

## **50 Things to Do** **Within 50 Miles of New Ulm**

1. New Ulm: [Brown County Historical Society](#)—Local museum housed in historic post office building
2. New Ulm: [City Parks](#)
3. New Ulm: [Civic Center](#)—Open skating and rentals, shows such as home show, farm show, camper show
4. New Ulm: [Flandrau State Park](#)—Hiking, camping, sand-bottom pool
5. New Ulm: [Glockenspiel](#)—Chimes that play with animation at noon, 3, and 5 p.m.
6. New Ulm: [Hermann Monument](#) and [Hermann Heights Park](#)—Scenic views of New Ulm and vicinity, museum, playground, picnic gazebos
7. New Ulm: [Minnesota Music Hall of Fame](#)—Shares a building with the New Ulm Library
8. New Ulm: [New Ulm Recreation Center](#) (Vogel Arena)—Walking track, fitness equipment and classes, indoor pool
9. New Ulm: [Park & Rec Activities](#) for adults and kids,
10. New Ulm: [Schell's Brewery](#)—Brewery tour and gardens
11. New Ulm: [Wanda Gag House](#)—Tour during regular hours, or visit a special program such as Wanda's birthday celebration in March
12. New Ulm (rural): [Harkin Store](#)—1870s general store with weekend special activities
13. Blue Earth: [Jolly Green Giant](#) and [Museum](#)
14. Comfrey (rural): [Jeffers Petroglyphs](#)—American Indian rock carvings
15. Darwin: [World's Largest Twine Ball \(rolled by one man\)](#)
16. Fairfax (rural): [Ft. Ridgely State Park](#) and [Historic Site](#)—Camping, tubing in winter, amphitheater, hiking, historic fort
17. Fairmont: [Aquatic Park](#)—Pool, waterslides
18. Gaylord: [Aquatic Center](#)—Pool, waterslides, adjacent to city park
19. Glencoe: [Oak Leaf Park](#)—Camping, aquatic center, playground
20. Henderson (rural): [Ney Nature Center](#)—County park with nature-related programming
21. Henderson: [Toody's Sweet Treats](#)—Old-fashioned soda fountain with other goodies
22. Henderson (rural): [Zip Line Minnesota/Kerfoot Canopy Tour](#)—Zip line tours
23. Hutchinson: [Aquatic Center](#)—Pool, waterslides, lazy river
24. Jordan: [Minnesota's Largest Candy Store](#)
25. Le Sueur: [W.W. Mayo House](#)—Historic home of the founders of Mayo Clinic
26. Le Sueur: [Froggy's Cotton Candy Bar](#)
27. Madelia: [Watona Park](#)—Disc golf, camping, fishing, golf course, playground
28. Madelia/LaSalle: [Younger Brothers capture site and reenactment](#)—Jesse James' gang members
29. Mankato: [Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota](#)
30. Mankato: [Kato Escape](#)—Escape room
31. Mankato: [Mankato Moondogs](#)—Northern League baseball with fun promotions and activities
32. Mankato (rural): [Minnemishinona Falls](#)—Waterfall with bike trail adjacent, on scenic Judson Bottom Road

33. Mankato (rural): [Minneopa Falls State Park](#)—Waterfall, hiking trails, camping
34. Mankato: [Minnesota State University Rock Wall](#)—Rock climbing wall
35. Mankato (rural): [Rapidan Dam Park](#) and [Store](#)—Park with camping and trails; store is well known for its pie and other café items
36. Mankato: [Sibley Park](#)—Large park with zoo, sledding hill, and more; holiday lights in December
37. Morton (rural): [Birch Coulee Battlefield](#)
38. Morton (rural): [Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site](#)
39. Norwood-Young America: [Baylor Regional Park](#)—Boardwalk trail, camping, swimming beach, disc golf, observatory
40. Redwood Falls: [Alexander Ramsey Park](#)—Large park with trails, small zoo, camping, playground, and waterfall
41. Redwood Falls: [Aquatic Center](#)—Pool, waterslides
42. Redwood Falls (North Redwood): [Birthplace of Sears Roebuck Co.](#)
43. Sanborn (Rural): [Sod House on the Prairie](#)—Replica sod houses and restored prairie area
44. Sleepy Eye: [Aquatic Center](#)—Pool, waterslides
45. Springfield: [City Park](#)—Swimming pool, campground, disc golf, bicycle trail
46. St. Peter: [E. St. Julien Cox House](#)—1871 Italianate home
47. St. Peter: [Traverse des Sioux](#) and [Treaty Site History Center](#)—Historic site and museum
48. Walnut Grove: [Ingalls Dugout Site](#)—On the banks of Plum Creek—and [Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum](#)
49. Walnut Grove: [Wilder Pageant](#)—Play based on Laura Ingalls Wilder’s time in Walnut Grove, held annually on weekends in July
50. Waseca: [Farmamerica](#) – Learn about farming; historical buildings and events

### BONUS

- ★ Various: Car Races—[Arlington](#) and [Redwood Falls](#)
- ★ Various: Town Ball Baseball—[Tomahawk East League](#) games in New Ulm, Courtland, Hanska, [Gibbon](#), St. James, and other local ballfields
- ★ Various: City celebrations—Many include parades and fireworks
- ★ Various: Discount movie theaters—[Hutchinson](#) (\$5/\$6.50), [Madelia](#) (\$5)
- ★ Various: County fairs, most in August, including the [Brown County Free Fair](#) in New Ulm
- ★ Various: [Apple orchards](#)

### LAST BUT NOT LEAST

- ★ Local libraries hold many programs for adults and kids. We are a part of the [Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative](#), 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.