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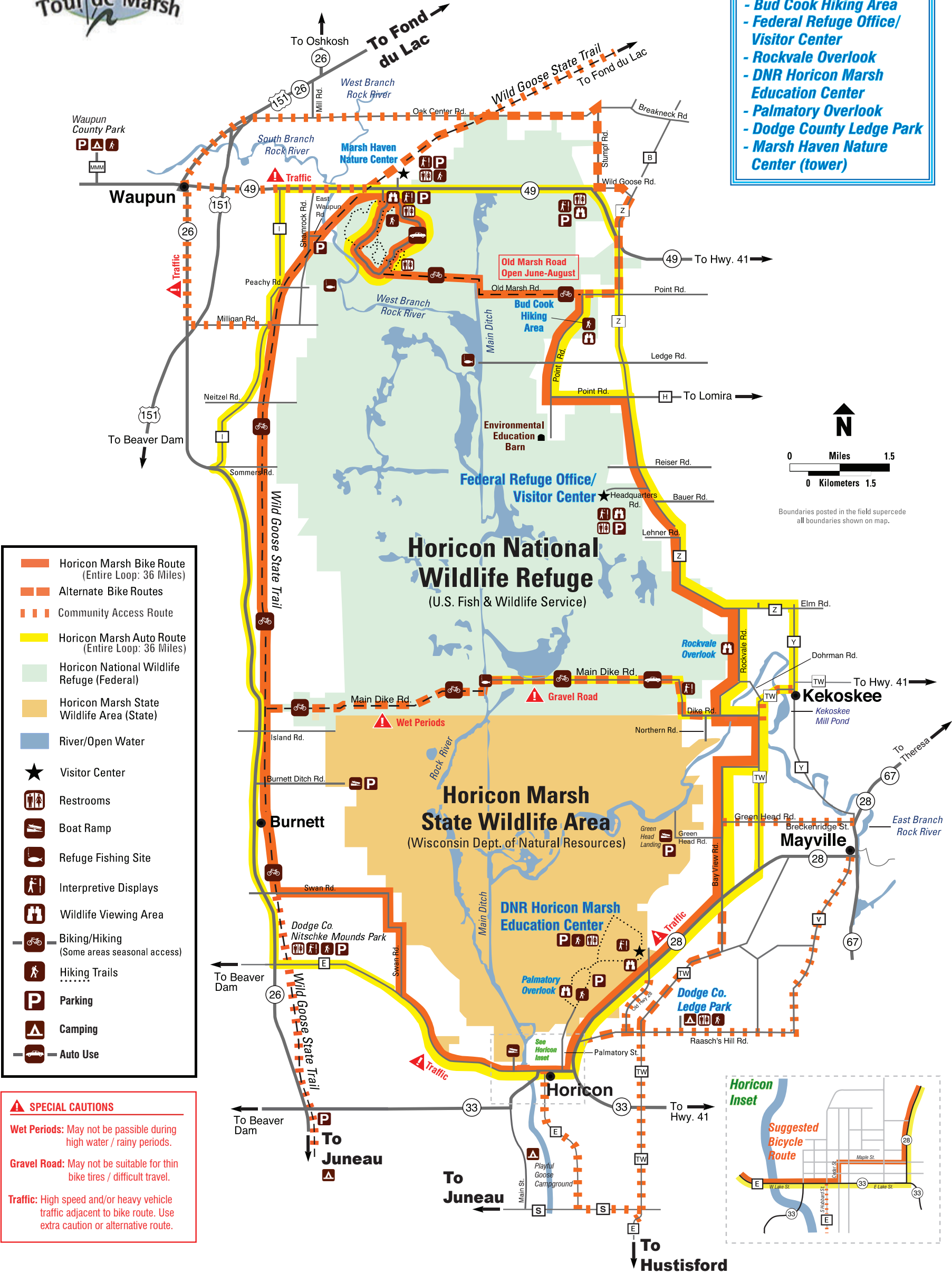


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Welcome to the World Famous Horicon Marsh

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On behalf of the communities surrounding it, welcome to Horicon Marsh.
Spring and summer are ideal times to visit, as you'll be awarded beautiful views of this region's most prized natural possession no matter where you spend your time.
The Marsh was created by the Green Bay lobe of the Wisconsin glaciation during the Pleistocene era. The glacier, during its advance, created many drumlins (a glacial landform) in the region, many of which have become the islands seen throughout Horicon Marsh. It's

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believed the Marsh, through which the Rock River flows from north to south, and surrounding Dodge County have the highest concentration of drumlins in the world.
Believed to be the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the country (32,000 acres), it was dammed to create Lake Horicon in the mid-1800s, but was restored as a marsh by 1869. In 1927, a bill was passed in the Wisconsin State Legislature turning ownership of the lower portion of the Marsh to the state. A fire destroyed much of the Marsh in the early 1930s, but a restoration project was able to save the natural space. It was reopened to the public in 1935 after being closed roughly two years. In 1940, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased the northern portion of the Marsh. Ever since, the state and federal government have managed and curated their respective properties. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources serve as stewards of the southern third, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the upper two-thirds.
Horicon Marsh is perhaps best known for its incredible showing of migratory birds every spring and summer. People travel from across the world to see scores of geese, herons, ducks and dozens more birds that make Dodge County their home during the warmest months.
Fowl hunters also flock by the thousands to the Marsh. Hunting for geese and ducks is permitted in the state-managed portion of the Marsh and several historic hunting

clubs still manage properties abutting the Marsh.
Surrounding the Marsh, visitors will find pastoral fields of green, both the leaves on the trees and the rolling farmland of Dodge County. A culture rich with agricultural history, a short drive away from the Marsh will reveal rustic family farms and plenty of high vantage points (especially at the county's Ledge Park).
There are several places to stay if you plan to spend more than a day in the area, including inns, motels, parks, campgrounds and bed and breakfasts.
While in the area, be sure to visit the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and the Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.
Bikers and hikers can make a day of the Gold Star Memorial trail, which connects the City of Mayville and the City of Horicon with a passage through the Marsh..
Each community surrounding the Horicon Marsh offers something unique from local festivals and events including concerts, parades, picnics and tractor pulls. There's no shortage of both weekend and weekday events, so reference the pages of this Visitor Guide, look online or ask a local for the day's main event.
Whether you are biking, hiking, canoeing, bird watching or visiting one of our local shops or restaurants, there is something for everyone visiting the Horicon Marsh area.
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Horicon, City on the Marsh

Located within an easy commute from Milwaukee, Madison or Oshkosh is the City of Horicon – the City on the Marsh.

Horicon Marsh not only laps against the banks of Horicon residences, but it flows through the city in the form of the Rock River.

Canoe or kayak launches are available at several spots within city limits with access to both the Rock River and the Horicon Marsh. Start at Bowling Green Park in Downtown Horicon, grab a community canoe or kayak and use the all-needs launch to start your journey down river or north into the Marsh. Lifejackets are also provided. There are also public boat landings and access points off Chester and Nebraska Streets. Onemile Island Trail is accessible from the Nebraska launch and parking lot.

For those in the city for birding, there are bluebird houses at some of the Horicon parks. Horicon was named a “Bird City Wisconsin” starting in spring of 2012, and some species can be seen in any of Horicon’s eight city parks (geese, herons, cranes and ducks all frequent the city). Some parks are ideal for a small picnic, while others include playground equipment, ball fields, tennis courts and even a disc golf course.

Shore and dock fishing – with a state-required license – are allowed in any Horicon park with access to water (unless signage explicitly states otherwise).

If you’re hungry, Horicon has several family-friendly options and some late-night eateries, as well. Famous fish fries, broasted chicken and delicious burgers are the norm around here, so check downtown for your specific style.

Want to cool down with an ice cream cone? Horicon is known for the Ice Cream Station, which is located in on the north end of Downtown Horicon and has more than 25 varieties of Cedar Crest Ice Cream served in cones, bowls or dishes.

If the heat is still a bit much, head over to the City of Horicon Aquatic Center (in Discher Park), which features water slides, a diving board and kiddie pool.

If you want to catch a game, Horicon’s American Legion baseball team plays its home games at Discher Park throughout the summer months.

The School District of Horicon, which recently renovated its sporting facilities, features athletic programs throughout the spring and summer months, many of which are free to view. Take a walk on the brand new track, or check with the school about recreation opportunities during your visit; they provide open gyms, pickleball and more.

The single-campus school building also has a greenhouse, the plants in which are cultivated by local students for sale to the general public. If you happen to be around during the plant sale, please take home a some foliage!

If visiting on a Wednesday during the dog days of summer, you must stop at Kiwanis Park for the farmers market and free concert. The Horicon Phoenix Program sponsors a series called Music at the Market, which features a local and traveling acts starting at 6 p.m. alongside an accompanying the market. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; seating is limited! The farmers market runs from 4-8 p.m. Fun and educational programs for the kids start at 6 p.m. (hosted by the Horicon Public Library).

A shelter and bathroom facility is located at Horicon’s North Palmatory Street overlook, which features some of the most stunning views of the Horicon Marsh. There are hiking trails near the overlook, several of which connect to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource’s Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center.

Also, the always-popular Iron Ridge Fire Department Picnic, which runs in August, should not be missed. The weekendlong festival includes a free corn roast, delicious food, games and tournaments, live music and fireworks. Located just a few miles south of Horicon in the Village of Iron Ridge, it’s well worth the trip to see one of the state’s best volunteer-run multi-day festivals.

More information on some of these events is included in this free Visitor Guide publication.

For more details on what to do and where to go, visit dodgecountypionier.com or horiconchamber.com.



Make It Mayville

Make Mayville your destination this spring and summer!

With beautiful views of the Rock River, a trip to the city known as the Gateway to the Marsh should start in historic Downtown Mayville. Grab a delicious beverage at a local, community-based coffeehouse, stroll along Main Street enjoying multiple boutiques and eateries and maybe even play a few frames at the local bowling alley.

There are plenty of restaurants and taverns along the way suiting all needs, and between the antique stores, art houses, spas and salons, some visitors never have to leave Mayville’s main drag. Each summer, a portion of a block is restricted from traffic and named Park Square (Main at Allen Street). There, visitors can enjoy food and beverage along with live music. Park Square opens at the end of May.

Mayville’s new public library, Ted & Grace Bachhuber Memorial Library, opened in the fall of 2023. The new location continues to offer a huge selection of books, movies and history, as well as a fun-filled children’s area with puzzles, puppets, activities and stories for families to share. Programs for all age groups happen year round.

Young families can also take advantage of the many parks and green spaces in the city. Take a stroll across the footbridge passing over the Rock River and visit the Veterans Memorial. Find names of local service men and women and read the dedications written by family and friends.

Follow the river bank and cast a line into the Rock River under the shade of the massive oak trees that rival the beautiful Park Pavilion for tallest stature.

A kayak launch, with free-to-use kayaks donated by the Mayville Rotary Club, is a popular park attraction, located immediately south of the pavilion on the Rock River and is open to the public.

Continue up the hill to Lions Point Park and enjoy the playground equipment, volleyball courts, disc golf course and picnic area.

Around the bend, visitors will find Firemens Field baseball diamond. Take in a local school or Legion league game, or run the bases and enjoy the view of the rolling hills of the Mayville Golf Course just beyond the outfield.

Hike or bicycle on the first phase of the Gold Star Memorial Trail which extends from Theiler Park to the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center – a 2.1 mile asphalt path along Hwy 28 boasting views of rolling farmlands.

The TAG Center, a state-of-the-art 46,000 square foot aquatic and fitness facility is open to the public. It is located on the west side of town offering many activities for people of all ages. More information, including several day pass options, is online at mayvilletagcenter.com.

History abounds in this small town, and museums are abundant to honor the people, industry and places through the decades. There are several local museums and historical societies, many of which have open hours during the summers. Check with each local chapter on access to their grounds and exhibits.

Mayville has many events throughout the spring and summer to attract visitors from near and far. Concerts, biergartens, farmers markets and community celebrations ensure good food and fun. Audubon Days is not to be missed and will run this year from Sept. 13-15.

Outdoor dining on Main Street encourages patrons to savor the tastes and sounds of small town charm, while ensuring that not one minute of the warmer weather passes by unrelished.

From the rolling Rock River to Music on Main to concerts in Foster Park, this small town has a lot to offer residents and visitors of all ages.

So, stay awhile!

You’ll Love Lomira

Traveling to the Lomira, Brownsville and Theresa areas can be a real treat during spring and summer months.

While in the Village of Lomira, stop by the Lomira High School Athletic Complex, which might feature a local soccer, baseball or softball team (depending on the evening).

A brief walk away is Sterr Park at the center of the village. The park is a regular gathering spot for area events, fundraisers or a dip in the Lomira Pool. The pool features sandy beaches, a diving board and plenty of space to relax and escape the heat.

Sterr Park is also the location of the annual Lomira Lions Appreciation Day. The chicken cook-out and festival is one of the biggest in town, featuring live music, games and more. It typically runs the last weekend in July.

For those who like to fish, Sterr Pond is open for reels and welcomes everyone to take a chance at catching the big one.

Just a short ways heading south on Hwy. 175 is the Village of Theresa. Two mandatory stops include Widmer’s Cheese Cellars, located at 214 West Henni St., where the locals agree the best brick cheese in the world is made – and Widmer’s have the awards to prove it. Widmer’s recently celebrated their 100th year in operation (always with a Widmer at the helm).

Next, head up the street to Confections For Any Occasion by Joel at 101 N. Milwaukee St., to satisfy your sweet tooth. Owner Joel Bernhard has created an old-feel candy store with homemade chocolates and treats.

If you want to take in a true Wisconsin experience, stop by Hoff’s Quality Meats and Catering, located in the Village of Brownsville at 617 Main St., where brat fries are happening every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer.

Finish your day by taking in America’s pastime in Brownsville at the Dale R. Michels Memorial Park, accessible from Prospect Avenue and from Clark Street. Watch some of the high school players in Legion baseball or check out the men playing with the Rock River League’s Brownsville Niners.

If you are not worn out yet, visit one of the local restaurants or taverns in the community and chat with the locals.

It is sure to be a good time.

| FARMERS MARKETS |

Farmers Market Meets Music Festival in Horicon

If visiting Horicon on a Wednesday between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., check out the Horicon Farmers Market for a one-of-a-kind experience.

The market, located in Kiwanis Park at the end of South Hubbard Street, will open starting in May and will continue through October.

An eclectic variety of goods can be found, such as produce raised in the Horicon community garden. Also featured are locally grown or homemade produce, honey, handmade goods, soaps and fine art.

Overflow parking is available at the Horicon American Legion Hall at 735 S. Hubbard St.

In conjunction with the market is a free concert series aptly named Music at the Market. The bands featured range in style and region (from Dodge County to Milwaukee and Madison and beyond).

The concerts begin at 6 p.m. and run every Wednesday from June through August.

There are a few picnic tables on the grounds, but seating is at a premium, so bring a blanket or chair to sit on during the concert.



Food and beverages are available to purchase, as each week features a community cookout. The options rotated week-to-week in the past, with different vendors providing their own unique flavor.

So, even if you came for the farmers market, remember to stay and check out the music on the beautiful shores of the Rock River in Horicon!

See a full lineup of bands on p. XX of this Visitor Guide.

While adults enjoy the musical entertainment, children can visit the Art in the Park booth hosted by the Horicon Public Library. Past projects have included painting and planting.

For more information, visit horiconphoenix.com or check out the group's Facebook page.

Mayville Green Market Offers Fresh Veggies and Fruits

Just a few blocks away from downtown Mayville, the city offers a Green Market full of locally grown fruits and vegetables and other homegrown and homemade items.

The Green Market runs Thursdays from June through August from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market can be found in a parking lot alongside Subway on Horicon Street (Hwy 28) in Mayville.

Visit the Green Market to see what's in season and make a meal using fresh, local produce.

Sterr Park Market in Lomira

In Lomira, the village's center park – Sterr Park – plays host to a weekly farmer's market every Thursday from June 13 to August 8 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Each week there will be vendors selling various crafts and local goods, a food stand for shoppers to buy dinner and free Community Bingo.

Anyone wishing to be a vendor at the market should contact Jenny Priesgen at jenpriesgen@gmail.com.

Sterr Park is accessible from both Main Street and Church Street, which both run through the village.

Schauer Center Features Arts and Entertainment Just a Short Drive From Horicon Marsh



In the area and in the mood for some arts and entertainment? A short drive from Mayville, Horicon and Lomira is the Schauer Arts Center. The Schauer Center is a comprehensive arts and theatre complex located in Hartford.

Filled with culture and history, the Schauer Arts Center was transformed from a canning factory built in 1912 into a non-profit, regional center for the arts that inspires creativity and connects people.

Since opening in 2001, the Schauer Arts Center presents professional touring performances in the Ruth A. Knoll Theater and regional artwork in the Suckow Family Art Gallery, and also serves as a home to the Hartford City Band, Hartford Community Chorus, The Hartford Players, and the Kettle Moraine Fine Arts Guild.

The Schauer Center is located at 147 N. Rural St. in Hartford, just off State Highway 60. From the Mayville, Horicon and Lomira areas, take Highway 67 south to Highway 60 and head east.

A season schedule is online at schauercenter.org and clicking on "Events." More information is available by calling 262-670-0560.

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Horicon Historical Society Museum

The Horicon Historical Society Satterlee Clark House Museum is located at 322 Winter Street. It was built in 1863 for the family of Mr. Satterlee Clark, a lawyer. He was active in local, county and state politics for most of his life. Satterlee served the City of Horicon, Dodge County and – for 15 years – the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin.

The red bricks used to build the house came from the Chandler Brickyard – the first brickyard in Dodge County. A one-room schoolhouse, built in 1884, and a garage, which houses antique farm equipment, are also on the grounds. The museum is open by appointment only. For questions or to arrange a tour, email horiconhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.



Kekoskee/Williamstown Historical Society

The Kekoskee/ Williamstown Historical Society Museum is located at 51A County Road Y in the Village of Kekoskee. After many years of renovating the old Mayville train depot building, its grand opening was held on July 30, 2016. On display at the museum are various artifacts including World War II items, area hockey team memorabilia, as well as farming and daily-life antiques. The museum is typically open May-October on the fourth Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Get more information by e-mailing info@kwhsi.org.

Lomira Historical Society

The Silver Leaf School, as it was previously known, is located at Sterr Park in the Village of Lomira. The museum houses artifacts collected that pertain to the area, as well as a large number of the high school's annuals and many other records. The Lomira Quad/Graphics Community Library – 427 South Water Street – also has a history room in the library, which houses family histories, cemetery and church records. Many other records are available for viewing. Check the library website for up-to-date hours of operation. To contact the historical society, e-mail kietzerj17@gmail.com.

Mayville Limestone School Museum



A landmark since 1857, Mayville's historic White Limestone School served as a public school for 121 years (from 1857-1964 and 1967-1981). The building has been listed on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1976. There are three floors of exhibits to view including:

- "Iron Country", which chronicles the history of iron mining in the area.
- "Edgar G. Mueller Photography Exhibit", which houses a large collection of photos and related items which capture the spirit of Mayville, its residents and the nearby Horicon Marsh;
- And one-room school artifacts; Native American artifacts; the Rock River Baseball Hall of Fame and more.

The museum is located at 215 Main St. For more information on the museum, including visiting hours, e-mail info@mlsm.org or visit mlsm.org.

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Mayville Historical Society,
Hollenstein Wagon & Carriage Factory

The Mayville Historical Society operates a museum in the former Hollenstein Wagon and Carriage Factory building at the corner of Bridge and German Streets in the City of Mayville.

The museum houses wagons, carriages and sleighs manufactured in that building, as well as many other displays illustrating the history of Mayville.

The adjoining Hollenstein home has two floors of exhibits furnished with antique items and special displays

including wedding gowns of the past, old quilts and children's toys – many with Mayville connections.

On the museum grounds are farm implements from yesteryear, Brunke Cigar Factory memorabilia, as well as vintage items from a Mayville barbershop, an old city firehouse and Mayville Fire Department paraphernalia.

For more information, including visiting hours, go to mayvillehistoricalsociety.org.

Theresa Historical Society

Theresa Historical Society's museum is housed in the only remaining original home of Solomon Juneau – a Wisconsin pioneer and founder of the City of Milwaukee and the Village of Theresa – and is dedicated in his memory.

A slideshow of Theresa history is shown on scheduled open house days and for special tours (if time permits).

Furnishings on display date back to the early 1900s with articles from Josette and Solomon Juneau's household.

Located at the 200 block of South Milwaukee Street in the Village of Theresa, the museum is open on Memorial



Day and the last Sunday of each month from June to October, 1-4:30 p.m.

For more information, e-mail mjsfood1993@yahoo.com.

Love Birding?
Check Out the Horicon Marsh Bird Club!

The Horicon Marsh Bird Club was organized in 1994 for the purpose of studying and sharing with others the rich bird life of Horicon Marsh and eastern Wisconsin.

Through regularly scheduled field trips, meetings and other activities, members develop a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the diversity of birds and their important habitats around us.

Although the club is primarily focused on education and observation of birds, members are offered the opportunity to become involved in a variety of conservation projects and important wildlife surveys, which will help monitor the status of birds and aid in managing their populations and habitats.

From backyard birdwatchers to field ornithologists and researchers, bird club activities are available for novice and expert birders alike. Families and youth are encouraged to join in observing and studying Wisconsin birds.

All bird club activities are open to the general public. Monthly programs are held the third Thursday from September to May at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center, located on Hwy. 28, between the cities of Horicon and Mayville. Field trips are offered throughout the year to a variety of locations and habitats to experience and learn about the birds of the area.

Members are involved in monitoring some of the bird populations at Horicon Marsh and other locales to supplement surveys conducted by Wisconsin DNR and other researchers.

The Horicon Marsh Bird Club assists in organizing and conducting the annual bird festival at Horicon Marsh. This weekend-long event is held each May at the peak of the spring bird migration. This



year's festival runs May 10-13. Register for events or see the free activities available at horiconmarshbirdclub.com/bird-festival.

Bird Club members receive a monthly newsletter detailing Horicon Marsh Bird Club activities and information about Wisconsin birds.

Over the years, more than 300 species of birds have been sighted at Horicon Marsh, and it regularly attracts some of Wisconsin's rarest birds.

At the National Wildlife Refuge, public access is limited in this portion of the marsh in order to protect the wildlife for which it has been established. However, most of the state area of Horicon Marsh is open to the public.

One of the best ways to explore this area is by canoe or shallow draft boat. Please be aware of designated restricted use and closed areas.

Follow the club on Facebook, facebook.com/pages/Horicon-Marsh-Bird-Club, and visit their website at horiconmarshbirdclub.com.

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Explorium has Something for Everyone



A couple of birders check their books at the Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center and Explorium located between the cities of Horicon and Mayville.

The Explorium is a fun and educational feature for all ages at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center. Tickets can be purchased in person.

Whether you like history, hiking, herons or hearing about hunters and the hunted, you'll want to head to Horicon for a self-guided tour of the Explorium at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor center.

The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is located off Hwy 28 between Horicon and Mayville, and features the Explorium, which opened in August 2015. Visitors to the center will find a charging woolly mammoth, walk-through glacier, an airboat simulator and a giant great blue heron replica.

"We're thrilled to welcome the public to the Explorium and experience all it has to offer," said former DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp. "The Explorium exhibits bring the history of Horicon Marsh to life and showcase our state's natural heritage."

Bret Owsley, DNR Southern District Director, said the \$3.7 million project – made possible with nearly \$1 million in donations from the private Friends group – will benefit the surrounding communities as visitor numbers grow. In addition to school field trips, youth group visits and adult tours, the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is drawing more families and individual visitors to take advantage of the offerings.

The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center building was completed in 2009, but portions of the building were left largely unfinished until the planning for the interpretive displays was completed. DNR contracted with Taylor Studios of Rantoul, Ill., to design and manufacture the lifelike exhibits.

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Part of the nation's largest freshwater cattail marsh – the state land borders an additional

22,000 acres managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – the history of Horicon spans some 12,000 years. As visitors walk through the Explorium, the story of the marsh and its inhabitants stretching from the Ice Age through modern times is narrated by a talking Clovis spear point.

Horicon Marsh started as a network of rivers and wetlands left behind by receding glaciers and grew into the world's largest manmade lake after early settlers built a dam to power a sawmill in the 1840s. When the state Supreme Court ordered the dam removed in 1869, the marsh quickly returned and began drawing huge flocks of migratory waterfowl and other birds.

After market hunting depleted the bird populations, a short-lived attempt to ditch and drain the marsh for farming from 1910 to 1914 ended in failure. Then, during the 1920s, conservation- minded citizens pressed the Legislature for support and started a restoration process that continues to this day.

Drawing on this history, highlights of the Explorium include:

- An area depicting the receding glaciers, complete with a mammoth charging out of the wall and examples of the flint-knapped Clovis points found in these early hunting grounds.
- A walk-through glacier that creates a chill in the air as visitors learn more about the Ice Age and origins of the marsh.
- A private hunting lodge, similar to those of the late 1800s. Interactive displays show the effect of market hunting on wildlife during this time and highlight the role of local hunting clubs in trying to create the first set of hunting regulations.
- Hand-carved decoys produced by Burton Lange and John Yasger, local artisans who gained a national reputation for their work.
- Numerous bird and animal mounts as well as examples of common marsh plants.

For more information about pricing to visit the Explorium, please visit www.horiconmarsh.org or call 920-387-7890.

Entrance to the education center is free; however, a small fee is charged to visit the Explorium. Annual passes and group rates are available.

Marsh Haven Nature Center as Pleasant as Name Implies

Nature is accessible to the entire family at Marsh Haven Nature Center, located three-and-a-half miles east of Waupun on State Hwy. 49.

Inside the large main building, visitors can enjoy a wildlife art gallery, museum displays and exhibits about Horicon Marsh, a gift shop, and even exhibits featuring live animals.

Free maps of the Horicon Marsh and other tourism information about Dodge and Fond du Lac counties are available to everyone.

Outside, nature trails and a 30-foot observation tower offer an opportunity to see many birds and enjoy the marsh.

Hours are noon to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center is open from mid-April through mid-December with the help of many volunteers.

Admission is \$4 for adults and children 14 and younger are \$2. Members are not charged. Admission is good all day. The following events have an increase charge of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 14 and

younger: Earth Day Celebration, Bird Festival, Fall Living History Festival, Monsters on the Marsh, Fall Wild Birds of Prey Saturdays.

Marsh Haven was designed and built for the many visitors to the Horicon Marsh. In fact, families from all 50 states and 85 foreign countries have visited this unique educational center—the largest allvolunteer nature center in the Midwest.

Starting with just a few drawings on paper in 1984, a dedicated group of volunteers began giving nature education

programs and raising funds for a modern nature center on the Horicon Marsh.

Eventually, a 47-acre site was purchased in the northwest corner of Horicon Marsh and the development of trails and facilities began in earnest. Many local volunteers worked for years to develop hiking trails, the observation tower, a picnic shelter, a waterfowl pond, and an overnight bunkhouse for school and scouting groups.

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Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

The Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area consists of the lower one-third of Horicon Marsh and is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

A Wildlife Education Program has been conducted at the State Wildlife Area since the mid-1980s. This program focuses on the abundant wildlife resources of the marsh, their ecology and an appreciation for the outdoors. Due to the growing demand for education programs and the successes, this required a larger and more permanent facility to allow it to expand and operate on a year-round basis.

In 1992, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchased the former Flyway Clinic, located along Hwy. 28, with the intent of developing this as an education center. A non-profit Friends group was established in 1994 as a fundraising organization to support this cause. The organization has also provided countless hours of volunteer assistance to the education program.

Following a long campaign, Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center reached its goal of raising

\$1.9 million toward construction of the center. The State of Wisconsin matched this through the Building Commission and additional funds were provided to DNR to renovate the office area to house its staff, creating a \$4.8 million project.

Construction began in November 2007, keeping much of the original building. After 18 months of construction, the new Horicon Marsh International Education Center was completed in late March 2009. The name was changed in 2013 to Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center.

The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center offers a beautiful large viewing area in the upper lobby along with new interactive displays and a Children's Discovery Area. The lower level has classrooms for education programs and a hunting cabin themed auditorium for groups and programs.

A previously unused portion of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center's lower level is now interactive, hands on exhibits known as the 'Explorium'.

The \$3.7 million area depicts the history of Horicon Marsh through eras of significant importance. You will

learn about the marsh in an interactive way that makes learning fun.

Construction of the new educational displays and hands-on exhibits took more than a year, and the displays occupy portions of both the first floor and lower level. An auditorium capable of seating 120 and two classrooms complete the lower level, which opens onto more than five miles of winding trails through a variety of habitats in the 11,000-acre state marsh.

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Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is a national treasure located in our backyard.

At more than 33,000 acres in size, the Horicon Marsh is 14 miles long and ranges in width from three to five miles. Horicon Marsh is one of the largest freshwater marshes in the United States.

The northern two-thirds of Horicon Marsh is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as the 22,000 acre Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. The southern third of the marsh is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. The marsh is fed by the Rock River which flows through the refuge.

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1941 to provide an undisturbed sanctuary for migratory birds and waterfowl including the redhead duck. In addition, the refuge provides opportunities for visitors to connect with nature through nature-centric recreational opportunities including wildlife observation, photography, hiking, bicycling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, environmental education and interpretation, fishing and hunting.

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge provides critical habitat for more than 300 bird species, as well as white-tailed deer, muskrats, red foxes, turtles, frogs, bats, dragonflies, fish, garter snakes and much more. The marsh is also known as an integral point in the migration of Canada geese, ducks and sandhill cranes.

An additional 70 acres of land was recently added to the northern boundary of the refuge as a land transfer from Ducks Unlimited. The area is open for all hunting seasons currently allowed on the refuge as well as to other approved recreational uses during the designated time periods outlined in the general refuge regulations.

About The Marsh

Horicon Marsh is a shallow, peat-filled lake bed scoured out of limestone by the Wisconsin Glacier thousands of years ago. The same layer of rock that forms the hills to the east of the marsh extends 500 miles to the east and is the same stretch of rock over which the Niagara River plunges at Niagara Falls.

The rock extends more than 230 miles in Wisconsin alone. An impressive display in the area is often referred to as "The Ledge" which is located in Ledge Park. The Ledge is nestled between Horicon and Mayville, and offers a series of hiking trails and scenic lookouts, as well as playgrounds and camping.

Public Use Areas

- Visitor Center – Wildlife exhibits, gift shop, viewing deck, native plant gardens and accessible hiking trail. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Horicon "TernPike" Auto Tour and Hiking Trails – Located on State Highway 49, just east of the city of Waupun. Open daily year-round, conditions permitting. Paved driving route (three miles) and three hiking trails along with a floating boardwalk and bicycling and hiking access to the Wild Goose State Trail. It is closed to hunting except during the deer gun seasons - auto tour route is closed to vehicles during this time and hikers are required to wear blaze orange.
- Highway 49 Wildlife Viewing Area – located on State Highway 49 just west of County Road Z. Open daily year-round. Hiking trail (one-fourth mile) with observation area. Closed to all hunting.
- Old Marsh Road – Accessed from Point Road or auto tour. Only open seasonally (June through August and special Earth Day opening in April) for hiking and bicycling to minimize disturbance to migratory birds. Adjacent dikes are closed. Photo blinds are located on the east end of the road and may be reserved year-round. Contact the refuge office for reservation information.
- Bud Cook Hiking Area – Located off Point Road. Two hiking trails and observation area. Open daily year-round. Closed to all hunting.
- Rockvale Road Viewing Point – Located on Rockvale Road. Observation platform with spotting scope.
- Main Dike Road – Open daily year-round, conditions permitting. Entire road is open for hiking and bicycling year-round. Access is limited to the road only - adjacent dikes are closed. Vehicles can drive eastern portion (two-level gravel). Please use pull-offs for wildlife viewing/photography on the eastern portion of Main Dike Road. Parking located near fishing platform on the eastern portion of the road as well as near the Wild Goose State Trail on the western portion of the road (Access from Hwy 26 and use designated parking area).
- Peachy Road, Ledge Road, and Main Dike Road – Designated locations for bank fishing/piers.

Additional Information

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge requires no entry fees. The refuge is open during daylight hours only. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed and access is limited to public use areas during the majority of the spring, summer and fall.

Binoculars are recommended to view wildlife. Both binoculars and field guides are available for loan at the visitor center when it is open.



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Mayville’s Downtown Business Showcase Returns August 2

Main Street in Mayville is the hottest place to be on Friday, Aug. 2, when Main Street Mayville hosts its annual Sizzling Summer Shindig event.

The annual event showcases the best of what Downtown Mayville businesses have to offer.

Traffic will be shut-down on South Main between Bridge and Horicon streets from all 3-9 p.m. – rain or shine.

Several businesses and vendors will be outside, however, folks can also browse inside a variety of shops.

Children can participate in several activities, including sidewalk chalk drawing, a petting zoo and craft projects.

Fun for all will be offered with live music, which usually inspires those in attendance to start dancing in the street!

A fish fry is typically held at the Mayville American Legion.

Special offerings during the event include food and drink specials offered by downtown restaurants and bars.

Get into Dodge!

The Dodge County Fair is Aug. 14-18



The Dodge County Fair offers live music, a top-notch dairy-state-focused food selection and family fun.

The fairgrounds are family-friendly, and the events schedule offers something for all ages.

The fair starts on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 18.

The Dodge County Fairgrounds, located three miles east of Beaver Dam on Hwy 33, just a few miles west of Horicon, presents an experience that will allow fair-goers the chance

to enjoy a wide range of activities.

Throughout each day, there will be an abundance of fun-filled activities. A variety of events will be going on in Radio Park and there will be judging in the Youth Building as well as in the Livestock Buildings.

Daily gate admission is \$15. Season tickets are \$35 in advance. Tickets can be purchased online, at the fairground’s office or the day of the event.

Fair admission includes parking and live entertainment.

Evening festivities are set into motion on Wednesday night with the Badger State Tractor Pulls, showcasing pro-stock tractors and some of the top-running diesel trucks in the country.

On Thursday night, Tracy Byrd will perform starting at 8 p.m. at the Moraine Park Main Stage.

On Friday, Matt Stell takes the stage at 8 p.m. A Saturday night headliner was not announced as of print time.

Entertainment on Sunday includes auto demolition derbies where cars, vans and trucks crash the day away in front of the main grandstand.

Questions may be directed to the fairgrounds office at 920-885-3586 or by visiting dodgecountyfairgrounds.com.

Theresa Lions Truck & Tractor Pull

The annual Theresa Lions Tractor and Truck Pull typically runs in late August with a date not set as of print time.

Competitors and spectators can plan to arrive around 12 p.m. when the gates have opened in the past. The pull usually begins around 2 p.m. at the Theresa Firemen’s Park off Hwy. 28.

Children younger than 10 years-of-age are free, and food is supplied on the grounds for purchase.

In previous years, admission for adults was \$15. No carry-ins are allowed.



Audubon Days to Return for its 38th Year in September

Fun doesn’t end at the close of summer in Mayville – come on back this fall and celebrate what makes Mayville special!



The city’s annual Audubon Days event to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-15, is a city-wide weekend festival filled with games, food, music, shows, a parade, crafts, shopping, friendly competition – activities for people of all ages.

Traditional Mayville events will return such as the bed races down Main Street, duck races on the Rock, a run/walk and a bike race. Also returning will be popular kids activities including face-painting, jump-house and petting zoos.

Come see us again and become part of this popular local tradition!

Living History Days Coming Mother’s Day Weekend

Horicon Living History Days is coming to River Bend Park on Mother’s Day weekend, May 10-12.

Highlights of this year’s event will include demonstrations on black powder guns, battle reenactments, reenactment camps, vendors selling historical items, horses, impromptu skits and many more activities. Time ranges vary with some presenters representing the 1600’s through World War II eras.

The event is run by the Horicon Historical Society with assistance from the Horicon Phoenix Program.

On Saturday, there will be a pie baking competition open to the public and reenactment camp participants.

Lahnie Moyle-Neu, Horicon Historical Society curator and treasurer, had introduced the competition as a way to teach people the ways of cooking and baking over

an open fire. Three to four members of the community will serve as judges. The type of pie will be selected and announced closer to the day.

As in the past, the event will kick off with a “school day Friday” on May 10. Local and homeschool children are invited to the park this day. Only school groups and their chaperones are permitted to the event this day. If interested in having your school or family attend on Friday, you can email horiconhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com or call 920-212-9641.

The Horicon Historical Society (HHS) will be charging an admission fee to help cover the cost of the event. HHS is non-profit organization.

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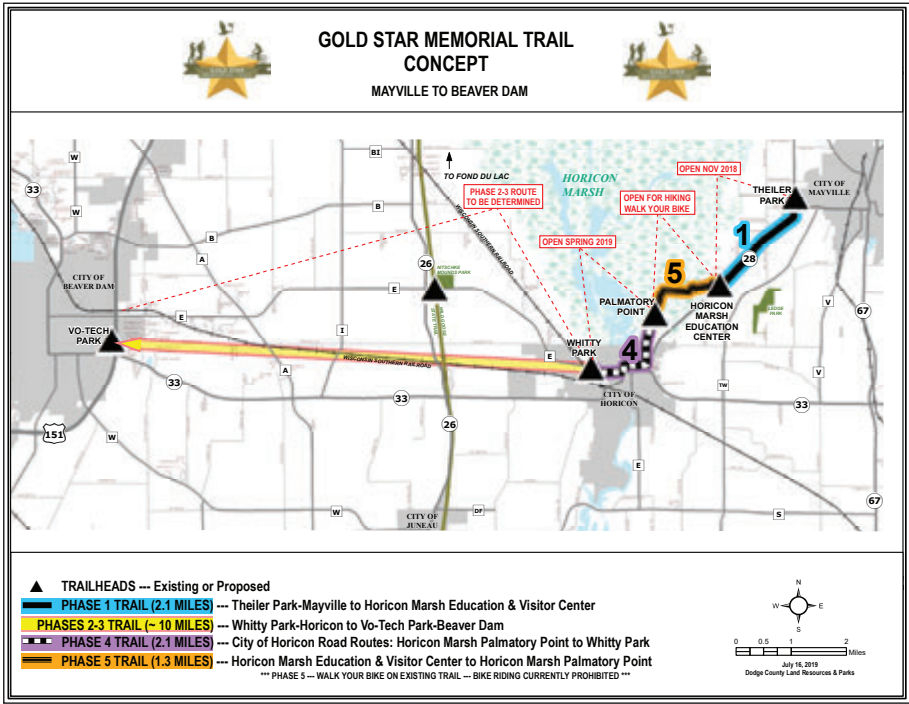


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| GOLD STAR MEMORIAL TRAIL |

Enjoy the Gold Star Memorial Trail



The Gold Star Memorial Trail is a 10-foot wide, paved, non-motorized path that aims to create a safe, off-road connection between the cities of Mayville, Horicon and Beaver Dam. The Trail has created a vital route for transportation and recreational opportunities for city and rural residents as well as visitors and tourists.

The trail also remembers those who have given their lives serving our country and their families.

The \$3-4 million estimated project will be constructed over 5 phases with a goal to be mostly funded through donations and grants. The Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc., the group behind the construction

of the Wild Goose State Trail, is spearheading the fundraising efforts.

Phase 1 of the project constructed a 2.1-mile long paved, off-road path within the right of way on the north side of State Highway 28, connecting Theiler Park in Mayville to the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center. Design and construction of Phase 1 was about \$670,000 with most of the cost funded by community donations and grants.

Construction on Phase 1 began in February 2018 and wrapped up in November 2018. Finishing touches on Phase 1 including signage, benches, trail head kiosks and memorials were installed in spring 2019. The official

ribbon cutting for Phase 1 was at Theiler Park in Mayville on Saturday, June 1, 2019 (National Trails Day).

Phases 2-5 continue the Trail into Horicon and Beaver Dam. Currently, the Horicon Marsh trails do not permit bike riding, but users can walk, hike or walk a bike on the southern Bachhuber Trail to Palmary Point (Phase 5), which then connects to the City of Horicon Gold Star Memorial Trail bike route (Phase 4). The Horicon bike route leads to the west end of the City near Whitty Park, which will serve as the connecting point for Phases 2-3 of the project.

Phases 2 and 3 are currently in the planning and design process. The Trail was awarded a nearly \$1.1 million WI Department of Transportation (WISDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to construct Phase 2, connecting the City of Horicon with the Wild Goose State Trail. The TAP grant requires a 20% local match, around \$200,000. Fundraising efforts are working towards this local match.

Construction on Phase 2 is set for this year.

While there's still much work to do, there are currently miles of accessible, paved Gold Star Memorial Trail routes that visitors should be sure to enjoy on a visit to the Marsh.

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‘Rock ‘n Boom’ in Mayville



As July Fourth approaches, most communities have their own special ways to celebrate this country’s independence. Mayville is no different.

On July 3, Mayville hosts its annual “Rock ‘n Boom” celebration.

The day begins at 4 p.m. with Legion baseball at Firemens Field, located within Mayville City Park.

Love the smell of the grill on a summer afternoon? The burger fry aims to please each year, serving mouth-watering burgers and refreshments throughout the afternoon and evening.

Putting the “rock” in Rock ‘n Boom will be live performances by local rock bands. Music is scheduled to start at 4:30 and run until 8 p.m. and again from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. The stage is set up just outside of the Mayville Park Pavilion at City Park.

Bringing in the “boom” will be the always-spectacular fireworks display at dusk. The display is often referred to as best-in-class, lighting up the night skyline overlooking the baseball diamond and the rolling hills of the Mayville Golf Club at dusk.

Bring your folding chairs or your blankets and set up on the grass to enjoy the festivities.

There is no admission fee for the event, although donations are always welcome to help offset costs for years to come.



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There are always a wide variety of events for people of all ages to participate in.

The day's activities begin with a parade through town around 11 a.m.

Carnival rides, a dunk tank, pedal pull and games are featured throughout the day in the lead-up to the fireworks show.

The annual pedal tractor pull event

typically begins around 2 p.m.

If you're hungry and thirsty, hamburgers, brats, beer and soda will be served from morning until dusk. Cake and ice cream can usually be found in the firehouse.

Musical entertainment also tends to run throughout the afternoon.

Parking is limited, so be prepared to stash your car on a county highway and walk into town!

Lomira Fire Department Pavement Party is Aug. 17

Music, food, beverages, softball tournament and more!

Come down to the Village of Lomira athletic fields at 276 Pleasant Hill Ave. to enjoy an all-day bash on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The Kenneth Immel Memorial will be hosting music, food, cornhole tournament, and softball with plenty more activities and information still to be scheduled!

Games start at 9 a.m. with bucket raffles and an evening music headliner.

No cover charge and no carry-ins, please.

Benefits from the event go to local organizations including the Lomira Fire Department and the Kenny Immel Memorial Fund.

Check the village website – villageoflomira.gov – for more information closer to the event.

Appreciating Lomira Annual Chamber Event Features Corn Roast and Auction

For a fun day in the park with rides, games, food and more, stop at the Lomira Area Chamber of Commerce annual Appreciation Day at Sterr Park in Lomira, which is happening Sunday, September 1, 2024.

The chamber sponsors this event as a way to give back to the community. In the past, the fun would begin at noon with a free community corn roast.

The Lomira Fire Department displays its equipment to the public, and children are permitted to try on the firefighters' gear.

There are games for children all day including carnival rides.

Sunshine the Clown, a fan favorite, has been in the park to do face painting, balloons and games the last several years beginning at noon.

One of the big attractions every year is bingo, but other group games are organized in the early afternoon at the Sterr Park shelter.

Another popular event at Appreciation Day is the FFA Alumni Tractor Pull. This

typically takes place right after bingo around 3 p.m. with registration starting an hour before the pull. Youth and adults try their hardest to make the pedal tractor go as far as it can, while weight is added to the back of it. This competition is always a must-see event!

A silent auction is held all day. Funds raised through the silent auction go toward the chamber's scholarship fund for students in the FFA and FBLA organizations.

Music is typically the focus of the evening hours, so grab some friends and dance the night away. The bands usually play from 7-11 p.m. This year Road Trip will be headlining the event.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Members of the Lomira Area Chamber of Commerce will be selling hamburgers and refreshments in the stand near the shelter.

In past years, the night ends with a bang, as a free fireworks show lights up the sky around 9:30 p.m. Everyone will be able to see the fireworks from Sterr Park.

Veteran's Run Set for June 1

The Marsh Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a Veteran's Run on Saturday, June 1.

The 2024 5k Run, Walk and Roll will start in Mayville's City Park running through the golf course property, through Mayville, and back across the footbridge into the City Park. The run will end back at the starting line.

The afterparty will continue at

the city park, where we will have activities for the runners/walkers and the community as a whole. We will be having a car show, craft fair, activities for the kids, and food and business vendors.

The run starts at 9 a.m. and we will have activities until 2:00 p.m.

Sign up as a runner/walker at runsignup.com/Race/WI/Mayville/Heroes5kRunWalkRoll.

free gift basket.

A church service may also be planned for Sunday morning.

The Horicon Historical Society will be requesting a street closure for the portion of Valley Street that circles through River Bend Park. Visitors are encouraged to park near the entrance of the park by the baseball diamonds. A hay wagon provided by the Dodge County Antique Power Club will shuttle people down into the park.

More information and updates on the event can be found on the Horicon Living History Days and Horicon Historical Society Facebook pages.

R Place in Theresa to Host Community Picnic

R Place in Therea is hosting the Theresa Community Picnic, June 28-30 at Fireman's Park.

PINK Houses The Band is performing Friday night from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday night, R Place will be serving their fish fry at the park, as well.

A Co-ed softball tournament will run Friday through Sunday. A bags tournament will be on Saturday. Children can play games and enjoy bounce houses throughout the weekend. Sunday there will be a BBQ dinner featuring pulled pork, brisket, and ribs with sides available. Joshua Lubbert Acoustic is

also performing on Sunday.

"When I opened R Place, my goal was to hold more events at the bar and in the community that would bring our community together as well as bring people to our fantastic town!" said the owner, Randi. "I have never been to a 'Theresa Fireman's Picnic' (because I haven't lived in town long enough), but I have heard many, many stories and memories from my patrons and community members. Since opening, I have hosted a Family Halloween Party, a Community Easter Egg Hunt, and now I am focusing on the Theresa Community Picnic."

B.B.Q. in Lomira's Sterr Park

The Lomira Lions will be having a Chicken Barbecue in Sterr Park on Sunday, July 14.

The morning features

the always-popular chicken barbecue. Hamburgers, brats and other food items will also be available.

This year the Lions will not be having a white elephant auction as they have in the past.

Children's games,

provided by the Lomira Future Business Leaders of America, were available at past events.

No new details were available at print time.

More info at facebook.com/LomiraLionsClub.

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Horicon Marsh started as a network of rivers and wetlands left behind by receding glaciers and grew into the world's largest man-made lake after early settlers built a dam to power a sawmill in the 1840s. When the state Supreme Court ordered the dam removed in 1869, the marsh quickly returned and began drawing huge flocks of migratory waterfowl and other birds. After market hunting depleted the bird populations, a short-lived attempt to ditch and drain the marsh for farming from 1910 to 1914 ended in failure. Then, during the 1920s, conservation-minded citizens pressed the Legislature for support and started a restoration process that continues to this day.

Visitors are then encouraged to continue outside where they can explore Horicon Marsh.

For more information, visit www.horiconmarsh.org or dnr.wi.gov and search for Horicon Marsh.

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City Park

These eight acres include a paved drive passing through the lower part of the park, the Mayville Veterans Memorial, a picnic area and the Park Pavilion, a large two-story structure available for rentals. A kayak launch, with loaner kayaks donated by the Mayville Rotary Club, is the newest park attraction, located immediately south of the pavilion on the Rock River. Visitors can access City Park via the scenic footbridge which crosses the Rock River, or by car or foot from Park Road or Evergreen Drive. Firemens Field and Lions Point Park are all part of this park.

Easy Street Park

Easy Street Park is a newer city park, located off North German Street and tucked inside a residential area. It boasts a small children's playground, with benches and a pavilion slated for future development.

Firemens Field

Firemens Field boasts 11 acres located adjacent to City Park and includes a baseball diamond, large permanent grandstand for spectators, brick covered dugouts, concession stand, electric scoreboard, lighted baseball field, press box, public address system and parking. This is the site for the Independence Day celebration "Rock 'n Boom." Legion ball and Mayville High School baseball teams take advantage of this facility throughout the spring and summer months. It is located at Evergreen Drive and Golf Course Road.

Foster Park

This two-acre park is located on Main Street north of the downtown business district. It is adjacent to the Mayville Limestone School Museum, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open to the public.

The park is located on the northwest corner of Main and Dayton streets.

Lions Point Park

This beautiful park is situated on the tip of the peninsula within City Park and is surrounded by the Rock River, adjacent to the Mayville Golf Course. Enjoy a wide expanse of green space, a picnic under large shade trees, or find a spot under the shelter for additional seating. Playground equipment abounds, along with sand volleyball courts and ample spots for catching frogs or throwing a line in the river.

Malthouse Grounds

Included on its three and one-half acres is a lighted softball field, concession stand, equipment storage building, scoreboard, ice rink and Senior Citizens Center. The park is located on Breckenridge Street, between North Walnut and North John streets.

May Park

A seven-acre park that has three lighted tennis courts, various playground equipment and posts for volleyball nets. The park is located at 580 Ruedebush Ave.

Ribbens Park

The five-acre park provides two soccer fields, picnicking areas and a playground. A six-acre parcel adjacent to the south end of the park was acquired by Flyway Soccer and provides two additional soccer fields to the park. Indoor public restrooms are part of the complex. Ribbens Park is located at W2894 Dunn Rd.

Rotary Park

Rotary Park provides intimate access to the Rock River between the upper and lower dams. The park has a shelter and a



The Mayville Park Pavilion is one of the more visible landmarks in Mayville. Situated in City Park, alongside both Firemens Field and Lions Point Park, the Pavilion welcomes visitors entering the city from the south, and reminds those leaving town to return again soon.

small pier for river access and recreational launch. Entrance on foot to Rotary Park can be made at the north side of the building located at 132 N. Main St., directly across from Foster Park. There is also a footbridge providing access to the other side of the river.

Tower Park

Nearly three acres, this park has a grill for cooking, picnic table and benches. Playground equipment is also provided. The city's water tower is also located here. The park is located on High Street and Tower Drive on the east side of the city.

Theiler Park

This 27-acre park is a community play field. The park's major features include a baseball field and two softball fields. All three fields are complete with backstops, outfield fences, press boxes, bleachers and a scoreboard. A large shelter building with restrooms and a concession area is located near the fields. The trailhead to the Gold Star Memorial Trail is situated at the park. The park is located on Hwy TW, north of Hwy 28.

Veterans Memorial Park

Included on this one-acre of land is a boat

launching ramp and fishing pier. There is a fountain and bench provided on the corner of Horicon and Main streets. The park is located adjacent to American Legion Post 69, and is a great starting point for a stroll down historic Main Street.

Wag 'N Tag Dog Park

A football field-sized dog park is located adjacent east of the TAG Center, at 1700 Breckenridge St. The facility consists of two fenced grassy areas – one for small pooches and the other for larger dogs. It is open 24-hours per day, 365-days per year. Conveniences include a paved, lighted parking lot, overhead park lighting, benches and pet waste stations.

Ziegler Park

The park is nearly 73 acres and includes a lighted softball field, a concession stand, restrooms, picnic tables and portable bleachers. A small children's play area is situated near the entrance to the 1.5-mile nature and fitness trail which winds through the wooded area behind the ball field. The park is located on Kekoskee Street at North Clark Street.

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Bowling Green Park

Bowling Green Park has sheltered picnic areas nestled along the Rock River, canoe launching and fishing pier. It is a 4.5-acre neighborhood park located along the Rock River between Barstow Street and East Lake Street. This park has a shelter/restroom building, asphalt parking area, playground and an all-abilities fishing pier.

Utilizing grants, upgrades have been made to this park within the past several years, including a new shelter, resurfacing of the parking lot, cleaning up the shoreline, installation of new lights and a kayak launch. Bowling Green Park is located in downtown Horicon.

Discher Park

This partially wooded 13-acre park on the north side of Horicon is the site of the Horicon Aquatic Center. There are sporting courts, athletic fields and picnic areas. A new playground is being planned for the park.

The park has three distinct sections providing a good variety of recreational opportunities. The aquatic center, which opened in 1995, occupies the western third of the park. It provides such facilities as a City Park zero-depth pool, a competitive lap pool, water slides, picnic and resting areas, a concession stand and a bathhouse. The central portion of the park contains a pavilion, concession buildings, restroom with shelter and picnic areas, a playground and

sporting courts. The eastern end of the park is the location of the athletic field, which is used for baseball and football. The park is also home to the City of Horicon's oldest wood building, a 110-year-old pavilion named 1909 Jersey. The pavilion was rennovated in 2019 by private fundraising efforts and cooperation from the City of Horicon.

Kiwanis Park

Kiwanis Park is an open, grassy four-acre site at the south end of Hubbard Street, serving as a neighborhood park. The site has over 800 feet of frontage along the Rock River offering a public meeting facility, two handicap fishing platforms, picnic area, an open shelter, and playequipment. The community garden is also located at Kiwanis Park. Through September, the Horicon Farmers Market and Music at the Market are held at Kiwanis Park on Wednesday nights.

Legion Auxiliary Park

This one-acre special purpose park is located along the Rock River about 1,000 feet upstream from the dam. The site primarily serves as a boat launch facility with a picnic area.

Osborne Park

Located on a three-acre site on Hwy. 28 at the corner of Raasch's Hill Road, this specialpurpose-park serves primarily as a wayside stop and picnic area.

The site, located on the northeast side of Horicon, contains a pond, a prairie garden, open area and hiking trail.

River Bend Park

This is the largest city-owned park and it is located in the south central part of the city, along the western shores of the Rock River. The northern end of the park provides active recreation with tennis courts, little league and softball fields. Upgraded dugouts were finished this past spring. A nine-tee, 18-hole disc golf course can be played at the park. The rest of the park provides primarily open space areas, picnic and playground areas and boat launch facilities.

Rotary Park

Rotary Park is a 1.2-acre park and considered a neighborhood park for open space recreation. It is located at Pheasant Lane and Robin Road on the southwest side of Horicon. A handicapped assessible shelter was added in 2018.

Whitty Park

Consisting of two acres, this park is located along Hwy E on the west side of Horicon. The park has playground equipment and is the official trailhead for the City of Horicon's leg of the Gold Star Memorial Trail. This section of the trail is a paved biking and walking trail that opened in May 2019.

Lomira Area Parks

The Lomira, Theresa and Brownsville communities are blessed with a variety of outdoor opportunities for nature lovers and offers indoor recreational activities as well.

Nearby is the Horicon Wildlife Refuge, which contains within its expansive area the largest cattail marsh in North America. It is home to a wide variety of birds, animals and plants. Nature talks, a nature center and several trails allow the visitor to explore nature throughout the year.



The Horicon Marsh is located west of Lomira and even closer to visitors in the Brownsville and Theresa areas.

In Lomira, Crystal Springs Park has a pond, a sand-bottom swimming area, bath house, picnic shelter, tables and a playground. Lomira also has a well-lit softball field with three diamonds. Lomira also features eight playgrounds throughout the community.

The Buerger Pond and Nature Trail is located on South Pleasant Hill Avenue and is available for those looking for a scenic walk.

Dale R. Michels Memorial Park in Brownsville has three diamonds, soccer fields, concession stands, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts for use. There is a playground on site and it also serves as the home to the Flyway Soccer League. The park was named after local businessman and founder of the Michels Pipeline Construction, Inc.

- Theresa offers four parks for public use:
- River's Edge Park is located on Mill Street in the Village of Theresa. It includes restrooms, boat launch, picnic shelters, volleyball and basketball courts and playground equipment. Those looking to gather in a large group can contact the Theresa Village Hall for reservations at 920-488-5421.
 - Theresa Firemen's Park is located on Hwy 28 West (Mayville Street) in the Village of Theresa. Amenities include large park pavilion, picnic shelter, a baseball diamond, restroom facilities and playground equipment. Reservations can be made for larger groups.
 - Small parks are located on Willow Lane and on Highlander Boulevard.

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