

Driftless Wisconsin Amish Country ◆ Arts & Culture ◆ Outdoor Activities ◆ Historical Attractions ◆ Events ◆ Shopping ◆ Entertainmen

Untouched by the last glacier, the Driftless Area is characterized by its beautifully sculpted topography. Forested hillsides reach down to valleys cut into limestone bedrock by cold-water trout streams. Forests, prairie remnants, wetlands, and grasslands provide habitat for wildflowers and wildlife. Land is farmed by the descendants of those who first settled here, by the Amish who adopted the area, and by a new breed of organic farmer. Artists, who need look no further than their own backyard for inspiration, create works of infinite variety.



The great diversity of the area means something to suit the taste of every visitor. You can simply enjoy the peace and beauty of the countryside with a good book, a cup of coffee from a local roaster, or a glass of wine from a local vineyard. You can put on your waders and hope to outwit a brook trout on a cool foggy morning. You can get on your bike and wind your way through magnificent scenery. You can shop for art, antiques, handmade furniture, artisanal cheeses, or locally-grown foods.

Outdoors in Every Season



Spring brings the wildflowers that push their way through the leaves on the forest, floor, and with them, other delicacies morel mushrooms, fiddlehead ferns, and ramps. Hundreds of bird species begin their migration up the Mississippi Flyway and through contiguous forests. Trout fishing begins and turkey hunters prowl the woods. Canoes and campers signal the start of summer. Mountain bikers share the trails with horseback riders and backpackers. The backwaters near the Mississippi

are full of anglers and fishing boats. Fall brings visitors to the orchards for every variety of apple, and the baked goods and jams that accompany the harvest. Wineries are harvesting their grapes, and the farmers markets are at their peak. The fall colors draw people to the roads. Later, the hunters come in search of turkey and white-tailed deer. When winter arrives, the snow beckons the hardy outdoorsmen. Cross-country skiers and snowshoers take to the trails and the fields. Hikers explore ice caves and snowmobilers race along the sides of highways. Ice fishing shacks appear on the banks and backwaters of the Mississippi under the watchful eyes of the bald eagles which are in abundance.

Arts in Abundance

Hundreds of artists and artisans find the Driftless Area an inspiration in its beauty and a peaceful place in which to work. Visual artists create in paint or pastel, in clay or glass, in wood or metal, or with a camera. There are poets, authors, actors, and storytellers. Finding them is a treat in itself. Visit an artists' cooperative to find a cornucopia of local art offerings, or seek out their studios. Stroll through the Mississippi River Sculpture Park, where life-size bronze

figures from the pages of history gather around a central fire circle in a present-day rendezvous. And don't miss the Driftless Area Art Festival, which showcases regional visual and performing artists.

If it's music you're after, enjoy the Driftless Music Festival held under the oaks in Eckhart Park in Viroqua, Larryfest, near LaFarge—a must-see for folk, bluegrass, and old-time music, or the Prairie Dog Blues Festival on St. Feriole Island. Viroqua's restored Temple Theatre is the home to a series of performances each year, from concerts to plays.

History on Lisplay

Mound Builders and Native Americans, explorers and fur traders, immigrant

settlers and pioneers all left their mark on the region and infused their folkways and traditions. Preservation and restoration efforts make this history available to us, as do reenactments of historical events or celebrations of earlier times. Visit the Villa



Louis, a beautifully restored Victorian estate in Prairie du Chien. This National Historic Landmark hosts the Carriage Classic, one of the largest carriage driving competitions in the nation. (The Villa Louis is closed for 2021. The Carriage Classic will be held) Norskedalen **Nature and Heritage Center and Skumsrud Heritage** Farm in Coon Valley is a nature and heritage center dedicated to preserving, interpreting and sharing the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area.

Trace the Black Hawk "Trail of Tears" or take a short trip across the Mississippi to Effigy Mounds National Monument to view incredible prehistoric burial mounds that are prolific throughout southwestern Wisconsin.

Whether for a weekend, a week, or longer, you'll enjoy your stay in Driftless Wisconsin.

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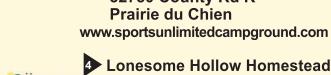
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