

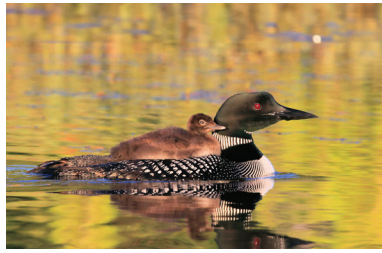
new & notable in minnesota



world wrestling entertainment (WWE) summerslam

August 1 – 2, 2026 | Minneapolis

Minneapolis will host WWE SummerSlam at U.S. Bank Stadium in August. This will mark the first time WWE will host a stadium event in the city. In addition to the massive two-night event, WWE will deliver a host of fan and community events in the days leading up to and after SummerSlam.



national loon center

2027 | Crosslake

The fifth animal center in Minnesota is dedicated to the Common Loon, Minnesota's state bird, whose iconic call echoes across lakes statewide. This interactive, educational and recreational center will be a destination for nature-lovers and conservationists.



upper harbor amphitheater community performing arts center

Summer 2027 | Minneapolis

This new 8,000-seat venue along the Mississippi River will host around 50 events annually. The outdoor setting, designed to accentuate the site's history as a shipping terminal, connects performing arts with nature. Plans include seating that "floats" over the park for unique, intimate viewing.



minnesota hockey hall of fame

2028 | Inver Grove Heights (metro area)

As a complement to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame located in northern Minnesota, this attraction will include a museum with hands-on exhibits and 360-degree digital experiences, a performance hall, a hockey-themed bar and restaurant and, of course, an ice rink.



ryder cup

September 21 – 23, 2029 | Chaska (metro area)

This prestigious biennial men's golf tournament featuring teams of 12 top players from the USA and Europe will be held at Hazeltine National Golf Club. This marks the first – and only – time an American course will host the Ryder Cup twice. That honor has only been awarded to a handful of courses in Europe since its inception in 1927.



world horticultural expo 2031

May to October 2031

For the first time ever, the International Horticultural Exposition is coming to the United States. The exhibition is similar to a World's Fair and will take place just outside of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Over 80 countries will be represented, highlighting their technological advancements in horticulture and sustainability. Expo 2031 is expected to attract more than four million visitors from around the world.





★ Voyageurs National Park



★ Boundary Waters



★ Split Rock Lighthouse



★ Paisley Park



★ Thomas Dambo Trolls

minnesota story topics

voyageurs national park – A water-based, certified DarkSky National Park located on the Canadian border.

- Best visited by boat – rent a houseboat or take a boat shuttle to the only in-park hotel for an experience that differs from most national parks.

boundary water canoe area wilderness – The BWCAW has over 1.6 million kilometers of protected wilderness.

- A certified DarkSky Sanctuary – the most difficult certification to achieve, meaning it is the darkest of the dark. Only 23 of these fragile, pristine nocturnal sites exist worldwide.

mississippi river – This storied river begins in northern Minnesota’s Itasca State Park.

- Legend says walking across the Mississippi River here will bring a long and prosperous life.
- National Geographic recently named Amtrak’s Borealis Route, which follows the Mississippi River in Minnesota, “Best New Rail Trip” in the U.S.

duluth, the north shore & lake superior – The largest freshwater lake in the world.

- Duluth, Minnesota’s “gateway” to Lake Superior, is the farthest-inland freshwater port in North America and home to the iconic Aerial Lift Bridge.
- Split Rock Lighthouse, a National Historic Landmark from 1910, is one of the most photographed lighthouses in the U.S.

twin cities culture – Minneapolis–St. Paul is also known as the “Twin Cities.”

- One of only 12 metro areas in the U.S. with a team in every professional sport sports league.
- Award-winning restaurants and chefs abound, and Minneapolis will be included in the elite MICHELIN GUIDE’S 2027 “American Great Lakes” edition.

minnesota music scene – Legendary musicians **Bob Dylan** and **Prince** were born in Minnesota.

- Ten years since Prince’s passing, 2026’s “Celebration” will have more meaning. Fans who attend will experience unique live performances, discussions with those connected to Prince, previously unreleased work and other VIP options.
- On any given night in Minneapolis and St. Paul, there are over 300 venues playing live music.

laura ingalls wilder – Her “Little House” series starts streaming on Netflix in July.

- Wilder lived at two locations in Minnesota: Walnut Grove and Spring Valley.

giant trolls – Created by internationally recognized Danish artist Thomas Dambo.

- His installation “Alexa’s Elixer” resides in Minnesota’s northern lakes and forests that mimic Dambo’s fairylands.
- Named one of the “World’s Greatest Places” by TIME in 2025.