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In 2025 we invite you to visit our beautiful county and meet some of the people that live and work here. Our businesses will welcome you with open arms and the customer service will have you coming back again and again. This year's guide is a look into what we offer in our parks, our streams, our lakes, our bike trails, our snowmobile trails, and so much more. The community events throughout the county are planned for your enjoyment. Whether you live here or vacation here, we want to provide family fun for you to enjoy year round.

We thank the advertisers and everyone that contributed to the 2025 Waushara County Guide. Enjoy reading it from cover to cover. Keep it around for references, as it includes county government, emergency information, libraries, and so much more.

If you have any questions or concerns about the county, we at the **Argus** will do our best to help. Please do not hesitate to call us at 920-787-3334 or email argus@mmclocal.com. To keep informed about the news and events, we invite you to subscribe to the **Waushara Argus** and while in the area pick up a copy of the **Central Wisconsin Resorter** available free at several businesses throughout the county and bordering counties.

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EVENTS and CHALLENGES

WALK-THE-WAUSH

Walk-the-Waush is an annual hiking challenge hosted by the Waushara County Health Department and Waushara County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Heading into our seventh year for Walk-the-Waush, our mission is to promote the beautiful trails that Waushara County has to offer as well as encourage physical activity is as strong as ever. The challenge, which takes place June 1st through August 31st, is free and open to those of all ages and abilities. There will be scheduled group hikes/events at least once every month. June is a National Trails Day event, July is our Sunrise Yoga and Hike, then in August there will be an evening Glow Hike, and finally Labor Day weekend a 5k trail walk/run/roll.

If you would like to participate in the Walk-the-Waush Challenge, be on the lookout for promotional material in the spring! Information can be found at the following:

- Walk-the-Waush Facebook Page
- Waushara County Health Department Facebook Page
- Waushara County Chapter of the Ice Age Alliance Facebook Page
- Local Waushara County Libraries
- Waushara County Public Health website
- Waushara Argus/Resorter

If you have any questions regarding Walk-the-Waush, please contact the Waushara County Health Department at 920-787-6590.

WAUSHARA RUN FOR HOPE

REACH Waushara puts on the Annual Waushara Run for Hope each year. This year the event will be on Saturday, May 17th, 2025. It is the 4th Annual Waushara Run for Hope which starts at 8am at the new Government Center (380 S Townline Road) in Wautoma. Waushara Run for Hope is a 5k Run/Walk and new in 2025 a 1 mile Stroll for Hope, raising funds to promote awareness of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. It is a timed event with age group awards, participation medals and if you want to bring your dog and sign them up, they get an award as well.

All funds are used by REACH Waushara to give back to the community. For example, REACH Waushara sponsors free community mental health events such as a comedian or magician show, QPR trainings, and awareness campaigns.

Sign up today at [RaceRoster.com](https://www.raceroster.com). Find Waushara Run for Hope online or on Facebook @WausharaRunforHope



STORYBOOK TRAIL

Take a walk or stroll along the Storybook Trail at the Kusel Lake Park.

REACH Waushara maintains the storybook trail from May through October and change out the books each month. Throughout the season a "Walk-It" Reading Challenge occurs, which can earn you pizza slices or a pizza just for reading the books and finding the secret pizza sticker.

Follow the REACH Waushara Facebook page for more information.



WAUSAHARA COUNTY PARKS

1. Lake Alpine
2. Bannerman Trail
3. Big Hills Lake
4. Curtis Lake
5. Kusel Lake
6. Marl Lake
7. Mt Morris Hills
8. Otto Brey
9. Pony Creek
10. George Sorenson
Natural Area at
Hartford Lake
11. Willow Creek

WALK, RUN, or BIKE in WAUSHARA

In Waushara County we have a quite a few opportunities for walkers, runners and bikers. With so many options for getting outside and enjoying our county, you sure won't be bored.

BIKING WAUSHARA

Biking in Waushara County you will surely see an abundance of wildlife, lakes, rivers, woodlands, and farmlands. Our roads aren't congested with traffic, unless you come across the hardworking local farmers, planting or harvesting fields.

Road Riding

Riding the roads in Waushara County is a beautiful, scenic adventure. There are 10 established and directionally signed bike routes that are all over the county, so you get a chance to enjoy as many places in our county as possible.

Bike Route Booklets can be found in print at the Chamber of Commerce Kiosks, local libraries or online at Waushara County Public Health website www.wausharacountypublichealth.com. Here you can find a PDF version, or ways to download to your GPS device.

Trail Riding

Waushara County has mountain biking trails at Nordic Mountain ski area (Mt. Morris) 9 miles of summer trails and 3 miles of winter fat biking trails (lower Willow Creek area only) Find out more on the Mount Morris Single-track Facebook page.



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WAUSHARA LITTLE LIBRARIES

Waushara County Public Health has put up eleven Little Libraries throughout the county in the last few years. We hope you enjoy and take a book or leave a book. Here are the locations:

- Bird Creek Park – Wautoma
- Parkside Middle School – Wautoma
- Riverview Elementary School – Wautoma
- Government Center - Wautoma
- Redgranite Elementary School – Redgranite
- Plainfield Veterans Park – Plainfield
- Wild Rose Elementary School – Wild Rose
- Wild Rose Middle/High School – Wild Rose
- Coloma Village Park – Coloma
- Otto Brey Park – Auroraville
- Poy Sippi Meal Site – Poy Sippi

You can find these and many others in the area by searching the Little Free Library site at littlefreelibrary.org/map/

More Ice Age Trail in Marquette County!

Follow the yellow blazes on more Ice Age Trail in Marquette County. The off-road trail now extends north of the John Muir Park segment and adds a loop trail south of the park as well. Plus, the trail now goes through Montello along the Fox River where you'll see historical kiosks of old Montello and be able to walk the Montello Historic Walking Tour as an added bonus if you wish.

Check out the Ice Age Trail Alliance website to see maps of the new segments in Marquette County. In any season, the Ice Age Trail through Marquette County offers beautiful views and scenic saunters.



FITNESS COMMUNITY and CONNECTIONS

The fitness community in Waushara County has opportunities to join various group rides offered throughout the spring to fall. There are all types and levels, from beginner to fast-paced rides, casual rides, and some destination rides thrown in as well. These are promoted on the Waushara Social Cycling and Fitness Facebook page.

You can also find someone to walk, run, paddleboard and more with by joining one of these Facebook pages "Sand County Striders" Facebook page or "Waushara Social Cycling and Fitness" Facebook page.





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ROUTE 3 • 24.41 miles
Coloma / Richford

ROUTE 4 • 23.73 miles
Wild Rose / Rose

ROUTE 5 • 30.35 miles
Wild Rose / Saxeville /
Covered Bridge

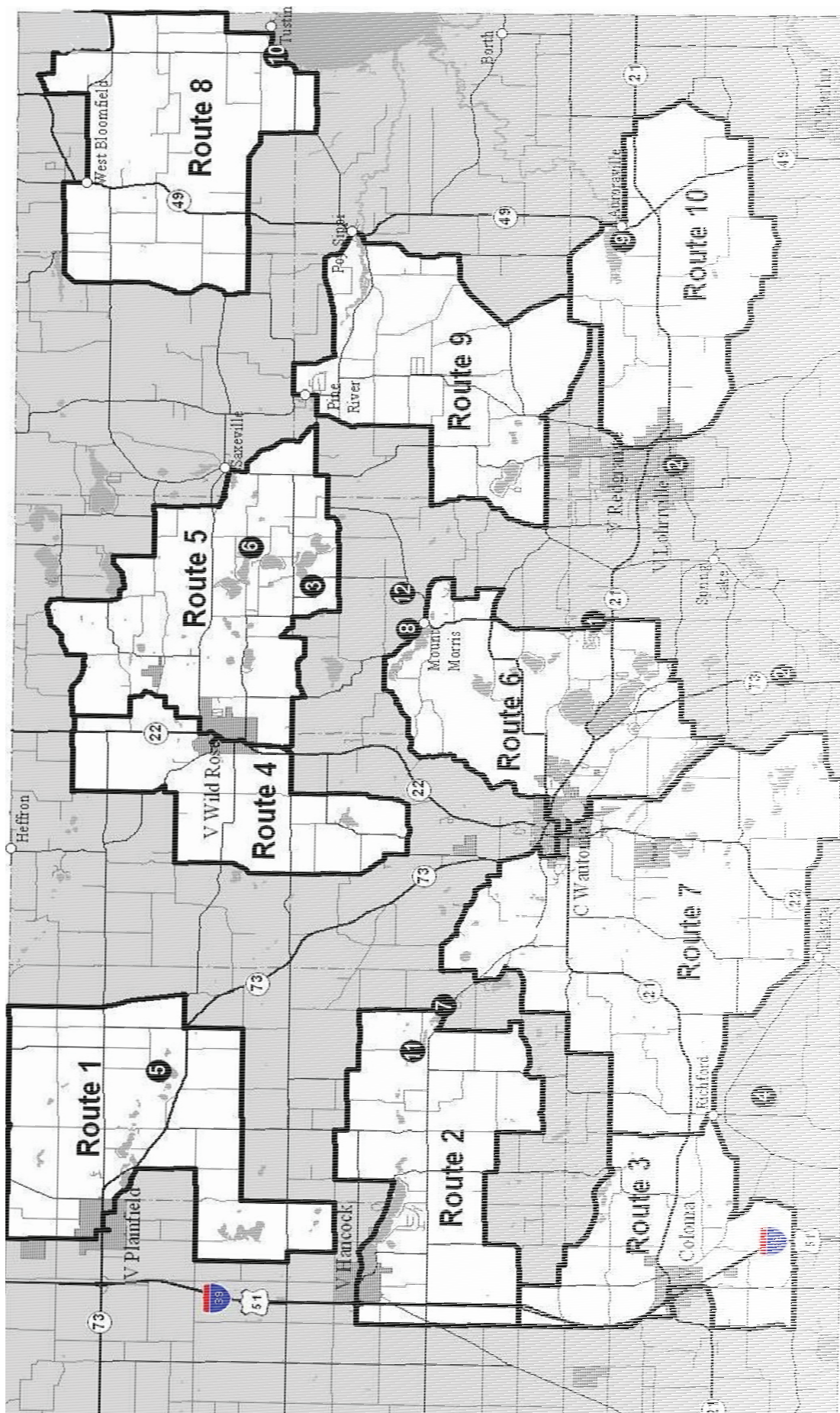
ROUTE 6 • 28.15 miles
Wautoma / Mt. Morris /
White River

ROUTE 7 • 37.95 miles
Wautoma / Richford /
Dakota

ROUTE 8 • 26.42 miles
Pony Creek / Tustin /
West Bloomfield

ROUTE 9 • 26.59 miles
Poy Sippi / Pine River

Route 10 • 24.28 miles
Redgranite / Aurora
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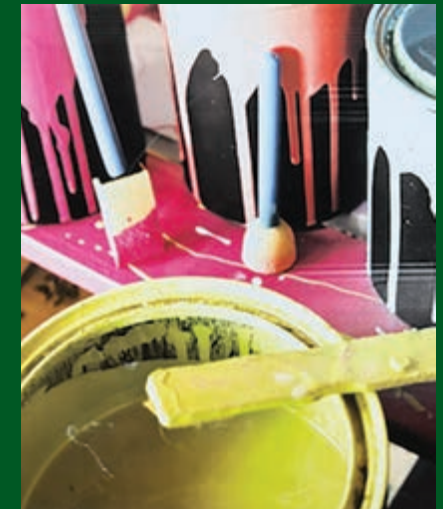
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## Take time to enjoy nature at the Waushara County Parks

In a time when people are constantly connected by electronic devices and social media, the Waushara County Parks offer a simpler, quieter, and more relaxing outdoor experience. Take time to visit the Waushara County Parks with family and friends to enjoy nature and escape the pressures of daily life.

Many people believe that spending time outdoors helps make us happier and healthier in a physical and mental sense.

Waushara County has 12 parks, seven miles of Bannerman Trail and the county fairgrounds. Parks vary in size from 383-acre Mt. Morris Hills to the one-acre Curtis Lake. Each provides unique opportunities for outdoor recreation.

### George Sorenson Natural Area at Hartford Lake

Named after former Waushara County Board Chairman, the George Sorenson Natural Area, is located on nine-acre Hartford Lake in the Town of Deerfield. The 70-acre park remains largely undeveloped.

Highlights of this rustic park include miles of hiking or snowshoeing trails and 2,000 feet of undeveloped lake shoreline. The park provides carry-in access for canoes and other non-motorized small craft. Special fishing regulations are set by the state. Motors are not allowed. Park officials ask that fishermen practice catch-and-release so that everyone can enjoy this resource.

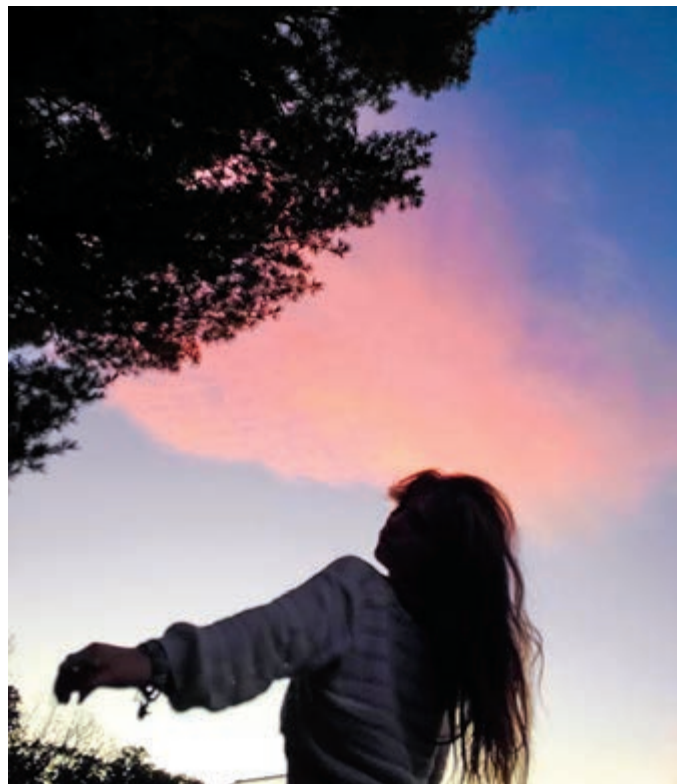
### Mt. Morris Hills County Park

Mt. Morris Hills is the largest and most popular park in the Waushara County Park System. This park offers spectacular views from a vantage point 300 feet above the surrounding countryside. Fall colors bring many sightseers to the top of the "mountain".

Facilities include a softball diamond, tennis, pickleball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, restrooms and a reservable shelter house. This park is very popular for family reunions, company picnics and other celebrations. The north slope of the Mt. Morris Hills Park is leased to the Nordic Mountain Ski Area, which runs one of the area's finest downhill ski facilities.

### Willow Creek County Park

Located near the Nordic Mt. Ski Area, Willow Creek County Park provides access to the Willow Creek – a Class "A" trout stream. This park also serves as the trail head for cross-country skiing and hiking trails. Waushara County has a cooperative relationship with the Waushara Area Mountain Bike



Association to provide a beginner level mountain bike trail system to complement the advanced trails at Nordic Mountain. The beginner mountain bike trails are available for snowshoe use in the winter.

The Pine River Library maintains a "Story Walk" in the park which features displayed pages of a children's book posted along the 1-mile hiking trail. The book changes monthly and has proved to be a popular incentive for children to hike the trail.

### Otto Brey County Park

Donated to the county by the Brey family in 1977, Otto Brey County Park has seen many improvements over the years.

Located on the Auroraville Millpond, facilities include a large picnic shelter, boat launch, softball diamond, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and playground equipment. Much of the development was made possible by the Aurora Snowblazers, a local snowmobile club.

### Bannerman Trail

The Bannerman Trail was acquired by Waushara County from the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in 1971. The trail is 7 miles long and runs from the Village of Redgranite to State Road 73, north of the South County Line, and was purchased for snowmobile use.

During the snowmobile season each year, no other uses are allowed. Summer uses include, hiking, horseback riding and bicycling. No motorized vehicles are allowed outside of the snowmobile season. Summer leases for farming require users to follow signs directing them along County Road Z right-of-way for about 1-mile in the Spring Lake area.

The flat, former railway provides an easy hike or pedal through a scenic section of rural Waushara County. Recent surface improvements on the west end of the trail make bicycling more enjoyable. Wide tire bikes are still needed.

## Pony Creek County Park

Located on the west shore of Lake Poygan, shoreline fishing is the main attraction of Pony Creek County Park. This peninsula park provides those without boats a great opportunity to try their luck at fishing. The shelter house at Pony Creek Park offers spectacular views of Waushara's largest lake.

## Lake Alpine County Park

Constructed in 1971, Lake Alpine is a 66-acre man-made lake and is home to Lake Alpine County Park. This 17-acre park provides access to the lake as well as over 1,900 feet of shoreline, including the earthen dam structure.

Lake Alpine is a popular swimming and picnicking spot. Facilities available include a boat launch, shelter house, and playground equipment.

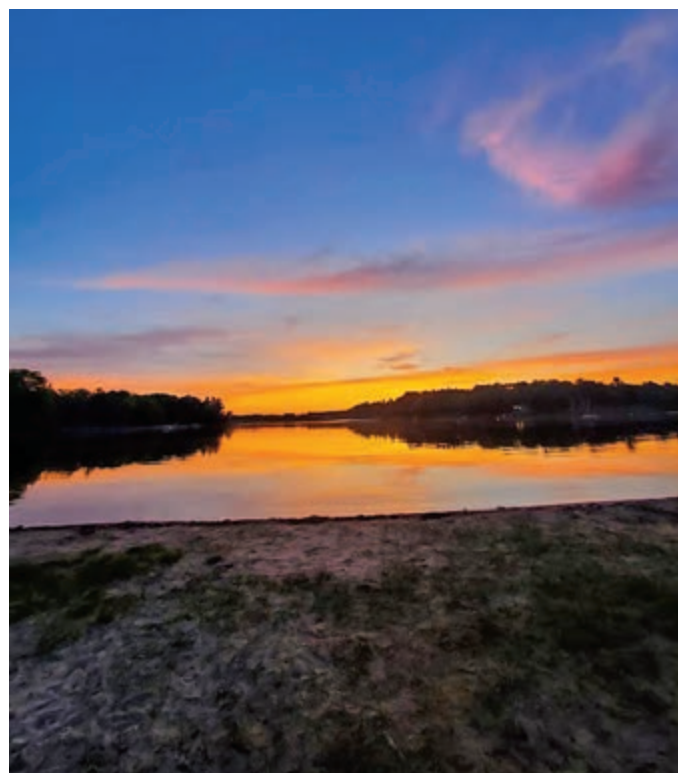
## Kusel Lake County Park

Located on the eastern shore of shallow, sandy bottomed Kusel Lake, the 90-acre park offers the most diverse recreational opportunities of all Waushara County Parks. Activities include swimming, hiking, volleyball, tennis, pickleball, basketball and cross-country skiing. Facilities include two shelter houses with restrooms and playground equipment.

Waushara County has worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a 25-acre prairie restoration in the southwestern part of the park. The prairie provides an interesting contrast, for the skier or hiker, to the heavily wooded remainder of the park.

## Other Waushara County Parks

Big Hills Lake, Marl Lake, and Curtis Lake County Parks all provide lake access. Each provides picnic facilities and restrooms. Swimming is a popular activity at Marl Lake, Curtis Lake and Kusel Lake Parks. Any of these lakes might become your "secret" fishing spot.



## Resources Available

The County Recreational Map, Guide to Area Lake Access/ Boat Landings, and County Bicycle Route Booklet. These promotional materials are available upon request or on the Waushara County Parks website at [www.co.waushara.wi.us](http://www.co.waushara.wi.us).

The Waushara County Government Mission Statement "High quality service for high quality living in the heart of central Wisconsin's outdoors" is evident with the Waushara County Parks. Take the time to visit a park soon.

## Waushara County Parks for all seasons

Waushara County Parks are open from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week. The parks are open year-round, except Mt. Morris, which is open from April until November. Tables and grills are available for use throughout all the parks.

Shelter reservations can be made by calling the Parks Department at (920) 787-7037 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by email at [wausharacounty.parks@co.waushara.wi.us](mailto:wausharacounty.parks@co.waushara.wi.us), or completing the online request at our website. Requests should be made at least two weeks prior to your event. There is a \$50 fee for shelter reservations.

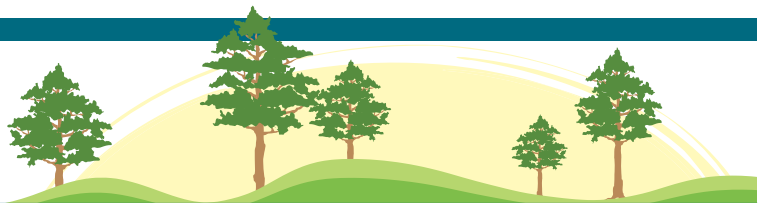
The following parks have picnic shelters and are reservable:

- |                                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Lake Alpine                          | • Mt. Morris Hills |
| • Kusel Lake Shelter A (Upper Shelter) | • Otto Brey        |
| • Kusel Lake Shelter B (Lower Shelter) | • Marl Lake        |
|                                        | • Pony Creek       |

Please note the Parks Department will begin taking shelter reservations on the first workday after Jan. 1 for the New Year.



# Waushara County Parks For All Seasons



|                                                                                             | Acreage | Basketball | Boat Landing | Drinking Water | Electric | Fishing | Hiking | Horseshoes | Paddling | Pickleball | Picnic Area | Playground | Restrooms | Shelter | Snow Shoeing | Softball | Swimming | Tennis | Volleyball | X.C. Skiing |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------|---------|--------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Bannerman Trail</b><br>East End: Hwy 21<br>Redgranite<br>West End: N532 Hwy 73, Neshkoro | 7 miles |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Big Hills Lake</b><br>N4646 Cty WW,<br>Wild Rose                                         | 5       |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Buehler Natural Area at Rattlesnake Springs</b><br>West Fork Drive,<br>Wautoma           | 6       |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Curtis Lake</b><br>W10922 Curtis Lake Rd., Coloma                                        | 1       |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Fairgrounds</b><br>513 S. Fair St.,<br>Wautoma                                           | 34.5    |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>George Sorenson Natural Area at Hartford Lake</b><br>N3853 11th Ave.,<br>Hancock         | 70      |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Kusel Lake</b><br>N5245 24TH Ave.,<br>Wild Rose                                          | 90      |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Lake Alpine</b><br>N2259 22nd Ave.<br>Wautoma                                            | 17      |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Mt. Morris Hills Park</b><br>N3876 Cty Rd. G,<br>Wild Rose                               | 383     |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Marl Lake</b><br>N3641 12th Ave.,<br>Wautoma                                             | 24      |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Otto Brey</b><br>W2270 Cottonville Ct.,<br>Berlin                                        | 6       |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Pony Creek</b><br>W515 Cty Rd. H,<br>Fremont                                             | 16      |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |
| <b>Willow Creek</b><br>W5804 Cty Rd. W,<br>Wild Rose                                        | 1       |            |              |                |          |         |        |            |          |            |             |            |           |         |              |          |          |        |            |             |

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# Visit the seven State Natural Areas in Waushara County

**P**rior to European settlement, Wisconsin contained a mosaic of natural communities, ranging from prairies and oak savannas in the south, to pine forests and boggy wetlands in the north. In all, more than 75 unique types of natural communities made up Wisconsin's landscape of the early 1800s.

Over the decades, since intensive settlement began, the quality and extent of those communities have been extremely reduced by urbanization, agriculture, industry, and by the ecological impact of fire suppression and the spread of exotic plant species. The last remaining vestiges of our native landscape are called natural areas.

The State Natural Area (SNA) Program has grown to 687 sites encompassing more than 400,000 acres of land and water. SNAs are found in 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties and range in size from less than one acre to more than 7,700 acres; seven of these sights are located in Waushara County.

The seven sites include Bass Lake Fen, Plainfield Tunnel Channel Lakes, Upper Fox Headwaters, Karner Blue Meadow, Lunch Creek Wetlands, Mecan Springs, and Bohn Lake.

**1 The Bass Lake Fen** is State Natural Area No. 178 and is 77 acres. Access is from the intersection of State Highways 22 and 73 in Wautoma, go south on 22 4.4 miles, then east on County Highway YY 0.9 mile to a parking area south of the road. Walk south on the access lane 0.75 mile to the north shore of lake.

Bass Lake features a 20-acre calcareous fen located on the undeveloped shore of Bass Lake. The fen is exceptionally diverse with many small springs, openings, and ponds providing a calcium-rich habitat that supports 125 species of plants.

The five-acre Bass Lake is a clear fertile lake, some 27 feet deep, with a sandy marl bottom and a population of fern pondweed, a species not usually found in south or central Wisconsin. The lake has a good warm water fishery and is an important waterfowl area. Sandhill cranes, which nest nearby, use the area extensively.

**2 The Plainfield Tunnel Channel Lakes** is State Natural Area No. 226 and provide specialized habitat for a rare plant known as the Fassett's Locoweed. This federally-threatened member of the bean family with magenta flowers and silvery-green leaves is endemic to Wisconsin — it grows here and nowhere else. Protected are the shorelines of three lakes in a string of 13 lakes and ponds lying in a "tunnel channel" created by a meltwater river flowing beneath the glacial ice. The lake basins were created from buried blocks of ice left behind when the tunnel collapsed.



**3 The Upper Fox Headwaters** is State Natural Area No. 265 and is 195 acres, and contains three district units: Zinke Lake, Upper Chaffee Creek Meadow, and Caves Creek. Zinke Lake is a small hard-water, spring lake with a tamarack-dominated shore. Upper Chaffee Creek Meadow contains a wetland complex of fen, wet-mesic, and wet prairie with over 100 native plant species present. Running through the site is Chaffee Creek. Caves Creek contains spring seeps and runs, a 2-acre spring pond, sedge meadow and tamarack swamp, and oak barrens.

Access for the Chaffee Creek Meadow, from the junction of Highways 21 and 39/51 in Coloma, travel south on 51 3.8 miles to rest area 81. Access is available via the Ice Age Trail on the west end of the rest area. Walk northeast into the site. For Caves Creek, from the junction of County Roads A and E in Lawrence, travel north on County Road A 1.7 miles, and then continue north on 4th Avenue 1.7 miles. Visitors should park along the road and walk east into the site.

**4 The Karner Blue Meadow** is State Natural Area No. 327 and is 40 acres. Access from the intersection of Highways 22 and A north of Wild Rose, go east on County A 3.0 miles, then south on 22nd Avenue 0.5 mile to a parking area in the southeast corner of the site. The Karner Blue Meadow features a dry sand prairie that is home to a strong population of the federally endangered Karner Blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*). The Karner Blue is one of many plants and animals native to the sandy oak savannas and dry prairie habitat that have declined dramatically over the past several decades.

Historically, the Karner Blue occurred from eastern Minnesota, across the Great Lakes and into New England but has now disappeared from numerous states due to habitat loss, fragmentation, and a lack of natural disturbance, such as wildfire. The Karner Blue is restricted to habitats that contain wild Lupine, a beautiful purplish-blue flowering plant — the larval butterfly's only food plant.

**5 The Lunch Creek Wetlands** is State Natural Area No. 333 Waushara and has 567 acres. Access is from the intersection of Highways 73 and 21 in Wautoma, go south and west on 21 2.6 miles, then south on County Y about 2.0 miles to a DNR parking area east of the road. Follow Lunch Creek downstream to the wetlands.

Lunch Creek Wetlands contains one of the most diverse and species rich sedge meadows in Wisconsin situated within a mainly undisturbed watershed, an uncommon occurrence in Wisconsin. This large wetland complex is free of exotic species and dominated by fen and sedge meadow communities containing a total of 115 plant species.

A fen-like meadow emanates from the uplands and upland islands surrounding the lower areas. The area also provides ideal habitat for grassland and wetland birds such as the Northern Harrier, a species of special concern in Wisconsin. Over 5,000 Sandhill Cranes roost here in October and early November.

**6 The Mekan Springs** is State Natural Area No. 370 and is 111 acres. Access is from the junction of Highways 39/51 and 21 in Coloma, go east on Hwy. 21, 2.6 miles, then north on GG 2.0 miles, then west on Chicago Road 0.3 mile to an access lane and parking area on the left side of the road.

Situated in the bottom of a moraine depression, Mekan Springs protects the large clear-water springs which are the headwaters to the Mekan River, a Class A Trout Stream. The Mekan River system contains some of the finest trout streams in central Wisconsin. Sandhill cranes, northern bobwhite quail, and two rare birds — the state threatened red-shouldered hawk and federally-threatened bald eagle, use the area.

In the past year frequent sightings of bald eagles and red shouldered hawks has proven that these natural areas continue to be areas of interest to naturalist and hikers alike. The success of these rare birds in these areas shows Waushara County residents how precious the state natural areas continue to be.

**7 Bohn Lake** is State Natural Area No. 530, is a 13-acre, 24-foot deep seepage lake and can be accessed from Co. Hwy. C, approximately 6 miles west of Wautoma.

Bohn Lake is part of a geologically significant tunnel channel. The Bohn Lake shoreline fluctuates between 4 to 6 feet deep, depending on the hydrologic cycle and some years contains very little water. In wet years, abundant vegetation grows in distinctive rings around the lake, due to its fluctuating nature. Each of those rings has a different species, including sedges, spike rushes, bulrushes, panic grasses, and silverweed.

Bohn Lake also contains numerous floating aquatics, such as waterlilies. The uplands contain formerly-grazed, but highly-restorable savannah. Plants include shooting star, puccoon, New Jersey tea, ground cherry, Canadian milk-vetch, bush clover, and hoary vervain.

Animal life is diverse and includes turkey, tree swallow, northern oriole, great-crested flycatcher, eastern wood pewee, chipping sparrow, eastern bluebird, red-eyed vireo, and wood thrush. A number of invertebrates can also be found in the area and include white-faced pond-hawk dragonfly, pearl crescent, red admiral, and banded hairstreak butterflies. Bohn Lake was designated as a state natural area in 2008.



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Stroll downtown and visit our unique gifts shops or grab a beverage from one of the bars/restaurants. Check in with the Waushara Chamber of Commerce for local activities, such as their Wine Walk or Beer Walk in downtown Wautoma.

Wautoma is the center of all of the outdoor recreation in the area, with Marl Lake, Hartford Lake, and Alpine Lake being all less than 10 miles away. Bird Creek Park features a splash pad, perfect for cooling down on hot summer days. Bird Creek also features a walking trail that is the perfect way for beginner hikers to enjoy. You can also now find additional walking trails throughout the City. Wind down by enjoying one of our delicious supper clubs then spend a night out on Silver Lake.

Winter in Wautoma is a magical time, with Christmas in Wautoma being held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Stop by our local grocery stores and you may even hear caroling while bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Drive through Lights at the Fairgrounds to see holiday lights during the month of December.

Find activities to enjoy year-round at the fairgrounds. There you can enjoy TacoFest and Freedom Fest in July, the Waushara County Fair in August, the Jailbreak Marathon in September, and much more throughout the year.

You can see why Wautoma thrives through our many local organizations, with members of our Lions Club and the Rotary Club always giving back to our community. They will often host events to get everyone involved in the community, such as Wautoma Rotary's Sink the Beast in the winter.

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## Parade - Start the Festivities with Red, White, and Blue!

The festivities kick off with a parade at 6pm, Main Street Wautoma. Wave your flags and enjoy the patriotic spirit as floats, marching bands, and community groups showcase their creativity and pride.

## Food Trucks and Live Music - Fun for Everyone!

After the parade, join us at the Waushara County Fairgrounds for a variety of delicious options from various food trucks offering everything from classic BBQ to sweet treats. While you savor the flavors, enjoy live music throughout the evening.

## Fireworks at Dusk - A Grand Finale to Remember

As the sun sets, the sky will come alive with a breathtaking fireworks display over the fairgrounds at dusk. Bring your blankets and chairs, and settle in for a dazzling show that will leave everyone in awe.

## Additional Information

Admission to Freedom Fest is free, and activities are open to all ages. Be sure to arrive early to secure your spot along the parade route and the best viewing area for the fireworks.

Let's celebrate the land of the free and the home of the brave together at Freedom Fest!

For more information, visit the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or check out their website at [www.wausharachamber.com](http://www.wausharachamber.com)



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# Waushara World War II Memorial honors local WWII Veterans

**T**he Waushara World War II Veterans Memorial Building, located at the intersection of Highways 21/73 and 22 in Wautoma, houses over 300 plaques in remembrance of Waushara County citizens who served in World War II.

The building was constructed in 2003 after Wautoma resident Dale Severns donated money to build the memorial.

The City of Wautoma continues to maintain the building and has a large banquet room available to rent for weddings, parties, meetings, craft fairs, and exhibits.

For more information or to rent the building, contact Wautoma City Hall at 920-787-4044.



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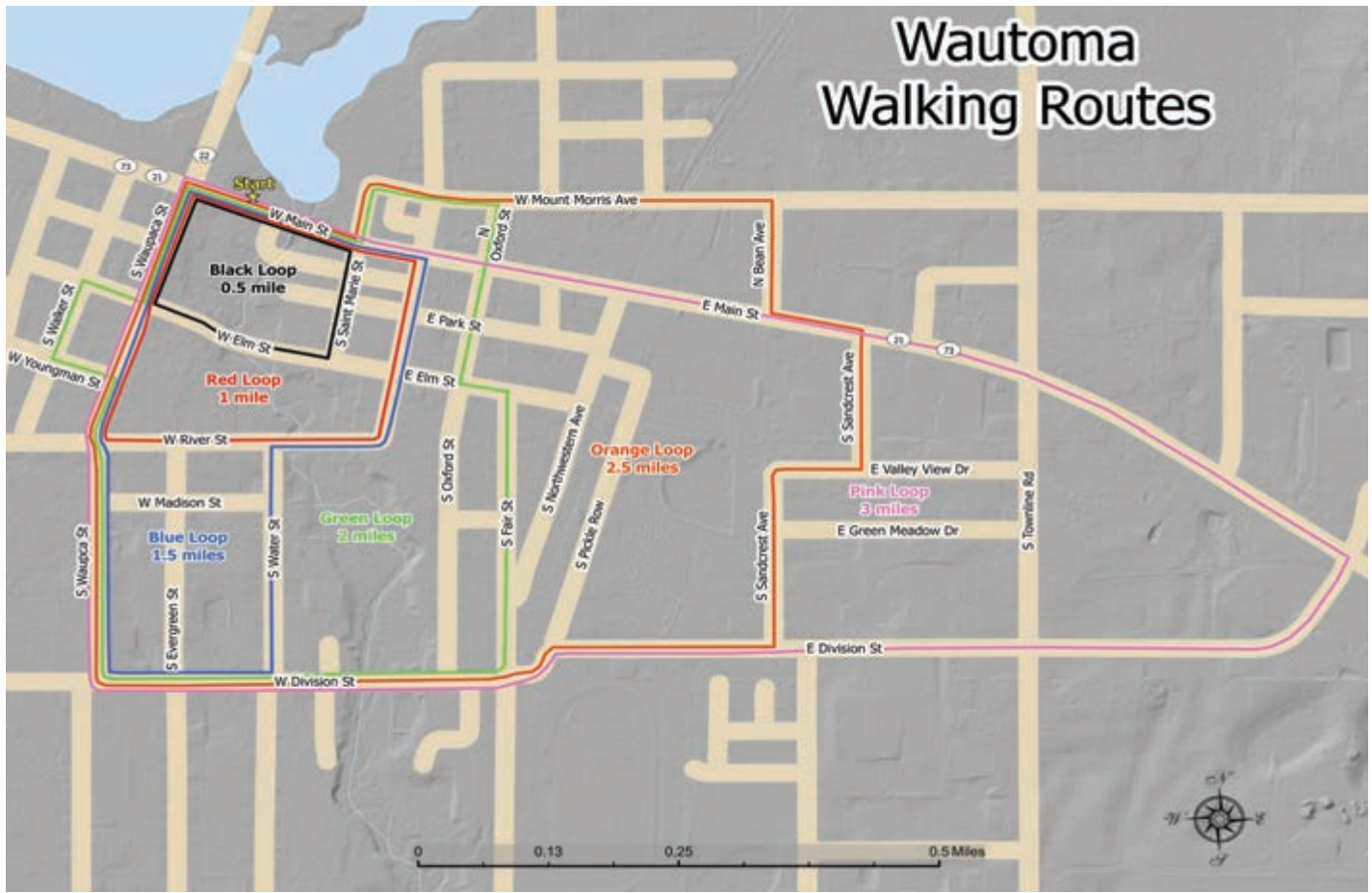
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# Wautoma Walking Routes

REACH Waushara Wellness Coalition with the permission of the Wautoma City Council has created marked walking routes in Wautoma.

There are six routes with different mileage lengths from a 1/2 mile to 3 miles. Route markers are painted on the sidewalks. Color coded arrows will be at intersections and turns, while color coded shoe prints will be throughout the route to verify you're on the right path.

All routes start and end in front of the WWII building at the sign.



## Six Routes

- **Black** is a 1/2 mile
- **Red** is 1 mile
- **Blue** is 1 1/2 miles
- **Green** is 2 miles
- **Orange** is 2 1/2 miles
- **Pink** is 3 miles



## Want to know more about REACH Waushara and what they do?

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# Jailbreak Marathon scheduled for Sept. 27



**T**he 2025 Jailbreak Marathon includes a full marathon, half marathon, a 10K and a 5K and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds, Wautoma. The funds raised support the Waushara County Sheriff's Department K-9 Program. Presently the department has four K-9's, Storm, Argo, Thor, and River.

Every participant receives a medal in a series designed by Norm Duesterhoft, Race Director. The first medal in 2019 was the original Jailbreak medal, 2020 was Law Enforcement, in 2021 the medal paid tribute to the Fire Department, EMS was featured on the medal for 2022 and in 2023 the medal featured

the US Army. The 2024 Medal was a salute to the United States Marine Corps. Stay tuned for this year's theme.

In addition to the medal, all runners will receive a water bottle, T-Shirt, drawstring bag, and a meal. The 2025 Jailbreak Marathon has something for everyone, whether a runner, walker, or a spectator, it is a family affair. It is time to think about signing up for this year's marathon and start training.

You are invited to the 2025 Jailbreak Marathon on Sept. 27 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Visit the website at [www.jailbreakmarathon.com](http://www.jailbreakmarathon.com) for more information or email [jailbreakmarathon@gmail.com](mailto:jailbreakmarathon@gmail.com).

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## Get ready for the 23rd annual Father's Day Car Show in Wautoma

**W**aushara County Fairgrounds – June 15, 2025 – Car enthusiasts and families are gearing up for a spectacular day at the 23rd Annual Father's Day Car Show, taking place on Sunday, June 15, 2025, in beautiful Wautoma. This beloved community event promises a fun-filled day celebrating cars, trucks, and motorcycles from all eras, along with delicious food, exciting raffles, and a variety of vendors.

Registration for show cars will begin at 7 a.m. and run until 10 a.m., with a modest fee of \$10 per vehicle. Spectators can join in the festivities for just \$1, making it an affordable outing for everyone. The car show will officially kick off at 8:30 a.m. and

run until 3 p.m., offering plenty of time to admire an impressive lineup of vehicles on display.

Attendees can look forward to a vibrant atmosphere filled with the sights and sounds of classic cars, as well as a lineup of food trucks offering a delectable variety of culinary options. From savory gourmet burgers to tantalizing tacos and sweet treats, there will be something to satisfy every palate.

In addition to the stunning cars and mouthwatering food, local vendors will be on-site showcasing unique crafts and automotive merchandise, providing the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts or treasures to take home.



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Custom awards will be presented at 2 p.m., recognizing outstanding vehicles across multiple categories. Each award aims to honor the dedication and craftsmanship of car owners who take pride in their vehicles.

Mark your calendars and come join the fun at the 23rd Annual Father's Day Car Show in Wautoma! Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a great day out with family and friends, this event is sure to create lasting memories. Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate Father's Day in style with classic cars, great food, and community spirit!



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# McComb-Bruch Performing Arts Center an entertainment staple in Waushara County



The McComb-Bruchs Performing Arts Center was a gift to the Wautoma Area School District in 1991. The McComb-Bruchs Performing Arts Center was made possible only because of the generosity of two Wautoma residents, Ina Taylor McComb and Pearl Bruchs. The PAC seats 428 and is the perfect size to experience a show! The theater offers a season of shows featuring national touring performers. The PAC hosts student performing arts programs including a children's Summer theater residency program.

PAC seasons run from September through May. There are four shows remaining this season. The Four C Notes: Recreating the Music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Saturday, February 15 at 3 p.m.; The Looney Lutherans-Hotdish on the Range, Saturday, March 22 at 3 p.m.; Simple Men & Southern Nights - Southern Rock and Lynyrd Skynyrd, Saturday, April 19 at 7 p.m. and 7 Bridges-The Ultimate Eagles Experience, Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

We invite you to a PAC show and to spend some time in the Wautoma area before and after the show. For ideas about places to shop, dine, things to do and places to stay go to our website at [www.mccombbruchspac.com](http://www.mccombbruchspac.com) and visit the EXPLORE page.

This season, we offer a special contest for those who shop, dine or stay in the area. It's called "Wautoma, Here we Come." Patrons may enter when they come to a PAC show this season for a chance to win a grand prize valued at over \$700. For more information about the shows, student programs, and to buy tickets, go to [mccombbruchspac.com](http://mccombbruchspac.com)



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## Explore local history at the Waushara County Historical Museum



**T**he Waushara County Historical Society & Museum is located in the former Waushara County Jail. The museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1908 and housed prisoners until 1978. Tours are available of the old jail and sheriff's living quarter on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Family History Center is located in the lower level of the museum and is a remarkable family history destination. This space continues to build on its tradition of excellence in serving genealogists, historians and other interested hobbyists.

Tracing your family's roots and visiting the place where it all started, can be one of the most rewarding journeys you ever

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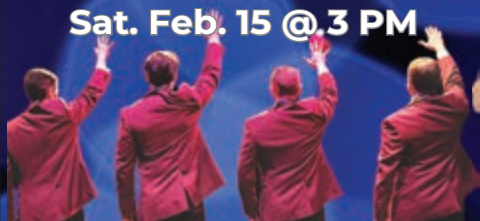
The staff at the historical society are able to assist you with your research for surnames within our extensive archives, Ancestry & Ancestry World, and other online genealogy websites.

The Waushara County Historical Society & Museum is located at 221 S. Ste. Marie Street, Wautoma WI, 54982. For more information, contact (920) 787-7584, wausharahistorical@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook under "Waushara County Historical Society & Museum". Their mailing address is PO Box 616, Wautoma.

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## Music in the Park returns to Bird Creek Park for a summer of local talent and community fun

**G**et ready to enjoy the sounds of summer as the highly anticipated Music in the Park concert series returns to Bird Creek Park! Featuring six evenings of live performances by talented local bands, this family-friendly series promises to bring the community together to celebrate great music, local businesses, and the spirit of giving back.

### A Summer of Live Music

The series kicks off in June and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month through August. Each concert will begin at 6 p.m. and go until 8:30 p.m., with a lineup of local and regional bands offering a variety of musical genres, from country to rock 'n roll. Whether you're a music lover or just looking for a relaxing evening in the park, there's something for everyone at Music in the Park.

### Support Local Businesses and Nonprofits

This community-centered event is made possible by the generous support of local business sponsors, whose contributions help keep the concerts FREE for all attendees. In addition, concessions will be provided by local nonprofits, offering a chance to enjoy delicious food and beverages while supporting important causes in the community.

### Bring Your Friends and Family

Grab your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and loved ones, and head to Bird Creek Park for an unforgettable evening of music and connection. The relaxed outdoor setting provides the perfect backdrop for making summer memories.

For a full schedule of bands and updates on the series, follow Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or check out their website at [www.wausharachamber.com](http://www.wausharachamber.com)







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# Fun for all at the Waushara County Fair

**T**he Waushara County Fair will be held at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma from Aug. 14-17. This annual event is designed to have great appeal for citizens of all ages.

The primary goal of the fair is education. Youth, through their 4-H activities, spend the year learning and developing a wide variety of projects that will be judged at the fair. They include livestock projects, horsemanship, animal exhibits, plants and soil projects dealing with flowers and house plants, nature, space, shooting sports, photography, and many others that are explained in the 2025 Premium Book, which will be available at the Waushara County Government Center in June.

The second goal of the fair is to be a social event where friends and families meet and mingle with others. There is the fun of looking, smelling, touching, questioning, and experiencing new ideas. There is also the excitement of the competitors, the Junior Livestock Auction at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16. The great variety of entertainment, foods, games and rides, all for the purpose of enriching the lives of those attending.

Plan on attending the fair this August and better than merely attending, be a participant in the action by entering the competitions and the activities available for all ages. Judging continues throughout the weekend.

Nightly entertainment includes: Thursday Rice Rodeo, Friday truck pull; Saturday N.E.W. Motorsports Truck & Tractor Pull; and Sunday the annual Demolition Derby.

For more information call the Waushara County Fair at (920) 647-0694 or visit the website at [www.wausharacofair.com](http://www.wausharacofair.com).



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# Christmas in Wautoma 2025: A day of festive family fun

The spirit of the season will come alive in Wautoma as the community gathers for the annual Christmas in Wautoma celebration on Saturday, Nov. 29. This festive event promises a day filled with holiday cheer, heartwarming traditions, and family-friendly activities that are sure to create magical memories.

## Breakfast with Santa

Start the day off with a delicious Breakfast with Santa at the WWII Memorial Building from 8 until 11 a.m. (or until gone). Children will have the chance to meet Santa Claus, share their holiday wishes, and enjoy a tasty breakfast catered by Moose Inn with their families. Bring your cameras to capture those priceless moments with the jolly old elf himself! Breakfast with Santa is presented by the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Wrap up the festivities by lining Main Street for the enchanting Christmas Parade, beginning at 5 p.m. Be sure to stay until the end for a special appearance by Santa himself! Following the parade there will be a Tree Lighting ceremony at the WWII Memorial Building. The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting is presented by The City of Wautoma.

## Additional Activities

In addition to these main events, attendees can enjoy holiday shopping on Small Business Saturday at local businesses, local eats, and more activities throughout the day. Check out Waushara Area Chamber on Facebook or at [www.wausharachamber.com](http://www.wausharachamber.com) for a full schedule of events.

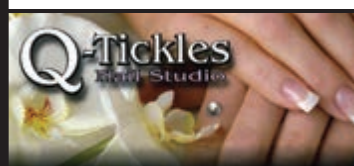
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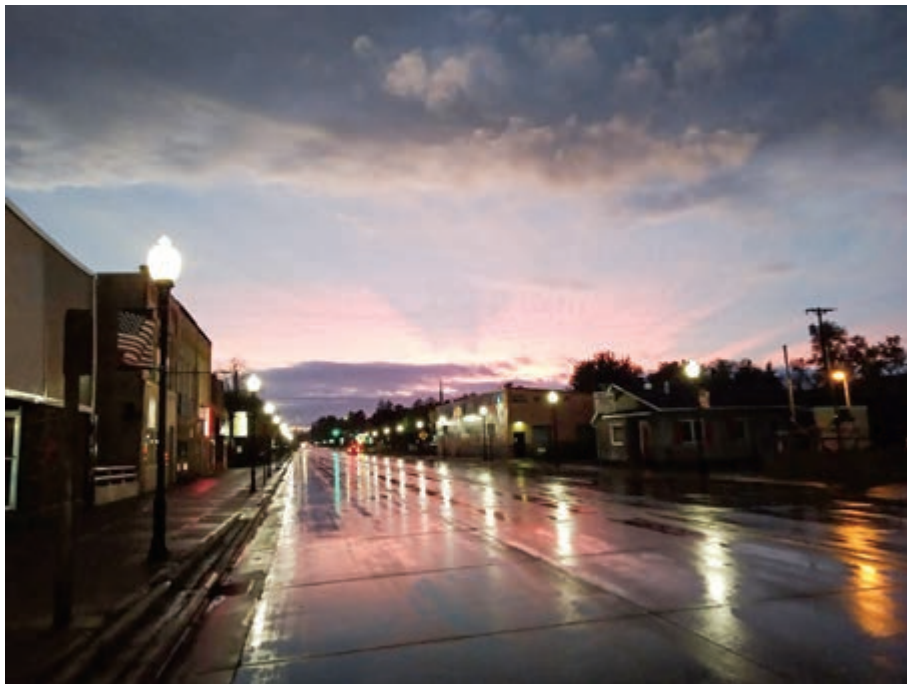


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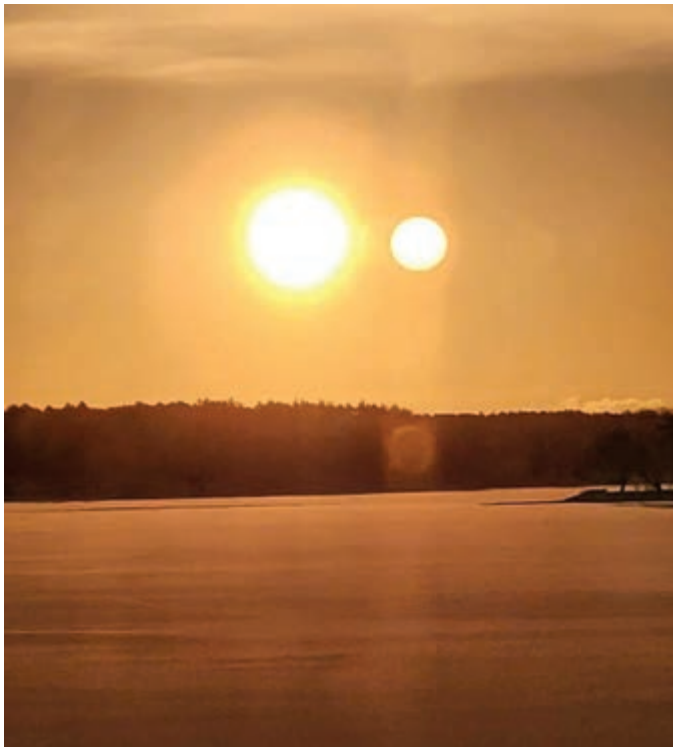
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## Family fun abounds at Wautoma's Augustfest on Aug. 9

**T**he schedule is complete and Wautoma will be alive with fun and entertainment for the family on Saturday, Aug. 9. The Fun in the Sun begins at 9 a.m. and activities wrap up by 4 p.m.

A shuttle service, Evergreen's Chippy Express, will be running from Wautoma High School, located on Hwy. 22 South, to the Augustfest events in Wautoma. You can then begin your day with donuts or goodies from the American Legion Auxiliary inside the World War II Memorial Building at 9 a.m. There is also a spectacular quilt show featuring some of the most beautiful handmade quilts you will ever see. A silent auction completes the venue inside the World War II Memorial where you can bid on over 50 items that have been donated by area businesses to Augustfest. All funds raised from the auction are used to fund the activities for Augustfest 2026.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor this year's duck race. They will dump the ducks into the White River on Main Street at 3 p.m. Duck tickets are available at Grimm's and Pick 'n Save, the Waushara Argus, or from any Knights of Columbus member.



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Each year kids enjoy a variety of activities in the WWII Memorial Building parking lot. All provided free for kids thanks to generous donations from the City of Wautoma and Bowdie Severns. Flyte's Moo Truck will also be on sight to serve sundaes and cones. Kaydee Music, Wautoma, will provide live music throughout the day in the Library Park.

There will be crafts galore at Augustfest 2024. Take time to browse and collect some of your favorite things at this year's Crafts and Artisan booths in the library parking lot. Call Mary at 920-787-0080 to register for the craft fair.

Wautoma Kiwanis will also be holding a raffle for free bicycles for kids. In 2024 there were 31 new bicycles given away thanks to several donors including Kiwanis, Rotary, Bowdie Severns, and Jon and Connie Hansen. Each year the goal is have more donated bicycles to be given away, as hundreds of kids register for the bikes each year. Watch the **Argus & Resorter** for details.

Businesses and civic organizations are the reason that Augustfest is a great annual event. Plan now to attend Augustfest. It is a family event that offers something for everyone and most of the events for kids are free.

For more information, call 920-787-0080 or 920-765-3731. Be sure to check out the webpage at [www.augustfest.org](http://www.augustfest.org) for a complete schedule and location of the events.



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**W**hat happens at the Waushara-Wautoma Senior Center that makes it such a community asset? First, you don't need to be a senior or even a member to participate in many activities at the Center. It's a great place to join your neighbors or make new friends, as you enjoy an array of card games, the competitive Billiards League, and new this year Mah Jongg. Perhaps you want to join others for lunch, as the Center is a meal site for the Waushara County Department of Aging every Monday-Friday at noon. Physical exercise is offered in the form of yoga, line dancing, and more. Membership provides a mailed monthly newsletter, which highlights enrichment activities, speakers, and other events.

B-I-N-G-O is a fun fundraiser open to everyone in the community—even children can participate with adult supervision. Held the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays, doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo calling starts at 6:30 p.m. The exciting

Progressive Blackout Game is at the end of the evening. A wide array of fun tours and trips—from day-trips to overnight to nationwide to overseas—all benefit the Center, and all ages can participate.

There are many Community Business Sponsors who continue donating to the Gems Program, important components helping meet the daily and ongoing needs of the non-profit Center operations. The Center has a well-lit main hall, with seating for 200, and is available to rent for event-hosting. There is a commercial kitchen, restrooms, tables/chairs, paved parking, and it is handicap-accessible.

For more information on anything at the Center, contact the Director at 920-787-2055 M-F 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or stop in during those hours at W8220 Cottonville Ave. on the south edge of town just off Hwy. 22. Visit their Facebook page at: [facebook.com/Wautoma Senior Center](https://facebook.com/WautomaSeniorCenter).







## Splash around at Wautoma's Bird Creek Park

Looking for something to do in the heat of summer while the kids are home from school? Stop by the splash pad at Bird Creek Park, 16th Ave., Wautoma.

The splash pad was built in 2006 after a local woman left money with the Wautoma Rotary Club with the intention of building a swimming pool. After a debate about building a swimming pool, it was decided operating costs were too high and the splash pad would be better suited for the area. The splash pad, as well as Bird Creek Park, continues to be maintained by the City of Wautoma.

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Every year the community gets together to celebrate Wild Rose Days — Party on the Pond. The yearly event features a variety of activities enjoyed by the whole family, including fireworks over the Mill Pond.

In 2024 the Old Fashioned Fest presented by Slugger's Bar made history with the world's largest old fashioned enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. Organizers plan on bringing back the event for the second year, so mark your calendar!

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With year-round fun, it's hard to pass on the opportunity to getaway in Wild Rose.





# Wild Rose's Roberts Park: Something for everyone

**R**oberts Park of Wild Rose ties in with a focal point of the village, located on the west side of the millpond, with the entrance being on River Street. The park was created after Arnol and Dorothy Roberts donated the wooded land. Volunteers helped create the park after the millpond had been dredged and the area was cleared up. A shelter with restrooms was constructed, with picnic tables and cooking grills spanning the area.

Over the years, the park has seen transformations with organizations adding a fenced in little league ball diamond, a basketball court, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, some playground equipment, a paved parking area, walking trails, a swimming beach, a boat landing for rowboats only, fishing areas, as well as a handicapped accessible fishing dock. Benches are also available along the west side of the millpond, so visitors can sit, relax, and take in the sights and sounds of the area.

The brush and dead/broken trees were cleared from the west side of the millpond in recent years, making the park more visible from the highway. One can also see giant planters, LED lampposts lighting a trail, and a flagpole honoring all veterans in between the park and the millpond. These items are compliments of donations made by area businesses and individuals who wish to see the area enhanced for all to enjoy. More recently, new playground equipment was installed, as well as construction of a new gazebo in the summer of 2022. A boardwalk trail starts at the top of River Street at Main Street, with many people venturing along it into Roberts Park. As a walker or bicyclist finishes the trip around the millpond, the newly



repaired dam can be viewed as well as the historic mill and the work that has been done by the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited in the cleaning up of the trout stream at the north end of the pond.

Roberts Park is used for Easter Egg Hunts in the spring when weather permits and, in recent years, it has been the site for the majority of Wild Rose Days activities in July. The park is open to the public and can be reserved for big gatherings by contacting Wild Rose Village Clerk Lindsey Inda at 920-622-4183.



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Anglers have opportunities to catch one of two million Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, brown trout and steelhead (rainbow trout) produced at Wild Rose for Lake Michigan annually. Wild Rose Coolwater hatchery crew also raises and stock fish to provide inland lake and river anglers a chance to hook up



with walleye and spotted musky. Wild Rose Hatchery also raises lake sturgeon as part of the restoration of this species in the Wolf River system and Wisconsin River. With the introduction of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) in Wisconsin waters, the hatchery staff has been practicing biosecurity to eliminate any potential chance of infecting eggs and fish at the hatchery. The disease is not a threat to people who handle fish or eat them, but VHS can kill fish. Visitors are not allowed in production areas of the new hatchery to avoid the risk of contamination.

The public is invited to participate in two annual events held at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center. The Lake Sturgeon Celebration will feature an open house on the First Saturday in May on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The Fall Salmon Migration Event is held the Last Saturday in October on Saturday, October 25, 2025. These special events are free for families and groups to explore the old hatchery and education center with extra activities such as learn to cast, Gyotaku fish printing, fish crafts, fish migration obstacle course, hatchery cache, fly fishing, fly tying, build a spinner (if volunteers are available) and guided behind the scenes hatchery tours.

Visitors can explore Wisconsin's ancient Lake Sturgeon in the lake sturgeon exhibit, along with viewing freshwater fish in two 300-gallon aquariums. Test your skills at fish production in the Day at the Hatchery interactive replica of the hatchery lab where you can dissect a model fish, estimate egg survival, examine specimens under a microscope, sort and measure fish, and view eggs on incubation trays. You will be able to identify and compare aquatic invasive species with native species in the

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Try the family-friendly hatchery cache activity (no GPS needed) to locate hidden caches around the old hatchery with clues that lead you to the next cache along with a hatchery scavenger hunt in the exhibit area of the education center.

The historic village is a refreshing site for visitors to stroll from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily where Wild Rose first began raising brown trout. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenic historic village, a tradition since the early 1900s. The state property requires visitors to carry out their own trash and recyclables to keep the facilities clean for all visitors. Please plan to take waste with you as the hatchery does not provide waste or recycling containers for picnickers. Pets are not allowed on hatchery property. Fishing is not allowed on the hatchery property.

The building is open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday in spring and fall months of April, May, September and October.

Summer visitor hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day are Wednesday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Be sure to call ahead for weekly schedule to avoid disappointment if staff are not available. Public tours are conducted daily during open hours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., or by appointment. Visitors will view behind the scenes fish culture in a ten-minute video of the state-of-the-art, bio-secure hatchery for production of trout and salmon, walleye, muskellunge, and lake sturgeon



during guided tours with a sneak peek into the trout and salmon nursery observation room.

Schools and groups can request educational tours lead by hatchery staff for up to 20 people. Call Jesse Landwehr or Sam Stafslieen at the hatchery office (920) 622-3527 at least three weeks in advance to schedule your group tour. The Wild Rose Fish Hatchery Education Center is located at N5871 State Hwy. 22, one-half mile north of the Village of Wild Rose on the West side of State Highway 22.

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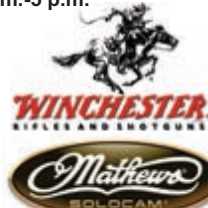


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## Wild Rose Classic Car Show – Changes are coming!

The eighteenth annual Wild Rose Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025. There will be a cruise of classic cars winding its way through the Waushara County countryside on Friday evening, Sept. 19.

For the first seventeen years of its existence, the Wild Rose Classic Car Show has been held on the grounds of Roseville on the south end of Wild Rose, and car show organizers are very grateful to Larry and Nancy Martin at Roseville for having hosted this event for all of those years. But that organizing committee knows that the time has come to relocate the car show to a new location even as early as the 2025 show.

Last year's car show attracted 459 paid registrations which was the highest number on record. While the turnout was thrilling and exciting, the volunteer parking crew was literally running out of room to park vehicles. The lack of space is one of several factors leading to the exploration of a new car show site.

Updates to these changes will be announced when more details are available. The Wild Rose community can be assured that the car show will be better than ever in coming years.

In 2007, Al Jenks, the owner of A. J.'s Auto Body in Wild Rose, had an idea for a community car show, and his idea has turned into one of the most highly-anticipated and finest car shows in Wisconsin, a show of which the entire Wild Rose community can be justly proud.

The show has grown to be a two-day event involving the participation of many businesses, civic organizations and individuals in Wild Rose and the surrounding area. With funds made available by entry fees on the day of the show, the car show organizers have been able to help many charities, food pantries, and community projects by donating funds to them as well as participating in other community projects and activities like decorating the Village of Wild Rose with beautiful floral arrangements on Main Street during the summer and lovely lighted holiday decorations during the Christmas season.

Watch for updates about the 2025 Wild Rose Classic Car Show. For lodging information, visit [www.wausharatourism.com](http://www.wausharatourism.com). For more information concerning the show and cruise, visit [www.villageofwildrose.com](http://www.villageofwildrose.com), and look for the Wild Rose Classic Car Show on Facebook.



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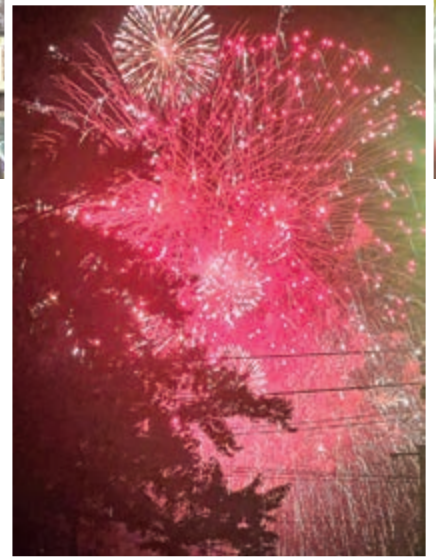
**M**ark your calendars for a joyful community celebration! Wild Rose Days is a great combination of family and community, and features a parade, music, food, children's programs and games, and sports tournaments. The finale is a wonderful fireworks show over the Wild Rose Mill Pond.

The fun begins at Roberts Park on Friday evening, July 25, with a free family picnic and a wonderful concert by the Wild Rose Community Band.

On Saturday, July 26, the Wild Rose Days Parade marches down Main Street. After the parade, Roberts Park is the place for all kinds of fun for children and adults. Youngsters can enjoy shows and carnival-style games for children, a petting farm, and bouncy houses.

For bigger folks there will be a 3:3 basketball tournament, Cornhole, a four-person bungee, and musical entertainment. And let's not forget everyone's new favorite — Knockerball! When you're hungry, there will be a variety of food and beverages available for purchase. When the sun sets over the Mill Pond, sit back and relax; the fireworks begin at dusk.

Keep an eye on Wild Rose Days plans through our website, WildRoseDays.com, our Facebook page, or contact us at P.O. Box 1, Wild Rose, WI 54984. This is a totally volunteer-run event, financed by community donations. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!



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# Wild Rose Historical Society

The purpose of the Wild Rose Historical Society and Museum has been to preserve and pass on the historical heritage of our community. The museum is and has always been completely supported by memorials, donations, and plain hard work. It is not endowed.

The original settlers of the area surrounding our Village were of English descent, immigrating from Rose, New York in the 1850's. Before much time passed, they were joined by the Welsh, Irish, Polish, Norwegian, German, Swedish, and Danish immigrants, looking for a better life in the New World.

The museum complex consists of the Elisha Stewart House built in 1884 next to his cobbler and harness shop. The shop now houses the Weaving Room and display of an old Country Store. There is Pioneer Hall, which opened in 1901 as a bank and later became the post office. Here you can learn about the unsuccessful bank robbery that took place in 1905. In 1983 the members purchased a "one-room school house" which was built in 1894 and moved it from Swamp Road to our backyard. The school has been furnished as it once was. The members built the Carriage House to accommodate the many larger items used for transportation. It also houses the original Village jail cell. Located in the backyard are the Smokehouse, the Barn, and the Blacksmith shop.

Because our guides are all volunteers, it is not possible to be open every day of the week. However, tours are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Private tours can be arranged by calling Helen Cox at 920-787-5900, messaging on our Facebook page, or sending a note in advance to the Wild Rose Historical Society at PO Box 63, Wild Rose, WI 54984.

There is no admission fee to our museum, but monetary donations are greatly appreciated since we are a not-for-profit organization and rely on donations to help with the costs of running this museum.

As a Society, we are always looking for new members/volunteers, so come and join us for a tour and see how people used to live in Wild Rose. Join our organization and help us to remember the past by keeping it going for the future. We need YOU!







## Wild Rose Community Band welcomes all to a summer of music in Waushara County

**T**he Wild Rose Community Band (WRCB) members invite you to catch them performing this summer!

The WRCB will perform several times during this summer around Waushara county including the Wild Rose Days Party on the Pond community supper in Roberts Park on Friday, July 25; and in the amazing and amusing, not-to-be-missed, Wild Rose Days Parade on Saturday, July 26. Other performances include the Waushara County Fair at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17. They will also perform in the gazebo at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King honoring our veterans sometime in September. Watch for additional opportunities to enjoy their music by following them on Facebook at Wild Rose Community Band.

The WRCB's playlist typically includes family favorites, rousing marches, period pieces, and sing-alongs at their free performances.

The WRCB, which originated sometime before 1900, honored the Wild Rose Community Band's first members with its performance in 2023 at the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Wild Rose. The band continues the legacy of Wild Rose's dedication and love of music.

The Wild Rose Community Band is composed of musicians of varied abilities and ages ranging from 11 to 90 years young. There is no audition requirement to become a member of the band. The band encourages younger musicians with a few years of playing experience to join them, particularly if they wish to further develop their musicianship. The band is composed of many former music teachers willing to share their knowledge with developing players. The band also encourages the older members of the community to dust off that horn and find their way back to a band experience that brought them joy earlier in their lives.

Although the musicians have banded together to have fun and celebrate community under the moniker "The Wild Rose Community Band"; the band is composed of members from the Wild Rose community and the surrounding area including Wautoma, Waupaca, Almond, Pine River, Oxford, Hancock,



Redgranite, Coloma, Westfield, Saxeville, Phillips, and Amherst. The band continues to encourage musicians from Wild Rose and surrounding communities to join them as they "band together", keeping in mind their number one rule: "Have fun!"

The band rehearses in facilities provided by the Wild Rose Public School District and has been financially supported by the generous donations of its fans at its free performances.

For more information, please contact the band, either through their Facebook page, Facebook Messenger, email at WildRoseCommunityBand@gmail.com, or by phone, 715-513-9333. Previous performances of the band are on Kenneth Walker's YouTube page and by searching for "Wild Rose Community Band".

The Wild Rose Community Band looks forward to seeing you at a performance this summer!

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Evergreen was awarded two national awards at the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds Convention including Large Park of the Year and the Large/Mega Green Park of the Year Award. This year Jim received the National Chairman's Award at the Outdoor Hospitality Industry where only two awards are given each year to park owners that go above and beyond in the industry.

Evergreen has 470 camping sites, of which 280 are permanent,



40 cabins for daily in season rentals and 10 lake homes that are rented out year-round. They continue to make improvements each and every year, in addition to camping they offer a restaurant and Chippy's Espresso coffee shop that are also open to the public, a swim up bar, and Chippy's on the Green Bar. The restaurant serves food daily to include Friday Fish Fries, Saturday Breasted chicken, burgers, appetizers, ice cream, and more!

Recreational areas includes, Chippy's Dog Park, Chippy's Volleyball & Basketball Courts, Jumping Pillow, catch and release pond, miniature golf, playgrounds, pools at Chippy's Water Park, Chippy's Splash Zone on Kusel Lake Beach offering pontoons, rowboats, canoes, and floating inflatables for guests or rentals. Each week throughout the summer, Evergreen has themed weeks including: Dino, Country Weekend, & Chippy Express Week. The weekend before Memorial Day the host Super Heroes including fire departments, EMS, Military, Veterans, Medical Professionals, and Teachers.

The Button family is very community minded and believes in giving back. Each year they host a July Toys for Tots Drive with the Adams-Columbia Electric, August they have a Back to School Drive for Wild Rose Schools, and they have an ongoing scholarship for Fox Valley Technical College and Wild Rose High School. Local Fire Depts, Sheriff Dept, K9 unit, and Children's Hospital are also some of the many other charities.

For a camping experience your family will remember for a lifetime, plan now to reserve a site, cabin, or cottage at Evergreen Campsites and Resort in beautiful Wild Rose. The Button family will welcome you and their hope is that you will return year after year. They are open every day, mid-April through mid-October and 2025 reservations are available by calling 920-622-3498. Check out their website at [evergreencampsites.com](http://evergreencampsites.com) and see the center spread, pages 56-57, of this year's 2025 Waushara County Guide.

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# The home of the World's Largest Old Fashioned is right here in Waushara County!



**W**ild Rose looks to break its own record for the World's Largest Old Fashioned this 2025 at the Second Annual Old Fashioned Fest on June 7, 2025. All You Can Drink Old Fashioneds from the 650 gallon Korbels Brandy Old Fashioned Sweet will be served until it is completely gone!

Old Fashioned Fest is a family friendly, community based event celebrating the Official Cocktail of Wisconsin. With a vendor fair, chicken barbecue and live music all day and night, the opportunity to enjoy the start of summer and support the community is endless. For a \$5 entry fee (kids 12 and under enter free) you can enjoy three great bands: Charlie Justmann Band (Waupaca), Off Brand (Waukesha), and Smoke Road

(Green Bay). With over 40 vendors at the vendor fair, there will be a little something for everyone. A chicken barbecue and Charlie Justmann Band will kick off the festivities at 11 a.m. with the World's Largest Old Fashioned being served around that time as well. All you can drink wristbands are available at \$25 each.

The Wild Rose Booster Club will be hosting some 50/50 raffles throughout the morning. At 3:30 p.m., the American Legion Post 370 will be pulling their raffle ticket winners for their summer fundraiser. Off Brand will follow at 4 p.m. and play until 7 p.m. Smoke Road will take over and keep the night

going from 8-11 p.m. A food and beer tent will be available all night. Off site parking will be available with a shuttle bus to take people back and forth.

Parking locations will be at the south end of town; with a choice between the Wild Rose Lions Club or the Robert's Park area. Tavern League of Wisconsin's Safe Ride program will be available for attendees to utilize as well.

Old Fashioned Fest seeks to benefit the community of Wild Rose and the organizations that are a part of it. During the first annual event, over \$50,000 was donated to organizations surrounding the community.

For more information, reach out to [oldfashionedfestwi@gmail.com](mailto:oldfashionedfestwi@gmail.com) or check their Facebook page "Wild Rose Old Fashioned Fest."







## Wild Rose American Legion Daniel Dopp Post 370 Veterans Memorial (Corner of Hwy 22/G & H)

**A**merican Legion Daniel Dopp Post 370 of Wild Rose took possession of a Bell AH-1 Huey Cobra attack helicopter from Arizona that was acquired through a government program. Our mission was to place the helicopter as a Veterans Memorial in the community.

The Post 370 then appealed to the Wild Rose community to help raise the \$25,000 needed to complete the veteran's memorial site. By 2018, volunteers, the Wild Rose community, many businesses and contractors made the memorial site a reality. The memorial sits on land leased from the Wild Rose Lions Club.

The focal point of the Memorial is a restored vintage Bell AH-1 Huey Cobra Attack helicopter used during the Vietnam War and includes a U.S. flag, flags of our armed forces, and a Pow flag. There is a disabled friendly walk of honor where veterans, families, businesses and the community have purchased bricks to honor veterans and support the memorial site. There is a brass bell made from expended brass shells and casings used during the Vietnam war and people visiting the site are encouraged to ring the bell to honor those who died and served. The site also includes a free-standing library which houses a registration book and forms to purchase bricks or donate money to support the memorial.

All visitors are welcome to come and spend time to remember loved ones who died or served our great country. Please feel free to register when you visit.

Post 370 was named in honor of Daniel G. Dopp, of Wild Rose, Wisconsin. He was a US army veteran, killed in action during WWI on June 9, 1918. According to the US Army Burial Administration, Daniel was buried near where he died in the Belleau Woods in France. On January 10, 1928 the Daniel Dopp Post 370 in Wild Rose was officially chartered to honor our fallen hero.

American Legion Post 370 of Wild Rose meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall, 545 Front

Street. If you are a veteran living in the Wild Rose area and beyond, and are not a member of any legion post, please come and meet with your fellow brothers and sisters who have served. A social hour follows our regular meeting.

You can purchase a brick for the memorial site by going to: <http://wildroseamericanlegion.donationbricks.com>

To make a donation for the memorial site, go to the Village of Wild Rose Website, click community, click veteran memorial project, click donation form.

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# Welcome to: REDGRANITE

**T**he Village of Redgranite has a colorful history that many may overlook. Once called “boom town” the area is best known for its’ red granite that was mined by quarrymen in the late 1800’s. This granite was sold to Chicago and Milwaukee markets for street paving throughout the Midwest.

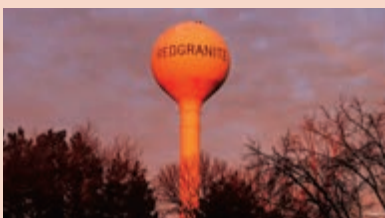
The granite mine stayed active until the 1930’s until the area started to fill with water. Today Redgranite Quarry remains open year-round as a park in the village. The quarry draws in visitors from across the state for its’ unique beauty.

Redgranite is also known for their Labor Day Festival held during Labor Day weekend every year. The Redgranite Advancement Association also hosts Redgranite’s Home-town Holiday “Lights for Snipe” for the Christmas season on the first Saturday of December. The Lions Club also hosts their “Bunny Hop” each year to celebrate the Easter season.

The community has been working hard to revitalize the small town experience. From their introduction of the ice skating rink in 2022 and the opening of their new pickleball court in 2025, you can enjoy year-round fun with the whole family.

Willow Creek Park is another hidden gem where you can enjoy a picnic on the “island” while listening to the creek running through the park.

Redgranite offers a unique environment that should not be overlooked while visiting Waushara County.





# Redgranite is the place to be on Labor Day

**R**edgranite's Labor Day Festival is one of the best and long-running festivals in the state of Wisconsin. The annual four-day festival will run from Friday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 1 and is loaded with fun events, great food, and live music.

Start your weekend off right with Glow Bingo at the Redgranite Lions Hall. Doors open at 5 pm, the first game is at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Redgranite Lions Club.

Then on Saturday, there is something for everyone of all ages. Vendor Art & Craft Fair (call 920-410-8467 for available spaces or go to [www.redgranitewisconsin.com](http://www.redgranitewisconsin.com) for entry form and info.), Horseshoe Doubles Tournament, Walk the Waush Free 5K Walk/Run, City Wide Rummage Sales all weekend, great food and refreshments, and of course KidzRok in RedRock – a fun-filled event in Willow Creek Park for kids featuring pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables, clowns, face painting, balloon magic, rock painting, Redgranite Fire Dept. Bike Raffle, tons of fun games where you can win cool prizes.

Then cap your day off with Road Trip at Willow Creek Park under the tent from 7-11 p.m. (Rain or shine!). One of Wisconsin's favorite bands! Come early. Bar and food stand opens at 6 p.m.

On Sunday kick back and relax in Redgranite's Veterans Memorial Park and enjoy the Vendor Art & Craft Fair, food and refreshments, raffles, and music by The Del Rays who play



from 1-5 p.m., and City Wide Rummage Sales. Stick around as we honor our Heritage with a beautiful fireworks display over the Quarry to music at dusk. While waiting for the fireworks, enjoy great food and fun at the coffee shops, cafes, pizzeria, Irish pub, bars, and bowling alley. Redgranite is home to some of the best food and hospitality around!



On Monday get set for the community's signature event, the Labor Day Parade. It brings people to Main Street in Redgranite and is steeped in tradition. Generations of people will line the streets to enjoy the classic Labor Day Parade. There is still time to enter. Please go to [www.rgaaparade@gmail.com](mailto:www.rgaaparade@gmail.com) or go to [www.redgranitewisconsin.com](http://www.redgranitewisconsin.com) for parade information and entry forms. Following the parade head on down to Veterans Memorial Park for Great Food and Refreshments, Chicken BBQ, Craft & Vendor Fair, Raffles, and music by Copper Box.

There will be plenty of activities, music, and fun from Friday evening through Monday. Redgranite invites you to come and experience one of Wisconsin's best Labor Day weekend traditions!





# The Redgranite Quarry: A popular attraction for residents and visitors



**T**hose near and far always look forward to visiting the Redgranite Quarry. The popular summertime attraction for local residents as well as the visitors of Waushara County is open for hiking, fishing, and swimming.

Quarry visitors are allowed to swim at their own risk as there are no lifeguards on duty. Diving clubs can often be found at the quarry as it is one of the best clear water diving spots in the Upper Midwest. Fishing remains a popular pastime as well, since various species of fish have been stocked in the quarry throughout the years.

Discovery of red granite at the quarry site in the 1880's sparked a mining boom that brought skilled stonemasons from Europe to settle in the area. Granite paving blocks from the quarry were used in streets as far as Chicago.

The Redgranite Quarry was closed in the 1920s after concrete and asphalt became popular for paving, and it is now one of the deepest bodies of water in Wisconsin.

In 1995, the quarry was designated a village park and is located on the north side of State Highway 21 behind the post office.

In the summer of 2008, the land around the quarry underwent an extensive cleanup to make the location even more attractive for visitors.



The newly formed Quarry Committee has been meeting monthly and has been adding improvements to the park. In 2024 the quarry committee also hosted their second annual Fall Harvest Festival and looks forward to bringing it back in 2025. All proceeds from their events will go to quarry trail improvements.

The Redgranite Quarry will continue to attract visitors near and far as the centerpiece of the little village.

The Redgranite Quarry Park is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

## Check out new activities at all of Redgranite's parks

**T**he Village of Redgranite along with dedicated community members has made efforts to liven up the community, starting with their local parks.

For the third year, the ice rink at Veterans Park offers a free alternative activity to get you out of the house. The ice rink was installed in 2022, with a warming shed being donated shortly after. There you can also find ice skates that were generously donated by community members. The rink is installed and maintained by the Village of Redgranite Public Works Dept. The ice rink is open pending local weather conditions in the winter to ensure the ice stays frozen.

Coming new in the spring of 2025 will be the new pickleball court that is being installed at Willow Creek Park. This project was made possible from the support of Tom and Theresa Sobieski – who donated \$20,000 towards the installation as a way to give back and improve the parks Tom grew up playing ball in. The project is set to be complete this spring, so check back with the **Waushara Argus** on the official opening date.

East Side Park features the new community garden, which flourished for its' first year in 2024. The garden is open to all residents on a first-come, first served basis. Plots can be reserved at Village Hall.

Make the trip through Redgranite and keep an eye out for the many improvements that they will continue to bring to the area!





## “Lights for Snipe” Dec. 6, 2025 Hometown Holiday & Tree Lighting in Redgranite

This event is organized by the Redgranite Advancement Assoc. to bring people to our quaint historic Village by encouraging them to leave the hustle and bustle behind of the city and experience the Holiday Joy that only a Small Town can bring. It's also a day to honor Harold (Snipe) Koch, Redgranite's Street Superintendent for over 20 years, who gave so much of his time and talents to our Village, especially during the Holidays. Known for its Christmas Tree Farms, many come to Redgranite to pick out their tree. Once the tree is loaded up head into Redgranite where the merriment begins.

Shop the Craft & Vendor Fair at the Lions Hall where you'll find something for everyone on your list. Shop the Fair & enter to win a beautiful door prize! Try your luck at the Basket Raffle (need not be present to win). Lunch will also be available. Purchase a tote at the Lions Hall and stroll up and down Main Street to joyous Christmas music as you stop in the businesses participating in the Cookie Walk.

Other events at the Lions Hall include Letters to Santa and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus who will be arriving at noon ready for pictures and wish lists and stay until 2 p.m.

Luminaries are available to purchase at the Lions Hall to



honor or remember a loved one. They will be lit and line Veterans Memorial Park for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Sandy at 920-369-8186 for details and to purchase a luminary.

Bring your appetite, take a break, and stop at the various cafes, coffee shops, pubs and pizzeria. Redgranite is home to some of the best food and hospitality around.

Stop at the Redgranite Library to check out their Book Sale and Bake Sale.

The Holiday fun and tree-mendous excitement continues in Veterans Memorial Park at 3:30 p.m. as you gather around the Bonfire to keep warm and enjoy Hot Chocolate as you await the tree lighting and lighting of the Park. At 4:30 p.m. the Tree Lighting begins, a time honored tradition that will be filled with luminaries, twinkling lights, and Christmas Carols.

Bring your family and friends and start new traditions, make lasting memories and experience the holiday joy that only a small town can bring.



# Welcome to: COLOMA

Coloma is a close community that always has something for everyone. From the laid back downtown scene to the more adventurous activities offered around the area, your next vacation or day trip will have something for the whole family to enjoy.

The village has something to offer year-round. From the Fisheree and Radar Run in the winter, Spring into Coloma in April, and Christmas in Coloma with the lighted parade, the whole family can make the best of their stay in Coloma. Don't miss the annual Chicken Chew that features a carnival, softball tournaments, live entertainment, and of course the popular Chicken Dinner on Sunday. There are also concerts in the park and various entertainment venues at local establishments.

Summer in Coloma also means berry picking at Flyte's Family Farm, (strawberry and blueberry picking). Flyte Fieldstones opens in time to make fall memories with their pumpkin patch, corn maze, pumpkin launcher, and new giant slide.

Even in the winter months, Coloma finds a way to keep you going. The snowmobile trails and Cross Country Ski Trails are well-groomed. The Coloma Lions Fisheree (Feb. 8) gives ice fishers a chance to fish on Pleasant Lake with prizes, raffles, food, drink and more.

Coloma is a year-round destination offering activities for the whole family to participate in.





# It's a great day to stop in Coloma

Coloma's slogan is: "It a great day to be in Coloma." There are several areas of interest in Coloma. One can come for entertainment, historical significance, or exercise. The village is located just off I-39 and Highway 21.

The Coloma Hotel, which has been around for over 100 years, is still in operation as a country inn. The old barbershop has become a coffee shop, the butcher shop is now a liquor store, the old bank safe features women's fashion, and the old lumber yard is a brew pub. There are numerous restaurants to satisfy your hunger. An old gas station holds a hair salon. In 2019, the old mercantile building was renovated, and it now holds a shopping boutique and ice cream shop, a yoga studio, a massage parlor, and a chocolate factory. The laundromat is newly remodeled.

In the Coloma Park is the Spaulding Store Museum, which was moved by the Coloma Historical Society (CAHS) from Coloma Corners in 2008 because Coloma Corners was where Coloma was originally located (at the time of the stagecoach). This building is open on the weekends and during special events in the summer like the Chicken Chew, the CAHS Flea & Craft Markets and Concerts in the Park. The building was once both a general store and post office. In front of the museum is a sidewalk commemorating people who have built Coloma. This year the museum will be taking on its latest project: renovating the old caboose.

Outside of Coloma is an alpaca farm, two wedding venues, a popular dinner music show, and a fall extravaganza. Each offers a unique experience for entertainment.

The Village of Coloma, formerly Coloma Station, was founded in 1858. The Village of Coloma was named after the town in California where gold was discovered. Coloma's lollipop shaped water tower, constructed in the late 1930's, was the first of its kind ever built. From this adventure, Coloma attained a bit of fame in the World Book Encyclopedia.

Coloma is a village full of history, but history isn't Coloma's only attraction. There are a wide range of nearby recreational opportunities that make Coloma a pleasant place to visit year round. The Coloma School Forest has become a draw for many families looking for a place to hike, picnic and learn about nature. Amateurs and professionals hike the Ice Age Trail on a regular basis. The Coloma Pathfinders sponsors both snowmobile trails and silent sport trails for winter fun. Almost all roads are open to ATV/UTV's for spring, summer, and fall fun.

There is a Veteran's Monument at the entrance to the Coloma Park that was dedicated by the Local American Legion Post 343. The Howitzer was placed in honor of all veterans with a dedication plaque and an American Flag as well. The village park



has a playground, ball diamond, picnic tables, basketball hoops, tennis courts and ample off street parking. A large shelter house with a stove, refrigerators, hot water, sinks, a serving bar and a 40 x 50 ft. enclosed area is also available for lease. For information and reservations contact Brenda Walker at (715) 228-2871

Coloma is an ideal place to live and raise a family. Coloma Grade School offers excellent K-5 elementary education and has

been honored as a Blue Ribbon School Winner.

The Coloma Business Association (CBA) sponsors several events throughout the year like Spring Into Coloma and the Coloma Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting in early December. The Coloma Lions Club and volunteer fire department sponsor the annual Chicken Chew (last full weekend of June). This three-day event is held at the Coloma Village Park. It is an action packed weekend, which includes volleyball, softball tournaments, village wide rummage sales, a parade, a quilt show, two car shows, and the famous Lions chicken barbecue. For more information, contact Kathy DePas (541-219-1872) or Eric Johnston (715-347-0977)

The Coloma Business Park is conveniently located on State Road 21 just seconds from the I-39 on-ramp. The Village of Coloma and the Coloma Industrial Development Corporation oversee development of the park. New roads, sewer, water extensions, and good highway access offer businesses an ideal location in the heart of Wisconsin. Recently Coloma has begun to expand on the west side of I-39. These expansions offer an even larger opportunity for a variety of business for both tourists and locals.

The Coloma community is rich with clubs and organizations for all ages and interests including the Coloma Lions, Country Quilter's, Book Club, 4-H, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Park, Coloma Business Association, Coloma Cycling Club, Coloma Historical Society, and many more. Most of these groups hold their regular meetings at the Anna Follett Memorial Community Center. To reserve any date for use of the Community Center call: the village office (715) 228-2871.

For more information about the Coloma area see their websites at [villageofcoloma.com](http://villageofcoloma.com) or [visitcoloma.com](http://visitcoloma.com).





## Winter sports abound in Coloma

The Coloma Pathfinders will once again host two events this winter: the Ride and Glide and the Radar Run. The Coloma Lions will host one event: the Pleasant Lake Fisheree.

First, the annual Ride and Glide will be held Saturday, Feb. 1. This is a Cross Country Ski Race in the morning and a Fat Tire Bike Race in the afternoon. There will be food and drink available in the park pavilion for racers, bicyclists, and visitors. Remember to dress warm. The event is on the trail, so snowmobilers and those in their cars are welcome to stop for food, drink, and conversation. This event helps support the cross-country ski and snowshoe trails maintained by the club. These trails leave from the park and make some interesting loops through private land.

Second, the Coloma Lions will sponsor their annual Fisheree on Pleasant Lake on Saturday, Feb. 8. Fishing prizes, raffle prizes, food, and drink. A great day to be on the lake.

Third, the annual Pleasant Lake Radar Run will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15 sponsored again by the Coloma Pathfinders. There are raffles, food, drink, and a lot of snowmobiling. Everything will be outdoors, so dress warm. There are trophies for the fastest run in each class. This day is a great community day.

For more information, visit [colomapathfinders.com](http://colomapathfinders.com) or visit [coloma.com](http://coloma.com) or contact Sue Apps at 715-228-2622.

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## Coloma hosts annual Motorcycle Rally in August

Coloma will be roaring on Aug. 2. (Motorcycle roaring, that is!) The Cabin Bar & Grill will again host its eighth annual Motorcycle Poker Run. Proceeds will benefit a local community group.

Participants ride as a group to various businesses, visit each establishment, and return back to Coloma for a pig roast, raffles, and prizes. Coloma businesses will offer motorcycle appropriate fun on that day to support the event.

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Plainfield is also home to a variety of small businesses where you can find items you don't see everyday. While visiting you will truly feel the small town pride everyone feels for their community.

If you are looking for outdoor recreation, then check out the Plainfield Disc Golf Course that includes 12 baskets. Cool down by splashing around the Veterans Park Splash Pad on a sunny summer day. Outdoor enthusiasts also enjoy the area for the public hunting, fishing, and hiking land surrounding Plainfield.

Bring the family for one of the several events hosted by community members throughout the year. Perhaps Plainfield is best known by antique tractor enthusiasts for the annual Tri-County Threshermen's Show in June. Enjoy the magic of the holidays while choosing the perfect Christmas tree at one of the various lots around Plainfield. The sixth annual Winter Parade set to be held in 2025 is a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

The Plainfield community is ready to welcome you to explore what they have to offer!





# 37th annual Tri-County Threshermen's Show to be held June 12-14

**T**he 37th annual Tri-County Threshermen's Show continues to draw visitors from around the state for an exciting three-day event.

The show will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park, Plainfield, from Thursday, June 12 through Saturday, June 14, 2025.

All colors, models, and conditions of tractors, engines, and equipment, along with other antique and classic tractors are encouraged to display. The show is open to all displayers to exhibit everything and anything with the grounds opening at 8 a.m. each day.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can view exhibits that include displays of gas engines, antique tools, and farm toys. The popular sawmill demonstration, model gas and steam engines, crafts, vintage garden tractors and implements, collector vehicles, and much more will be back again this year.

Daily demonstrations of threshing, corn shredding, shingle milling, snow fence making, Minneapolis Moline equipment, and other working events will interest all show attendees.

Families visiting the show will get to experience a little of what farm families lived through in the old farming days. Treasure hunters will also enjoy the large flea market area held on all three days of the show with a wide variety of old tools and parts, farm toys, signs, crafts, and new and used parts.

For more show information contact Chris Cutts at 920-765-2193.





# Tri-County School Forest has much to offer in outdoor activities

**T**he Tri-County Area School District offers a school forest of approximately 320 acres. Located between the communities of Hancock and Plainfield, the school forest has been activity managed with the goal of maximizing ecological diversity and educational opportunities. The property comprises a diverse ecosystem including pine plantations, deciduous forests, open meadows, lowlands, a 40 acre marsh, four small lakes, and a restored prairie area. The trails, which meander throughout the school forest, make for a rich community resource.

Besides serving as a base for Environmental Education for the School District, many opportunities abound for hiking, picnicking, hunting, biking, skiing, bird watching, and other non-consumptive uses. Public camping is not allowed.

Marked activity trails of various lengths and difficulty have been established for users seeking places to hike, bike, ski, or ride horseback. For those wishing to access the school forest property from the south, a ski trail parking area is available during the winter months off of Beechnut Avenue. When adequate snow cover exists, volunteers ensure that the trail system is groomed for cross country skiing. At 1.4 miles, Timber view trail is the shortest trail, and it does not have hills. Whispering Pine trail is a bit more challenging and rewards users with a beautiful view of the gently sloping shores of Bullhead Lake. Its entire length is 2.7 miles, while the 3.7 mile Lake



Shore Trail offers more challenging slopes and a gorgeous view of Reeder Lake. The 3.8 mile Plantation Trail offers some additional distance as it extends to the far south end of the property.

Near the center of the property is a shelter building, which provides a home-base site for district school forest activities, and it offers forest users a great place to stop and relax. The pavilion-style shelter offers some protection from wind and rain. If visiting the shelter house, take a moment to look at the painted animal silhouettes and the solar power system located on the roof and in the rafters of the shelter. The solar power system provides a limited source of electricity for lighting portions of the shelter house during School District activities taking place in this location. Located nearby the shelter house are pit toilet bathroom facilities.

For those interested in obtaining a lovely view of Bullhead Lake, an amphitheater is nestled along the North shore. Aldo Leopold benches, complete with unique environmental quotations, offer welcome areas to rest throughout the forest area. They are scattered along the trails and throughout Liza's Prairie. One may also enjoy following the self-guided tree trail guide, which offers the opportunity to visit and observe 19 tree species throughout the forest. A structure commonly known as the observation tower combines a shelter house and a 400 square foot observation deck. This observation tower is situated toward the southwest corner of the property. Besides being a popular hiking and skiing destination, this unique structure enhances one's experience at the forest as it offers forest visitors spectacular views of the forest canopy and night sky.

Hunting is allowed, except when the forest is in use by a school or community group. A sign is posted at the north entrance gate indicating if such a group is using the school forest. All federal, state, and local hunting regulations must be followed. Trapping is allowed only with a written permit. Maps and guides are available in the parking area located at W12409 County Road O. Many are available online as well.

While at the school forest, people need to be conscious of their location and aware of property lines so not to trespass on neighboring properties. The school forest is a "walk-in-area" only. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

Information concerning the school forest property and related environmental education program can be found on the website <http://www.tricounty.k12.wi.us/forest.htm>. Questions concerning the school forest property or related environmental education program can be directed to Joe Raboin, who is available during school hours at (715) 335-6366 ext. 4350, or [joeraboin@tcpenguin.net](mailto:joeraboin@tcpenguin.net). We hope that you enjoy your visit.

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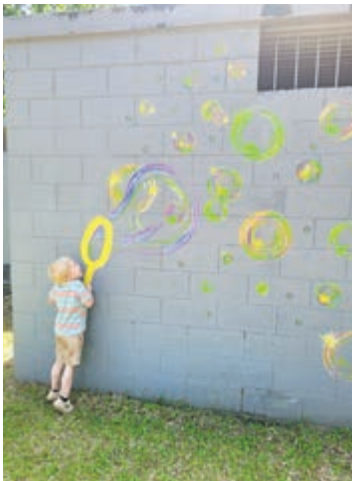


## See the new and improved Hancock Park

The Hancock Beach Revitalization committee became incorporated and is now called Hancock Park Restoration Inc. (HPR Inc). HPR inc. is working hard to raise money to improve the Hancock Park located at W12371 County Road GG on Fish Lake in Hancock, WI.

In the last year they have made electrical improvements to have dedicated electricity to the park. It is capable of accommodating future electrical needs including, but not limited to: an amphitheater, lighting throughout the park, and lighting in the bathrooms to name a few.

Other future improvements include improved beach and swimming area, playground equipment, bathrooms w/ flush toilets, ADA compliant accessibility to entire park, grills, trash receptacles, and more. They have enclosed part of the pavilion to create a kitchen area with service windows and counter along with lighting inside & out. Inside you will find a refrigerator, commercial cooler, chest freezer, and warming table to easily accommodate events for the community and beyond.



The American Legion installed a flag pole and the flag flies proud in front of the pavilion. There have been improvements to the beach area. Families are able to enjoy all the park has to offer with safer access because of these improvements. The pavilion can now be rented for events!

Call the Village Office at 715-249-5521 or Debra Lackey at 715-347-5583 (money is invested right back into the Hancock Park on Fish Lake).

One event HPR Inc. hosts is their Annual Fish Lake Festival on Saturday, June 7, 2025 with live music, food, games, raffles and vendors. In January they offer a bake sale and potato bar in conjunction with the Hancock Lions Club Fisheree event. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025 they will host a movie matinee at the Hancock Community Center starting at 1 p.m., Feb. 9, 2025.

HPR holds their first "Souper" Bowl party with a soup tasting contest & football game on the big screen, March movie matinee at the Hancock Community Center at 1 p.m. On the third Saturday in July, August & September of 2025 HPR Inc. hosts a movie under the stars at the Hancock Park on Fish Lake with food & refreshments available. We are looking for more volunteers to make these events and improvements happen.



Donations can be made by check written to HPR Inc. You can also mail donations to PO Box 85, Hancock, WI 54943 or drop off at any of the Portage County Bank Locations in Plainfield, Almond, Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point. All donations and money raised go toward park improvements.

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## Black Hawk Folk Society second Saturday music!

**B**lack Hawk Folk Society turns 40 this year and we invite you to celebrate with us! Join us on the second Saturday of every month and listen to the finest live professional folk, bluegrass, and Americana music in central Wisconsin. Featured musicians hail from near and far, performing throughout the world, as well.

From May through September, Black Hawk's events run from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mount Morris Town Park along Mt. Morris Lake. Find a spot in front of the bandshell, set up your lawn chair and cooler, then sit back to take in the tunes or get up and dance. All are welcome to join a potluck picnic in the park an hour before concert-time.

On the second Saturday in July, Black Hawk offers its day-long Folk Music Festival in Mt. Morris Town Park. First up, an open mic at 10:30 a.m. This is followed by an amazing lineup of musicians performing until 6 p.m. The festival also includes an arts and crafts fair, raffle, and silent auction. The Mount Morris Pioneers 4-H Club sells food off the grill, home baked goodies, and soft drinks or you can carry-in your own. Mark

your calendars for Saturday, July 12. Tickets can be reserved in advance or bought at the gate!

October, November, March, and April concerts start at 7 p.m. at Mountain View Community Center on Hwy 152 just outside Mount Morris. The evening begins with an optional potluck at 6 p.m. December, January, and February concerts are virtual. Check our website ([blackhawkfolk.org](http://blackhawkfolk.org)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/blackhawkfolk/](http://www.facebook.com/blackhawkfolk/)) for updates and links to enjoy these live-streamed concerts.

Looking for more live music? Stop by Tim and Robin's Trading Post in Mt. Morris on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. for "Picking at the Post." Acoustic musicians are invited to bring their instruments and share some tunes. An audience is always welcome.

Come celebrate our 40th season and share the joy of music! In the words of one of Black Hawk Folk Society's founders, "If you support live music in your community, you will be rewarded ten-fold!" Black Hawk promises that its 39-year record of never offering a bad performance will continue in 2025!





# The best winter in the heart of Waushara County: Nordic Mountain in Mt. Morris

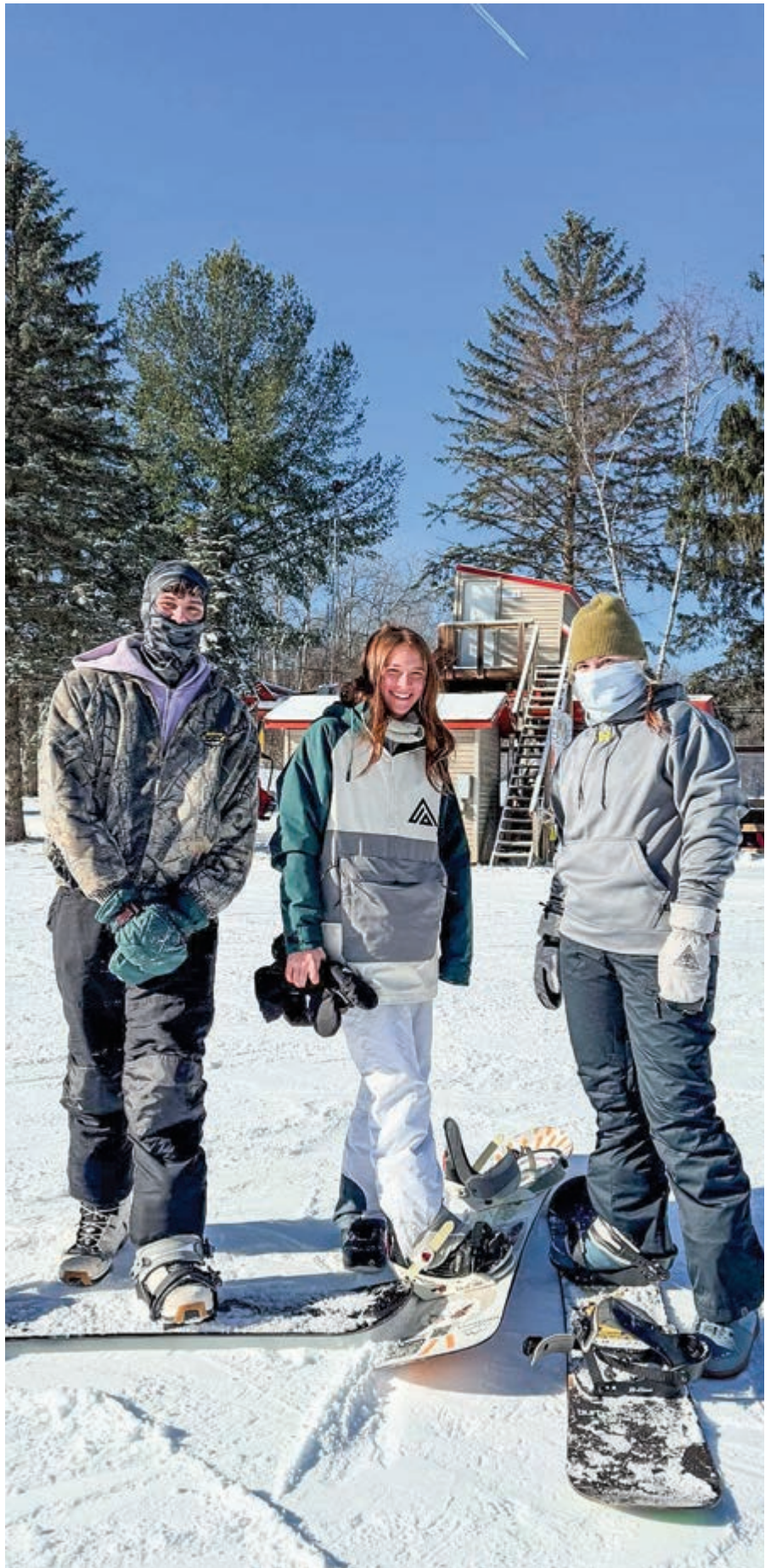
**H**ome to 16 trails, three terrain parks, and an exhilarating tubing park, Nordic Mountain has an adventure for everyone. The trails range from beginner-friendly to challenging for the experienced thrill-seekers. For those looking for effortless fun, the tubing park features ten 1500 feet long lanes, over 100 feet of vertical drop and varying speeds over 40 mph.

Nordic prides itself in being a fantastic place for everyone to learn to ski or snowboard. Their brand new learning area consists of five snow made features to help people of all ages learn in a safe controlled environment: the flats, mini pipe, rollers, banked turns, and the perfect slope. Anyone who purchases a lift ticket can get free instruction from certified instructors who are stationed throughout the learning area.

For those lean snow years, Nordic has a state-of-the-art snowmaking system covering 100% of the terrain. The system allows Nordic to provide great conditions all season long by adding a fresh surface after thaws.

When the snow stops falling for the season, Nordic boasts over eight miles of mountain bike trails. There are numerous mountain bike days and events held at Nordic each year and the trails formerly hosted Pro XCT races. Certain sections of the trails can challenge even the best mountain bikers, while the Willow Creek trails are great places to mountain bike for the beginners. The trails are open when the weather permits and are free to ride.

With Nordic's year-round activities, it is a favorite recreation destination for visitors and residents of Central Wisconsin. For more information, go to [nordicmountain.com](http://nordicmountain.com) and check out their social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.





## World reknown Daylily Hybridizer's lifetime of work on display at local National Daylily Display Garden

**G**raziano Gardens, an independent retail garden center, features the life-long daylily hybridizing work of Wild Rose native son, Darrel Apps. Apps is a career horticulturist who holds three degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has named and introduced over 480 registered daylily cultivars and received the coveted Betrand Farr hybridizing award from the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS).

When Darrel Apps retired, Graziano Gardens became involved with displaying Apps's recent registrations. Apps has focused his hybridizing efforts on daylilies with rebloom and dormant foliage particularly suited for the colder parts of the country.

The borders at Graziano Gardens contain a wide variety of daylilies in many forms including doubles, minis, spiders, and patterns. The popular rebloomers have a genetic trait which extends the period of bloom from a couple weeks to months. Many of these rebloomers are part of the Once Again series hybridized by Darrel Apps after extensive study of this reblooming trait in the daylily, *Hemerocallis fulva* var. *aurantiaca*. The borders also contain a wide selection of award-winning daylilies from other nationally recognized hybridizers and daylilies from App's hybridizing work in New Jersey.

This year, Darrel Apps has continued his work with five new daylily registrations that are sure to be popular! Long awaited is the debut of 'Apps Eye Candy'. 'Apps Eye Candy' is a collectors' daylily, with a wide, nearly black eye zone which feathers with raspberry into the white petals. Apps adds four other registrations to his list including an addition to the locally popular reblooming Once Again series with 'Once Again Magic Carpet'. His other new registrations are 'Canaries in Flight', 'Cherry Belle', and 'My Little Pretty Pink'.

As a American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) National Daylily Display Garden, Graziano Gardens has nearly 700 different registered daylilies and seedlings planted expansively in the landscaped borders, accented with statuary, perennials, shrubs, and garden treasure.

Individual daylily registrations from Darrel Apps have won awards from the AHS such as the Junior Citation ('Little Red Hen' in 1978 and 'Queen Anne's Lace' in 1990); Florida



Sunshine Award ('Made to Order' in 2001 and 'Baby Bear' in 2023); Annie T. Giles ('Sugar Cookie' in 1989); and Award of Merit ('Sugar Cookie' in 1989). An additional 34 daylilies have won Honorable Mention, several of which are displayed in the Graziano Gardens borders ('Happy Returns' in 1992, 'Woodside Ruby' in 1993, 'Royal Occasion' in 1994, 'Herman Apps' in 1996, 'Jungle Beauty' in 1996, 'Woodside Romance' in 2000, 'Rosy Returns' in 2002, 'Bridgeton Celebrity' in 2004, 'Meringue Mirage' in 2004, 'Bridgeton Finesse' in 2005, 'Apricot Sparkles' in 2007, and 'The Jury's Out' in 2008).

It is easy to become a daylily fan strolling the borders of Graziano Gardens in Pine River. Graziano Garden is a destination garden center, nestled near artesian springs in the Pine River watershed. Graziano Gardens is near the Springwater Volunteer Covered Bridge which was erected in 1997 across the Pine River. Experience the calls of sandhill cranes, the screeches of eagles and hawks, and processions of turkeys on your drive to Graziano Gardens on some of Wisconsin's Rustic Roads.

The garden center features wide, accessible, grassy paths through the daylily borders. Graziano Gardens provides restroom facilities. Friendly dogs and mannerly children are welcome!

Graziano Gardens is open for limited hours in 2025. They open for the season on Earth Day, April 22. They are open April 22 through Saturday, June 15, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Open House is Saturday, May 10.

Graziano Gardens closes for a midseason break and reopen





for the Daylily Season Wednesday, July 16 through Wednesday, July 23 with hours from 9 a.m.

Each year during the daylily season, Graziano Gardens holds the not-to-be-missed event, Daylily Dazzle with the focus on daylilies! This year's Daylily Dazzle is Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. This is a fun-filled weekend of daylily gazing, garden walking, and daylily talking held during peak daylily bloom here in central Wisconsin!

They are closed for the growing season July 24.

Please check Facebook or their website (GrazianoGardensLLC.com) for their open hours and events, including sneak peeks, weather closures, and extended hours.

For daylily fanatics, if it's July, a visit to the National Daylily Display Garden at Graziano Gardens is a must-see!

Graziano Gardens is located at W3280 Akron Ct., Pine River.







## Waushara Dairy Breakfast to be held Sunday, June 29

**T**he Waushara County June Dairy Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. As of right now a location for the breakfast has not been found, but will be announced in 2025.

The breakfast will include pancakes, real maple syrup, honey, ham, hash brown potatoes, cheese, milk, coffee, juice, ice cream, and cranberries.

Activities will include: an animal display, children games, 'Little Farmer Dress-Up' contest, an introduction of past farm breakfast hosts, as well as music and door prizes. Come early, eat, and sit and enjoy the music and fellowship.

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## Marquette County Bird Checklist available now

All of Marquette County is a Bird City. There are over 250 species of birds that have been identified in Marquette County. Now you can download a Marquette County Bird Checklist off the John Muir Nature and History Trail mobile app or pick one up at many local businesses. Muirland Bird Club, open to all, maintains multiple Bluebird trails and several Purple Martin houses. They participate in the Christmas Bird Count, Crane Count, Bird-a-Thon, Swift Night Out, and Great Backyard Bird Count.

Start your birding experience in Marquette County at the Muir addition to the Fox River National Wildlife Refuge on County Road F just north of John Muir Park. There, you can read the words of John Muir on a historical kiosk as he describes the birds he saw as a boy in Marquette County. He named 31 birds he saw in the 1850s and all but two can still be seen in Marquette County.

Check out the John Muir Nature and History Route mobile app, also available on your computer to find birding sites and lists of species that can be seen in various locations in Marquette County. Go to <http://muirboyhoodhome.toursphere.com> to find out more. Make Marquette County your birding destination.



## Visit the new Historic Montello Walking Tour

A walking tour of historic Montello has been added to the Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route mobile app. A condensed walking tour description can also be followed in a walking tour brochure that is available at many downtown Montello businesses.



The walking tour focuses on life in Montello in the early settlement years, about 1850 through 1900.

To access the walking tour on your mobile phone or computer, go to [www.muirboyhoodhome.toursphere.com](http://www.muirboyhoodhome.toursphere.com). You'll see a Historic Montello Walking Tour blue button on the front page. Click it to take you directly to the walking tour. You can print the brochure off from the site or you can view the brochure on your device.

The online tour includes historic photos that can be zoomed larger for easy viewing on your phone or other device. Stand on a street corner and see what it looked like in 1880. See the granite quarry at work in historic photos.

Look for the Historic Montello Walking Tour brochures and visit the mobile app on your phone or computer to find even more interesting information on historic Montello.

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John Muir is known as the Father of the National Parks. He developed a deep connection to nature right here in Central Wisconsin in Marquette County. Three times he tried to buy the land where he grew up in order to preserve its natural beauty. Now, you can walk on the land he loved and see more of his boyhood neighborhood and the landscapes and nature that sparked his love of wilderness by using the John Muir Nature and History Route mobile app.

When 11 year-old John Muir moved to Marquette County in



1849, he arrived immersed in Scottish heritage, the Disciples of Christ religion of his father, and the exuberance and wildness of a young boy ready for adventure, but he was also changed by his new home, the people, the landscape, the experiences of life on a farm.

Learn what life was like for settlers in the earliest days of Wisconsin statehood, the years Muir was experiencing his new home, view the landscapes as they would have looked in Muir's time, and sense the life he and his family lived. New information is added each year.

Watch for the John Muir Saunter Signs that designate a place to learn about John Muir and his life here in Marquette County as a boy. Go to the website or a QR code on the signs to learn about each site. Plus, it's family friendly. You can print out maps, worksheets, and guides before you head out on the route. Visit one site or more on each visit and steep yourself in nature and history.



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# Neshkoro Lions to host 51st annual Fisheree

**T**he Neshkoro Lions Club is happy to announce that the Lions will be hosting their 51st Neshkoro Lions Club Fisheree on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026. The Fisheree will be held on the Neshkoro Mill Pond with all registrations and other activities taking place at Murf's Corner Bar including raffles, games, hot food and beverages – fun for all even if you don't fish. Proceeds benefit local worthy causes throughout the year.

All festivities begin at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with the largest fish awards given out at 3:30 p.m. Everyone, fisher person or not, is invited to the Neshkoro Lions Club's 51st annual Fisheree on the Neshkoro Mill Pond Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026.







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## Neshkoro Lions to host Wisconsin Lawn Mower Racing Association

**T**he Neshkoro Lions Club is happy to announce that the Lions will be hosting the Wisconsin Lawn Mower Racing Association (WILMRA) on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025. The races will be held at the Lions Park Arena & Pavilion which is one mile north of Neshkoro on Highway 73.

The WILMR was started in 2005, a local chapter of the United

States Lawnmower Racing Association (USLMRA). A unique growing sport, they are home to some of Wisconsin's fastest lawnmowers, traveling the state of Wisconsin putting on races for fairs, festivals, events and other venues.

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**The Financial Empowerment Education Program (FEE)** offers free interactive financial education to individuals who are looking to improve their financial situation. To be eligible, individuals must have household income at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level. The flexible program offers training online and in booklet form. Call 715-343-7516 or email [fee@capmail.org](mailto:fee@capmail.org) for more information.

**The Skills Enhancement Program** helps working individuals to acquire the skills needed to compete for higher paying jobs



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**The Business Development Program** offers services to people with low incomes who want to start or expand a business, and to expanding businesses committed to hiring individuals with low incomes. Services include one-on-one technical assistance, access to below-market cost space, business mentoring, and loans. Call 920-787-7461.

**Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start** programs promote school readiness and provide quality health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. These comprehensive programs involve the family and community in the total development of the child. Income-eligible families with children ages zero-to-five, pregnant women, and families with children with documented disabilities are encouraged to apply anytime. For more information, call 920-787-7742.



**The Auto Lending Program** provides options for income-eligible individuals and families needing to purchase a safe and dependable vehicle to support their household transportation needs. For people who have poor or no credit, or who have been denied financing by a bank or credit union, this program may be able to help. Call 715-340-6248 or email [loans@capmail.org](mailto:loans@capmail.org) for more information.

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**The Housing Counseling Program** assists clients with a securing and maintaining stable, affordable housing. Services include assistance completing rental applications, assistance applying for public benefits, assistance with financial planning to increase income or lower expenses, and referrals to resources for rent or mortgage assistance. For more information, call 715-598-2707 or 715-298-2710 or email [housingcounseling@capmail.org](mailto:housingcounseling@capmail.org).

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**The Weatherization Program** installs energy conservation measures in the homes of income-eligible households. Most households that receive energy assistance qualify for the program. Some common weatherization services include attic and sidewall insulation, air leakage reduction, and furnace or water heater repair or replacement. For more information, call 715-343-7164 or email [cap.weatherization@capmail.org](mailto:cap.weatherization@capmail.org).

**The Community Resource Team** assists community members with navigating resources at CAP and in the community that can address their short-term needs and support their long-term goals, reducing barriers for individuals and families as they overcome hardship situations and pursue their goals. Bilingual assistance is available in Hmong and Spanish at 844-314-8004 and [info@capmail.org](mailto:info@capmail.org). More information is available at [capserVICES.org](http://capserVICES.org).

**Family Crisis Center (FCC)** provides free and confidential services to victims, survivors, and supports for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The FCC offers support, advocacy, and safety planning through outreach services. That can include legal advocacy, court, medical, and law enforcement accompaniment, support group, and community education. Additionally, the FCC offers a 24/7 crisis line (800-472-3377), emergency shelter, and a youth shelter. If you or someone you know is in need of this free and confidential service, you can contact the Waushara County Outreach office at 920-787-3889 or email [wausharafcc@capmail.org](mailto:wausharafcc@capmail.org).



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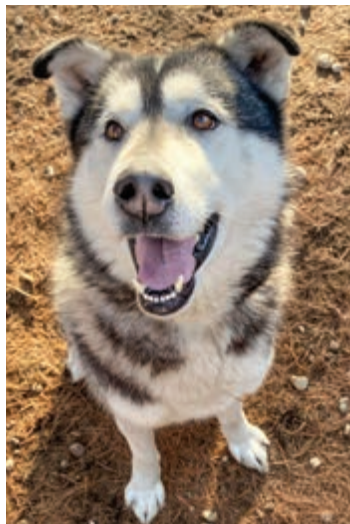
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Whether you are living in Waushara County or visiting, we should remember to be aware of severe weather or other emergencies, and what to do. We want to be prepared for floods, fires, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail, blizzards and other emergency situations.

Waushara County Emergency Management has a new emergency alert system called Hyper-Reach. If you were previously signed up through Code Red that is no longer available. You do not have to be a resident of Waushara County to sign up, it's free and you do have the option to turn off if you are not in the area.

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- Call 920-647-8700
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# Events Calendar

## JANUARY

- Sunday, Jan. 12: **Movie at Hancock Community Center** at 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 25: **Fish Lake Fisheree**, Hancock
- Saturday, Jan. 25: **Hancock Park Restoration Inc. bake sale & potato bar**

## FEBRUARY

- Saturday, Feb. 1: **We Really Kare Fishing Club Fisheree**
- Saturday, Feb. 1: **Coloma Ride and Glide** starting at the Coloma Community Park
- Sunday, Feb. 9: **Souper Bowl Party** at Hancock Community Center at 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 15: **Coloma Pathfinders Radar Run** at the Pleasant Lake Boat Landing
- Saturday, Feb. 15: **Waushara County Ice Age Trail's Candlelight Sweetheart Hike** at Caribou Bay Retreat
- Saturday, Feb. 15: **The Four C Notes: Recreating the Music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons** at 3 p.m. in the Wautoma Performing Arts Center
- Sunday, Feb. 16: **Polar Plunger** at Silvercryst, Wautoma

## MARCH

- Sunday, March 9: **Movie at Hancock Community Center** at 1 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22: **The Looney Lutherans-Hotdish on the Range** at 3 p.m. in the Wautoma Performing Arts Center

## APRIL

- Saturday, April 12: **Spring into Coloma** in downtown Coloma
- Friday, April 18: **Prince of Peace Church of Coloma Fish Fry**
- Saturday, April 19: **Coloma Lions Easter Egg Hunt** at Coloma Park
- Saturday, April 19: **Simple Men & Southern Nights** - Southern Rock and Lynryd at 7 p.m. in the Wautoma Performing Arts Center
- Sunday, April 20: **Easter Sunday** - Please check the **Waushara Argus** for Easter Egg Hunt times
- Sunday, April 27: **Coloma Historical Society Crackerbarrel** at the Community Center

## MAY

- Saturday, May 3: **Lake Sturgeon Celebration/Open House** at Wild Rose Fish Hatchery
- May 16-17: **K9 Brat Fry** at Wheeler's Chevrolet, Coloma
- Saturday, May 17: **Fourth Annual Run for Hope 5K Run/Walk** in Wautoma
- Saturday, May 17: **7 Bridges-The Ultimate Eagles Experience** at 7 p.m. in the Wautoma Performing Arts Center
- Monday, May 26: **Outdoor Market and Museum** opening at the Coloma Community Park
- Saturday, May 17: **Wautoma Open Air Market**
- Monday, May 26: **Wautoma Splash Pad Opens**

## JUNE

- Sunday, June 1: **Walk-the Waush starts**
- Saturday, June 7: **Wild Rose Second Annual Old Fashioned Fest**
- Saturday, June 7: **Fish Lake Festival** at Fish Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7: **Coloma Cycling Club begins rides.** Continues every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. until September
- Saturday, June 7: **Wautoma Open Air Market**
- Thursday, June 12: **Music in the Park** at Bird Creek Park from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- June 12-14: **37th Annual Tri-County Threshermen's Show**





- Sunday, June 15: **Wautoma Father's Day Car Show**  
at the Waushara County Fairgrounds
- Thursday, June 19: **Music in the Park** at Bird Creek Park  
from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 19: **United Methodist Church Pie Social**  
at the Coloma Community Center
- Saturday, June 21: **Wautoma Open Air Market**
- Friday, June 27: **Prince of Peace Fish Fry (Bake)**  
at Coloma Community Park
- June 27-29: **Coloma All School Reunion** at the Spalding Store  
Museum in Coloma Community Park
- June 28-29: **Coloma Chicken Chew**
- June 28-29: **Coloma Flea and Craft Market**  
at Coloma Community Park
- Sunday, June 29: **Waushara County Dairy Breakfast**  
– location TBD

## JULY

- Saturday, July 5: **Wautoma's Freedom Fest** – Parade starting  
at 6 p.m., food trucks, live music, and fireworks at  
dusk at the Waushara County Fairgrounds
- Saturday, July 5: **Wautoma Open Air Market**
- Thursday, July 10: **Music in the Park** at Bird Creek Park  
from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 12: **Black Hawk Folk Society Folk Music Festival**  
starting at 10:30 a.m.



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Thursday, July 17: **United Methodist Church Pie Social**  
at the Coloma Community Center

Saturday, July 19: **Movie under the Stars at Fish Lake Park**  
starting at dusk

Saturday, July 19: **Wautoma Open Air Market**

Thursday, July 24: **Music in the Park** at Bird Creek Park  
from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

July 25-26: **Wild Rose Days**



## AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 2: **Cabin Bar & Grill's 8th Annual Coloma Poker Run**

Saturday, Aug. 2: **Wautoma Open Air Market**

Thursday, Aug. 14: **Music in the Park at Bird Creek Park**  
from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 14-17: **Waushara County Fair**

Saturday, Aug. 16: **Movie under the Stars at Fish Lake Park**  
starting at dusk

Saturday, Aug. 16: **Wautoma Open Air Market**

Thursday, Aug. 21: **Music in the Park** at Bird Creek Park  
from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 21: **United Methodist Church Pie Social**

Saturday, Aug. 23: **Annual Neshkoro Lawnmower Races**

Aug. 29 - Sept. 1: **Redgranite's Labor Day Festival**

Saturday, Aug. 30: **Coloma Flea and Craft Market**  
at Coloma Community Park

Sunday, Aug. 31: **Walk-the-Waush ends**

## SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 1: **Wautoma Splash Pad closes**

Friday, Sept. 19: **Wild Rose Classic Car Show Cruise**  
through Waushara County countryside

Saturday, Sept. 20: **Wild Rose Classic Car Show**  
on the grounds of Roseville

Saturday, Sept. 20: **Movie under the Stars at Fish Lake Park**  
starting at dusk

Saturday, Sept. 20: **Fall Fest** in the Streets of Coloma

Saturday, Sept. 27: **2025 Jailbreak Marathon**





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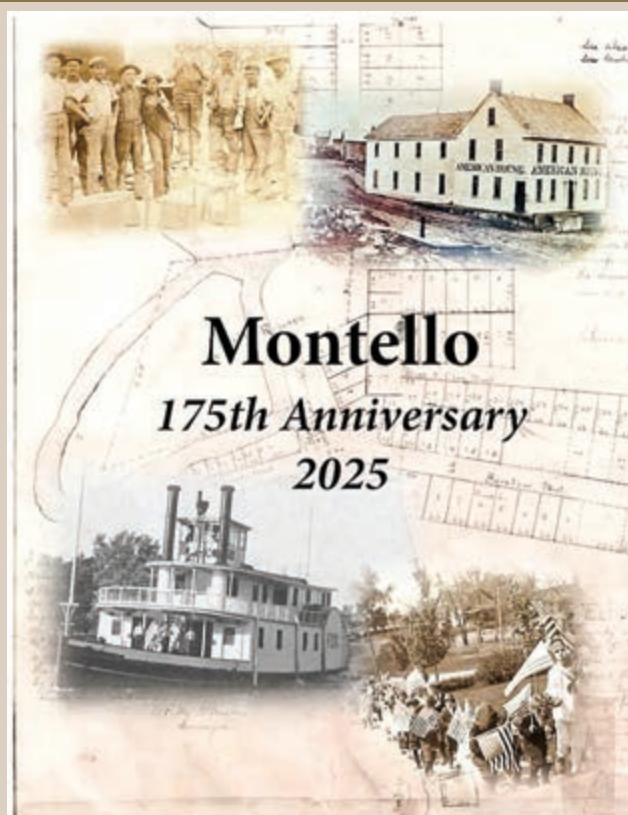
- Saturday, Oct. 4: **Ice Age Trail Fall Color Hike and Dog Walk**
- Saturday, Oct. 11: **Neshkoro Scarecrow Festival**  
at Stan-O-Gene Park
- Saturday, Oct. 25: **Fall Salmon Migration event**  
at Wild Rose Fish Hatchery
- Friday, Oct. 31: **Halloween** – Please check the **Waushara Argus**  
for local trick-or-treating times

## NOVEMBER

- Thursday, Nov. 13: **Historical Actress and Spaghetti Dinner**  
at Prince of Peace Church, Coloma
- Friday, Nov. 21: **Chili Supper** at South Burr Oak Church
- Saturday, Nov. 29: **Christmas in Wautoma** – Breakfast with Santa  
(8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or out) and Christmas Parade  
(starting at 5 p.m.)

## DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec. 6: **Redgranite's Hometown Holiday**  
"Lights for Snipe"
- Saturday, Dec. 6: **Christmas in Coloma and**  
**Lighted Christmas Parade**
- Saturday, Dec. 13: **Plainfield Winter Parade** at 5 p.m.



## Montello celebrates 175th anniversary

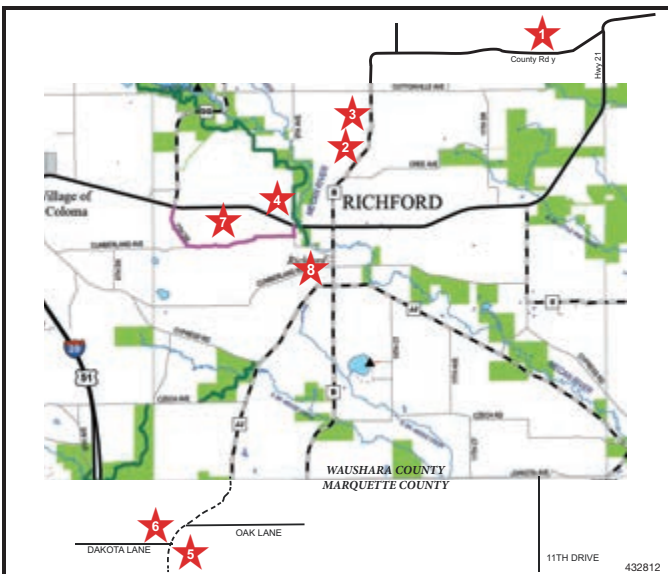
**W**atch for special events in Montello as it celebrates its 175th anniversary. Early settlers were drawn to this area between the confluence of two rivers because of its waterpower and transportation possibilities, just as First Nations used its rich resources for thousands of years. The first settlers were Yankees from out East and then came Irish, English, Scottish, German and more immigrants to the new community that was named Montello.

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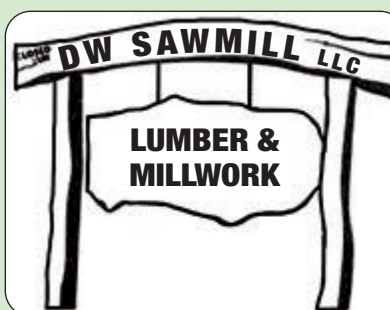
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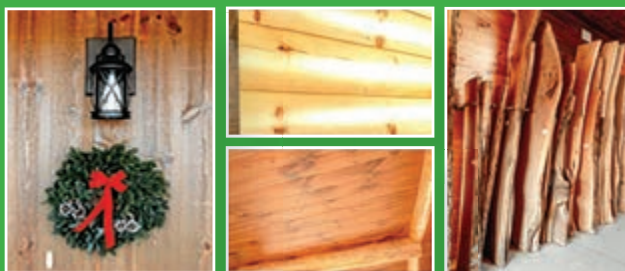
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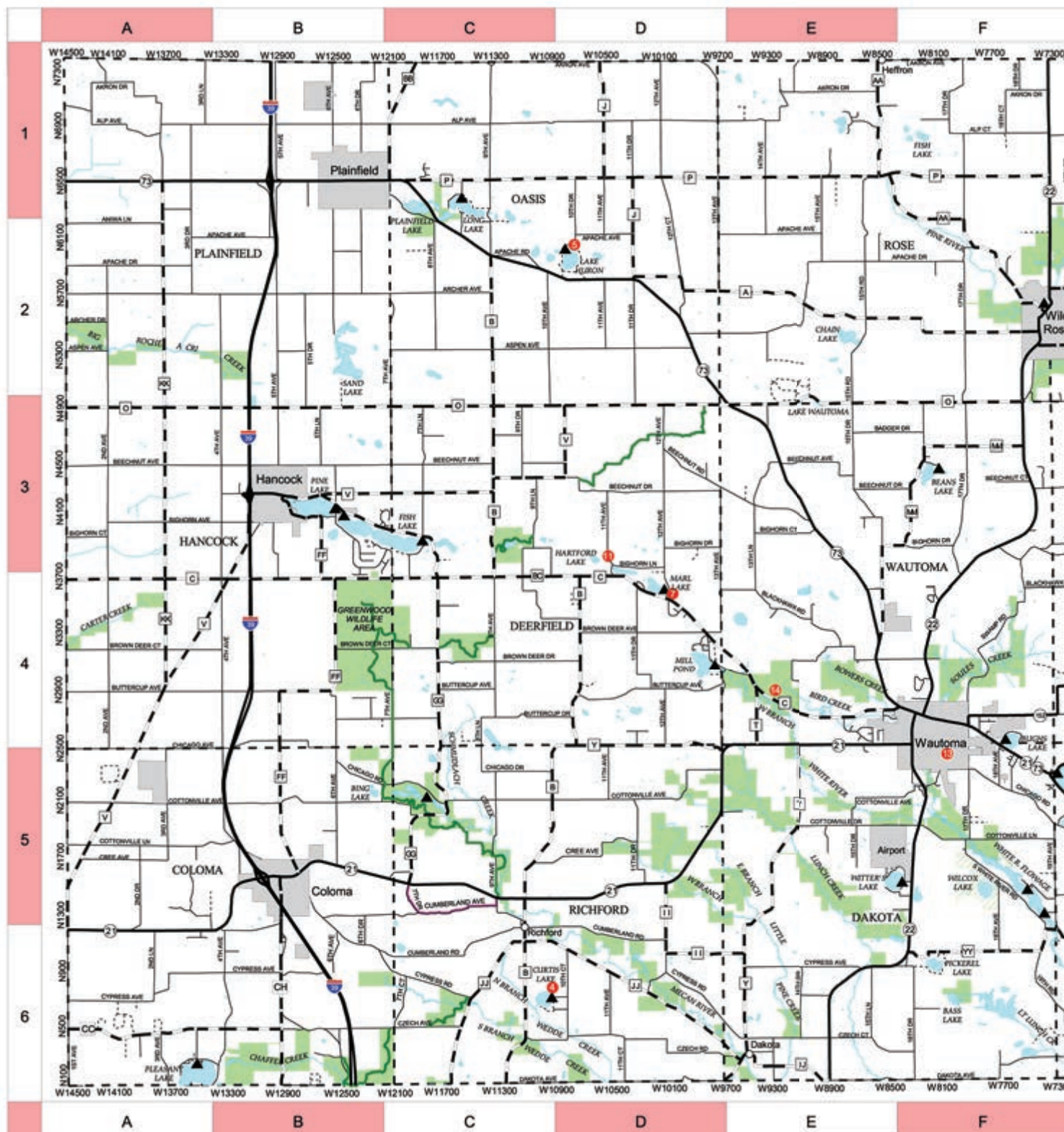
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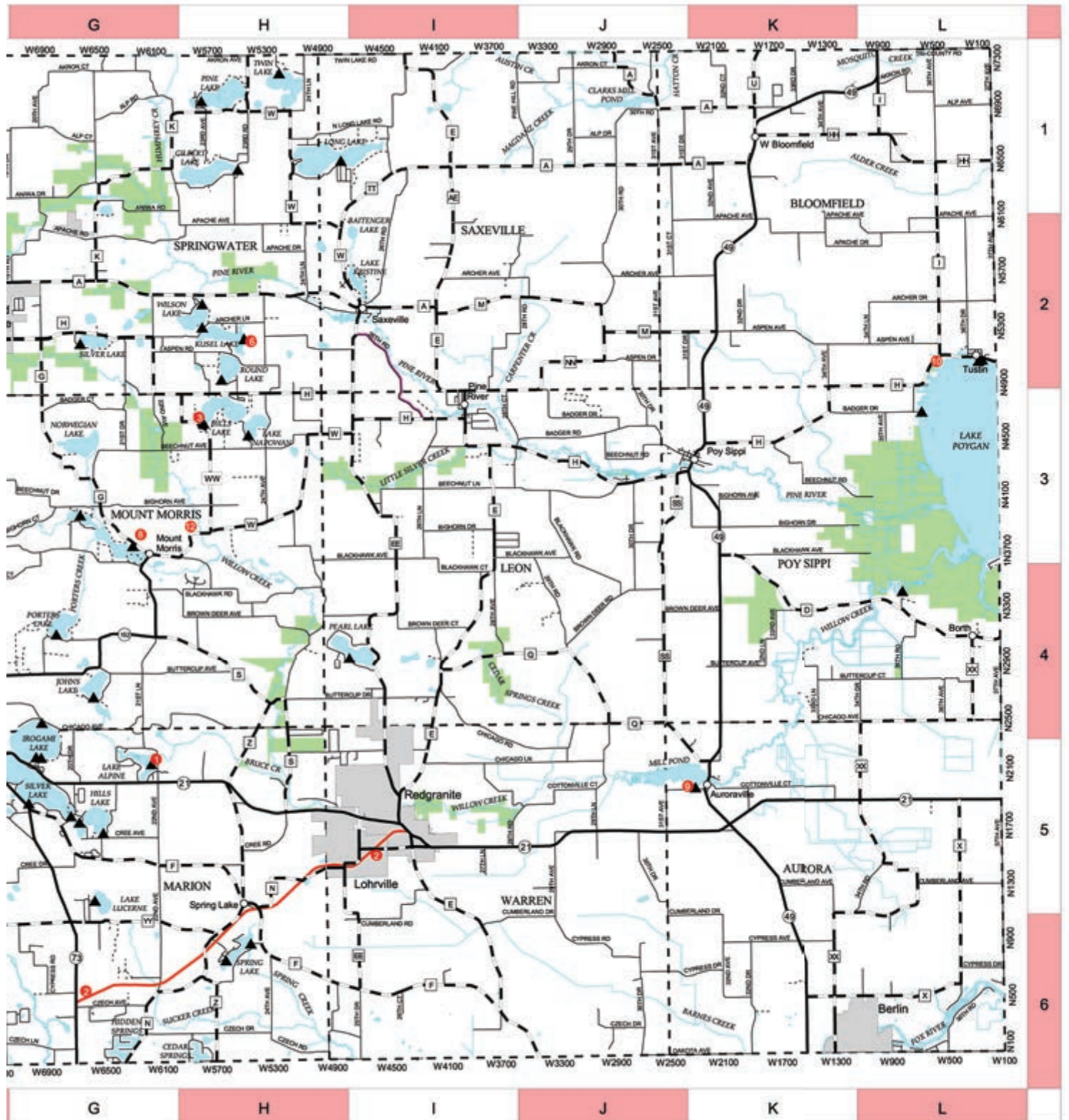
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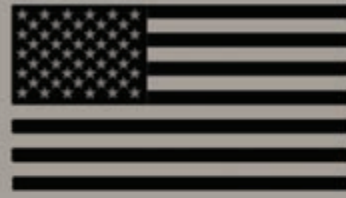


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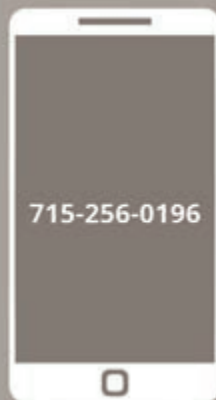
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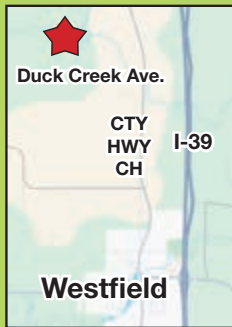
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