**50 Things to Do**

**Within 50 Miles of New Ulm**

1. New Ulm: [Brown County Historical Society—](http://www.browncountyhistorymn.org/)Local museum housed in historic post office building
2. New Ulm: [City Parks](http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_LOC&SEC=%7bE1858D21-968F-4150-B723-7D30484A3101%7d)
3. New Ulm: [Civic Center—](http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=3ECFCB7C-C11B-4CA7-BD0B-8C90340E8534&Type=B_BASIC)Open skating and rentals, shows such as home show, farm show, camper show
4. New Ulm: [Flandrau State Park-](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/flandrau/index.html)-Hiking, camping, sand-bottom pool
5. New Ulm: [Glockenspiel—](http://www.newulm.com/visitors-community/things-to-do/attractions/glockenspiel-2/)Chimes that play with animation at noon, 3, and 5 p.m.
6. New Ulm: [Hermann Monument](http://www.hermannmonument.com/) and [Hermann Heights Park—](http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=E1858D21-968F-4150-B723-7D30484A3101&DE=A70C9745-965F-4559-A20E-A12C8E1EFEAD&Type=B_LOC)Scenic views of New Ulm and vicinity, museum, playground, picnic gazebos
7. New Ulm: [Minnesota Music Hall of Fame—](http://www.mnmusichalloffame.org/)Shares a building with the New Ulm Library
8. New Ulm: [New Ulm Recreation Center](http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=1BC9B3F0-865C-45CC-8647-CC9231FEE974&Type=B_BASIC) (Vogel Arena)—Walking track, fitness equipment and classes, indoor pool
9. New Ulm: [Park & Rec Activities](http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=395DFF31-3FBB-429D-9834-232D1F172591&Type=B_BASIC) for adults and kids,
10. New Ulm: [Schell’s Brewery—](http://schellsbrewery.com/)Brewery tour and gardens
11. New Ulm: [Wanda Gag House—](http://www.wandagaghouse.org/)Tour during regular hours, or visit a special program such as Wanda’s birthday celebration in March
12. New Ulm (rural): [Harkin Store—](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/harkin-store)1870s general store with weekend special activities
13. Blue Earth: [Jolly Green Giant](http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2127) and [Museum](http://blueearthchamber.com/featured/giant-attractions-in-blue-earth-mn/)
14. Comfrey (rural): [Jeffers Petroglyphs—](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/jeffers-petroglyphs)American Indian rock carvings
15. Darwin: [World’s Largest Twine Ball (rolled by one man)](http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2128)
16. Fairfax (rural): [Ft. Ridgely State Park](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/fort_ridgely/index.html) and [Historic Site—](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/fort-ridgely)Camping, tubing in winter, amphitheater, hiking, historic fort
17. Fairmont: [Aquatic Park—](http://fairmont.org/aquaticpark/)Pool, waterslides
18. Gaylord: [Aquatic Center—](https://www.exploregaylord.org/aquatic-center)Pool, waterslides, adjacent to city park
19. Glencoe: [Oak Leaf Park—](http://www.glencoemn.org/parks/oak-leaf-park/)Camping, aquatic center, playground
20. Henderson (rural): [Ney Nature Center—](http://neycenter.org/)County park with nature-related programming
21. Henderson: [Toody’s Sweet Treats—](https://www.facebook.com/Toodys-Sweet-Treats-272228436285606/)Old-fashioned soda fountain with other goodies
22. Henderson (rural): [Zip Line Minnesota/Kerfoot Canopy Tour—](https://www.ziplinemn.com/)Zip line tours
23. Hutchinson: [Aquatic Center—](http://www.hutchinsonprce.com/aquatic-center/)Pool, waterslides, lazy river
24. Jordan: [Minnesota’s Largest Candy Store](https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotasLargestCandyStore/)
25. Le Sueur: [W.W. Mayo House—](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/ww-mayo-house)Historic home of the founders of Mayo Clinic
26. Le Sueur: [Froggy’s Cotton Candy Bar](https://www.froggyscottoncandybar.com/#/)
27. Madelia: [Watona Park—](https://www.madeliamn.com/city-services/recreation/city-parks/)Disc golf, camping, fishing, golf course, playground
28. Madelia/LaSalle: [Younger Brothers capture site and reenactment—](https://midwestweekends.com/plan_a_trip/history_heritage/frontier_history/madelia_jesse_james.html)Jesse James’ gang members
29. Mankato: [Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota](http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/)
30. Mankato: [Kato Escape—](https://katoescape.com/)Escape room
31. Mankato: [Mankato Moondogs—](http://northwoodsleague.com/mankato-moondogs/)Northern League baseball with fun promotions and activities
32. Mankato (rural): [Minnemishinona Falls—](http://www.exploreminnesota.com/things-to-do/4740/minnemishinona-falls/)Waterfall with bike trail adjacent, on scenic Judson Bottom Road
33. Mankato (rural): [Minneopa Falls State Park—](https://www.google.com/search?q=minneopa+falls+state+park&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS751US752&oq=minneopa+falls&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0l5.3527j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)Waterfall, hiking trails, camping
34. Mankato: [Minnesota State University Rock Wall—](https://www.mnsu.edu/adventure/climbing/hours.html)Rock climbing wall
35. Mankato (rural): [Rapidan Dam Park](http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/6) and [Store—](https://www.facebook.com/Rapidan-Dam-Store-116049048416596/)Park with camping and trails; store is wellknown for its pie and other café items
36. Mankato: [Sibley Park—L](https://www.mankatomn.gov/city-services-a-z/city-services-n-z/parks/sibley-park)arge park with zoo, sledding hill, and more; holiday lights in December
37. Morton (rural): [Birch Coulee Battlefield](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/birch-coulee-battlefield)
38. Morton (rural): [Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/lower-sioux-agency)
39. Norwood-Young America: [Baylor Regional Park—](https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/parks-recreation/parks-trails/baylor-regional-park)Boardwalk trail, camping, swimming beach, disc golf, observatory
40. Redwood Falls: [Alexander Ramsey Park—](http://redwoodfalls.org/make-your-next-adventure-a-stop-at-alexander-ramsey-park/)Large park with trails, small zoo, camping, playground, and waterfall
41. Redwood Falls: [Aquatic Center—](http://redwoodareacommunitycenter.com/redwood-falls-aquatic-center/)Pool, waterslides
42. Redwood Falls (North Redwood): [Birthplace of Sears Roebuck Co.](http://redwoodareacommunitycenter.com/area-parks/sears-north-redwood-park/)
43. Sanborn (Rural): [Sod House on the Prairie—](http://www.sodhouse.org/)Replica sod houses and restored prairie area
44. Sleepy Eye: [Aquatic Center—](http://www.sleepyeye-mn.com/index.asp?SEC=0FEDEEE3-0D5C-46D7-B9D1-31ED6DFBE257&Type=B_BASIC)Pool, waterslides
45. Springfield: [City Park—](http://www.springfieldmn.org/index.asp?SEC=4B6A4F51-ECD7-4EB1-8A34-9CAF2EBA78A0&Type=B_BASIC)Swimming pool, campground, disc golf, bicycle trail
46. St. Peter: [E. St. Julien Cox House—](http://www.nchsmn.org/sites/e-st-julien-cox-house/)1871 Italianate home
47. St. Peter: [Traverse des Sioux](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/traverse-des-sioux) and [Treaty Site History Center—](http://www.nchsmn.org/sites/treaty-site-history-center/)Historic site and museum
48. Walnut Grove: [Ingalls Dugout Site—](http://walnutgrove.org/ingalls-dugout-site.html)On the banks of Plum Creek—and [Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum](http://walnutgrove.org/museum.html)
49. Walnut Grove: [Wilder Pageant—](http://walnutgrove.org/pageant.html)Play based on Laura Ingalls Wilder’s time in Walnut Grove, held annually on weekends in July
50. Waseca: [Farmamerica](https://www.farmamerica.org/) – Learn about farming; historical buildings and events

BONUS

1. Various:  Car Races[—Arlington](http://www.arlingtonraceway.com/) and [Redwood Falls](http://www.sprintsource.com/profile/?r=2402&rt=track)
2. Various: Town Ball Baseball[—Tomahawk East League](http://www.tomahawkeast.com/) games in New Ulm, Courtland, Hanska, [Gibbon,](http://minnemom.com/2012/06/14/town-ball/) St. James, and other local ballfields
3. Various: City celebrations—Many include parades and fireworks
4. Various: Discount movie theaters[—Hutchinson](http://statetheatrehutch.com/monday/) ($5/$6.50)[, Madelia](https://www.facebook.com/Madelia-Theater-298358459257/) ($5)
5. Various: County fairs, most in August, including the [Brown County Free Fair](https://www.browncountyfreefair.com/) in New Ulm
6. Various: [Apple orchards](http://minnesotagrown.com/member-directory/?categories=apples&zip=56073&sortby=Random&perpage=25&distance=50&pagenum=1)

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

1. Local libraries hold many programs for adults and kids.  We are a part of the [Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative,](http://tdslib.org/) and you are welcome to attend programs or borrow materials from any of these regional libraries.  Your MLC ID also serves as a public library card at these locations.