

Guide to Discovery Sites

Minnesota River Valley

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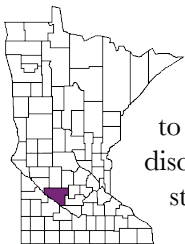
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Discover The River of Stories



You're invited to discover the *unexpected* in Renville County



Renville County is known for its rich farmland and vast prairies and we are proud to be deeply rooted in agriculture. Come discover the unexpectedness of Renville County starting with an adventure in the Minnesota River Valley. We are more than what meets the eye!

Explore the outdoors in Renville County for abundant wildlife, breathtaking river valley views, rustic and historic parks, memorable sunsets, incredible granite rock formations, excellent bird watching, scenic Minnesota River, friendly people and much more. The unexpected adventures await you.

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At **MNRiverValley.com** you can personalize your visit to the Byway to suit your travel needs. Explore events, itineraries, U.S.-Dakota War history, motorcycle tours, and so much more!



BYWAY MAP

The interactive Byway Map allows you to choose an area you want to explore, find the attractions you want to visit, and even add alternate routes for a truly personalized adventure along the Byway.



THINGS TO DO

Looking for the best camping spots? What about history, eating, or shopping? Unique map filters allow you to only see the attractions and destinations that interest YOU.



HISTORY

The Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway traverses the ancient remnants of what was once one of the largest rivers to ever exist. Explore the vibrant small towns, Dakota communities, historic sites, and scenic overlooks that reflect this region's history.



ITINERARIES

Can't decide what to see and do along the Byway? Relax and let us do the planning for you! Our unique itineraries offer the perfect mix of history and recreation, as well as suggestions on where to eat and where to stay.

See you online!



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100-Year Anniversary of the Volstead Act ITINERARY



Downtown Montevideo welcomes you! Start your Friday off right with a taste of local beer at **Talking Waters Brewing Company**. Choose from a variety of dining options for dinner, then get a good night's rest at one of Montevideo's welcoming accommodations. For the more adventurous, you can choose to spend the night at one of the camper cabins at Chippewa County's **Wegdahl Park**, located six miles south of Montevideo. Call 320-269-6231 for reservations. The little Minnesota River hamlet of Wegdahl was a drop-off point for bootleggers during the Prohibition Era and the home of Skunk Hollow, a known speakeasy.

Saturday morning's first stop is in Granite Falls at the **Andrew J. Volstead Home**, located at 163 9th Avenue, open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enhance your tour of this historic home with a copy of *Our Prohibition Story*, a walking tour guide highlighting architecture and events from the 1920s and '30s in Granite Falls. Then stroll along the Minnesota River and view the vibrant colors of the new floodwall mural—part of Granite Falls' **Riverside Voices** revitalization project. Visit a unique new addition to Prentice Street: **Bluenose Gopher Public House**. This volunteer-led cooperative pub will offer quality food and beverages with a side of prohibition history. Then follow the Byway on either side of the river to **Grandview Valley Winery** for local wine, great pizza, and a beautiful location nestled in the valley.

Continue your journey down the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway to **New Ulm** and visit their hometown brewery, which was established before Prohibition, managed to survive that period, and is still thriving today. Hear all about it with a tour of **Schell's Brewery** and be sure to sample some German craft beer along the way! Before leaving New Ulm, visit their new speakeasy. Located at 518 Center Street-Suite E, **The Retz 227** serves up local craft cocktails, beer, and wine in a modern speakeasy atmosphere. Look for the entrance under a purple light!

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DISCOVER THE RIVER OF STORIES



"Dakota people refer to this region as 'Mni Sota Makoce,' the land where the water reflects the skies. We recognize these lands as our homelands and the place of our Wiçahunkake (ancestors)."
– see more at www.mnrivervalley.com/dakota-homeland-story/



The U.S.-Dakota War of 1862

The Minnesota River Valley played a crucial role in the conflicts that erupted between Euro-American settlers and the Dakota people as they struggled to call this land "home." The U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 was a significant event for the region and for our nation— a tragic chapter that foreshadowed wars to come, and permanently shaped the cultural identity of the Minnesota River Valley.

In 1862, the Minnesota River Valley region erupted in war when a contingent of Dakota *akicita* (warriors), frustrated by broken treaty promises, encroachment onto reservation lands and corruption that left them starving, attacked traders and government employees and a warehouse full

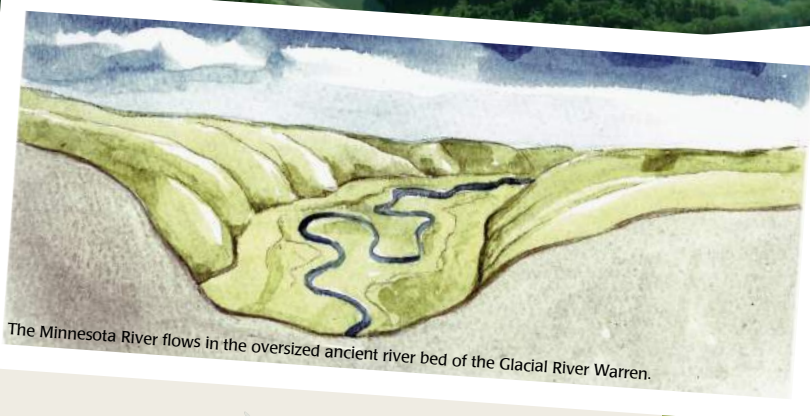
of food at the Lower Sioux Agency. More were killed on all sides in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 than Minnesota lost in combat deaths during the Civil War. As a result of the war, Governor Ramsey called for all Dakota people to be exterminated or driven from the state.

Thousands fled the state and those that did not were separated into two groups. Women, children and mostly older men were imprisoned at Fort Snelling before being removed from the state in May 1863. The *akicita* that were not executed at Mankato were imprisoned at Davenport Iowa. In March 1866 the surviving prisoners were released to join their families in exile.

Decades later small groups of Dakota eventually started to return to their homelands in the late 1800s, and lived in small communities near where the Upper and Lower Sioux Agencies had been. Nearly 50 years later these small groups were organized into what is now the Upper and Lower Sioux Dakota Communities.



Discover the Minnesota River Valley and unlock a piece of American history.



The Minnesota River flows in the oversized ancient river bed of the Glacial River Warren.

The Formation of the Minnesota River Valley

The Minnesota River Valley is home to some of the oldest exposed rock on the face of the earth. This region was carved from dramatic and massive floodwaters that resulted from the overflow of glacial Lake Agassiz scouring a jagged path across Minnesota and uncovering ancient bedrock outcrops.


The Minnesota River travels through rich wetlands, prairies, granite outcroppings, wooded hills, farm fields, villages and small cities. Over millennia, the river valley's people, plants, and animals have interacted in a complex and unique ecosystem. Throughout the valley, evidence of the interactions between these species can be seen. Today, the valley's natural features offer a fascinating number of interpretive opportunities.



BYWAY BUCKET LIST

Byway BUCKET LIST





01 Investigate a museum
Dozens of museums reflect the Byway's past. Explore the geological history of the land as well as the people who settled it. From ancient glaciers to pioneers, you're sure to learn something along the Byway.



02 Enjoy a picnic in a park
The Byway is home to dozens of local parks, as well as six beautiful state parks. Plan to spend the entire day, or just stop to stretch your legs.



03 Raise a toast to life!
Tour a brewery while sampling one-of-a-kind craft beers, or sip wine on an outdoor patio as you take in the stunning river valley views. Cheers!



04 Paddle the beautiful backwaters along the Byway
The Minnesota River and its many tributaries offer outstanding canoeing and kayaking opportunities. Bring your own or rent from a variety of outfitters along the Byway.




05 Bike the trails to view unique wildlife
Bike, walk, run, or rollerblade the paved trails of a Byway community, or pedal off-road at one of six state parks for ideal wildlife viewing.

06 Immerse yourself in a local festival
Experience art, culture, food, music, and more at Norsefest, Oktoberfest, and many other local festivals throughout the year.


07 Appreciate the arts at unique galleries
Local artisans display their work at galleries along the Byway, showcasing a variety of artwork including pottery, ironwork, willow furniture, rosemalings, paintings, and drawings of all sorts.

08 Photograph a waterfall
Hear the thundering waters of Ramsey Falls, Minneopa Falls, Minnemishinona Falls and many others. Spring is the best time to visit, as the fresh snowmelt fills the state's rivers to the brim.

09 Take a selfie at an overlook and share it - #mnrivervalley
Ancient glaciers carved this region's varied landscape, offering abundant photo opportunities of the sweeping MN River Valley.



10 Spend the night on the Byway
Choose from over 50 lodging options along the Byway. From campgrounds to B&B's, you'll find the perfect place to rest, relax, and recharge.



11 Eat a delicious meal
The Byway offers a variety of dining opportunities. Whether you're seeking ethnic food, a small café, fast food, or a gourmet steak, you're sure to satisfy your taste buds.

DISCOVERY SITES

The meandering **Minnesota River**—stretching across the south-central region of the state—is overflowing with stories to tell. Along this scenic river valley you'll find state and local parks, orchards, vineyards, breweries, historic sites and so much more.

As you traverse the 287-mile **Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway**, you'll view remnants of two legendary Minnesota stories: the geological formation of the river valley and the **U.S.-Dakota Conflict of 1862**. Our Discovery Sites will guide you to the can't-miss locations highlighting these important stories, paying

homage to people and places of the past, while looking forward to a hopeful future.

The following attractions are listed in order from west to east, along the Minnesota River Valley. Many sites are open seasonally and some may charge an admission fee, so always call ahead before you visit.

Can't find what you're looking for? More Discovery Sites can be found at www.mnrivervalley.com, featuring additional tidbits and mapping information to help you plan your next Byway adventure!



Samuel Jerome Brown Memorial Park Wayside

From downtown Browns Valley, travel two blocks west along West Broadway Avenue, across the bridge spanning the Little Minnesota River. The main attraction is a log cabin built in 1863 at Fort Sisseton, SD and moved to Browns Valley by Joseph R. Brown in 1866. Samuel Brown, Joseph's son, is known as the "Paul Revere of the Frontier" for his dangerous ride through a blizzard to warn settlers of an impending Dakota attack. Today the cabin serves as a museum and contains many artifacts of this early pioneer's life and the city that shares his name. Please call for an appointment to view the museum. **320-695-2608 (cabin) or 2110 (BV city hall)**
796 West Broadway, Browns Valley
GPS: N45° 35.715', W096° 50.493'

Big Stone Lake State Park

From Ortonville, seven miles northwest along State Hwy 7. Watch for brown highway signs. Nestled on the shores of Big Stone Lake, or what the Dakota people called *Bde Ijyayj Takijjanyayj*, this state park offers visitors a quiet camping experience complete with great fishing, swimming, hiking and bird watching. The park landscape includes native hillside prairie, oak basswood forest, oak savanna woodland, cattail wetlands and spring-fed streams. This park has two units separated by about eight miles. The Bonanza Education Center, located at the Bonanza unit of the park, is open only by appointment. The park office has limited hours and is seasonal. Please leave a message and staff will return your call. **320-839-3663**
35889 Meadowbrook State Park Road, Ortonville
GPS: N45° 23.2854', W096° 32.0261'



Big Stone County Museum

Located at the junctions of State Highways 12 and 75. The museum is the home of many historical treasures of the past. A granite anchor, a symbol of glacial River Warren—now Big Stone Lake and the headwaters of the Minnesota River—and the Muskegon-Golden Bantam boat are also on display. Come see the Charles Hanson North American Wildlife Collection. This collection contains over 500 waterfowl from across the Americas and the world. You'll see native waterfowl, upland birds and other exotic specimens from places as far away as the Arctic Sea. **320-839-3359**
985 U.S. Hwy 12, Ortonville
|IP| GPS: N45° 17.9222', W096° 26.3737'

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

One mile southeast of Ortonville, off of Highway 7/75. The Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge consists of 10,795 acres of marsh and open water created by the three-mile dam across the Minnesota River Valley. The refuge offers a four-mile self-guided auto tour along which you will experience western prairie, mixed hardwoods, and wetlands with over 230 different species of birds living there. A foot trail provides a close-up view of prairie plants, river meanders and wildlife. The 100 acres of granite rock outcrops support unusual species of cactus and other plants and provide an excellent view of the refuge. The refuge office is not open on weekends. 320-273-2191

44843 687th Avenue, Odessa (office)

|IP| GPS: N45° 15.7613', W096° 20.3259'



Chippewa Prairie Preserve

From the junction of Hwy 40 and Lac qui Parle County Rd 33, cross Lac qui Parle Lake on Hwy 40 and turn left onto Chippewa County Rd 30. Travel three miles, turn left onto County Line Rd and continue half a mile. Spring and fall are great times on the Chippewa Prairie Preserve to view migrating flocks of geese, ducks, sandpipers, godwits and other shorebirds. On spring evenings, listen for the haunting call of the upland sandpiper. In mid-summer, visitors may see the short-eared owl, a species of special concern. Dominant plant species on the preserve include big bluestem, little bluestem, and Indian grass. Rare plants include slender milk vetch and small white lady's slipper—also species of special concern.

Chippewa-Swift Street NW, Appleton

|IP| GPS: N45° 9.174', W096° 0.174'



Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area and Refuge

Located in the Minnesota River Valley, northwest of Montevideo. It is about 25 miles long, 1 to 3 miles wide, and encompasses more than 33,000 acres of land and water. It is made up of wetlands, brushlands, woodlands, native prairie as well as others. Lac qui Parle Lake and Marsh Lake are the most prominent features. Public hunting is the primary recreational activity, although thousands of bird watchers and nature observers visit the area each year. In the fall as many as 100,000 Canada geese are on the unit at one time.

14047 20th Street NW, Watson (Lac qui Parle DNR Headquarters)

GPS: N45° 3.0547', W095° 53.2279'



Lac qui Parle State Park

In French, *Lac qui Parle* means "lake which speaks"; in Dakota, *Bde ledaj*, or "little talking lake." In the spring and fall, "little talking lake" resounds with a chorus of honking, quacking, and other vocalizations from migratory birds. This area was once settled by a *Wahpetunway* Dakota village near the site of Fort Renville, which is located inside what is now the state park. Lac qui Parle Lake provides visitors with a quiet place to get away from the city year round, where visitors can engage in canoeing or kayaking, fish for walleye, Northern, perch, or crappie, explore one of the trails by foot or horseback, or watch deer and other wildlife including bald eagles perched in nearby trees. Spring and fall migrations can be spectacular at the park.

14047 20th Street NW, Watson (Lac qui Parle DNR Headquarters)

3749 State Park Road, Montevideo (Lower Entrance)

GPS: N45° 1.272', W095° 53.634' – lower camp

GPS: N45° 2.7', W095° 52.74' – upper camp



Lac qui Parle Mission and Fort Renville

From Watson, 1/2 mile northwest on Hwy 7/59, turn left on Chippewa Cty Rd 13, go 2.2 miles, turn right before the dam on Chippewa Cty Rd 32 and go another block. The Mission is on your right. Continuing up the road 3/4 mile on your left is an observation deck with an interpretive panel about Fort Renville. Fort Renville was a fur trading post established in 1826 at a *Wahpetunway* Dakota village on the shore of Lac qui Parle Lake. Renville invited missionaries to establish the Lac qui Parle Mission near this post in 1835. The replica Mission has interpretive panels about the mission site inside. It is not staffed, however it is open to the public. The Chippewa County Historical Society administers this Minnesota Historical Society site. 320-269-7636

115 140th Avenue NW, Watson (Lac qui Parle Mission)

173 140th Avenue NW, Watson (Ft. Renville)

GPS: N45° 1.4224', W095° 52.1249'



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Camp Release State Monument

The Camp Release Monument, dedicated in 1894, stands as a reminder of Minnesota's tragic early state history. It commemorates the release of 269 captives taken during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 and the surrender of some Dakota bands to Colonel Henry Hastings Sibley. The four faces of the 51-foot granite monument are inscribed with information about the battles that took place along the Minnesota River during the war, the Dakota surrender, and the creation of the monument. Dakota notes: Dakota warriors surrendered here after their defeat at Wood Lake. They released any prisoners they had. They, in turn, became captives, some executed at Mankato, some imprisoned in military prisons. Some of them were executed, after conviction in summary trials at Lower Sioux.

445th Avenue, Montevideo

|IP| GPS: N44° 55.9935', W095° 44.899'

Historic Chippewa City

Located at 151 Arnie Anderson Drive, junction of Highway 59/7, Montevideo. A unique, 24-building, turn-of-the century village. Stroll the boardwalks as you reminisce of times gone by. Visit the Millinery Shop, Law Office, School House and the authentic log cabins. A new permanent exhibit on the Chippewa River Dugout Canoe, which was radiocarbon dated from 1436-1522 is available with an interpretive video kiosk in the Gateway Building. **320-269-7636**

151 Arnie Anderson Drive, Montevideo

GPS: N44° 56.3395', W095° 43.5111'



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Olof Swensson Farm Museum

From Montevideo go six miles east on Highway 7, turn right and go five miles south on County Road 6, turn left and go 1/4 mile on County Road 15. The Olof Swensson Farm Museum includes a 22-room brick house, timber-framed barn, family burial cemetery and remains of a gristmill. Constructed in 1901, the house contains original furnishings from this unique Norwegian/Swedish family. Over the past 13 years, the Swensson Farm Museum barn has undergone almost half a million dollars in preservation. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **320-269-7636 | www.chippewacohistory.org**

115 County Road 15 SE, Granite Falls

GPS: N44° 52.615', W095° 35.737'

Granite Falls Footbridge

This pedestrian bridge that links the two sides of Granite Falls across the Minnesota River was built in 1935 by the Minneapolis Bridge Company with the design and materials from the historic Roebling & Sons Company (Brooklyn Bridge). As you stroll across the bridge, keep in mind that it is an actual suspension bridge, supported by the cables and towers that make up its structure. Nearby, the dam creates hydroelectric power for half the city of Granite Falls. Pelicans and ducks are frequently at home near the dam as green spaces line the riverfront. Located in downtown Granite Falls. **320-564-4039 | www.granitefallschamber.com**

813 Prentice Street, Granite Falls

GPS: N44° 48.6031', W095° 32.2343'



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Andrew J. Volstead House Museum

The Andrew J. Volstead House Museum is a National Historic Landmark, a high honor designated for the national importance of Congressman Volstead in the co-authoring of the Capper Volstead Cooperatives Act and authoring of the Prohibition Enforcement Act or Volstead Act. The museum is located at 163 9th Avenue in Granite Falls. The house is open Saturdays from 11-3 and for tours by appointment and during events through the Granite Falls Historical Society. Please check our website for weekday hours and call for an appointment. **320-309-0092 | www.volsteadhouse.org**

163 9th Avenue, Granite Falls

GPS: N44° 48.5657', W095° 32.4038'

Yellow Medicine County Historical Museum

At the intersection of Highways 23 & 67 in Granite Falls. The museum displays geology, archaeology and Native American artifacts. Items exhibited show the life of the early settlers and their progress through the pioneer years. Authentic log cabin and church on the site. Open May through October, Tuesday-Friday, 11am-3pm; Saturday-Sunday noon-4pm. 320-564-4479

98 MN 67, Granite Falls

|IP| GPS: N44° 48.114', W095° 32.796'



Fagen Fighters WWII Museum

The Fagen Fighters WWII Museum consists of three hangars (Trainer Hangar, Fighter Hangar and Bomber Hangar), a WWII Quonset hut, and control tower. The museum is home to the pristine collection of WWII trainer, fighter and bomber aircraft restored, owned and flown by Fagen Fighters; authentic, fully operational ground vehicles; a growing library; permanent exhibits, and the Voices of Valor Theater. Located at the Lenzen-Roe Memorial Airport, 3 miles south of Granite Falls on State Hwy 23. The museum is open to the public with standard hours of 10am to 4pm, Tuesday through Saturday (Thursday through Saturday - December through March). A \$10 per person donation is suggested. Tours for 10 or more are available by appointment. 320-564-6644

www.fagenfighterswwiimuseum.org

2450 540th Street, Granite Falls

GPS: N44° 45.1', W095° 33.5'



Minnesota's Machinery Museum

Located 1 ½ blocks west of Highway 23 in Hanley Falls. Five large buildings contain a marvelous collection of antique tractors, gas engines, implements, automobiles and tools in mint condition. Many fond memories will surface as you stroll through the farm home rooms, handmade quilts and general store. Plan an hour or two to experience rural Minnesota's finest look at yesterday's agriculture. You will see a recreation of a farm kitchen where butter was churned and hungry threshing crews were fed; a parlor; bedroom and turn-of-the-century blacksmith shop; an excellent miniature and toy machinery collection; and several buildings housing pioneer farm machinery and tools. Explore the rooms of a farm home, general store, vintage automobiles, and railroad memorabilia along with a "Made in Minnesota" gift shop. Enjoy browsing on your own or join a guided tour.

507-768-3522 | www.mnmachinerymuseum.com

100 N. 1st Street, Hanley Falls

GPS: N44° 41.31', W095° 37.1'



Upper Sioux Agency State Park

Eight miles southeast of Granite Falls on Highway 67. This 1,280-acre park was named for the historic site within its boundaries. The Upper Sioux Agency (or Yellow Medicine Agency) was established by the federal government in 1854 to be a center for instructing the Dakota People in farming methods. The park offers three campgrounds, 18 miles of trails, two picnic areas, river fishing, and three rental tipis. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 320-564-4777, 800-766-6000 | www.dnr.state.mn.us

5908 Hwy 67, Granite Falls

GPS: N44° 44.1127', W095° 26.4655'



Wood Lake Monument and Battlefield

On County Road 18, west of Highway 67, between Granite Falls and Echo. Walk a mowed path along Wood Lake Creek where the battle took place on September 23, 1862 between the forces of General Sibley and Chief Little Crow. A granite monument was erected 3/4 of a mile away by the state in 1919 in memory of those who died in this battle.

6029 210th Avenue, Echo (monument address)

2136 600th Street, Echo (Wood Lake Battlefield)

GPS: N44° 42.072', W095° 25.824'



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Skalbekken County Park

Skalbekken County Park is nestled in the Minnesota River Valley southwest of Sacred Heart. Travel west of Sacred Heart on State Hwy 212, turning left on Renville County Rd 10 for approximately four miles. Skalbekken County Park offers scenic views of the rushing waters of Limbo Creek, Hawk Creek, and the Minnesota River. This 400-acre park offers panoramic overlooks, a thick canopy of hardwood forest, and abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. There is an interpretive panel at an original dovetail cabin located on the river road within the park. The park offers horse camping and horse trails, hiking trails, rustic camping, and river fishing. 320-523-3768 | 320-523-3747

79257 Cty Road 10, Sacred Heart

|IP| GPS: N44° 44.3351', W095° 24.7369'

Sacred Heart Area Museum

On the west edge of Sacred Heart stands a stucco building with a dome-style bell tower where people once congregated for church services. Built in 1916, it houses all of the collections of the Sacred Heart Area Historical Society. Emphasis is placed on past and present businesses, churches, families, organizations, military personnel, and schools of the area.

300 5th Avenue, Sacred Heart

GPS: 44° 47' 5.0928" N, 95° 21' 22.406" W

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Joseph R. Brown State Wayside Rest

Located on Renville County Road 81, south of Sacred Heart, the Joseph R. Brown State Wayside Rest displays the granite ruins of Brown's home from 1862. Destroyed during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, the three-story home was a mansion compared to normal pioneer homes. Brown's family was spared because of his wife Susan's Native American Dakota heritage. Brown was a politician, inventor, publisher and Indian Agent. 320-564-4777

76734 145th Street, Sacred Heart

GPS: N44° 41.7898', W095° 19.3503'

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Enestvedt Seed Corn Company & Rudi Memorial

Located on Renville County Road 12, south of Sacred Heart. The Enestvedt Seed Corn Company was established in 1900 by Engebret Enestvedt with the University of Minnesota's open pollinated seed corn company. Today, the Enestvedt Seed Corn Company is still a family owned and operated business located on the original farm homestead, which was first established in 1867 by Ole Enestvedt Sr. The Rudi Memorial is a tribute to Lars Rudi and all pioneer families who settled in Renville County. The log cabin, built in 1868, illustrates the dovetail notching of logs typically used by Scandinavian settlers. It served as a place of community gathering, such as school and church for the pioneer families. The Rudi Cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Homes. Today, the cabin houses relics including photos, household articles and tools. 320-765-2728

75802 Cty Rd 12, Sacred Heart (Enestvedt)

|IP| GPS: N44° 41.0554', W095° 17.963'

75114 Cty Rd 12, Sacred Heart (Rudi Memorial) |IP| GPS: N44° 40.224', W095° 17.436'

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Schwandt Memorial

Located on Renville County 15, south of Sacred Heart. The Schwandt Memorial Monument was erected on August 18, 1915, near the spot where the Johan Schwandt family was murdered in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. It was built in memory of the six Schwandt family members and two of their friends who were killed on August 18, 1862. Two of the Schwandt children survived the attack. The daughter, Mary, was taken captive, but was protected by a Dakota woman, Snana Win. The son, August, managed to crawl away. This powerful story is memorialized today.

County Rd 15, Renville

|IP| GPS: N44° 38.0924', W095° 11.1686'

Ramsey Park - Cañşayapi

At 219 acres in size, Ramsey Park is the largest municipal park in the state of Minnesota. Termed as the “Little Yellowstone of Minnesota,” the park is enhanced by 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps shelters and bridges and picturesque Ramsey Falls. The park serves as a focal point for community events, festivals and summer activities and features campground facilities, shelter houses, four miles of paved hiking trails, a DNR trout stream, scenic overlooks, and a zoo. There are a number of stories that have been told about how the place known as Cañşayapi got its name. The place where they painted the trees red is a sacred spot for the Dakota, and many believe that site has its roots in what is Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls. 507-616-7444

www.redwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com

99 E. Oak Street, Redwood Falls

GPS: N44° 44' 32.3577", W095° 7.0691'



Redwood County Historical Museum

On the west edge of Redwood Falls on Highway 19/67. The Old Redwood County Poor Farm, which was constructed in 1908, houses two stories of relics. There is also an 1881 country schoolhouse, and 1865 one-cell jail – both located behind the museum. Open mid-May–September, Thursday-Sunday, noon to 4pm, on holidays or by appointment. 507-641-3329 | www.redwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com

913 W. Bridge Street, Redwood Falls

GPS: N44° 32.4877', W095° 7.5741'



Beaver Falls Park

This Renville County park is divided into two parts. The lower half features wooded ravines and Beaver Creek. Beaver Creek was formed when the Minnesota River Valley was carved into the landscape by the massive Glacial River Warren. This glacial river occurred with the collapse of Lake Agassiz somewhere between 11,700 and 9,400 BC. The old town of Beaver Falls once boasted a population of 500 people. It was the seat of Renville County from 1860-1900. Remnants of some of the buildings still remain. The newly designed Beaver Creek Recreational Area consists of a shelter, toilets, water, fire pit, ample parking, as well as new walking and hiking trails. 320-523-3768 | www.co.renville.mn.us

31599 County Road 2, Morton

|IP| N44° 34.713', W095° 03.207'



Birch Coulee Battlefield State Historic Site

Two miles north of Morton on US Highway 71, then east on Renville County Road 2. On September 22, 1862 an advance party of 150 soldiers was surprised and attacked at this site by Dakota *akicita* during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The battle went on for 36 hours with heavy U.S. casualties. Visitors can walk a self-guided trail through recreated prairie and read about the battle from the perspectives of Joseph Anderson, a captain in the U.S. Army, and Wamditanka (Big Eagle), a Bdewakantunwan soldier. Sketches from soldier Albert Colgrave provide vivid battle details. Guideposts help pinpoint where the U.S. soldiers were camped and the positions the Dakota took while surrounding the U.S. soldiers. 800-657-3773

County Hwy 2, Morton

|IP| GPS: N44° 34.5294', W094° 58.4823'



Renville County Historical Society & Museum

Visit Morton, Minnesota and explore the Renville County Historical Society & Museum! The Historical Society has been preserving Renville County history since 1940. The museum grounds consist of six buildings. The main museum features exhibit areas, the research library, and gift shop. Take a trip back into history in the Norfolk Township District 36 schoolhouse, learn of pioneer life in the 1869 log cabin, experience early farming in the machine shed, visit St. John's Church built in 1891 and remodeled in 1909, and visit the Lerud Log cabin in the Heritage Building. Open year round. Admission charged. 507-697-6147

www.renvillecountyhistory.com

441 N. Park Drive, Morton

GPS: N44° 34.6064', W094° 59.1028'



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Morton Monuments

Upon the bluff, just east of Morton, stand two granite markers memorializing the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. They are not on the battlefield, but were instead placed on the old Renville County Fairgrounds in the 1890s. In 1894 an obelisk was erected “in grateful remembrance of the heroism of those gallant soldiers and citizens who fought the Battle of Birch Coulee.” The second obelisk was erected in 1899 and is referred to as “The Faithful Indians Monument” to commemorate the Dakota that saved the lives of white settlers. Six are listed on the marker.

35003 650th Avenue, Morton
|IP| N44° 33.153', W094° 58.36'

St. Cornelia's Episcopal Church at the Lower Sioux Community

As a result of Bishop Henry Whipple's efforts to convert and educate people from many Dakota communities, St. Cornelia's Church has been ministered by individuals from the Dakota community for several generations. The people of the Lower Sioux Indian Community (*Čaŋšayapi*, or “Where they marked the trees red”) come from the Eastern band of Dakota, known as the *Bdewakantuywaŋ* (“Spirit Lake Dwellers”). Begun before the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, the church remained unfinished until years later. After being forcibly resettled on reservations in other states, members of the Lower Sioux Community gradually returned to Minnesota. The congregation dismantled the incomplete structure and moved the stones to St. Cornelia's present location in 1891, building this Gothic Revival church. Located four miles southwest of Morton on Hwy 2. **507-697-6433**
39527 Reservation Hwy 1, Morton | GPS: N44° 33.392', W094° 59.0796'

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Lower Sioux Agency State Historic Site

The Lower Sioux Agency was established in 1853 by the U.S. government to distribute promised goods and services to the Dakota people. Visitors will learn more about the government's efforts to remove the *Bdewakantuywaŋ* and *Wahpekute* bands of Dakota to reservation lands and colonize them into self-sufficient farmers. Explore the history, art, and culture of the Dakota *Oyate* (nation), learn about the effort to change their traditional way of life at the agency, and discover the roots of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 in the visitor center exhibit. Hikers can investigate the original 1861 agency warehouse and three miles of trails with a self-guided virtual tour explaining more of the agency's story. Open for group tours & classroom presentations year-round. Located on Redwood County Hwy 2, south of Morton. **507-697-8673**

www.mnhs.org/historic-sites/lower-sioux-agency
32469 County Hwy 2, Morton
|IP| GPS: N44° 34.681', W095° 0.8334'

Gilfillan Farm Estate (Farmfest Site)

Six miles southeast of Redwood Falls on Highway 67. This technologically advanced historic 1872 estate was built by the Gilfillan family, which was known for exporting prime beef for European consumption during the early 1900s. The site is also the location of Farmfest, an agricultural extravaganza held each August. Open for seasonal tours by appointment: 507-249-2210 (leave message). Reserve the Pavilion or Gardens for weddings, reunions, or special events: 507-249-3633 (leave message). Basic campgrounds are also available. **507-249-2210**
www.redwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com
28263 State Highway 67, Redwood Falls
|IP| GPS: N44° 25.0143', W094° 55.5328'

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Fort Ridgely State Park & Historic Site

Located off Highway 4, south of Fairfax. This state park offers opportunities for camping, hiking, picnicking and horse trails. Within the state park is the Fort Ridgely State Historic Site. Built in 1853 without a protective outer wall, it was intended to serve as a “police station.” A staging ground for Civil War volunteers, Fort Ridgely was attacked twice during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The restored commissary building houses an audio-visual program, exhibits, and gift shop. The Nicollet County Historical Society administers this Minnesota Historical Society site. **507-508-2848** | **ftridgely@mnhs.org**
www.mnhs.org/historic-sites | **www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/**
72158 County Road 30, Fairfax
GPS: N44° 26.8956', W094° 43.6298'

Sleepy Eye Historic Buildings

The Chief Sleepy Eye Monument & Depot Museum is an affordable place to spend the day and get lost in Minnesota history. Incorporated in 1872, the community of Sleepy Eye is named after a Sisseton Dakota Chief, Ish Tak Ha Ba, which means “Sleepy Eyes,” because of his droopy eyelids. A lovely restored train depot houses the museum, with exhibits on the telegraph, Chief Sleepy Eye pottery, and musical instruments. Dakota Chief Sleepy Eye is buried on site under an impressive obelisk, with a full-size statue of him across the street. Open May 1st – December 1st, Tuesday - Saturday, 10am to 4pm. \$2 admittance. 507-794-5053 www.sleepyeyechamber.com | www.thedepotlady.blogspot.com
100 Oak Street NW, Sleepy Eye
GPS: N44° 17.8967', W094° 43.4122'



Harkin Store

Located on County Road 21, eight miles northwest of New Ulm. Sit a spell and play checkers, enjoy the old-fashioned smells of camphor and cinnamon, chat with the costumed staff, and investigate the line of wares—many of them original inventory—at this 1870s general store. The Harkin Store was important to early settlers arriving by steamboat to the town of West Newton, which flourished until the railroad passed the community by in 1873. The Nicollet County Historical Society administers this Minnesota Historical Society site.
507-354-8666 | harkin@nchsmn.org | www.mnhs.org
66250 County Road 21, New Ulm
GPS: N44° 23.2535', W094° 36.2161'



Hermann Monument

This 102' tall monument and statue honors an ancient German hero who repulsed the Romans in the famous Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in 9 A.D. Climb to the top for a stunning 15-mile panoramic view of the river valley! A museum is housed in the base level. Open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day and seasonal weekends, 10am to 7pm. Admission charged. Located on top of the Center Street hill. 507-233-4300
14 Monument Street, New Ulm
| IP | GPS: N44° 18.3815', W094° 28.3931'



Monuments in New Ulm and Glockenspiel

Some of the monuments that grace New Ulm are (A) The Defenders Monument (Center & State St), (B) Waraju Distillery Chimney (Harman Park, 101 N Garden St.), (C) Melges Bakery Building (213 S Minnesota St), (D) Hermann Monument (Center & Monument St), and (E) Glockenspiel (4th & Minnesota St), a unique 45-foot, free-standing clock tower with animated figures that depict the city's history.
507-233-4300, 888-463-9856 | www.newulm.com
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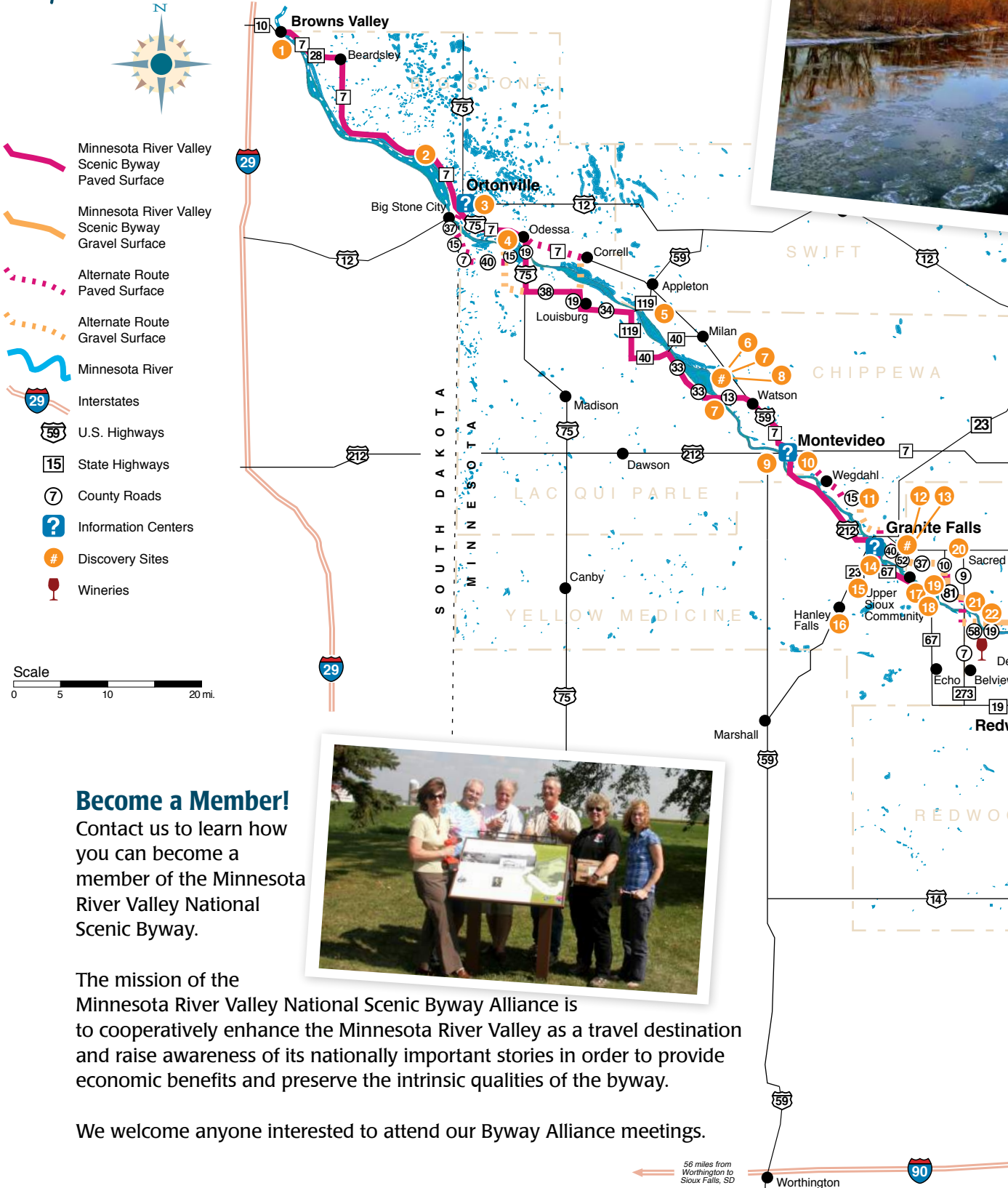


Brown County History Museum

This notable building was constructed in 1910 in an eye-catching Northern German Renaissance style as the town's post office, becoming the County Museum in 1984. Inside are three floors of rotating exhibits, featuring an award-winning exhibit of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. It contains over 5,000 family history files to help researchers. Today, the museum's German Renaissance style attracts photographers, sightseers, and residents alike. Open year-round. Admission charged. 507-233-2616
www.browncountyhistorymn.org
2 North Broadway, New Ulm
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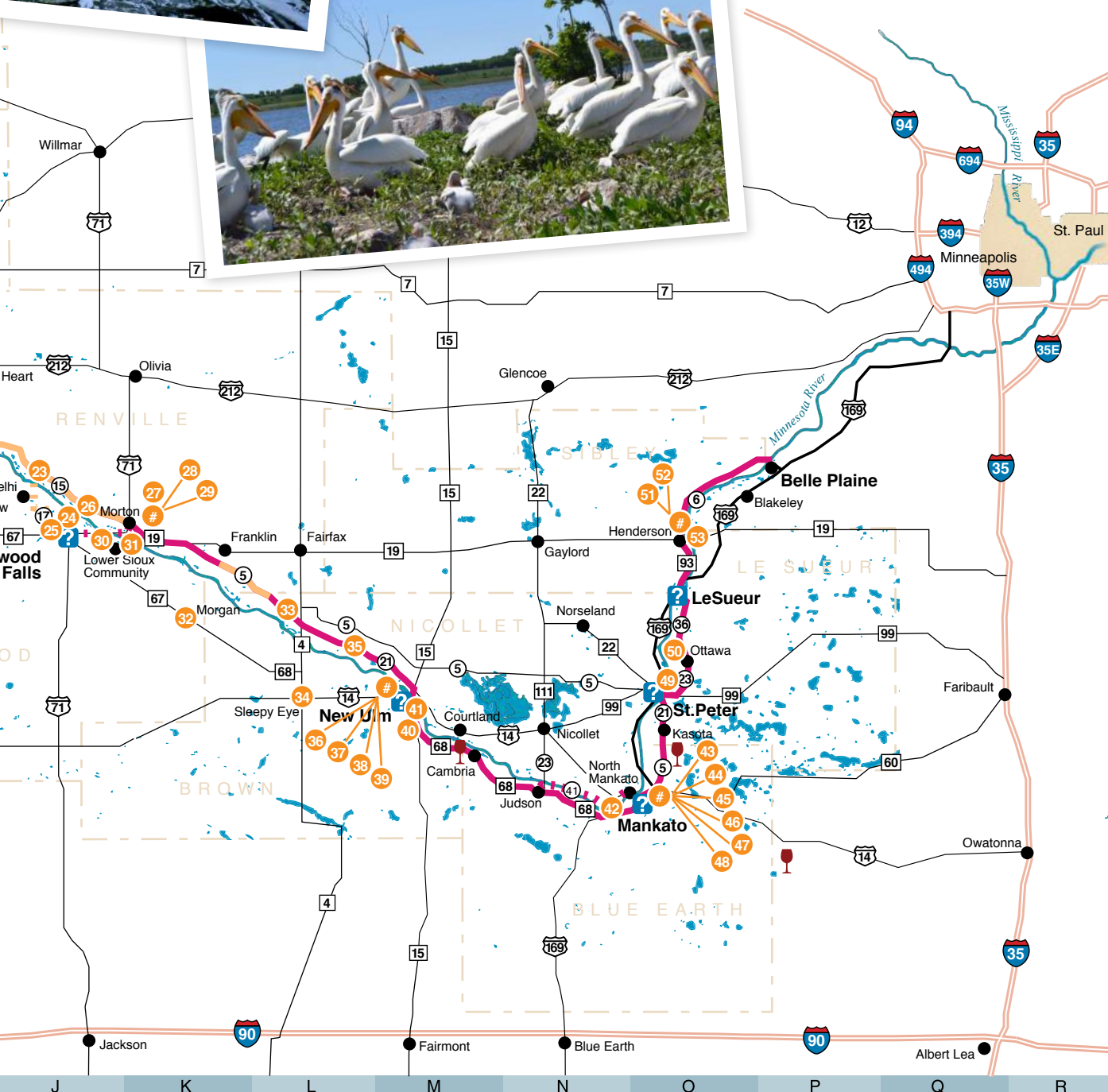


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Kiesling House

Explore the past at the Kiesling House. Constructed in 1861, it survived the 1862 Dakota Conflict and is the only wood-framed house from that era remaining in Brown County. Learn about early pioneer settlement, customs and traditions of area immigrants and events, like the U.S. – Dakota War of 1862, that shaped New Ulm. Observe reenactments of heritage trades, chores and activities. View displays, listen to musical performances, participate in hands-on craft activities, enjoy theatrical presentations and watch demonstrations. Shop in the Gift Shop for unique items. Open seasonally and by appointment. Admission charged.

507-351-2636 | www.kieslinghouse.org

220 North Minnesota, New Ulm

GPS: N44° 18.953', W094° 27.685'

Flandrau State Park

The gentle flowing Big Cottonwood River meanders through this state park, with picnic area, campgrounds and group center. The highlight of Flandrau is the unique chlorinated, filtered sand bottom swimming pool. The terrain is diverse, offering views of wooded river bottoms, oxbow marshes and open grasslands. Hikers and cross-country skiers enjoy the flat trails on the bottom of the valley or more challenging routes on the oak-shaded bluffs. Visit historic stone buildings crafted by Works Progress Administration (WPA) crews. Flandrau features 88 campsites and 2 cabins available for year-round use. 507-233-9800

1300 Summit Avenue, New Ulm

GPS: N44° 14.626', W094° 27.922'



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August Schell Brewery Museum and Gardens

South on Broadway, then west on 18th Street, in New Ulm. New Ulm's oldest industry, the August Schell Brewing Company, was founded in 1860 and is now in the 6th generation of continuous family operation. Schell's brews have won many national and international brewing honors. The brewery also offers a walking garden, Museum of Brewing, Gift Shop and brewery tours.

507-354-5528 | www.schellsbrewery.com

1860 Schell Road, New Ulm

GPS: N44° 17.3777', W094° 26.9382'

Minneopa State Park

The third oldest state park in Minnesota is located a couple of miles west of Mankato County Highway 69. Minneopa features a double waterfall dropping almost 50 feet into a deep gorge and a re-established bison herd. The Dakota people called this location *Mni Hinhe Nuppa*, which is said to mean "water falling twice," or "two waterfalls," a description of the unique and beautiful waterfalls located there. This state park also features the Seppmann Mill, a gristmill built in the early 1860s, and historic structures built by the Works Progress Administration from the 1930s. Visitors can enjoy camping, picnicking, hiking and biking trails along with naturalist programs. There are two different sections of Minneopa State Park (Waterfalls side at 54497 Gadwall Road and the Campground/bison side off of Highway 68). 507-389-5464 (Minneopa), 888-646-6367 (DNR Information Center) | www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/minneopa

54497 Gadwall Rd, Mankato

GPS: N44° 8.879' W094° 5.540'



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Sibley Park

Located off of US 169 and MN 60, just west of the Blue Earth River Bridge. The park, established in 1887, is named for Minnesota's first governor, Henry Hastings Sibley. The park sits at the confluence of the Minnesota and Blue Earth Rivers in Mankato, Minnesota. The area offers recreational opportunities on the north side with softball, tennis, fishing and a sliding hill. On the south side of the park are extensive landscapes and gardens, a storybook farm zoo and playground, open space, and picnicking areas. The hilltop of the mound is being reclaimed through plantings and controlled burns to an Oak Savanna environment similar to what originally existed at that location and features a pergola that overlooks the park and valley. Historically, Sibley Park is the location of Camp Lincoln where Dakota warrior prisoners were kept after the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 before their trials.

507-387-8600 | 311@mankatomn.gov

900 Mound Avenue, Mankato

GPS: N44° 9'45.193", W94° 1'49.103"

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota

Discover southern Minnesota's family-favorite destination for fun and learning. Devoted to exploration and play for all ages, the Children's Museum is one of southern Minnesota's most immersive and hands-on museums. Opened at its award-winning location near the Minnesota River in downtown Mankato, the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota features unique exhibits, art, and artifacts reflecting this diverse region. Experience exhibits, art, and hands-on activities inspired by members of the Dakota community and form a new understanding of and connection to Minnesota's rich cultural heritage.

507-386-0279 | www.cmsouthernmn.org

224 Lamm Street, Mankato

GPS: N44° 09.713', W094° 0.795'



Betsy-Tacy Houses Literary Landmarks

Betsy's House is the childhood home of Maud Hart Lovelace (1892-1980), beloved author of the famed children's series of Betsy-Tacy books. The author is the real-life character of "Betsy" and the books are historical fiction based on her childhood memories of growing up in Mankato, the fictionalized "Deep Valley." With over a million and a half books sold, they have drawn national as well as international attention to Mankato, MN. The Betsy-Tacy Society has spent the past decade preserving the legacy of the author, her books and her childhood home. Tacy's House serves as its headquarters, gift shop and interpretive center. Betsy's house and Tacy's house are both designated National Literary Landmarks. Open Saturdays from 1-4pm April through mid-December; reservations required during the week. 507-345-9777 | www.betsy-tacysociety.org

332 & 333 Center Street, Mankato

GPS: N44° 09.349', W094° 0.418'



Blue Earth County History Center and Museum

The Blue Earth County History Center and Museum is operated by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. It features an interactive history museum dedicated to the rich heritage of Blue Earth County, a fully staffed Research Center for historians and genealogists, and an extensive book and gift shop featuring unique local items such as Marian Anderson fine art prints. The History Center also hosts traveling exhibits, a community art gallery and a hands-on discovery lab for kids of all ages. The History Center is open year-round, Tuesday-Saturday; admission charged. 507-345-5566 | www.blueearthcountyhistory.com

424 Warren Street, Mankato

GPS: N44° 09.652', W094° 0.117'



R.D. Hubbard House

The Historic R.D. Hubbard House is operated by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. The historic house museum chronicles the life and times of Mankato flourmill entrepreneur R.D. Hubbard in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Hubbard home, built in 1871, was the first private residence in Mankato to have indoor plumbing, electricity and a telephone, and stands as one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture and design in Minnesota. The adjoining Carriage House contains a collection of horse-drawn vehicles and antique automobiles. Victorian gardens landscape the two buildings. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Walk-in guided tours are available seasonally May-September and December; admission charged.

507-345-5566 | www.blueearthcountyhistory.com

606 S. Broad Street, Mankato

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Reconciliation Park

Dedicated on September 19, 1997, the park was a collaboration of the Bdewakantunwan (Mdewakanton) Dakota and Mankato communities in a spirit of reconciliation. The park site was the location of the largest presidentially approved mass execution in U.S. history in which 38 Dakota warriors were hanged by the government as the result of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The first memorial reconciliation ceremony, sponsored by the Dakota and Mankato communities, was held at this site in 1975. This was an endeavor to move forward together as one people striving for social change and equality through education and understanding. The 9-foot tall buffalo sculpture, a tribute to the spirit of the Dakota people, was sculpted by Mankato artist Tom Miller out of a 67-ton block of limestone. In 2012, a memorial listing the 38 Dakota warriors who were hanged on December 26, 1862 was added to the park.

100 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato | GPS: N44° 10.0892', W094° 0.2053'



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Treaty Site History Center & Traverse des Sioux

Long a gateway and a gathering place, the Treaty Site History Center and Traverse des Sioux Historic Site are located along the scenic Minnesota River. Home to the Nicollet County Historical Society, the Treaty Site's exhibits explore the stories of Nicollet County's first inhabitants: the Dakota people, explorers, traders, and settlers. Eventually their interactions led to the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, signed here in July 1851. Throughout the year the Treaty Site delves into stories of local agriculture, business, geology, and much more in its rotating exhibits and programs featuring Nicollet County history. The Treaty Site contains exhibit spaces, archives and public rental facilities. **507-934-2160**
museum@nchsmn.org | www.nchsmn.org
1851 N Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter
GPS: N44° 20.927', W093° 57.028'

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Ottawa Village and Stone Church

While on the byway, visitors arriving in Ottawa step back in time to experience a quaint village overlooking the Minnesota River. Recognized as a state historic district, many of its original buildings constructed of native limestone are on the National Register, with seven in use today. These buildings and village history are featured on a self-guided tour map available at the information kiosk in front of Town Hall. The fully restored Stone Church, one of Minnesota's oldest Methodist sites, is open for public visits on summer Sunday afternoons.

39138 County Road 23, Le Sueur
| IP | GPS: N44° 23.064', W093° 56.76'



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Henderson Historic District and Sibley County Museum

Henderson is an historic river town founded in 1852, with historic sites, parks and events such as Sauerkraut Days (an annual event since 1930). Henderson's Main Street is a nationally registered historic district, comprised of vintage buildings of locally made brick including the 1879 Sibley County Courthouse, which houses the Henderson City offices. The Sibley County Museum was established in 1948, housed in an 1884 brick mansion, and built as the home of August and Emilie Poehler. Open Sundays 2-5pm, Memorial Day weekend through October. Dakota history interpretive panels are located at the north edge of Henderson, along the Scenic Byway, Sibley County Road 6. Visit www.hendersonmn.com to download the new Henderson app. **507-248-3434**

www.sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com | www.hendersonmn.com
600 Main Street, Henderson (Henderson City offices)
700 Main Street, Henderson (Sibley County Museum)
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Joseph R. Brown Minnesota River Center & Research Library

An interpretive center telling the story of this exceptional man who helped shape Minnesota history; a place to study the geographical and cultural history of the Minnesota River Valley. River table, tepee, land office, steam wagon and steamboat replicas/exhibits tell stories of the ancient River Warren, prehistoric people, Dakota natives, white settlement, and flora and fauna of the valley. There is also a Brown family room. Brown founded Henderson in 1852 as the starting point of his Henderson to Fort Ridgely Road. His influence on early Minnesota government, relations with Indians and business endeavors are explained in the Center, located on the second floor of the Henderson Community Building, formerly the 1879 Sibley County Courthouse. Open Memorial Day through October, Sundays 2-5pm or by appointment. **507-248-3234 | www.joebrownrivercenter.org**
600 Main Street, Henderson | GPS: N44° 31.686', W093° 54.5092'



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Ney Nature Center

Sitting on the bluffs of the Minnesota River near Henderson, MN, the Ney Nature Center (NNC) is home to 446 acres of native prairie and woodlands. This unique blend of biomes allows staff to educate youth and adults alike about the native plants and wildlife important to southern Minnesota. Adding to the natural landscape are two historic farm sites: one that was occupied by the Ney family from 1850 to 2002 and one that was occupied by the Kahlow family from 1900 to 1967. As a Le Sueur County Park, the Ney Nature Center is open for exploration from sunup until sundown. The Education Building, which houses the office and staff, is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Visit the Ney Nature Center for hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, birdwatching, geocaching, and/or wildlife observations. **507-357-8580 | www.neycenter.org**
28238 Nature Center Lane, Henderson
GPS: N44° 31.972', W93° 52.973'

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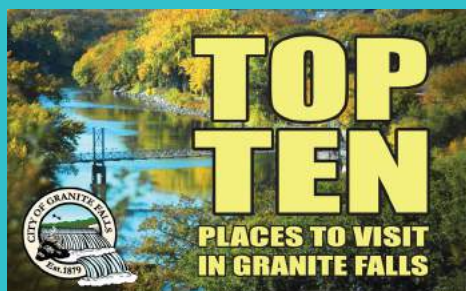
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MEMORIAL PARK

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04

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Learn why Granite Falls, MN played a critical role in the creation of the 18th Amendment. Visit the Andrew J. Volstead House Museum and learn how the Minnesota representative was the driving force behind the National Prohibition Act in 1919. Continue the Prohibition Story tour through downtown Granite Falls.

05

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06



KCC DAILY PASS

The Kilowatt Community Center offers a daily pass for visitors. Take advantage of the 3 swimming pools, and hot tub. Enjoy a game of volleyball on the racquetball court or a quick game of basketball. Take a stroll around the indoor walking track.

07

KIWANIS CLUB POPCORN STAND

Enjoy a century old tradition - freshly popped buttered popcorn and 1919 root beer! The candy-striped stand offers popcorn during summer evenings. True to the Kiwanis Mission, proceeds go toward activities benefiting local children.

08



RIVER'S EDGE DISC GOLF COURSE

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09

SAVE THE DATE

Old & Lona Days - 1st week of February. Western Fest Stampede - Rodeo - 4th weekend of June. Riverside Market & Music - 2nd Saturday of the month from May to September. Meander Art Crawl - 1st weekend in October. A Volstead Halloween - October 31st every year.

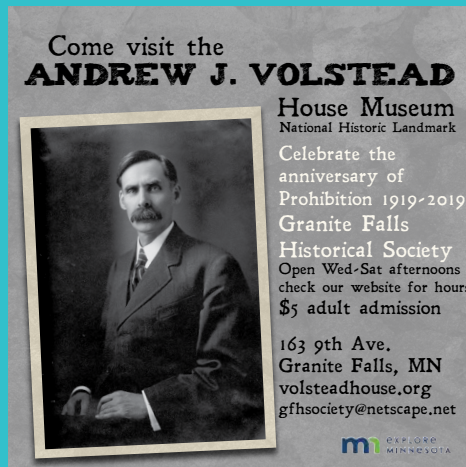
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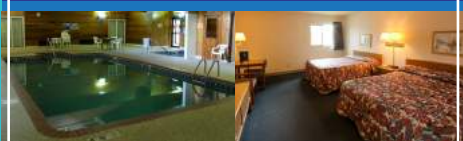
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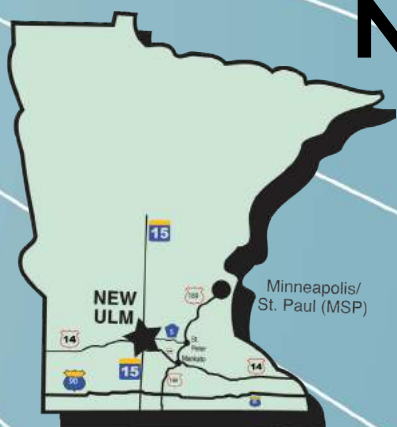





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