

1 Granite Falls Footbridge

This pedestrian suspension bridge was built in 1935 by the Minneapolis Bridge Company with design and materials from the Roebling & Sons Company (Brooklyn Bridge).

320-321-3202 | 676 Prentice Street, Granite Falls
www.granitefallschamber.com

2 Andrew J. Volstead House Museum

A National Historic Landmark, Congressman Volstead was the co-author of the Capper Volstead Cooperatives Act and author of the Prohibition Enforcement Act or Volstead Act.

163 9th Avenue, Granite Falls | www.volsteadhouse.org

3 Yellow Medicine County Museum

Geology, archaeology and Native American artifacts displays. Exhibits show the life of the settlers and their progress through the pioneer years.

320-564-4479 | 5500 MN Hwy 67, Granite Falls
www.co.ym.mn.gov

4 Fagen Fighters World War II Museum

Home to the pristine collection of WWII trainer, fighter and bomber aircraft. Operational ground vehicles, exhibits, and the Voices of Valor Theater.

320-564-6644 | 2450 540th Street, Granite Falls
www.fagenfighterswwiimuseum.org

5 Minnesota Machinery Museum

Collections of antique tractors, gas engines, implements, and automobiles. Recreations of a farm kitchen, parlor, bedroom, turn-of-the-century blacksmith shop, and more.

507-768-3522 | 100 N 1st Street, Hanley Falls
www.mnmachinerymuseum.com

6 Upper Sioux Agency State Park & State Historic Site

Established by the federal government in 1854 to be a center for instructing the Dakota People on farming methods. Campgrounds, trails, river fishing, and rental tipis.

320-564-4777, 800-766-6000 | 5908 Hwy 67, Granite Falls
www.dnr.state.mn.us

7 Wood Lake Monument and Battlefield

Walk a path along Wood Lake Creek where forces of General Sibley and Chief Little Crow battled. A monument was built in 1910 in memory of those who died in this battle.

6029 210th Avenue, Echo (monument address)
2136 600th Street, Echo (Wood Lake Battlefield)

8 Renville County Parks: Skalbekken

Views of Limbo Creek, Hawk Creek, and the Minnesota River, a thick canopy of hardwood forest and wildlife viewing opportunities. Horse camping, trails, and rustic camping.

320-523-3768, 320-523-3747
79257 County Road 10, Sacred Heart

9 Sacred Heart Area Museum

A stucco building with a dome-style bell tower where people once congregated for church services. Now, home to collections of the Sacred Heart Area Historical Society.

320-765-8868 | 300 5th Avenue, Sacred Heart
www.facebook.com/sacredheartmuseum/

10 Joseph R. Brown State Wayside Rest

View displays of the granite ruins of Brown's home which was destroyed during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Brown was a politician, inventor, publisher and Indian Agent.

320-564-4777 | 76734 145th Street, Sacred Heart

11 Renville County Parks: Vicksburg

Explore an interpretive panel that describes the beginning of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Features camp sites, canoeing opportunities, picnic areas, and a sandbar.

320-523-3747 | 73715 County Road 6, Revnille

12 Schwandt Memorial

Built in memory of the six Schwandt family and two friends who were killed in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Two of the Schwandt children survived the attack.

County Road 15, Renville

13 Ramsey Park, Can sa yapi

The largest municipal park in the state, the park features campground facilities, shelter houses, paved hiking trails, a DNR trout stream, Ramsey Falls, scenic overlooks, and a zoo.

507-616-7444 | 99 E Oak Street, Redwood Falls
www.redwoodareacommunitycenter.com

14 Redwood County Historical Museum

This museum, which was constructed in 1908 as a County Poor Farm, houses two stories of relics. There is also an 1881 country schoolhouse and 1865 one-cell jail.

507-641-3329 | 913 W Bridge Street, Redwood Falls
www.redwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com

15 Renville County Parks: Beaver Falls

This park features wooded ravines and Beaver Creek. The newly designed area consists of a shelter, toilets, water, fire pit, ample parking, and hiking trails.

320-523-3768 | 31599 County Road 2, Morton
www.co.renville.mn.us

16 Birch Coulee Battlefield State Historic Site

Walk a trail through recreated prairie and read about the 36 hour long battle from the perspectives of Joseph Anderson, a captain in the U.S. Army, and Wamditanka (Big Eagle), a Bdewakantunwan soldier.

800-657-3773 | County Hwy 2, Morton
www.mnhs.org/birchcoulee

17 Renville County Historical Museum

Take a trip back into history by touring the six building complex. Rotating exhibits, a research library, a schoolhouse, and more.

507-697-6147 | 441 N Park Drive, Morton
www.renvillecountyhistory.com

18 Morton Monuments

The first obelisk stands in memory of the soldiers who fought the Battle of Birch Coulee. The second commemorates the Dakota that saved the lives of settlers.

35003 650th Avenue, Morton

19 Lower Sioux Agency State Historic Site

Explore the history, art, and culture of the Dakota Oyate (nation). Hikers can investigate the original 1861 agency warehouse and trails with a self-guided, virtual tour.

507-697-8673 | 32469 County Hwy 2, Morton
www.mnhs.org/historic-sites/lower-sioux-agency

20 Gilfillan Estate

A historic 1872 estate originally owned by Charles D. Gilfillan offers house and estate tours of several agricultural related outbuildings, and is a popular event venue, campground, and home to the Farmfest festival.

507-249-2210 | 28263 State Hwy 67, Redwood Falls
www.redwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com

21 Fort Ridgely State Park & State Historic Site

A staging ground for Civil War volunteers, Fort Ridgely was attacked twice during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The restored commissary building houses an audio-visual program, exhibits, and gift shop.

fortridgely.statepark@state.mn.us
72158 County Road 30, Fairfax | www.mnhs.org/fortridgely
www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/

22 Harkin Store

This store (now a museum) was important to early settlers arriving by steamboat to the town of West Newton, which flourished until the railroad was built elsewhere in 1873.

harkinstore@mnhs.org | 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm
www.mnhs.org/harkinstore

23 Milford Monument

Once a small settlement, a monument stands where more than 50 Milford Township residents were killed during the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

County Road 11, Brown

24 Hermann Monument

This monument honors an ancient German hero who repulsed the Romans in the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in 9 A.D. Climb to the top for a 15-mile panoramic view!

888-463-9856 | 10 Monument Court, New Ulm
www.hermannmonument.com

25 Wanda Gág House

The childhood home turned museum of Wanda Hazel Gag, author of classic children's books.

507-359-2632 | 226 N Washington Street, New Ulm
www.wandagaghhouse.org

26 Glockenspiel

A unique 45-foot, free-standing clock tower with animated figures that depict the city's history.

888-463-9856 | 327 N Minnesota Street, New Ulm
www.newulm.com

27 Kiesling House

Observe reenactments of heritage trades, chores and activities. View displays, listen to musical performances, participate in hands-on craft activities, and much more.

507-351-2636 | 220 N Minnesota, New Ulm
www.kieslinghouse.org

28 Riverside History & Nature Learning Center

Discover the role the Minnesota River played for New Ulm. Explore hands-on displays, photographs, newspapers, and more. The "pirate ship" playground is a hit among kids.

507-766-5770 | 101 S Front Street, New Ulm | newulm.com

29 Brown County Historical Museum

This building was built in 1910 in a Northern German Renaissance style as the town's post office. Inside are three floors of exhibits and over 5,000 family history files.

507-233-2616 | 2 North Broadway, New Ulm
www.browncountyhistorymn.org

30 The John Lind House

Built by Minnesota's 14th governor in 1899, the John Lind house has been restored in the style in which it was originally built and is open for tours.

507-354-8802 | 622 Center Street, New Ulm | lindhouse.org

31 Minnesota Music Hall of Fame

Minnesota's museum that honors musicians who have significantly contributed to the Minnesota music scene.

507-354-7305 | 27 N Broadway, New Ulm
mnmusicalloffame.org

32 August Schell Brewery Museum

New Ulm's oldest industry, this brewery, was founded in 1860 and is now in the 6th generation of family operation. Enjoy a walking garden, Museum of Brewing, and tours.

507-354-5528 | 1860 Schell Road, New Ulm
www.schellsbrewery.com

33 Flandrau State Park

This park features the Big Cottonwood River, picnic areas, campgrounds, trails, and a group center. The highlight is the chlorinated, filtered sand bottom swimming pool.

507-233-9800 | 1300 Summit Avenue, New Ulm
www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/



www.mnrivervalley.com

Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway

Mission: To cooperatively enhance the Minnesota River Valley as a travel destination and raise awareness of its nationally important stories in order to provide economic benefits and preserve the intrinsic qualities of the byway.

Dakota Language

One of the first and oldest languages in this region (or State) is known as Dakota lapi. Place names are included on this map to honor the Dakota community and the names used and borrowed to understand the Minnesota we know today.

The Bdewakantunwan Dakota have ancient and sacred relations with the Minnesota River Valley and adjacent landscape. Stories identify Mni Sota (Minnesota) as homeland, a place of creation to which Dakota have always been connected.

△ Historic Dakota Village Sites

This map illustrates the presence of Dakota ancestors in the Mni Sota River Valley from pre-contact to today. These historic sites create a strong cultural context and connect all Minnesota River Valley visitors and residents to its history. **NOTE: These approximate locations are for context only and are not open to the public.**

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Tribal elder, Vernell Wabasha, gathering cultural/medicinal plants within the Cansayapi Byway corridor.



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