

#### **ENJOY YOUR ADVENTURE WITH CURBIES' GUIDE**

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5115 Vilas Hall 821 University Ave. Madison, Wisconsin 53706 Prepare to indulge in the fusion of flavors and immerse yourself in the natural beauty that graces these Wisconsin gems.

Whether you're a devoted food lover, a nature enthusiast or someone searching for unforgettable experiences, these spots offer something new to discover for people from all walks of life. CURB FUSION

WISCONSIN'S SAVORY ESCAPES: A FUSION OF FOOD, PLACES TO VISIT & OUTDOOR DELIGHTS

Wisconsin's cities are not only brimming with cultural diversity, but they're also blessed with stunning outdoor landscapes.

This guide takes you through five vibrant Wisconsin cities, showcasing the perfect combination of food, locations to visit and outdoor adventures.

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#### OUTDOOR: RED ARROW PARK

Round off your day with Milwaukee's yearround outdoor treasure at <u>Red Arrow Park</u>. In the winter, embrace the enchantment of the "Slice of Ice" skating rink. As the snow melts, this park transforms into a lush oasis with green spaces, benches and shaded spots, perfect for families to enjoy the splash pad.



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#### VISIT: MILWAUKEE'S CULTURAL GEMS

Begin your afternoon at the iconic <u>Milwaukee</u> <u>Art Museum</u>, an architectural marvel on Lake Michigan, housing an extensive collection of more than 32,000 works of art.

Next, venture into the <u>historic Third Ward</u>, a downtown neighborhood known for its boutique shops and cultural experiences.

Then make your way to the <u>Milwaukee Public</u> <u>Market</u>, where you can find a diverse selection of artisanal goods and local delicacies while supporting independent vendors.

## MILWAUKEE

- A CELEBRATION OF WISCONSIN HERITAGE

#### EAT: DINING IN WAUWATOSA



Start your journey in vibrant Tosa Village, where <u>Café Hollander</u>, established in 2009, offers a "gezellig" experience – a Dutch term that embodies a cozy, convivial, and welcoming atmosphere – right alongside the picturesque Menomonee River.



## MADISON

- AN ARTISANAL TWIST ON WISCONSIN CLASSICS

#### OUTDOOR: UW ARBORETUM

Explore the <u>UW Arboretum</u>, a 1,260-acre site hub for ecological restoration research, drawing visitors who appreciate its changing seasonal beauty. Discover the world's most ancient and diverse collection of restored ecological communities, including prairies, savannas, forests and wetlands.

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Visit the lively <u>Garver Feed Mill</u>, hidden behind Olbrich Gardens on Madison's near East Side. This renovated Feed Mill is a hub for local artisans, producers, wellness studios and retailers, offering everything from coffee to kombucha. It hosts private and public events year-round and is a perfect gateway to savoring Madison's finest handcrafted food and drinks while supporting local businesses.

### EAT: GATES & BROVI AND MINT MARK

<u>Gates & Brovi</u> is your go-to for casual dining, seamlessly blending Wisconsin fish house flavors with an Italian twist. Founded by James Beard semi-finalists Phillip Hurley and John Gadau, this local gem offers a diverse menu worth exploring. For farm-fresh goodness, visit <u>Mint Mark</u>, a cozy eatery in a lush setting, celebrating Wisconsin's finest produce.



- THE HEARTBEAT OF LOCAL WISCONSIN

#### EAT: RIVER'S BEND SUPPER CLUB

#### OUTDOOR: BAY BEACH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Discover the <u>Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary</u>, a vast 535-acre urban wildlife refuge in the heart of Green Bay. As the city's largest park and the site of Wisconsin's second-largest wildlife rehabilitation program, this sanctuary allows you to explore diverse ecosystems such as wetlands, woods, and meadows while observing native wildlife up close. With wellkept trails, birdwatching spots, and a wildlife education center, it's the ideal destination for an immersive outdoor adventure.

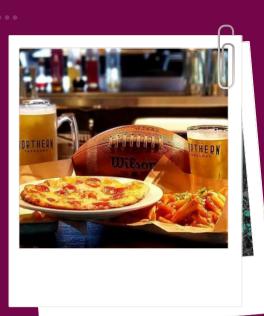
#### VISIT: BADGER STATE BREWING COMPANY

Founded in 2013 in Green Bay's Stadium District, <u>Badger State Brewing</u> has grown from a homebrewing hobby to a thriving brewery. It takes pride in handcrafting every beverage using the finest ingredients, with a preference for local sourcing. Its mission is simple: "Brew beer that brings people together." Visit to enjoy crafted beverages and create lasting memories.

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With over 40 years of tradition and cherished memories, <u>River's Bend</u> has recently been revitalized into a classic Wisconsin supper club. Its extraordinary riverside dining experience and popular "Brunch at the Bend" on Sundays are perfect for small groups, churchgoers, Packers fans or anyone seeking a delightful Sunday outing.



## **EAU CLAIRE**

- QUINTESSENTIAL WISCONSIN MADE BITE-SIZED

### EAT: SATISFY YOUR CHEESE CRAVINGS

Indulge in deep-fried cheese curds at Northern Taphouse. You can't go wrong with its Signature Cheese Curds or the more adventurous Ellsworth Cheese Curds come with an irresistible sweet chili sauce. With a casual, inviting and fun atmosphere, Northern Taphouse is the ideal spot for friends and family gatherings.

#### OUTDOOR: PHOENIX PARK

Enjoy tubing on the picturesque Chippewa River at <u>Phoenix Park</u>, a gateway to the iconic Chippewa River State Bike Trail. Phoenix Park hosts the renowned Sounds Like Summer concert series by Volume One and offers an energetic Saturday experience at the Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market during the warmer months. During the winter, admire the glistening trees and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit.

# VISIT: SCULPTURE

The Eau Claire <u>Sculpture Tour</u> in the Chippewa Valley is the nation's most extensive rotating outdoor sculpture tour, boasting over 150 sculptures strategically placed across Eau Claire's dynamic downtown and neighboring areas. All you need is a map, comfortable walking shoes and an adventurous spirit.

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## LA CROSSE

- A LAID-BACK WATERFRONT ESCAPE

### EAT: THE WATERFRONT RESTAURANT AND TAVERN

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#### OUTDOOR: GRANDAD BLUFF

This 600-foot-tall <u>bluff</u> provides breathtaking views of the city of La Crosse, the Mississippi River Valley, and landscapes across Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Recognized as the "most scenic view in the state," this iconic destination should be on your bucket list when exploring the La Crosse region.

#### VISIT: DAHL AUTO MUSEUM

Explore La Crosse's automotive heritage at the <u>Dahl Auto Museum</u>, featuring a remarkable collection of mascots and beautifully restored classic cars from the past century. Dive into the evolution of the automobile and gain a unique perspective on the Ford Motor Company's history. Whether you're an auto enthusiast or a history buff, the Dahl Auto Museum is a must see.

Established in 2006, <u>The Waterfront</u> <u>Restaurant and Tavern</u> is an upscale dining establishment nestled beside the Mississippi River. Its menu showcases contemporary American cuisine crafted from seasonal ingredients, USDA Prime beef and freshly caught seafood. Try its cocktails, beers, wines and a tavern menu with lighter fare – you can enjoy them on the patio with a view of the Mississippi River.



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