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AREA ATTRACTIONS

Lake Michigan Carferry

The S.S. BADGER offers daily sailings between Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Ludington, Michigan. Mid May through mid October. Vehicles travel with you! Affordable meals, snacks and beverages available on board. Badger Boatique gift shop, movie lounge, entertainment, video arcade and activities for children. Badger Boatel provides on-board overnight accommodations. Call for information and reservations.

900 S. Lakeview Drive, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Ph: (920) 684-0888 / 800-841-4243

Point Beach Energy Center

Open to the public!

10 miles north of Two Rivers just off Hwy. 42. Exciting displays featuring the history of electricity and electrical power generation through the use of nuclear energy, fossil fuels, and renewable sources. Handicapped accessible. Free.

Hours: Open Tues - Sat: 9:30 am - 4 pm, Closed Holidays.

6600 Nuclear Rd., Two Creeks, Wisconsin

Ph: (800) 880-8463 or (920) 755-6400

The Bernard Schwartz House

Bi-monthly tours available at Frank Lloyd Wright's Life Magazine dream house of 1938.

Tours given the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Reservations required. call 612-840-7507. Nominal fee charged.

3425 Adams St., Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241

Ph: (612) 840-7507

www.theschwartzhouse.com

HISTORIC MANITOWOC COUNTY

Manitowoc County Courthouse

The landmark Manitowoc County Courthouse was completed in 1906. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is the centerpiece of a 72 building historic district. After 100 years, the courthouse continues to serve as the principal place of county government as it has since 1906. Tours available.
1010 S. 8th St., Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
www.manitowoccounty.org

Manitowoc County Heritage Center-Manitowoc County Historical Society

Discover a Civil War flag, learn the story of Manitowoc's famous circus performers and see a 300-year-old dugout canoe! The Heritage Center museum features the MCHS administrative offices, research library, archives and gift shop.
1701 Michigan Ave., Manitowoc WI 54220
Open Tue-Fri: 9 am - 4 pm
Ph: (920) 684-4445

Mishicot Historical Museum & Resource Center

The museum is housed in a two room school house built in 1873. In addition to displaying artifacts of Mishicot area history from pioneer days to the present, it features collections on rural schools and the Potawatomie Indians.
Hours: Open Wednesdays: 6-9 pm June - Aug;
Saturdays & Sundays Noon - 4 pm, Memorial weekend through October,
Wednesdays 6 - 9 pm June - August.
Randolph & Rockway Streets, Mishicot
Ph: (920) 755-2525 or (920) 755-3317

New Holstein Historical Society

Visit a completely restored "Timm House Historic Site" from 1890-1905 which was the home of a leading New Holstein citizen. Also, tour one of New Holstein's early General Stores, "The Pioneer Corner Museum". Hours: Timm House Site open year round - Sat/Sun 1-4 pm; Summer Wed-Fri 1-3 pm; Pioneer Museum open Memorial Day - Labor Day: Sat/Sun 1-4 pm
*All other times by appointment only - please call the Society.
1600 Wisconsin Ave.
New Holstein, Wisconsin 53061
Ph: (920) 948-7748 www.newholsteinhistory.info

Pinecrest Historical Village (admission, 5 and under free)

Historical rural museum interprets village and farm life in late 19th century Manitowoc County. Special programs offered throughout the year include *Christmas at Pinecrest*, *Children's Day*, *the Village Blacksmith*, *German Fest*, *Fall Harvest Festival*, *At Home in the Kitchen*, and the *1871 Peshtigo Fire*. Hours: Open daily 9am - 5pm Mid-May thru Mid-October
Ph: (920) 684-5110 or (920) 684-4445

Rogers Street Fishing Village (free / donation)

Nestled on the shore of the East Twin River, this museum village and heritage park is devoted to the history of Great Lakes commercial and charter fishing. Relive famous maritime disasters in the Coast Guard exhibit *Shipwrecks!* Memorial Day through October 10 am to 4 pm.

Ph: (920) 793-5905

www.rogersstreet.com

Two Rivers Historical Society:

Hamilton Woodtype and Printing Museum

Vintage machinery and original patterns for multi-lingual, international production of wood type. Interesting displays. Free.

Hours: Mon - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm; Sun: 1-5 pm.

1619 Jefferson Street, Two Rivers WI 54241

(920) 794-6276

Website: www.woodtype.org

E-mail: trhistory@woodtype.org

Two Rivers Historic Farm Museum

Preserving a way of life through the display of farming equipment fifty years and older. This museum is dedicated to the hardest working people in Wisconsin...the dairy farmers. Free.

Open: Memorial Day - Mid October; Mon - Sat: 10 am-4 pm; Sun 1-4 pm
1701 12th Street,
Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241

(920) 553-4001

www.lhinn.com/history/html

Two Rivers History Museum

Dignified 1900 convent with excellent historical & seasonal changing art displays. Three floors of ethnic, social, civic and religious history. Free.

Hours: Daily 10 am - 4 pm

1810 Jefferson Street, Two Rivers WI 54241

(920) 793-1103

Historic Washington House (free)

Warm 1850 hotel, historic saloon and museum. Rare murals in second floor ballroom. Old-time ice cream parlor and fountain. Children of all ages will enjoy the antique toy collection and the Victorian doll house. Visit Ed Berner's Ice Cream Parlor, the home of the original Ice Cream Sundae and enjoy the red, white and blue Washington House Sundae as well as other soda fountain specialties.

Open 365 days, Nov.-Apr. 10am-5pm. May-Oct. 10am -9pm

1622 Jefferson St., Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241

Ph: (920) 793-2490 or (888) 857-3529

MUSEUMS

Capitol Civic Centre

Call the ticket office to arrange a backstage tour. See the stars' dressing rooms, "Green Room" and set construction, learn about the theater's history and see artifacts from the Vaudeville era. Call ahead to ensure personnel availability.

Box office hours, weekdays 10am - 5pm

Ph: (920) 683-2184

The Historic Farm Museum (free)

Museum displays miscellaneous tools, antique tractors, vintage farm equipment and a display of a living room, kitchen/dining room and a bedroom of a farmhouse from the early 1900's.

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10am - 4pm, Sun. 1-4pm, Mid April - Oct. 1

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Ph: (920) 684-5110 or (920) 684-4445

www.mchistsoc.org

Rahr West Art Museum (free / donation)

The 1891 Rahr mansion features include a doll collection, doll house, and an ivory collection. View changing exhibitions as well as a permanent collection of 20th Century and contemporary works. Ask at the Gallery desk for an activity packet related to the current exhibit.

Hours: M, T, Th, F 10am - 4pm. Wed. 10am - 8pm, Sun. 11am - 4pm,

Ph: (920) 683-4501

www.rarhwestartmuseum.org

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Ph: (920) 793-5905

www.rogersstreet.com

Rudy Rotter Museum of Sculpture

Rudy was born April 23, 1913, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He served in the Army Dental Corps during World War II, and operated a thriving dental practice in Manitowoc until retiring at the age of 74. It wasn't until age 43 that he began making and exhibiting his art. From his earliest experiments with plaster in the mid-1950's to his more recent drawings, made just months before his death, he produced an estimated 17,000 works of art. Many remain housed in his Museum of Sculpture in downtown Manitowoc. The joy expressed when describing his creative process, and the imaginative energy of his artworks have been an inspiration to all who met him. Tours available upon request.

701 Buffalo Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 684-8394

UW Manitowoc Founders Hall Art Gallery

The Founder's Hall Art Gallery displays several art exhibits throughout the school year. Artists using different mediums are invited to exhibit their work for 4-6 weeks. In May, UW-Manitowoc art students finish the year by showing their works.

The gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ph: (920) 683-4735

Wisconsin Maritime Museum and WWII Submarine (admission)

The Midwest's largest maritime museum offers guided tours of the nation's most completely restored WWII submarine, **USS COBIA**, a gallery dedicated to Wisconsin-built recreational boats, hands-on activities in the Children's Waterways Room and Little Lakefarer's Room, and a working triple-expansion marine steam. Visit the Museum's Gift Store, Pier 75, for all your nautical purchases!

HOURS: Memorial Day-Labor Day 9 am - 6 pm,

Otherwise, Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm.

Ph:(920) 684-0218 or toll free 866-724-2356

www.wisconsinmaritime.org.

THEATRE & THE ARTS

Capitol Civic Centre

Once an opulent 1920s movie house, this renovated theater is "center stage", hosting local theater, music groups, plus touring Broadway plays, visiting symphonies and famous stars. Free tours available.

Hours: M - F 9 am - 4:30 pm, Saturday 10 am - 1 pm, and one hour prior to a performance.

913 S. 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 683-2184

www.cccshows.org

Dare to Dream Theatre

Produces plays for school & family audiences featuring local actors, special events & family activities as well as acting & public speaking classes for all ages throughout the year.

634 N. 10th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 682-2104

www.daretodreamtheatre.com

J.E. Hamilton Community House

Community center build in 1931, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fully renovated in 2006, the building features a fitness center (day passes available, racquetball and basketball courts and meeting/banquet facilities. Venue for many community special events. Hours: Mon - Fri: 6 am-9 pm; Sat: 7 am - 6 pm; Sun: 8 am - 6 pm

1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241

Ph: (920) 793-5593

Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra

Did you know that Manitowoc is one of the smallest cities in the United States to have a symphony orchestra? For fifty-seven years, the Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra has been delighting audiences and providing a creative outlet for community musicians. Four concerts are performed each year. The Symphony provides one of the area's finest entertainment experiences for those who appreciate classical music.

PO Box 606, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Ph: (920) 682-4837

UW-Manitowoc Lakeshore Wind Ensemble

The University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc Lakeshore Wind Ensemble, conducted by Professor Michael J. Arendt, a 90 plus member campus/community band, presents five subscription concerts annually (October, December, January, March, May) at the Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc.

705 Viebahn Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 683-4733

www.lakeshorewindensemble.org

MOVIE THEATERS

Strand Cinema

Call for information on any of the SIX movies, show times, ratings and prices.

Ph: (920) 684-8925

Family Cinema

Banquet room for lease, full concession area, and hit movies shown just weeks after debut.

Ph: (920) 686-9418

Lakeshore Cinema

Call for information about movies that are showing. Enjoy pizza, soda, sandwiches, and more during the movie!.

Ph: (920) 683-0393

GARDENS & NATURE

London Dairy Alpacas & Fiber Studio Gift Shop

Tour a century old family farm that now raise exotic, soft alpacas. Get up close and personal with over 80 gentle alpacas. Enjoy the unique gift store adorned with teddy bears, capes, mittens, sweaters and scarves made from the alpaca's warm, non-allergenic, durable fiber. Touring visitors please call for availability. Advance appointments made for group tours.

6827 Hwy 147, Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Ph: (920) 793-4165

E-mail: ldalpacas@charter.net

Manitowoc Lakeshore and Waterfront

During the summer, watch SS Badger back into her carferry dock or sailboats and yachts glide into and out of our beautiful harbor. Wade in Lake Michigan, stroll along the beach, or follow the paved walkway to the lighthouse on the breakwater. You'll pass a wildlife sanctuary with nesting sites for Great Lakes waterfowl along the way. Accessible to the Mariners Trail.

West of the Lake Gardens (free)

Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, Sunken Garden and a Formal Garden on six acres along Lake Michigan's shore. Young or seasoned gardeners will enjoy this scenic display. Great photo opportunities. You can access the Mariners Trail from the Gardens.

(Seasonal, 10 am - 4 pm)

Ph: (920) 684-8506

Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve

The state of Wisconsin lists Woodland Dunes as "a valuable natural area and educational resource of great value to Manitowoc County and the State." Woodland Dunes 1,200 acre natural area is an oasis of marshland, swamps, sandy fields, meadows, and wooded ridges between Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Reconnect with nature on our 7.5 miles of hiking trails. Shop for unique gift items in our Nature Shoppe. Year round birding, programs and special events. Call for listing of programs for adults and children.

Hwy 310 West of Two Rivers, PO Box 486

Ph: (920) 793-4007

Email: nature@woodlanddunes.org

www.woodlanddunes.org

LIBRARIES

Lester Public Library

1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

Ph: (920) 793-8888

Manitowoc County Historical Society Research Library

1701 Michigan Avenue, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 684-4445

Manitowoc Public Library

707 Quay Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 683-4871

Silver Lake College Library

2406 S. Alverno Road, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 684-6691

UW Manitowoc Library

705 Viebahn Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Ph: (920) 683-4700