

## The Whimsical Wisconsin Wander

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Travelling to each location and “visiting” the site(s) indicated will earn points but the visit must be documented. Touring a site is not a requirement of an official visit. You need not travel to every site or travel to them in any particular order. The more sites you visit the more points you will accrue. Documentation may be in the form of a photo (you must be in the photo) at the site, a stamp from the site or if you elect to take a tour, a dated receipt or ticket stub. Enjoy the journey and the adventure!

1. Travelling upriver from La Crosse you will pass the Dairyland Power Generating Station at Alma. Earn 3 points by visiting the front of the hotel named after the railroad running so prominently through this historic rail and river town.
2. In 1836 Belmont had high hopes for major growth and prominence as the first session of the Wisconsin Territorial legislature met there. Unfortunately the legislature, after much debate, selected conceptual Madison as the permanent state capital. By visiting the First Capital Historic Site you will receive 5 points. Earn an additional 3 points for a photo of the “M” from the Belmont Mound Observation tower.
3. Bayfield was once the main shipping point on the Great Lakes for locally produced lumber and sandstone. The main street is graced by beautiful mansions from the bygone era. If you visit Bayfield stop by the Madeline Island Ferry dock to earn 10 points.
4. Captain Justice Bailey found safe harbor during a storm in 1848 on the Lake Michigan coast. The location of this safe port which now bears Captain Bailey’s name is the oldest village on the Door County Peninsula. By visiting the harbor, now home to the local marina, you will earn 10 points.
5. The Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad crossed the halfway point between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan in 1856 in the sand prairies of southern Wisconsin at the location of the town of Brodhead. A visit to the Brodhead Historical Depot Museum is worth 5 points.
6. The community of Cassville was vying for Territorial Capital in the 1830’s but lost its bid. Its position on the river however ensured a continued existence as a terminal for grain shipments and a trade center. A stop at Stone Field earns 5 points.
7. Stop by the expression of the unity religion and patriotism constructed by Father Mathias Wernerus between 1925 & 1930 in Dickeyville to receive 5 points.
8. Eagle River is on the Eagle Chain of Lakes which consists of 28 lakes. The area is well known for its fishing and sports. A stop at the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce is worth 10 points.

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9. Eric Buell may no longer be building his Buell Motorcycles here but he remains located in his plant building performance racing machines. Visit his manufacturing facility, the former Buell plant, and earn 8 points.
10. Fall is the best time to ride the ridge on Hwy 171 east of Gays Mills with all the apples coming in, but it is a pretty ride in the spring when the trees are in blossom. Stop at the overlook to see the informational marker, the Kickapoo Valley and Gays Mills for 4 points.
11. The oldest city in Wisconsin is also home to one of the oldest football franchises in the National Football League. A visit to the home of the franchise is worth 6 points.
12. The village of Koehler is truly a “model” village. It is planned and meticulously landscaped surrounding the manufacturing facilities of Koehler Company. Visit Waelderhaus to earn 6 points.
13. Since the 1830’s Manitowoc has been an important shipping and industrial center due to its harbor at the mouth of the Manitowoc River. 100’s of marine vessels have been built in Manitowoc since the first schooner was launched in 1848. Burger Boat is still in operation there. Visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and see the USS *Cobia* and earn 6 points.
14. The village of Mellen is a lumbering town and the home of Copper Falls State Park. The red and black granite quarried in the area is widely used in monuments and buildings throughout the country. A stop at Copper Falls State Park earns 8 points.
15. Visit the “Grumpy Troll” along “The “Trollway” in this southern Wisconsin town and earn 5 points.
16. Venture up STH 95 or across US 10 to Neillsville and visit Chatty Belle outside the Wisconsin Pavilion from the 1964-65 New York World’s Fair and earn 5 points. If you visit the Highground in addition you earn an additional 3 points.
17. In 1845 118 immigrants from the canton of Glarus in Switzerland settled in the southern Wisconsin village which to this day proudly celebrates its Swiss heritage. Dairy and cheese making originally made the village famous, but today it is better known for another long established Wisconsin industry. Visit the home of “Spotted Cow” & “Fat Squirrel” and earn 5 points. Earn an additional 3 points with a visit to the Maple Leaf Cheese and Chocolate Haus.
18. The village in “17” isn’t the only community well known for its cheese manufacturing facilities. Travel up the mighty Mississippi to this little crossroads village and visit the famous cheese factory for a scoop or two of their tasty ice cream to earn 3 points, just be prepared to wait a bit if you go on a weekend.

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19. It all began in 1863 when Charles Ingalls acquired a small tract of land near Pepin and built the “Little House in the Big Woods”. His daughter Laura was born there in 1867. Stop and visit the replica of the little house at the Little House Wayside for 3 points.
20. The great Chicago fire happened on October 8, 1871, but it wasn’t the only community in flames that night. Fierce winds whipped several small fires into one massive fire and leveled Peshtigo and several surrounding communities. More than 1200 people perished in the fire, 800 in Peshtigo alone. Visit the Peshtigo Fire Museum and earn 6 points.
21. The City of Platteville was settled in 1827 after John Roundtree discovered a mineral in the local hills. Lead mining was the significant industry for many decades, but now farming, cheese production and higher education are the main industries. Visit “The Mining Museum” and receive 5 points.
22. The oldest community on the Upper Mississippi River and the second oldest community in Wisconsin sits at the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. It was a strategic location having at one time four forts occupied by either the French, British or American forces between 1685 and 1831. It came to prominence as a fur market as did one of its most famous and influential citizens, Hercules Dousman. Visit Dousman’s “House on the Mound” on St. Feriole Island and earn 4 points.
23. The City of Ripon was established in 1844 as an experiment in communal living. In 1851 the commune disbanded. In 1854 at a local political meeting organized to oppose the expansion of slavery the Republican Party was formed. Visit the birthplace of the Republican Party in Ripon and earn 5 points.
24. The city of Spooner was an important railroad junction during the lumbering heyday in Northern Wisconsin. While lumbering is still an important part of the local economy, Spooner is now a very popular resort community. Visit the Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad terminus and earn 6 points.
25. The deepwater port of Duluth-Superior at the head end of Lake Superior is one of the nation’s leading ports through which millions of tons of ore, grain and coal pass annually. There are numerous shipyards, grain terminals, heavy industries and huge ship docks along the shoreline. Visit the SS Meteor maritime Museum for a glimpse of lake shipping of the past and earn 10 points.
26. The city of Tomahawk located near the confluence of three rivers, the Tomahawk, Somo and Wisconsin developed as a lumber town soon after the first mill was built there in 1888. Today the city is better known for its recreational offerings and as the location of the Harley-Davidson plant. Visit Tomahawk and the Harley-Davidson plant and earn 8 points.

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Scoring: Tier 1: 10-55 pts; Tier 2: 56-105 pts; Tier 3: 106-160 pts

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