

SCENIC: Fall colors, many events worth attending

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EAT, DRINK AND BE ACTIVE

There is a lot to see and do and eat.

During harvest, roadside stands and Farmers Markets sell direct to customers. That means just-dug potatoes, just-picked apples, late season vegetables, and pumpkins.

And, you can buy cheese where it is made.

You can eat at a chain restaurant if you choose, but each town also has locally owned restaurants ranging from diners to white table cloth fine dining.

You can work up an appetite by getting outdoors in the cool weather.

In a new collaboration, a brochure and Web site list 28 bicycle loops through the driftless region. All paths are paved, although not all are for novice riders.

The Web site, www.cyclesouthwest-wisconsin.com, has a blogger describing what it is like to ride the loops. Both the brochure and Web site list the length of the route, sights to see, parking and restroom availability.

There are new ways to find the history here. The Point of Beginnings organization printed a new brochure outlining

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information and history that can be discovered by geocaching.

That is a high-tech version of hide and seek that uses global positioning systems or other navigational tools to find outdoor treasures or adventure.

Not all of the questions need geocaching, but since that hobby is growing, Point of Beginnings decided to keep up with the times.

It's meant for families to do together, and answers to 20 of the 35 questions can be turned in for a prize drawing, and the brochure map can be shown at some historic sites and businesses for discounts. The program runs through Sept. 27.

"It's incentive for some history education," said Curry.

The snow brings other recreational opportunities.

"Snowmobiling is a big thing," said Becky Becker, executive assistant with Grant County Economic Development. In Grant County, there are 32 publicly funded trails covering 370 miles.

If you want to cross country ski, state parks have groomed trails.

Watching leaves turn from a kayak or canoe is an up-close way to see the seasons change. And, there is fishing in lakes, streams and rivers.

A VIEW FROM A CAR

In Wisconsin, the Great River Road goes through 33 towns. A brochure advises that "you should set aside at least two days to drive the entire route, although many people take a full week or more." "The Story of the Great River — A Historic Tour of the Wisconsin Great River Road" audio tour can be downloaded free at www.wigreatriver-road.org.

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