

WAUSHARA COUNTY AREA TOURS/ATTRACTIONS

Hancock Agricultural Research Station, located on Hwy. V off U.S. Hwy. 51, recognized internationally for research, primarily done to improve agricultural productivity and profitability while providing safe food supply and protecting the environment. Flower, fruit, vegetable, perennial, and prairie gardens, with labeled specimens, are maintained for the public to study and enjoy. 715-249-5961

Historic Main Street Wautoma, located along State Hwy. 21, designated as one of Wisconsin's few historic main street districts. This newly restored downtown underwent a facelift due to the efforts of local business owners and Wautoma Main Street, Inc. Enjoy an old fashioned shopping experience, strolling among rows of century old shops. Restaurants, sweet shops and ice cream parlors are located on Main Street. Public restrooms and sitting area available in Park Place Mall on Main Street. Annual events on Main Street include Augustfest the first Saturday in August, Christmas Cookie Walk and parades on Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and Holiday Parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Nordic Mt. Ski Hill, Mt. Morris, located 8 miles north of Wautoma. Offers 13 slopes with new terrain park, 6 miles of power tilled runs, continuous snow making, triple & double chair lift for Ski and Snowboard enthusiasts. Pro shop and Lodge, lessons available. Call 1-800-253-7266 for conditions. For information write: W12240 Greenwood Rd., Hancock WI 54943.

Pine Ridge Farms and Restaurant - Guided trout fishing, upland bird hunting, turkey hunts, whitetail deer hunts, sporting clays. Handicapped accessible hunting and accommodations. Whispering Pines Restaurant and Pintail Pub, meeting room, gift shop, nature trails. Hwy. 73 North of Wautoma, N3387 State Rd. 73, 920-787-5519 or 1-866-870-hunt. www.pineridgefarms.com

Pioneer Museum, located on Main Street in Wild Rose. The Historical Museum consists of 8 buildings. The museum offers public tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1-3 pm from Mid-June to Labor Day. Call for group tours: 920-622-4355.

Travel Waushara County's Rustic Road, located on 26th Road, beginning at County Hwy. H and continue northwest to County Hwy. W. The road surface is paved and is 2.1 miles in length and curves between rolling hills typical of the ground moraines found in Wisconsin's central plains region. It passes through the valley of the Pine River, a Class II trout stream in a natural state. Much of the agricultural land and fallow fields support ring-necked pheasant, sandhill cranes, deer, red fox, beaver, otter and variety of songbirds. A log cabin and two farmhouses, built before The Civil War on 160-acre Homestead Act grants, are visible from 26th Road.

Redgranite Quarry Park, located on the north side of Hwy. 22, behind the Post Office. Discovery of red granite at the quarry site in the 1880's sparked a mining boom that brought skilled stone cutters from Europe to settle the hamlet known as Sand Prairie. Granite paving blocks from the quarry were used in streets as far away as Chicago. The quarry was designated as a village park in 1986. Today the water-filled quarry is used by scuba instructors for deep water diving certification.

Roseville Mini Golf & Gift Shops, located on Hwy. 22, Wild Rose. Mini golf open daily in summer and fall, with ice cream parlor, and expanded gift shops. 920-622-5090.

Springwater Covered Bridge, located at 24th Lane between Hwy. A and Portage Road. The bridge is made of Douglas Fir and the design is the Towne Lattice Truss, which was patented by Garth Towne's great-great cousin Itheil Towne in 1820. Weight restrictions limit the traffic to passenger vehicles only and it is designated as a one-lane bridge.

Waushara Gardens, Plainfield, home of fields of lovely Gladiolus flowers. Peak color August to September 10th. Phone 715-335-4462.

Waushara County Museum is located in the former County Jail, 221 South St. Marie Street in Wautoma, and is open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays 1-4 pm or by appointment, 920-787-5559.

Whistler Mounds is located in the Village of Hancock on 6th Ave., along the shores of Fish Lake. Take a self-guided tour of ancient Indian burial mounds dating back to 600-1200 A.D. The park has a newly installed handicapped accessible fishing pier.

Wild Rose Fish Hatchery, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends, located North of Wild Rose on Hwy. 22. 920-622-3527.

This may not be a complete list of attractions in the area and is subject to change. Updated 7/04 Parks/PR/tours2004.jmv