

RALLY NEAR THE RIVER ...AND A CARAVAN TO BOOT



Stillwater... the 1848 Birthplace of Minnesota located on the scenic St. Croix River, looking at Wisconsin on the left side of this photo.

Stillwater was voted one of the “Top 5 Midwest Towns to Visit Now” and is rated by Forbes in the top 10 “Prettiest Towns in America.” It is voted the Best Small Town in Minnesota and maintains a Favorite Getaway status nationwide. Stillwater is just 35 minutes from the downtowns of Minneapolis or St. Paul, and the Mall of America.

Ride an authentic paddle wheel riverboat, visit antique shops on Historic Main Street, enjoy riverside patio dining, taste local beers, or feast at the famous Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter restaurant. Camping with electric hookups is at the Washington County Fairgrounds. There is potable water available.

This rally starts on Tuesday and transitions to an informal caravan on Friday, going into Iowa and then back into Wisconsin. Come for the whole thing, or just a portion. You have options.

Monday, Sept 20	
OPTIONAL Early Arrival	Nothing planned. Hang out, get out, eat out, explore more.
Tuesday, Sept 21	
Afternoon arrival	Washington County Fairground 12300 North 40th Street Stillwater, MN 55082
Advisory:	Arrive at the fairground with empty grey and black tanks. There is NO dump station on site. Potable water available. Electricity at all sites. Nearest WI dumps are City RV Park in New Richmond along Hwy 64, or the Flying J on I-94 near Roberts. You can also dump at Cabelas in Woodbury, MN.
1600	Social Hour at the benches and tables under the covered pavilion. Bring your own beverages and snackies.
1730 or so	Enjoy an evening stroll along the St Croix River, have dinner downtown, or at one of the restaurants along Hwy 36. Or grab gourmet takeout at Kowalski's and just hang around the fairground.
Wednesday, Sept 22	
0800	Coffee and morning chat at the covered pavilion.
Daytime	A good day to venture out. Visit the MN State Capitol or the Cathedral in St Paul, go to the Mall of America. Or drive up the river to Taylors Falls, MN, or down to Hudson, WI. Lots of choices
1700	Depart for group dinner at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter. You might go there earlier for Happy Hour. There is a lovely deck to enjoy, and twelve (12) German and Austrian beers on tap. It's about a 15-minute drive. There's lots of parking, but drive together if you're okay with that.
1730	Dinner at the Gasthaus. You will pay individually at the restaurant. 8390 Lofton Avenue, Stillwater, MN 55082. The restaurant needs a firm a head count well before we arrive in town, please indicate you'll go going when you register for this rally.
Thursday, Sept 23	
0800	Coffee and morning chat at the covered pavilion.
Daytime	Enjoy Stillwater. Lots of antique shops, alley ways, decks, rooftops and patios. Stillwater has old and new bridges as well as authentic historic buildings. Both Maple Island and Lift Bridge breweries are in or near downtown. Take a walk over the historic Lift Bridge, (it's one of just three still remaining in the country) or enjoy the view from the new St. Croix Crossing Bridge. Walk or bike some or all of

	<p>the scenic 4.7-mile loop, MN of one side, WI on the other, over both bridges. Check out this website featuring a complete list of shopping, attractions, events and more!</p> <p>DISCOVERSTILLWATER.COM Or take a look a look at the VISITORS GUIDE</p>
1700	<p>Depart the fairground for the evening river cruise, or amble your way from wherever you are downtown to the river cruise check-in. Complimentary guest parking is to the left of the boat boarding area. Follow the “Boat Parking” sign located on the South end of Main Street. Also, there are several Stillwater Public Parking areas nearby. And there is ALWAYS parking available in the Stillwater RAMP (\$3 flat fee) located on 2nd St/Commercial St. next to the Lowell Inn and only one block from Main Street. You can use your smartphone to pay, so go to AirGara.ge , choose the “Stillwater Ramp”, enter your name and plate number, and off you go! In any case, plan to leave EARLY to allow time to find parking. Figure on about 15 minutes to walk downhill from the public ramp to the river boat check-in. Carpool, if you’re comfortable with that idea.</p>
1800	<p>All Aboard!!</p> <p>Stillwater River Boats, 525 South Main Street, Stillwater MN 55082</p>
1815	<p>River Cruise with dinner @ \$35. Individual advance reservations are REQUIRED. Book your river cruise directly with StillwaterRiverboats.com. Indicate that you’re with the Wisc-UP Airstream Club when you make your reservation. You’ll be seated in our area that way. Or you can call 651-430-1234 to reserve. The website has links for driving directions and a good parking map.</p>
Friday, Sept 24	
0800	Coffee and morning chat at the covered pavilion.
Mid-morning or so	Caravan to Decorah, Iowa, 160 miles Southeast, or head homeward
	And now, if you’re going to Decorah...
Need to dump your tanks on the way South to Decorah?	<p>Here are three verified options. There are others, of course. You know how to do this.</p> <p>Cabelas, 8400 Hudson Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125</p> <p>Cenex, 1740 Third Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904</p> <p>At the campground in Decorah</p>
Afternoon arrival	<p>Pulpit Rock Campground</p> <p>505 Pulpit Rock Rd</p> <p>Decorah, IA 52101</p>
	Kurt will take it from here...see his caravan info

