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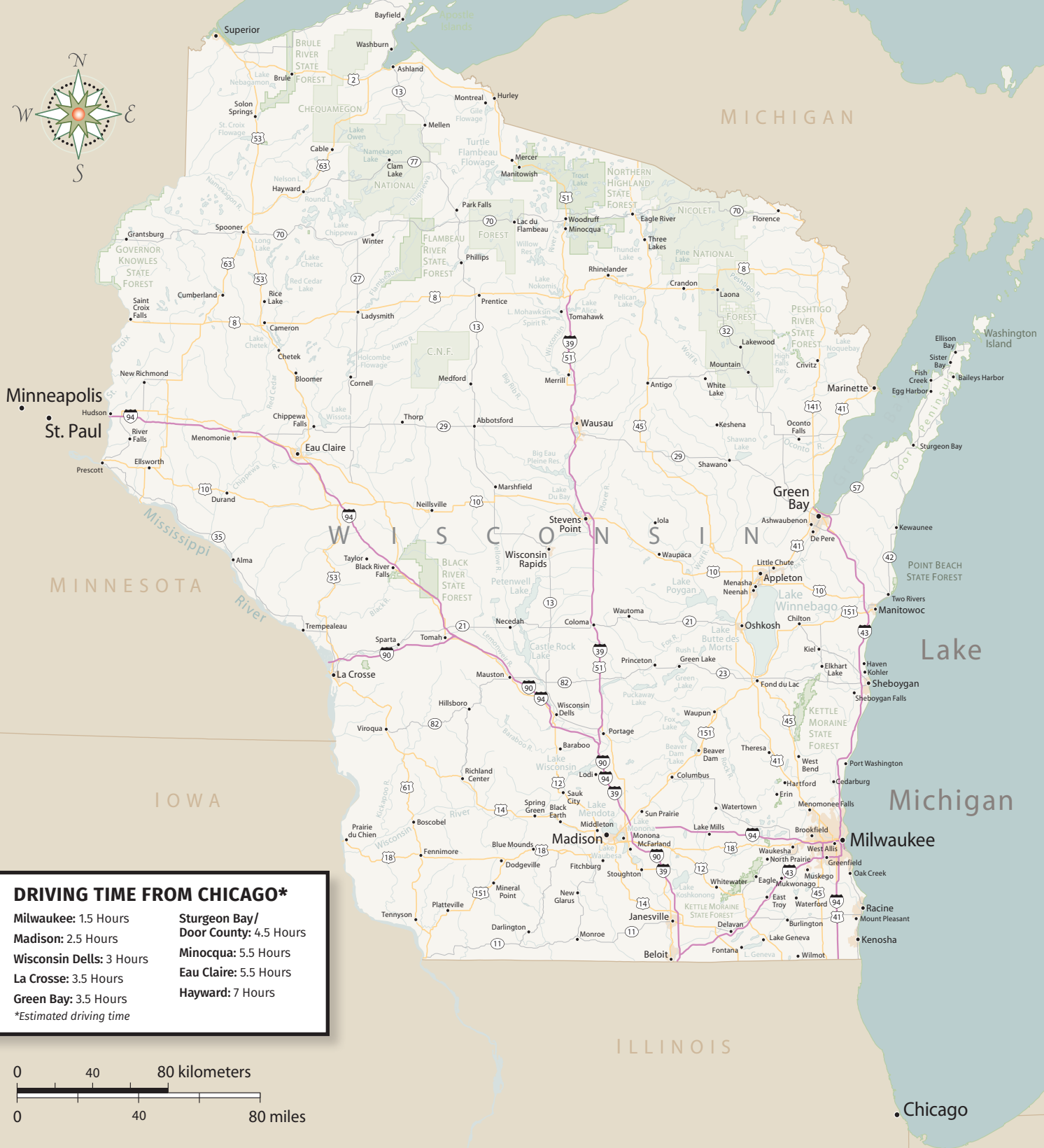
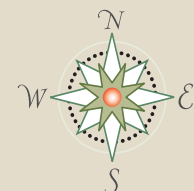


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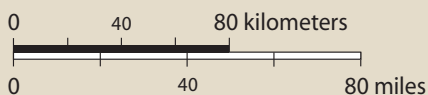
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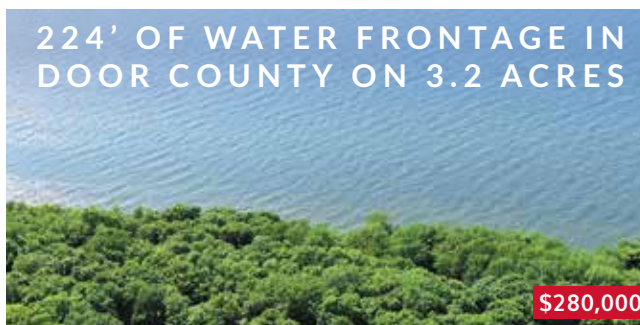
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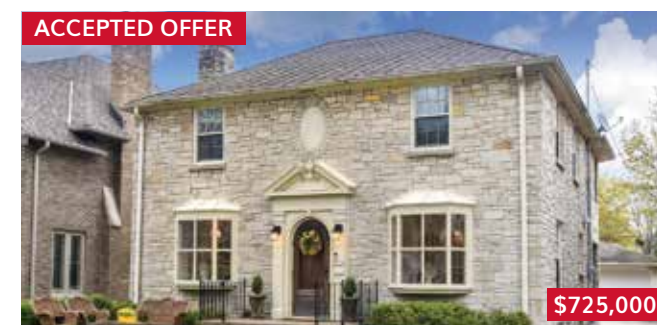
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Travel, Reconsidered

First of all, I hope that you are safe, happy and healthy. These last several months have been some of the toughest we have encountered in our lives, and there's no question that all of us have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Whether it was a missed graduation ceremony or celebration, not being able to see family members for an extended amount of time, or even the simple pleasure of not being able to visit a favorite place, we understand and empathize with you.

Travel especially is so important for us to escape the everyday — to decompress, experience new things and learn about cultures other than our own. Although the travel industry is reporting that people won't want to travel lengthy distances by plane for the foreseeable future, local and regional road-trip travel will be the way people will start traveling again. Which is why right now, Experience Wisconsin is a perfect companion as you think about your next Dairy State jaunt or road trip.

There are still plenty of ways you can experience the splendor of our arts, natural areas and eateries throughout the state. Take for example Milwaukee's food hall scene, covered on page 19 by food and wine writer Kristine Hansen. The Milwaukee Public Market continues to hum along, and along with it are four other exciting options throughout the city that offer local food and drink. As we continue into fall, you'll want to sample some of the state's cideries that make "hard" versions of this

popular drink. Personally, Ellison Bay's Island Orchard Cider sounds intriguing, with varieties tinged with hops, ginger and lavender. Read more about the state's cideries starting on page 16. And if you have a love of the arts, Wisconsin's inspiring art museums (see page 14) are just the places that can uplift your spirits with visions of beauty and creativity.

If you want to get your heart pounding, check out our "Calling All Thrill Seekers" feature on page 24. Writer Jessica Steinhoff covers invigorating ways to challenge yourself, from zip-lining to whitewater rafting to even experiencing a safari — right here in the Midwest. If you're up for a road trip, travel to Eau Claire, which brands itself as "Midwest Indie," due to the many music festivals (which sadly, most were cancelled this year!) that it hosts. But there are so many other ways you can explore this northwest Wisconsin city that offers scenic river views, great food and eclectic boutique hotels. Read more about it on page 28.

As a disclaimer: Please note that throughout this magazine, you'll want to check hours and days of operation of any of the businesses we mention if you are planning a visit. As of press time the establishments we included are open, but during this pandemic, things can change rapidly — so please keep that in mind.

I'm heartened to think about when things will get better, and life will go back to normal, eventually. We hope this magazine will be an inspiring read for you as we get through these difficult times together. Stay well.

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Unfortunately the coronavirus pandemic has caused the cancellation of many of our favorite summer festivals and events, leaving us to get creative with our weekends and vacations. Lucky for us, there's still much to explore throughout our beautiful state and time to do so! With more than 6 million acres of public land and 15,000 lakes, there are plenty of places for social distancing in Wisconsin. Some of our favorite places to explore include the 1,200-mile **Ice Age Trail**, **Devil's Lake State Park** (one of 43 state parks and our largest, not to mention state and national forests as well) and 80 rails to trails, including the **Bearskin** and **Elroy-Sparta State Trails**.



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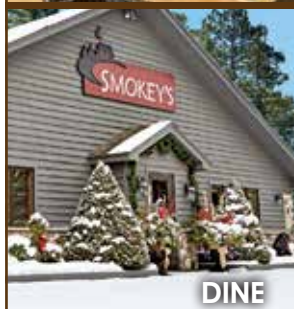
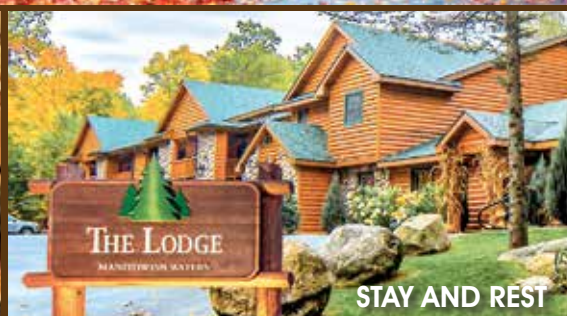
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Day-Trip to West Bend

By Kristine Hansen

This small town, 40 minutes north of Milwaukee — named for being on the Milwaukee River's westward bend — is quickly transforming into an artsy hub. Much of the renaissance lies downtown, where the Historic West Bend Theatre reopened in March after a major renovation (but had to close again due to the coronavirus). Classic-cinema films and live performances take place within a 1929 Art Deco brick building. But that's just a slice of the city's evolving arts and culture offerings.

The Museum of Wisconsin Art's stark white, modern building — exhibiting works only by artists with Wisconsin connections — was further beautified this past summer with a new garden space on-site. After immersing yourself in the museum, hydrangeas and aspen trees — paired with interconnected walkways for meditative walks — beckon you to explore two sculptures dotted throughout the greenspace.

Another new outdoor space in downtown West Bend is the reimagined east side that includes the pet-friendly Riverwalk, accessed near the museum. Area artists and makers sell handmade wares at The WB Mercantile nearby, celebrating its first anniversary this spring. Among the items sold are jewelry, candles, knit and crocheted items, greeting cards, soap, repurposed housewares and furnishings, jams and honey. Its owners also organize tastings of Door County wines, plus crafting and painting workshops.

At some point during your visit, check out some of the newer cafe offerings. The Hub — open since 2018 as part of the Volunteer Center of Washington County — is a volunteer-run coffee shop (proceeds fund more than 50 local nonprofits), while the year-old Café Floriana, owned by two sisters, serves cinnamon rolls topped with a generous dollop of cream cheese icing and lunch options. You'll thank us!

Capping off a day in West Bend, settle in for an Italian-inspired cocktail before nibbling on wood-fired pizzas (like the quirky Little Devil pizza with spicy Pomodoro sauce and Italian sausage) at Culaccino Bar + Italian Kitchen (open for lunch and dinner) — from the same owners as Bibinger's, a local favorite.

We're betting once you peruse West Bend, you'll soon be plotting your return visit.



Shoppist | The Good Life

As the founder of One-OneThousand in Madison — a coworking space, studio and host of twice-yearly local markets — Sarah Artz loved working with makers. "I never thought I'd do retail because I was so focused on building the community part. But I've found [that retail is] a meaningful way to work with makers and be a conduit for helping them build a livelihood much more directly," she says. Artz opened her artfully curated boutique **Good Day Shop** in Madison in 2019. The minimalist, Scandinavian-chic space has home goods, jewelry, apothecary items, artwork and more, and shoppers will always find brands they hadn't heard of previously. "There are so many interesting brands out there and small, independent brands that we can share their stories," she says. gooddayshop.net ew

From the Big Top to Beer

By Kevin Revolinski

Baraboo saw the birth of the Ringling Brothers Circus in 1884 and, today, the city — which is about 13 miles south of Wisconsin Dells — is home to the Circus World Museum.

But now something more is brewing.

The 1906 mansion of circus showman AL Ringling and his wife, Lou, was abandoned in 1916 after his passing and had already fallen into disrepair once his living relatives moved away. The local Elks Lodge purchased it in 1936 for \$6,000 and added a ballroom in 1948.

When three business partners took over ownership in 2013, they decided to invest \$800,000 in the restoration of the stately structure and turn the ballroom into AL Ringling Brewing Co. During renovations, a Ringling family beer recipe was found in a wooden box under the floorboards — this smooth and curiously hops-free brew is their flagship beer. The brewery offers 16 house-made brews on tap.

Designed like a German beer hall, the taproom showcases beautiful chandeliers, a 1902 self-playing Gavioli band organ and a mural depicting a Ringling Bros. Circus parade. Wood from the lanes of a basement bowling alley became beer hall tables and a mezzanine floor, while the subterranean level now houses a 63,000-piece miniature circus with a 30-foot big top tent.

A short food menu offers empanadas and some Ringling family recipes to go with the rotating beer list, and the mansion itself is not only open for tours, but also offers overnight room rentals.

alringlingmansion.com/brewery



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Artful Wisconsin

We think an art-inspired road trip is in order, and we've already made a list of museums you've got to see with some truly fascinating and thought-provoking exhibits. Before you go, though, double-check to ensure the museum is still operating normally. Oh, COVID.

By Jessica Steinhoff



CEDARBURG ART MUSEUM

Be among the first to experience the hale and hearty goddesses of Teresa Lind's "Earth and Water" in this museum's sculpture garden. For more al fresco excitement, enjoy Sprecher brews and live music in its pop-up beer garden Thursdays through Sept. 17.

Fun fact: Merging Classical, Queen Anne and Romanesque architecture, this red-brick museum is a work of art in itself.

CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART

This University of Wisconsin-Madison museum explores every corner of art history, from Byzantine floor mosaics to paintings from China's Qing dynasty. Craving something contemporary? View works by artists who've led printmaking workshops at the university's Tandem Press. These include "Maus" cartoonist Art Spiegelman, installation artist Judy Pfaff and "Twin Peaks" creator David Lynch. Before you depart, admire "Theseus Combating the Minotaur," a famous sculpture by Antoine-Louis Barye.

Fun fact: The oldest item in the permanent collection is a relief fragment depicting a priest from the tomb of Ancient Egypt's Ptahhetep II.

HAGGERTY MUSEUM OF ART

This Marquette University museum had quite a grand opening in 1984, after "Crack Is Wack" artist Keith Haring painted a mural on the fence around the construction site. Inspired by graffiti and the study of symbols, the piece contains two of Haring's most famous pictographic characters, plus televisions with limbs and wings. To help visitors experience the mural in the 21st century, the Marquette Visualization Lab created a virtual reality experience that goes with it. Just grab a headset and follow the instructions for a mind-expanding blend of videos, photos and more. The museum is currently closed but plans to reopen in the fall.

Fun fact: The Haggerty owns more than 100 etchings by Marc Chagall, a pioneer of modernism.

JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER

On display through Jan. 10, the Sheboygan-based John Michael Kohler Arts Center's "On Being Here (and There)" celebrates the ways art-making can empower marginalized people. Highlights include photographs from David Eberhardt's cross-country rail adventures and Ailbhe Ní Bhriain's "Inscriptions of an Immense Theatre," a film illuminating how the "official" narratives museums tell about historical objects can hide other stories that are just as important to remember. The museum is temporarily closed, but keep an eye on its reopen date. You'll want to check it out.

Fun fact: The center is restoring a cottage filled with modernist mobiles, murals, mosaics and more by Wisconsin artist Mary Nohl.

MADISON MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

This Cesar Pelli-designed triangular glass building showcases an extensive selection of Chicago Imagist art, the focus of its "Uncommon Accumulation" show. Running through Oct. 11, it's a time machine to the 1960s, when Jim Nutt, Roger Brown and others were forging their professional identities at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Experience the museum online or in person, now that it has reopened.

Fun fact: The museum's rooftop has a restaurant, film screenings and one of Madison's best views of the Capitol.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

With awe-inspiring architecture by Santiago Calatrava, an over 31,000-piece collection and renowned examples of everything from German Expressionist paintings to Haitian folk art, the Milwaukee Art Museum is the crown jewel of Wisconsin tourist destinations. With its lakefront location, you can experience the best of Milwaukee's views and international artworks.

Fun fact: Families can drop into the Kohl's Art Generation Studio for hands-on art projects or experience live performances on selected Sundays throughout the year via their Kohl's Art Generation Family Sundays.



MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART

Gasp and giggle your way through "Wisconsin Funnies," a comic-arts retrospective celebrating political satire, Wisconsin-based superhero stories and more. Don't miss the specimens from the graphic-novel groundbreakers at Kitchen Sink Press or University of Wisconsin-Madison professor Lynda Barry, the "Ernie Pook's Comeek" creator who received a MacArthur "Genius" Grant. Although the main museum is in West Bend, it has a satellite location within Saint Kate — The Arts Hotel in Milwaukee, too.

Fun fact: Each Saturday, the museum unveils an art project for its Facebook fans to try at home.



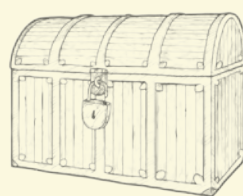
RAHR-WEST ART MUSEUM

The tiny city of Manitowoc owns this museum's collection, which boasts works by regional artists and international heavyweights like Mary Cassatt and Andy Warhol. "Water's Edge Artists: The Art of Preservation" (Sept. 27-Nov. 1) highlights efforts to preserve endangered places through art, historical preservation and environmental stewardship.

Fun fact: You can view a replica of the piece of the Soviet satellite Sputnik IV that crash-landed near the museum in 1962. [ew](#)

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Hard Core Sips

Add these cideries to your bucket list.

By Kevin Revolinski

Twenty years ago, one would be unlikely to hear the term “hard cider” unless they knew someone making a batch in their basement. Now, cider is all the rage, and in orchard-heavy Wisconsin, it’s no surprise that there are great producers in every corner of the state.

Brix Cider, Mount Horeb

Marie and Matt Raboin manage their own orchard and source apples from at least 21 Badger state orchards, producing unique small batches. Their taproom, located off the Military Ridge State Trail in downtown Mount Horeb, serves 12 ever-changing ciders, some of which are flavored with fruit, hops, or other unexpected ingredients. brixcider.com

The Cider Farm, Madison

Deirdre Birmingham has three degrees in agriculture while her husband, John Biondi, takes inspiration from his Italian grandfather, a farmer. They founded an organic orchard near Mineral Point, growing tannin-rich English and French apples to make dry ciders and apple brandy. Try their five flagship ciders and various others on tap in their Madison tasting room walled in by glass garage doors that open to patio seating in season. theciderfarm.com

Island Orchard Cider, Ellison Bay

A 1930’s fish and produce warehouse was reimagined into a cidery and tasting room by Bob Purman and his wife, Yannique, after he decided to turn his hobby into a full-fledged operation. The apples and pears come from their orchard on Washington Island and are available on tap and to-go. No matter your cider excitement level, we’re betting you’ll find something to enjoy, either with its apple, cherry or pear ciders or varieties infused with flavors, including hops, ginger and lavender. They also produce Pomona, a cider and apple brandy liqueur. Though the cidery distributes statewide, the specialty ciders are only sold here—at least for now. islandorchardcider.com



Maiden Rock Winery & Cidery, Stockholm

This expansive farm and orchard features hayrides and pick-your-own produce, while their tasting room provides drinks and samples of their award-winning ciders and wines. Founders Herdie Baisden and Carol Wiersma have served as presidents of the boards of directors for the Wisconsin Apple Growers Association and Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association, respectively. Events throughout the year makes this much more than just a sampling stop — like their collaborations with the *La Crosse Queen*, a replica of a paddlewheel steamer that cruises down the Mississippi River. However, with COVID-19, many of Maiden Rock's events had to be postponed, so you'll want to check their website for current event updates. maidenrockappleswinerycidery.com

ÆppelTreow Winery & Distillery, Burlington

Pronounced "Apple True," the name is Old English for both apple tree and apple truth. Charles and Milissa McGonegal work with heritage apples and pears from Brighton Woods Orchard. The resulting ciders and

perry (an alcoholic drink made from the fermented juice of pears) are high in tannins with some of that faithful to European styles, while others are modern and flavored. Many of its ciders are draft or sparkling, but it also has still, table, distilled and dessert varieties available. This is a bottle shop with a tasting bar, not a taproom, though picnic tables are available outside and visitors stroll the orchards from May to November. If you visit, be sure to wear your face mask. aepeltreow.com

White Winter Winery, Iron River

This highly regarded meadery gets apple juice from Erickson's Orchard in Bayfield to produce five semi-dry ciders. One of Wisconsin's first commercial cideries, White Winter has awards to show for their efforts. The Northern Highlands Cider is its most decorated with roughly eight awards and the Bois Brule Hopped Cider was voted best in Wisconsin in 2017. The ciders, meads, cyser (a mead-cider hybrid) and distillates are available at the sampling bar in the winery shop, but be sure to call ahead before visiting. Its indoor capacity has been restricted for health and safety reasons. whitewinter.com



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Lost Valley Cider Co., Milwaukee

If anything confirms the popularity of cider, it's this dedicated cider bar and bottle shop with more than 20 on tap from a variety of regional and international producers, plus bottles, cans and cider cocktails. The hip tavern setting also features patio seating in season, and allows carry-in food. lostvalley.com *ew*

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The Meat Man

By Kristine Hansen

"I grew up in a deli," says Daniel Bonanno, a James Beard Award semifinalist for Rising Star Chef of the Year in 2013 and owner of Madison-based restaurant A Pig in a Fur Coat and the Alimentari deli. "My dad ran Tenuta's Deli for about 50 years."

And that's where he cut his teeth as a boy-turned-renowned chef — working alongside his brother after school and during summer breaks at the Kenosha-based Italian deli and grocery store.

After graduating from Le Cordon Bleu in Minneapolis, he truly dug into that Italian heritage. Cooking at Spiaggia in Chicago as its sous chef, Mangia Wine Bar in Kenosha and Grand Geneva Resort & Spa's Ristorante Brissago in Lake Geneva were followed by a year-long stint in Italy. Then came his two Madison establishments. Both are on the city's east side.

While studying culinary arts in Apicius International School of Hospitality in Florence, Italy, Bonanno met his business partner, Bonnie Arent, a Racine native. The two decided to establish roots back in Wisconsin, opting for Madison as a fresh start.

"What I wanted to do is focus on my Italian heritage," says Bonanno about A Pig in a Fur Coat, which opened in 2012, "but use local Wisconsin farmers. Some of the Wisconsin

farmers are the best in the world. We have farmers my age running farms." The menu shifts based on what's in season and available, but often folds in grains, vegetables, duck and as much of a cow as possible. It's not uncommon for Bonanno to work with farmers on seed selection and feed trials with the animals, with a unified goal of offering the best flavors.

Open since 2018, Alimentari is run by his brother, Enrico, and is "a deli for the home cook," says Bonanno, with customers often asking for cooking tips. Fresh pastas, sauces, meats and cheeses, sandwiches and antipasti, plus Italian imports (such as canned tomatoes) line shelves and fill cases.

When it comes to cheese, Bonanno adopts a global view and, like any successful restaurateur, wants to set himself apart. He points out the ubiquity of cheeses made within the state's borders, so he selects cheeses made elsewhere, so he can introduce diners to different varieties. [cw](#)

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Your guide to Milwaukee's food halls.

By Kristine Hansen



Milwaukee Public Market

On the heels of food halls thriving in other cities — such as Seattle's legendary Pike Place Market and Chelsea Market in New York City, not to mention the flurry of downtown-Chicago debuts — Milwaukee has embraced the “all under one roof” culinary concept.

It began with the 2005 opening of the **Milwaukee Public Market** in the Third Ward. Vendors include a chocolatier, coffee roaster, seafood restaurant, Middle Eastern to-go counter, olive-oil retailer, taco bar, vegan eatery (served out of a VW bus) and more. Seating on the upper level is perfect for small groups with varied food cravings. Thief Wine Shop & Bar's employees don't mind if food purchased within the market is brought in so you can, for example, pair artisan Wisconsin cheese with a flute of champagne. Plus, classes at Madame Kuony's Kitchen this fall will expand your culinary repertoire by teaching the art of pickled Bloody Mary fixings and Instant Pot techniques.

Sherman Phoenix, on Milwaukee's west side, is an homage to racial riots that took place in the Sherman Park neighborhood during the summer of 2016. Comprised almost entirely of Black-owned businesses, this two-story food hall (home to 27 food

and wellness-focused small businesses) is appropriately named for a phoenix rising out of the ashes. Dine on vegan food, pizza, ice cream, spring rolls, buffalo wings, cakes and more — or maybe drop in for a cup of coffee from Shindig Coffee. The building also hosts a barber shop, yoga studio, massage studio, manicurist, jeweler, hair salon and a beauty bar.

A similar mix of businesses makes **Crossroads Collective** — a food hall on the east side since 2018 — so successful. Where else can you enjoy a progressive meal as diverse as oysters to start, followed by barbecue or pasta, then a scoop of ice cream or fruit pie? Like other food halls, this shared-space concept allows budding entrepreneurs to test their tasty concepts. With lots of natural light pouring into this corner storefront, and its location a few blocks west of Lincoln Memorial Drive along Lake Michigan, Crossroads Collective is popular year-round.

Two more food halls expect to open in Milwaukee by the end of 2020. **Flour & Feed Marketplace** plans to put roots down in the Bay View neighborhood while **3rd Street Market Hall** will pop up in downtown Milwaukee inside the former Shops at Grand Avenue as part of the new The Avenue mixed-use development. With

an opening date still forthcoming (pushed back because of COVID-19), Flour & Feed's 11,000 square feet will make room for six to eight food vendors — likely a coffee shop, brewery, full bar and “several culinary-driven micro-restaurants,” says director of operations Emily Chirillo — and four retailers. Because Flour & Feed opens up to Zillman Park, a neighboring green space, this creates an al-fresco, family-friendly spot to further enjoy the market's food and drinks. Or, guests can eat in the dining area, right in the center, making it easy to return to a vendor for seconds or splurge on dessert.

Spanning 35,000 square feet, 3rd Street Market Hall expects to welcome both established chefs and up-and-coming food entrepreneurs, as well as serve as a host site for food festivals, beer and food tastings, and private events and benefits. Proof that food breeds community? Activities like ping pong and bocce ball — plus a vintage-style arcade — will also be at the hall.

Please note due to COVID-19 that indoor dining options and hours may vary for these establishments. Please check their websites for more information. [ew](#)



Milwaukee Public Market



Crossroads Collective



Crossroads Collective

Wisconsin's Golf Cup

Runneth Over

The Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits tops the run of major golf championships held in the state since 1998.

By Gary D'Amato



Wisconsin has long been known as “America’s Dairyland,” but perhaps it’s time to change the nickname to “Mecca of Majors,” reflective of the impressive lineup of golf championships that have been held in the state in recent years.

Since 1998, Wisconsin golf courses have played host to seven United States Golf Association championships, including two U.S. Women’s Opens and a U.S. Open, a U.S. Amateur and a U.S. Senior Open for men. The PGA of America has brought its signature event, the PGA Championship, to Whistling Straits three times since 2004.

And the biggest is yet to come.

The 43rd Ryder Cup, a biennial match play competition between 12-man teams of professionals from the U.S. and Europe, is scheduled to be held in the fall of 2021 (it was rescheduled due to COVID-19) at Whistling Straits, a links-style course built by the Kohler Co. on bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, just north of Sheboygan.

The Ryder Cup is expected to generate an economic impact of \$135 million and will be televised to more than 500 million people in 150 countries and territories.

It has become one of the must-see events in sports. When tickets were initially sold during a random lottery in October 2019, the event sold out in about an hour. When the event does take place, some 200,000 spectators hope to traipse the dunes and mounds at Whistling Straits during practice rounds and the three competition days. Corporate chalets outnumber those at the PGA Championship or U.S. Open by a wide margin, making the Ryder Cup the most lucrative event in golf.

After decades of dominance by the U.S., Europe has won four of the last five Ryder Cups. The U.S. has won just three times since 1995, even with superstars such as Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson leading the way in recent years. Two years ago, Europe breezed to a 17½ - 10½ victory in Paris. Steve Stricker, a 12-time

It’s Time to Hit the Putting Green

Once considered a flyover state for traveling golfers, Wisconsin in recent years has become one of the hottest destinations in America, described by Bloomberg in 2019 as “the best golfing road trip you can take right now.”

Pleasant summer weather, diverse topography and Midwestern hospitality help, but it’s the quality of the golf courses, particularly those built over the last 30 years, that has put the state on the golfing map.

At the top of the list are two courses that have played host to major championships: **Whistling Straits**, just north of Sheboygan, and **Erin Hills**, some 35 miles northwest of downtown Milwaukee.

The Straits is a fantastic jumble of towering dunes, fescue-covered ridges and fearsome bunkers, strung along two miles of uninterrupted Lake Michigan shoreline. Just minutes away is another Kohler Co. gem, the River Course at **Blackwolf Run**, which winds through the picturesque Sheboygan River valley.

Erin Hills was built with a minimalist approach on dramatic glacial features in the Kettle Moraine, a few miles west of the towering hilltop basilica of Holy Hill Basilica. Like the Straits, it is walking only.

Sand Valley Resort, in the Town of Rome, is the newest addition to the rota of must-plays. The resort, built by Chicago developer Mike Keiser atop a massive sand deposit, features mind-blowing Mammoth Dunes, the original Sand Valley course and a 17-hole par-3 delight called The Sandbox.

SentryWorld in Stevens Point, 45 minutes north of Sand Valley, is the granddaddy of upscale public facilities in Wisconsin. Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. in the early 1980s for Sentry Insurance, it is a lovely walk in the park, noted for its superb playing conditions. (Note: This course is currently closed due to COVID-19. Please check sentryworld.com for reopening information.)

Still not done? Check out the magnificent Links Course at the **Golf Courses of Lawsonia** in Green Lake and **Brown Deer Park** in Milwaukee, former site of the PGA Tour’s defunct Greater Milwaukee Open — and where Tiger Woods made his professional debut in 1996.



“The last few Ryder Cups haven’t gone really the way we would have liked, but for me it’s all about moving forward,” Stricker says. “It’s about moving forward [and] learning from the past a little bit. Taking some of the things we haven’t done so well, and then trying to apply that to this next time.

“And it’s about playing better. Bottom line is, they have played great and they have outplayed us.”

And so, the Straits, which was designed by the late Pete Dye and pays homage to the classic seaside links courses of Ireland, will be the epicenter of the golf world next September.

winner on the PGA Tour and a longtime resident of Madison, is the U.S. team captain and is tasked with reversing the trend and winning back Samuel Ryder’s 17-inch, four-pound trophy. Padraig Harrington of Ireland, a three-time major champion, is Europe’s captain.

Players are not paid to compete in the Ryder Cup, though monies are directed to their foundations. Instead, they play for pride, honor and country (in Europe’s case, countries).

Stricker is also host of the American Family Insurance Championship, a PGA Tour Champions event held each June at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison. But the 2020 event, one of the more popular stops on the senior circuit, was cancelled due to the pandemic and will not be played again until 2021. [ew](#)

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PGA TOUR

Get to Know Ryder Cup Captain Steve Stricker

A native of small-town Edgerton, Wis., Steve Stricker has made a major name for himself on the golf circuit.

Since he turned pro in 1990, Stricker has brought home 12 PGA TOUR wins and three PGA Tour Champions wins, according to his PGA Tour profile. He shows no sign of slowing down and will be the U.S. team captain for the 43rd Ryder Cup in 2021 (originally scheduled for this fall but has been move to 2021 due to COVID-19).

In honor of next year’s Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits near Sheboygan, we wanted to get to know this Madison resident a bit better.

Career Achievements

According to the PGA, Stricker has pulled in more than \$47.68 million

in career earnings, putting him in the top 50 in career earnings for the PGA TOUR.

In 2012, Stricker was honored with the Payne Stewart Award, which is annually bestowed on golfers who share Stewart’s commitment, respect and charitable tradition for the game.

Did You Know?

Prior to the birth of their first daughter in 1998, his wife, Nicki, was his caddie. Every once and awhile, she still caddies for him.

Stricker’s charity, Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation, hosts the American Family Insurance Championship on the PGA Champions Tour in Madison and, since 2016, has raised more than \$7.1 million for charity — translating to an estimated \$56 million economic impact for the Madison area. —Shelby Rowe Moyer



Become a Wisconsin Pantomath

You know — the curious sort who wants to dive into all matters of obscurity. These Badger state tours offer the ins and outs of local culture and stories of times past.

By Kristine Hansen

Curious about what breed of goat produces the best milk for making cheese or why Milwaukee's famed light-colored brick is called Cream City?

Hand over an afternoon to a knowledgeable guide who can answer those questions — and more — when you book a tour. Taking advantage of a summer or fall tour during Wisconsin's lovely weather means you'll probably get more "steps" in and also experience a sliver of Wisconsin during its prime seasons. Think of these as not only a deep dive into history and education but also a sampling of what to do next time you're in the region.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, some of these tours have been temporarily suspended — but will resume later this summer or in 2021, when tour operators

have deemed they can safely lead their tours again. So even if some of these aren't happening right now, you'll want to add them to your list!

Epicurean Delights

Rachael and Jesse Johnson are a young couple who opened **Door County Creamery** in Sister Bay after Jesse, a chef by trade, was inspired by a day-in-the-life goat farming experience he had in France — although, it wasn't until some time later when the couple met and fell in love that they decided to cultivate their own farm. Farm tours (\$45) cover both the farmstead and their creamery in downtown Sister Bay. Each tour includes lunch crafted at the creamery's café, which also serves goat's milk gelato. Feeling a bit more adventurous? Check out a goat-yoga session at the farm.

Wisconsin's capital city is home to **Madison Eats Food Tours**, where visitors can get a taste of the city — literally. Because of COVID-19, owner Otehlia Cassidy will likely just offer her Capitol Square Downtown, Atwood Brew & Chew and Willy Street Global Eats tours starting in the late summer, and add on more tours as it's deemed safe again. Wear your stretchy pants and comfy shoes, as there are a lot of stops.

History + Architecture

If you're not in the mood for walking but still want to cover a lot of ground, **La Crosse's trolley tours** (\$15) are ideal. There are two separate itineraries: the hour-long Dark La Crosse Tour (explores the city's macabre past in its former red-light district, stories of vigilante justice and more, offered Fridays and Saturdays during summer) and the 90-minute Historic





Madison Eats Food Tours



Lambeau Field Stadium Tours



Milwaukee Riverwalk



Historic Milwaukee, Inc.

La Crosse Tour (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between June and October). During the latter tour, the La Crosse County Historical Society narrates as you wind through beautiful neighborhoods marked by historic homes. *(Editor's note: Unfortunately, La Crosse's trolley tours have been cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19, but be sure to check into their 2021 season.)*

Typically, tour-goers on **Historic Milwaukee, Inc.'s** tours might learn about Milwaukee's signature Cream City brick and how the city's beer barons used it to build their mansions — one of the focal points on their North Point Mansions walking tour. However, due to limited schedules, the organization is reducing their number of tours temporarily and will

offer just their Downtown, Third Ward and Riverwalk jaunts. They are, however, rolling out two new self-guided tours this season. And, as of press time, the company plans on resuming guide-led walking tours in August.

Join a group of other history and military buffs on a tour of **Heritage Hill State Park** in Green Bay (\$25) during select months in spring and fall. It's easy to imagine what life was like

here during the 1830s when an animated guide fills in the gaps and explains the rich history of the country's oldest standing military hospital. Included in the tour is a short cooking demo — with to-go portions. *(Editor's note: Heritage Hill State Park has free admission for self-guided walks through the park, but for the time being, has suspended tours.)*

Sports Fanatics

Even if you're not a Packers or football fan (wait, what?) you'll enjoy an in-depth tour of the home turf for the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay. **Lambeau Field Stadium Tours** offers four different tours of varying price levels and lengths. For the hour-long Classic Tour (\$15) you get to walk (or

run?) through the players tunnel and walk alongside the field like you're a key member of the coaching staff. The total length is about a half-mile. The Hall of Fame charges a separate admission, but the Packers Pro Shop (retailing licensed Packers apparel for two-leggeds and four-leggeds, as well as kitchen and home décor) is free. *(Editor's note: Lambeau Field is not yet open to the public, so tours are temporarily on hold. Please check packers.com and packershofandtours.com for updates later this summer and fall.)*

Miller Park (debuting its new name — American Family Field — in 2021) is where the Milwaukee Brewers play all home baseball games, four miles west of downtown Milwaukee. Although future reservations for tours are suspended (as of press time), when they resume tours again, there are a couple of cool options for fans. Ninety-minute tours (\$15) of the ballpark — which boasts one of the six parks in the league with a retractable roof — normally run from March through September and show guests the visitor's clubhouse, bullpen, legendary sportscaster Bob Uecker's broadcast booth and the exclusive Club level. Serious fan? Look into two pre-game experiences: the Bernie's Slide Experience (includes five trips down the slide, \$150-\$175) and the Pre-Game Experience Tour (private ballpark tour, only for evening home games, \$75-\$100). [ew](#)



CALLING ALL *THRILLSEEKERS*

Nine adventurous outings for all ages.

By Jessica Steinhoff

Have a young Kitty O'Neil or Evel Knievel? Want to shock the kids with your own daredevilry? No matter why you seek epic thrills, Wisconsin has an adventure for you. Here are nine to try with the little ones, each with a thrill rating ranging from 1 (mild) to 10 (wild).

Note that while all these attractions are open and operating, some have restrictions to protect the health and safety of staff and guests from the coronavirus.



Lake Geneva
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Wildman Adventure Resort

RAUCOUS RAFTING

Wildman Adventure Resort, Niagara

This rustic resort in northeast Wisconsin offers exciting activities for kids ages 5 to 12, including kayaking, rock-climbing, ziplining and a high ropes course. Its claim to fame, however, is whitewater rafting on the Menominee River. Each excursion is led by a seasoned guide, and every rider receives a helmet and a personal flotation device.

The roughly four-hour Menominee River adventure starts with games and swimming in calm waters beside 200-foot cliffs. The group then navigates a series of small rapids before exploring Piers Gorge, which features some of the largest rapids in the region. Children younger than 12 must portage between rougher sections of the river, while those ages 15 and older can upgrade to the Wild Ride, an experience Wildman dubs “the most extreme whitewater trip in the Midwest.” This outing’s rafts hold three to four people, providing a more tumultuous paddle through the waves and strong currents. Rafting trips will be available until mid-October and, due to the coronavirus, staff are taking additional measures to ensure the health and safety of themselves and guests. wildmanranch.com

Thrill rating: 7-10

RIP-ROARING ROLLER COASTERS

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park, Wisconsin Dells

With speeds of up to 70 mph, a 140-foot drop, a full-circle loop and subterranean speedways, Mt. Olympus’s Hades 360 is the definition of adventure, attracting roller coaster connoisseurs from around the globe. It’s also the source of some impressive bragging rights. Billed as the world’s first upside-down wooden coaster, this ride is a piece of amusement park history.

Craving more coaster-based thrills? Give Cyclops a whirl. This coaster features a dramatic 75-foot drop on its 1,680-foot journey. Kids must be at least 4 feet tall to board both of these rides. Guests can expect to see social distancing in lines for rides and the staff will be frequently wiping down high-touch areas. The outdoor park is open, generally, until Labor Day, and the indoor park is open year-round. mtolympuspark.com/specials/resort-guest-exclusive

Thrill rating: 7



KID-FRIENDLY KITEBOARDING

Kite Riders, Madison area

Kiteboarding is the ultimate extreme sport, combining elements of windsurfing, wakeboarding and paragliding. If your family is both brave and patient, you can learn to do it through Kite Riders, a Madison-area training center and gear outfitter.

According to owner Bob Cook, kids as young as age 8 — or at least 100 pounds — can kiteboard safely after five to 10 hours of training, as long as a family member is willing to do it with them. But the weather has to be just right.

“We can’t predict the wind, but if you’re willing to wait for the wind to cooperate, you’ll be rewarded,” he says. “Kiteboarding is a lot of fun, it’s a great workout and the camaraderie you’ll find with other riders is awesome.”

Each lesson is about two hours, and the first one takes place on land. That’s because you must first learn how to fly a special type of kite that harnesses the wind’s energy. After that, learning happens on the water, with a more sophisticated kite. The Olbrich Park area of Lake Monona and the McDaniel Park portion on Lake Waubesa are the most popular spots for beginner lessons.

“Whether you’re a kid or an adult, once your kite-flying skills are strong, we’ll get you up and riding on a board, once you’ve got the hang of kite-flying,” Cook says.

That’s when the real thrills commence: riding six-foot waves, catching winds faster than 20 miles per hour and jumping as high as the famous Chicago Bean. You can rent gear for lessons, but prepare to buy a kite, board, harnesses and more if you get hooked on aerodynamics.

Want to try something different? Cook also offers lessons and rents lift e-foil boards, which are essentially electronically powered surf boards that are lifted off the surface of the water, allowing boarders to surf regardless of nearly any water conditions. kiteridersllc.com

Thrill rating: 5-10



Northwoods Argo ATV Tour

OUTRAGEOUS OFF-ROADING

Northwoods Argo ATV Tour at Northwoods Zip Line Adventure Tours, Harshaw

Explore the wilderness near Minocqua in an all-terrain vehicle, or ATV. You get a tank-like eight-wheeler, plus an experienced guide, for this two-hour tour. The experience also includes helmets and safety goggles, plus access to 16 miles of woodland trails on a 900-acre deer farm where you just might meet Bambi.

Up to four people can ride, including kids as young as 5, and two adults ages 18 or older may take turns driving. Bring a camera to document a 26-point buck sighting or your smiling family splattered with mud.

Due to the coronavirus, guests are allowed to close off tours to just their group, to avoid co-mingling with others.

The ATV tours shut down in the fall and are no longer available as soon as there’s snowfall. northwoodszipline.com/product/northwoods-argo-atv-tour, northwoodszipline.com

Thrill rating: 3



Safari
Lake Geneva

ANIMAL-THEMED ADVENTURES

Safari Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva

Creatures from five continents roam this 800-acre safari park. Instead of peering into habitats from afar like you would at a zoo, spend an hour meandering through them in your own car. Once the coronavirus pandemic began last spring, Safari Lake Geneva adapted its experience by allowing guests to drive through the park on their own for the first time ever.

It’s a one-of-a-kind experience that provides an up-close look at fauna such as Arabian camels, American bison and blackbuck antelopes. The animals that approach are gentle enough to pet, plus buckets of grain — that attracts friendly ostriches, cattle, yaks and more — are available for purchase. safariwakegeneva.com

Thrill rating: 2



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Kalahari

WONDRIOUS WATER SLIDES

Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells

Thrill-seekers flock to Screaming Hyena, a water slide that sends them through the water park's roof, 60 feet above land. The experience involves bursting through a trapdoor and speeding downward up to 35 mph, all while shrieking like — you guessed it — a hyena.

For an extra dose of adventure, mosey on over to Sahara Sidewinders, side-by-side slides that include 360-degree loops and nearly vertical drops that amp up your sliding speed. The calamity concludes with a giant splash.

Be sure to visit Kalahari's website for a detailed list of public health precautions implemented to ensure the safety of guests and staff. kalahariresorts.com/wisconsin

Thrill rating: 7



Lakeshore Adventures

TODD HALEEN

RIVETING ROPES COURSE

Lake Geneva Ziplines & Adventures, Lake Geneva

Lake Geneva Ziplines & Adventures' sky-high obstacle course challenges the mind and body in a lush, 100-acre forest. Participants must be at least 7 years old, 70 pounds and ready to think like a tightrope walker. A guide helps each two-hour tour, which takes place 18 to 32 feet above the ground and features a cargo net to climb, swinging logs to steady and Olympic-style rings to traverse.

The center has adjusted some of its experiences because of the coronavirus. Visit Lake Geneva Adventures' website to check out changes to its cancellation policies, sanitizing procedures, group sizes and face covering requirement. lakegenevaadventures.com

Thrill rating: 7

ZIPLINES FOR THE ZESTFUL

Lakeshore Adventures, Baileys Harbor

Make like a bird and soar through the trees. Some of the state's most awe-inspiring ziplines are at Door County's Lakeshore Adventures, whose 2,000 feet of pulleys and cables reside inside the beautiful Ridges Sanctuary. Kids ages 12 and younger can take flight if they're at least 60 pounds and accompanied by an adult.

The guide-led tour features several styles of zipping, plus views of Cana Island, Moonlight Bay and numerous wildlife habitats. Three canopy ziplines whisk riders from platform to platform, and a dual racer caters to speed demons and other competitive types.

For those interested in private or small group tours because of the coronavirus, visit Lakeshore Adventures online. The company also notes it will be wiping down high-touch areas and is encouraging, but not requiring, guests to wear masks.

Thrill rating: 7 *ew*

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A Weekend in EAU CLAIRE

Did you know frontman Justin Vernon of the indie folk band Bon Iver is from Eau Claire? Experience the town like a local by eating, shopping and playing your way through this northwest Wisconsin city.

By Jessica Steinhoff

Named by early French explorers for the crystal-clear water they encountered in the (now) Eau Claire River, Eau Claire was a hub that attracted fur traders, before the first white settlers permanently laid stakes in the late 19th century.

Today, like many early American cities, it's drastically transformed and, as Visit Eau Claire cheekily suggests, could be known as "The Indie Capital of the Midwest,"

because of its array of music festivals. The hometown of Bon Iver's Justin Vernon, he and the National's Aaron Dessner launched the Eaux Claires Music & Arts Festival 2015. (Editor's note: as of press time, because of the coronavirus pandemic, no updates have been posted on a 2020 Eaux Claires festival).

Discover Eau Claire's longtime allure for yourself, and do some of your own exploring with this weekend guide.



Pablo Center
at the Confluence



The Brewing Project



Tangled Up in Hue



The Lismore Hotel

Boutique Bounty

Downtown is the place to be if you're looking for a treasure to buy. Start your retail adventure at **Tangled Up in Hue**, a gallery-meets-gift shop with works by more than 100 artists. For apparel, music and books that emanate local pride, visit **The Local Store** in the headquarters of the alt-weekly newspaper Volume One. Scandinavian-inspired but made in the U.S., the home goods and accessories at **Red's Mercantile** are simple, functional and stylish.

Do you adore objects from decades past? Browse mid-century furnishings and blast-from-the-past fashions at **Good & Sturdy Vintage** (open by appointment only).

Frolic at Festivals

Eau Claire's isn't normally the only festival in town during the summer. However, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the majority of Eau Claire's festivals were unfortunately cancelled for 2020. Typically, music-lovers flock in June and July to the glorious twang of **Country Jam USA** and **Country Fest**, as well as **Rockfest**, a headbangers ball in nearby Cadott. The city also hosts the **Blue Ox Music Festival** (normally held in June), which celebrates Americana, plus camping under a star-spangled sky. Seeking something less intense? Next year check out **Festival in the Pines**, which offers family-oriented music as well as games, rides, food and shopping.

Grab a Bite

Culinary exploration is a modern tradition in Eau Claire. Several local spots appeared in Food & Wine's 2018 profile of the city. These include **Mona Lisa's**, an Italian eatery that worships seasonal ingredients, and **The Brewing Projekt**, whose original creations include Hustle & Flow, a pale ale featuring aromatic Citra hops. (Editor's note: as of press time, The Brewing Projekt's taproom is closed but offers pickup). **Rice Palace** makes giant spring rolls and mouth-watering Thai curries, while **4 Mile Restaurant & Bar** offers scrumptious beer-battered walleye and shrimp. For the most Wisconsin experience possible, order a wood-fired pizza at **Foster's Fireside** in nearby Osseo. It's loaded with artisan cheese from local dairies and herbs grown on the premises.

Get Moving

Eau Claire sits at the confluence of two rivers that lure swimmers, boaters and tubing enthusiasts. A kayak is one of the best ways to explore the 4-mile **Chippewa River Water Trail**.

The 30-mile Chippewa River State Trail is a bicyclist's dream, connecting downtown to Eau Claire's outskirts as it winds past prairies, wetlands and bluffs. If you live for golf, tee off at **Wild Ridge**, a championship course with sprawling greens, 18 holes and beautiful natural scenery. Or just bring your sneakers to hike **Mount Simon Park's**

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Eau Claire Downtown Farmers' Market



Chippewa Valley Museum



Ramone's Ice Cream Parlor



The Lakely

Saturday Itinerary

8:30 a.m. Grab a to-go coffee and breakfast wrap at **ECDC**.

9 a.m. Stroll through the **Phoenix Park** labyrinth, then explore the **farmers' market**.

11 a.m. Browse vinyl at **Revival Records** and visit **Sculpture Tour Eau Claire**.

12:30 p.m. Brunch like a local at **The Nucleus**, which serves sweet and savory crepes. (As of press time, it's takeout only).

2 p.m. Rent a bicycle at **Riverside Bike & Skate** and pedal to **Carson Park**, home of the **Chippewa Valley Museum** (face masks required) and **Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum** (slated to reopen in early August).

4:30 p.m. Order a cocktail or a beer at **The Livery** and sit in their spacious outdoor patio. This popular spot located within walking distance to Phoenix Park has a historic, homey vibe.

6 p.m. Enjoy fancy farm-to-table fare at **The Informalist**, located inside The Lismore Hotel.

7:30 p.m. Admire the mural across from **Ramone's Ice Cream Parlor** as the sun starts to set. Then enjoy a scoop.

9:30 p.m. Wind down with jazz and a late-night snack at **The Lakely**, part of the Oxbow Hotel. The kitchen's specialty is the koldtbord, a customizable array of meats, cheeses, pickled vegetables and mustards.

beginner-friendly trails. The trek to the top of a huge sandstone rock won't take your breath away, but the views from the top will.

Rest Your Head

Created by three influential locals, including the aforementioned Vernon of Bon Iver, the **Oxbow Hotel** has made a splash in Time and Thrillist. The guest experience stretches far beyond comfy beds thanks to an on-site music venue, a trendsetting restaurant, and an outdoor outfitter that offers bikes, canoes and more. In-room record players and a vinyl library cater to music aficionados, while an art gallery hosts film screenings and book readings. A courtyard patio and a dedicated space for lawn games foster fun and relaxation, too. (While currently closed, watch theoxbowhotel.com for updates on its reopening.)

The Lismore Hotel also makes the most of its location near a bustling farmers market, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and numerous downtown attractions. Its bar, Dive, is known for its craft cocktails and wine list. Meanwhile, the sustainability-minded **Farm to Fork Retreat** beckons visitors to nearby Mondovi, where they can

sleep in a lodge, gaze at a red barn and enjoy Frisbee golf and campfires. They also have pizza nights Thursday, Friday and Saturday through late September.

Explore Even More

Eau Claire is nuts about Kubb, a lawn game also known as Viking chess. If you're in town next summer, watch seasoned players throw sticks at wooden blocks at the **U.S. National Kubb Championship** (July 9-11, 2021 — the 2020 event was cancelled) or give it a try yourself at **The Lakely**, where they have a yard game lawn. If card, board and arcade games are your jam, visit **Eau Claire Games and Arcade** (facebook.com/eauclairegamesandarcade) for pinball and classic arcade games.

Craving a memorable movie-watching experience? Head to the old-school marquee of **Micon Downtown Cinema**. This vintage theater satisfies the senses with tasty food and gorgeous architecture. Then add some art-viewing to your weekend with a trip to the **Pablo Center at the Confluence**. In addition to hosting music and theater performances, it has three galleries that display works by local and national artists. ew.com

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Dog-Friendly Destinations

Your pup can get in on the vacation fun at these restaurants, hotels and parks.

By Shelby Deering



Bark & Brew



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EAT & DRINK

Urban Olive & Vine

Hudson is home to a unique dining experience for you — and your pup. Urban Olive & Vine provides tasty eats for humans with their many waffle options, sandwiches and latte flavors. They also have treats for your canine companion: a “Yappy Hour” menu available day and night to their four-legged customers. They’ll enjoy a Hot Diggety Dog, homemade meatballs or even a “Bowser Beer” in the comfort of a lovely outdoor patio.

520 2nd St., Hudson, urbanoliveandvine.com

Bark & Brew

Just outside Green Bay, you’ll find a libation destination that’s one of the first of its kind: A bar that allows dogs to be off-leash indoors. That means you can sip a Spotted Cow or a canine-inspired cocktail (like the Irish Setter or Corgi) while your furry friend joins you. And don’t worry — they won’t be left out. Order a Barkin’ Biscotti or a Canine Cannoli from the Bone Bar for your pup.

2310 Lineville Rd., Suamico, barknbrewwi.com

The Iron Horse Hotel

In addition to offering dog-friendly accommodations — complete with locally-made treats and common areas where dogs can hang out, too — the Iron Horse Hotel’s eatery, The Yard, welcomes hounds. The chic, open-air surroundings are idyllic for you to nibble the afternoon away with your four-legged best friend. You’ll love the seasonal cocktails and appetizers, while your dog gobbles a Bow Wow Burger or a “Puppacino” — otherwise known as a cup of house-made whipped cream.

500 W. Florida St., Milwaukee, theironhorsehotel.com

Leinie Lodge

What’s better than savoring a pint of Leinenkugel’s beer as you soak up a beautiful summer day? OK, you already know the answer! The brewery’s Leinie Lodge encourages guests to bring their dogs along. Doggos will get a belly-full with treats just for them and bowls of water while you sip a Honey Weiss or Creamy Dark in the beer garden.

124 E. Elm St., Chipperwa Falls, leinie.com/tours

Wild Tomato Wood Fired Pizza And Grille

In Door County, there’s a culinary stop you should make during your vacation. With three locations in Fish Creek, Egg Harbor and Sister Bay, Wild Tomato Wood Fired Pizza and Grille is a delight for the taste buds — and your canine’s. All the patios are completely dog-friendly. They can lap up water from a provided bowl while you sample hot-from-the-oven pizzas, like The Fun Guy, featuring five types of mushrooms.

4023 State Hwy. 42, Fish Creek; 4633 Market St., Egg Harbor; 10677 N. Bay Shore Dr., Sister Bay, wildtomatopizza.com

Wisconsin Brewing Company

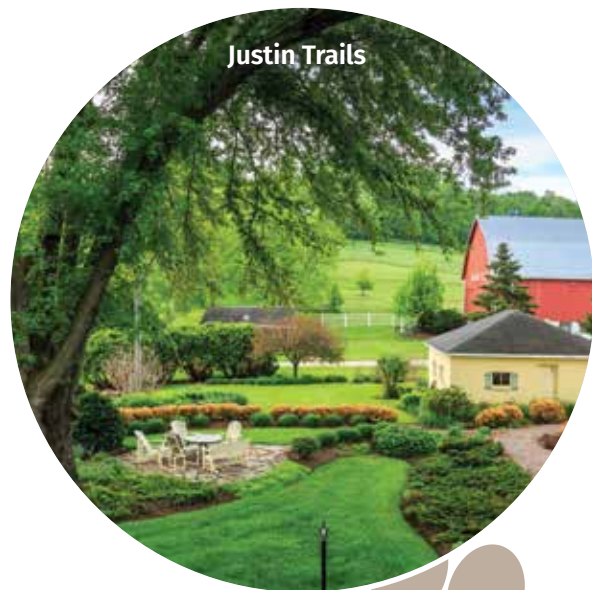
Located in an idyllic slice of Verona, just outside of Madison proper, is Wisconsin Brewing Company. Their expansive outdoor area offers plenty of room for social distancing and when the sun is shining, it’s a great place to be. And, good news for dog-lovers: Leashed pups are welcome not only on their backyard patio, but in the taproom. So spread out a blanket, arrange your picnic (it’s BYO food) and sip a Badger Club, S’Wheat Caroline or ReFresh Grapefruit radler while hanging out with your furry friend.

1079 American Way, Verona, wisconsinbrewingcompany.com



Leinie Lodge





Justin Trails



Stay

Justin Trails Resort

With gorgeous views and equally gorgeous cabins, cottages and suites, Sparta's Justin Trails Resort also happens to be a doggie's dream. The resort is set upon 200 acres of Driftless land, where your pup can roam eight miles of trails and enjoy playdates with the owners' Siberian Husky in a fenced area. Dogs can come to breakfast and the fire pit, and they'll even get to snack on homemade treats. Campsites are available as well.

7452 Kathryn Ave., Sparta, justintrails.com

Ironworks Hotel

On the Rock River in downtown Beloit, you'll discover an industrial, yet completely luxurious, hotel that loves dogs. The Ironworks Hotel offers a Wine & Wags package in which you'll receive a bottle of wine and truffles and your canine pal will get a special dog treat, bandanna, ball and waste bags. Pets are permitted in the lobby and main corridors and there's lots of space outdoors where they can walk the grounds.

500 Pleasant St., Beloit, ironworkshotelbeloit.com

Country House Resort

On a Sister Bay shoreline resides a beautiful resort that has gone to the dogs in the best way possible. From a corgi concierge named Riley, who greets guests with welcome baskets — filled with bowls, a placemat, towels, sheets, treats and a container of waste bags, all for you to keep — this Door County destination is a dog's paradise. Visit the resort website for "Riley's Recommendations," a list of local, dog-friendly places.

2468 Sunnyside Rd., Sister Bay, countryhouserestort.com

The Ridge

For a Lake Geneva resort that's a bit off the beaten path, pack up your dog and travel to The Ridge. Nestled between two lakes with plenty of walking trails nearby (like the area's iconic Shore Path), the resort also offers a fun, on-site diversion for your pup: A grassy area dedicated to dogs that leads to a lakeside road is perfect for walks.

W4240 WI-50, Lake Geneva, ridgelakegeneva.com

Play

Happy Tails Dog Park

This may be one of the most pleasant dog parks in all of Wisconsin. Chippewa Falls' Happy Tails Dog Park features things your dog will love, including tons of room to run (at nearly a mile in circumference), areas

for small and large dogs, water bowls, a dog wash station, a sheltered picnic area, toys and waste bags. If you're visiting as a non-member, be sure that your dog is wearing a rabies tag.

841 Chippewa Crossing Blvd., Chippewa Falls, happytailsdogpark.org

Wisconsin State Parks

All of Wisconsin's state parks, from Devil's Lake to Kettle Moraine, are pet-friendly. Twelve state parks, such as Lake Kegonsa and Whitefish Dunes, contain designated pet swim and picnic areas. Your dog is allowed on trails and roads. Before traveling to a Wisconsin state park with your pup, review the rules on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website and bring along your dog's immunization records, just in case.

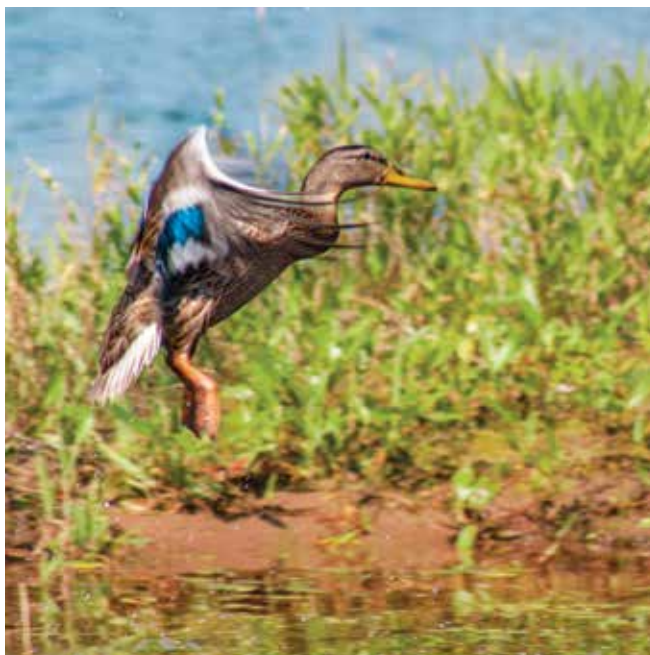
Visit dnr.wi.gov for state park locations. [ew](#)



Country House Resort



Happy Trails



Make the Leap:

A group of vacationers takes a jump off a Madeline Island pier into Lake Superior.

[@shannawolf]

Wild Wisconsin:

In the mid-summer heat, a duck takes flight off the glassy Willow Flowage reservoir near Hazelhurst.

[@kaylaeart]

Cool Caves:

At the tippy top of Wisconsin are the Apostle Island Sea Caves on Lake Superior, a gorgeous place to kayak in the summer and a favorite of snowshoers in the winter.

[@ellieckeogan]

A Love of Madison:

Many, many photos have been captured of the Wisconsin capitol in Madison, but this one — framed by flora and honey-hued morning light — is absolutely stunning.

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