

Museums & Historic Attractions



Beyer Home Museum*

Located at 917 Park Avenue, it was the first brick home built in the county, in 1868. Now completely restored and furnished in 1890's well-to-do Victorian fashion. Annex contains Copper Culture artifacts, old Main Street Oconto store exhibits, carriages and electric cars in urban barn and garage. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open daily for public tours June 1 through Labor Day.



Holt & Balcolm Logging Camp*

Located east of Lakewood on Co. F approximately one mile then turn South into McCauslin Brook Golf & Country Club. The oldest logging camp in North America, built on this site in 1880. Operated and maintained by Oconto County Historical Society. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open on Saturdays 10 A.M.- 3 P.M. during the summer.



Earthaven Museum

Located 3 miles north of Gillett off Hwy 32, and developed by Michael Riesch, this nonprofit educational effort seeks to foster a greater appreciation for the earth sciences. Admission is free, but donations of materials and money are welcomed. To arrange for a visit for individuals, school or community groups call (920) 855-6132 or send an email to earthaven@ez-net.com.



Mountain Log House Museum

The restoration of this log house gave birth to the formation of the Mountain Historical Society in 1999. Fred and Augusta Bartz constructed this first permanent home in Mountain in the late 1880's of hand hewn logs. The old log house serves as a historical museum and information center as well as a memorial to the Mountain pioneers.



Gillett Area Historical Society Museum

Located at 110 W. Main Street this Queen Ann style home, built in 1908, boasts a three story turret and beautiful original woodwork. The museum is open for tours, free of charge, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4p.m., May 1st thru Labor Day. For more information or to schedule a group tour call (920) 855-6439.



Lena Museum & Log Cabin

Located on Maple Street one block west of Old Hwy. 141. Open Thursday afternoons 1-4 p.m. during the summer. Museum contains area artifacts; log cabin was moved to the site from a rural Lena farm.



Stone Barn*

This rare stone barn was built in 1903, is on the State and National Register of Historic Places, and is one of the last surviving all fieldstone barns in the country.

Historic Attraction Locations Look for the icon!



See map on pages 19, 35 & 47 for Historic Attraction location information. Chart below identifies sites by number in historical icon.

Sites with asterisk (*) are listed on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Read about many of these sites and others in the new book, *From the McCauslin to Jab Switch, A History of Logging in Oconto County.*

See page 56 to order your copy

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| 1 | Holt & Balcolm Logging Camp* | Lakewood |
| 2 | Lena Museum & Log Cabin | Lena |
| 3 | Mathey Building* (private residence) | Lena |
| 4 | Beyer Home Museum* | Oconto |
| 5 | Barn Tavern | Lena |
| 6 | Boarding House Supper Club | Suring |
| 7 | Copper Culture State Park | Oconto |
| 8 | Farmhouse (private residence) | Abrams |
| 9 | Fire Lookout Tower | Mountain |
| 10 | First Church of Christ Scientist* | Oconto |
| 11 | Grosse Residence (private residence) | Little Suamico |
| 12 | Green Lake Picnic Ground Shelter* | Mountain |
| 13 | Historic Main Street* | Oconto |
| 14 | Hydroelectric Dam | Stiles |
| 15 | Caldwell House | Oconto Falls |
| 16 | Oconto County Courthouse | Oconto |
| 17 | Oconto Post Office* | Oconto |
| 18 | Round Barn | Suring |
| 19 | Smythe Road Bridge* | Lakewood |
| 20 | Spruce School | Spruce |
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Visit the Beyer Historic Home & Museum Annex



Open for public guided tours June 1 - Labor Day; Mon-Sat, 12 - 4pm and Sun, noon-4pm

AAA discount offered.

Special Group Rates (10+) Chaperones, Tour Director, Bus Driver - **Free** Group tours May 1 - Nov. 1

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Experience the life of a well-to-do 1890's family as you tour this fully restored and furnished Victorian northern mansion. The adjacent Annex and Urban Barn contain Copper Culture artifacts, early settler and logging items, carriages, and two electric cars. Air conditioned.

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