

Great place for a guys' getaway!

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Hey guys! Planning a getaway with your buddies? A father-son excursion? Maybe a bachelor event? Look no further. There is a lot of fun to be had right here in Ozaukee County!

■ If you're looking to hit the links, the Ozaukee County Park system has some fabulous golf courses open through late fall. Both Hawthorn Hills and Mee-Kwon golf courses are public par-72 courses, with water hazards, rolling hills and exceptional greens and fairways. If disk golf is your game, check out Tendick Park in Saukville and Marie Krause Field in Waubedonia Park. In Grafton, Lime Kiln Park also has a disk golf course.

■ Take in a ballgame at Kapco Park and cheer on the Lakeshore Chinooks! This premier baseball team features top college players from across the country. They offer lots of food and beverage options, and for additional fun, watch for their promotions and giveaways.

■ Pack up your gear and head out to a campsite at Harrington Beach State Park, with walking trails to Lake Michigan, or Waubedonia Park, an Ozaukee County park located along the Fredonia and Waubeka border. You will need to make reservations ahead of time, but both campgrounds are a short drive from the area, and offer relaxing sites and great amenities.

■ This summer has been flush with live music options, across our various communities and on different evenings, and the next few months are no different. You can find live music in Cedarburg Wednesdays through Sundays, including the Cedarburg Cultural Center's Tunes on the Terrace (Wednesdays), The Cedarburg Art Museum's Beer Garden (Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons), the Stagecoach Inn's Off the Deck series (Thursdays), Summer Sounds at Cedar Creek Park on Fridays (no show on Aug. 27) and the Cultural Center's Saturday Sessions on the terrace.

Saukville hosts Live at the Triangle Concert Series on Wednesday evenings: Upcoming shows are August 4, August 18 and September 1. On Thursday evenings the Grafton Area Live Arts (GALA) offers live music at Veterans Memorial Park. Belgium offers live music on August 28 at their Summer Nights LIVE event. In Thiensville, check out Classic Rock in the Park on August 7, and the Best Dam Blues Fest on September 18 & 19. Many bars and restaurants, including The Baaree and Skippy's Burger Bar in Thiensville, Beanie's in Port Washington and Kyote's Bar & Grill in Belgium, also frequently

offer live music. Check out their websites or visit www.ozaukee-tourism.com for information and links to our partners' sites.

■ Speaking of bars and restaurants ... how about some brew? The Port Washington Beer Garden is open on Saturdays through mid-October at Upper Lake Park, where you can enjoy craft beer brewed right here in Ozaukee County! Head on over to the Fermentorium Brewery and Tasting Room in Cedarburg on Highway 60, where they offer 24 taps and a full spectrum of craft beer styles. Enjoy some great food and games, take a peek at the brewery or settle in at the bar and learn more about their craft beers. Sahale Ale Works in Grafton is a brewery and taproom serving innovative beer made right on site — and it's dog-friendly inside and out, so don't forget your four-legged friend! Inventors Brewpub in Port Washington is a brewery and restaurant located right on Lake Michigan. Enjoy the views of the lake from their front biergarten while you enjoy craft beer, as well as homemade sodas and hard seltzers. They are known for their burgers, poutine and Friday fish fry. Fox-town Brewing in Mequon has a cool brewing history in their building. The brewery sits atop two levels of lager caves! The caves sit relatively unchanged from the buildings' early days. Rebellion Brewing in Cedarburg is located behind Cedarburg's tallest building, a five-story mill, and Cedar Creek rushes right under the building. They brew in an Old-World tradition, and frequently offer live music as well. All craft breweries offer great outdoor patios! You may also want to head over to the Shinery in Cedarburg and sample some moonshine and purchase an item or more. They offer 50-plus flavors and brands as well as their own Boon Dog Whiskey. Of course, the Cedar Creek Winery offers tastings and a large variety of their wines. Perhaps plan a tour!

■ Summer and fall are a perfect time to get out on the water. There are a number of kayak and canoe launches around the county — bring your own, or rent a kayak from Sherper's in Port Washington. How about a fishing excursion with a fishing charter? C&D Charters, Iverson Sportfishing and Reel Screamer Sportfishing are some of the charters out of the Port Washington Marina that offer an exciting and rewarding day of fishing on Lake Michigan.

■ If your group is into hiking or biking, Ozaukee is well known for its trails. The Ozaukee Interurban Trail extends 30 miles across the county from Milwaukee to the south and Sheboygan to the north. This paved trail is excellent for bike riding, running, walking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Visit Ozaukee County Plan-



The Lakeshore Chinooks, playing at Kapco Park Concordia College of Wisconsin, offer fans a top-notch baseball experience with plenty of promotions and giveaways to boot.

ning and Parks at www.ozaukee.wi.us/540/planning-parks and Treasures of Oz at www.treasuresofoz.org for information on the preserves they maintain. Harrington Beach State Park is also a great place to hike, bike and learn about the history of a small town built around the limestone quarry business. Check out the Mequon Nature Preserve, including their observation tower; Riveredge Nature Center; or Lion's Den Gorge, with beautiful bluffs and stunning views of Lake Michigan. In the winter, hit the snowmobile trails maintained by SnowRunners Snowmobile Club.

■ For motorcycle enthusiasts, the picturesque roads that connect Ozaukee County's communities are second to none, particularly in the fall when the colors are changing. Suburban Motor Harley-Davidson in Thiensville offers frequent events, as well as a showroom and full retail shop. Visit their website at www.suburbanharley.com.

Ozaukee County is a great place for groups to eat, experience and explore! For more information on these and other great businesses and organizations, pick up a copy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Guide available at area chambers and visitor centers, visit www.ozaukeetourism.com or follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page! On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit!



The Ozaukee County Parks system has a variety of options for disk golf and the real thing at both Hawthorn Hills and Mee-Kwon golf courses, the latter pictured above.



Beer gardens, such as this one at the Cedarburg Art Museum, are a popular draw in the summertime.