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**Dear Friends!**

Summer fun begins in May. Plan your get-away to Manitowoc County for great events and family activities that everyone will love.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact anyone here at the MAVCB.

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## FUN EVENTS TO START SUMMER

May is a great time to travel and explore. Here are just a few of the unique and exciting events from our [calendar](#) that will get your summer off to a great start!

## Homegrown Heritage Breakfast

Nestled in the scenic rolling Ice Age Kettle Moraine countryside of Eastern Wisconsin, this 60-acre outdoor interpretive museum of history features over 25 historic buildings with period furnishings from Manitowoc County's early settlers.

On Saturday **May 3**, Pinecrest Historical Village is serving up a [Homegrown Heritage Breakfast](#), featuring locally produced foods and live music. Or take a complimentary tour of the Village!



924 Pinecrest Road  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

8-11 am

Fee charged

(920) 684-5110

[www.manitowocountyhistory.org/](http://www.manitowocountyhistory.org/)

## Welcome Migratory Birds

Woodland Dunes is a 1300-acre nature preserve of globally significant habitat. Each season offers opportunities: in spring, enjoy returning birds; in summer, explore the blooming prairie and butterfly garden; in autumn, take in the colors of the fall season; in winter, snowshoe or ski as you explore the preserve.

The [Annual Bird Breakfast and Migration Celebration](#) on **May 10**, features a delicious ham and pancake breakfast, plus a morning full of fun. Learn about wild birds during bird banding demonstrations, enjoy guided bird and nature hikes. Kid's games and activities will be on-going throughout the morning. Fun for the entire family!

After breakfast stay for [Remembering a Lost Bird: Lessons from the Past for a Sustainable Future](#). Learn about the Passenger Pigeon and how in 1914 the last surviving Passenger Pigeon past away at the Cincinnati Zoo. This tragic story of mass extinction offers a "teachable moment" about the world's relationship with other species.

3000 Hawthorne Ave.  
Two Rivers, WI 54241  
Bird Breakfast 8-11 am  
Passenger Pigeon 11:15 am-12:15 pm  
Fee charged covers both events  
(920) 793-4007  
[woodlandunes.org](http://woodlandunes.org)



## Model Ship & Boat Contest and Display

At the [Wisconsin Maritime Museum](http://WisconsinMaritimeMuseum.com), there is so much to see and do. You'll want to come and learn about the maritime history of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes. The kids will want to play in the Children's Waterways Room. The whole family will want to visit the galleries full of rich maritime history. Tour a real US Navy World War II submarine!



On **May 16-18** at the [38th Annual Midwestern Model Ship & Boat Contest and Display](http://38thAnnualMidwesternModelShipandBoatContestandDisplay.com), see works by modelers from all over the United States. There is a modeler's symposium, a banquet and a round-table included in the festivities. Visit and marvel at the details of these impressive models.

75 Maritime Dr.

Manitowoc, WI 54220  
9 am-5 pm  
Fee Charged  
(866) 724-2356  
[wisconsinmaritime.org](http://wisconsinmaritime.org)

## Alpaca Odyssey

[LondonDairy Alpacas](http://LondonDairyAlpacas.com) reside on a family farm that dates back to 1877. At that time the farm's livestock species included chickens, turkeys, pigs and dairy cows and they delivered processed milk in a horse drawn wagon to customers in the area. At its peak the farm cared for over 200 cattle and 250 chickens. Alpaca fever struck in 1996 with the purchase of four alpacas. Since then Wade Gease and Kevin Stoer have produced prize winning Alpacas and Alpaca fiber products.

Visit on **May 25** for [Alpaca Odyssey](#). Bring the whole family out to an enchanting day at an alpaca farm. See spinning demos, learn about alpaca care or just hug one of the babies. There will be vendors with finished alpaca products, hand knit clothing, and decorative home accents, and live music. Pick out some unusual perennials for the garden and get some incredible alpaca manure for your special plants!



6827 Hwy 147  
Two Rivers, WI 54241  
10 am-3 pm  
Canned Food or Cash Donations at the gate  
(920) 793-4165  
[londondairyalpacas.com](http://londondairyalpacas.com)

### **Cruise Lake Michigan**

The S.S. Badger is the largest car ferry ever to sail Lake Michigan, and she is the only coal-fired steamship in operation in the United States. This National Treasure has been a safe, fun, and reliable shortcut across the huge inland sea for more than 60 years, offering a cruise experience that links us to an earlier time when a sea voyage was the ultimate travel and vacation adventure. Designated a national mechanical engineering landmark, she offers an authentic steamship experience unmatched anywhere else.

Explore the decks, enjoy food and beverages, and dance to musical entertainment on **May 31**, during the [Manitowoc Shoreline Cruise](#). This annual party cruise is a great chance to experience the S.S. Badger without leaving Wisconsin.



Manitowoc Carferry Dock  
900 South Lakeview Drive  
Manitowoc, WI, 54220  
2-4 pm  
Fee charged, reservations required  
(800) 841-4243  
[ssbadger.com](http://ssbadger.com)

Wishing you a warm summer and safe travels!  
From all of us at the Manitowoc Area Visitor & Convention Bureau

