winton, Aug 8-9, 218-235-1595

**Leech Lake Regatta**, Walker, Aug 8-10, 218-547-1819

**Minneapolis Powerboat Championships**, Minneapolis, Aug 13-16, 612-597-1331

### DUATHLONS/TRIATHLONS

**Trinona**, Winona, Jun 13-14, 608-320-3346

**Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon**, Ironton, Jun 14, 319-541-5580

**Average Jo Triathlon**, Perham, Jun 27, 218-346-7102

**Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon**, Fergus Falls, Jul 24, 218-736-8451

**Green Lake Kids Triathlon**, Spicer, Aug 8, 320-894-5882

**Green Lake Triathlon**, Spicer, Aug 9, 320-894-5882

**Bluff Land Tri**, Rushford, Aug 15, 507-864-3338

**YoungLife Triathlon**, Detroit Lakes, Aug 15, 218-532-2662

**Maple Grove Triathlon**, Maple Grove, Aug 21-22, 763-300-2814

### FISHING & HUNTING

**Lipmasters Fishing Tournament**, Rushford, Apr 25, 507-864-7799

**Kids Fishing Clinic**, Coon Rapids, May 2, 763-324-3350

**Jeremy Hilbrunner Cystic Fibrosis Walleye Fishing Tournament**, Ely, May 16, 800-950-9425

**Kids Fishing Contest kickoff**, Hackensack, Jun 9, 218-675-6135

**Pike-a-Palooza Fishing Tournament**, Deerwood, Jun 13, 218-678-2885

**Lund Mania**, New York Mills, Jul 10, 218-371-8380

**MTT Tournament Trail**, Baudette, Jul 10-11, 218-634-1174

**Cats Incredible Catfish Days**, East Grand Forks, Jul 25-26, 701-746-0444

**AIM MN Championship Walleye Tournament**, Baudette, Aug 27-28, 218-634-2168

### GOLF

**Pebble Creek 6-6 Best Ball**, Scramble, Alt Shot, Becker, May 10, 763-200-4268

**Class A State Golf Tournament**, Becker, Jun 8-10, 763-200-4268

**Pebble Creek 1-Person Scramble**, Becker, Jun 21, 763-200-4268

**Craig Hom Memorial Golf Tournament**, Proctor, Jul 4, 218-628-6297

**Hockeytown USA Celebrity Golf Tournament**, Warroad, Jul 18, 218-386-3543

**Pebble Creek 2-Man Alternate Shot**, Becker, Jul 26, 763-200-4268

**Summertime Scramble Golf Tournament Fundraiser**, McGregor, Jul 26, 218-768-3692

**Hometown Golf Challenge**, Hutchinson, Jul 27, 320-587-5252

**New Brighton Stockyard Days Corral Open**, St Paul, Aug 2, 651-638-2150

**Resorters Golf Tournament**, Alexandria, Aug 2-8, 320-763-3605

**Proctor Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**, Proctor, Aug 10, 218-393-2242

**Pine to Palm Golf Tournament**, Detroit Lakes, Aug 10-16, 218-847-5790

**Pebble Creek Tri-Fecta 3 Different Cup Sizes**, Becker, Aug 16, 763-200-4268

### MOTOR RACES/EVENTS

**OHV Shakedown Run**, Gilbert, May 2, 651-335-7878

**OHV Go Topless Weekend**, Gilbert, May 16-17, 651-335-7878

**Ronald McDonald House Motorcycle Ride**, New York Mills, Jun 13, 218-385-3339

**OHV Fun in the Summer Sun**, Gilbert, Jun 13-14, 651-335-7878

**Vintage Cars and Old Timers Picnic**, Proctor, Jun 14, 218-348-9919

**Crawl 4 the Cure**, Gilbert, Jul 16-19, 651-335-7878

**Midsummer Night of Mayhem**, Proctor, Aug 1, 218-624-0606

**New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run**, New London, Aug 5-8, 651-638-2045

**Car Care Tow Truck Pull and Sixth Avenue Block Party**, Alexandria, Aug 8, 320-760-7911

**Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals**, Brainerd, Aug 13-16, 218-824-7223

**The Rust Buster**, Gilbert, Aug 15-16, 651-335-7878

**125th Anniversary Races**, Proctor, Aug 16, 715-392-8697

**Silver 1000 Races**, Proctor, Aug 27, 218-624-0606

**Ojibwe Forests Rally Headquarters**, Detroit Lakes, Aug 27-29, 218-844-7669

### RUNNING/WALKING

**Don't Worry Be Hoppy**, Waconia, Apr 18, 952-797-6412

**Fitger's 5K Run and Walk**, Duluth, Apr 18, 218-727-0947

**KP Challenge Series of Races**, Duluth, Apr 18 & Jul 16, 218-727-0947

**Earth Day Run**, St Cloud, Apr 24-25, 320-308-0121

**Brainerd Jaycees Run for the Lakes**, Nisswa, Apr 24-25, 218-330-2604

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Family fishing off the shore of the Mississippi River in St. Paul. *Stan Borowicz*

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Hosted annually by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Take a Kid Fishing Weekend lets adults and kids go fishing together without having to purchase a license. During the weekend, Minnesotans 16 and older can fish without a license while accompanied by a child younger than 16.

As part of Take a Kid Fishing Weekend, many state parks offer loaner equipment to be used within the park, so you don't even need a rod or tackle to get started.

The DNR recommends shore fishing to ease beginners into the sport. Shore fishing in summer is most productive in the early morning and evenings, but fishing piers can remain busy throughout the day. You'll find piers on lakes and in many parks throughout Minnesota.

Can't make it to Take a Kid Fishing Weekend? The DNR also offers two inexpensive, hands-on learn-to-fish workshops to help you and your family get started: the Becoming an Outdoors Family and I Can Fish! programs.

For more information about these programs or register online, visit [mndnr.gov/gofishing](http://mndnr.gov/gofishing). —Brian Fanelli

**Lakes Area Endurance**, Alexandria, Jun 27, 612-366-4353

**Lift Bridge Road Race 10 Mile/10K/5K**, Stillwater, Jun 27, 651-383-2436

**Nisswa Firecracker Run**, Nisswa, Jul 4, 218-963-2620

**Waddle Like a Duck 5K, 10K, Half Marathon**, Walker, Jul 4, 218-547-1819

**Green Lake Road Race**, Spicer, Jul 5, 320-894-5882

**East Otter Tail Relay for Life**, Perham, Jul 10, 218-847-0408

**The Anytime Fox Trot at Foxhole Brewhouse**, Willmar, Jul 11, 320-441-2071

**Park Point 5-Miler/2-Mile Walk**, Duluth, Jul 16, 218-727-0947

**St Croix Crossing Half Marathon**, Stillwater, Jul 25, 651-383-2436

**Gopher to Badger Half Marathon**, Stillwater, Aug 8, 651-383-2436

**Goodview Gallop**, Goodview, Aug 22, 507-452-1630

### MISC. EVENTS

**SCAR Dolls Roller Derby**, St Cloud, Apr 4, May 2 & 30, 320-255-7272

**Corky's Early Bird Softball Tournament**, Owatonna, Apr 30-May 3, 507-451-7970

**Lake Charlotte Disc Golf Tournament**, Long Prairie, May 30, 320-732-2517

**Minnesota Trapshooting Championship**, Alexandria, Jun 8-16, 320-763-5315

**1860 Vintage Base Ball**, Farmington, Jun 13, 651-552-7548

**Highway 10 Baseball Classic**, New York Mills, Jun 19-21, 218-385-3339

**Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games**, St Paul, Jun 19-21, 612-333-0999

**Buffalo Championship PRCA Rodeo**, Buffalo, Jun 26-28, 763-682-7032

**West Central Wakesurf Open**, Spicer, Jun 27, 320-444-0066

**Whalan's Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament**, Whalan, Jul 3-5, 507-467-2696

**Waconia PRCA Rodeo**, Waconia, Jul 17-18, 612-807-7270

**Skate Central Lakes Endurance Festival**, St Joseph, Jul 17-19, 320-255-6172

**Vintage Baseball Exhibition**, Stillwater, Jul 18, 651-351-1717

**Mud Monkey Kids Obstacle Course**, Ely, Aug 1, 800-950-9425

**Minnesota Senior Games**, St Cloud, Aug 6-9, 320-493-4974

**2020 DBR Bag Tag Challenge**, Kimball, Aug 15, 320-398-7200

**Memorial Day/Law Day 5K Run**, Willmar, May 23, 320-222-9622

**Run for the Lake 5K**, McGregor, May 23, 218-426-5040

**Stillwater Half Marathon/10K/5K**, Stillwater, May 23, 651-383-2436

**Awake the Grapes at Carlos Creek Winery**, Alexandria, May 24, 320-846-5443

**2020 Tour de Cure: Twin Cities**, Minneapolis, Jun 6, 763-593-5333

**Lake Region Run**, Fergus Falls, Jun 6, 218-736-8451

**Lola's Lake Waconia Half Marathon**, Waconia, Jun 6, 952-442-4954

**Voyage North 5K and 10K**, Grand Marais, Jun 13, 218-387-3163

**Whipper Snapper Races for Kids**, Duluth, Jun 19, 218-727-0947

**William A Irvin 5K**, Duluth, Jun 19, 218-727-0947

**BK 5K Road Race**, Winona, Jun 20, 507-453-8366

**Grandma's Marathon and Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon**, Duluth, Jun 20, 218-727-0947

**Foot Lake 4 Walk/Run**, Willmar, Jun 27, 320-231-4183

**Global 6K for Water**, Longville, May 2, 218-363-6410

**Maple Syrup Fun Run**, Faribault, May 2, 507-332-7151

**New Prague Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Kids Fun Run**, New Prague, May 2, 952-758-4360

**Run for the Roses**, Alexandria, May 2, 320-846-3150

**Runnin' in the Ruff**, Milaca, May 2, 320-983-3141

**Bud Break 5K Run/Walk and Daffodil Dash**, Chaska, May 3, 612-624-2200

**Medtronic TC 1 Mile**, Minneapolis, May 7, 651-289-7700

**Cat Scratch Fever 5K**, New London, May 8, 320-894-5882

**Lake Wobegon Trail Marathon**, Holdingford, May 9, 320-251-4170

**Superior Trail Races**, Lutsen, May 16, 218-387-2524

**TC Kids Cross Country Fun Run**, St Paul, May 16, 651-289-7700

**Women Run the Cities (5K, 10K, 10 Mile)**, Minneapolis, May 17, 651-289-7700

**Henning Military Park 5K**, Henning, May 23, 218-548-5760

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19-21	Hennepin, Corcoran	29-2	Sibley, Arlington
19-21	Morrison, Motley	29-2	South St. Louis, Proctor
24-27	Norman, Ada	29-2	Stearns, Sauk Centre
25-28	Cass, Pine River	29-2	Washington, Lake Elmo
25-28	Red Lake, Oklee	30-2	Lincoln, Tyler
		30-2	Meeker, Litchfield

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1-4	Cannon Valley, Cannon Falls	4-8	Crow Wing, Brainerd
8-11	Aitkin, Aitkin	4-9	Benton, Sauk Rapids
8-12	Kittson, Hallock	4-9	Freeborn, Albert Lea
8-12	Polk, Fertile	5-8	Kandiyohi, Willmar
8-12	Winona, St. Charles	5-8	Pipestone, Pipestone
9-11	Cass, Pillager	5-8	Pope, Glenwood
9-12	Big Stone, Clinton	5-9	Clearwater, Bagley
9-12	Clay, Barnesville	5-9	Mille Lacs, Princeton
9-12	Northern Minnesota District Fair, Littlefork	5-9	Nicollet, St. Peter
15-18	Lake of the Woods, Baudette	5-9	Nobles, Worthington
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15-18	West Otter Tail, Fergus Falls	6-8	Renville, Bird Island
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21-26	Anoka, Anoka	12-16	Carver, Waconia
21-26	Fillmore, Preston	12-16	Lyon, Marshall
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22-26	Isanti, Cambridge	13-16	Carlton, Barnum
22-26	Kanabec, Mora	13-16	Todd, Long Prairie
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23-26	East Otter Tail, Perham	19-23	McLeod, Hutchinson
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28-1	Jackson, Jackson	20-23	Le Sueur, Le Center
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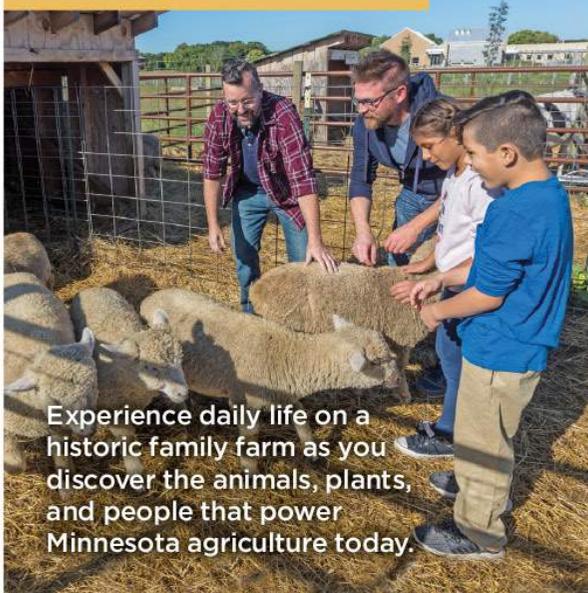
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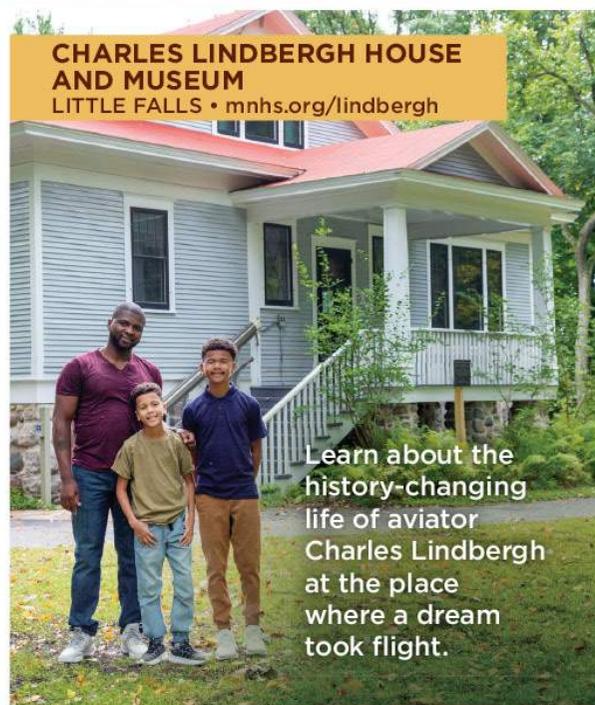
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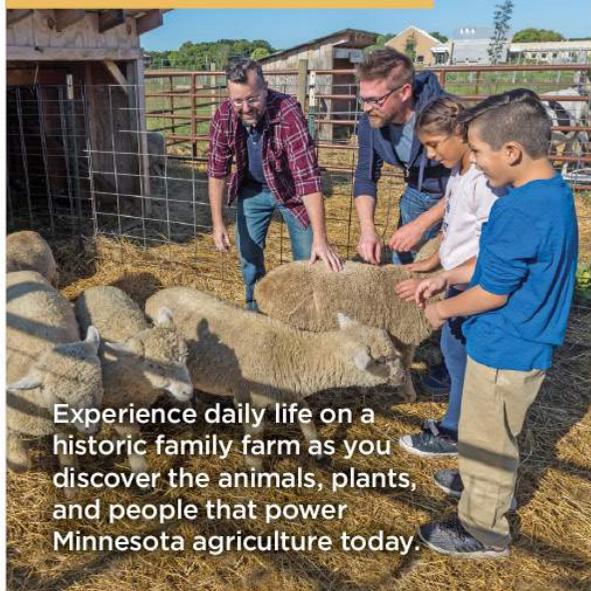
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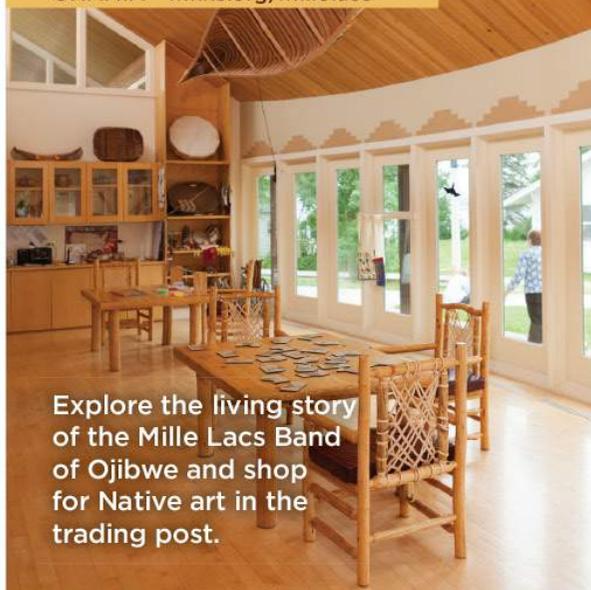
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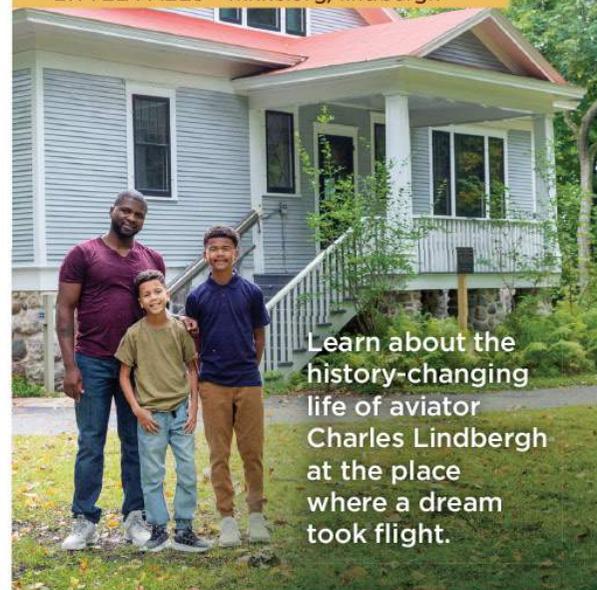


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