

# Marquette County

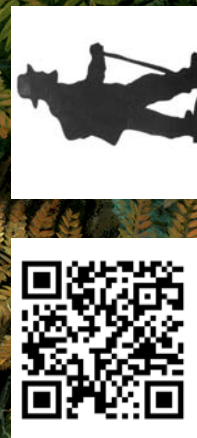
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## Visitor Guide

## County Map Inside

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### WATERFRONT



**SANDY BEACH WATERFRONT ON WHITE LAKE:** Immaculate, well maintained and updated,

this 4 season cottage offers picture window views from the living area, bright kitchen dining area and a large family room also overlooking the crystal clear sparkling waters. 2 bedrooms and a full bath complete the interior. A 3 season porch for seasonal enjoyment and a 2 car garage for additional storage. 4 season enjoyment on this premier water-ski swimming lake. \$299,900 #1843432

**MONTELLO** - Located on a 141' waterfront lot overlooking the crystal clear waters of White Lake is this traditional ranch style cottage. A wall of windows facing the lake from both the living and dining areas of the home which feature knotty pine accent and a massive Montello Granite wood burning fireplace. Kitchen has good cabinet and storage areas. Master bedroom overlooks the lake. \$329,900. 1841122.



**MONTELLO** - You'll be impressed with the quality and character of this 2 bed 2 bath home that features an open concept

with walkout to a screen porch overlooking 2200 acre lake. Fully furnished with updated windows, siding, furnace and CA. \$150,000. 1809404.



**MONTELLO** - Amazing views overlooking the historic Fox River and undeveloped lands beyond. This is a unique opportunity to

own on a great area of the Fox leading into 5000 acre Lake Puckaway. \$59,900. 1819756.



**HARRIS** - Enjoy complete seclusion on these 4+ acres with 1000' of frontage

(per seller) on the Montello River. One room cabin with heat (free standing gas stove), electricity (generator) and water (brings in water and fills tank under sink). Everything included. \$65,500. 1832754.



**MONTELLO** - Grand Victorian 4 bdrm home in the City of Montello. Large living room, kitchen and formal dining room. Screened in porch, detached garage and full basement, with 100 feet of water frontage on Buffalo Lake. New roof, original wood floors recently redone, fresh paint throughout and new carpet in bedrooms. \$144,900. 1820777.



**NESHKORO** - Year round cabin/home on full recreational lake in very good condition. Property consists of almost an acre which includes 22' of Tuttle Lake frontage. The home has full basement, newer roof & siding, wood floors with 2 bedrooms & 1 bath. There is a 1 car garage. \$209,900. 1829417.



**PACKWAUKEE** - Enjoy the views of Buffalo Lake from the very spacious open concept kitchen, dining and living room area. This year round home hosts two bedrooms and one full bath. First floor laundry area. Partial basement. Attached 2 car heated and a detached one car garage. \$165,000. 1834263.



**MONTELLO** - Sandy beachfront property on this premier water ski and swimming lake. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with knotty pine accent. Living room with vaulted ceilings, family room with walkout to a screen porch for seasonal enjoyment. Conveniently located main floor utility room. \$265,000. 1834543.



**PACKWAUKEE** - Waterfront on Williams lake. Located on Packers Bay of this full motor recreation swimming, boating and fishing lake is

this wooded level lot awaiting your new construction project. The quiet bay offers great swimming, exceptional water quality and a strong fishery for bass, pike and panfish. \$49,900. 1837294.



**PACKWAUKEE** - Year round waterfront living with views overlooking Buffalo lake. Property offers kitchen with appliances,

large living area that opens to a family room with a wall of windows overlooking the lake. The lot has 100' of waterfront, is terraced and offers perennial plants and shade trees. \$90,000. 1837566.



**PACKWAUKEE** - Chalet on Buffalo Lake with 90 feet of water frontage. On a beautiful one acre wooded lot set for privacy. The

property is being sold "as is" and "priced to sell" with a motivated seller. Large over-sized garage and shed. \$119,900. 1844048.

**GREEN LAKE** - Custom built contemporary style lake house featuring a great room with a window wall overlooking Green Lake, large family room also with lakefront views. Huge deck for seasonal enjoyment. 120' of prime level frontage with views of "Sugar Loaf" on Wisconsin's deepest lake. Shaded landscaped lot, pier, swimming raft. Solid boat house with Gazebo above with a fireplace. \$869,500. 1844516.



**OXFORD** - A shaded tree lined, landscaped lot within a very short walk to a sandy beach access is host to this adorable 2 bedroom year round home. Nearby access to exclusive Jordan Lake. \$97,500. 1809991.

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**MONTELLO** - Home features 5 bedrooms with 3 full baths. This home awaits new owners. Minutes from the golf course. Recent updates include new flooring throughout all fresh paint, remodeled bathrooms and kitchen area. 3 large bedrooms on the main level with 2 additional bedrooms in lower level. \$219,900. 1825098.



**OXFORD** - Vacation retreat awaits new owners. Within walking distance of boat landing to Goose Lake. Knotty pine throughout. Fill the large upper bedroom with all your week end guests. Nice size corner lot with views of the lake. \$74,500. 1833751.



**MONTELLO** - "Farmette" with 43 acres, 33 acres currently being farmed. The home has been completely updated from top to bottom both

inside and outside. Maintenance free exterior of home with a brand new deck. Outbuildings are all functional and structurally sound. Home offers three bedrooms and two full sized baths with one on each level. \$349,900. 1834074.

**MONTELLO** - Country farmhouse on 76 acres of prime hunting land in the heart of Marquette County. Main level offers updated kitchen, large dining room with maple wood flooring and a beautiful built in hutch, living room and main floor bedroom. Upper level offers 3 nice size bedrooms. New roof on home in 2018! Partial basement. \$425,000. 1843585.



**MONTELLO** - White lake sandy beach private access. A completely modernized chalet style home that makes for the perfect getaway. Updates include kitchen cabinets, bath fixtures, windows and flooring. Bright open concept kitchen living dining area w/ new tile flooring. Large main floor bedroom, full bath and conveniently located laundry. \$134,900. 1836414.

**OXFORD** - Country wooded lot (1.68 Acres) with deeded access to Lake McDougal in the town of Jackson, just west of Oxford. Surrounded by numerous lakes. This is a hiking property very wooded and extremely private (CSM to be provided). \$15,900. 1786320.



**WESTFIELD** - Located in a quiet neighborhood in the Village of Westfield. This is a

perfect starter, rental property or retirement home. Offering 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. First floor laundry. Attached 2 car garage. Nice large backyard. Level lot. \$80,000. 1840022.



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**MONTELLO** - Crystal Clear water with sand beaches. Very nice level lot for future building. Deeded access to White Lake. Full recreation lake. \$25,000. 1808121



**OXFORD** - Glacier Lake (aka Ogle Lake) is a well kept secret. This is one of Marquette County's treasured spots to visit and enjoy. Very quiet, clean and very well organized and managed Condo Association. Nicely wooded parcel with level land frontage toward the water. Secluded and pleasant surroundings. \$44,900. 1841232.



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**NEW HAVEN ACREAGE** - Prime hunting land located in Adams County about 12 miles from WI Dells. Beautiful mix of woods and meadow. 45

acres of great hunting land & building spots. \$169,000. 1759215



**MONTELLO** - Town of Montello- 10.14 partially wooded and open acreage. Zoned Ag. Offers several

building sites. Close to Montello. \$58,000. 1782197.



**NEWTON** - Entrance to the 151 acres (4 tax parcels) is at the original homestead # 87990. 11th Rd in the town of

Newton. The other 3 parcels are 40Ac with parcel 672 which is in section 24. These 3 parcels are wooded with wetland and ponds. The original homestead property is zoned AG and is "use value assessed". Great hunting land and options for building sites. \$500,000. 1839750.

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## RESIDENTIAL



MLS 1832201 Poynette \$230,000  
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acres features a convenient location  
on Hwy 22 with quick commute to  
Madison or surrounding towns. Home  
was gutted to outer walls & started  
over all new! Above ground pool and  
Pellet stove.



MLS 1828368 Coloma \$179,500  
Cozy, rustic 2 bedroom, one bath cottage  
on Pleasant Lake. Over 150' of sandy, level  
frontage on crystal clear all recreational  
lake. New roof, enclosed porch, original  
stone wood burning fireplace, original bead  
board cabinets, open high wood ceiling, free  
standing stove & comes furnished.



MLS 1832424 Westfield \$114,900  
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with the  
charm of the old Victorian character!  
Awesome woodwork and detailing,  
hardwood floors, pocket doors and  
tons of rooms! Add modern things  
like the first floor laundry, jetted

## COMMERCIAL



MLS 1844312 Portage \$269,900  
3 bedroom 2.5 bath 14 year new home  
features new roof, 2 car heated garage,  
granite counter tops, wood floors, tray  
and vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, new  
carpet in bedrooms, and beautifully land-  
scaped yard.



MLS 1834375 Randolph \$115,000  
Cute 3 season, 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage  
on Lake Emily. Home features spacious  
open concept, comes furnished, LP free  
standing heater, and gorgeous view of the  
lake. 14x45 foot L-shaped pier with 60'  
frontage at the end of the wooded lot.



MLS 1802985 Oxford \$395,000  
Three bedroom 2 bath house along with  
3 stall horse barn, business quality dog  
kennel, and large pole shed (34x44) all on  
23 acres. Something for everyone! House  
and kennels have geothermal heating.

## LAKE HOMES



MLS 1824528 Easton \$189,900 40 acres  
of mixed pine and oak! Original has a  
newer addition of an extra living room,  
master bedroom and full bath with laun-  
dry giving you 4 bedrooms and a bath. 2  
car garage. Large 4 season porch or fam-  
ily room added on as well.



MLS 1844549 Packwaukee \$64,900 2  
bedroom year round & fully upgraded  
home! Family room addition, beautiful  
hardwood floors, brand new remodeled  
kitchen, newly updated 1.5 baths, all new  
mechanicals. Perfect location!



MLS 1833989 Packwaukee \$112,000  
Cute as can be! 3 bedroom and 2 full  
baths that will surprise you with the  
space inside. Whether year round living  
or a vacation home you'll enjoy being  
one block from Buffalo Lake boat land-  
ing. Detached 2 car garage and extra  
large lot.

## VACANT LAND



MLS 180973 Westfield \$25,900  
Come and camp or build your new  
home on this 4+ acres! A perfect  
place to hunt, fish or ATV from. This is  
a nicely wooded parcel with multiple  
types of trees, including oak and pine.



MLS 1835516 Pardeeville \$85,000  
Some great deer hunting with direct  
access to over 300 acres of public  
hunting land, just minutes south of  
Portage.



MLS 1817506 Oxford \$124,000  
A great piece of land to build on and  
start your own hobby farm. Twenty  
five acres of tillable and some nice  
woods for hunting to total 38.37  
acres. Waiting for you to make it  
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MLS 1733888 \$485,000  
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marsh, spring-fed pond and 6" drilled  
well. Build your dream home only 5  
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fishing, hunting or just enjoy nature.  
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three building sites!



MLS 1816955 Westfield \$125,000  
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Lake. Use the nicely wooded .94  
acres lot and 171' of lake shore to en-  
joy this beautiful lake for fishing and  
quiet boating.

## SPECIALTY



MLS 1827134 Westfield \$124,900  
4 beds and 2 full baths on an extra  
large lot in town offers tons of  
space inside and out! Updates  
in 2010 include well, upstairs  
windows, furnace and central air,  
cosmetics, and brick patio perfect  
for entertaining. Move in ready!



MLS 1846150 Pardeeville \$64,900  
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# Experience Marquette County

Nestled in the gently rolling countryside of south-central Wisconsin, Marquette County lies largely untouched by the heavy footsteps of man. With almost two-thirds of the county's 320,000 acres remaining primitive oak and pine forests, and vast, grassy marshes, it is a perfect spot for those who seek nature's unspoiled beauty.

Dotted by nearly seventy lakes, and criss-crossed by fifteen sparkling trout streams, Marquette County offers some of the finest fishing in the Midwest. Whether you're after that tackle-bustin' pike, bass or walleye, or a skilletful of bluegill, perch, crappie or bullhead fillets, you'll find a lake to suit your fancy. And there's plenty of elbowroom on our county's streams for those who prefer to tempt some rainbow, brook or brown trout. You might even want to tangle with one of the monster catfish that thrive in the Fox River system and the Grand River.

Our waterways and wetlands also abound with waterfowl—ducks, geese, cranes, herons, cormorants and swans—and the woods, marshes and prairies are home to hundreds of species of other birds and mammals, including the majestic bald eagle.

If hunting is your pleasure, you'll find the Marquette County deer herd one of the best in the state. You'll also have your pick of ruffed grouse, woodcock, pheasant, wild turkeys, ducks, and close to 300,000 Canada Geese. Other small game species are abundant, and there's plenty of room to hunt, with over 8,000 acres set aside for public hunting.

For those who prefer a simple walk or bicycle ride through woodland or meadow, our county is the place to be! During spring and summer, wildflowers bloom in rainbows of color, and about two dozen varieties of wild orchids can be found by those who look closely. Autumn finds the leaves of maple, oak, birch and aspen putting on a color show unmatched anywhere.

But nature's beauty is only a part of the Marquette County story... Named for the intrepid Jesuit explorer Pere Jacques Marquette, who journeyed up the Fox River in 1673, Marquette County is rich in history, and a favorite destination of thousands who revel in searching out historic sites and attractions. Many people like to "relive" part of the explorer's journey by taking a short canoe trip on the Fox River.

Montello, the county seat, was known as "Mont L'eau" (the hill by water) by the early fur traders and explorers; and Packwaukee, named after a Winnebago Indian Chief, is the site of the first frame building and trading post in the county.

John Muir, the famed naturalist and father of our national parks, spent his boyhood years in Marquette County, and the old homestead—Fountain Lake Farm and John

*455 square miles and one stoplight...the wilderness of Marquette County is so close it's almost in your backyard!*

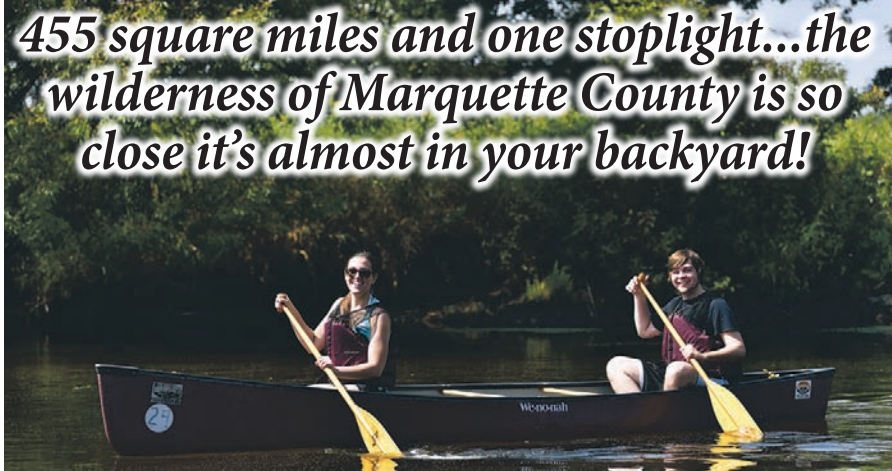


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Muir Park—are all part of a new national historic landmark in the southern part of the county.

Montello is historic in its own right, for its granite quarry was being worked as early as 1879. Still located on Montello's main street, the quarry produced fine, red granite, which proved to be the hardest in the world. This beautiful granite was used to build the state capitol in Madison, as well as President Grant's



tomb. Westfield is now the home of the Marquette County Historical Society, which is headquartered in the historic Cochrane-Nelson house on Lawrence Street.

## Marquette County Website

Marquette County is online with a website, covering topics and links including: County Departments; Zoning; Community Information, including Chamber of Commerce contacts, accommodations and more; Current Weather Conditions; Bike Trails Map; Crime Stoppers Information; County Board Supervisors, and much more!

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Montello Area Chamber of Commerce: Visit their website at: [www.montellowi.com](http://www.montellowi.com)

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Inside, one can find countless relics and memories of the settlement days of Marquette County.

Antique, craft, gift and other specialty shops are found throughout the county, ready to delight the shopper with unique merchandise in a welcoming atmosphere. Flea markets are held every summer weekend in several communities, where bargains beckon. Several times each year, art and craft fairs show off local talent—as well as other artisans—for your browsing pleasure.

Special events—barbecues, parades, festivals, auctions, ball games...are held most every weekend somewhere in the county—be sure to attend some of these for a day of good, old-fashioned fun!

For the sports-minded, there are two golf courses in the county, a tennis court, and several facilities that offer cross-country skiing during the winter. Miles of snowmobile trails criss-cross the county, and backroads offer excellent biking.

Agriculture is the major industry in Marquette County, and in addition to the traditional Wisconsin dairy farm, you'll find "muck farms" in the rich bottomlands, specializing in crops like carrots and mint. Christmas tree plantations are also common throughout

the county. If you're here during harvest time, be sure to stop at one of the many roadside stands selling fresh produce straight from the field.

Modern resorts, motels, campgrounds and bed-and-breakfasts offer the finest in lodging, and you can experience a variety of dining styles in the numerous cafes, restaurants and supper clubs in every Marquette County community.

Traversed by U.S. Highway 51 (I-39), and State Highways 22, 23 and 82, Marquette County is easily accessible from all directions—just a short two hours from Milwaukee, and only a three-hour drive from the Chicago area.

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# Attractions

## So much to see and do

Marquette County is a Bird County. County Chairperson Bob Miller holds the Bird City sign at the County Courthouse.



**VIEWING WILDLIFE** One of the very best things about our area is the relatively unspoiled natural habitat, which makes it an ideal place to see animals in their native surroundings. Bird-watchers, get set for a "field day"! Over 300 species of birds live here, nest here, or visit while migrating. Most animal species native to the state are found here, including rare white squirrels on the north shore of Lake Puckaway, as well as not-quite-wild elk, bison, peacocks & more! *See stories throughout this issue.*

**NATURAL AREAS** Thousands of acres of woodland and marsh have been preserved in Marquette County. Areas include: Fox River National Wildlife Refuge; Observatory Hill; Summerton Bog; Hope, Page Creek, and Comstock Marshes; Grand River Wildlife Area, and Germania Marsh Wildlife Area. *More information in stories and map in center.*

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**HISTORIC MONTELLO** J.P. Vaughn Hall (housing the Montello Museum), and the Marquette County Courthouse are both on the National Register of Historic Places. Both buildings were constructed with unique architectural designs at the turn of the 19th century. Vaughn Hall is downtown, and the Courthouse is off Hwy. 23-West about 2 blocks behind Vaughn Hall. Adjacent to the Courthouse is Le Maison Granit, built over 100 years ago with Montello granite in Georgian Revival-style architecture. In the front is a towering cottonwood, Wisconsin's largest tree for many years. On Montello's main street B&B's Country Store, an old-fashioned candy & ice cream store, is located in a century-old storefront with original marble and wood counters and hardwood floors. Explore downtown Montello!



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**GOLF** Two courses in the county offer 36 holes for the golfing enthusiast. Thal Acres is an 18-hole course just south of Westfield on Co. M, and the White Lake Country Club offers a beautiful 18-hole course near White Lake. *See story inside!*

**HUNTING** With so much native habitat intact, the county is a sportsman's paradise. Whitetail deer are literally everywhere, waterfowl is plentiful, and small game mammals and upland game birds can be found in good numbers. *See story inside!*

**FISHING** Whether you want to tease a trout with a tied fly or lure a lunker bass, walleye or northern pike, Marquette County offers first class fishing. Most species native to Wisconsin can be found in the county's 60+ lakes, five rivers and 15 trout streams. *See story & charts inside!*

**WINTER SPORTS** Over 250 miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails criss-cross the county. Ice fishing (and ice skating when conditions are right), is a popular pastime on county lakes. Cross-country skiers can enjoy 10 miles of groomed and tracked trails at Mekan River Outfitters, or partake in winter's "silent sport" at one of the county's public parks or natural areas...*more inside.*

**PARKS** In addition to John Muir County Park, most of the villages in the county have one or more parks with baseball diamonds, picnic areas, playgrounds, shelters and restrooms. The Montello City Park includes 40 rolling acres on the shores of Montello Lake, and has been called "the finest small-town park in Wisconsin". There is also a swimming beach. The Marquette County Fairgrounds just south of Westfield encompasses nearly 40 acres, with a baseball diamond, horse racing track and exhibition buildings.

**BOATING** Over 20 of Marquette County's lakes have public boat accesses (*see chart inside*), and most lodging facilities located on the water have boat rentals. **CANOE TRIPS** on the Mekan and Fox Rivers are offered by Mekan River Outfitters on

Hwy. 23-East, (920) 295-3439; trips on the Mekan River are offered by Lake of the Woods Campground, northern Marquette County, (920) 787-3601; and trips on the Fox River are available from Rendezvous Paddle & Sports on Hwy. 22-S, by the dam in Montello, (608) 297-2444.



**HIKING and BIKING** Marquette County's web of back roads offers a variety of routes for biking and hiking. John Muir County Park and a number of natural areas also offer some hiking trails. *See map in center, plus hiking & biking info inside!*

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One hundred years ago, a famous American naturalist and father of this country's National Park Service, founded today's most powerful conservation organization. Inspired by the West's High Sierras, John Muir named this fledgling, but highly-influential group, the Sierra Club. While these majestic mountains may have been Muir's inspiration for the organization's name, historians and Muir himself, give a lot of credit for the naturalist's love of nature to his boyhood home in southern Marquette County.

Located seven miles south of Montello on Co. Hwy. F, Muir Park and Fountain Lake Farm have recently been declared a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Department of Interior. This is a distinction reserved only for those historic sites considered significant to all Americans.



Kayaking on Ennis Lake in Muir Park - Staff photos

Muir Park is 125 acres of pristine beauty, almost identical to the way John Muir, his father and brother found it more than 170 years ago. Fountain Lake Farm—Muir's childhood home—is part of the park, as is Fountain Lake (now called Ennis), where Muir fished and explored its ecosystem.

Muir delighted in the early morning melodies of the farm's songbirds; the booming of the prairie chickens, and the late afternoon waves of passenger pigeons.

Although the prairie chickens and pigeons are now gone, all of the songbird species that once made the hills and meadows of Fountain Lake Farm their home can still be heard and seen within the park. Muir wrote of sandhill cranes nesting and calling in the marshes that bordered Fountain Lake. The Fox River Unit of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge lies directly across Co. Hwy. F—a place where these majestic birds gather in spring and fall; some to nest, others to "stage" before migrating to summer or winter homes.

Today deer abound in the park and surrounding woodlands—unlike a century and a half ago, when deer were found only in the northern reaches of Wisconsin. On spring mornings, wild turkeys can be heard gobbling on the hillsides, and are often seen



while hiking in the park. While the park is a wildlife-watcher's dream, amateur as well as professional botanists will delight in the rich plantlife—over 300 identifiable species grow in and around the park. The 30-acre springfed lake is a treat to fish and canoe on, remaining almost exactly as it was when Muir took his first dip in it as a youngster.

Muir Park offers quiet and peace in today's busy world...well worth seeing!

## Observatory Hill: One of the County's Highest Points

Rising 300 feet above the surrounding terrain, Observatory Hill is Marquette County's highest point. Scientists believe that this outcropping of igneous rock is more than 1.76 billion years old! Marks from the glacial ice sheet can still be seen in the rock, even though it has been over 12,000 years since the Ice Age.

While it is likely that Native Americans used the rock as a lookout point for hundreds of years, scientists have recently found petroglyphs that date back 5,000 years. Before the days of fire-suppression, the hill was free of trees and hunters and scouts could see for miles in every direction. Today, although the rock formation hasn't changed, the vegetation on it has given it a much different appearance than it had only a few centuries ago.

Red and white oak, basswood and shagbark hickory dominate the once barren slopes, and red cedar thrive near the summit. Several plant communities also thrive on the undisturbed crest, including the state's threatened slender bush clover.



Observatory Hill is a State Natural Area, held in trust for the public by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. A designated hiking trail leads to the summit. While probably thousands of would-be explorers have climbed to the summit to sit in the sun and imagine who was there before, probably the most famous in our recent history was John Muir as a youth, who then lived nearby.

*Public access to the site can be reached from the intersection of Hwys. 22 & F on the south side of Montello. Go south on Co. F 4.8 miles, then east on 14th road 1/2 miles, then south on 13th Road 1.4 miles, then east on Gillette Ave. 0.6 mile to a parking area north of the road. A footpath to the summit begins at the northwest corner of the old field.*



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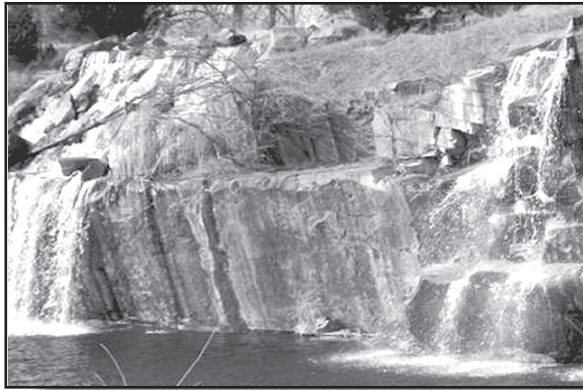
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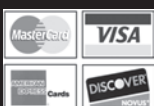
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Peek into the parlor, research Marquette County genealogy, view a collection of over 13,000 vintage and antique buttons, or learn about the early railroads that moved products and people into the newly settled land. A large collection of early photos, many textiles, and a variety of artifacts tell the stories of Marquette County's towns and villages, some gone forever and some still thriving.

The society hosts an old fashioned Strawberry Sociable in June on the grounds of the museum. Music and delicious strawberries plus tours of the home and adjacent museum building highlight the lazy Sunday afternoon by the mill pond. Featured guest speakers each month are also hosted by the organization and books about the history of Marquette County are for sale in the museum.

One of the earliest one room school houses sits on the grounds. It was moved from Buffalo Township and sat just down the road from the boyhood home of John Muir the great naturalist and author.

The Marquette County Historical museum is located at 125 Lawrence Street, Westfield. To ask questions or find out hours, call the Museum at 608-296-4700; or 608-296-2618, Joan.

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history, explorers and fur traders, the first European settlers, military history, or more modern recollections of times gone by, you'll find it in Marquette County.

People called this land home as far back as 10,000 BC when the glaciers had melted and mastodons and giant sloths roamed the tundra-like land which we now call Marquette County. They and those who came later left behind countless stone and pottery objects that help us know who they were and how they lived. Today you can stand on Observatory Hill, a landmark for native people who, 5,000 years ago, pecked petroglyphs into its bare rhyolite surface or you can walk along the clear rivers where they hunted and fished.

All along the northerly flowing Fox River, its serpent-like course widening into Buffalo Lake then arching down through Lake Puckaway, you'll find the shadows of history. Wild rice once grew thick along its shores and the Fox was a thoroughfare of commerce and social life for the earliest people and to the thriving settler communities that grew on its shores.

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Visitors can use a mobile app to access information about each location on the route or can view the information on their PC. The app is family friendly and provides many activity sheets, additional tour maps and other information that can be printed out before your visit. Each site has a Muir Saunter Silhouette sign that names the site number and has a QR code that can be used to access that site's information on your mobile phone.

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## VETERANS HONORED

In honor and recognition of the Veterans of Marquette County, the Marquette County Historical Society created a special brochure highlighting Veterans Memorials around Marquette County. It recognizes the memorials as important pieces of history and honors the service of all military men and women. Look around at local businesses or historical societies for a copy, and then honor Veterans by visiting these sites.

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Clubhouse amenities include a pro shop, complete rentals, and a practice green. An adjoining vacation resort offers rental units, supper club and lounge, beautiful beach and waterside activities.

Open to the public seven days a week during the season, the club may be reached by calling 608-297-2255.

The well-established **Thal Acres Golf Club** is located two miles south of Westfield on Co. Hwy. M. This 18-hole course features rolling fairways on the front nine, and a challenging back nine with wooded fairways and picturesque lakes. Also offered is a driving range, motor cart and club rentals, and a fully-stocked pro shop. Thal Acres is also a modern bowling center, and has banquet and meeting facilities. Sandwiches are served, and relaxing is done in the spacious lounge, or on the outdoor deck. Thal Acres is open to the public seven days a week. Call them at 608-296-2850.

Neighboring Green Lake County boasts three fine courses. All are open daily during the season. Championship **Lawsonia Links** on the grounds of the Green Lake Conference Center—Hwy. 23, just west of Green Lake—boasts a total of 36 holes; 920-294-3323.



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# Marquette County Lakes

	Acreage	Max. Depth	Public Access	Com. Facil.	Location	Map	MUSKY	N. PIKE	WALLEYE	BASS	PANFISH	TROUT
Big Pine.....	13	12			C		X		X	X		Big Pine
Birch.....	84	13	X		C	X	X		X	X		Birch
Bright.....	13	14			C		X		X	X		Bright
Buffalo.....	2,447	15	X	X	C	X	X		X	X		Buffalo
Burnita.....	13	8	X		NW				X	X		Burnita
Christensen.....	6	11	X		WC				X	X		Christensen
Clearwater.....	12	15			C				X	X		Clearwater
Comstock.....	31	30	X		NE	X	X		X	X		Comstock
Cotters.....	6	30			SC				X	X		Cotters
Crystal.....	124	60			NC	X			X	X	X	Crystal
Dagner.....	10	9			C				X	X		Dagner
Echo.....	6	25			NE				X	X		Echo
Emery.....	34	12	X		WC	X	X		X	X	X	Emery
Emrick.....	37	79			WC	X			X	X		Emrick
Ennis (Muir).....	30	30	X		SC	X	X		X	X		Ennis (Muir)
Goodhue.....	7	16			WC				X	X		Goodhue
Grouse.....	6	6			WC				X	X		Grouse
Harrisville Millpond.....	245	10	X	X	NC	X	X		X	X		Harrisville
Imm.....	11	12		X	NC				X	X		Imm
Kilby.....	50	28	X		C	X	X		X	X		Kilby
Mulhern.....	28	32	X	X	SC	X	X		X	X		Mulhern
Larch.....	2	18			WC				X	X		Larch
Lawrence.....	231	12	X	X	NW	X	X		X	X		Lawrence
Little.....	6	62			SW				X	X		Little
Little Pine Pond.....	20	4			NC				X	X	X	Little Pine Pond
McCall.....	5	37	X		SW				X	X		McCall
Metcalf (Collins).....	24	32			SC	X	X		X	X		Metcalf (Collins)
Montello.....	286	17	X		C	X	X		X	X		Montello
Mud.....	61	4			C				X	X		Mud
Mud.....	6	6			C				X	X		Mud
Mud.....	9	3			NE				X	X		Mud
Mud.....	35	2			C				X	X		Mud
Needham.....	8	8			NE				X	X		Needham
Neshkoro.....	192	12	X	X	NE	X	X		X	X		Neshkoro
Ogle.....	20	15			WC				X	X		Ogle
Oxford.....	14	49	X		WC				X	X		Oxford
Oxford Pond.....	61	15	X		WC	X	X		X	X	X	Oxford Pond
Peters.....	27	18			C				X	X		Peters
Pine.....	37	30			NW	X			X	X		Pine
Polly.....	7	6			C				X	X		Polly
Puckaway.....	5,460	6	X	X	SE	X	X	X	X	X		Puckaway
Sache.....	10	6			WC				X	X		Sache
Sandow.....	19	20			NW				X	X		Sandow
Sandy.....	9	12			NC				X	X		Sandy
School Section.....	37	10			NW	X			X	X		School Section
Sharon.....	58	30	X		NC	X	X		X	X		Sharon
Silver.....	52	10			NC				X	X		Silver
Smith.....	9	13			SC		X		X	X		Smith
Spring (East).....	25	50			C	X	X		X	X		Spring (East)
Spring (West).....	7	25			C	X	X		X	X		Spring (West)
Swamp.....	20	7			WC				X	X		Swamp
Thompson #1.....	29	7			SC	X			X	X		Thompson #1
Thompson #2.....	15	38			SC	X	X		X	X		Thompson #2
Thompson #3.....	2	21			SC	X	X		X	X		Thompson #3
Thompson #4.....	5	18			SC	X	X		X	X		Thompson #4
Tuttle.....	167	36	X	X	NC	X	X		X	X		Tuttle
Twin (East).....	24	8	X		NW	X			X	X		Twin (East)
Twin (West).....	15	24			NW	X			X	X		Twin (West)
Westfield Pond.....	32	8			NW				X	X		Westfield Pond
White.....	92	43		X	EC	X		X	X	X		White
Williams.....	55	7			C	X	X		X	X		Williams
Wood.....	92	87	X	X	NW	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wood
Unnamed-S17-T16-R8.....	45	5			WC				X	X		Unnamed

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Fishing is a big part of outdoor recreation in Wisconsin, and anglers looking to test their skill can find plenty of opportunity in the sparkling lakes, rivers and streams of Marquette County. Walleyes, northern pike, muskies, largemouth and smallmouth bass, trout, catfish, bluegills, crappies, perch, white bass and bullheads can all be caught while fishing one of Marquette County's 60 lakes, five rivers or 15 streams.

The county's five millponds are home to battling bass and pike, but also offer buckets of big bluegills, perch and crappies for a great day of family fishing. The area's two biggest lakes, Buffalo and Puckaway, are teaming with panfish, as well as walleyes, pike, bass and an occasional muskie. Panfishing is popular as well, and ice fishing is fantastic!

Be sure to check out some of the county's smaller lakes as well, where overlooked populations of fish can grow to hefty sizes. Tuttle, Kilby, Birch (Moon) Comstock, Emery, Ennis (Muir) Oxford

Millpond, Sharon and Wood Lake can all provide the angler with some pleasant surprises during a day of fishing.

If you enjoy river fishing, then Marquette County is the place for you. Walleyes are present in the Fox River throughout the year, and plentiful in spring and fall. Largemouth bass hunker beneath fallen trees and submerged logs and smallmouth hide in the shade of sharp breaking shorelines.

The Montello River is home to bass and panfish, as well as an occasional brown trout. The Grand River offers great catfishing, as well as walleyes, pike and bass. The White River is an excellent smallmouth spot, and the Mecan River can be counted on to give up big trout upstream, and smallmouth, pike and walleyes downstream.

Brook, brown and rainbow trout are abundant in the coun-

ty's spring-fed streams. Miles of public fishing grounds provide easy access whether wading or fishing from the bank. Be sure to check state and

local regulations, however, as each stream is carefully managed to provide the best angling opportunities possible, and to grow large numbers of trophy trout.

Public access and boat launching facilities are available on most county lakes and rivers, and there are plenty of private accesses at resorts and campgrounds as well. Boat, motor and canoe rentals can be found at various resorts. Tackle and fresh, live bait can be purchased in area towns.

As you can see, Marquette County offers everything you


need for an enjoyable day of fishing: plenty of lakes, rivers and streams, with more than enough fish to go around.

In neighboring Green Lake County anglers can challenge 7,000-acre Big Green Lake. As Wisconsin's deepest inland body of water, Big Green can sometimes be tough to fish, but it offers something no other lake can: big lake trout! "Lakers" are caught both summer and winter, along with northern pike, walleyes, brown trout, cisco and panfish.

Just down the road is Little Green Lake, best known for its great musky fishing. But not only muskies are found here. Walleyes, bass and panfish are common, and like Big Green, these fish can be caught both summer and winter. Guide service is available on both lakes year around.



## Trout Guide to County Streams



STREAM	TROUT SPECIES		
	Brook	Brown	Rainbow
Caves Creek	●		
Chaffee Creek		●	●
Graham Creek	●		
Jones Creek	●		
Kruger Creek	●	●	
Laing Creek	●	●	
Lawrence Creek	●		●
Little Pine Creek	●	●	
Lunch Creek	●	●	
Mecan River		●	●
Lower Neenah Creek		●	●
Mid Neenah Creek		●	
O'Keefe Creek		●	
Tagatz Creek	●		
Wedde Creek		●	

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# Marquette County Events

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## FLEA MARKET

The largest outdoor weekly Flea Market in Wisconsin is held every Saturday, late April through early-Oct., in the City Park in nearby Princeton.

## MARQUETTE COUNTY FAIR

Westfield is the host of the Marquette County Fair, held Marquette County Fair July 18-21 at the Marquette County Fairgrounds, just south of town. Traditional County Fair activities will take place: carnival, livestock showings, 4-H and other exhibits, games, food, bingo, ball games and more, plus grandstand tractor pulls, harness racing, bull riding & mutton-busting—fun for all! For complete schedule visit [www.marquettecountyfair.org](http://www.marquettecountyfair.org)

## BARN DANCES - May-October

Popular local musician Maggie Mae performs at monthly "Music in the Barn" concerts in rural Oxford. 608-586-6273 or visit [www.maggiemaeconomy.com](http://www.maggiemaeconomy.com)

## CONCERTS IN THE GAZEBO

Summer musical entertainment is scheduled around the gazebo at River's Edge Park in downtown Neshkoro. Tuesday nights at 6:30. More info at: [www.neshkorowisconsin.com](http://www.neshkorowisconsin.com).

## FEBRUARY

**MONTELLO:** Annual Sweetheart Bake Sale he Saturday before Valentine's Day at Montello Historic Preservation Society's Vaughn Hall Museum, 55 W. Montello St. Feb. 9th. Treat your sweetheart to homemade chocolate treats--cakes, cookies and candies--for Valentine's Day! Fundraiser for our museum's a elevator!

**WESTFIELD:** Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale Feb. 14-15-16 at Ethel Everhard Memorial Library. 608-296-2544.

## APRIL

**MONTELLO:** Montello Lions Club Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, held on April election day at Granite Falls Supper Club, downtown. 50/50 raffles and meat raffles..

**GERMANIA:** Annual Benefit Parade in Germania, with music, live & silent auction, games and food, April 27th. Also a 5K Marathon starts downtown at 9am. 920-293-8448.

## MAY

**MONTELLO:** Montello Fish'n Fun Fest, first weekend in May in Montello. Features carnival rides, music, craft show, food booths, and the very popular kids "Birdhouse Building" in Vaughn Hall.

**WESTFIELD:** City-Wide Rummage Sale early May-look for sales all over town!

**HARRISVILLE:** Annual Memorial Weekend Tractor Pull. Registration 9am; Memorial Day. Harrisville Sportsman Club grounds. 608-369-1051.

**NESHKORO:** The Annual Neshkoro Lions Club Chicken BBQ, takes place Memorial weekend, starting at 11am St. James Place, on the north edge of town. Fun, games, and lots of chicken!

**MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY** - Most county communities host parades and ceremonies.

## JUNE

**WESTFIELD:** Friends of the Library Annual Book & Bake Sale, June 6-7-8at the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library. 608-296-2544.

**OXFORD:** City-Wide Rummage Sale June 7 & 8

**WESTFIELD:** The Marquette County Historical Society Annual Strawberry Sociable on June 8 from 1pm to 3pm at 125 Lawrence Street. Come and enjoy homemade strawberry shortcake with ice cream. Bake sale featuring homemade pies and breads. Entertainment, tours and other surprises! 608-296-4700.

**WESTFIELD:** Dairylicious Days Celebration, with a parade, food, kid's games, music & fun! First weekend in June. Pioneer Park hosts baseball tournaments and a run/walk race. Call 608-296-4146.

**WESTFIELD AREA:** Marquette County Farm Bureau Annual Dairy Breakfast, Sunday June 9th. Enjoy a bountiful breakfast, live entertainment, farm tours, and children's games. 608-369-1321.

**MONTELLO:** Kid's Rendezvous, at Montello Rod and Gun Club, featuring casting instructions, indoor/outdoor archery, and shooting sports. For more info contact Bill Lind at the Holliday Shopping Center 608-297-7170.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Check out the Marquette County Tribune for all the festivities in many communities over the July 4th holiday.

## JULY

**MARQUETTE COUNTY FAIR** July 18-21 Westfield

**NESHKORO:** A Community Chorus Concert will be presented July 20. at St. James Place, followed by a Pie & Ice Cream Social.

**ENDEAVOR:** Endeavor 64th annual Broiler/vegetable festival is July 19-20 takes place at the Endeavor Lions Park. Fri. night softball tourneybegins; Sat. Pancake Breakfast, then the World Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner starts at 11a.m. Family-friendly activities throughout the day. Music, Fireworks after dusk, raffle prizes following. See our Facebook page for more details!

**PACKWAUKEE:** Heritage Days Beer & Brat Fest will be held in July in Washington Park, starting at 11a.m., & includes parade, car show & music. (608) 589-5626.

## AUGUST

**WESTFIELD:** Friends of the Library Silent Auction August at the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library 15-16-17. 608-296-2544.

**MONTELLO:** The Annual Father Marquette Days Celebrations August 17th with most events held in the City Park. Come enjoy an old car show, horseshoes, softball and volleyball, tons of food & drink, parade at noon, live music, games and kid's activities. A sidewalk sale and arts & crafts sale will also be held. This entire event is in celebration of the founding and settling of Montello. Enjoy! 608-369-0728.

**MONTELLO:** VolksFest at Jeanna's American Legion Bar, Aug. 24th east edge of town on Hwy. 23. Featuring German food and beer, and music. 608-297-7576

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## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**NESHKORO:** The Annual Neshkoro Lions Club Horse Pull will be held he Saturday of Labor Day weekend August 31 at 1p.m., at their arena in Stan-O-Gene Park, located just north of town on Hwy. 73. There will be lots of horses, riders and horsemanship competitions, with prizes awarded. Kid's games, too. Food and refreshments available. 920-293-4579.

**WESTFIELD:** The Westfield Firemen's Annual Chicken BBQ is slated for September at the Pioneer Park. The fun includes live music and dancing, a trap shoot and softball tourney, lots of refreshments and great BBQ'd chicken served at 3pm!

**HARRISVILLE:** One of the finest Brat Festivals in the state will akes place the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend in the Harrisville Park. Come for brats and all the trimmings, cold drinks, softball tournaments, carnival, volleyball, tractor pull, live music, games, raffles...the Volunteer Fire Department hosts this event.



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**SEPTEMBER**

**MONTELLO:** Midwest Vintage Trailer Rally at Buffalo Lake Campground. Tour/View Antique Trailers/RVs from 1950's-70's in September. Admission is a canned goods donation for food pantry. 608-297-2915.

**WESTFIELD:** Pioneer Gun & Collectibles Show and a Pioneer encampment is held in September at the Marquette County Fairgrounds. 608-296-4146.

**OCTOBER**

**HARRISVILLE:** Newton Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Harvest Fest fundraiser at the Harrisville Sportsmen's Club Building.

**MONTELLO:** Annual Harvest Dance at Vaughn Hall in Montello,. Featuring the Howard Schneider Orchestra 7pm-11pm. Adm. \$15.

**NESHKORO:** Scarecrow Festival in October--celebration of autumn and includes crafters, hayrides, food, entertainment, a scarecrow contest and fun with pumpkins!

**MONTELLO:** Haunted Hayride-Your ride in a hay wagon will pass by 13 Sooky Sites, and end by seeing over 300 eerily-glowing pumpkins in the woods of Pumpkin Hollow. Sponsored by the Montello Lions Club. Hwy. 23, 3 miles W. of Montello. Nominal family fee.

**NOVEMBER**

**MONTELLO:** MHPS Pie Sale Fundraiser, held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Vaughn Hall Museum, 55 W. Montello St. Homemade Thanksgiving pies--come early for best variety--many choices! Sales begin at 9am till gone/1pm!

**MONTELLO:** Annual Holiday Trail the Sat. before Thanksgiving-. Shop till you drop (13 shops on the Trail) while you support all the great shops just a hop, skip and jump away! Stop in at the Montello Public Library to bid on silent auction items. Get your map stamped for free drawing!

**WESTFIELD:** The Annual Holiday Taste & Tour--always the Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend. This popular "swing into Christmas" event has been organized by area merchants and craftspeople. Enjoy holiday treats while browsing for the "perfect" gift! That weekend, pick up a tour card/map for free raffle details!

**WESTFIELD:** The Marquette County Historical Society Annual Cookie Walk, held Fri/Sat of Thanksgiving weekend, 125 Lawrence St., from 9am-2pm. Huge selection of homemade cookies and candies! 608-296-4700.

**DECEMBER**

**NESHKORO:** Community Chorus Christmas Concert St. James Place at 5:15pm. Refreshments served. Free will offering.

**WINTER SEASON**

Winter is the time for Fisherees in many area communities. Check the Marquette County Tribune for dates of these and other current events, or visit the website: [www.travelmarquettecounty.com](http://www.travelmarquettecounty.com)

**Historical County Kiosks and...Saunters!**

There are historical informational kiosks around the county; visiting them makes a nice road trip to learn more about Marquette County's past.

Packwaukee: A three sided panel in Packwaukee in front of the historic granary building tells about the history of this historic community as well as the granary itself.

Montello Krakow Memorial Park: Learn about the history of the Montello dam and locks as well



as well as early Montello including the first people on this land.

Eggleston Natural Heritage Land Trust addition located on County Road F north of John Muir Park on the west side of the road, where you can learn some geology and agricultural history of Marquette County. Be sure to stop in at John Muir Park and read about the great naturalist's boyhood home on the kiosk there.

Make a day of it and after visiting these historical kiosks, visit the County boat landing on County Road C west of Montello where you can take a short hike along Buffalo Lake to a six sided display that tells the story of the first people of Marquette County as well as the railroad that once ran between Montello and Packwaukee.

There are two more reasons to love Marquette County and all that it offers--one is a Saunter Sites brochure published by the Marquette County Tourism Commission and the second is the Apuckawa Nature Trail. Both enhance access to the natural resources open to the public in Marquette County.

Saunter Sites of Marquette County plays off of the quote of John Muir, father of our National Parks, who spent his boyhood years in Marquette County. Muir said, "People ought to saunter... not hike! Muir also said, "All the wild world is beautiful, and it matters but little where we go... the spot where we chance to be always seems the best."

The Saunter Site brochure--developed by Kathleen McGwin and Daryl Christensen for the Tourism Commission--features over 20 great sauntering spots in the County, and is available at Marquette County lodging locations; visit [TravelMarquetteCounty.com](http://TravelMarquetteCounty.com) A map of the sites is included in the brochure and most have GPS locations.

The Apuckawa Nature Trail offers a short trail, but a rich environmental experience. Bird-watchers will be thrilled--bring binoculars and a picnic lunch. Toilets are available seasonally, and the entire trail is just under a mile. The Rural Planning and Parks Committee of the County Board ap-

proved developing the nature trail on DNR land leased by the county at the Puckaway boat launch on Fox Drive in the Town of Mecan. Land and Water Conservation worked with Daryl Christensen who cleared and cut the trail. Kathleen McGwin and Christensen developed the brochure that lists some of the many birds that can be spotted at the nature trail. Brochures can be found at the boat launch kiosk.

So get out and enjoy nature in Marquette County. As John Muir said, "Wander a whole summer if you can."



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# Official Bird County - Marquette is a Bird Mecca

**A paradise of birds.....**

John Muir titled one chapter in his autobiography of his young years in Marquette County, Wisconsin, A Paradise of Birds. He describes or mentions 31 species of birds in his boyhood home. You can still see all but two of those species here in Marquette County. Except for the Prairie Chicken who lost its habitat to plowing up fields for farms and building communities and the Passenger Pigeon which was hunted to extinction, the birds of John Muir are still here.

The Wisconsin oak openings were a summer paradise for song birds, and a fine place to get acquainted with them, for the trees stood wide apart, allowing one to see the happy home-seekers as they arrived in the spring, their mating, nest building, the brooding and feeding of the young, and, after they were full fledged and strong, to see all the families of the neighborhood jangling and getting ready to leave in the fall. Excepting the grouse and ducks and pigeons nearly all our summer birds arrived singly or in small disorganized flocks, but when frost and falling leaves brought their winter homes to mind they assembled in large flocks on dead or leafless trees by the side of a meadow or field, perhaps to get acquainted and talk the thing over. Some species held regular daily meetings for several weeks before finally setting forth on their long southern journeys. Strange to say, we never saw them start. Some morning we would find them gone. Doubtless they migrated in the night time. Comparatively few species remained all winter, the Nuthatch, Chickadee, owl, prairie chicken, quail, and a few songsters from the main flocks of ducks, jays, hawks, and blackbirds. Only after the country was settled did either jays or blackbirds winter with us. John Muir

Before John Muir arrived in Wisconsin, he'd learned about some of the birds he'd see from sketches by Alexander Wilson. In the 2013 book Alexander Wilson the Scot Who Founded American Ornithology, it says, "Audubon was not the father of American ornithology. That honorific belongs to Alexander Wilson, whose encyclopedic American Ornithology established a distinctive approach that emphasized the observation of live birds." Like the Muirs, Wilson emigrated from Scotland. After settling near Philadelphia, he traveled 12,000 miles on foot, horseback, in a rowboat, and by stage and ship, establishing a network of observers along the way. He sought to portray birds realistically which made his work the model for modern field guides and an inspiration for Audubon.

The Passenger Pigeon above is an example of Wilson's illustrations that Muir may have seen. Wilson reported a column of Passenger Pigeons one mile in breadth moving at the rate of one mile a minute for four hours, estimating the number of birds to have been "two thousand two hundred and thirty millions, two hundred and seventy-two thousand Pigeons" and probably "far below the actual amount."

Many reasons have been given for the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. Each year millions were trapped, clubbed, or shot for food and pleasure.

Then, too, came the wonderful Passenger Pigeons streaming from the south. Oh, what homes, homes there! we exclaimed. Oh, what colors! Look at their breasts, homes as roses, and at their necks as blue as every color. Oh, the homes, homes, homes. John Muir

Prairie chickens come swarming in family flocks about the shanty, picking seeds and grasshoppers like domestic fowls, and they become still more abundant as wheat and corn fields were multiplied, but also wilder, of course, when every shotgun in the country was aimed at them. The booming of the males during the mating season was one of the loudest and strangest of the early spring sounds being heard on calm mornings at a distance of a half or three fourths of a mile. As soon as the snow was off the ground, they assembled in flocks of a dozen or more on an open spot, usually on the side of a ploughed field, ruffled up their feathers, inflated the curious colored sacks on the sides of their necks, and strutted about with queer gestures something like turkey gobblers, uttering strange loud, rounded, drumming calls,--boom! boom! boom! interrupted by clucking sounds. The young are just like domestic chicks, run with the mother as soon as hatched, and stay with her until autumn, feeding on the ground, never taking wing unless disturbed. In winter, when fall grows they assemble in large flocks, fly about sundown to selected roosting places on tall trees, and to feeding places in the morning--unhatched corn fields, if any are to be found in the neighborhood, or fields of dwarf buck and willows, the husks of which furnish a considerable part of their food when snow covers the ground. John Muir



The diversity of Marquette County's landscape made up of hardwood, pine and softwood forests; marshes, prairies, lakes, rivers, streams and farmland make it a true Mecca for birds of all sizes and colors. More than 300 species of birds will either migrate through, nest, or make Marquette County their summer, winter or permanent home throughout the year.

Large tracts of public land make the county a great place for birds to live and for birders to come and see them. Many local residents put up feeders to attract birds the year around. Others create "Bluebird Trails" placing a series of nest boxes along county roads or on their property that are monitored on a weekly basis from April through August.

One such trail, consisting of 20 birdhouses, is sponsored by the Muir Land Bird Club and placed at John Muir Park, the Fox River National Wildlife Refuge and Observatory Hill. A second bluebird trail was placed on the new Bessie Eggleston Land Acquisition property just north of Muir Park on County F, ensuring that anyone visiting these sites will most certainly see the "bird the color of the best sky" as naturalist John Muir once described them.

Marquette County birders also are involved in the Great Backyard Bird Count,



Project FeederWatch, the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count and many other projects that attract birds and enhance birding.

The bird club, local businesses and county government sponsored an International Migratory Bird Day celebration for a number of years. In 2018, the event will be held on Saturday, May 4th in Montello and will include educational programs, bird house building for kids, bird hikes, migration challenge game, and more, centered at Vaughn Hall.

Because of all of the programs and projects to enhance birding, Marquette County received an official "Bird County" designation from Bird City Wisconsin in 2012. As a Bird County, the area is recognized for its on-going support of birds, birding and habitat protection.

Marquette County indeed, is a Mecca for birds!

For more information about the Muir Land Bird Club, Bird County, or International Migratory Bird Day, call 608-516-4708 or you can check out the Muir Land Birding Club on Facebook.



## Saunter or Hike...Marquette County offers you plenty of places to find yourself

No matter where you visit in Marquette County you are never far from one of the area's five "official" hiking trails. Although miles of trails are available on the many state public hunting grounds and Nature Conservancy sites, these areas are also open to hunting and other uses. The four mentioned below do not allow hunting or motorized uses. Whether you enjoy a solitary hike, or want to incorporate bird-watching alone or in a guided group, you will delight in the diversity of the trails offered.

**THE ICE AGE TRAIL.** The only present off road section of the Ice Age Trail is located in John Muir Park: 7 miles south of Montello on County Highway F. This 2.5 mile trail takes you completely around Ennis Lake, the boyhood home of John Muir. Although primitive in places, the trail is well-marked and an easy hike through 7 different habitats where birds abound.

Apuckaway Birding & Nature Trail: A new trail



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since 2011, it's .8 miles round trip starting from the boat landing north through a forest of mixed hardwoods and remnant prairie. Birders recorded 116 species of birds in 2011, including those seen from the boat landing on Lake Puckaway. Also commonly seen are deer, wild turkeys and white squirrels. Information can be obtained from the kiosk located at the south end of the trail. Ample parking, picnic area and bathroom are on site. Apuckaway is 7 miles east of Montello. Take County Hwy. C to the four-way stop, go straight ahead on Fox Court one mile just past the Duck Inn.

Westfield Community Trail: Built in 2008, this trail offers, hiking, biking jogging or simply an easy stroll. Part of the trail winds through a beautiful hardwood forest that

abounds in birds during spring and fall migration. School View Hill Trail is a half mile one way, and the East Trail is one-third of a mile. Both are groomed and wide enough to walk side-by-side. Trailheads start at the north end of Pioneer Memorial Park.

Observatory Hill: Walk in the footsteps of John Muir on this one-mile primitive hiking trail that takes you to the top of Marquette County's highest point. Oak and cedar forests abound with birds, deer and turkeys and spectacular views await the hiker at the trails end. From Montello, take County Hwy. F south about 5 miles; turn left on 14th Rd. Go a half mile to 13th. Rd., turn right for 1.4 miles then left on Gillette Ave .6 miles to the parking lot.



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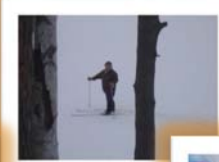
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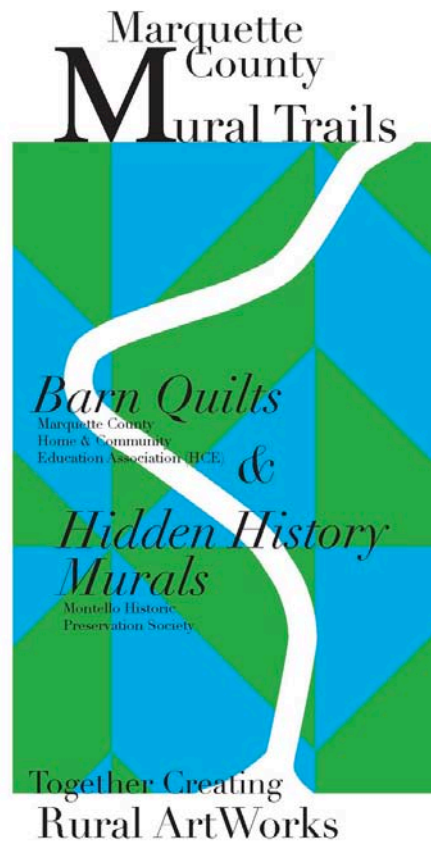
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that Marquette saw over 300 years ago. Wildlife abounds along the riverbanks and marshes throughout this trip, which—if taken slowly—will usually last several days.

The Montello River from Harrisville to Montello is a challenge to those who like the twisting and turning of a river. Surprisingly-good fishing can also be found on a slow ride down the river in a canoe. Both the Germania and Grand River Marshes offer unique paddling opportunities, especially for those who enjoy the solitude of a marsh and wildlife area. The pristine beauty of nature is preserved in both marshes— outboard motors are banned, so there is little to disturb the quiet of these areas.

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Today this office also offers area tourist information, and in addition to real estate sales, Robert also offers real estate appraisals and property management. (Kathleen McGwin photo)

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- Handle the turtle gently, grabbing in on both sides of the shell and set it down gently off the road.
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# Watching Wildlife!

## The Sights and Sounds in Marquette County

On a typical warm spring morning, a bald eagle soars over the lake, as its mate carefully guards their nestlings. In a nearby field, deer browse on emerging green grass, the tender shoots poking up from the warming soil. From an oak woods, comes the resounding gobble of a tom turkey in search of a mate. And on the lake's edge, a Canada goose honks its displeasure at a feeding sandhill crane that ventured too close to its nest. Sounds like "way up north", doesn't it? But you'd be surprised to find that these events are daily occurrences only a short drive from the city – right here in Marquette County. And there's more...whether you're a naturalist, birder, wildlife photographer – or just a person who loves the beauty and experience that nature has to offer – you can find it here

While on a quiet ride through the country on a bike or in a car, hiking one of the many public land areas, canoeing or boating on one of the county's many lakes or streams – it's possible to see much of the wildlife that makes Marquette County its home. White-tailed deer are abundant, especially visible in spring, when they herd up to feed on the new green grass, or in summer as they graze in lush alfalfa fields. Don't be surprised to see a wobbly-legged, wide-eyed fawn from late May to mid-June.

Of course, chipmunks, ground squirrels, and grey, red and fox squirrels are everywhere in the county – scurrying here and there in search of acorns, hickory nuts and walnuts. Black squirrels are also abundant, especially in the Westfield and Oxford areas. An unusual treat are the white squirrels, seen daily in the subdivision areas on Lake Puckaway's north side. All of these bushy-tailed critters are constantly on the alert as both red and gray foxes are common in the county. On clear nights, you might also here the howling of an Eastern coyote or

even a grey wolf coming from one of the large forests or marshes. While black bears remain rather infrequent visitors, the "little bears" or raccoons, are quite common, although



*Marquette County's vast wetlands make the area one of the top nesting sites in North America for the greater sandhill crane. Cranes build their nests in shallow marshes, collecting grasses and sedges and piling them into a small mound where they lay two very large eggs. Both male and female take turns incubating the eggs and are most often successful in raising both chicks called "colts".*

*In summer, pairs of cranes and their chicks are a common site in wetlands and fields around the county. In autumn, the young cranes gather with other cranes in Marquette county uplands, feeding on winter wheat and spilled corn. Some of these flocks number in the hundreds and can be seen throughout the county. Migration occurs in November, but their southern vacation is short as cranes often can be seen or heard calling over the frozen marshes of the county as soon as late February and early March, staking out their nesting site for the coming season.*

*This photo catches a Sandhill coming in for a landing--awkward and gracefully-beautiful at the same time!*

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to Wisconsin, and many from the far reaches of the northern tundra to South America – make their home here or pass through on their way to nesting or wintering areas. From the tiny hummingbird to the giant tundra swan, Marquette County is a

mostly active during the nighttime hours. On an evening drive through a marsh or wooded country road, it's quite common to see a family of these little masked "bears" out for a hunt.

On the feathery side, almost every bird native

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Large, noisy birds are the most visible and they include, swans, herons, sandhill cranes, Canada geese, bald eagles and wild turkeys. Swans can most often be seen in spring and fall, but the others nest throughout the county. Bald eagles and ospreys both nest on several area lakes and wetlands, becoming a common sight. Other big birds in the county include the turkey vulture as well as many species of hawks and owls. All types of waterfowl common to the Mississippi River Flyway are also seen during spring and fall migration.

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## Ice Age Trail In Marquette County

Marquette County has established a County Chapter as part of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation. The mission of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation is to create, support and protect a 1,200-mile-long foot trail, tracing Ice Age formations across Wisconsin. The trail begins in Door County, winds south along Kettle Moraine State Forest, and then turns north going through Marquette County. It continues north, going through the Chequamegon National Forest, and ends at the St. Croix River in western Wisconsin. The efforts to complete this trail are supported by the National Park Service, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and local county volunteer organizations. Over 600 miles of the Ice Age Trail have been completed.



The goal of the Marquette County Chapter is to complete the portion of the Ice Age trail from south of John Muir Park across the Fox River to Chaffee Creek in the north. We now have a 1.5 mile segment completed in John Muir Park, and will be working on getting an approximate 6-mile section going this year, which will connect the Westfield area with the Chaffee Creek area on the north side of the county.

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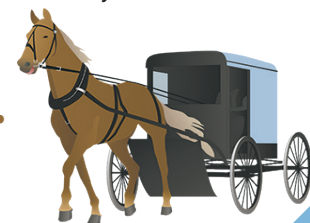
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**Harrisville's Fireman's Park:** Home of the famous Harrisville BratFest, the park provides year-round recreation with a lighted ball field, three volleyball courts, concessions stand, play equipment, bathrooms, a picnic shelter banquet hall and ample parking. Located between Westfield and Montello at the intersection of County Roads B and J.

**William Lange Park:** This popular fishing spot at the outflow of Harris Lake provides some of the best shore-fishing opportunities in the county. Complete with two fishing piers, it also has a picnic shelter, benches and off-street parking. It is a great spot to view nesting Bald Eagles to the east of the dam. Located in downtown Harrisville on County J.

**Washington Square Park:** Located in the Village of Packwaukee, this park offers an historic kiosk, picnic shelter, tables, bathrooms, basketball and volleyball courts and baseball diamond. The village library is also located on the site as well as an active bluebird house

trail. It is located at N3511 State Street on the north side of Packwaukee.

**Stan-O-Gene Park:** This large park just north of the Village of Neshkoro boats three developed hiking trails with one over a mile long through beautiful pine and oak woodlands, fields and pond. The picnic area provides bathroom facilities, ball field and kids playground area. Open year round, the trails are excellent for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The park is located just over a mile from Neshkoro on State Highway 73.

**Endeavor Lions Park:** Located on the southwest corner of Buffalo Lake in the Village of Endeavor, Lions Park is a well-groomed, mowed park with beautiful trees, baseball field, tennis courts, picnic table and shelters. The park is in downtown Endeavor on S. Church St just off of I-39.

**Dewar's Park:** This small park adjacent to the Westfield Pond provides fishing access to the pond with limited off-street parking. It is located just west of the 4th Street bridge in downtown.

**Daggett Memorial Park:** Located smack-dab in

the middle of downtown Montello, Daggett Memorial Park honors Irv Daggett who purchased the land of the historic Montello Granite Quarry. With its beautiful waterfalls, the park is the most photographed site in the county. Benches are available for sitting and enjoying the view with plenty of free parking in the area. The park is located north of the stoplights at the intersection of Hwy. 22 and 23.

**Oxford Park:** This beautiful park in the Village of Oxford offers two picnic shelters, tables, bathrooms, ball fields, bleachers, tennis and basketball courts, concessions stands, lots of parking area and mowed grassy areas. Located on the east side of the village off of Hwy. 82., at 237 E Chauncey St.

Many of these sites are also on the John Muir Nature and History Route that can be accessed by going to: [muirboyhoodhome.tourssphere.com](http://muirboyhoodhome.tourssphere.com) or from your mobile device by accessing the free app from the QR code on the front page of this Visitor's Guide. More detail about these sites is available on the mobile app.

# Hunters - Find Your Sportsman's Paradise Here!

From early times to the present, Marquette County has had a rich tradition of hunting. Although some of the game being pursued has changed during the past century, the county remains a favorite spot for today's sportsman.

Blessed with thousands of acres of wetlands and lakes, Marquette County is a waterfowler's dream; mallard, teal, woodduck, gadwall, pintail, scaup and ringbill are common residents and transients each fall. And, with a large population of local Canada Geese, as well as migrants stopping off at Grand River, Germania and other area marshes, there's more than enough to go around for the hunters. Sportsmen can pick up information on the goose hunt from the Holliday Shopping Center, located on Hwy. 22-S. in Montello.

For a number of years, Marquette County has held a wild turkey hunt. Prospects for the future continue to look good, as turkeys are seen throughout the county on an almost daily basis by those who travel the county roads. Special permits to hunt wild turkey can be obtained at the Holliday Shopping Center in Montello, Virch's True Value Hardware in Westfield, or where licenses are sold.

Deer, of course, remain the most sought-after game Marquette County has to offer. Deer pop-

ulations are stabilizing after a large over-population in the early 1980's, and deer hunting in our county offers a unique challenge to those hunters in search of big game. Hunters enjoy great success when pursuing the wary whitetail, so plentiful in Marquette County.

For the upland gamebird hunter—aspens, alder and combined forests of pine, oak and maple—offer a mixed bag. Ruffed grouse can be found during up-cycle years for the hunter willing to tromp the alder and aspen thickets. Woodcock—both migratory and resident—are frequently found throughout the county's lowlands.

Pheasants have staged a comeback in the county, thanks to light hunting pressure, heavy stocking, and the Conservation Reserve Program.

County cottontail rabbit populations continue to soar, and with lots of prime rabbit cover on public hunting grounds, they are becoming a popular quarry for wintertime hunters.

Red and gray squirrel populations are at an all-time high, and with the liberal season and bag limit, offer top opportunity to get out and enjoy a day of hunting, from September to February.

Additionally, red and gray foxes, and their



cousins—the coyotes—are also common in the county, and are often hunted in the winter months using a predator call. Raccoons are a favorite quarry for nighttime hunters and their dogs.

Although much of Marquette County is private land, many landowners will give permission to hunt, if the hunter only asks. Public hunting areas also provide land and water to pursue most of the huntable species found in the county.

With so much game, and so many places to hunt, it's easy to see why Marquette County has always been called "a Sportsman's Paradise"!

## Rustic Road

Woodlots of burr oak, hickory, locust, red cedar and ancient cottonwoods, interspersed with grasslands and rolling hills, will greet the traveler on the recently-established Rustic Road R-104 in southern Marquette County. Wisconsin is the only state with Rustic Roads! Now, you might think every road in the county qualifies as a Rustic Road--and there no doubt are others--but this is actually the county's first! Rustic Roads must have: outstanding natural features or areas that set the road apart from other roads, have low traffic and slower speed limits--before the application process may be started.

A slow drive or bike ride down the old road will take you past century-old farmsteads with trees more than 100 years old bordering both sides of the lane. Whitetail deer and wild turkeys are plentiful here, as are flocks of migrating geese in spring and fall.

To get there, exit off State Hwy. 22 south of Montello onto Cty. Trunk O. Go 8/10ths of a mile and turn left onto 14th Road. This is the start of the Rustic Road. A little over a half-mile into the trip, you'll see a sandstone outcropping right next to the road, giving a broad hint as to what lies close beneath the surface.

At the three-mile mark, you'll come to French's Creek State Wildlife Area, where hiking trails take you through fields of switchgrass and past towering trees. This is a great area for birding and wildlife-watching. Another half-mile further you'll come to the county line, where the Rustic Road continues on Barry Road into Columbia County for about a mile.

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Since its conception in 1958, the Grand River Wildlife Area in southeastern Marquette County, has become one of the largest Canada geese spring and fall staging areas in North America. While it's common to see geese flying overhead in most of the county, the large concentrations of geese at the Grand River can easily be seen at a public point just off Co. Hwy. B. Close to 3,500 acres of the Grand River Wildlife Area is surface water, fed by the Grand River, Spring and Belle Fountain Creeks.

Birds thrive in Grand River, with thousands of ducks visiting the marsh each year, and many of them staying on to raise their broods.

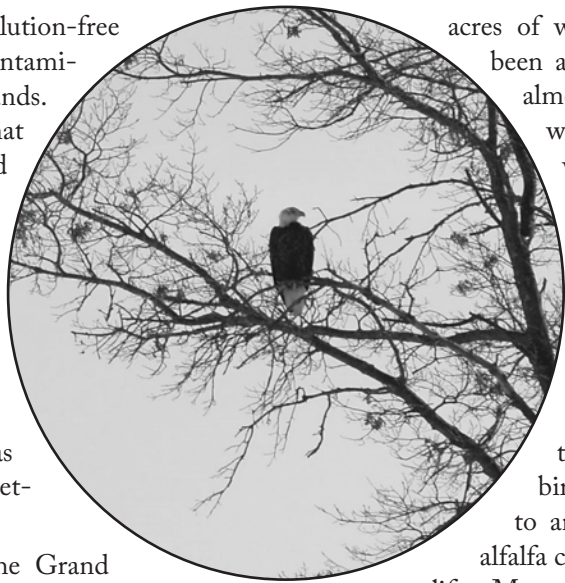


Heron, cranes, coots, rails, bitterns and other marsh birds are common. Song birds thrive in the willows and uplands surrounding the marsh, and osprey feed on fish in the crystal-clear waters.

Part of Grand River is closed to hunting, offering refuge to many species of birds. This closed area is well marked, and cannot be entered by anglers or anyone else during designated times of the year.

Much of Grand River is open for public hunting, and grouse, pheasant, woodcock, quail and wild turkey can be found, along with deer, rabbit and squirrel. It is also an excellent area for viewing all types of wildlife.

North of Grand River lies Germania Marsh Wildlife Area. This marsh, encompassing more than 2,000



acres of wetlands and uplands, has been a popular hunting spot for almost 35 years. A mecca for waterfowl and furbearers, as well as most of the familiar marsh birds and animals, Germania is a jewel for those who enjoy photographing and watching wildlife.

The uplands surrounding the wildlife area are teeming with upland gamebirds and mammals, thanks to an abundance of grain and alfalfa crops that are food for wildlife. Many species of trees and shrubs have also been planted, providing winter and nesting cover.



Like Grand River, Germania is mostly public hunting grounds, with a few waterfowl refuges established within. There are many access points for boat launching (no motors), wildlife viewing and hiking at both wildlife areas.

In many parts of the country, life-supporting wetlands are a thing of the past, but here in Marquette County, the filtering wetlands still offer water sweet to the taste and prime, pristine habitat for much of the county's wild community.



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# Bike Tours: Explore Scenic Roadways

*The back roads of Marquette County offer bicyclists a spiderweb of routes through our wealth of fields and woods, hills and valleys, and along our wetlands and waterways. Wildlife abounds along the way. Routes are shown on centerfold map in blue dots. Here are some of the favorite routes of local bicycling enthusiasts:*

**1 BRIGGSVILLE LOOP** (10 miles) - Begin at the Briggsville dam and travel north on Co. A through the gently rolling Neenah Creek Valley. As you head back to Briggsville on Co. X, turn left onto Hwy. 23 and at the top of the hill, turn right onto Nebraska St. and go down the hill to the dam.

**2 OXFORD LOOP** (14.5 miles) - Start in downtown Oxford and ride south on Co. A. This route takes you through the gently rolling Neenah Creek Valley.

**3 NORTHWEST PASSAGE RIDE** (17.5 miles) - Begin at Pioneer Park in Westfield (check out the artesian well) and ride west on Park Road. Cross Co. CH and take Park St. to Eagle Ave. Head west, then north through beautiful farmland and into heavy forests. This route has lots of hills and curves.

**4 NEWTON TOWNSHIP TRAIL** (15 miles) - Park at the Newton Town Hall on Co. B. Just south of the

town hall pedal east on Dixie Lane and begin your journey. You'll ride past an 1889 country church, several old country schools, the MH Miniature Horse Ranch on Co. Y, and Prairie Nursery on Dyke Ave.



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**5 MECAN RIVER CIRCUIT** (9 miles) - Park at the Mecan Discovery Center on Dixie Ave., just west of Hwy. 22. This route features rolling hills, crosses several streams, and travels through quite a bit of forested state land.

**6 TUTTLE LAKE TREK** (10 miles) - Begin at the Tuttle Lake Public Access on Tuttle Lake Road. Ride south on Tuttle Lake Rd. to Duck Creek Ave. This route crosses the Mecan River twice and takes you around the Germania Marsh Wildlife Area.

**7 GERMANIA JAUNT** (19 miles) - Start at the Montello City Park on Doty St. Ride south on Doty

to Park, turn left and Park will take you out of the city to the junction with 16th Road. At the northern point of this journey, you will pass Comstock Lake and the Germania Marsh Wildlife Area.

**8 LAKE PUCKAWAY LOOP** (14 miles) - Park at the Lake Puckaway Access Site off Fox Court. This ride will take you through the Puckaway Marsh, and further north, past White Lake. Stop at the resort there and meet the "free-ranging" peacocks.

**9 BUFFALO LAKE ROUTE** (16 miles) - Begin in downtown Montello and take Co. C along the north shore of Buffalo Lake, enjoying the many scenic vistas along this relatively flat road. Cross the lake on the Packwaukee Causeway and pedal past Bison Ridge Ranch on Co. D., home of a large bison herd. Return to Montello along the south shore of the lake on Co. K, which will take you to Main Street in Montello, and back to the downtown.

**10 MUIR PARK PATH** (15 miles) - Start at John Muir Memorial Park, boyhood home of the famous naturalist. From the entrance of the park on Co. F, travel north. Just across from the park is the Fox River Unit of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. This path features many rolling hills.

*These Bike Tour Routes were developed with the cooperation of the Marquette County Citizens Recreation Committee, County Highway Dept. and Marquette County Board. The above assume no liability for bicyclist safety on these routes. Bicyclists are urged to obey biking safety rules, wear helmets, and ride with caution.*

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## Coloma Area & Historical Society Events

The Coloma Area Historical Society (CAHS) and others will host exciting area activities and events again this year!

### Spalding General Store Museum

Some years ago the fledgling historical society took the initiative to rescue the old (circa 1876) Spalding General Store and Post Office in Coloma Corners that was slated for demolition. The historic old building was moved to the Community Park in Coloma, where visitors now walk a footpath of commemorative pavers and look for family names as they take a step back in time within the museum. Inside, the collection of old general store items and post office memorabilia takes a nostalgic look back at the "old" days, with exhibits changing on a rotating schedule.

Coloma Historian, Floyd King, has a collection of over 800 old photos and they were used to produce a DVD entitled "Coloma of Yesteryear" with original music by the area's Clauson Family Music Show. The museum is open Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00pm June, July and August.

### Flea Markets & Craft Shows

Flea Markets and Craft Shows are scheduled throughout the summer. Dates this year are May 25, June 29 & 30, Aug. 3, Sept. 7 and 21st. Held at the Coloma Community Park.

### Chili Cook-off and Chili Supper

The CAHS Annual Chili cook-off and chili supper fundraiser will be held in January at the Coloma Community Center.

### Coloma Lions Annual Fisheree

The Annual Fisheree on Pleasant Lake is held in Feb. 10.

### Coloma Players Mystery Theatre Dinner

Enjoy dinner while the Coloma Players entertain you with a mystery to be solved at the Anna Follett Community Center, held several times a year.

### Coloma Cycling Club

The Coloma Hotel owner Sue Apps, and avid cyclist Tom Pintar, together plan the Coloma Cycling Club weekly biking ventures. The club rides May 18 thru September every Saturday morning and is open to all at no cost. The weekly rides (featuring a special tour or interesting area destination) start at the Coloma Hotel, and are 10-20 miles long.

### Coloma Social Tennis Group & Pickleball Group

May thru September, adults who love tennis and/or pickle ball meet at the Coloma tennis courts in the Coloma Community Park and play for several hours. For more info on who meets when, contact Susan Apps at the Coloma Hotel.

### Chicken Chew, Parade, Dinner, More!!

The Annual Coloma Chicken Chew will be held at the Coloma Community Park on June 28-29-30 So much fun - visit chickenchew.com for schedule!

### Entertainment on the Deck

The Coloma Hotel hosts live entertainment on their deck on Friday and Saturday evenings in July and August. This a free event, with "pass the hat" for the musicians.

### Concerts in the Park

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### Coloma Christmas Parade

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# WAUSHARA COUNTY SELECTED ATTRACTIONS

## MUSIC & THEATER •

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## COUNTY PARKS •

Waushara County has a fantastic park system offering a wide variety of outdoor recreation. There are 11 parks ranging from one acre to 383 acres. Most are open all year, and most are on lakes having boat launches. Swimming is available at five, and several offer tennis courts, horseshoes, and cross-country skiing. Info: Park Department (920) 787-7037 weekdays.

## STATE FISH HATCHERY

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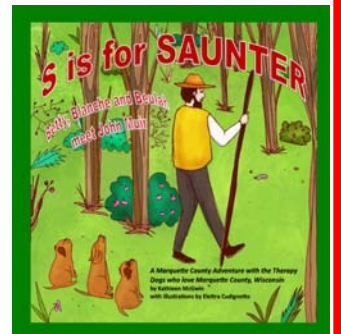
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The Waushara County Museum on St. Marie Street in Wautoma next to the County Courthouse is housed in the old Waushara Co. Jail building. Open 1-3pm Wed. and Sat., Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Pioneer Museum on Main St. in Wild Rose is an eight-building complex. Guided tours are available from 1-3pm Wed. and Sat., from mid-June to Labor Day.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

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## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT MARQUETTE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

There is no shortage of public recreation sites in Marquette County, thanks largely to more than 14,000 acres of state and federal hunting, fishing, hiking and wildlife watching areas. But what might surprise you is that there are 20 additional recreation areas managed by the county, city, villages and townships covering over 300 additional acres that offer a variety of outdoor fun. Below is a list of the sites, what's available at each and their general location.

### County Managed Sites:

**John Muir Park:** This 166-acre park is our county's largest and offers a vast variety of recreation. The boyhood home of famous naturalist, John Muir, much of the park looks as it did 170 years ago when Muir first arrived here from Scotland. The park surrounds the 30 acre pristine Ennis Lake that offers fine fishing, kayaking, canoeing and swimming. A mowed Ice Age Trail takes you around the lakeshore through prairies and oak savannahs where many birds and other wildlife may be seen. An informational kiosk, parking area, ball field and bathrooms are all available at the entrance to the park. (see more in inside article). Muir Park is located 7 miles south of Montello right on County Hwy. F.

**Krakov Park:** One of Wisconsin's top shore-fishing areas, Krakow Park is a popular area for families to enjoy a day of fishing. A large mowed area with an informational historic kiosk, picnic tables and bathroom are on-site with access available on both the north and south side of the historic Fox River below the Buffalo lake dam. Additional fishing areas include the locks both east and west of Hwy. 22 as well as fishing piers on Sunset Drive, a popular walking and birding roadway along the Buffalo Lake Causeway in Montello. Bait, tackle, licenses and food are only a block away south of the park at Holliday. Krakow Park is located a half mile south of the stoplights on Hwy. 22 in Montello.

**Apuckaway Recreational Area:** Marquette County's only access to sprawling Lake Puckaway is an 8-acre site that offers fishing, swimming, interpretive hiking and nature trail, boat launching, parking, picnicking and fantastic birding and wildlife watching. It has a large mowed area for family activities and more than 100 species of birds have been seen from the lake shore and hiking trail.

Cooking grills are available as is a bathroom and picnic tables. The parking lot is open year-round for ice fishing access. To get there: drive east out of Montello on Hwy. 23 then veer onto Cty. C and enjoy a 5 mile drive along the vast Puckaway Marsh to the stop sign. Go straight ahead on Fox Court just over a mile where you will see the sign on the right.

**Tuttle Lake:** Beautiful Tuttle Lake has the county's only maintained swimming beach. It also provides lake access for fishing, boating, canoeing and kayaking. Ample parking is available and bathroom for changing. The beach is fenced-in and swimming area roped off for safety. The Tuttle Lake Trek bike route starts at the south end of the access boundary where parking is available. Tuttle Lake is located at N7821 Tuttle Lake Road. To get there go north of Montello on Hwy. 22 for 10 miles. Turn right on Duck Creek Rd. for just over a mile to Tuttle Lake Rd.

**Buffalo Lake Access:** This 3 acre site on the north shore of Buffalo Lake includes a historic kiosk, boat launching, large parking area, fishing pier, bathroom, boat launching and an easy hiking and nature trail. Access is open year round for ice fishing. Located on County Hwy. C, five miles west of Montello.

**State Hwy. 22 Wayside:** This large parking area not only offers a great spot to stop and rest while traveling, it can be a nice spot to visit at anytime. The wayside offers a bathroom, cooking grills, bench area, picnic tables and large, mowed grassy areas under ancient bur oaks for stretching your legs and letting the kids run! A vast private prairie to the north is great for seeing and hearing grassland birds from the wayside. The site is complete with a John Muir history kiosk. The wayside is located 11 miles south of Montello on Hwy. 22.

**Neenah Lake Access:** Canoe and kayak access on Neenah Lake in the Town of Oxford this site offers fishing with parking off the street. It is also a good viewing spot for birding. Located just north of Oxford on County Rd. A.

**Moon Lake Access:** This boat launch site at Moon/Birch Lake offers lake access to non-motorized boats as well as canoes and kayaks. With no development on the

lake, it is a great place for an easy paddle. Lots of birds can be seen here. Fishing by wading is possible and the site has a pier, swimming, parking and bathroom. Located at N4194 Fern Avenue. Take Hwy. 23 west of Montello two miles to Fern Avenue. Turn right and go one mile to the access site on the right.

### Municipality Owned Sites:

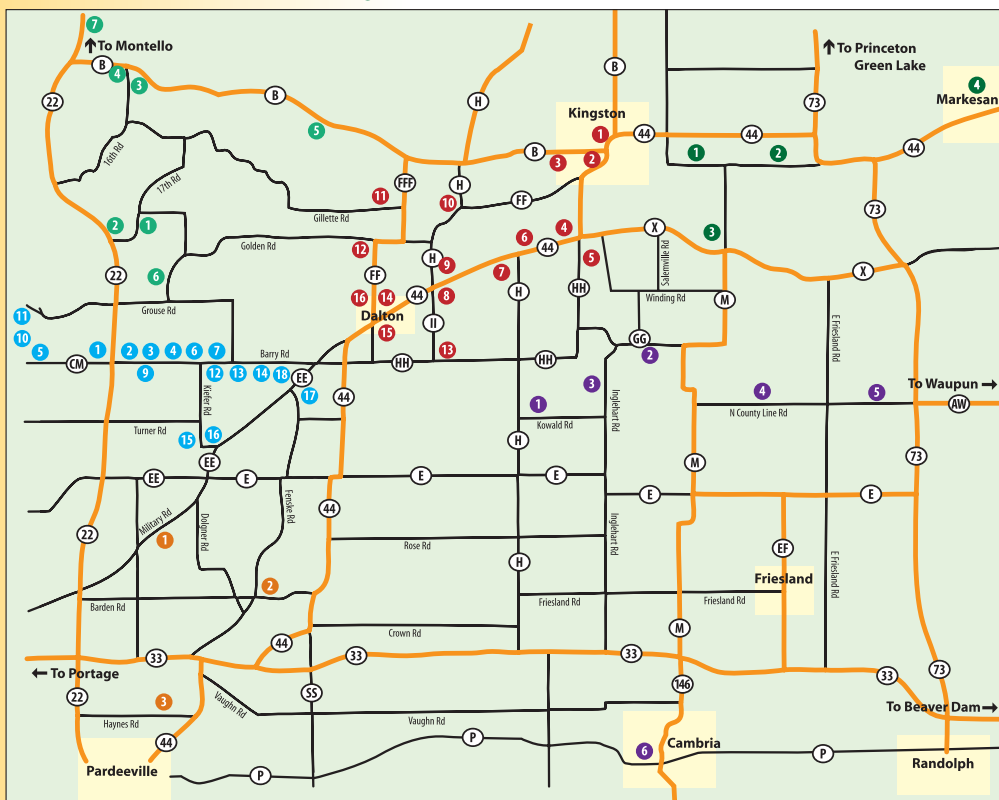
**Pioneer Park:** Located in the Village of Westfield, Pioneer Park is a 35-acre Community Park and starting point for the Northwest Passage Bike Route. The park offers many recreational opportunity facilities including: horseshoe pits, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, trap shooting range, large play equipment, three picnic shelters, ball fields, off-street parking and walking trails. It is a great place for picnics and large family gatherings. Pioneer Park is located 316 East Pioneer Park Road just off of I-39 and County Road E.

**Montello City Park:** Located on Doty Street on the south end of Montello Lake, this 40-acre park is well-developed with large mowed areas for walking, two baseball diamonds, bleachers, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, play equipment, picnic tables, two shelters, three parking areas, swimming beach on the lake and bathrooms. Many activities take place at the park. Check the local paper for events as well as the event calendar in this issue. The park can be reached from Hwy 23 west by turning on Park Street by the courthouse or 22 north by turning onto Park Street two blocks north of the Hwy. 22 North/23 East intersection. Take Park St. to Doty St. north one block.

**Wells Point Park:** This small but quiet park offers peace and quiet on the shores of Montello Lake. A small shelter and picnic table is available as well as benches where you can relax and enjoy the lake. The point is an excellent area to see migrating birds in both spring and fall. If you choose, you can wade out and fish along the shore or take a dip in the lake at the tip of the point. Located just past the city cemetery on Hwy 23 West in downtown Montello. Look for the sign.

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