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Visiting Calumet County, Wisconsin has just become easier with this helpful guide of accessible places for visitors with disabilities to enjoy.

Calumet Cares lists information on tourism attractions and various recreational activities which welcome and make provisions for visitors with physical, visual and cognitive impairments. On the following pages you will find a list of the accessible adventures, as well as icons to help guide you in determining if the attraction is appropriate for the visitor.

A complete list of lodging, attractions and restaurant choices are available at www.TravelCalumet.com. Visit the website to plan your trip to Calumet County today!



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Accessible Adventures Key

The following icon provides assistance in determining if the adventure is appropriate for the visitor



Ambulatory Disability



Visual Impairment



Cognitive Challenges

Be advised this guide is for tourism purposes only and it is the responsibility of the visitor to determine if the adventure is appropriate for their impairment.



High Cliff State Park

N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood

Phone: (920) 989-1106

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/highcliff>

This popular state park consists of towering cliffs, a sand beach, campground, is rich in Native American history, and offers a panoramic view of the state's largest inland lake, Lake Winnebago. High Cliff State Park is located immediately south of the Village of Sherwood along the lakeshore.



Paved trails wind through wooded areas and to historic markers. Low level drinking fountains are along the paved trails in the upper level of the park. An old, solid road bed offers a close encounter with century old lime kilns. Cabins at the park offer convenient lodging for guests with physical impairments. There are also tent, camper, and group campsites available.



Interactive educational signage speaks to the visitor to relay information about the park amenity before them; the signage is at convenient heights for use by visitors with mobility devices.



A historic general store serves as the park museum and is accessible via a ramp. The Butterfly Pond is a favorite for fishing. There is a small sand beach, equipped with a wheelchair accessible changing area and accessible shower.



Brillion Nature Center

W1135 Deerview Road, Brillion

Phone: (920) 756-3591

www.BrillionNatureCenter.net

This nature center is surrounded by prairies, woods, and wetlands and is nestled amongst a 4800 acre state wildlife area. The Marsh Platform Trail is very popular and offers the visitor the opportunity to traverse through the trees to a large platform overlooking a marsh and osprey nesting area. The Brillion Nature Center is located south of the City of Brillion and north of the Village of Potter, off County Road PP (access the site through a salvage yard).



The Marsh Platform Trail is easily maneuverable and begins as crushed limestone, turning into a composite material walkway, which eventually brings the visitor to a wooden platform. There are two smaller flat resting areas along the route. Other trails at the Brillion Nature Center site are made of crushed limestone offering access to low level educational signage, mowed grass, or a rough wood chipped surface.



The nature center building is ground level with no stairs and has large print exhibits, but is limited in hours of operation.



An electric golf cart is available to transport participants with low mobility when using the trails (please call ahead to reserve the cart). The facility is popular with group home residents with a variety of cognitive impairments. The facility also caters to the elderly and has programming specific to senior citizens from an assisted living environment.



Ledge View Nature Center

W2348 Short Road, Chilton

Phone: (920) 849-7094

www.CalumetCountyParks.com

This nature center is appropriately named as it sits on top the Niagara Escarpment--locally known as the 'Ledge'. It is very popular amongst children. It is tucked away in the woods and offers a variety of things to do. The center is one of several county parks in Calumet County. It is well known for its tower and caves; however, due to accessibility limitations, they are not recommended for individuals with ambulatory impairments. Ledge View Nature Center is located between State Highway 32/57 and County Road G, south of the City of Chilton.



The nature center building is accessible by a concrete ramp and double doors (doors are not electric). The grounds have a brick trail which leads to a crushed limestone trail (be advised portions of the trail lead to rough terrain or grassy areas). A wide crushed limestone trail also encompasses the arboretum and provides access to a pavilion.



Inside the single level nature center building there are many opportunities to learn, including a sturgeon exhibit inside a fishing shanty, a 'bat barn', and several low level exhibits including bees, rocks, and avian (bird) education.



Many exhibits have large print descriptions.



There is a trail that meanders through a wooded area and field (for those with visual impairments, it is recommended



they be assisted to avoid potential tripping). The 'Bat Cave' is an opportunity for individuals with cognitive impairments, and those with slight visual impairments, to go underground and sense the difference in temperature, feel the moist walls of the cave, and hear the silence underground. The steps leading down to the 'Bat Room' (entrance to the cave) are steep and it is recommended visitors be accompanied to provide guidance.

Calumet County Park

N6150 County Highway EE, Hilbert

Phone: (920) 849-1008

www.CalumetCountyParks.com

County Park offers breathtaking sunsets over Lake Winnebago. It is a wooded park situated on the east shores of the lake. Part of the park was once an old brickyard. It is now home to a marina, campground, trails, and Native American effigy mounds. The park is located just north of the Village of Stockbridge.



The park has playground equipment designed for children with physical impairments, but there is not a paved trail to the equipment. There are also some level campsites, a bath house with safe showering accommodations for individuals with mobility concerns, and a camp store with ramp. There is a winter tubing hill which is also very popular. Visitors in wheelchairs typically meander up the paved drive to watch the tubes go down hill, but some individuals bring a friend and go down the hill in a tube, and then pull themselves back to the top using the tow rope. The accessible warming shelter is very popular after an afternoon of fun!



Meuer Farm, LLC

N2564 State Highway 151, Chilton

Phone: (920) 849-7816

www.MeuerFarm.com

Meuer Farm is famous for its challenging corn maze; however, there is much more to do, like pick berries, go for a wagon ride, or shoot corn cobs into the air. It is a popular place for birthday parties. Meuer Farms is proud to host school groups with a diversity of children, and residents of both adult and child group homes. The farm is located near Lake Winnebago, in the Brothertown area.



The wagon ride is a favorite and offers a first time experience for individuals with mobility devices (wheelchairs). Wheelchairs are easily accommodated by loading from the barn's deck directly onto the wagon. Also of comfort is the concrete barn floor by the snack bar, level surfaces by the animal pens, and level activity areas.



The corn maze has mulched five foot wide paths. Help is provided in the maze in the event someone gets confused or has other difficulties. A variety of farm animals beckon for a soft pet and bring smiles to those new to the agri-tourism operation.



Enjoy a 'birds-eye' view of the maze from the bridge. Follow the steps up to the bridge and look over the field of corn to try and find people--good luck, children are hard to see amongst the cornstalks!



Visitors enjoy the savory berries of summer and the cries and smells of the farm animals.



Mulberry Lane Farm

W3190 County Highway B, Hilbert

Phone: (920) 989- 3130

www.MulberryLaneFarmWi.com

A welcoming farm where you'll have first-hand experiences with farm animals and other farm activities. Enjoy the petting farm, animal rides and educational opportunities. The petting farm experience is ideal for elementary and nursery school field trips, day care centers, families, church groups, scout outings, kids parties and corporate events.

There are special events throughout the year which make visiting the farm even more fun (see their website for dates and times). 'Admit One Child Free' coupons are available in the *Calumet County Visitor Guide*. Contact info@travelcalumet.com for a free copy. The farm is located 3 miles east of the Village of Sherwood, in the community of St. John.

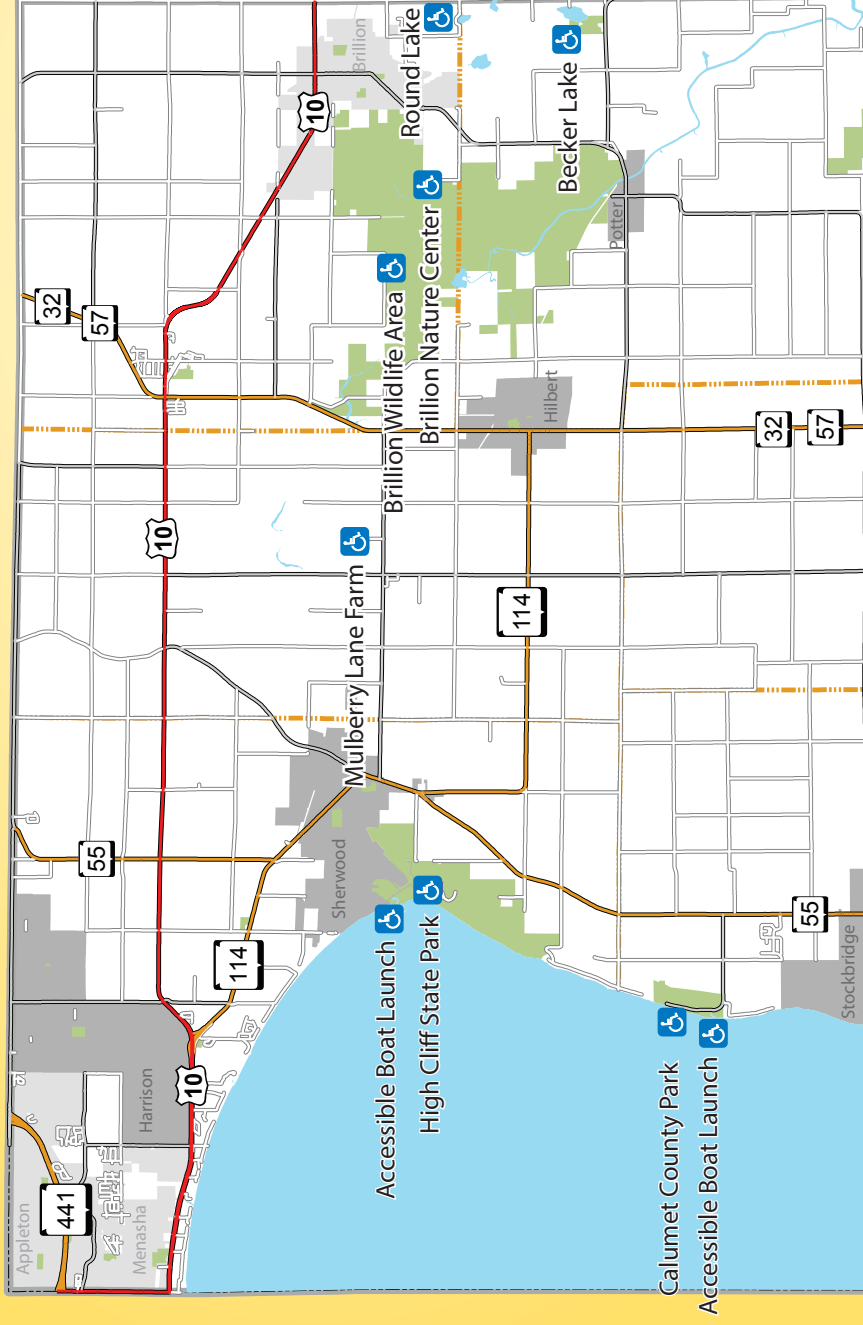


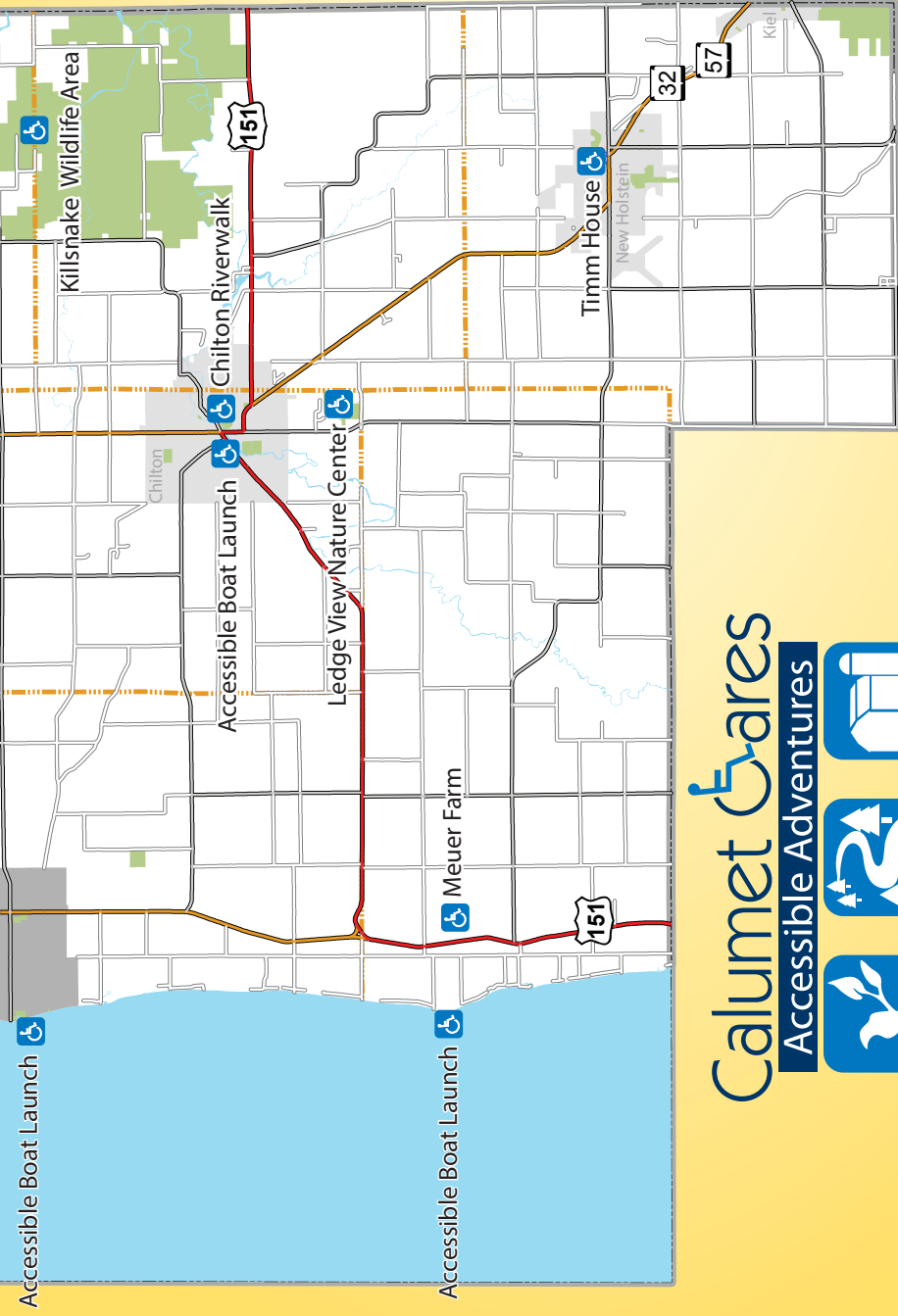
This farm is a favorite for children with physical and emotional challenges. There are small farm animals to hold, animals of all sizes to pet, and even animal rides for those with assistance. Flat surfaces are easily maneuverable.



Enjoy a guided farm tour to learn about the farm animals and experience touching and feeding them.

Adventure Map





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Bird Watching in the State Wildlife Areas

Two of the State Wildlife Areas are a must visit for bird lovers! The KILLSNAKE Wildlife Area, located along County Highway Y, on the east side of the county, has 7000 acres where three rivers join together. The birds are abundant!

The Brillion Wildlife Area is equally as plentiful. Osprey and eagles are common in the 5000 acre wildlife area between the City of Brillion and the Village of Potter. (See the Calumet Cares map for locations. Detailed parking maps can be found online at www.TravelCalumet.com.)



Wildlife Areas are maintained by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR has designated specific trails for individuals with mobility devices. In some cases, a permit is required for the trails. The DNR has created a brochure which provides more information for power driven mobility devices who wish to use Wisconsin trails. The brochure can be found on the DNR website and at www.TravelCalumet.com.



The wildlife areas have newly graded parking stalls for visitors to park and watch birds in flight, or to just enjoy being surrounded by nature. Listen to the variety of birds in the wildlife areas.

Fun Fact: Bald eagles can be found nesting in the trees along the shores of the Manitowoc River.



Hunting or Exploring the Wildlife Areas

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is very proactive in helping disabled hunters and visitors access the State Wildlife Areas. In Calumet County, they have actually designated trails for hunters and other visitors that use Power Driven Mobility Devices (PDMD).



Trails (referred to as 'UTV Lanes') have been designated in the Killsnake Wildlife Area, off of County Highway Y, northeast of the City of Chilton. There are 19 small trails reserved solely for use by individuals with a PDMD. If you want to use a PDMD on a trail that has not been designated for such use, you must contact the DNR for a permit (Form 2500-124). More information about the DNR PDMD program can be found at the DNR website or www.TravelCalumet.com. (Visit www.TravelCalumet.com for access to a trail map.)

Fun Fact:

- Hunting is the oldest human sport
- In Wisconsin, almost 300,000 deer are shot annually
- Teenage girls are the fastest growing market in sport shooting
- More Americans hunt and shoot than play golf



Fishing & Boat Access

Enjoy fishing? Or how about a quiet boat ride in the warm sunshine? There are four places in Calumet County where visitors can safely access a boat.



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has identified the following boat launches in Calumet County as having ADA accessible features present:

- Calumet County Park Marina (Lake Winnebago)
- High Cliff State Park Marina (Lake Winnebago)
- Stockbridge Harbor (Lake Winnebago)
- Leahy-Lions Park Canoe Launch (South Branch of the Manitowoc River)

(See the map for locations and visit www.TravelCalumet.com for details about each launch site.)

Fun Fact: Although Lake Winnebago is the largest inland lake in Wisconsin, it is relatively shallow. Lake Winnebago is roughly 28 miles long and 10.5 miles wide at the widest point. It covers 215 square miles with a maximum depth of 21 feet.



Kids Wish for Fish

There is no greater thrill than catching your first fish. For some though, they are not given the opportunity to enjoy the sport. Thanks to generous volunteers, children can go fishing in a safe environment with experienced anglers.



Disadvantaged children who long for an opportunity to fish on Lake Winnebago are given an opportunity in early summer. Volunteers take children fishing the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June. The DNR waives the fishing fee. Details change slightly every year so check the website for details: <http://winnebagofishing.com/events/wishforfish>.

Fun Fact: Did you know Lake Winnebago is home to over 80 species of fish? Forty of the 80 species are considered 'common,' so the angler is sure to catch something! The lake is even home to a prehistoric fish--the lake sturgeon. Lake sturgeon can grow up to 6 feet in length and 200 pounds. Female lake sturgeon can live to be 150 years old! Lake Winnebago has the largest lake sturgeon population in North America.



Take a Break

Round Lake, Round Lake Road, Brillion

Becker Lake County Park, County Highway JJ, Brillion

Sometimes you just need a secluded place to go and relax. There are such places in rural Calumet County. Bring your sack lunch and enjoy the solitude. The Round Lake parking area is located on Round Lake Road, south of the City of Brillion. Becker Lake County Park is east of the Village of Potter (which is also south of the City of Brillion).



Listen to the frogs croak and the crickets chirp. At Round Lake there is a dock--visually impaired guests are advised to stay off the dock and away from the lake. At Becker Lake, there is water, but it is not accessible from the parking area.



Round Lake offers picnic tables and a picturesque view. Becker Lake has an abundance of prairies and butterflies.

Fun Fact: Bullfrogs can live to be 30 years old! They are the largest frog native to North America. An adult bullfrog can grow up to eight inches in length plus legs, which can add another ten inches.



The Timm House

1600 Wisconsin Avenue, New Holstein

Phone: (920) 898-5942

www.NewHolsteinHistory.info

The historic turn-of-the-century Timm House offers a glimpse into the past. Marvel at the architecture and the detailed restoration. Read about the history of the New Holstein area and see quality displays of authentic clothing and antiques. Call for hours of operation.



The main floor of the building is accessible and there is a video to watch showcasing the amenities of the second floor.

Chilton Riverwalk

Near 221 Park Street, Chilton

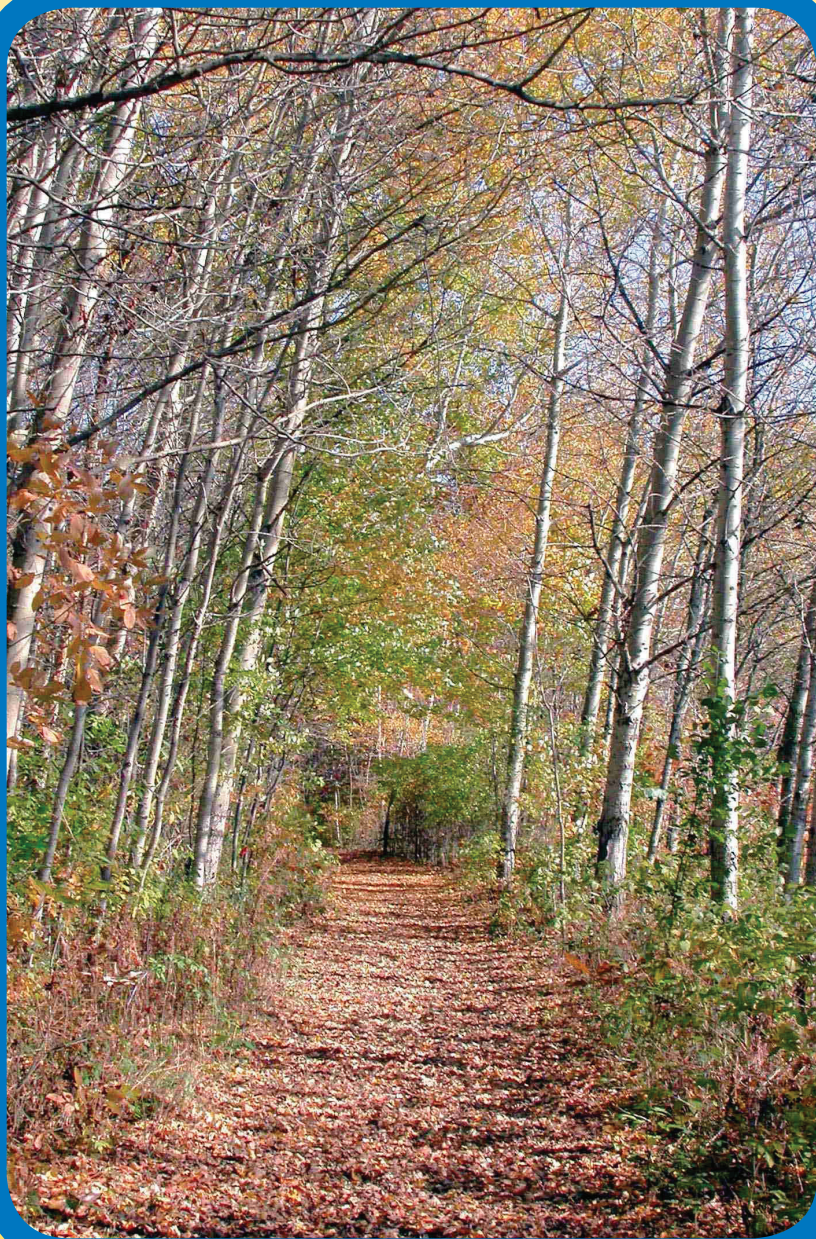
A leisurely stroll before heading off for ice cream is always a favorite in Chilton. The Chilton Riverwalk is a quiet trail sheltered by towering trees. The easiest access to the walkway is by the 'Riverwalk' sign located by the Chilton Public Library, 221 Park Street, Chilton.



Perfect for those with ambulatory concerns. The trail is not very long, relatively flat, and is paved.



It is rare to find a quiet place to stroll within a city. This short trail meanders along a quiet river. It is not uncommon to hear a flurry of birds or water rushing.



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Thank You!

Calumet County is honored to present these opportunities and we hope the visitor enjoys their experiences in our quiet rural hideaway.

We are the only community to promote to visitors with disabilities. Why? Because Calumet Cares.

Disclaimer:

Information included in this guide is for tourism purposes only. Visitors should contact attractions and establishments listed in the guide directly to ensure all information is current and specific needs are able to be met while visiting.

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