

## **Arts, Eats & Other Treats 3-Day Tour**

The Park Rapids area offers a variety of ways to appreciate the "creativity" of the area, from extraordinary cooking and winemaking to theater and more. This three-day itinerary will lead you through an exceptional experience for all your senses.

### **Day One**

Breakfast where the locals eat: Great Northern Café in Park Rapids or the Velvet Antler Restaurant-7 miles east on Hwy 34. Start your day off right with a hardy breakfast.

Northland Bison Ranch Tour. Bison have been called the most important wild animals in the development of North America. This tour will bring you up close and personal to these majestic creatures that once numbered in the millions and then narrowly escaped extinction.

Shopping and Lunch in Dorset. Return to Dorset for a walk along the boardwalk. Stop into the little shops where you will find gifts, books, souvenirs, clothing and much more. Enjoy lunch in one of the variety of dining experiences that makes tiny Dorset truly the "Restaurant Capital of the World."

Golf & Dinner at Blueberry Pines. Set among the majestic pines, this 18-hole championship golf course is a must play. Conclude your round of golf by dining in the two-story clubhouse renowned for its log architecture, or on the deck overlooking the championship course.

Take in a theater performance. Experience a theatrical production from one of the variety our area offers. You will have the opportunity to enjoy light opera, comedies, dramas, musicals, "mini-Branson" style music & comedy and other presentations performed by the area's finest!

### **Day Two**

Rapid River Logging Camp Breakfast and Tour. Start your day in the same fashion the lumberjacks did a half century or more ago. Then spend an hour or two touring the "Camp," where you will see the equipment and methods used to move the massive logs. Plan on a short hike to the original landmarks overlooking the river from the early logging days. Visit the Cook Shanty, where lumberjack cookies are baked daily in the same tradition used years ago. And stop by the Souvenir Shop, where you'll find more antiques and artifacts from the logging era.

Secret Gardens & Midheaven Farm Tour (Organic Gardening). A truly organic experience! You will tour the hand-tended Midheaven gardens to discover where the

amazing flavors of all of Secret Gardens' soup, bread and other wonderful mixes are made.

Summer Hill Farm and Lunch. Tour and shop each of the seven gift shops with its own special appeal and different varieties of gifts, decorative accessories, clothing and more. Relax and enjoy an unforgettable lunch and delicious dessert at the Sun Porch Restaurant nestled on the hilltop at Summerhill Farm.

Tamarac Wildlife Refuge Tour. The symphonies of songbirds and the accompanying incredible vocal range of frogs, bogs, swamps, marshes, wetlands and heavily wooded areas combine for a perfect habitat of diverse population of wild, plant and insect life. Nature programs offered by experts in the various fields, films, videos and related activities all allow you to explore even the most elusive of our native area.

Dinner is available with a variety of choices. Dine at a place with over six decades of service, dine with a view of a beautiful lake, dine where they offer live, soft dinnertime music tantalizing your taste buds with ethnic food, steaks, chicken or seafood.

### **Day Three**

Gourmet coffee at Bella Caffé or Jack Pine Java. Start your day off with a cup of java and/or a pastry or a healthy smoothie at Beyond Juice. Bring your laptop in with you and check your e-mail for free.

Itasca State Park Tour. Take a naturalist-led walk that highlights Itasca's flora and fauna, history, lakes and old-growth pine forests.

Lunch at Douglas Lodge. Meals at historically impressive Douglas Lodge are occasions to be remembered. Blueberries, wild rice and other native foods appear on the menu and the view of the tranquil setting is second to none.

Itasca State Park and Lake Itasca Boat Tour. Take a tour of Lake Itasca aboard the historic 1948 "Chester Charles II" and walk across the headwaters of the Mississippi River. End your afternoon with a "Presentation Under the Pines" as The Woodsman entertains you with his account of life during Itasca's wild days in the 1800s.

Forestedge Winery Tour and Tasting. This homegrown winery provides its visitors with a stroll through the nature trails, a wander in the gardens and a taste of the 11 varieties of wine. After wine tasting, step next door to the Gallery for original art and fine crafts.

Dinner at Brauhaus. Enjoy an authentic German dining experience presented by servers in tradition German attire

Dinner at the Velvet Antler

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Many of the above listed activities are by special arrangement, especially for large groups.

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