

RED WING

Your are now in Red Wing, Minnesota. The city was settled around 1850 and takes its name from an old Indian chief know as “Wings of Scarlet”. We invite you to visit the St. James Hotel one of the oldest operating hotels in Minnesota. It was built by eleven business men who wanted to celebrate Red Wing’s prosperity and success. The hotel is included on the National Register of Historic Places. Adjacent to the St. James Hotel is a beautiful mall called The Riverfront Centre. Red Wing is known for the Red Wing Pottery Co. and the Red Wing Shoes Co. located in the town.

FRONTENAC

Continue south on Highway 61 you will be enticed into historic Frontenac. Old Frontenac is one of the oldest historic sites in the upper Midwest. In the 1870’s Old Frontenac was a fashionable summer Riviera. Many pre-and post-Civil War homes still exist along the lakeshore of this peaceful community. The Villa Maria Academy, once the largest boarding school for girls in the state, is also locate in Old Frontenac. The Villa is now used for retreats.

LAKE CITY

Continue south on Highway 61 and in less than ten minutes you will be back in Lake City!!! We hope you have enjoyed the trip. We now invite you to relax and enjoy our lovely haven.



Lake Pepin Tour

Total Miles 71.4 - Approximate Travel Time 2 hours



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If you have two or three hours, and want to do some driving around, making a "loop" around Lake Pepin is fun. If you start out from Lake City, drive south on 61 to Wabasha, then cross the Mississippi to Nelson, go north on Hwy 35, and go through Pepin, Stockholm, Maiden Rock, Bay City, and Hager City. At Hager City, cross over the bridge to Red Wing, then drive 61 south back to Lake City.

Depending on how many stops you make, that makes a really nice day trip. If you want to extend the loop a little bit, you can drive down 61 past Wabasha to Kellogg, then back to Wabasha; cross over the river then go south to Alma, WI and then up again. The Lake Pepin Tour guides you through an area which has been recognized as one of the ten most beautiful spots in the world.

READS LANDING

Between Lake City and Wabasha lies Reads Landing. Reads Landing is a prime location for eagle observation. Rest stops are designated along the highway for this purpose. The Wabasha County Historical Society Museum is located in Reads Landing. It is open on Saturdays and Sundays from May until October 1 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

WABASHA

The next stop on our Loop Tour is the historic steamboat city of Wabasha. It is one of the oldest cities in Minnesota, dating from the late 1800's. Wabasha is also the home of the Anderson House, Minnesota's oldest operating hotel. The National Eagle Center can be found in downtown Wabasha - right by the river. Our tour continues by crossing the Wabasha Bridge into Wisconsin. The first town you encounter as you enter Wisconsin is Nelson.

NELSON

While in Nelson stop at a large cheese outlet to sample the famous Wisconsin cheeses and visit the many other unique shops and eating establishments.

PEPIN

Pepin, Wisconsin, offers a magnificent view of the lake and also of Lake City just across the water. The beaches are nice for strolling and agate hunting. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society of Pepin invites travelers to visit Little House Wayside and the Pepin Historical Museum. The Wayside museum is located 7 miles NW of Pepin on Highway 183. Pepin has fine restaurants that provide delightful dining experiences. Two of which are located directly on Lake Pepin are: The Harbor view cafe and the Pickle Factory.

STOCKHOLM

As you continue north on Highway 35 you may choose to stop in Stockholm. Stockholm is the oldest Swedish settlement in western Wisconsin. It is an interesting town with unique shopping experiences. Stockholm has a number of side walk cafes where you can enjoy the food and the enchanting small town atmosphere.

MAIDEN ROCK

At the northwest bend of Lake Pepin, at the foot of steep wooded hills and bluffs, lies the village of Maiden Rock. You can recall the legend of the Chippewa Indian maiden who leaped to her death from the limestone bluff top rather than marry the brave her father, the chief, chose for her. You will find the story at one of the several relaxing wayside rest areas along your way.

Continue north on Highway 35 until you reach Highway 63. Turn west on Highway 63 where after a few miles, the Eisenhower bridge will return you to Minnesota.