

FIND NATURE

A trip outdoors will do you wonders.

DAY ONE

9:00 AM INTERSTATE PARK TOUR

Visit the Wisconsin's oldest state park including 10,000-year-old glacial handiwork and stunning views of the St. Croix Valley. Stop at the Interpretive Center, then meander trails on both WI and MN sides of the river.

11:00 AM SCENIC BOAT TOUR

View the world famous Dalles of the St. Croix River when you board the Taylors Falls Princess. Enjoy a delicious box lunch as you cruise.

1:30 PM ST. CROIX NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAY VISITOR CENTER

Newly built in 2006, this federal headquarters is a wonder in a wonderful location. A new National Park System film featuring the St. Croix will inform and inspire you. Park Rangers are available and happy to share their knowledge of the St. Croix and Namekagon riverways.

2:30 PM ICE AGE TRAIL

Just one of the many sections a 1,200 mile trail spanning the state of Wisconsin, the **Indianhead Trail** follows easy terrain along the river. Babbling creeks, the seasonal marsh marigold, state flower trillium, the grey-green basalt all along views of the St. Croix, reveals the characteristic natural features of our area.

3:30 EICHTEN'S WORLD BISTRO AND ARTISAN CHEESE FACTORY TOUR

Since 1976, the Eichten family has been producing award-winning European cheeses on their 150-acre Bison and Cheese Ranch. You are invited into their world for a cheese house tour and dinner at Eichten's World Bistro. Begin your experience with an artisan cheese board accompanied by a fine wine or one of 40 different beers from Belgium to Germany. Dinners are not just an entree, but an experience designed by a chef with European cooking techniques. Quaint and comfortable, watch the sun go down with a touch of class.

7:00 PM FESTIVAL THEATRE

This 1917 Vaudeville house has been home to a professional theatre company for the past seventeen years. Expect an exceptional performance in an historic building.

DAY TWO (30 minute drive to Grantsburg)

7:30 AM CREX MEADOWS WILDLIFE AREA

At 30,000 acres, Crex is the largest state owned wildlife area in Wisconsin. and brush prairie habitats make a utopia for wildlife--which, in turn, makes Crex a paradise for bird watchers, naturalists, botanists, hunters, trappers, and all hearty explorers who are interested in the great bounty nature offers. Driving tour and interpretive center.

NOON PICNIC BOX LUNCH

A Goochy Noochy made gourmet box lunch in a special setting--energy food to fuel the hike.

1:30 PM STRAIGHT LAKE STATE PARK

"Straight Lake is one of Wisconsin's best places--a pristine natural area with beauty that is second to none," Governor Doyle said of Wisconsin's newest state park. Containing 850 acres of mature forest with trees approaching 100 years old, only foot traffic is allowed. On a quiet walk through this untouched land, you'll feel like you've traveled to another era.

4:00 D.D. KENNEDY COUNTY PARK

A 106-acre preserve through central Polk County, D.D. Kennedy is rare gem. A prairie restoration area features native grasses and wildflowers amongst a park that includes a dam, millpond, and the newly built educational center modeled after the old, once functioning mill. Birding, hiking, and general fresh air relaxation.

5:30 PM QUICK STOP AT HOTEL

6:30 PM CHATEAU ST. CROIX WINERY

Now its time to relax and enjoy nature's work in a glass of award-winning, hand crafted wine at the Chateau St. Croix Winery. Styled after a European Estate, with an art gallery, carriage house, stables, and fishing pond. A wine-tasting dinner will be served in this beautiful country vineyard.

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