

# Grant County

# Wisconsin Begins Here!



Scale: 1" = 2½ miles

- A** County Highway
  - 81** State Highway
  - 61** Federal Highway

— — — — **Unpaid Road**



Platteville, WI

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Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center



## **Stonefield Historic Site and Great River Road Interpretive Center**

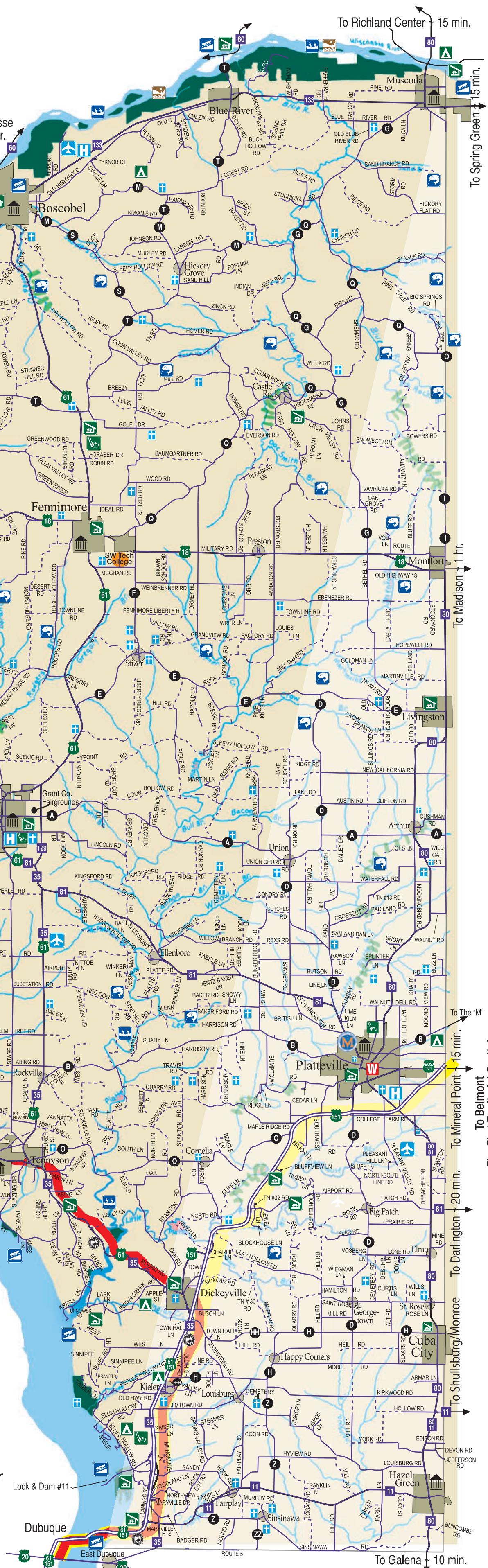
# Legend



National Brewery Museum  
& Great River Road Interpretive Center

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Sites on the  
National  
Register of  
Historic  
Places  
shown in bold.

Home of the Sinsinawa Mound and Retreat Center - motherhouse of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. Buildings include the Stone Building, erected in 1846 by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli and Dominican Educational Center. Meeting rooms and accommodations available. Tours and gift shops.

### Sinsinawa



**Potosi-Tennysen**  
These communities date back to the 1830s and '40s. You'll find the Passage Thru Time Museum, Badger Hut Inn and Great River Road Interpretive Center housed in the Potosi Brewery (1852). Grant River Recreation Area and the world's longest Main Street. Each year the Potosi Brewfest is held. For a unique view of the Mississippi River visit the Potosi Point Observation Deck at the end of Point Rd.

### Potosi-Tennysen



**Cottage Grove**  
The granite building, one of the earliest commercial buildings in Wisconsin, is the Mitchell-Rousseau Stone Quarry (1859), was one of the earliest commercial buildings in the state. It was built by Peter H. Mitchell and his son, Peter Jr., in 1859. The building, which served as a sawmill, was later used as a lumber mill and then as a general store. It is now a limestone building patterned after a distinctive Tidewater, Virginia style.

## Rivers, Recreation and Scenic Byways

### Upper Mississippi River

#### National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

"Upper Miss" is framed for its wildlife richness and scenic splendor. Spring and fall are the best times to view one of the great migrations of wildfowl and large concentrations of bald eagles in winter. Sand bars along the main river channel provide a camping base for fishing, photography and canoeing into more inaccessible backwater lakes and sloughs.



### Wyalusing State Park

This large beautiful state park sits atop the Mississippi River bluffs, from which visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the view was voted as "Wisconsin's Best Scenic View" by Wisconsin Trail readers. Indian burial grounds and interpretive trails, camping, hiking, biking, canoeing, boating, fishing, swimming and nature study are available for the nature enthusiast.



### Rustic and Scenic Roads

While many of our highways and byways offer outstanding views of this unglaciated and pastoral landscape, we think you'll find some particularly rewarding. One is the state designated "Rustic Road" that includes Liberty Ridge, Scenic and Sleepy Hollow Roads. Just outside of Sutzen, these roads meander through contour-striped farms and the tree covered hills of the Plate River Valley past a church built in 1861 and a one-room school house, Cassville to Potosi offering beautiful vistas, wildlife and bald eagles.

### Point of Beginning Heritage Trails

The Point of Beginning Heritage Area is a state-designated heritage area that includes over 50 national register buildings, sites and structures in more than 20 communities throughout Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Visitors will find historical attractions related to several themes that have shaped the cultural landscape of the area since 1850: Geology, politics, religion and agriculture.

### Great River Road

Among the most scenic, undeveloped and undiscovered public land in the Midwest. A state-protected riverway that harkens back to the days before intensive settlement of the area. Choose canoes or boats, drive or bike the rural routes. Discover the scenic splendor of the bluffs and valleys as pass by on horseback. For those seeking pure solitude, the stretch below Rosedale is the most secluded. Camping is allowed on all state-owned islands and shorelands.



### 10.13 MILES

### Canoing

The hundreds of miles of riverways throughout the county offer you a range of canoeing choices. The Grant and Plate Rivers provide an intimate setting among the river valleys and limestone outcroppings. The Lower Wisconsin River offers miles of scuttled backwaters, beaches and islands waiting to be discovered.

### Kayaking

Doc Smith Branch, Castle Rock Creek, the Big Green and the Little Green Rivers, Crooked Creek - all outstanding trout streams. Anglers can find excellent fishing on these and dozens of other cold water spring creeks covering 140 miles throughout the county. The accessibility of water, trophy trout, public easements along many streams and scenic beauty all contribute to the area's reputation as a trout angling escape. Fishing guide books are available from the Wisconsin DNR.

### Bird Watching

The rivers, fields and streams of Grant County offer miles of opportunities to observe eagles, ducks and many species of song birds. The wooded river bluffs, open water and public lands provide ideal habitat for eagles, wildlife and diverse plant species at Petro Point on the Mississippi. Winter months provide the ideal time for observing eagles between Glen Haven and Cassville. Cassville opened a wildlife observation deck with spotting scope in 2012.

### Hiking, Equestrian and Cross Country Skiing

Grant County offers visitors over 1,000 campsites at 16 different public and private campgrounds, including sites at Nelson Dewey, Wyalusing State Parks and Grant County Recreation Area.

### Camping

Some of the most scenic hiking trails in Wisconsin are in Grant County. Hiking trails are available at Nelson Dewey and Wyalusing State Parks. Large blocks of state-owned land in the lower Wisconsin riverway offer opportunities for hiking in more isolated areas with no formal trails. Hiking and horseback riding are available on the multiple-use high bank trail between Muscoda and Blue River. The Millville Bridle trail has over 7 miles of trails winding through the hillside overlooking the Wisconsin River.

### Bicycling

Choose a flat route along one of our ridge-top highways. Yet you're more likely to find many challenging, hilly routes winding through the river valleys and ridges, offering expansive, scenic views of this historical rural landscape. Wyalusing State Park offers several miles of bike trails in a wooded and bluffland setting, plus the Rountree Trail and Wisconsin River Trail. See contact information (to right) for maps online.

### TROUT FISHING

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### Snowmobiling

Over 300 miles of snowmobile trails crisscross Grant County, forming several loops that highlight the county's beauty. Call (608) 723-2125 for maps.

### Cycling

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