

# DRIFTLESS WISCONSIN

LIVE MUSIC • ARTS & CULTURE • OUTDOOR RECREATION • FOOD SCENE • HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS • ORGANIC FARMING • EVENTS • SHOPPING

## Unglaciaded Topography

Untouched by the last glacier, the Driftless Area is characterized by its beautifully sculpted topography. Forested bluffs reach down to river valleys cut into limestone bedrock by cold-water trout streams. Karst geology can be seen in caves, springs and sinkholes. Forests, prairie remnants, wetlands, and grasslands provide habitat for wildflowers and wildlife. Land is farmed by Norwegian descendants and back-to-the-land organic farmers.

## Outdoors in Every Season

Spring brings the wildflowers that push their way through the leaves on the forest, floor, and with them, other delicacies—more 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 and hikers explore ice caves.

## Arts in Abundance

Hundreds of artists 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. Visit an artists' cooperative to find a cornucopia of local art offerings. Don't miss the Driftless Area Art Festival or The Winding Roads Art Tour, 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, Live in Viroqua, Vernon County Music in the Parks, Driftless Music Gardens, Larryfest, near LaFarge—a must-see for folk, bluegrass, and old-time music, or the Prairie Dog Blues Festival on St. Feriole Island.

## History on Display

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. Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center and Skumrsrud 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.

## Something for Everyone

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, vintage clothes and antiques, handmade furniture, artisanal cheeses, or locally-grown foods.

## Driftless ('drift-lis) ADJECTIVE, geography

1. Lacking or free of glacial drift: the driftless area in the American Midwest is unglaciaded
2. The Driftless Area geography is characterized by its steep, rugged landscape, and by the largest concentration of cold-water streams in the world.



LISTINGS IN ORDER OF CATEGORY, THEN COMMUNITY

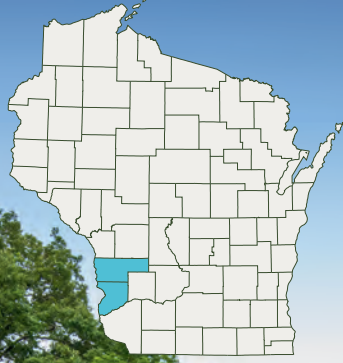
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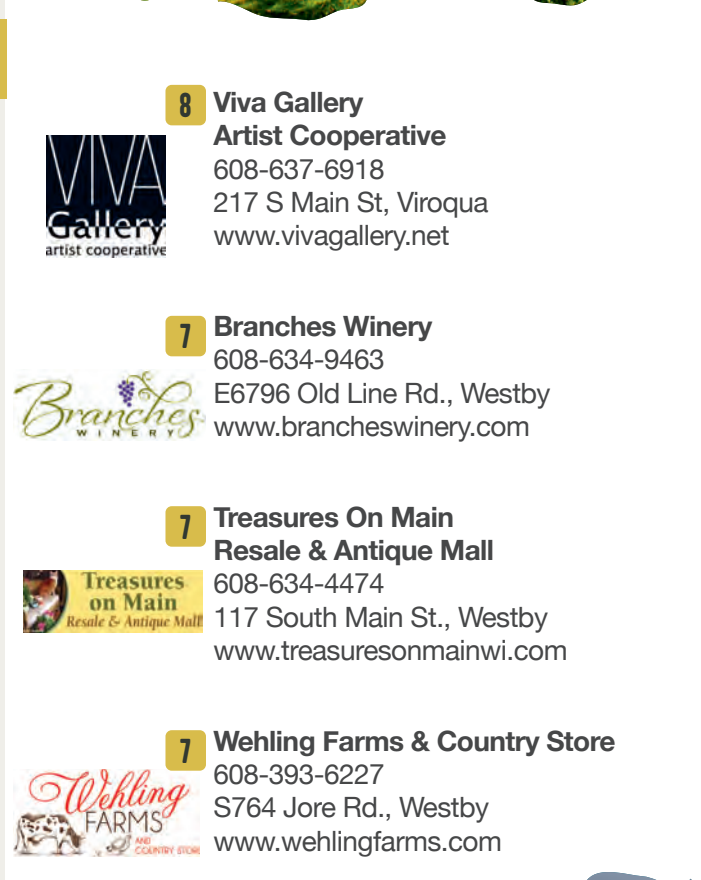
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