

Places to Go & Things to Do in Eau Claire

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For a complete listing of Eau Claire activities and contacts, contact Visit Eau Claire at 1.888.523.3866 or online at <http://www.visiteauclaire.com/index.cfm>

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MOVIES

Micon Downtown Cinema, 315 S. Barstow; downtown

- \$3.00 movies; \$2.00 on Tuesdays
- 715.874.7000
- <http://www.miconcinemas.com/downtown.html>

Carmike Cinema, 4800 Golf Road (Oakwood Mall)

- 715.835.1030
- http://www.fandango.com/carmikeoakwood12_aajzi/theaterpage

Davies Theatre, located in the Davies Center on campus

- \$1.00 movies. Showing Independent, International, and Classic movies; many only shown here!
- <http://www.uwec.edu/activities/campusFilms/>

Gemini Drive-In, 6730 Highway 12 West

- 715.874.7000
- <http://www.miconcinemas.com/gemini.html> <http://www.ecmovies.com/>

Micon Cinema Eau Claire, 3109 Mall Drive

- 715.874.7000
- http://www.miconcinemas.com/eau_claire.html

MUSIC/DANCE

Acoustic Café, 505 S. Barstow, Eau Claire

- Great food, ice cream and coffee! Live music. Be sure to check for monthly Poetry Slam events!
- www.theacoustic.com/eaucnaire/

The Cabin, located in the Davies Center on campus

- FREE performances every weekend
- Popcorn and drinks available.
- <http://www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/uac/cabin/>

Higherground, located in the Crest Wellness Center on upper campus

- An all-ages club with dancing, music and other entertainment!
- www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/uac/hg

ENTERTAINMENT

Chippewa Valley Symphony

- A community orchestra.
- 715.832.6366
- www.cvsymphony.org/

Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra

- Professional concerts and educational outreach programs.
- 715.831-3331
- <http://eauclaichamberorchestra.org/>

Eau Claire Regional Arts Center, 316 Eau Claire Street

- Concerts, national touring theater productions, and home to the Backdoor Gallery featuring local, regional and traveling exhibits.
- 715.832.2787
- www.eauclairearts.com

MUSEUMS

Beaver Creek Reserve, 10 miles east of Eau Claire on County Highway K

- The Wise Nature Center contains hands-on exhibits and displays. The Hobbs Observatory provides opportunities for viewing the nighttime sky. The butterfly house gives visitors an up close and personal experience with nature. The Citizen Science Center provides opportunities for area residents to become involved in valuable scientific research.
- 715.877.2212
- <http://www.beavercreekreserve.org>

Chippewa Valley Museum, located in Carson Park

- The museum offers award-winning exhibits, beautifully preserved historic structures on the grounds, a 1950's ice cream parlor, and many more fun activities.
- Volunteers are always welcome!
- 715.834.7871
- <http://www.cvmuseum.com/>

Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, located in Carson Park

- An authentic 1890's logging camp. Includes a cook shanty, bunk house, equipment shed, blacksmith shop and barn.
- Open daily from May 1st through September 30th.
- 715.835.6200
- <http://www.paulbunyancamp.org/>

RECREATION

Baseball/Softball

- Watch the various Eau Claire leagues throughout the season!
 - Eau Claire Cavaliers (Wisconsin State Baseball League)
 - Eau Claire Express (Northwoods League)
- Games are held in Carson Park in the historic baseball stadium.
- Contact Visit Eau Claire at 1.888.523.3866
- <http://visiteauclaire.com/>

Bicycling

- Chippewa River State Trail
 - Over 30 miles of bike and walking trails!
 - www.chippewa-river-trail.com/.
- Lowes Creek County Park
 - Offers trails for mountain biking; one of the best in the Midwest!
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/Lowes_Creek_County_Park.htm

Bowling

- University Recreation & Sports Facilities, 105 Hilltop.
 - 715.836.3950
- Bowl-winkles.
 - 715.552.0564
- Wagner's Lanes East.
 - 715.833.6700

Disc Golf

- Tower Ridge Recreation Area
- Mt. Simon Park
- Upper campus <http://www.uwec.edu/Recreation/activities/discgolf/index.htm>

Fishing/Ice Fishing

Spots include those found at:

- Carson Park
- Rod & Gun Park,
- L.L. Phillips Park
- Check with the Environmental Adventure Center on upper campus for rentals
 - 715.836.3616
 - <http://www.uwec.edu/recreation/EAC/>

- For the impatient fisherman/woman, and a truly unique experience, check out “Bullfrog Fish Farm-Eat My Fish”
 - You can get a tour, catch a fish and have it grilled to order (on Sundays), all in one stop!
 - 715.664.8775
 - www.eatmyfish.com

Football

- Come cheer on the Chippewa Valley Predators and the Eau Claire Crush, both are members of the Great Plains Football League
- Home games are at Carson Park.
 - Schedules can be found on the League’s Web site:
<http://www.northernlitefootball.com/>

Golfing

Various public courses in the Eau Claire area:

- Lake Hallie
 - 715.861-5442
- Hickory Hills
 - 715.878.4543
- Princeton Valley
 - 715.834.3334
- Mill Run Golf Course
 - 715.858.5942
- Pine Meadows great Par 3, 9-hole course; perfect for beginners! – Just 3 miles from campus.
 - 715.831.9224
- Wild Ridge Golf Course
 - 715.834.1766

Horseback Riding

- Trinity Equestrian Center, located 4 miles south of Eau Claire on Highway 37.
 - Trinity offers riding lessons for all ages.
 - 715.835.4530
 - <http://www.trinity-ec.com/>

Ice-skating

- Hobbs Municipal Ice Center – 715.839.5040
- Outdoor Skating Rinks
 - <http://www.eauclairewi.gov/parks-home-page/activities/outdoor-skating-rinks>

Rollerblading

- Chippewa River
- Carson Park
- Indoors at Hoffy’s Skate America, 3120 Melby Road
 - 715.832.6000

Skate Park

- An outdoor facility operated by the YMCA. Includes ramps and rails for boarders and bladers.
 - 229 Moore Street & 700 Graham Ave.
 - 715.836-8470 & 715.836.8460

Skiing (Cross-Country)

- 30 miles of groomed skiing in area parks and the Chippewa River Trail.
- Lowes Creek County Park is one of the best classic ski trails in the Midwest.
- Tower Ridge
 - \$5.00/day pass
 - Ski maps are available at the Eau Claire Area Visitor Center; located between SuperTarget and Walmart, off Highway 53.

Skiing (Downhill)

Several areas within 1.5 hours of Eau Claire.

- Coffee Mill
- Christie Mountain
- Afton Alps
- Bruce Hill
- Trollhaugen
- Contact the Environmental Adventure Center on upper campus for details and directions.
 - 715.836.3616
 - <http://www.uwec.edu/recreation/EAC/>

Sports Center (Indoor)

- The Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center offers more than an acre of turf.
- A variety of sports options are available including soccer, flag football, volleyball, basketball, and softball. You can join a league or attend open gym!
 - 3456 Craig Road 715.552.1200
 - www.ecsportscenter.com

Swimming

- Big Falls.
 - Going to Big Falls was listed in the student newspaper as one of the top three things to do in Eau Claire! Open year round, it's the place for sunbathing, swimming, rock hopping, frisbee or just getting away.
 - 25 minutes away.
- Lake Altoona
- Fairfax Park
 - Located on the south side of Eau Claire. The park houses Eau Claire's outdoor pool, baseball fields and cross country ski trails.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Fairfax%20Park.pdf

Tubing

Get a group together for fun or take a nice relaxing float down the Chippewa River through campus.

- Contact Environmental Adventure Center on upper campus for rentals.
 - 715.836.3616; <http://www.uwec.edu/recreation/EAC/>

Walking/Hiking

- Great trails and scenery are accessible right on campus! Putnam Park (lower campus) offers great walking trails along the river. Beautiful views are enjoyed by walkers and runners alike!
- Chippewa River Trail
- Beaver Creek Reserve
 - Wonderful nature trails
 - Nature Center

- Butterfly House
- Snowshoeing in winter
- 715.877.2212
- www.beavercreekreserve.org

CITY AND COUNTY PARKS

Information on these and other parks can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Adventure Center on upper campus, <http://www.uwec.edu/recreation/EAC/>, or Visit Eau Claire at 715.831.2345, <http://www.visiteauclaire.com/index.cfm>.

- Big Falls County Park
 - This beautiful 135 acre park is located at the portion of the Eau Claire River where it washes over mammoth outcroppings of granite rock. Here one can enjoy wading in the river, sunbathing on the sand bars, and exploring the falls area during the summer months.
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/big_falls_county_park.htm
- Carson Park
 - Eau Claire's largest park, it contains the softball and football stadiums where the Blugold teams play, as well as a baseball stadium that is home to the Eau Claire Cavaliers and the Eau Claire Express. Tennis courts, horse shoe courts, the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, Chippewa Valley Museum, a miniature train ride, boat access to Half Moon Lake, four picnic pavilions for rent, and many more attractions that make this park a wonderful spot to relax right in town!
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Carson%20Park.pdf
- Coon Fork Lake County Park,
 - Located south east of Eau Claire in Augusta, this park has a large lake for swimming and boating, as well as camping facilities to enjoy.
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/coon_fork_lake_county_park.htm
- Fairfax Park
 - Located on the south side of Eau Claire. The park houses Eau Claire's outdoor pool, baseball fields and cross country ski trails.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Fairfax%20Park.pdf
- Lake Altoona County Park
 - The park has swimming areas, picnic pavilions and is the home of the Eau Claire Ski Sprites, who perform on Sunday and Wednesday evenings during the summer.
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/lake_altoona_county_park.htm
- Lowes Creek County Park
 - Located just south of Eau Claire, the park offers hiking trails, skiing and fishing. There are also picnic facilities for a fun get together with friends and family.
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/Lowes_Creek_County_Park.htm
- Mount Simon Park
 - This park is a must for the frequent disc golfer. The park offers a fun 9-hole course, and additionally has volleyball courts, picnic areas and a boat launch for Dells Pond.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Mount%20Simon.pdf

- Owen Park
 - Located right across Water Street from campus; running along First Avenue the park is a great place to take a midday break. The park houses a band shell where concerts occur, tennis courts and picnic areas.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Owen%20Park.pdf
- Phoenix Park
 - Located in downtown Eau Claire, at the confluence of the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers, Phoenix Park, the park is at the end of the Chippewa River Bike Trail. Concerts are held every Thursday night.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Phoenix%20Park.pdf
- Riverview Park
 - Located on the Chippewa River; it has 3 picnic pavilions and a boat landing.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Riverview.pdf
- Rod and Gun Park
 - Located on Half Moon Lake, the park features a picnic pavilion, as well as a boat landing.
 - http://www.eauclairewi.gov/images/stories/parks/pdf/map_locations/Park_Fact_Sheets/Rod%20&%20Gun.pdf
- Tower Ridge Park
 - Located in the Eau Claire County Forest, it is home to a challenging 18-hole disc golf course.
 - http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/parks_and_forest/Recreation.htm#Tower%20Ridge%20Disc%20Golf%20Course

OTHER DIVERSIONS

Action City and Chaos Water Park, 5150 Fairview Drive

- 55,000 square feet of indoor, year-round games, sport, including Go-Karts, bumper cars, laser tag, batting cages, mini golf, a climbable volcano, an 85-game Super Arcade, and an indoor water park.
- 888-861-6001
- www.actioncityfun.com

Apple Picking

- Harper's Hillview Farm Orchard, E6198 Hickory Road
 - Located 15 minutes south of Eau Claire with a nature trail, hay wagon rides and a gift shop.
 - 715.878.4526
- Eau Claire Orchards, 6470 Balsam Road
 - When you're finished picking apples - try the apple sling shot, get a scare in the Old Haunted Barn or lost in the corn maze!
 - 715.839.8370

Farmers Market

- Phoenix Park
 - It has all the homegrown veggies you want. Plus, baked goods, organic meats, flowers and herbs—through October, on Wednesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. The Winter Farmers Market occurs the second Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., December through April.
 - <http://www.ecdowntownfarmersmarket.com/>
- Oakwood Mall
 - Enjoy a market that's easy to get to, with plenty of parking, and the freshest produce of the season grown by local farmers. Held June through October every Tuesday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THEATRE

Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild, 102 W. Grand Avenue

- A community theater that produces plays and musicals
- 715.832.7529
- <http://www.cvtg.org/>

Eau Claire Children's Theatre, 1814 Oxford Avenue

- A community theatre **always looking for volunteers!**
- 715.839.8877
- www.ecct.org

Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre, 3919 Crescent Avenue

- Well known tourist destination, wonderful dinner theatre.
- 715.836.8184
- <http://www.fannyhill.com/>

University Theatre

- Campus theatre performed by students

LIBRARY

L.E. Phillips Memorial Library, located in downtown Eau Claire

- Has a large collection of DVDs that can be checked out for a week. Just bring a piece of mail with your name and get a library card.
- 715.839.1648
- <http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/>

COFFEE HOUSES

Acoustic Café, 505 S. Barstow Street

- 715.832.9090

Café 420, 420 Washington Street

- 715.833.2297

Gloria Jean's Gourmet Coffee, 4800 Golf Road (Inside Oakwood Mall)

- 715.833.0040

The Goat Coffee House, 408 Water Street

- 715.831.4491

Grand Avenue Café, 119 W. Grand Avenue

- 715.831.1100

The Living Room Coffee House & Drive Through, 2006 Cameron Street

- 715.831.0245

Racy D'Lene's Coffee Lounge/The Nucleus, 405 Water Street

- 715.834.0000

Starbucks,

- 2016 S. Hastings Way
 - 715.834.2513
- 953 W. Clairemont Ave (In front of Shopko)
 - 715.836.7320

SWEETS AND TREATS

Blakelee's Chocolates and Sweet Things, 416 Water Street

- Everything from ice cream to fudge to salt water taffy to truffles!
- 715.514.0226

Dessert First Bakery and Café, 204 S. Barstow Street

- "Life's too short, eat dessert first!" A California-inspired bakery cafe offering sweet temptations and lunch-time treats.
- 715.833.8440
- www.getdessertfirst.com

Obsession Chocolates, 18 S. Barstow Street

- Offering a variety of chocolate to satisfy your sweet tooth!
- 715.830.8301

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Coalition Blues Festival

- Held in Owen Park the third Saturday in September. Relax while listening to blues music.

Country Jam

- Wisconsin's premiere country music festival featuring today's hottest country music artists. Held the third weekend in July.
- <http://countryjamecwi.countryjam.com/>

Festival in the Pines

- Enjoy fun, food and shopping. With over 250 vendors, there is something for everyone. Two stages feature live music and family entertainment. Fourth weekend of August in Carson Park.
- www.festivalinthepines.com/

International Fall Festival

- Downtown Eau Claire the third Saturday in September. Celebrate the rich diversity of the Chippewa Valley. Featuring world-class entertainment, ethnic food stands and an international arts and crafts bazaar. The popular “Parade of Nations” spotlights local organizations and ethnic groups.

Owen Park Tuesday Night Blues and Municipal Band Concerts

- Features great local and regional blues bands each Tuesday night during the summer.
- Municipal Band programming that is both entertaining and educational on Thursday evenings during the summer.

Phoenix Park concerts

- Enjoy local bands each Thursday during the summer through the third week in September.

Sawdust City Days

- Held the second week of June in Carson Park. One of the largest regional carnivals; craft sale, massive fireworks display and a family entertainment stage that runs all day every day.

Summerfest

- Downtown Eau Claire the fourth Saturday in July. Celebrate the 50’s and 60’s with food, live music, chalk art and classic cars.