

### ALTERNATE ROUTE #1

South of Cannon Falls take U.S. Highway #52 to Goodhue County #9. Head East. You will travel through pastoral farmland passing creeks, valleys, and abandoned farm homes. Goodhue County #9 becomes Wabasha County #15 when the county line is crossed. Shortly before descending to Lake City you will pass the Rahilly estate and farm.

### THE RAHILLY ESTATE

The Rahilly Estate is a unique example of late nineteenth century architecture. It was built in the Italianate style. The house was one of the finest and most substantial residences in the state. Proceed into Lake City on U.S. Highway #63.

### ALTERNATE ROUTE #2

From Zumbro Falls head north on U.S. Highway #63 toward Oak Center.

### OAK CENTER

The focal point of Oak Center is the Oak Center General Store. Here you will find organic herbs, vegetables, and other wholesome products of the fertile earth. Continue north on U.S. Highway #63 toward Lake City.

### ALTERNATE ROUTE #3

Approximately 15 miles east of Zumbro Falls turn left on Wabasha County #32, also called Trout Brook Road, this route offers rich tapestries of color. Continue on Wabasha County #32 until the junction with County #10. Turn left on Wabasha County #10. Proceed until the junction with Wabasha County #4. The drive down Campground Hill (Wabasha #4) typifies travel through Mississippi cliffs and coulees. With its canopy of trees, it is also reminiscent of the New England countryside. Once back to U.S. Highway #61. Head north to Lake City.



## FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Total Miles 111 - Approximate Travel Time 3 Hours



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To begin your Fall Foliage Tour from Lake City, follow Highway 61 North through Frontenac and Red Wing. Turn left on State Highway #19. Highway #19 guides you through farmland that is rich in livestock and specialty agricultural products, such as: asparagus, rhubarb, and honey; it also travels through the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. The woods are lined with hickory, oak, black walnut, birch, and maple trees. The forest is home to white-tailed deer, wild turkey, pheasant, and ruffed grouse. The forest spans five counties. It starts in Hastings and continues south through Caledonia. Continue west on State Highway #19 to Vasa.

### **VASA**

Vasa was named for Hans Mattson, who later became the secretary of state for the state of Minnesota. Originally, Vasa was called "Mattson's Settlements". Founded in 1853, it is one of the most unchanged of the Swedish settlements in Minnesota. Proceed west on State Highway #19 to Cannon Falls.

### **CANNON FALLS**

Cannon Falls is a dreamy river town with stately homes and a quaint business district. Within walking distance of downtown is Riverside Park. Here you can picnic, relax, and enjoy the waterfalls, which gave the

town its name. Follow State Highway #52 south until you reach Zumbrota.

### **ZUMBROTA**

Zumbrota is home to the only surviving covered bridge in the state. The bridge which once carried travelers safely over the Zumbro River is now preserved in Covered Bridge Park. The bridge was constructed in 1869 and was one of the major travel links between Dubuque, Iowa, and St. Paul. Our tour continues heading east on State Highway #60. Travel approximately twelve miles to Zumbro Falls.

### **ZUMBRO FALLS**

Nestled between the bluffs in the Zumbro River Valley, Zumbro Falls offers the adventurer views of golden fall woods splashed with crimson. Continue east on State Highway #60 to Dumfries. At this point the road traverses the bluff tops. You may catch a glimpse of Lake Pepin in the distance. The road descends toward the Mississippi River Valley. Continuing on State Highway #60 will lead you to Wabasha.

### **WABASHA**

Wabasha is named after the Sioux Indian chief Wah-pah-sha. The historic steamboat city is one of the oldest communities in Minnesota dating from the 1800's. Wabasha is the home of the Anderson House, Minnesota's oldest operating hotel. The town's business district is included on

the National Register of Historic Places. From Wabasha, take U.S. Highway #61 upriver to Reads Landing.

### **READS LANDING**

Reads Landing is the winter home of the bald eagle. You may observe the majestic bird in flight from one of several rest stops along the river. The Wabasha County Historical Society Museum is also located in Reads Landing. It was once a thriving trading post in 1847. Open weekends Mid-May - Mid-October from 1:30-5:30 PM or open by appointment (1-877-525-3248). Proceed north on U.S. Highway #61 to Lake City.

### **LAKE CITY**

Lake City is the largest city in Wabasha County. The community boasts over 270 acres of park land and has what is considered one of the finest marinas on the Mississippi river.

The following alternate routes are designed to give you options on how to return to Lake City.

Alternate #1 is the fastest way to get back to Lake City. Alternate #2 is the second most direct return. Alternate #3 utilizes smaller country roads.