

Spring Road-Tripping Ideas Close to Home

(StatePoint) When spring hits the air, it's time to get out of the house and explore. But life doesn't always allow you to travel far. It's a good thing Wisconsin has so many options available nearby.

There's no need to travel around the country when there are great destinations in the area. Any spring vacation planning should start with these locations:

Find Baby Animals and Great Trails in Menomonie



Experience Spring in the Northwoods this year. Spring means new beginnings, and babies on the farm! Bring the family to see the farm babies at Govin's Farm or visit the Lion's Club Game Park for baby elk and bison. Those looking to enjoy the spring weather will love the biking and hiking trails throughout the area. Challenge yourself to a hike on the 8.3 mile Menomin Loop for a beautiful tour around the lake. After your walk, stop in to try the seasonal brews at Lucette Brewing, Brewery Nønic, or Zymurgy Brewing. No trip to Menomonie is complete without a stop at Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery to see real Wisconsin cheese being made. However you like to enjoy spring, you can do it in Menomonie!

Beloit Offers the Perfect Spring Getaway Close to Home



Nothing says Spring quite like baseball! On April 7, gather your loved ones for opening day of Minor League Baseball at the downtown stadium just 60 miles south of Madison. The Sky Carp are Beloit's very own High-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins. Watch their schedule for incredible fireworks displays. Before the game, check in to one of the posh boutique hotels in the heart of downtown and choose from an assortment of fine dining options within walking distance. Watch the sunset over the river from The Rooftop bar. Beloit sizzles with vibrant entertainment and culturally unique arts. For a serene experience, kayak or float down the river on a tube to enjoy beautiful scenery. Hiking and biking the peaceful trails are also great outdoor options.

Discover the Beauty of Wisconsin Rapids



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The Wisconsin Rapids Area is the perfect place for affordable spring fun! Walk or bike over 20 miles on the Ahdawagam Trails. Test your angling skills on the Wisconsin River at Nekoosa Walleye Days. Explore one of the many parks along the river, including Ben Hansen Park, home of the Wisconsin State Fire & EMS Memorial, a tribute to those who lost their lives in line of duty. Want something indoors? Check out unique shops from classic dime and trading stores to boutiques. Stop by Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa and test your luck. Hungry? From the center of great local coffee houses to brews and delectable dinners, don't forget to sample some of our great local flavor! For more information, call 715-422-4560 or visit www.VisitWisRapids.com.