



Door County Summer Information

Visitors from all over the world flock to Door County in the summer to enjoy what many call the “Cape Cod of the Midwest”. A peninsula with nearly 300 miles of shoreline gives visitors and locals a plethora of activities to enjoy in and around the water. A place to reconnect with family and friends while enjoying a slice of Door County cherry pie and a breathtaking sunset.

DOOR COUNTY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Enjoy swimming, sunning, playing, or picnicking at one of Door County's 53 public beaches. Visit DoorCounty.com for locations.
- In July many orchards offer “pick your own” cherries for visitors. Wisconsin is the fourth largest cherry producer in the country with 95 percent coming from Door County.
- Enjoy a show at [The Peninsula Players](#), America's oldest resident summer theater or enjoy a performance under the stars at [Northern Sky Theater](#) located inside Peninsula State Park.
- Golf at one of 11 Door County golf courses some featuring views of orchards, meadows, and the waterfront. Visit the Golf page at DoorCounty.com for more information on courses.
- Cruise along the shoreline on one of the many boat tours offered around the county.
- Free concerts in the park 5 days a week in Ephraim (Mon.), Fish Creek (Tue.), Sister Bay (Wed.), Sturgeon Bay (Wed.), Egg Harbor (Thur.), and Baileys Harbor (Sun.).
- For more than 70 years' tourists have enjoyed Door County's iconic fish boil. Whitefish is boiled on an open fire outside while diners enjoy the “boil over” show as much as the meal. Fish boils are not complete without Door County cherry pie. Visit DoorCounty.com for restaurants featuring fish boils.
- Visit Door County's 11 lighthouses located across the peninsula. Many built in the 1800s have saved countless lives as they guided ships to safety. Visit DoorCounty.com for more information.
- Buy local at one of the many farmers market located across the county. Visitors enjoy the chance to meet local farmers, taste their products, and bring home a taste of Door County.
- Camp and enjoy a fire under the stars at one of the five State Parks located on the peninsula.
- Take a family friendly trip to meet farm animals face to face at [The Farm](#) or [Plum Loco Animal Farm](#).
- Named #1 drive-in by TripAdvisor visit the [Skyway Drive-In Theatre](#) for a double feature.
- Motorcycle along the [Door County Coastal Byway](#) a 66-mile scenic loop.
- Reel in a trophy fish in Door County. The waters from Little Sturgeon Bay to Fish Creek were ranked the number one bass water in the United States in 2014 by *BassMaster*.
- Pack the scuba gear and explore some of the 275 shipwrecks in Door County.

Check out one of the many niche brochures or the Annual Visitor Guide for more information. Both can be found around the county at various locations or online at DoorCounty.com.





SUMMER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & FESTIVALS IN DOOR COUNTY

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND MANY MORE SUMMER EVENTS AT DOORCOUNTY.COM

BLESSING OF THE FLEET FESTIVAL

Held annually in May in downtown Baileys Harbor (June 1-2, 2019)

Baileys Harbor celebrates their long maritime history with a blessing ceremony, live music, arts and crafts fair, commercial fishing boat tours, great food, and lighthouse tours. In the evening enjoy a lake to table culinary event located at businesses throughout the village.

FYR BAL FESTIVAL

Held annually in June in Ephraim (June 15, 2019)

Ephraim's annual event (pronounced feer ball) re-creates traditions of early Norwegians celebrating Midsummer's Eve. Music, food, and family activities available throughout the day and fireworks in the evening. The signature event of the festival is the evening bonfire that represents the burning of the "Winter Witch" and to usher in the long days of summer.

UNCORK SUMMER

Held annually in June in Ellison Bay (June 22, 2019)

Kick off summer with great food, wine, beer, cider and music. Purchase tickets to sample locally made dishes and unique hand-crafted cocktails located across the Wickman House grounds.

DOOR COUNTY WINE FEST

Sturgeon Bay's Martin Park (June 22, 2019)

Representing the 8 wineries on the Door County wine trail this festival allows ticket holders to taste more than 80 different wines from local wineries. The festival also features cheese tasting, music, and demonstrations. Tickets can be pre-purchased and are available the day of the event.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Downtown Baileys Harbor (July 4, 2019)

Bailey's Harbor hosts their 168th annual Independence Day Parade at 10 am. After the parade enjoy food, arts and crafts, and music. In the evening enjoy fireworks over the harbor. (Fish Creek, Egg Harbor, Southern Door, Gills Rock, Sturgeon Bay, and Washington Island all hosts Independence Day Events)

BELGIAN DAYS

Held annually at Brussels Town Park (July 13-14, 2019)

The Brussels area is the largest Belgian-American settlement in the United States. Celebrate Southern Door's Belgian heritage by enjoying trippe, booyah, potato jut, and Belgian pies. The festival also features a volleyball tournament, a cooyah (Belgian card game) tournament, a 1,2,4, mile run/walk, and music. A parade is held Sunday morning at 10:30.

CHERRY FEST

Held annually the first Saturday in August at Lakeside Park in Jacksonport (August 3, 2019)

A celebration of all things cherry! Taste your way through this festival sampling cherry kolaches, pie, jam, and even cherry brats. The event will also feature a car show, helicopter rides, crafts, and music.

MARITIME ON MADISON

Held annually on Madison Avenue in Sturgeon Bay (August 10, 2019)

Celebrating Sturgeon Bay's maritime heritage and Coast Guard city designation; Sturgeon Bay has events throughout the week leading up to Maritime on Madison. The festival is held in conjunction with Door County's Classic and Wooden Boat Festival. The museum hosts the Sikaflex boat construction challenge with boat racing in the afternoon. The festival will include food, music, crafts, and many children activities. In the evening enjoy the Venetian Night boat parade and fireworks over the bay.

MARINA FEST

Sister Bay Marina Held Annually Labor Day Weekend (August 31, 2019)

One last Door County festival before school begins. Live entertainment, food, water ski show, children activities, boat show, and fireworks.

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