

2019 EVENTS *guide***Silver Mine Ski Invitational**

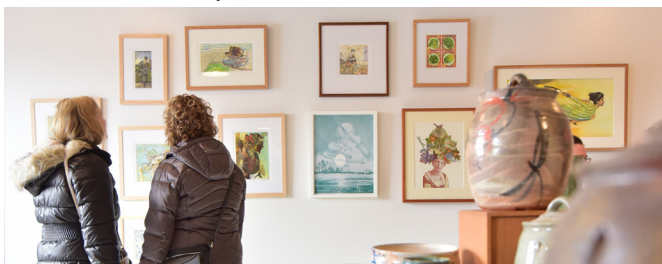
SILVER MINE HILL | JANUARY 18 + 19

Thrill to the sight of ski jumpers from all over the world lifting off at the Silver Mine Hill during the Silver Mine Ski Invitational. It's not unusual for them to soar the length of a football field. Now in its 133rd year.

Banbury Art Crawl

BANBURY PLACE | FEBRUARY 8 + 9

This creative cure to cabin fever invites visitors to roll through more than 100 artists' permanent and pop-up studios to browse and buy. This event takes place at the old Uniroyal factory - closed some 25 years ago, then successfully transformed into an artists' and entrepreneurs' community and renamed Banbury Place.

**52nd Street at Eau Claire Jazz Festival**

DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE | APRIL 26

Downtown Eau Claire is transformed into a recreation of New York City's historic 52nd Street, with the city's bars and restaurants morphing into jazz nightclubs for this annual jazz festival.

www.EauClaireJazz.com

**Eau Claire Marathon**

EAU CLAIRE | MAY 5

Explore the trails, bridges and riverside views in an entirely new way. If you're not running, cheer marathoners along as they log miles on the Chippewa and Eau Claire River route. In typical Eau Claire fashion, the last mile of this marathon is The Musical Mile, featuring local pep bands, jazz bands, choirs and orchestras.

Blue Ox Music Festival

WHISPERING PINES CAMPGROUND | JUNE 13-15

Rich bluegrass music performances plus the sounds of modern string bands fill the outdoors at this weekend festival, one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Duluth-based band Trampled by Turtles will play the festival for the first time this year.

**Prex Claires Festival**

DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE | TBA

Produced by local indie radio station, Converge, Prex Claires is a celebration of the area's diverse music scene. Several downtown venues fill with locals and visitors alike to create a block-party feel that will have you dancing all evening. 2019 marks this festival's third year.



Country Fest

CADOTT, WI | JUNE 27-29

This formerly two-day fest is now three days of darn good country music, camping, fest Olympics, giant games, food, drink and photo ops. Luke Bryan, Sugarland and Little Big Town headline this year. Don't overlook the side stages either, giving fest-goers more reasons to kick up their heels.

Fourth of July at Carson Park

CARSON PARK | JULY 4

Historic field, baseball, stadium food, games and fireworks. There's not much more families looking to ring in Independence Day in classic style could ask for than this little slice of Americana.

U.S. National Kubb Championship

BOLLINGER FIELDS | JULY 12-14

Known as the Kubb Capitol of the U.S., Eau Claire is the home of the U.S. National Kubb Championships. For the unfamiliar, Kubb is a cross between bowling and horseshoes and is the game Vikings played. Join the "block-heads" as they compete for the Kubb King title. See you there.



Rock Fest

CADDOTT, WI | JULY 18-20

This festival has been rockin' since 1994. Featuring the best of active, classic and legendary rock musicians. Considered the largest "rock and camping fest" in the U.S. The Hammock Haven gives fest-goers a chance to rock n' relax in between major acts.

Country Jam

3443 CRESCENT AVE | JULY 18-20

The hottest country music stars converge in Eau Claire each year for this outdoor music festival. Rabid fans shell out for the VIP Experience to get the best seats in the house, then camp under the stars. Wisconsin-native and The Voice Finalist plays the festival this year.

Chippewa Valley Restaurant Week

CHIPPEWA VALLEY | SEPTEMBER TBD

Eau Claire is known for its Instagram-worthy dishes, so it makes perfect culinary sense that there be a celebration in honor of farm-to-table edibles and garden-to-glass libations. Special menus plus food-themed events that raise money for community causes are all part of this 10-day foodie favorite.



Light Up Eau Claire New Year's Eve

DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE | DECEMBER 31

In a nod to Eau Claire's sister city – Lismore, Australia – and their annual "Lismore Lantern Parade" celebrating the winter solstice, Eau Claire brings a little bit of the Outback to the Midwest with its own lantern parade to ring in the new year. Live music at a variety of stages. A flourish of fireworks caps off the night. www.LightUpEauClaire.com

