

Wisconsin Summer Activities

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Facing another Wisconsin summer? We've got plans for you! The snow has finally stopped falling, warmer temperatures have arrived, and another Wisconsin summer is inching closer each day. If you haven't thought about your summer plans yet, or are just looking for a little something extra to do with your family, Wisconsin is sure to offer activities that you'll enjoy!

Camping

Wisconsin offers many different campgrounds. Maybe you're one who likes to "rough it" and sleep under the stars and wake up to the sounds of the woods. If you prefer to sleep in a cabin or in your own RV, there are bound to be campgrounds that will fit your needs!

Great Campgrounds

- Patricia Lake Campgrounds
Minocqua, WI
www.patricialakecampground.com
- Arrowhead Resort Campground
Wisconsin Dells, WI
www.arrowheadcampresort.com
- Wilderness Campgrounds Inc.
Montello, WI
www.wildernesscampground.com
- Scenic Ridge Campground
Whitewater, WI
www.scenicridgecampground.com
- American World RV Resort
Wisconsin Dells, WI
www.americanworld.com

Whitewater Rafting

Boating some of the best rivers for white water rafting, Wisconsin is one of the best states for this exciting activity. There are at least four locations differing in degree of danger, so if you're looking for an exciting weekend or looking to try something new, gather up some friends and give this fast-paced sport a try!

Rafting Locations

- Wildman Whitewater Ranch
Athelstane, WI
www.wildmanranch.com
- Thornton's Rafting Resort and Campgrounds
www.thorntonsresort.com
- Big Smokey Fall Rafting
Keshena, WI
- Kosir's Rapid Rafts
Silver Cliff, WI
www.kosirs.com
- Whitewater Rafting
White Lake, WI
www.wolfriverterritory.com

Golfing

With dozens of courses, Wisconsin is a great place to enjoy a relaxing game of golf. The sport can fun for people of all ages, so if you're looking for a new activity, take a look at some of the following golf courses.

Courses

- Maple Bluff Country Club
Madison, WI
www.maplebluffcc.com
- Lake Park Golf Course
Germantown, WI
www.lakeparkgolfclub.com
- Blackwolf Run
Kohler, WI
www.blackwolfrun.com
- Cedar Springs Golf Course
Manawa, WI
www.cedarspringsgolfcourse.com
- Oconto Golf Course
Oconto, WI
www.golflink.com

Zoos

People of all ages will enjoy the variety of animals and other attractions that are present at the many zoos around Wisconsin. From large zoos with 20+ kinds of animals, to smaller, more intimate zoos that only have a around 10 different animals, you're bound to find something that interests you.

State Zoos (Large and Small)

- Milwaukee County Zoo

Milwaukee, WI

www.milwaukeezoo.org

- Henry Vilas Zoo
Madison, WI
www.vilaszoo.com
- Northeastern Wisconsin Zoo (NEW!)
Green Bay, WI
www.thenewzoo.com
- Animal Haven Zoo
Weyauwega, WI
www.visitwaupaca.com/go2animalhavenzoo.html
- Jim Peck's Wildwood Park
Minocqua, WI
www.wildwoodwildlifepark.com

Hiking

Wisconsin boasts some of the most scenic hiking trails in the Midwest. Whether you're looking for a short trail or something much longer and more challenging, we've got what you're looking for.

Trails By Region and Length

- Big Hill Park - Southeast
1-4 Miles
Can be accessed from County Road D
- Ice Age Trail - Southeast
30 Miles
Located south of I-94 on Hwy 67; can be accessed along the highway and several side roads as well.
- Coulee Experimental Forest -Southwest
8 Miles
Head South from West Salem on County M and turn left on County I. Follow along, then turn right at County Road II and follow the first right turn onto an access path.
- Hixon Forest CP - Southwest
4 Miles
South of I-94 on Hwy 67; can be accessed along the highway and several side roads as well.

Biking

Biking is a great way to get the family out of the house for a day or even a weekend. Wisconsin has numerous biking trails ranging in length and difficulty. If a weekend of scenic biking interests you, then take a look at the following list of trails.

Trails By Length

- Badger State Trail
Southern WI
18 Miles
715.485.9272
- Bearsin State Park Trail
Boulder Junction, WI
18 Miles
715.385.2727
- Old Abe Trail
Chippewa Falls, WI

20 Miles
715.382.4574 or 888.523.3866

- Peninsula State Park Trails
Door County, WI
12.5 Miles
800.743.4456
- Oak Leaf Trail
Milwaukee, WI
96 Miles
414.257.6100

Fishing

Fishing is another family-oriented activity. Whether you're an experienced fisherman or someone who's just starting out, Wisconsin offers many great fishing spots for you to enjoy. Just don't forget your fishing license!

- Lake Michigan
- The Fox River
- The Wisconsin River
- Lake Winnebago
- Lake Geneva

Horseback Riding

If you've got kids that love horses or are just looking for a quiet but scenic way to spend an afternoon, look no further. Wisconsin offers many riding stables that welcome riders of all ages and experience levels, so get off that couch and go take a ride through the woods on horseback!

Riding Stables

- Cottonwood Farm
Waukesha, WI
www.cottonwoodfarm.com
- Blue Ribbon Ranch
Marshfield, WI
www.parsonsbueribbinranch.com
- Kickapoo Valley Ranch
La Farge, WI
www.kvranch.com
- Friendship Farm
La Crosse, WI
www.friendshipfarm.net

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