

FUN and FREE Things to do in WINONA, MN

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1. Drive up or hike up to **Garvin Heights Lookout** for a breathtaking view of Winona and the river valley – you can see about 18 miles up and down the river on a clear day.
2. Stop and smell the roses at the **Rose Gardens** along Lake Park Drive.
3. The **Veterans Memorial Park** is a great place to learn about the wars our veterans fought in.
4. Take in **Concerts at the Lake Park Bandshell** on Wednesday nights in the summer at 8 p.m.
5. Admire the classic cars that gather at **Lakeview Drive Inn** during their summer Cruise Nights.
6. Walk/run/bicycle/rollerblade/skate on the **paths around the lakes** and various trails. West Lake path is 1.81 miles; East Lake path is 3.7 miles. Dogs allowed on West Lake path only.
7. Learn more about local products at the **Winona Farmers' Market** on Saturdays 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in downtown Winona at Levee Park, May-Oct., and occasional indoor winter markets.
8. Walk Winona's **historic downtown** and admire the architectural styles and stained glass.
9. Walk along **Levee Park** and watch the towboats and barges go by.
10. Stop at Windom Park and admire the **Princess Wenonah statue**, fountain, gazebo and garden.
11. Fish the lakes or the **Mississippi River** and streams in our area.
12. Learn about the J. R. Watkins Company at the **Watkins Heritage Museum & Store**.
13. Hike the **Prairie Island Nature Trail**, or the expansive **Bluffside Park Trails** featuring 15+ miles of maintained hiking and mountain biking trails.
14. The **Willows Disc Golf Course** is located around east Lake Winona, **The Woods** at Saint Mary's University, and the **Prairie Island Disc Golf Course**. Get maps at the Visitor Center.
15. Surprise the kids with a visit to the **African Safari Exhibit** on the third floor of WNB Financial downtown. It's wild!
16. Check out some books or movies from the **Winona Public Library**. Adult and Youth activities and programs are available year round.
17. If you're an art enthusiast, you can view the wonderful art collection in the **Winona State University library** as well as changing exhibits at the **Watkins Gallery**. The university also has a "Garden & Monument Tour" that you can experience. Saint Mary's University has the **Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries** at the Toner Student Center, and the **Winona Arts Center** gallery downtown exhibit local and regional artists.
18. View the Mississippi River as you never have before. The **Interstate Bridge** features a 12-foot wide pedestrian biking/walking path with scenic overlooks in the middle of the river.
19. Once across the Mississippi, visit **Latsch Island Park** and beach, and take a stroll over the wagon bridge. You'll get a peek at our unique boat house community and continue onto the new **Flyway Trail Winona Connector**, a pedestrian trail leading into the Wisconsin trail system. If you're a bird-watcher, bring your binoculars.
20. Take a dip in the Mississippi at the **Michael LaCanne Memorial Park in nearby Goodview**, featuring a swimming beach, fishing pier, boat launch, playground equipment, soccer fields, a paved walking/bike path (2.04 miles), and restrooms.
21. Hiking trails along its newly-updated front side of **Sugar Loaf Bluff** offer adventure seekers a unique vantage point to see the city. Parking is available on Lake Boulevard; trailhead is behind the Edina Realty parking lot.