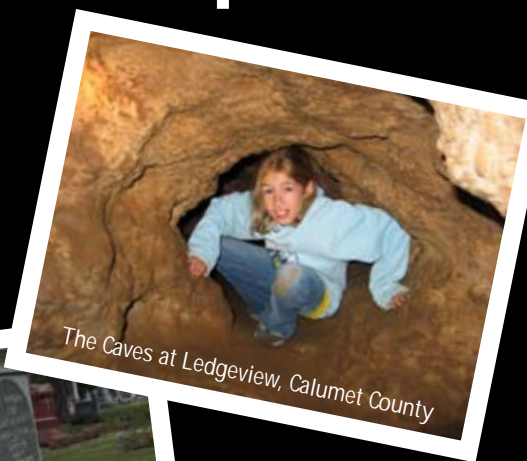


Unique Your Trip



Welcome

Unique Your Trip is a guide for the traveler looking for those 'out of the way' places only the locals know about. It's a guide to the unusual, the unique and the exclusive. It's a guide to fun in our area.

Welcome to Calumet, Kewaunee and Winnebago Counties.

Sections

Snapshots are photo opportunities you won't want to miss.

Unearthly Spirits shares tales of sightings and stories of haunted places.

Earthy Spirits include wineries, breweries and even a ballroom.

A Blast From the Past is a trip back in time to explore what life was like in a simpler time.

Silent Cities are some of the cemeteries in the area and the tales they tell.

Natural Wonders are created by nature, but nurtured by man.

From the Sky shares the area's love of aviation and all things related to flight.

The Perfect Gift is surely located in one of the many unique shops listed.

Stay and Play when you find you can't visit all the places you'd like to see in just one day.

Calumet County



For more information on Calumet County:
Calumet County Planning & Tourism
920-849-1493 ext 200
www.travelcalumet.com

Kewaunee County

For more information on Kewaunee County:
Kewaunee County Promotions
920-388-0444
www.kewauneeco.org



Winnebago County



For more information on Winnebago County:
Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau
877-303-9200
www.oshkoshcvb.org

Partnership



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Snapshots

Algoma Lighthouse - Algoma

Established in 1893, rebuilt in 1908 and again in 1932. It is solid cherry red in color, set on rock and is known as one of the most photographed images in the mid-west.



Chief Red Bird

High Cliff State Park - 920-989-1106

N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood

High above the water overlooking Lake Winnebago a 12-ft bronze statue of Red Bird, chief of the Winnebagos, stands guard over the lake.

World's Tallest Grandfather Clock

920-388-2691 - 624 N Main St Kewaunee

The 35-ft tall clock is located on a rise above Lake Michigan in front of the Top of the Hill Shop. Make sure you take the "time" to stop.

Little Oshkosh Community Playground

Menominee Park - 920-236-5080

Hazel St and Merritt Ave, Oshkosh

At over 40,000 sq ft, this park is one of the largest and most unique community-built playgrounds in the nation. Features include: a "human" head, lighthouse, castle, airplane, swings, tunnels and other exciting play options. Located adjacent to the Menominee Park Zoo.



The Sundial in Opera House Square

300 Block of Main Street, Oshkosh

With a 30-ft obelisk, this sundial is one of the largest in the country. Etched into the granite surround is a time-line of the community's history.

Un-Earthly Spirits

Grand Opera House

920-424-2350 - 100 High Ave, Oshkosh

www.grandoperahouse.org



This beautifully restored 1883 Victorian theater is located in the heart of the downtown. As with all older buildings, rumors and stories of ghosts circulate. Whether you visit for a tour or a show ask the staff to tell you their favorites.

Haunted Street Corner

Breed and State St, Chilton

It is believed that if you visit the corner of Breed and State Street, an older woman sometimes appears, only to disappear again. Maybe you'll get her to visit long enough to ask her why she's there?

Hilbert Road, Hilbert

There have been numerous reports of a man leaning against a tree, holding a lantern. According to locals, he was the father of a young girl that died over a century ago. If you stop between midnight and 5 am, he may ask if "you've seen his daughter."

New Moon Café

920-232-0976 - 401 N Main St, Oshkosh

www.newmooncafe.com

The New Moon Café is located in the former Beckwith Hotel. The top two floors were destroyed by one of the Oshkosh fires in 1880. It is rumored that several people who passed away at that time haunt this coffee house. Stop by for a delicious cup of coffee. Enjoy the earthy flavor and unearthly company.

Also see the Karsten Inn, Stay and Play Section

Earthly Spirits

Crystal Ballroom

920-989-8252 - W3307 Cty Hwy B, St. John

www.crystalballroominc.com



This restored Victorian ballroom is sure to take your breath away with its beauty. From the Ballroom Dance Social to the Dance Mixer, there is something for all skill levels.

Hearthstone Restaurant

920-853-3013 - 326 E Main St, Hilbert

Attention race fans! Stop by the Hearthstone Restaurant and sit in the booth reserved for racing legend Mario Andretti whenever he comes to northeastern Wisconsin. They feature select Andretti wines.

McKnight & Carlson

920-231-3516 - 17 W Eighth Ave, Oshkosh

Located inside the Brooklyn Firehouse, a National Register property, this quaint wine store offers selections from around the world. The shop IS customer service, so let one of their experts help you make a choice for any occasion.

Rowland's Calumet Brewing Company

920-849-2534 - 25 N Madison St, Chilton

Come and visit the first brewery in the United States to commercially produce rye beer. Located in an old fire station, take a tour and a taste of the exceptional beers they offer!

Von Stiehl Winery

800-955-5208 - 115 Navarino St, Algoma

www.vonstiehl.com

If it's wine you like, you're sure to find something to please your palate at Von Stiehl. If it's history, the tour includes limestone caverns that date back to the Civil War Era. The oldest licensed Wisconsin winery.



A Blast From the Past

Ariens Museum

920-756-4273 - 202 Calumet St, Brillion

This museum, located at the original manufacturing facility, is dedicated to the Ariens Company. It features seven decades of power equipment. At nearly 7,000 sq ft, the museum has been described as an evolution of products and equipment that tells the story of a company that can't be captured in words.

Bergstrom Mahler Museum

920-751-4658 - 165 N Park Ave, Neenah

www.paperweightmuseum.com

Home of one of the finest paper weight collections in the world. Also in the museum are collections of Germanic Glass, Contemporary Glass and Victorian Glass. The extensive gift shop was nominated for the 2006 NICHE Top Retailers Award in the category of Best Museum Store.



Julaine Farrow Museum

920-235-4910

1300 South Dr, Winnebago

The museum is named for Julaine Farrow, a registered nurse at Winnebago Mental Health Institute for 36 years. It shares the history of the treatment of the mentally ill through dioramas and displays. Exhibits range from tools patients have created in attempts to escape, to equipment used in various treatments over 130 years ago. It is the wish of the Museum staff that when you leave you will have a better understanding of how treatments have changed and evolved over time.

Jail House Museum

920-388-7176

318 Dodge St, Kewaunee

According to the Cook County Historical Society, this is "the last authentic



jail with dungeon-type cells in Wisconsin." Built in 1876, it has six cells and served as a jail and sheriff's residence until 1969. One cell has been left in its original condition but the lock has been removed as school children would lock themselves in. The other five are filled with exhibits including the only known carving of Custer's Last Stand.



Oshkosh Public Museum

920-236-5762

1331 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

www.oshkoshmuseum.org

The Oshkosh Public Museum is filled with ever changing exhibits to ensure an always-unique experience. The Apostles Clock at 8 ft tall, is a truly unique piece of Wisconsin Folk Art. Also at the museum is a replica of an 1800s "ordinary" bicycle that visitors

can get their hands and feet on!

Pioneer Corner Museum

920-898-4100 Ext 3 - 2103 Main St, New Holstein

Enjoy a unique experience while visiting the museum that holds the Fenn Button Collection, one of the largest in the country. You'll see vintage room displays and antique artifacts ranging from tools to toys!

Roadside Chapels

Kewaunee County

Prayer chapels are a Belgium tradition. They're built into the sides of buildings, on street corners, just about anywhere. In Kewaunee County they were built along roadsides for people to pray, often for an ill family member.



Tayco Street Bridge Museum

920-967-5155 - Tayco and Main St, Menasha

This museum's collection of historic photos and artifacts bring the job of a bridge tender to life from the time that the Fox River was the main highway for commerce and travel. Located in a bridge tenders hut, it is one of the smallest museum in the state.

Silent Cities

Lakeside Cemetery

Lakeshore Dr,
South of Stockbridge

This cemetery is home to the remains of over 230 Stockbridge residents from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. According to the

DNR, Lakeside Cemetery is home to the 12th largest cottonwood tree in the state.



Riverside Cemetery (Cover photo)

920-236-5092 - 1901 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

This 'Silent City,' on the National Register of Historic Places, covers nearly 100 acres. As you stroll through this beautiful park-like setting along the shore of the Fox River, you will notice the changing styles and symbols of the gravestones as they reflect the customs of the times of death. During your walk, on Maple Street, look for one of man's best friends artistically recreated out of granite.

Natural Wonders

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

920-720-9349



1305 Plank Rd, Menasha

www.heckrodtwetland.com

Stroll around this 76-acre nature reserve on the three miles of elevated boardwalk trails that provide access to the wetland habitat and enjoy bird watching, photography year round and snow shoeing in the winter. The 4,000 square foot indoor nature center is home of the "Living Waters" exhibit, an indoor live wetland.

High Cliff State Park

920-989-1106 - N7630 State Park Rd, Sherwood

Known for its breathtaking views of Lake Winnebago since the 1800s, this is a truly unique historical park. Limekilns and other structures are still standing, all that remains of a town from years gone by. The General Store remains intact and is used as a museum and refreshment stand. Also

See Siouan Indian effigy mounds from 1000-1500 years ago.



Ledge View Nature Center

920-849-7094 - W2348 Short Rd, Chilton

Ledge View Nature Center and Park features 105 acres of forest and field, a 60-foot observation tower, a dolostone quarry, three natural caves, an arboretum, miles of hiking trails, an exhibit building with live animals and museum quality, interactive educational exhibits.

Caves at Ledge View Nature Center (Cover photo)

There are three different caves at Ledge View Nature Center, the Montgomery Cave, Carolyn's Caverns and the Mother Cave, each offering a unique experience to all its visitors. All of the caves are natural holes in bedrock dolostone, a type of limestone formed by groundwater and glacial melt water. Get down and dirty exploring the underworld through these continually changing caves.

Sturgeon Exhibit at Ledge View Nature Center

Prehistoric fish still live! Stop inside of Ledge View Nature Center for a chance to watch some truly unique fish. See live sturgeon swim in a large tank. There is also a fishing shanty with simulated fish swimming under the ice.

Niagara Escarpment

www.escarpmentnetwork.org



One of the last pristine stretches of Niagara Escarpment, a geological formation stretching from Niagara Falls in New York, through Canada, down through Calumet County in Wisconsin.

It also is home to many rare plants and animals. Stop by and see a visible stretch on Ledge Road, east of State Highway 55 in Stockbridge.

From the Sky

Mighty Hot Air Balloons

920-756-2465 - 333 Leev Ave, Brillion

Enjoy the breathtaking view from a hot air balloon ride. Enjoy an hour-long flight over Lake Winnebago and the Bay of Green Bay. Offered year round.

Kite Man - Calumet County

Most summer days you can find "Kiteman" flying his variety of unique kites for the public to enjoy. Stop by one of Calumet County's beautiful parks, bring a bag lunch, grab some grass and enjoy!

Pioneer Airport

920-426-4867

3000 Poberezhny Rd, Oshkosh

www.airventuremuseum.org

A part of the AirVenture Museum that harks back to the Golden Age of Aviation Between the



World Wars; it features airplanes from the first 40 years of powered flight. Enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of riding in one of these vintage aircraft, or just the experience of watching them.

Skydive Adventure

920-685-5122 - 4028 Rivermoor Rd, Omro

www.skydiveadventure.com

Enjoy the adventure and one of the most beautiful views of Winnebago's countryside. Whether you are a thrill seeker looking for something new or interested in becoming a licensed skydiver they can help you!

The Perfect Gift

Diggins Café and Fine Rocks

920-388-4849 - N3176 Hwy 42, Kewaunee

www.wisconsincoolrocksandhotpizza.com

Enjoy a delicious stone baked pizza on the scenic shores of Lake Michigan. They also offer a variety of many fine stones, such as amethysts, agate as well as fossils, hematite, onyx and more. A memorable experience for everyone!

The Flying Pig Gallery & Greenspace (Cover photo)

920-487-9902 - N6975 St Hwy 42, Algoma

www.theflyingpig.biz

The gallery represents a variety of artistic styles ranging from folk to contemporary art as well as traditional crafts. They also feature an organic tea and coffee bar. The green space includes indoor and outdoor plants, pottery and art, inside and around a feed mill style building with ponds, wetlands and outdoor gardens.

Heavy Critters

920-235-2864 - 3528 Nekimi Ave, Oshkosh

www.heavycritters.com

Specialists in bringing you the art of ornamental concrete, they provide customers with the highest quality whether natural, or beautifully finished concrete, granite or resin. Call for a tour to view the construction of these amazing pieces.



Lighthouse Gift Shop

920-388-3565 - 705 Main St, Kewaunee

www.lighthousegiftshop.com

This unique gift shop offers different lighthouse decorating ideas for every room in your home as well as outside decorations to light up your yard. They also offer nautical apparel. A must see for any enthusiast.

Main Street Art Works

920-853-7348 - 627 W Main St, Hilbert

www.mainstreetartworks.com



A vibrant co-op where artists work in their studios then exhibit their work in the gallery. See the large assortment of art by many different artists that Main Street Art Works has to offer. There is nothing like the gift of original art.

M Schettl Freight Sales

920-426-1681, 5105 Cty Rd S, Oshkosh

www.mschettl.com

If you have ever wanted a metal shark, a few fiberglass monkeys, or maybe just a life size statue of your favorite musician, this is the place to get it. Everything is BIG and weird.



Vern's Sturgeons

920-989-1355 - W4914 Faro Springs Rd,
Stockbridge

A real tribute to the prehistoric sturgeon! Hand-crafted wooden fish decoys, miniature fishing shanties, birdhouses, metal garden art and more!

Stay and Play

Brayton B & B

920-267-0300 - 143 Church Ave, Oshkosh

www.braytonbb.net



Constructed in 1867, this beautiful B&B nestled just blocks from downtown offers a surprisingly different experience. Each of the four guest rooms offer a private bath, flat screen TV and wireless Internet. Despite the modern amenities, the architecture and original features have not changed since it was built, creating a historical, yet peaceful experience.

Calumet Campgrounds

920-439-1008 - N6150 Cty Rd EE, Hilbert

The campgrounds offer a beautiful setting with views of the woods and Lake Winnebago. Features include, the Ledge View Nature Center, picnic and playground areas. Enjoy the miles of hiking and biking trails that wind through the Niagara Escarpment and the beautiful sunsets over Lake Winnebago. A boat harbor is available for launching.



High Cliff State Park Campgrounds

920-989-1106 - N7630 State Park Rd, Sherwood

The Park is located on Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin's largest inland lake. Enjoy the day picnicking and watching wildlife, or climb the 40-foot observation tower for a breathtaking view. A beach and marina are available for water enthusiasts.

Hotel Stebbins

920-487-5521 - 201 Steele St, Algoma

www.thehotelstebbins.com

It was established in 1857, and located in Algoma's historic downtown. Near the shopping district, only two blocks from the beach and boardwalk and one block from the marina. Perfect for the heritage traveler and charter fishing enthusiast alike.



Karsten Inn

800-277-2132 - 122 Ellis St, Kewaunee

www.karsteninn.com

While the Karsten Inn can't boast, "George Washington slept here," it has, in the finest European tradition, a ghost. What has become the most popular room over time is room 310, Agatha's room. Tradition has it that Agatha, the third floor housekeeper was passionately in love with William Karsten, Sr. One version of the legend says she hanged herself because of unrequited love. The Inn has 23 themed rooms, 15 of which have whirlpools.

For additional lodging information please call the contact number for the community you are interested in or visit their website.

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