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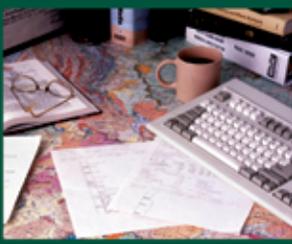




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Polk County has lots of places to see, things to do, and experiences to be had. Polk County is an all season vacation destination with a natural landscape found nowhere else in the world.

The Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway frames our backyard and hiking boots, kayaks, canoes, bicycles and paddleboats are your keys to unlock this national treasure. In a catch phrase, "It's where people go to pay tribute to nature." Visit Interstate Park, the oldest state park in Wisconsin, Straight Lake State Park, one of the newest state parks, or Stower Seven Lakes Trail, a new state trail.

Numerous lakes, rivers and streams mean ample opportunities at a wide variety of fish species: smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye, muskie, pike, trout and sunfish.

Soak up the warm, summer sunshine on a sandy beach as you watch the fluttering dragonflies. Lace up the hiking boots and explore what's behind the next bend on the trail. Unleash the Lewis and Clark within and discover the fun of geocaching, mountain biking and ziplining. Snowmobiling, Nordic skiing and downhill skiing enthusiasts rave about our trails and facilities. Eight quality golf courses are well worth your drive. Paddleboat tours and railroad excursions are memorable travel alternatives.

Park the car and enjoy life at a walking pace. Hand-dipped ice cream anyone? Fine dining and casual eateries, antique, craft



and unique gift shops and art galleries saturate the downtowns. If you crave a chance at a big jackpot, exciting 24-hour gaming can be found at the St. Croix Casino.

Local, regional and national talent is showcased at The St. Croix Festival Theatre in St. Croix Falls, the St. Croix Art Barn in Osceola, and Northern Lakes Center for the Arts in Amery. The many exhibits, shows and workshops can be found there as well as at local, privately-owned studios.

Well before explorers and settlers ventured into Polk County, Native people inhabited the land. Later, those engaged in railroading, logging, farming and resorts left their imprints. That rich history is captured in extensive displays, exhibits and artifacts collected and available for viewing at museums and historical sites throughout the county and the Polk County Information Center.

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There is a lot going on in Polk County

January

- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibit/ArtZ Gallery
- 8 Amery A Student Art Exhibit @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 9 Luck Luck Football Ice Fishing Contest on Bone Lake 8am-3pm
- 9 Amery Vinter Fest @ D D Kennedy Park
- 16 Amery A Writer's Forum @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 16 Amery Arctic Blast
- 16-17 Statewide Free Fishing Weekend
- 23 Clear Lake Fireman's Oyster Supper
- 23 St Croix Falls Wedding Fair @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 23 Amery Celebrating the Haggis @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 30 Frederic Winter Fun Day
- 30 Amery Candlelight Ski, Snowshoe, Walk Event on Stower Seven Lakes State Trail
- 31 Amery St Joseph's Ice Fishing Contest



February

- 1-29 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 5 Amery An Art Exhibit Opening @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 5-21 St Croix Falls "Fully Committed" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 6 Amery Ice Fishing Contest on Lake Wapogasset 9am-3pm
- 6 Amery Wanderoos Ice Fishing Contest
- 6-7 Balsam Lake Winterfest on Balsam Lake
- 9 Clam Falls Harvest Supper @ Clam Falls Lutheran Church
- 12-14 Luck Luck Winter Carnival
- 13 Clam Falls Winter Carnival/IceFishing Contest
- 13 Centuria Ice Fishing Contest on Long Lake
- 13 St Croix Falls Valentine's Day Dinner @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 13 St Croix Falls Candlelight Ski @ Interstate Park
- 13 Amery Love Poems for St. Valentine's Day@Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 13-14 St Croix Falls Special Valentine's Wine Tasting @ Chateau St Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 20 Osceola Ice Fishing Contest on Big Lake
- 20 Amery Hymn Sing/Her Sing @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 21 Clayton Lake Magnor Ice Fishing Contest



March

- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 5 Amery Audience Sing-along "A Hootenanny" @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 11 Amery An Art Exhibit Opening @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 12 Dresser Troll Cup Ski Race @ Trollhaugen
- 17-20 St Croix Falls St Patrick's Green Wine Samples @ Chateau St Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 19 Amery Annual St. Patrick's Concert @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 26 Amery Annual Easter Egg Hunt



April

- 1-2 Dresser Trollhaugen Gun Show
- 1-3 Amery Spring Home/Garden/Recreation Show
- 1-30 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 2-3 Amery Maplefest @ Glenna Farms
- 9 Luck Luck Ambulance Annual Smelt Fry 3:30-7:00pm
- 9 Turtle Lake American Legion Smelt Fry
- 9-24 St Croix Falls "The Grapes of Wrath" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 16 Cushing Spring Bash @ Community Center 4pm Lasagna Supper-Bingo & More
- 16 Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club Smelt Fry
- 16 Amery "An Evening of Classical Favorites" Northern Lakes Center for the Arts
- 19-25 Turtle Lake Earth Week Townwide
- 23 Osceola Healthy Heart 5k Walk/Run
- 23 St Croix Falls "The Bazaar" Mother of all Home Shopping Parties
- 23-24 Amery The Northern Lakes Drama Series @ Northern Lakes Center for the Arts



May

- 1 St Croix Falls Woolly Mammoth Mountain Bike Race (Registration 8am @ SCF High School)
- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 6 St Croix Falls Falls Sampler @ Polk County Fairgrounds
- 7 Luck Aebleskiver Dinner-West Denmark Hall 3:30-7:00

- 7 Luck American Cancer Society Walk/Run
- 7 Amery Half Marathon on Stower Seven Lakes Trail (a training event for Grandma's Marathon)
- 7 Frederic American Cancer Society Walk/ Run
- 7-8 St Croix Falls Open House & Acoustic Sunday Launch @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 7-8 Polk County Earth Arts Spring Tour
- 8 Osceola Mother's Day Brunch & Dinner @ Osceola Train Depot
- 8-14 Turtle Lake St. Croix Casino Anniversary Week
- 20-22 St Croix Falls Spring Awakenings "Hike, Bike, Learn and Explore"
- 20-23 Luck Garden & Art Sale @ Café Wren
- 21 Turtle Lake Spring Market Day
- 26 Balsam Lake Polk County Museum Opens
- 27 Dresser Trollhaugen Aerial Adventure Park Season Opener
- 27-30 Dresser 4 X 4 Memorial Off Road Weekend @ Trollhaugen
- 27-30 Luck Garden & Art Sale @ Café Wren
- 28 Frederic Soo Line Depot Museum Opens
- 28-29 St Croix Falls Barrel Tasting Weekend @ Chateau St Croix Winery & Vineyard



- 25 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 25 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 25-26 Milltown Fisherman's Party
- 25-26 St Croix Falls Fete des Fleurs @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard

July

June

- 1-30 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 3 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 3-5 Osceola Rhubarb Days @ Mill Pond Park
- 4 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm Triangle Park
- 4 Amery Trail Days
- 4 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 4 Milltown Annual Dairy Breakfast @ Milltown Community Center
- 4 Nationwide Trails Day
- 4 Milltown Kids "R" 1st Fishing Contest on Half Moon Lake
- 4-5 Statewide Free Fishing Weekend
- 4-5 Statewide State Parks Open House
- 10 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 10-12 St Croix Falls Wannigan Days River Spirit Celebration Dragonfly Winery
- 11 Deer Lake Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Contest- www.neilmckenzieyouthfishing.org
- 11 Amery Triathlon on Stower Seven Lakes Trail
- 11 Frederic Frederic Lion's Classic Bike Race
- 11 St Croix Falls City of Trails 5k & 10k Walk/Run
- 11 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm Triangle Park
- 11 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 11-12 St Croix Falls Midsummer Festival @ Dancing
- 11-17 St Croix River-Association Paddle
- 17 St Croix Falls SCRMC Volunteers Partner's Salad Luncheon @ High School
- 17 Amery Music on the River & Car Show Cruise-In
- 17 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 17-19 Frederic Family Days
- 17-19 Clayton Cheese Days
- 18 Frederic Strawberry Shortcake @ Soo Line Depot
- 18 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm Triangle Park
- 18 Amery "Taste of Glenna Farms" @ Glenna Farms
- 18 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St Croix Winery
- 18 Amery Women's Club Art Fair @ North Park
- 18 Frederic Lion's Classic Car Show 10am-2pm
- 18-19 Frederic Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show @ Frederic High School. Sat. 10-5p, Sun. 10-4p
- 18-8/14 St Croix Falls "Clue-the Musical" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 19 Osceola Father's Day Brunch & Dinner Train Ride @ Train Depot
- 19 Cushing Sterling Settler's Picnic @ Community Center
- 23-26 Clear Lake Heritage Days
- 24 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm



- 1 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 1-4 Balsam Lake Freedom Fest
- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 2 Balsam Lake Invitational Ski Show @ Reed's Resort - 7 pm
- 2 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 2-3 St Croix Falls Red, White & Sangria Weekend @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 2-8/20 St Croix Falls "Private Lives" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 3 Osceola Fireworks Express Train Ride
- 4 Wanderoos Independence Day Celebration
- 4 Amery Wapo-Beartrap 5k Fun Run
- 4 Clam Falls 4th of July Parade
- 4 Amery Fireworks at Soldier's Field
- 5 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm Triangle Park
- 8 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 8-10 Turtle Lake Inter-County Fair
- 8-10 Centuria Memory Days
- 9 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 9 St Croix Falls Jazz Festival @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 12 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm Triangle Park
- 15 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 15 Amery Music on the River & Car Show Cruise-In
- 15-17 Luck Lucky Days Festival
- 16 Balsam Lake Classic Fishing Tournament
- 16 St Croix Falls Christmas in July-Shopping in Downtown St. Croix Falls
- 16 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 19 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 22 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 23 St Croix Falls Jazz Festival @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 23 Clayton Lion's Brewfest
- 23-8/20 St Croix Falls "Steel Magnolias" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 26 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 28-31 St Croix Falls Polk County Fair
- 29 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 30 St Croix Falls Music Series 1-4pm @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard



August

- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 2 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 2 Turtle Lake National Night Out @ Village Park
- 5 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 9 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 12 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 12-14 Lewis Charles E. Lewis Days
- 13 Luck Annual Corn Feed 2-8pm @ Luck Fire Department
- 13 St Croix Falls Relay for Life @ Polk County Fairgrounds
- 14 Turtle Lake Cars & Crafts in the Park @ Village Park
- 16 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm @ Triangle Park
- 19 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm



- 19 Amery Music on the River & Car Show Cruise-In
- 20 Frederic Arts & Crafts Fair and Pie Social @ Soo Line Depot
- 20-21 Turtle Lake Moon Lake Threshing Bee
- 23 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm
- 26 St Croix Falls Music on the Overlook 6:30pm
- 26-28 St Croix Falls Festival of the Monarch @ Overlook (Fri) SCF Library (Sat)
- 27 St Croix Falls Ribfest (Hwy 8)
- 27 Cushing Fun Day @ Community Center-Fire Dept Breakfast-Adult Soap Box Derby-Kids games
- 30 Luck Music in the Park 6:30pm

September

- 1-30 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 3 Balsam Balsam Lake Ski Show Team @ Reed's Resort 6 pm
- 3 Turtle Lake Annual Auction & Thrift Sale @ Parkview Methodist Church
- 3 Clayton Fire Department Truck/Tractor Pull @ Fire Department
- 3 Balsam Lake Fire Department Demo Derby
- 3-4 Balsam Lake Corn on the Curb
- 9-11 Osceola Community Fair
- 10 Clam Falls Harvest Supper Clam Falls Lutheran Church
- 10 Osceola Wheels & Wings
- 10-11 St Croix Falls Grape Stomp Festival @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 15-18 Amery Fall Festival
- 17 Frederic 9th Annual Knitting & Crochet Extravaganza @ High School
- 17 Luck FFA Alumni Truck/Tractor Pull. Trucks 1pm, Tractors 4pm
- 17-18 Amery Apple River Quilt Guild-Quilt Show @ St Joseph Catholic Church
- 24 Cushing River Road Ramble-St Croix Falls-Cushing
- 24-25 Centuria Baker Orchard Festival @ Baker Orchard
- 24-25 St Croix Falls Food & Wine Festival @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 24-25 St Croix Falls Fall Harvest Festival @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard



October

- 1-2 St Croix Falls Autumn Fest/Arts & Crafts Fair
- 1-2 Amery Glenna Farms-Pick your own pumpkins. Free Hayrides, Cider & Cookies
- 1-23 St Croix Falls "On Golden Pond" Showing at Festival Theatre
- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 2 Dresser Open House @ Trollhaugen
- 7-8 Turtle Lake Turtle Lake Fire District Gun Show
- 8 Luck Gandy Dancer Marathon (Full & Half)
- 8 Amery Indianhead Chorus-"Harvest of Harmony" Concert @ High School
- 8 Milltown Pumpkin Festival
- 8 Amery Fall Color Bike Ride & Friends Meeting/Picnic on Stover Seven Lakes Trail
- 8 Webster Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild @ Webster High School 10am-4pm
- 8-9 Amery Glenna Farms-Pick your own pumpkins. Free Hayrides, Cider & Cookies
- 15 St Croix Falls David Roth in Concert @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 15-16 Amery Glenna Farms-Pick your own pumpkins. Free Hayrides, Cider & Cookies
- 15-16 St Croix Falls Oktober Wine Festival @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 16 Turtle Lake Toy Tractor Show
- 16 Clayton Lutfisk Dinner @ Moe Church
- 21-23 Osceola Pumpkin Express Train Ride
- 22-23 Amery Glenna Farms-Pick your own pumpkins. Free Hayrides, Cider & Cookies
- 29 Luck Trick or Treat on Main Street 11:00-12:30pm & Kiddie Parade @ 12:30pm



- 29 Amery Halloween Fun @ Soo Line Park & townwide
- 29 Frederic Halloween Party and Dance @ Elementary School
- 29-30 Amery Glenna Farms -Pick your own pumpkins. Free Hayrides, Cider & Cookies
- 31 St Croix Falls Tricks-N-Treats for Tots-Downtown St Croix Falls

November

- 1-30 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery & Earth Arts Fall Salon
- 5 Balsam Lake Polk County Homemakers Fair @ Unity High School 10am-2pm
- 5 St Croix Falls Owner's Dinner @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 12 Turtle Lake American Legion Vet's Dance
- 12 Cushing Cushing Fire Dept. Venison Feed @ Community Center
- 12 Osceola Lutfisk Dinner 11am-7pm @ West Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 19 Wolf Creek Chili Supper @ United Methodist Church
- 19 Frederic St. Dominic's Church Fall Bazaar
- 19-20 St Croix Falls Cheese & Chocolate Weekend @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 22 Amery Light up the Park/Parade & Chili Feed @ Soo Line Park
- 25-27 Luck Holiday Art Sale @ Cafe` Wren
- 26-12/24 St Croix Falls "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas" Showing at the Festival Theatre



December

- 1-31 Amery Art Exhibition @ ArtZ Gallery
- 2-4 Luck Holiday Art Sale @ Cafe` Wren
- 2-16 St Croix Falls "The SantaLand Diaries" Showing at the Festival Theatre
- 3 Amery Glenna Farms Holiday Sampler. Sample wine, beer, cheese, gourmet food.
- 3 Clear Lake Holiday Stroll
- 3 Frederic Christmas in Frederic-Santa @ Frederic Library
- 3 Luck Luck Holiday Experience
- 3 Turtle Lake Chamber Christmas
- 3 Centuria Cozy Country Christmas
- 3-4 St Croix Falls Rivertown Holiday
- 3-4 St Croix Falls Holiday Boutique @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 3-31 Turtle Lake Christmas Lights in the Park
- 4 Amery Holiday Stroll
- 10-11 St Croix Falls Holiday Cheers Weekend @ Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard
- 10-11 St Croix Falls Holiday Boutique @ Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- 17 Frederic Christmas in Frederic-Sleigh Rides @ Larson Auto
- 31 St Croix Falls New Year's Eve Dinner @ Dancing Drangonfly Winery





Polk County Communities

Embrace the good life found in our communities, which range in size from progressive small cities to rural villages. Each is unique and full of old-fashioned charm.

When it's time to say "Let's go!," Polk County is ready with dozens of outdoor recreation possibilities that span the four seasons. Coupled with the indoor attractions, the welcome mat is out for families with children ranging from the very young to teens. Couples looking for romantic getaways won't be disappointed either.

Our ancestors certainly had their fun, but they would be amazed with ziplining, rock climbing, ATViing and snowmobiling that you will find here. The fun doesn't stop there of course: there's cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, alpine skiing, hiking, road bicycling and mountain biking, boating, swimming, kayaking, horseback riding, paddlewheel boat tours, train rides, and more.

You'll find our communities loaded with contemporary charm, flanked by bucolic byways, picturesque farms, and lakes – lots of them. Balsam Lake, Clear Lake and Turtle Lake take their names from lakes of the same name. St. Croix Falls grew up with the lumbering era that relied on the St. Croix River to move logs downstream. Amery is on an isthmus nestled between the Apple River and Pike, North Twin and South Twin lakes. Brighten up the holidays with visits to Amery and Turtle Lake where they turn their park, into a magical, lighted winter wonderland. Turtle Lake also has a casino for non-stop action.

Beautiful parks – from ones in neighborhoods to the fabulous Interstate Park – are perfect places for summer picnics, casual walks, or a game of horseshoes. Kick off the sandals and walk



the sandy beaches at Clayton. Straight Lake State Park in Luck is the state's latest park.

Eight of our communities have manicured public golf courses that challenge golfers of every skill level: Amery, Clear Lake, Luck, Turtle Lake, Balsam Lake, Frederic, Osceola and St. Croix Falls. Among the occasional hazards: a brown-eyed deer walking the fairway or an eagle soaring above. Stop by or call the Information Center and we'll be glad to provide directions and other information on each.

Stroll through history at your leisure with a visit to one of the museums located in Polk County. Clear Lake has a museum devoted to U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, and Burleigh Grimes, the last legal spitballer and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Frederic's museum is a renovated 1901 Soo Line Depot. The former county courthouse and now Polk County Historical Museum in Balsam Lake has an amazing three stories of exhibits and displays (The Lumber Room exhibit is the newest).

Festivals, competitions and celebrations are major draws to Polk County when it's time to fill in the blank pages on weekends. Milltown hosts an outstanding Fisherman's Party each summer, as does Osceola with its "Wheels & Wings" festival. Cushing Fun Days features a soapbox derby for adults! Tractor pulls, ATV pulls, county fairs, and much, much more can be seen at various communities throughout the year.

The Information Center has a complete listing of churches and other houses of worship with telephone numbers so you can get times of services, locations, etc. Call 1-800-222-7655 or e-mail info@polkctytourism.com, or stop by at the center.

Sprinkle your recreation with great scenery and miles of trails. Meet up with friends at the trailhead of the Gandy Dancer State Recreation Trail at St. Croix Falls. Be prepared to say "Hello" to several communities as you bike or hike its path northward: Centuria, Milltown, Luck, Frederic and Lewis. Osceola, now



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there's a place you can hike to the stars and down the stairs! It's 156 steps down to Wilkie Glen, past the magical Cascade Falls (bathed in colored lights during the evening) and along the St. Croix River. Or, take the steep route up the Osceola Bluff Trail.

When winter comes calling, Trollhaugen near Dresser offers alpine skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. Each winter, the smallest of small communities spring up on many lakes in the county. Pop-up ice shelters, wooden "shanties" and even \$6,000 aluminum icehouses are the real estate for anglers. Bait and tackle stores and large sporting stores can supply you with bait, ice augers, tip-ups, fishing poles and more.

So get out there & stir up something amazing!



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Spring *Stepping-out time*

April and May are the months to run out and smell the wildflowers in Polk County. Spring showers might bring a gorgeous rainbow and its pot of gold to chase. Runners are in full stride in 5K and full marathon mode. Golfers plant spikes as they send the dimpled ball heaven-bound with a prayer it won't kiss the woods. Hike & bike trails are flush with walkers and bicyclists. Others cling to our nurseries to check out hanging baskets, perennials, fruitful trees and other plant treasures.

Summer

Pack your SPF & pick your pleasure

Summer is when Polk County, well, shines! Plenty of sunshine, warm days and nights, and hundreds of lakes – at last count, 431 of them! -- draw boaters of every stripe from paddleboarders and kayakers to bass fishermen and cruisers. Thirty-six trout streams tempt fly fishermen. Parks and beaches are perfect for a summer tan, for kids to build sandcastles and for family picnics. When the kids have had their fill of water and sand, take them to a wildlife education park or an afternoon of ziplining. Complete a visit to Polk County with a trip to Interstate Park and its fabulous gorge flanked by rocky cliffs. ATVers can explore three state trails. Savor numerous summer festivals.



Fall *Enjoy the turning leaves*

Autumn delivers a perfect pairing – turning leaves and harvest time. Before they fall, the leaves go out in an explosion of color. Crimson reds, pumpkin oranges and sunny yellows are revealed in their splendor from mid-September to mid-October. Be sure to check with the Information Center or local chambers for the latest color reports. The bounty of late summer harvest continues into fall, with recommended visits to local farmer's markets and apple orchards. And a glass of crisp wine goes just fine with autumn – we have award-winning wineries for you to tour and sample.

Winter *Play nice with ice & snow*

We're never at a loss for something to do in our snowy season, which stretches from mid-November to March. Bundle up and frolic in the snow -- sledding, snowman building, snow angel making, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, downhill skiing and snowboarding are among favorites. Did we forget to mention bonfires, hot cocoa, cookies and toasted marshmallows! Polk County has 365 miles of state-funded snowmobile trails that network with other counties' trails for days of riding adventures. Whether solo or in a small village, ice fishermen soon populate the frozen lakes.



Check the calendar of events for hundreds of events scheduled throughout the four seasons. And then make reservations for accommodations and the start of an adventure in Polk County.

Arts & Theater

Art unlocks our imagination, makes life richer and, most importantly, it brings us to life! So live life to its fullest with a visit to Polk County's art galleries and theaters. You might even get a surprise when you stop to catch a bite to eat or have banking or medical appointments: art pieces are regularly featured on walls of local businesses and medical facilities. Our art and theater groups create works to be enjoyed by people of all ages. We invite you to embark on an art adventure you will long remember, whether viewing a painting that will stir your soul or taking in a comedy performance that will have your ribs aching with laughter!



ST. CROIX FESTIVAL THEATRE

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One Festival Theatre patron described the past 20 years of professional theater in St. Croix Falls as "world class theater in a small town package." And, that's what audiences have to come to expect from St. Croix Festival Theatre as they gather professional actors, directors and designers from all over the country and bring them to the St. Croix Valley each year. Performances take place in a 1917 Vaudeville house, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Located in downtown St. Croix Falls, the theater seats 250 with no seat more than 70 feet from the stage. A café offers refreshments before, during and after the show. Combine inspiring live entertainment with Festival Theatre's beautiful atmosphere and you'll have a perfect getaway for couples, groups or the entire family. The yearlong schedule includes live theater, children's productions, concerts and other events.

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Wisconsin's Northwest Heritage Passage celebrates our heritage and showcases regional handmade and homegrown products. It guides travelers into the countryside, through small towns and down scenic byways. The Passage is punctuated with visits to historic points of interest, artisans' studios, craft shops, galleries, farmers' markets and farmsteads offering direct sale of product and other goods. A full color map of the Passage project is available at the Polk County Information Center, listing nearly 150 studios, shops, galleries, farms and other unique producers along the varied routes. For more information, contact Wisconsin's Northwest Heritage Passage, P.O. Box 454, Spooner, WI 54801 or the contact information above.

POLK COUNTY EARTH ARTS

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Earth Arts is an organization of local artists from throughout the Upper St. Croix Valley. Members include painters (varied media), photographers, potters, glass blowers, writers, book makers, musicians, basket makers, sculptors, chainsaw carvers, jewelers and crafters. Earth Arts makes local galleries and studios available as sites for tour groups. This group also presents special events, sales and festivals, including the Earth Arts Art Tour, the first weekend in May. The Fall Salon opens the third weekend of October, with a public reception Friday evening.

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Amery ranks as one of the nation's top 100 small arts towns. This designation, made in a book entitled, "The 100 Best Small Arts Towns," is in large part due to Northern Lakes Center for the Arts. Northern Lakes has been honored with the Governor's Award in Support of the Arts, Wisconsin's highest honor for arts

groups and the rural Genius Award from the Front Porch Institute, a training institute for arts organizations. The center is where musicians practice, Community Theater performs, writers gather, and visual artists display works. Along with several permanent exhibits, rotating exhibits display works of up to 40 artists each year. The group operates one of Wisconsin's four nationally certified Schools for the Arts. Northern Lakes is the only rural school of this kind in the state. More than 150 students study theater, music, writing and art. Northern Lakes partners with schools by offering enrichment programs in writing, literature and theater. The 55-member orchestra performs throughout the year and the Northern Lakes community theater group offers four productions annually. The writers' group publishes a semi-annual collection of works.

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The Frederic-area based organization supports artistic opportunities for people of all ages and enhances and preserves the cultural fabric of the community through educational events and programs. It sponsors various events such as writer readings and music concerts, as well as projects and exhibits. Some of these happenings take place at the Frederic Art Center, 310 S. Lake Avenue, open April-November.

OTHER ARTSY PLACES

Your art adventure trip won't be complete without a visit to ArtZ Fine Arts Gallery and Café Wren. ArtZ Fine Arts Gallery in downtown Amery is a treasure trove of art ranging from mixed media, pastels, watercolors and oils to photography, pottery, fabrics, blown glass, sculptures and much more, all created by prominent local artists. ArtZ Gallery is located in the historic J. E. Harkinson building, 208 N. Keller Avenue. See www.artzgallery.org for more details about exhibitions, receptions and classes. Café Wren in Luck is a great place for your taste buds to try out their unique recipes crafted from locally grown produce. Your eyes will be treated to wonderful original art displayed on the café's walls. They post images of their current art show on their website, www.cafewren.com. Located at 2596 State Hwy. 35.

Rev it Up *in Polk County*

Polk County is home to over 360 miles of state-funded snowmobile trails that are nicely groomed and well marked. Major routes such as the Gandy Dancer State Trail will take you quickly to your destination. Or, ease off the throttle and explore remote trails as they meander through breath-taking scenery.

The well-marked trails pass through farmland and forests of Polk County. Enjoy the hospitality of the communities and businesses along the way. You can find sled repairs, fuel, dining, lodging and other necessities for your snowmobiling adventure. Snowmobile trail maps are available at many businesses.

Snowmobilers put their sleds to good use when in Polk County, and not just for trail riding. Once lakes freeze solid snowmobiles transport anglers and their shelters to their favorite fishing spots. If Mother Nature cooperates, an early snowfall in mid- to late November means hunters can use sleds as well as ATVs.

Polk County trails connect to those in neighboring counties for extended trips. The Cattail State Trail travels nearly 18 miles on a former rail corridor from Amery to Alma in neighboring Barron County. All-terrain vehicles are allowed on the trail year-round. There is one tunnel and six bridges along the way.

Polk County's 14 snowmobile clubs lead the way in brushing, signing

and grooming the trails. They invite out-of-area riders to join them for a club ride. The public can also enjoy the fun at their fundraisers, such as poker runs and meals. They welcome new members anytime. The clubs are also excellent sources of information for trail rides. Contact a representative from the listing below:

Snowmobile Clubs

- Amery Snowmobile Club | Jim Ellefson, 715-268-9542, jimsauto@ameryel.net
- Balsam Lake Snociables | Lori Larson, 715-405-3142, sweetpea5958@yahoo.com
- Clear Lake Ditch Dusters | Janelle Paulson, jjccpaulson@gmail.com
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- Osceola Valley Sno-Goers | Sheryl Hoiby, 715-755-2452
- Polk County Youth Snowmobile Club | Brittany Kruse, 715-553-0492
- S.N.O.W. - Snow Neighbors of West Sweden | Bob Coen, 715-327-8975
- Snowpackers of Polk County | Liz Buchholz, 715-822-8044, sonnyliz@hotmail.com
- Wild River Hill Climbers | Dee Olson, 715-825-2577

Beginning July 1st, 2015, Trail Pass Stickers are required. For more information contact a local club member or check DNR website.

If your sled is not registered in the state of Wisconsin, you will need a non-resident snowmobile trail pass on all county trails. Trail passes are available at any DNR licensing station: Amery True Value, Amery; Arrow Marine, St. Croix Falls; St. Croix Outdoors, St. Croix Falls; Breezy Bay Motor Sports, Balsam Lake; Brenizer Motorsports, Frederic; Deer Lake Sports, St. Croix Falls; Lakeland Power Sports, Inc., Clear Lake; Luck Sport and Marine, Luck; and Morks Big Lake Store

Remember, too, that there is a maximum speed limit of 55 mph during nighttime hours. Please practice snowmobile etiquette and stay on marked trails, as most trails are located on private property.

All Terrain *Excitement*

Polk County is in the heart of northern wilderness and farmland with beautiful scenery. ATV and motorbike enthusiasts can find three ATV trails in Polk County that will provide hours of riding enjoyment.

THE CATTAIL TRAIL runs from Amery to Alma for a total of 18 miles of which 12 miles are in Polk County. The trailhead is in Amery where restrooms and picnic areas can be found. Along the trail you will spot lots of wildlife. The trail is a former railroad bed that runs across six bridges. The multi-use trail is open all year to ATVs and motorcycles.

THE STERLING TRAIL offers seven miles of closed loop wooded trail. Sterling Trail is open from June 1 through Nov. 15. No dirt bikes or horses are allowed on the trail.

THE CLEAR LAKE-CLAYTON TRAIL, another multi-use trail, is open year round. It follows 11 miles of former railroad bed. There is an ATV trail through the Village of Clear Lake. Motorcycles not licensed for highway use cannot use that village trail.

Your machine must be registered in the state of Wisconsin or have a trail pass in order to use these trails. Remember to obey all speed limits and other signs. For more information, call the Polk County Parks Department at (715) 485-9278 or visit www.polkcountytourism.com



Access the Apple River at Amery



The Apple River, which flows through Amery, is famous throughout the region as a popular place for tubing, kayaking and canoeing. The Apple is a great place to practice your kayaking and canoeing skills, whether solo or with family and friends.

Canoeing and kayaking on the Apple River became easier with the installation of the new canoe and kayak portage around the Amery Dam in 2010. There is a dock to use on the north side of the dam and the easy access portage is located east of the Amery Dam on the other side. If you want to enjoy a picnic before you continue on your journey there are several picnic tables to have a relaxing lunch or dinner.

The Apple River is a tributary of the St. Croix River, about 70 miles long, in northwestern Wisconsin in the United States. Via the St. Croix, it is part of the watershed of the Mississippi River. Its headwaters is Staples Lake in Barron County. It

flows generally southwestwardly through Polk and St. Croix Counties, through several lakes and past the City of Amery. It joins the St. Croix River seven miles northeast of Stillwater, Minnesota and the village of Star Prairie.

In the Ojibwe language, the Apple River is called Waabizipinikaan-ziibi, meaning "River Abundant with Swan Potatoes." This name was translated into French, but only pomme (apple) of the French word for "potato" (pomme de terre - apple from the earth) was translated into English.

The Apple River was once an important route for the logging industry to move cut trees to the mills. The Amery Dam was first constructed in 1888 to run a sawmill and aid log driving on the river. Timber was floated downstream from logging camps in the north to the Amery sawmill where it was cut, loaded onto trains and transported throughout the region. The dam is now used exclusively to maintain water levels on the flowage,

which extends from the city of Amery to near Highway 8. This is about a seven-mile distance and comprises a 640-acre body of water.

Today, the river generates tourism revenue through recreation and resorts. Its relatively gentle rapids make it very popular for canoeing, tubing, kayaking and is also a fishing destination.

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Nestled in the center of all your entertainment options, Balsam Lake has many things to offer all year long. Just minutes away are movie theaters, golf courses, casinos, antique and boutique shopping, a water park and downhill skiing. Many trails go through Balsam Lake, which include cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, ATVing and snowmobiling.

In the winter, Balsam Lake is transformed into a dreamy state of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for the silent sports crowd. Snowmobile routes become active, as riders thrill to the rush of their sleds. A meal at their favorite local establishment provides energy for the next stretch of trail. In addition to providing trail links, the frozen lake is a magnet that draws anglers seeking a bag limit of game fish and panfish.

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Looking for a place to camp or enjoy a picnic? Point the picnic basket toward Pine Park, a local favorite. There you will find camping facilities, showers and rest rooms, a picnic shelter, grills, softball field, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, a playground, Frisbee golf course and a skateboard park. Having fun must have been written in the bylaws of the community's charter because there's so much to see and experience during all four seasons. Don't feel like camping? Stay at the newly remodeled Balsam Lake Motel, Wards Balsam Beach Resort, Sunnyside Marina & Resort, Dream Catcher Inn or Thirsty Otter Tavern & Resort.

The Balsam Lake Chamber of Commerce sponsors several events, which are fun for all ages! Winter Fest features 4X4 truck ice drag racing, polar plunge, adult and kids games on the ice and an ice fishing contest on Balsam Lake in February. Freedom Fest is held over the July 4th weekend and includes craft fair, fire department water fights, parade, car show and many other activities. Cruz In Fest made its debut in 2012 over Labor Day weekend and was a huge success! Cruz In Fest is now on our list of annual events. Don't forget to participate in the annual visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Christmas Day dinner. The Chamber is always looking to add more fun activities throughout the year so make sure to visit their website at balsamlakecc.com or visit their Facebook page on a regular basis to keep up to date. There is always more fun to come!

Looking for more things to do? The active Fire Department crew holds an Easter Egg Hunt, a fundraising spaghetti dinner in March, softball tournament during the Freedom Fest and a Demolition Derby during Corn on the Curb Days over Labor Day weekend. Enjoy some delicious food at the smelt fry in April, courtesy of the Rod & Gun Club. Specific dates for all events can be found on the Chamber's website.

Numerous options exist when it's time to treat your taste buds to an ice cold drink or a great meal. There are several local establishments that offer both fine and casual dining. Several establishments offer Internet access as well. Speaking of food, a local farmer's market is held in the Village on Friday afternoons June to October. The extensive selection covers all types of produce, flowers, plants, baked goods and many more items.

The full story of the area's history can be found within the Polk County Historical Museum, which is housed in the historic courthouse in Balsam Lake. Nearby, the Public Library overflows with over 20,000 items for your reading and viewing pleasure and it also offers Internet service.

February

6-7 Balsam Lake Winterfest on Balsam Lake

April

16 Balsam Lake Rod & Gun Club Smelt Fry

May

26 Polk County Museum Opens

June

27 Balsam Lake Invitational Ski Show 7:00PM

July

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2 Balsam Lake Invitational Ski Show @ Reed's Resort - 7 pm
16 Balsam Lake Classic Fishing Tournament

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Explore the Past at the Polk County Museum

Tales of bygone eras will come to life for the entire family when they visit the Polk County Museum in Balsam Lake. Built in 1899, the museum was the Polk County courthouse until 1975. The magnificent edifice is on the National Register of Historic Places. You'll find no shortage of history lore. The museum's three stories are filled with numerous artifacts and exhibits, including items that date back to the Revolutionary War!

Guided tours are available; call (715) 485-9269 for more information. The museum also hosts special exhibits throughout its season. The museum is located on Main Street, downtown Balsam Lake.

Walk back into time as you step into the first floor galleries that feature a barbershop, country store and doctor's office, among others. The nation's military forces are honored with exhibits and artifacts dating from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War. Before there were settlers and farmers in Polk County, Native people occupied the land. A full-size wigwam, Indian art and many other authentic items are on display.

More ethnic exhibits are located on the museum's second floor, including those of Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, German, Irish, Scottish, English and French descendants. As with most of the exhibits, the second floor galleries reflect life as it was in the early 1900s. You can view clothing styles and home furnishings along with writing and musical instruments of that era. Imagine a world without iPods or the Internet!



Built in 1899, the Polk County Museum was the Polk County Courthouse until 1975. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is an absolute treasure. You'll find three floors of galleries showcasing items that date back as far as the Revolutionary War!

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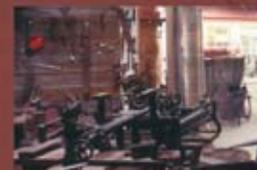
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Main Street is occupied by several small businesses including many restaurants and bars. Professional services include a medical clinic, veterinarian, optometrist, chiropractors, massage therapist and funeral director. Clear Lake also has a grocery store, hardware store, car wash, auto repair shops, and a public library. The industrial park offers room for business expansion.

Clear Lake has its own museum, featuring U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, and Burleigh Grimes, the last legal spitballer and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Nelson and Grimes are buried in the Clear Lake Cemetery, which has a Veterans' Memorial. Tours are available for both places. The annual Oyster Supper, hosted by the Clear Lake Fire Department, is held each January. June 23 - 26 are the dates for the 2016 Heritage Days, an annual celebration featuring a parade, carnival, games, races, concerts and a demolition derby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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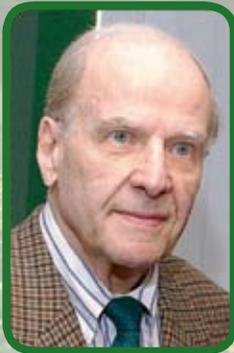
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SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON



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Gaylord Nelson

Gaylord Nelson was born in Clear Lake in 1916, the son of the local doctor. After graduating from Clear Lake High School in 1934 and the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1942, he fought in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He served in the Wisconsin State Senate from 1948-58, when he was elected governor. He later served as U.S. Senator from Wisconsin from 1962 through 1980. Nelson was an advocate of conservation since his earliest days in politics. He created Earth Day in 1970 as a way to heighten awareness of conservation and environmental concerns.

Information on Gaylord Nelson is available at the Clear Lake Historical Museum, Polk County Museum and libraries throughout the county.

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The two brothers have been collecting Civil War artillery since 1970. Their collection of nearly 30 original pieces includes nearly every type of cannon used during the Civil War. You can visit the facility at 120 Bean Street, Clear Lake, for free. Visiting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-W and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Some days you may get a guided tour, other days, if they are busy, it's self-guided. In addition to field pieces, there are photographs, muskets, etc.

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A new piece of public art was created during Family Days 2015, can you find it? (Hint: Oak Street)



The Gandy Dancer State Recreation Trail runs through Frederic



St. Croix Regional Medical Center opened a new clinic on Oak Street in May 2015



Frederic Lions Car Show is part of Frederic Family Days in June



Indianhead Gem and Mineral Show in June



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Vintage snowmobiles at the Coon Lake Classic in January

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The Village of Frederic is a rural community located in western Wisconsin an hour and a half north of the Twin Cities and an hour and a half south of the Duluth-

renovated original Soo Line depot as the Frederic area museum. In addition, the community renovated the old theater building turning it into a new 6,000-square-foot public library – the second largest in the county. Frederic is a wonderful place for someone raising a family, for a person wishing to retire or for the young entrepreneur.

Popular events include the Classic Bike Race, Frederic Family days, the Gem & Mineral Show in June; farmers market each fall, and Winter Fun Day and the Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride each winter.

Superior area on State Highway 35. Farms, forests, open land and many lakes characterize the Frederic area.

Originally a logging community, Frederic was founded in 1903 and over the next 70 years grew into a retail and service hub serving northern Polk County and southern Burnett County.

Included in the village are over 40 acres of public parklands and a 20-acre lake with access and docks for public use. Three shelters, a ballpark, basketball court and a bandstand are available for family outings, special events or just peaceful afternoon picnics. Winter activities include snowmobiling, ice-skating on the public rink, cross-country skiing on trails around the lake and ice fishing.

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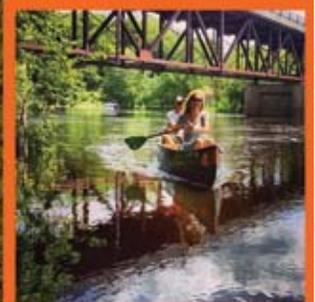
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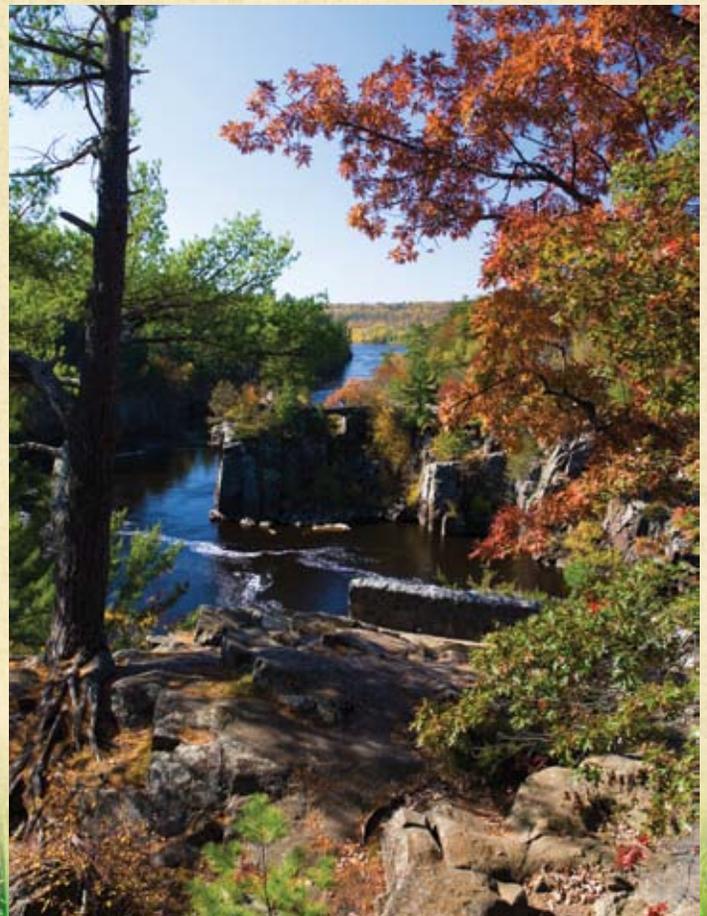
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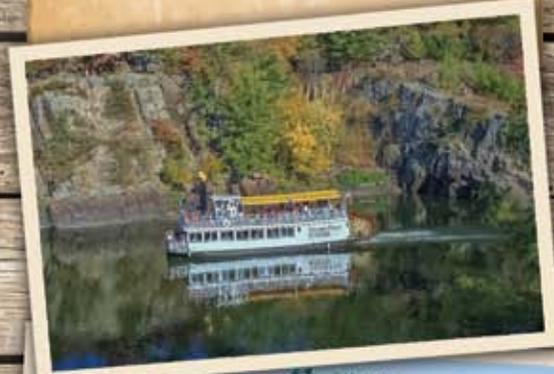
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