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From the North Coast to the South Coast of Minnesota **Traveling Highway 75**

Originally, Highway 75 was a Native American trail route used for shelter, food gathering, and trade. Pioneers followed this route, marketing farm produce and delivering mail. As the automobile was developed, the trail improved, and in 1917 the road extending from Winnipeg, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico was designated "The King of Trails."

In 1918, communities along "The King of Trails" formed the KT Association and, by 1925, travelers from all over the country began exploring the "King of Trails" in their cars. The U.S. Government began numbering highways in 1926, and the KT became US 75.

Throughout the years, Highway 75 has undergone major reconstruction and some rerouting for safer and speedier travel. In 2001, the Minnesota Legislature designated Highway 75 as "The Historic King of Trails." Later in 2004, "The King of Trails" was designated as the newest and longest of the 22 Minnesota State Scenic Byways. Today travelers can still enjoy peaceful vistas, fascinating historical sites, quaint towns, colorful festivals, and warm hospitality along the lakes, rivers and trails of remarkable Highway 75.

Pipestone



Come join us!

For information on accommodations and camping please refer to the Highway 75 website and links to cities at: www.highway75.com. For more information on Minnesota county fairs go to www.mfcf.com

Lake Agassiz

Much of the Red River Valley, through which part of Highway 75 runs, is the ancient lake bed of the once-huge Lake Agassiz. Its shoreline was once roamed by woolly mammoths and nomadic bands of humans. The lake was formed by a retreating glacier about 11,500 years ago, then disappeared approximately 9,500 years ago when the glacier retreated. In its path it left rich soil, which currently provides abundant crops and stands of spruce, deciduous trees and sagebrush. In parts of Walsh and Grand Forks counties, irregular depressions up to a mile wide and 15 feet deep can be seen. These are spring pits where salty water from buried sandstone seep to the surface and slowly wash away surface sediment. The general area of the vast ancient lake runs approximately from the Canadian border south to Sisseton, with Highway 210 as its easternmost boundary.

Native American History Along the Trail

Although several different Native American tribes hunted, fished, gathered and traded along the corridor that is now Highway 75 "King of Trails", these early peoples were united in their respect for the Earth and an understanding of human kind's place in the tall grass prairies. Their proud heritage has contributed to the region's history and culture.

These days, several pow wows are held in cities and towns along the Trail and you'll find interesting points of interest in all five regions. Don't miss the quarries and sacred sites in Pipestone. Be sure to visit the bison herds at Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne; historic Forts Abercrombie and Sisseton where important battles were fought; the rock formations west of Gary, SD, an ancient Indian "compass;" the city of Breckenridge which was the dividing point between Ojibwe and Dakota tribes; and The Forks and Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg, which showcases the culture of the aboriginal people.

We're now a 501 C3 organization and looking for members!

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Family/Individual Membership \$20
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www.highway75.com (link to membership) or call the
Pipestone Chamber of Commerce at 507-825-3316.

Lake Benton



Wahpeton



Manitoba



Dawson





KING OF TRAILS

Market Day



The Highway 75 Market Day is a coordinated event held annually the 2nd Saturday in September. It is hosted by a number of communities up and down Historic Highway 75 in Western Minnesota, where community vendors openly market their goods at select locations. Shoppers are invited to move from town to town taking in all the market has to offer as well as experiencing the communities and the sights of Highway 75. 414 miles on Highway 75. 8 a.m.-closing. September 12, 2009 and September 11, 2010.

Market Locations: Visit www.highway75.com for the participating communities this year.

All photos on this page by Rich Murphy.





Luverne



Blue Mound State Park



Manitoba

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Travel and Tours

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A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Old St. Boniface (Winnipeg's French Quarter); Gentilly Catholic Church; Old Gothic Cathedral (Crookston); Hopperstand Stave Church (Moorhead's Hjemkomst Center); Victorian Gothic Zion Church (Shelly); Mount Saint Benedict; Holy Rosary Catholic Church (Graceville); Prairie Rose Chapel (Wahpeton); Hutterite Colony Farm (Graceville); Stiklestad Norwegian Lutheran Church (rural Doran); **Lac qui Parle Mission (rural Watson); Sacred Native American site at National Monument (Pipestone); Little Feather Interpretive Center (Pipestone); Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipekeepers (Pipestone).**

FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN

Waterparks (Winnipeg); Auto racing (Hallock); Sky Vu Drive-In Theater (Warren); Mt. St. Benedict x-country ski trails (Crookston); Voyageur's View Tubing (near Red Lake Falls); Movies at old Grand Theatre (Crookston); Old-fashioned ice cream at Widmann's Candy Shop (Crookston); Red River Zoo (Fargo); Carousel rides (Wahpeton); Historic Wilkin Eatery (Breckenridge); Historic Victoria's Restaurant (Wolverton); Homemade pies at Crandell's Restaurant (Wheaton); Chahinkapa Zoo (Breckenridge/Wahpeton); **Historic Eahtonka 52-passenger boat tours (Ortonville); NASCAR race track (Madison); "Little Europe" ethnic village (Ivanhoe); Buffalo herd at Blue Mounds State Park (Luverne); Frontier fort and gift shop (Pipestone); Verne Drive-In Theater (Luverne); Prairie Heights bison ranch (Luverne); Go Kart & Motorcycle Racing (Pipestone).**

DISCOVERING THE PAST

Heritage Village at North Dakota Museum of Art (Grand Forks); The Forks National Historic Site (Winnipeg); Old Home Town Museum (Stephen); Settlers Square Museum (Warren); Bonanzaville USA pioneer village (Fargo); Norman Co. Historical Log Museum (Ada); Red River History Museum (Shelly); Polk County Historical Museum (Crookston); Clay County Museum; Kjemkomst Norwegian Center Viking Ship (Moorhead); Restored historic theater (Fargo); Quincy historic cemetery (Hendrum); Rosemeade pottery at Richland County Historical Museum (Wahpeton); Riverside Cemetery (rural Breckenridge); Bagg Bonanza Farm (Mooreton); **Canby Depot Museum (Canby); Lund-Hoel House Museum (Canby); Historic railroad bridges (Gary, SD); Historic Opera House (Lake Benton); Historic downtown with 20 Sioux Quartzite buildings on the National Register (Pipestone); Pipestone County Museum (Pipestone); Hinkly House (Luverne); Civil War Days (Pipestone).**

STRANGE DISCOVERIES

Aboriginal Center (Winnipeg); UFO car at Marshall County Museum (Warren); World's largest oxcart (Crookston); Bison scratching rock (Pankratz Memorial Prairie near Crookston); Viking stone (Ortonville); Lou T. Fisk monument (Madison); Largest salt water lake between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Salt Lake (Marietta); Cattle drive in October (Canby); Prehistoric shark's tooth and fossils at Big Stone County Museum (Ortonville); Gnome statues throughout town (Dawson); **"The Three Maidens" sacred Native American site (Pipestone).**

NATURE'S FINEST

Fishing and canoeing on the Tamarac River (Stephen); Boat tours (Winnipeg); 32-mile gravel Agassiz Trail (connects Twin Valley and Gary with Fertile & Ulen); Fishing for catfish on the Red River (Halstad); Glacier Ridge Nature Conservancy & Rydell Wildlife Refuge (Crookston) June Shaver Butterfly Garden (Crookston); Red River of the North Canoe Trail (Breckenridge/ Wahpeton); Kidder Recreation Area (Breckenridge/Wahpeton); **Birding, trails and auto drive at Big Stone State Park and National Wildlife Refuge (Ortonville); Lac qui Parle Refuge (Bellingham); Water recreation on Lake Benton (Lake Benton); Casey Jones Recreational Trail (Pipestone); Waterfalls and trails at Pipestone National Monument (Pipestone); Blue Mounds State Park (Luverne).**

CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Winnipeg Art Gallery (Winnipeg); University of North Dakota Aerospace aviation complex; Historic Empire Arts Center (Fargo); Plains Art Museum (Fargo); Blues Festival (Fargo); **September Meander Art Crawl (Ortonville, Madison, Dawson, Canby); Studio of famous author Robert Bly (Madison); Extensive bird collection at Big Stone County Museum (Ortonville); Midwest Center for Wind Energy (Hendricks); Buffalo Ridge with more than 1000 250-ft. wind turbines (Lake Benton); Heritage & Windpower Learning Center (Lake Benton); Pipestone Performing Arts Center (Pipestone); Brandenburg Art Gallery (Luverne); Wind Turbine Farms (Pipestone).**

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

University of Winnipeg (Winnipeg); University of Manitoba (Winnipeg); University of North Dakota (Grand Forks); University of Mary (Grand Forks); Embury-Riddle (Grand Forks); Lake Region State College (Grand Forks); Northland College (Thief River Falls); Northland College (East Grand Forks); University of Minnesota Crookston (Crookston); North Dakota State University (Fargo); University of Minnesota Moorhead (Moorhead); Minnesota State & Community Technical College (Moorhead); Concordia College (Moorhead); University of Mary (Fargo); Rassmussen College (Fargo); **North Dakota State College of Science (Wahpeton); Minnesota West (Canby); Minnesota West (Pipestone).**

WIND POWER

Rising majestically up into the sky along the southern stretch of the "King of Trails" Highway 75 corridor are over 1,000 turbines. These sit along a moraine called Buffalo Ridge, a pile of sediment (silt, sand, gravel, and boulders), which were left at the edge of an ancient glacier.

In 1994, the Minnesota State legislature ordered 425 megawatts of wind power and 125 megawatts of bio-based energy as down payment on a detailed nuclear phase-out plan. Wind developers from around the world flocked to Southwestern Minnesota, hoping to cash in on the new energy mandates, and today, not only are wind turbines in this region producing thousand of megawatts of electricity, but international developers have built local manufacturing plants to provide component parts used in area and world-wide wind production.

Earlier turbines, erected in the mid-1900s, reached 125 feet in the air (with blades approximately 40 feet long) and produced enough electricity for 125 average homes. Second generation turbines are 168 feet tall (with 76 foot blades and a weight of 124,000 pounds each) and are able to produce enough electricity for 250 homes. The latest turbine designs can produce electricity for 500 homes, with 400 foot tall turbines and blades from 100-141 feet long. Recent energy mandates will require production of enough wind energy to power about 100,000 homes by the year 2015.

Ethanol is an alcohol-based alternative fuel produced by fermenting and distilling starch crops that have been converted into simple sugars. Along the Highway 75 corridor, corn is the crop most often used for ethanol production.

Ethanol increases octane and improves the emissions quality of gasoline. Today, there is a good market outlook for ethanol, as it is often combined with gasoline to create E85, a blend of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline, which qualifies as an alternative fuel under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Most major auto manufacturers now offer flexible fuel vehicles (called FFVs) that can run on E85, and in the U.S, approximately 2 billion gallons of ethanol are added to gasoline each year, with that number growing. In the future, ethanol may be used as a fuel to produce hydrogen for fuel cell vehicle applications.

ETHANOL

CONFINEMENT AGRICULTURE

As you drive through the region, you might ask, "Where are all the animals?" Just look for the large barns! These days, cattle, hogs, and poultry are often confined to climate-controlled, disease-resistant buildings!

FOR YOUR SAFETY

During spring planting and harvest season (late summer and early fall), be sure to watch for these orange signs posted on the back of slow moving (and often wide!) agricultural vehicles. Your safety is important to us as you travel along our rich, agricultural route!

BIO-DIESEL FUELS

A fuel of the future, the concept of biofuels is surprisingly old. Rudolf Diesel, whose invention now bears his name, had envisioned vegetable oil as a fuel source for his engine as far back as the early 1900s. In 1992, the Energy Policy Act was passed here in the U.S., which aimed at reducing our dependency on foreign oil and opened the door for cleaner-burning fuels and set standards for fuel additives. As soybeans are currently the primary source of biodiesel fuel, the Highway 75 region has become one of the nation's biggest suppliers of this important crop.

Biodiesel has several key advantages: it is environmentally friendly; it helps to lubricate the engine itself, decreasing engine wear; it can be used in almost any diesel with little or no engine modification; it has fewer emissions than standard diesel; it is biodegradable; and it is a renewable source of energy. Currently, the greatest drawbacks to using biodiesel are the cost of production and availability, but the industry is working hard to address these issues in the near future.

WIND POWER EDUCATION

For a fascinating look at this rapidly growing energy source, be sure to visit **The Heritage and Windpower Learning Center** (507-368-4480) in Lake Benton. Tours are available to the wind turbine sites by appointment only.

LOOK FOR THESE CROPS WHILE TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 75...

Soybeans

Wheat

Corn

Sunflowers

Sugar Beets

Potatoes

HIGHWAY 75

Things you didn't know about the King of Trails!

The historic Bagg Bonanza Farm (huge corporate-owned farms) has been restored at Mooreton, North Dakota (15-20 miles off Highway 75).

At the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg there's a full-sized replica of the 17th century ship, the Nonsuch, whose voyage in 1668 led to the formation of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Winnipeg's French Quarter is the largest French-speaking population west of the Great Lakes.

The Indian history of Kittson Co. (Hallock, Kennedy, St. Vincent) goes back to 6500 B.C.

Earliest settlers in Argyle were French Canadians.

The early, early King of Trails was an Indian fur-trading trail.

Moose can be sighted at several northwestern wildlife refuges.

The soil in the Red River Valley is some of the richest in the world.

Crookston has one of the best concentrations of late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings along Highway 75.

The Pembina Trail, which was for oxcarts hauling furs from Pembina to St. Paul, once crossed the Red River Valley.

Halstad is the birthplace and childhood home of band leader Skitch Henderson.

Crookston was once the childhood home of movie stars Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine.

The city of Breckenridge is the headwaters of the Red River of the North which flows 550 miles north, making it the longest north flowing river in North America.

FEMCO Farms in Wilkin Co. near Breckenridge, is where diversified farming began in the U.S.

In 1917, the trail from Winnipeg to the Gulf of Mexico was considered the ultimate in trails and was named the King of Trails. It was hailed as the best-marked road in the U.S. at the same time.



Lake Benton



Luverne

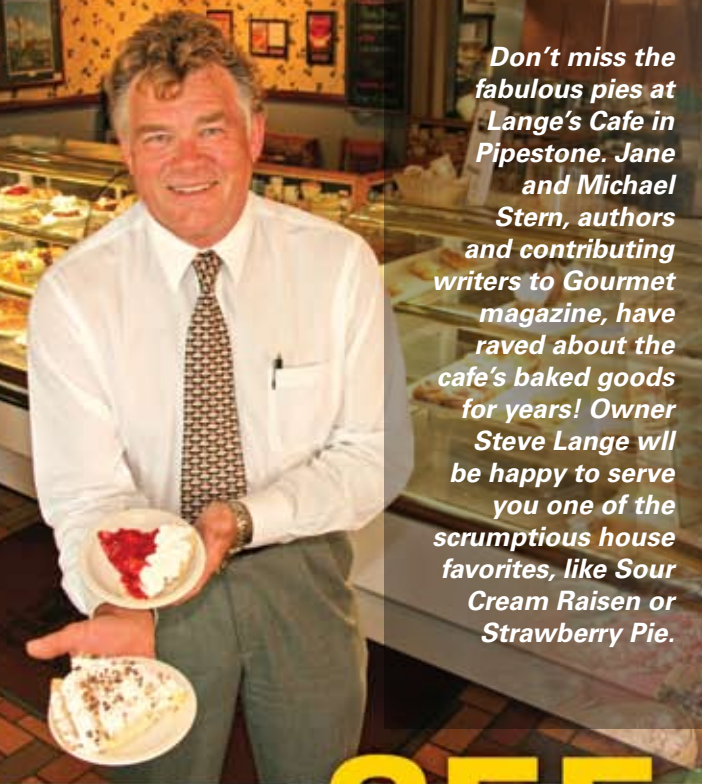
Crookston



PARKS & RECREATION INFORMATION



| | | Birding | Camping | Fishing | Golf | Hunting | Lakes-Rivers Nearby | Nat'l Park/Monument/Refuge | Regional/Provincial Park | State Park | Tourist Information | Trails (bike, horse, hike) | Wildlife | Winter Sports | Snowmobile Trails |
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| | Kennedy, Minnesota | | • | | | | | | • | • | • | | | • | |
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| | Warren , Minnesota | • | • | | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
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| | Grand Forks , North Dakota | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | |
| | Red Lake Falls, Minnesota | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | |
| REGION 2 | Crookston, Minnesota | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • |
| | Climax, Minnesota | • | | • | • | • | • | | | | | • | • | • | |
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| | Shelly, Minnesota | | | • | | | • | | | | | | | | |
| | Halstad, Minnesota | | | • | | • | • | | | | | | • | • | |
| | Hendrum, Minnesota | | • | • | | | • | | | | | | | | |
| | Georgetown, Minnesota | • | | • | | • | • | | | | • | | • | • | |
| | Moorhead, Minnesota | • | • | • | • | | • | | • | | • | • | • | • | |
| | Fargo, North Dakota | | • | • | • | | • | | | | • | • | • | • | |
| | Wolverton, Minnesota | • | | | | | • | | • | | | | • | • | |
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| | Clinton, Minnesota | | | | | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | |
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| | Pipestone, Minnesota | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| REGION 5 | Luverne, Minnesota | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |



Don't miss the fabulous pies at Lange's Cafe in Pipestone. Jane and Michael Stern, authors and contributing writers to Gourmet magazine, have raved about the cafe's baked goods for years! Owner Steve Lange will be happy to serve you one of the scrumptious house favorites, like Sour Cream Raisen or Strawberry Pie.



If you like sweets, you'll love the offerings at Widman's in downtown Crookston. Owner George Widman III has been working in the candy business for many years, often shipping his delicious confections to fans all over the U.S. Don't miss the chocolate-covered potato chips—they're Widman's specialty!



SEE US on The Highway!



Stop and ask volunteer Norman Shelstad for a tour of the Big Stone Co. Museum in Ortonville. A retired teacher, who once taught in a one-room school, Norman takes great pride in sharing the history of Big Stone County—and he'll even ring the old school bell for you!



Renfro Variety, on Main Street in downtown Luverne, is filled with treasures of every style, price and origin. Delightful shop owner, Margaret Vegge, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday and continues to work circles around everybody else—six days a week!



County Website Information

Rock County • www.co.rock.mn.us
 Pipestone County • www.pipestone-county.org
 Lincoln County • www.mncounties3.org/lincoln/
 Yellow Medicine • www.rootsweb.com/~mnyellow
 Lac qui Parle County • www.rootsweb.com/~mnlacqui/index.htm
 Big Stone County • www.bigstonecounty.org
 Traverse County • www.rootsweb.com/~mntraver/index.htm
 Wilkin County • www.co.wilkin.mn.us
 Clay County • www.co.clay.mn.us
 Norman County • www.co.norman.mn.us
 Polk County • www.co.polk.mn.us
 Kittson County • www.co.kittson.mn.us/highway.htm

Region 1

Including the cities of Winnipeg-Canada, Hallock, Kennedy, Stephen, Argyle, Warren, Oslo, Grand Forks-North Dakota and Red Lake Falls.



From sophisticated Winnipeg to the agricultural towns of the Red River Valley to the bustling city of Grand Forks, Section One is the most varied demographic region along Highway 75.

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Destination Winnipeg
259 Portage Ave.,
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www.destinationwinnipeg.ca

Look for...The Forks National Historic Site, Old Saint-Boniface French Quarter, Historic Exchange District, Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Assiniboine Park, Imap Theatre, Children's Museum.

EMERSON, MANITOBA, CANADA

Administrator, Town of Emerson
PO Box 340
Emerson, MN ROA OLO, Canada
204-373-2002

Look for...The birthplace of the Royal Mounted Police, Fort Dufferin, Trans Canada Trail.

HALLOCK, MN

City of Hallock
PO Box 336, Hallock, MN 56728
218-843-2737

Look for...Gilbert Olson Park, nearby Kittson County Museum at Lake Bronson.

KENNEDY, MN

City of Kennedy
PO Box 7, Kennedy, MN 56733
218-674-4142
www.ruralaccess.net/kennedy

Look for...Beautiful community flower gardens, county's largest antique store and Kennedy baseball field.

STEPHEN, MN

City of Stephen
PO Box 630, Stephen, MN 56757
218-478-3614
www.stephenmn.com

Look for...Old Home Town Museum, canoeing on Tamarac River.

ARGYLE, MN

Argyle Civic & Commerce
PO Box 288, Argyle, MN 56173
218-437-6621
www.ci.argyle.mn.us

Look for...Argyle Depot Museum, nearby historic Old Mill State Park (12 mi. E), Kurz Memorial Lions Park with unique railroad car walking bridge.

WARREN, MN

Warren Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 122, Warren, MN 56762
218-745-4411

Look for...Famous UFO car at Settlers Square/Marshall County Museum, Sky Vu Drive-In Theater (May-Oct.).

OSLO, MN

City of Oslo
PO Box 187, Oslo, MN 56744
218-695-3841

Look for...War Relic Museum, Red River boat landing with campground.

EAST GRAND FORKS, MN & GRAND FORKS, ND

Grand Forks CVB
4251 Gateway Dr.,
Grand Forks, ND 58203
1-800-866-4566
www.grandforkscvb.org

Look for...Heritage Village at North Dakota Museum of Art, historic Empire Arts Center, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Mura Museum and historic Campbell House, Ralph Engelstad Arena, tours of University of North Dakota Aerospace aviation complex.

RED LAKE FALLS, MN

Red Lake Co. Economic Development
PO Box 183
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
218-253-2007
www.redlakecounty.org

Look for...Historic Red Lake County Courthouse, paved trails, Voyageur's View Tubing on the Red River.

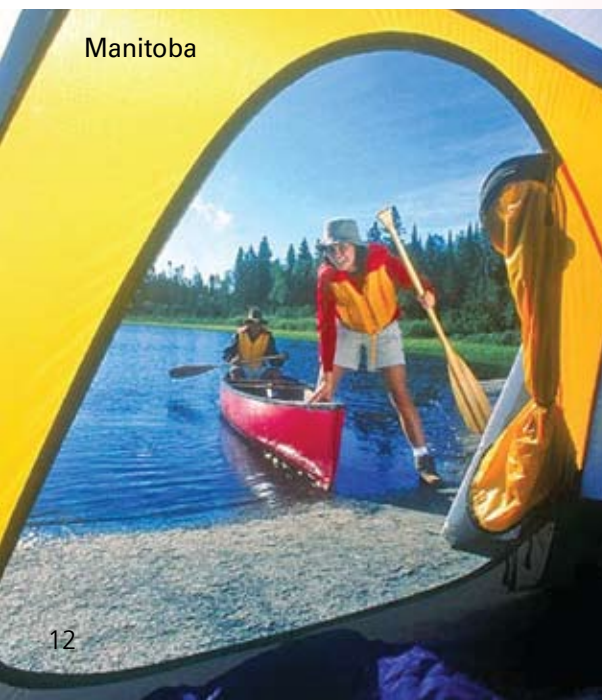


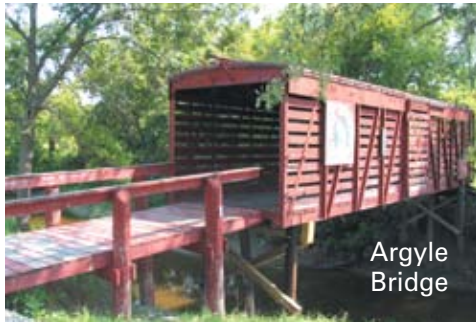
Marshall Co. Museum, Warren

Warren



Manitoba





Argyle
Bridge



UFO Car,
Warren



Stephen
Arts
Center

Attractions & Events

FEBRUARY

Le Festival du Voyageur
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada

MAY

Winnipeg Wine Festival
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada

JUNE

International Film Festival
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada

Back Home Days
Hallock, Minnesota

Meet Your Neighbor Day
Argyle, Minnesota

Jazz Festival
Winnipeg, Canada

**International Children's
Festival**
Winnipeg, Canada

JULY

Taste of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada

Kittson County Fair
Hallock, Minnesota

Celebrate Kennedy
Kennedy, Minnesota

Marshall County Fair
Warren, Minnesota

Summerfest
Stephen, Minnesota

Folk Festival
Winnipeg, Canada

AUGUST

Heritage Days
East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Folklorama
Winnipeg, Canada

SEPTEMBER

King of Trails Market Day
Kennedy, Stephen, Argyle

Winnipeg



Stephen

Explore and Experience Small-Town Living on the Tamarac River!



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City of Stephen

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POTET KLUB (Potato Dumplings)

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|---|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1 | ham shank | 1 | cup white flour |
| 4 | raw potatoes | 1/4 | tsp baking powder |
| 2 | boiled potatoes | | salt and pepper |
| 1 | cup whole wheat flour | | |

Boil the ham shank until done (when meat is loose on bone). Remove it from the liquid and let it cool. Save the liquid. Remove the meat and some of the fat from the bone and put it in through a grinder with the potatoes. Add the flours, baking powder, and salt and pepper. Be sure there's enough flour to make a stiff dough. Using your hands, roll into dumplings, drop into the ham liquid, and cook at a slow boil until done (about 1 hour). Serve the dumplings with butter on top.



Fun for the whole family right here at home.



Al Simmons
Winnipeg Folk Festival
July 9-12, 2009

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Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce
107 W. 2nd St.
Crookston, MN 56716
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www.visitcrookston.com

Look for... Polk County Museum, historic downtown walking tour, world's largest oxcart, birding at Glacial Ridge Nature Conservancy & Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, childhood home of movie stars Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine.

CLIMAX, MN

City of Climax
PO Box 166, Climax, MN 56523
218-857-2241

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NIELSVILLE, MN

City of Nielsville
PO Box 68, Nielsville, MN 56568
218-946-3205

Look for... Camping, hunting.

SHELLY, MN

City of Shelly
PO Box 126, Shelly, MN 56581
218-886-8355

Look for... Red River History Museum, old church on historic register, nearby historic Zion Church in rural Shelly.

HALSTAD, MN

City of Halstad
404 5th Ave. E, Halstad, MN 56548
218-456-2822
www.halstad.com

Look for... Fabulous catfishing on the Red River, birthplace and childhood home of band leader Skitch Henderson.

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Hendrum EDA
308 Main St. E, Hendrum, MN 56550
218-861-6210
www.riv.net/hendrum/

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GEORGETOWN, MN

City of Georgetown
PO Box 213, Georgetown, MN 56545

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MOORHEAD, MN

City of Moorhead
500 Center Ave. • PO Box 779
Moorhead, MN 56560
218-299-5305

www.fargomoorhead.org

Look for... Recreation on the Red River, Hjemkomst (Norwegian) Center with Viking Ship and Hopperstand Stave Church Replica, Berquist Pioneer Cabin, S.S. Ruby pontoon riverboat rides and canoe/kayak/bike rental.

FARGO, ND

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& Visitors Bureau
2001 44th St. SW, Fargo, ND 58103
701-282-3653

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Look for... Recreation on the Red River, Bonanzaville USA historic village, Fargo Air Museum, Red River Zoo, Plains Art Museum, Children's Museum at Yunker Farm, Roger Maris Museum.





Old Library, Crookston



Crookston



Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead

Attractions & Events

FEBRUARY

Ice Buster Days

Crookston, Minnesota

MARCH

Fargo Film Festival

Fargo, North Dakota

Red River Sled Dog Derby

Halstad, Minnesota

JUNE

Small Town

Saturday Night

Climax, Minnesota

Catfish Days

Halstad & Hendrum, Minnesota

Norman County Fair

Ada, Minnesota

Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival

Moorhead, Minnesota

JULY

Polk Co. Fair

Fertile, Minnesota

Summerfest

Hendrum, Minnesota

Clay County Fair

Barnesville, Minnesota

AUGUST

Oxcart Festival and Classic Cruiser Car Show

Crookston, Minnesota

Pioneer Days

West Fargo, North Dakota

Fargo Blues Festival

Fargo, North Dakota

SEPTEMBER

Pioneer Days/Harvest Festival

Crookston, Minnesota

Fall Festival

Halstad, Minnesota

King of Trails Marketplace

Crookston, Minnesota

OCTOBER

United Way Chili Cook-Off

Crookston, Minnesota

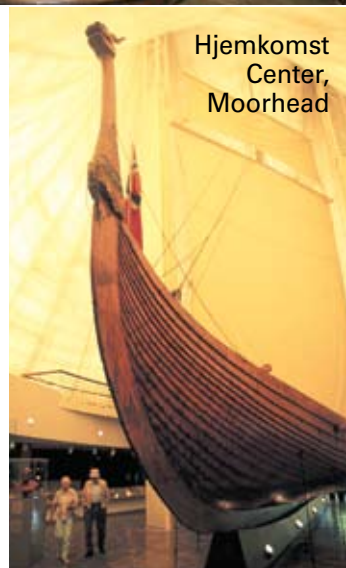
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Santa Day

Halstad, Minnesota



Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead



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- Winter Wonderland (December)
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Region 3

Including the cities of Wolverton, Breckenridge, Wahpeton-North Dakota.



WOLVERTON, MN

City of Wolverton
301 King of Trails Pkwy.
Wolverton, MN 56594
218-995-2526

Look for...Great fishing on the Red River, migratory birding route, Victoria's Restaurant and Old School House on National Historic Register.

BRECKENRIDGE, MN/ WAHPETON, ND

Wahpeton/Breckenridge Area Chamber of Commerce
118 N 6th St.
Wahpeton, ND 58075
701-642-8744 • 1-800-892-6673
www.wahpetonbreckenridgechamber.com

Look for...Chahinkapa Zoo, Prairie Rose Carousel and Chapel, Railroad Park with caboose, Richland Co. Historical Museum, Wilkin Drink & Eatery, world's largest catfish at Kidder Recreation Area, Red River of the North Historic Canoe Trail, Oxcart Trail Park, Welles Memorial Park, Headwaters of the Red River Park monument, Wilkin County Historical Museum, Bois De Sioux Golf, canoeing and boating on the Otter Tail River.

WHEATON, MN

City of Wheaton
City Hall, PO Box 868
Wheaton, MN 56296
320-563-4110

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City of Graceville
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Graceville, MN 56296
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Chahinkapa Zoo, Wahpeton



Prairie Rose Carousel, Wahpeton

Headwaters of the Red River Monument, Breckenridge



Red River



Wahpeton



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Attractions & Events

JUNE

Blue Goose Days

Wahpeton, North Dakota

Blue Goose Days

Breckenridge, Minnesota

JULY

Crazy Day

Breckenridge, Minnesota/

Wahpeton, North Dakota

AUGUST

Wilkin County Fair

Breckenridge, Minnesota

Traverse County Fair

Wheaton, Minnesota

SEPTEMBER

Breckenridge

Headwaters Day

Breckenridge, Minnesota

DECEMBER

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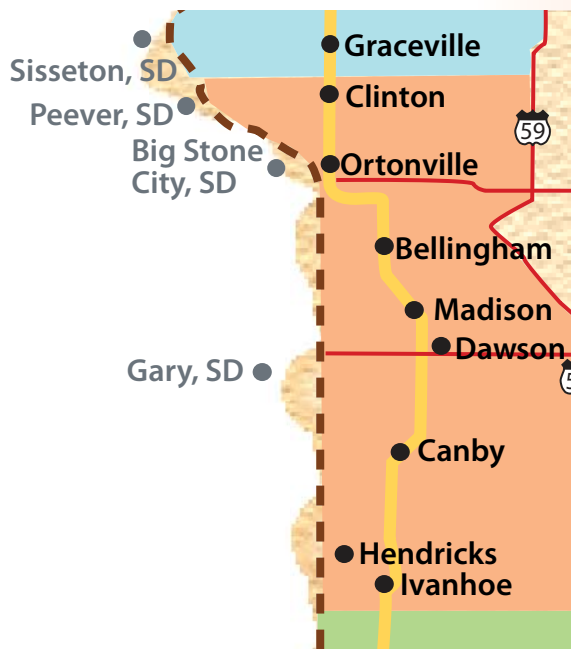
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CLINTON, MN

City of Clinton
PO Box 6, Clinton, MN 56225
320-325-5580

Look for...Old Depot, Nearby Continental Divide in Brown's Valley where water flow splits by flowing north to Hudson Bay and south to the Gulf of Mexico.

ORTONVILLE, MN

City of Ortonville
987 U.S. Hwy. 12
Ortonville, MN 56278
320-839-3284

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Look for...Historic downtown with old courthouse, Big Stone County Museum with enormous granite anchor, possible Viking stone, pioneer village, 500+ mounted water birds and fossils & prehistoric shark tooth, Big Stone State Park & National Wildlife Refuge with auto drive, operating granite quarry, Pioneer Locker for sausages, wonderful walleye fishing, deer/pheasant/duck hunting.

BELLINGHAM, MN

Bellingham Chamber of Commerce
Main St., PO Box 295
Bellingham, MN 56212
320-568-2120

Look for...Deer, pheasant, duck hunting, Lac qui Parle Refuge, memorial park.

MADISON, MN

Madison Chamber of Commerce
623 W 3rd St. • PO Box 70
Madison, MN 56256
320-598-7301

www.madisonmn.info/

Look for...Lotifisk Capital USA, Lac qui Parle Historical Museum including studio of author Robert Bly, historic Carnegie Library, NASCAR race track.

DAWSON, MN

Dawson Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 382
Dawson, MN 56232
320-769-2981

Look for..."Gnometown USA" -reflecting Scandanavian Heritage with gnome statues throughout town, Lac qui Parle River, Lac qui Parle State Park, Dawson Historical Armory Building, historic Carnegie Library, old gas station.

CANBY, MN

City of Canby
110 Oscar Ave.
Canby, MN 56220
507-223-7295

Look for...1870's railroad center, Canby Depot Museum, 1891 Lund-Hoel House Museum, historic Lundring Service Station, Del Clark Lake.

GARY, SD

City of Gary
PO Box 127, Gary, SD 57237
605-272-5651

Look for...Birding, hunting, golf, fishing, groomed snowmobile trails, rodeo, cattle drive.

PORTER, MN

City of Porter
PO Box 130
Porter, MN 56280
507-296-4609

Look for...Camping, trails, large manufacturing plant.

IVANHOE, MN

City of Ivanhoe
PO Box 54, Ivanhoe, MN 56142
507-694-1738

Look for..."Little Europe" with ethnic village, 450 wind turbines, Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway 14.

HENDRICKS, MN

City of Hendricks
PO Box 86, Hendricks, MN 56136
507-275-3192

Look for...Lake Hendricks, Norwegian ethnic heritage, Lincoln County Pioneer Museum, Midwest Center for Wind Energy.

Big Stone County Museum, Ortonville



Big Stone Lake, Ortonville



Attractions & Events

JANUARY

Polar Bear Plunge
Canby, Minnesota

MARCH

Annual Sports & Leisure Show
Ortonville, Minnesota

APRIL

Salt Lake Birding
Near Marietta, Minnesota

JUNE

Canby Hat Daze
Canby, Minnesota

JULY

136th Anniversary
Gary, South Dakota

Yellow Medicine County Fair
Canby, Minnesota

Big Stone County Fair
Clinton, Minnesota

Fur Trade Encampment
Gary, South Dakota

Four Moons Rizing Rendezvous
Gary, South Dakota

Summerfest
Madison, Minnesota

Lund-Hoel House Ice Cream Social
Canby, Minnesota

AUGUST

Crazy Days
Canby, Minnesota

Oktoberfest

Madison, Minnesota

Annual Corn Festival
Ortonville, Minnesota

SEPTEMBER

Lac qui Parle County Fair
"Little Minnesota State Fair"
Madison, Minnesota

King of Trails Market Day

Ortonville, Canby and Ivanhoe,
Minnesota, Big Stone Lake,
South Dakota

OCTOBER

Upper Minnesota
Meander Art Crawl
Ortonville, Dawson, Canby and
Madison, Minnesota

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Gary, South Dakota

Oktoberfest

Madison, Minnesota

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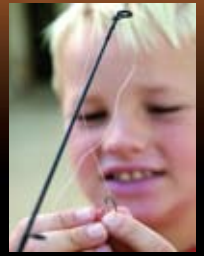
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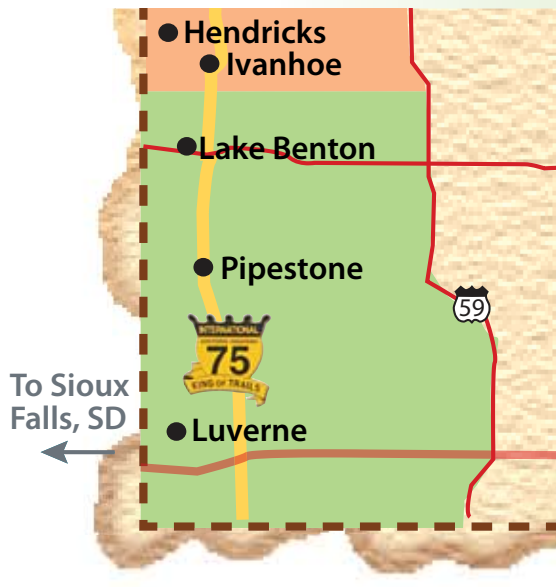
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Region 5

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Lake Benton Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB
110 S Center St. • PO Box 205
Lake Benton, MN 56149
507-368-9577

Look for...Original Wind Power Capital, Buffalo Ridge with more than 1,000 250-ft. wind turbines, The Heritage & Windpower Learning Center, recreation on Lake Benton, historic Opera House (still in operation), Indian burial mound in local cemetery.

PIPESTONE, MN

Pipestone Chamber of Commerce/CVB
PO Box 8, Pipestone, MN 56164
1-800-336-6125

Look for...Famous 132-ft. historic water tower, Pipestone National Monument with sacred Native American sites & scenic Winnewissa Falls, Pipestone County Museum, Pipestone Historic District with old Calumet Inn, Moore Block Building with stone gargoyles, Rock Island Depot with large peacepipe on grounds, Fort Pipestone, Little Feather Interpretive Center, Casey Jones Recreational Trail.

LUVERNE, MN

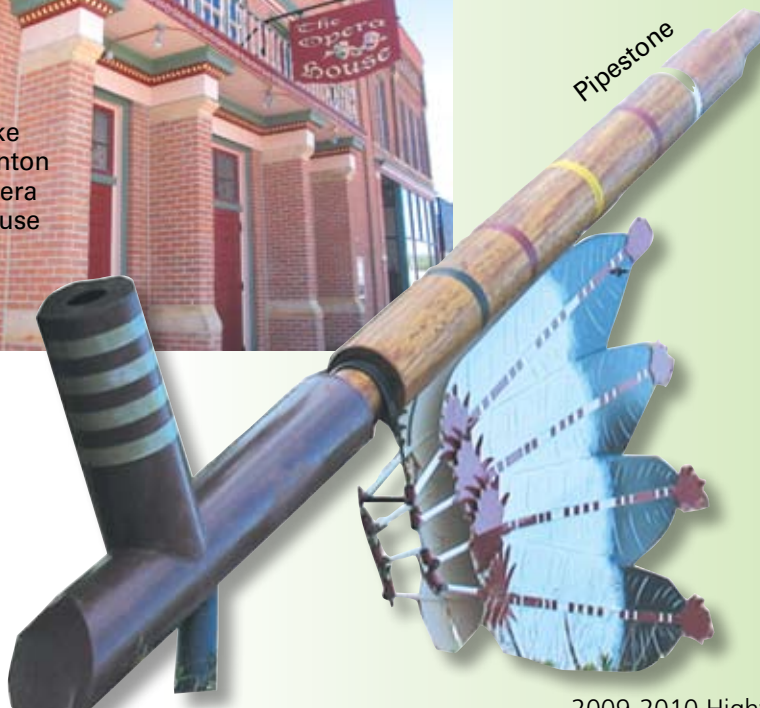
Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB
211 E Main, Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-4061

www.luvernechamber.org

Look for...Blue Mounds State Park with herd of 45 bison, historic Rock County Courthouse, Hinkly House, Rock County Historical Museum, Verne Drive-In Theater (seasonal), Touch the Sky Prairie, Historic Palace Theatre, Omaha Depot.



Lake Benton Opera House



Bison herd, Luverne



Blue Mounds State
Park, Luverne



Palace
Theater,
Luverne



Lake Benton

Attractions & Events

JUNE

Buffalo Days

Luverne, Minnesota

Watertower Festival

Pipestone, Minnesota

Outdoor Buffalo Dinner

Pipestone, Minnesota

JULY

Hot Dog Night

Luverne, Minnesota

Border to Border

Triathlon

Luverne, Minnesota

Pow Wow & Indian Art Festival

Pipestone, Minnesota

Love of the Land Rendezvous

Pipestone, Minnesota

Chuck Wagon Cook-off

Pipestone, Minnesota

Red Hat Ladies

Extravaganza

Pipestone, Minnesota

Dutch Festival

Edgerton, Minnesota

AUGUST

Civil War Days (2010)

Pipestone, Minnesota

Rock County Fair

Luverne, Minnesota

Weiner Dog Races

Pipestone, Minnesota

Tetanka Ha Rendezvous

Lake Benton, Minnesota

Pipestone County Fair

Pipestone, Minnesota

Lincoln County Fair

Tyler, Minnesota

SEPTEMBER

Tri-State Band Festival

Luverne, Minnesota

Highway 75 King of Trails Market Day

Luverne/Pipestone/
Lake Benton, Minnesota

DECEMBER

Festival of Trees

Pipestone, Minnesota

Winterfest

Luverne, Minnesota



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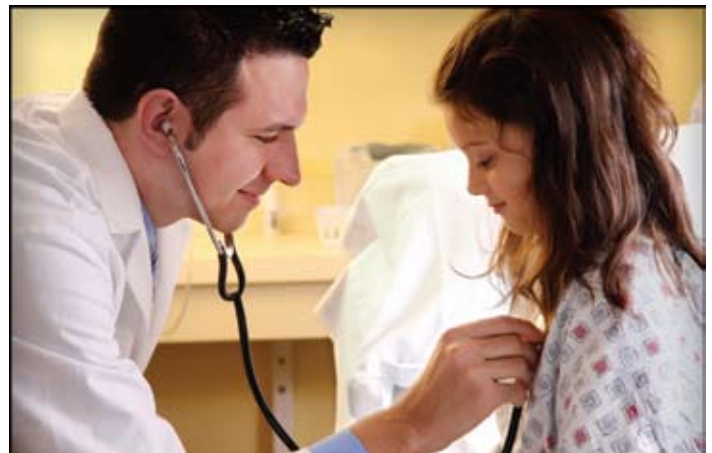
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