



Welcome to
WAUPUN

Get lost and found in the natural beauty of Waupun. Nestled along the southern branch of the Rock River near the northern access points of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Waupun's small town charm, strong sense of community, and a vast array of amenities welcome you, naturally.

Naturally Artful

THE CITY OF SCULPTURE:

Big, bronze, and bold, you'll find the legacy of Clarence Shaler and his love of art on display in natural settings around the community. Shaler's outdoor art collection has earned Waupun the designation of "City of Sculpture". Plan to grab a photo at the world-renowned "End of the Trail" sculpture by James Earle Fraser during your visit and participate in a walking or auto tour around the city to view the full gallery. On event weekends you may be able to catch a trolley tour to visit the sculptures.

GROWING FINE ARTS COMMUNITY:

Supporting local art and artists of yesterday, today, and tomorrow Waupun Fine Arts and Waupun Community Players provide opportunity for entertainment and outlets for creative expression throughout the year. Each Thursday in July, enjoy Concerts in the Park and don't miss a stop by the Waupun Fine Arts Gallery, located on the second floor of the Waupun Public Library, for sponsored artist receptions and discussions. If theatre is your interest, Waupun Community Players produces an annual production at the Historic City Hall Auditorium that you'll not want to miss.

If you treasure history and art, you'll want to visit the Carnegie Museum operated by the Waupun Historical Society. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 4:00pm



Waupun Fine Arts & Craft Fair is held the first Saturday in August at Dodge Park featuring the work of more than fifty artisans.



Naturally Adventurous

HORICON MARSH AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Explore, relax, learn, and become one with nature. Recently rated by Travel Wisconsin as one of Wisconsin's Top 5 Nature Preserves, the **Horicon Marsh** and the **Horicon National Wildlife Refuge** it houses provide a peaceful place for visitors of all ages. Stationed about three miles east of Waupun on Highway 49 you'll find a three-mile paved auto-access loop through the marsh (also open to bicyclists and hikers) as well as walking trails where you can view some of Wisconsin's unique wildlife. Don't miss the floating boardwalk. It's a great stop for the photographer in your group. Access to the trail is free and is open daily from dawn until dusk.

Whether birding or simply learning, nature lovers will take delight in a stop at **Marsh Haven Nature Center**. Located east of Waupun on Highway 49, the Center is open to visitors, housing interactive exhibits, and informational displays. Catch their Birds of Prey program for an up-close and personal visit with the magnificent raptors that call the marsh home. The Center is open from noon to 4pm on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends.

HIT THE TRAILS

Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy hiking, biking, and exploring our extensive park and trail systems. All trails are part of the Rock River Trail Bike Route which runs for 320 miles from its headwaters in Fond du Lac County which run through Waupun to the Mississippi River at Rock Island, IL. Trails are designated for bikers and hikers. Trails along the Rock River Trail have been identified and mapped. Leashed pets are permitted.

The nearby limestone path of the **Wild Goose State Trail** can be accessed just east of Waupun and can be used for hiking, biking, jogging, or cross-country skiing. This 34-mile rail trail skirts the western edge of the Horicon Marsh from Fond du Lac to Clyman Junction.

PARKS, GOLF & MORE

Waupun County Park is home to the **Rock Golf Club** – recently ranked as one of the top 25 courses to visit in Wisconsin by Golf Advisor; **Waupun Aquatic Center**; and, **Waupun Disc Golf** – ranked nationally as one of the top three-disc courses in the country. You'll find plenty of hiking, biking, and camping opportunities throughout the park making it a great place to stay and play throughout the year.

Naturally Festive

We're a festive bunch and we invite you to join us to enjoy the numerous festivals and activities Waupun has to offer.

Waupun Farmers and Artist Market is held each Saturday from 8am to noon - May through September. The market is located near the Waupun City Hall on Main Street. Come and mingle, support local farmers, shop local artisans, and grab a bite to eat.

Celebrate Waupun held the last weekend of June, celebrates our heritage and is fun for the entire family. Enjoy live bands, local food vendors, sculpture tours, entertainment, and our annual fireworks show. In 2019, the event will feature the 9/11 traveling memorial exhibit.

The Alto Fair, an annual two-day fair in neighboring Alto, is a don't miss event drawing people from afar to enjoy food, community, carnival rides, entertainment, fireworks, and 4-H competitions.

Waupun Truck 'N Show will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2019. This annual salute to the trucking industry features hundreds of detailed trucks from across North America and is fun for the entire family. Highlights of the two-day celebration include the Lights of the Night Convoy parade, a Jake-Brake contest, demonstrations, kids activities, and nightly entertainment. Proceeds from the show benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics.



Volksfest This free festival brings the traditions and tastes of Munich to Wisconsin and is held the first weekend after Labor Day each year. Come and enjoy traditional German food, beer, and fun activities including top polka bands, a stump fiddle contest, and more.

Avenue of Angels is Waupun's annual Christmas celebration featuring tree decorating contests, a parade, visits from Santa Clause, a special reading with Mrs. Claus, concerts, dance recitals, and free hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies at Waupun City Hall. It's a perfect way to usher in the holiday season!

Bridges at the Rock, located at the Rock Golf Club is a serene setting that overlooks the Rock River and provides a beautiful gathering space for meetings, conferences, and celebrations for groups of all sizes.

Naturally Competitive

Whether you are naturally competitive or just looking for a little rest and relaxation, Waupun's recreational amenities have something for you. A new aquatic center, state-of-the-art baseball complex, indoor virtual golf, bowling, a top ranked disc golf course, and an 18-hole golf course are just some of the amenities that you can enjoy during your stay. Whether you take a morning run on one of our many trails or take advantage of our beautiful parks and recreational facilities, you'll find yourself satisfying your competitive side and enjoying beautiful natural amenities in the process.

The Rock Golf Club was recently ranked 14th in Wisconsin by Golf Advisor. The front nine is a links-style course that demands accuracy off the tee and precision to the green. The back nine which has ties to Clarence Shaler's legacy in the community, was opened in 1927 and updated in the early 80's. This stretch has many old and mature trees waiting to knock down a wayward tee shot or missed approach. For the avid sports enthusiast, enjoy Waupun's nationally-ranked Disc-Golf Course and the Waupun Aquatic Center, both located in the natural

beauty of the Waupun County Park. The park is connected to a series of hiking and biking trails for easy access. Throughout the year, the community hosts a number of fun runs and community athletic events including the **Wild Goose Chase, Reach Run & Rally, Kickin' for Kevin Kickball Tournament**, and more.

For baseball enthusiasts, the newly constructed state-of-the-art **Waupun Baseball Complex** hosts regional and national tournaments throughout the summer and is a sure place to catch a baseball game and enjoy a summer evening.

Naturally Satisfying

Tom Dooley Orchards and **Golz Apple Orchard** located on Highway 49 east of Waupun are two stops that you'll not want to miss. Enjoy a caramel apple, baked goods, cider, and select from more than 20 different apple varieties. Pick your fall pumpkins, mums, and shop from a selection of unique, hand-made items. This is a stop the entire family is sure to enjoy, including your dog, as you explore a large play area and dog walk along Dooley's orchard.

Stop over for a slice at **Tony's Pizza** or catch a Friday fish fry at the **Goose Shot** or **Bridges at the Rock**. You'll find our diverse mix of restaurants will satisfy any craving you have. Dining in Waupun is more than just food – it's the experience of our close-knit community that keeps everyone coming back. So go on, have another Old Fashioned at **The Brittain House Supper Club** or indulge at the renowned **Guth's End of the Trail Candy Shoppe** - it's just the cherry on top!

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