

Welcome to Siren . . .

Located in the heart of Burnett County, experience **NATURE** at her best!

Stop . . . In northern Wisconsin, near the Minnesota border, is **Siren, one of the hottest vacation destinations in the region.**

Located in the heart of Burnett County at the cross roads of Wisconsin State 35 & 70, visitors from all directions come, stay and experience 'Nature at her Best!' In addition to major thoroughfares, Burnett County Airport, located in Siren, is convenient and now boasts a 5000 foot runway, with courtesy cars available for those in need.

Tour our countryside & enjoy a host of activities, attractions and natural beauty.

- o View bird migration patterns & spectacular blazing colors of orange, red and yellow in the waning fall sunshine at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area, a Wisconsin Wetlands Gem;
- o Capture breathtaking views of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, one of only two national parks in Wisconsin;
- o Explore over 100,000 acres of majestic County forest;
- o Watch the sun shimmer on over 500 lakes of sparkling, clear water;
- o Experience living history at Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park;
- o Try your luck at the new St. Croix Casino Danbury;
- o Sip wine at Clover Meadow Winery while enjoying a relaxing outdoor setting; or,
- o Sample prize-winning, world-famous cheese at the Burnett Dairy Cooperative.



Experience all the treasures & wonders of Siren & Burnett County!

Stay . . .

From quaint bed and breakfast to northwoods-inspired lodges, Siren offers accommodations to suit a variety of tastes and needs. Fall asleep to loons calling across area lakes. Rise refreshed to an orchestra of native song birds and rustling leaves in the breeze. Most have internet access, many are handicap accessible and some allow pets.

LOVELY LODGES

As you enter our award winning lodges, you are greeted by the warmth of their northwoods décor and their inviting staff. In addition to the lovely rooms and suites, both Lodges have restaurant, pool, spa & exercise facilities, and can accommodate groups from ten to 500 people.



Best Western Northwoods Lodge Hotel - BW

Located at 23986 State Road 35, this Best Western Lodge has won the Chairman's Award, "Best of the Best" Award, and been in the Top 5% for Quality Assurance. Their lobby is a mini museum where tourists can see prized works and possessions of area artisans, sculptors and collectors. Call 715-349-7800/877-349-7800 or visit www.bwnorthwoodslodge.com for more information.

The Lodge at Crooked Lake - TL

Located at 24271 State Road 35, The Lodge at Crooked Lake is a AAA 3 Star Hotel. Complete with a display of antique boat motors, their lobby is decorated in the northwoods tradition complete with area wildlife and logging antiques. The Lodge is also home to the Burnett County Tourism Information Center. Call 715-349-2500/877-The Lodge or visit www.mylodge.com for more information.

BEAUTIFUL BED & BREAKFAST

From the moment you walk through the door of this lovely home, you'll know you are in for a special treat. A welcoming front parlor and dining room, fireplaces and hardwood floors, charming accents and antiques whisk you to a time gone by. For breakfast indulge in one of the many specialties, a true feast to start a day of touring and so much more.

Smoland Prairie Homestead Inn - SP

At Smoland Prairie Homestead Inn, located at 11658 State Road 70, take a step back in time and stay one or more nights in this 1800's hand-hewn two story log farm house, featuring three unique themed guest rooms and common areas such as the sauna/steam room. Call 715-689-2528 or visit www.smolandinn.com for more information.

CHARMING MOTEL

If you're looking for that 'just right' place to hang your hat after a busy day of exploring, check out all that our Siren Pinewood Motel has to offer. Catering to the outdoorsman, a hearty friendly greeting welcomes you as you register and their helpful and knowledgeable staff will make sure your Siren experience is perfect!

Pinewood Motel - PM

Located at 23862 State Road 35, the Pinewood Motel offers a resort-style atmosphere. Call 715-349-5225 or visit www.pinewoodmotel.com for more information.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!



Arts & entertainment, a variety of dining & retail options, and many other amenities are here in Siren to complete your stay.

Siren . . . the place to stay when you come to tour!

WATER

The Village of Siren is bordered by four lakes, with more than 350 lakes within a 15-mile radius! Siren's area lakes are ranked nationally as some of the best places to catch many of America's favorite fish species.

Burnett County has over 500 lakes, ranking 8th of Wisconsin's 72 counties! In addition, there are 10 major rivers, 30 streams, and hundreds of miles of shoreline. The St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers, both designated wild and scenic, offer 252 miles of clean water gliding past a lush green landscape.

ST. CROIX NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAY

The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway is one of only two national parks in the State of Wisconsin! In 1972, the Lower St. Croix, with its outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational and geologic values was added to the national wild and scenic rivers system. For more information: Call 715-483-2274 or visit www.nps.gov/sacn.

BIRDING & WILDLIFE VIEWING

11 Wildlife areas reside in Burnett County! Catch a glimpse of elusive birds and wildlife at these premier sites. Don't forget your binoculars!

CREX MEADOWS WILDLIFE AREA

At 30,000 acres, Crex Meadows is the largest state owned wildlife area in Wisconsin and was designated a Wisconsin Wetlands Gem in 2009! This intensively managed property is home to 270 species of birds and 600 species of plants. A wide variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects also reside here, making it a paradise for those interested in the great bounty that nature offers. Popular wildlife to view includes sharp-tailed grouse, trumpeter swans, osprey and eagles. For more information: Call 715-463-2896 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife & www.crexmeadows.org.

AMSTERDAM SLOUGHS WILDLIFE AREA

Amsterdam Sloughs Wildlife Area is a beautiful 6,138 acre property with marsh, flowages, swamp, and forested upland. Bird watching is good at Black Brook Flowage where you can see great blue herons, osprey and eagles. Great egrets frequent the colony in the spring and late summer. For more information: Call 715-349-2151 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife.

DANBURY WILDLIFE AREA

Danbury Wildlife Area's 2,244 acres consist of a shallow marsh, lowland forests and drier sandy sites. Wildlife includes snowshoe hare, woodcock, beaver, mink, otter, migratory duck species, and a large variety of resident and song birds. For more information: Call 715-635-2101 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife.

FISH LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

Fish Lake Wildlife Area is a 14,000 acre property located in southern Burnett County. The Area contains huge sedge marshes, remnants of a 'Glacial Lake Grantsburg' left after the last glacier 1,200 years ago. For more information: Call 715-463-2896 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife.

Savour the Sights . . .

Whether you're looking for the sights, the sounds, or the seasons that are 'nature,' Siren and Burnett County have it all!

KEIZER LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

Keizer Lake Wildlife Area, located in central Burnett County, is 1,352 acres of water, marsh and forested uplands. Best to view in spring and fall, wildlife found at Keizer Lake includes waterfowl, deer, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, woodcock, eagles and osprey. For more information: Call 715-635-2101 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife.

NAMEKAGON BARRENS WILDLIFE AREA

At 5,050 acres, Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area is one of the largest pine barrens in Wisconsin and contains mainly pine barrens community habitat, which is globally rare. Known for sharp-tailed grouse, upland sandpipers, American kestrels, eastern bluebirds and bald eagles, the Barrens are great to view in spring, summer and fall. For more information: Call 715-635-2101 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/wildlife.



FOREST

Approximately 64% of Burnett County's 570,000 acres is forested land! The Burnett County Forest is the 9th largest in the state.

GOVERNOR KNOWLES STATE FOREST

190 acre stand of old growth red pines along the St. Croix River and serves as a resource protection zone for the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The area includes many fine trout streams as well as the St. Croix River where canoe is an excellent way to view geologic formations left by two ice ages. The varied habitat affords opportunities to see a wide variety of animals including snowshoe hare, ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, yellow throat, eagles, pocket gopher, and mink. For more information: Call 715-463-2898 or visit www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/snaf/.

* Excerpts & photos for 'Water,' 'Birding & Wildlife Viewing,' and 'Forest' taken from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' website, www.dnr.state.wi.us, and 'Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail' brochure.

TRAILS

NATURE & HIKING

If you're interested in seeing Burnett County on foot, visit Crex Meadows Wildlife Area, Danbury's Lake 26 Park, Gandy Dancer Trail, Governor Knowles State Forest, Grantsburg Memory Lake Park, Ice Age Trail, Northwest Passage Trail, Sandrock Cliff, Timberland Hills, Webb Lake Ski Trail, and Bear Lake Nature Trail. For more information: Call the Burnett County Tourism Information Center at 715-349-7411/800-788-3164 or visit www.burnettcounty.com.

GANDY DANCER REGIONAL TRAIL

The Gandy Dancer Regional Trail cuts through the western edge of Siren. This 98-mile recreational trail extends from Superior on the north to St. Croix Falls on the south. A highlight is the 520-foot bridge over the scenic St. Croix River just north of Danbury. For more information: Call the Burnett County Tourism Information Center at 715-349-7411/800-788-3164 or visit www.burnettcounty.com.

HORSE TRAILS

Trade River horse trails, part of Governor Knowles State Forest, provides over 40 miles of trails through forest and varied terrain along the Trade River valley. Trail maps and information are available by calling 715-463-2898.

SKI TRAILS

- o Over 25 miles of trails offer wonderful cross country skiing opportunities for all skill levels.
- o **Brandt Pines Trails**, on Memory Lake, 14 km intermediate trail
- o **Crex Meadows Trails**, Grantsburg, miles of developed & undeveloped trails & snowshoeing
- o **Grantsburg Trail**, on Memory Lake, 10.5 km outside loop
- o **Sandrock Cliff Trail**, west Grantsburg off of State Road 70, 8 km beginner & intermediate trail
- o **Timberland Hills Trail**, town of Roosevelt, 24 km, multi-loop trail with one stretch lighted for night-skiing
- o **Voyager Village Trails**, Webb Lake, 10 km groomed trails for all skill levels; classic ski, skate ski & snowshoeing (stay to side of trail for snowshoe)
- o **Webb Lake Trails**, Webb Lake, 7 km of groomed easy to moderate trails
- o **Forts Folle Avoine Trails**, County Road U, 5 km of beginner & intermediate trails

SNOWMOBILE & ATV TRAILS

Burnett County offers a linked network of more than 300 miles of groomed, signed snowmobile trails, including the Gandy Dancer, across forests, farmlands, lakes and streams. ATV trails & routes are undergoing significant change within Burnett County and the surrounding area. There are 49 miles of summer ATV trails and 113 miles of winter ATV trails. Many miles of riding routes are open as towns strive to become a linked network. Please be sure to check ahead for the latest rules and guidelines of the area in which you plan to ride. For more information on motorized recreational vehicle use, call the Burnett County Tourism Information Center at 715-349-7411/800-788-3164 or visit www.burnettcounty.com.

HISTORY

Human occupation began as early as 10,000 years ago and local sites offer evidence of the seasonal and complex nature of prehistoric life along the rivers. The St. Croix River/Brule River was a favored fur trade route from the Mississippi River to Lake Superior. Some of the Riverway's history is documented and interpreted in visitor center exhibits and programming.

FORTS FOLLE AVOINE HISTORICAL PARK

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park, located along the Yellow River near Danbury, is a living history site. The 80-acre park, a National Register of Historic Places Site, is unique being the exact site of wintering posts; the posts were undisturbed for nearly

200 years giving a pure site to investigate; and two competing companies were in the same location.

Interpretive tours are conducted seasonally. The Park, managed by the Burnett County Historical Society, includes a Museum, the Palmer House Research Library, 1887 Karlsborg Schoolhouse, and a working blacksmith shop. For more information: Call 715-866-8890 or visit www.theforts.org.

ST. CROIX CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin are members of the Ojibwe nation. They were part of the Anishinabe along the East Coast before migrating to the Great Lakes region. The St. Croix Chippewa is a strong nation with a successful government and a thriving mix of businesses, being the largest employer in Burnett County. Tribal leaders say the members are a resilient people who with pride and perseverance are preserving their language and traditional ways while meeting the economic, social, and environmental challenges of the 21st century. Their new St. Croix Casino Danbury 172,000 square foot complex offers over 500 slot machines, an array of table games, and all the amenities of a major gaming establishment. For more information: Call 1-800-236-2195 or visit www.stcciv.com.

* Excerpts taken from the 'Burnett County Almanac.'

PLACES OF INTEREST

BURNETT DAIRY COOPERATIVE



Located in Alpha, Burnett Dairy Cooperative has its roots in the Branstad and Wood River creameries. In the 1960's, both creameries decided to merge and venture into cheese making. Today, Burnett Dairy is the last remaining dairy plant in the county and makes many flavors of fine cheese. They have won numerous World Champion Cheese Awards having two of Wisconsin's 44 Master Cheese Makers! Be sure to stop by their store to try your favorites! For more information: Call 715-689-2748 or visit www.burnettdairy.com.

CLOVER MEADOW WINERY

Clover Meadow Winery, nestled within some of the oldest forests in Bashaw Valley, is a family owned and operated, local and organic vineyard, orchard, and winery. With winemaking in the family for over 100 years, Clover Meadow continues this tradition using methods developed in religious abbeys and monasteries during the third century. Come, visit, and watch one of the only running organic vineyards and wineries in the midwest! Open weekends only. For more information: Call 715-468-4224 or visit www.cmwinery.com.



SACRED GROVE LABYRINTH

For meditation, Sacred Grove offers an outdoor, year-round 60-foot Chartres labyrinth, Buddhist meditation garden, walking paths, and hermitage amidst a ten acre setting of old growth trees. For more information: Call 715-866-7798.

SMOLAND INN STORE/HENNESSEY'S VINEYARD

The Smoland Inn Store, located at the Smoland Prairie Homestead in Alpha, features a variety of homemade bakery breads, farm fresh eggs, and farm raised beef. Also at the Homestead, Hennessey's Vineyard has a European-style wine tasting room and a retail wine store. For more information: Call 715-689-2528 or visit www.smolandinn.com.



ARTISANS & CRAFTERS

Burnett County is home to a thriving artist community. Strong support networks nurture talents and creativity and ensure the arts a prominent visage in Burnett County.

ARTS BURNETT COUNTY

In its origin in 2010, Arts Burnett County (ABC) envisions embracing all 'arms' of The Arts and Culture to enable a thriving creative economy in Burnett County. For more information: Call 715-733-0282.

BURNETT AREA ARTS GROUP

Burnett Area Arts Group (BAAG) is a group for local artists and art advocates in and around Burnett County. The group was founded in 2005, based on the strong belief that Burnett County needed a forum and framework to bring together local artists, artisans, crafts persons and art patrons. With currently over 50 members, art events sponsored by B.A.A.G. are a wonderful time to view and purchase local arts. For more information: Call North Wind Arts, 715-349-8448, or visit www.baagart.org.

WISCONSIN'S NORTHWEST HERITAGE PASSAGE

Wisconsin's Northwest Heritage Passage celebrates our heritage and showcases regional 'handmade and homegrown' products, serving 13 counties. The Passage is punctuated with visits to historic points of interest, artisans' studios, craft shops, galleries, farmers' markets, and farmsteads offering direct sale of produce and other goods. Pick up your map/guide to visit over 10 sites in Burnett County! For more information: Call 715-635-9303 or visit www.heritagepassage.com.

* Excerpts taken from 2008 Wisconsin's Northwest Heritage Passage map.

A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS

No matter what time of year you visit, you'll enjoy your Siren and Burnett County experience!

WINTER

Draped in winter white, trees sleep under a blanket of shimmering snow. But the rivers do not sleep, nor do many of the creatures of the forest. Lakes take on a new look as 'shanty towns' of avid ice fishermen appear. Bright blue skies warm cross country skiers as they grace the trails. 'Snowshoe



they make their way to and fro in the brisk, clean air.

SPRING

Nature awakens! The forests yield their mantle of white to a carpet of green. Birders revel as their favorite feathered friends return to the area to nest or just pass through to say hello on their migratory trip northward. Trees bud forth and the fragrance of lilacs fills the air. This is spring in Siren!

SUMMER

The days lengthen, the weather warms, and the area teems with activity. It's summer! Nature's young take their first flights and their first steps. Rivers run swift and the sun dances on the lively waves of the area lakes. Outdoors is the place to be! Bike, boat, canoe, kayak, swim, walk, hike, fish, picnic - there's no end to what you can do in Burnett County in summer!

FALL

Cool nights and autumn's golden glow signal the fall season in northwest Wisconsin. Birds of the area mingle with those passing through on their flight south for winter. Farmers markets are laden with the last fruits of the fields. Wild rice, cranberries and apples are harvested - all a part of the regions' traditions in fall. Black bear find the perfect den for their upcoming winter's nap and white tailed deer begin their courtship rituals. As the holidays near, frosty winds are met with the warmth of cheery greetings.

Plan to join us for our Siren events . . .

- **St. Patrick's Day** - On the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day, enjoy the parade & more.
- **Lilacfest** - Held in late May, take in the fragrance & the fun;
- **Music in the Park** - Thursday evenings, June through August, enjoy a summer concert at Crooked Lake Park;
- **4th of July** - Run in the Freedom Five K Race, laugh with the bed races, watch parades, listen to music, enjoy the fireworks & more;
- **Summerfest** - 1st weekend in August, join us for the art festival, sales, car show, chicken & rib fest, music, softball & golf tournaments, garden tour & much more;
- **Harvestfest** - Last Saturday in September, featuring the Taste of Siren, view scarecrows, attend shows, participate in games & contests, & so much more;
- **Christmas in Siren** - Kick-off on the 1st Saturday in December & continuing throughout the month, be a part of the spirit that makes this holiday season so special in Siren!

Visit www.visitsiren.com & www.burnettcounty.com for a complete calendar of area activities held throughout the year.

Select your season . . . come visit us soon!

