

Milwaukee Fun Facts

GREAT PLACE ON A GREAT LAKE

- Milwaukee is the largest city in the state of Wisconsin and ranks No. 32 in the U.S.
- Milwaukee is home to over 150 state and county parks and home to about 1,500 acres of beaches.
- There are more than 100 public and private golf courses in Southeast Wisconsin, 22 in Milwaukee County alone.
- Milwaukee has more than 150 miles of bike trails.

MILWAUKEE ARTS AND CULTURE

- There are over 15 museums in downtown Milwaukee and 30 museums including the surrounding counties.
- With 15,000 theater seats in the downtown alone, the Milwaukee Theater District ranks #1 in the United States for the highest number of theater seats per capita.
- There are more than 200 locally owned restaurants in downtown Milwaukee and 16 James Beard-recognized chefs and restaurants.
- Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is the largest entertainment destination in the Midwest welcoming 6 million people each year.

WHERE THE FEARED DEER ROAM

- Milwaukee has eight professional sports teams: Milwaukee Bucks (NBA), Milwaukee Brewers (MLB), Milwaukee Admirals (AHL), Milwaukee Wave (MASL), Milwaukee Milkmen (AAPB) and Lakeshore Chinooks (NWL), Lake Country DockHounds (AAPB) and Milwaukee Torrent (NPSL).

BREW CITY

- Milwaukee is nicknamed Brew City because of its rich brewing history.
- Some also refer to Milwaukee as “The City that Beer Built.”

CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

- There are 191 distinct neighborhoods in Milwaukee.
- For six consecutive years, Milwaukee has scored 100 on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index, an accomplishment only 120 cities out of 506 have achieved.

COLLEGE TOWN

- Milwaukee is home to 11 major colleges and universities, in addition to several smaller private colleges.

CITY OF FESTIVALS

- Milwaukee is home to more than 100 festivals, including a variety of ethnic and street festivals and Summerfest, the world’s largest music festival.
- Many festivals are celebrated at Henry W. Maier Festival Park, the 75-acre permanent grounds on Milwaukee’s lakefront.

HOME BASE OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON

- Milwaukee is the birthplace of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, founded in 1903, and is home to the world’s only Harley-Davidson Museum.

FLYING ART MUSEUM ON THE WATER

- The Milwaukee Art Museum is located on the shores of Lake Michigan.
- Atop the museum are the Santiago Calatrava-designed Burke Brise Soleil “wings.”
- Those wings open when the museum opens and close when the museum closes, and flap at noon daily, weather permitting.
- The Milwaukee Art Museum has four floors of over 40 galleries housing a rich collection more than 32,000 artworks.

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AMERICA'S FRESH COAST

- Milwaukee is located on Lake Michigan, the largest lake in the United States as well as the second largest Great Lake with 2,300 square miles of fresh water.
- The M7 area has more than 200 water technology companies.
- The city is located at the confluence of three rivers (Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnickinnic) and Lake Michigan.
- Milwaukee's RiverWalk spans over 3 miles along the Milwaukee River.

CITY OF STEEPLES

- There are more than 1,000 houses of worship in Milwaukee, some of which reach into the city's skyline.

CITY UNDER THE POLISH MOON

- The Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley Clock Tower houses the second largest four-faced clock in the world (larger than Big Ben in London).
- The clock is lovingly referred to as Milwaukee's "Polish Moon" in honor of its location in a former Polish neighborhood.

AMERICA'S DAIRYLAND

- Wisconsin is known as America's Dairyland for its place as one of the largest producers of dairy products in the nation.
- Thanks to the region's agricultural roots, just outside metro Milwaukee, there are a total of 4,400 farms in Waukesha, Ozaukee, Kenosha, Washington, Kenosha, Racine, Sheboygan and Milwaukee counties.
- The proximity to fresh produce and dairy means fresh, farm-to-table food at local restaurants and grocery stores.