



## **2021 BEST OF THE RIVER | GREAT RIVER ROAD**

### **Best Food & Drink**

#### **1) Best Ambience**

- 1) [Harbor View Cafe \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Wilson Cafe \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 3) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

#### **2) Best Appetizers**

- 1) [Fried Green Tomatoes \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [J & J BBQ & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)

#### **3) Best Bakery**

- 1) [Hanisch Bakery & Coffee Shop \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Bon Bon's of Cape Girardeau \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Three Sisters Sweet Shoppe \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)

#### **4) Best Bar (College)**

- 1) [Muddy Waters Bar and Grill \(Prescott, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Mulligan's Pub \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Rookies Sports Bar \(Davenport, IA\)](#)

#### **5) Best Bar (Dance)**

- 1) [The Front Porch Bar and Grill \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Moxie's \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Armored Gardens \(Davenport, IA\)](#)



### 6) Best Bar (Dive)

- 1) [Tater's Dam View \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Embe Eatery and Lounge \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Rude Dog Pub \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 7) Best Bar (New)

- 1) [The Front Porch Bar & Grill \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Incognito \(East Dubuque, IL\)](#)
- 3) [The Crow \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 8) Best Bar (Overall)

- 1) [Miss Kitty's Grape Escape \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Olde Triangle Pub \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Bucknuckles Bar & Grill \(Alma, WI\)](#)

### 9) Best Bar (Sports)

- 1) [Gobbie's Sports Pub & Eatery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Eagle's Nest Sports Bar-Grill \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [The Galena Brewing Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 10) Best Bar & Grill

- 1) [Nauti Hawg Bar & Grill \(Hager City, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Gobbie's Sports Pub & Eatery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Silverspoon Star Saloon and Grill \(Wabasha, MN\)](#) & [The Front Porch Bar And Grill \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)

### 11) Best Bar Food

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Nauti Hawg bar & Grill \(Hager City, WI\)](#)
- 3) [The Olde Triangle Pub Wabasha, MN\)](#)



## 12) Best Barbeque

- 1) [J & J BBQ & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Port Cape \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

## 13) Best Beer / Patio Garden

- 1) [Gobbie's Sports Pub & Eatery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Hoppy Girl Brewing \(Wabasha, MN\)](#) & [Muddy Waters Bar & Grill \(Prescott, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Ebb & Flow Fermentations \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

## 14) Best Beer Trail

- 1) [Mississippi Brewery Trail](#)
- 2) [Southern Minnesota Beer Trail](#)
- 3) [QC Ale Trail \(Quad Cities\)](#)

## 15) Best-Kept Secret (Food)

- 1) [Stockholm Pie and General Store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Copper Kettle \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Chef Shack \(Bay City, WI\)](#)

## 16) Best Breakfast

- 1) [Otto's Place \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Beth's Twin Bluffs Cafe \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Homemade Cafe \(Pepin, WI\)](#)

## 17) Best Brewery

- 1) [Hoppy Girl Brewing \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Brewing Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Green Tree Brewery \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)



### 18) Best Brewery Tour

- 1) [Potosi Brewery \(Potosi, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Brewing Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Pearl Street Brewery \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 19) Best Brewpub

- 1) [Hoppy Girl Brewing \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [The Galena Brewing Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Potosi Brewery \(Potosi, WI\)](#)

### 20) Best Brunch

- 1) [Timmerman's Supper Club \(East Dubuque, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Villa Bellezza \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Chef Shack \(Bay City, WI\)](#) & [Baked Beer & Bread Company \(Davenport, IA\)](#)

### 21) Best Buffet

- 1) [J & J BBQ & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Piggy's Restaurant and Lounge \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Reids' Harvest House \(Chester, IL\)](#)

### 22) Best Burger

- 1) [Durdy Gurt's \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Front Porch Bar and Grill \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Reads Landing Brewing Company \(Reads Landing, MN\)](#)

### 23) Best Burrito

- 1) [Campeche Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [El Patron Mexican Grill \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Burrito-Ville \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)



#### **24) Best Butcher Shop**

- 1) [The Durand Smokehouse \(Durand, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Meatheads Meat Market \(Bettendorf, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Downtown Meat Market \(Winona, MN\)](#)

#### **25) Best Cafe**

- 1) [Wilson Cafe \(Wilson, AR\)](#) & [Stockholm Pie and General store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Victory Cafe \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Stacy's Kitchen \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)

#### **26) Best Candy / Ice Cream Shop**

- 1) [The Chocolate Escape \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Kandy Kitchen \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Sugar Chic Creamery \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

#### **27) Best Cajun Cooking**

- 1) [Buzzard Billy's \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Neyow's Creole Cafe \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)
- 3) [Broussard's Cajun Cuisine \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

#### **28) Best Chicken Wings**

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [The Sport Nut \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [River Ratz Saloon \(Buffalo City, WI\)](#)

#### **29) Best Coffee Shop**

- 1) [Trolley Depot Coffee & Tea Co \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Cody Road Coffee \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Driftless Bike N' Bean \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)



### 30) Best Deli / Sandwich

- 1) [Nelson Cheese Factory \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Big Bill's Sandwich Shop \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Beno's Deli \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### 31) Best Dessert

- 1) [Stockholm Pie and General Store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Embe Eatery & Lounge \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Lagomarcino's \(Moline, IL\)](#) & [Sugar Chic Creamery \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 32) Best Diner

- 1) [Pioneer Club \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Alma Hotel \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Mark Twain Dinette \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### 33) Best Distillery

- 1) [Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Mississippi River Distilling Company \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [La Crosse Distilling Co. \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 34) Best Distillery Tour

- 1) [Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [La Crosse Distilling Co. \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi River Distilling Company \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 35) Best Doughnuts

- 1) [Bloedow's Bakery \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Dittmar Farms Country Store \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Hurts Donuts Co. \(Bettendorf, IA\)](#)



### **36) Best Downtown**

- 1) [Red Wing, MN](#)
- 2) [Galena, IL](#)
- 3) [LeClaire, IA](#)

### **37) Best Drinks (Bloody Mary)**

- 1) [The Front Porch Bar And Grill \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Otto's Place \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi River Distilling \(LeClaire, IA\)](#) & [J & J BBO & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)

### **38) Best Drinks / Cocktails (Overall)**

- 1) [The Grape Escape \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Wilson Cafe \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi River Distilling Company \(LeClaire\)](#)

### **39) Best Drinks (Margarita)**

- 1) [Huck Finn's on the Water \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Campeche Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Blue Iguana Mexican Cantina \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### **40) Best Drinks (Martini)**

- 1) [Miss Kitty's Grape Escape \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [La Cave \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [One Twenty Nine \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### **41) Best Drinks (Moscow Mule)**

- 1) [Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Trempealeau Hotel \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi River Distilling Company \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)



#### **42) Best Drinks (Old Fashioned)**

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Log Cabin Steakhouse \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi River Distilling Company \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

#### **43) Best Extreme Food**

- 1) [Texas Donut - Hans' Bakery \(Anoka, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Baked Beer & Bread Company \(Davenport, IA\)](#)
- 3) [6lb Wanna Iguana Burrito Challenge \(LeClaire, IA\)](#) & [10-Pound Pho - iPho by Saigon \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

#### **44) Best Family Dining**

- 1) [J & J BBQ & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Vinny Vanucchi's \(Galena, IL\)](#)

#### **45) Best Farm-to-Table**

- 1) [Wilson Cafe \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 2) [Goldmoor Inn \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Chef Shack Bay City \(Bay City, WI\)](#)

#### **46) Best Farmer's Market**

- 1) [Freight House Farmers Market \(Davenport, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Winona Farmers Market \(Winona, MN\)](#) & [Cape Riverfront Farmers Market \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Mill City Farmers Market \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

#### **47) Best Fine Dining**

- 1) [Harbor View Cafe \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [36 Restaurant & Bar \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Fritz & Frites Bistro \(Galena, IL\)](#)





#### **48) Best Fish Fry**

- 1) [Emmy Lou's Cafe \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Homemade Cafe \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Alma Hotel \(Alma, WI\)](#)

#### **49) Best Food Trail**

- 1) [Driftless Wine & Cheese Trail \(Wisconsin Driftless Region\)](#)
- 2) [Coulee Region Craft Beverage Trail \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Hot Tamale Trail \(Mississippi Delta\)](#)

#### **50) Best Fried Chicken**

- 1) [Hager Heights Drive-In \(Hager City, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Paradise Bar & Grill \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Alma Hotel \(Alma, WI\)](#)

#### **51) Best Friendliest Restaurant**

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Stockholm Pie and General Store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Cannova's Pizzeria \(Galena, IL\)](#)

#### **52) Best Happy Hour**

- 1) [Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Katy O'Ferrell's Publick House \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [The Grill at Signatures \(Winona, MN\)](#)

#### **53) Best Home Style Cooking**

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Beth's Twin Bluffs Cafe \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Timmerman's Supper Club \(East Dubuque, IL\)](#)



#### **54) Best Hot Dog**

- 1) [Barrel House \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Durty Gurt's \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Hot Dog Guy \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

#### **55) Best Irish Pub**

- 1) [Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Olde Triangle Pub \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Katy O'Ferrell's Publick House \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

#### **56) Best Italian Food**

- 1) [Villa Bellezza \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Vinny Vanucchi's \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Gabriel's Food + Wine \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

#### **57) Best Lunch Spot**

- 1) [Nelson Cheese Factory \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Green Street Tavern \(Galena, IL\)](#)

#### **58) Best Mexican Food**

- 1) [Campeche Restaurant \(Galena, IL\) & Los Aztecas II \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Cha Chis \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Fiesta Mexicana \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

#### **59) Best Nachos**

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Campeche Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Front Street Pub & Eatery \(Davenport, IA\)](#)



**60) Best New Restaurant (2 Years or Less)**

- 1) [Nosh Scratch Kitchen \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Trip Restaurant \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

**61) Best On the Water Dining**

- 1) [Harbor View Cafe \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Lake House on Pepin \(Lake City, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Reads Landing Brewing Company \(Reads Landing, MN\)](#)

**62) Best Outdoor Dining**

- 1) [Reads Landing Brewing Company \(Reads Landing, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Fried Green Tomatoes \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Steventon's \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

**63) Best Pie**

- 1) [Stockholm Pie Company \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Keys Cafe & Bakery \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Rhoda's Famous Hot Tamales \(Lake Village, AR\)](#)

**64) Best Pizza**

- 1) [Cannova's Pizzeria \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Papa Tronnio's Pizza \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Big Bear Pizzeria \(Lake City, MN\)](#)

**65) Best Place To Watch the Game**

- 1) [Gobbie's Sports Pub & Eatery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Armored Gardens \(Davenport, IA\)](#)
- 3) [NorthEnd Pub & Grill \(Cochrane, WI\)](#)



### 66) Best Regional Food

- 1) [Fried Green Tomatoes \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Nosh Scratch Kitchen \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Schmidty's \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 67) Best Restaurant (Overall)

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Wilson Cafe, \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 3) [Fritz & Frites Bistro \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 68) Best Ribs

- 1) [J & J BBQ & Catering \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 2) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Log Cabin Steakhouse \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 69) Best Romantic Restaurant

- 1) [Villa Belleza \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Fritz & Frites Bistro \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [The Faithful Pilot Kitchen and Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 70) Best Seafood

- 1) [Log Cabin Steakhouse \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Hillside Fish House \(Fountain City, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Grafton Oyster Bar \(Grafton, IL\)](#)

### 71) Best Service

- 1) [What BBQ & Bar \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Stockholm Pie and General Store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Fried Green Tomatoes \(Galena, IL\)](#)



### **72) Best Soup**

- 1) [Embe Eatery & Lounge \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Hungry Peddler \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [The Trempealeau Hotel \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)

### **73) Best Steak**

- 1) [Log Cabin Steakhouse \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Murray's \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Steventon's \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### **74) Best Supper Club**

- 1) [Timmerman's Supper Club \(East Dubuque, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Log Cabin Steakhouse \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Murray's \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

### **75) Best Sushi**

- 1) [Little Tokyo Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Miya Japanese Bistro \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Ocean Sushi Japanese and Thai Restaurant \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### **76) Best Tacos**

- 1) [Campeche Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [La Herradura Mexican Grill \( LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Senor Villa Mexican Grill & Bar \(Onalaska, WI\)](#)

### **77) Best Thai Food**

- 1) [Pete's Thai Kitchen \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Cafe & Me \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Sawatdee \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)



### 78) Best Vegan / Vegetarian

- 1) [Little Tokyo Restaurant \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Trempealeau Hotel \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Trio Restaurant \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 79) Best View

- 1) [Chestnut Mountain Resort \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Reads Landing Brewing Company \(Reads Landing, MN\)](#)
- 3) [The Boat House Restaurant \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### 80) Best Wine Bar

- 1) [Wide River Winery \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Primo Vino \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#) & [Jamie's Wine Studio \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Fried Green Tomatoes \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 81) Best Wine Trail

- 1) [Great River Road Wine Trail](#)
- 2) [Driftless Wine & Cheese Trail \(Wisconsin Driftless Region\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi Valley Wine Trail \(Illinois River Road\)](#)

### 82) Best Winery

- 1) [Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Villa Bellezza \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Wide River Winery \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 83) Best Winery Tour

- 1) [Villa Bellezza \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Wide River Winery \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)



## **Best Attractions**

### **84) Best Animal Center / Sanctuary**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Muscatine Environmental Learning Center \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Tennessee Safari Park \(Alamo, TN\)](#)

### **85) Best Aquarium / Zoo**

- 1) [Minnesota Zoo \(Apple Valley, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Como Park Zoo & Conservatory \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 3) [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)

### **86) Best Art Gallery / Studio**

- 1) [Carl Johnson's Art Gallery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [River Bend Gallery \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [The Commercial Gallery \(Alma, WI\)](#)

### **87) Best Attraction (Adult)**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [The Haunted Galena Tour Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Hoof It - Goat Treks \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### **88) Best Attraction (Family)**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Lark Toys \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Hoof It - Goat Treks \(Galena, IL\)](#)



**89) Best Attraction (Kids)**

- 1) [Lark Toys \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)

**90) Best Attraction (Overall)**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Mark Twain Museum and Boyhood Home \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Chestnut Mountain Resort \(Galena, IL\)](#)

**91) Best Baseball Team To Watch**

- 1) [Minnesota Twins \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Saint Paul Saints \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 3) [St. Louis Cardinals \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

**92) Best Birding Spot**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Colvil Park \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Rock Island Arsenal \(Rock Island, IL\)](#)

**93) Best Casino**

- 1) [Treasure Island Resort & Casino \(Welch, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Diamond Jo Casino Dubuque \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Rhythm City Casino Resort \(Davenport, IA\)](#)

**94) Best Education Center**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Mark Twain Museum and Boyhood Home \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center \(Prescott, WI\)](#)





### 95) Best Farm Visits

- 1) [Hoof It - Goat Treks \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Dittmar Farms and Orchard \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#) & [Metz's Hart-Land Creamery \(Rushford, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Suncrest Gardens Farm \(Cochrane, WI\)](#)

### 96) Best Festival (Cultural)

- 1) [Stockholm Art Fair \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Oktoberfest \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Twain on Main \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### 97) Best Festival (Fall)

- 1) [SeptOberfest \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Country Fair \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Oktoberfest \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 98) Best Festival (Film)

- 1) [Grumpy Old Men Festival \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Flyway Film Festival \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Frozen River Film Festival \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### 99) Best Festival (Fair)

- 1) [SOAR with the Eagles \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Stockholm Art Fair \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Galena Country Fair \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 100) Best Festival (Food)

- 1) [Cheese Curd Festival \(Ellsworth, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Oktoberfest \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Food Truck Fight \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)



### 101) Best Festival (Historic)

- 1) [Grumpy Old Men Festival \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Oktoberfest \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Hannibal Folklife Festival \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### 102) Best Festival (LGBT+)

- 1) [Twin Cities Pride \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Key City Pride \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Cape Pride \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 103) Best Festival (Music)

- 1) [Shipyard Music Festival \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 2) [Watermelon Festival \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Johnny Cash Heritage Festival \(Dyess, AR\)](#)

### 104) Best Festival (Overall)

- 1) [Galena Country Fair \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [SOAR with the Eagles \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Oktoberfest \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 105) Best Fort

- 1) [Historic Fort Snelling \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Apple River Fort State Historic Site \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Historic Fort D \(Cape Girardeau, MO\) & Vicksburg Military Park \(Vicksburg, MS\)](#)

### 106) Best Free Activity

- 1) [Lock & Dam #4 Viewing Deck \(Alma, WI\) & Saint Louis Zoo \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)
- 2) [Effigy Mounds National Monument \(Harpers Ferry, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Old Blacksmith Shop \(Galena, IL\)](#)



### 107) Best Golf Course

- 1) [Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Bridges Golf Course \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Woodbine Bend Golf Course \(Stockton, IL\)](#)

### 108) Best Hidden Gem

- 1) [Lark Toys \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Hoof It - Goat Treks \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Wildcat Den State Park \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)

### 109) Best Historic (Home)

- 1) [Laura Ingalls Wilder Cabin \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [The Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### 110) Best Historic (Site)

- 1) [Laura Ingalls Wilder Cabin \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historical Site \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [DeSoto House Hotel \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 111) Best Interpretive Center

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center \(Prescott, WI\)](#)
- 3) [National Pearl Button Museum \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)

### 112) Best Kept Secret On The River

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Wilson, AR](#)
- 3) [Fever River Outfitters \(Galena, IL\)](#)



### 113) Best Live Music Venue

- 1) [Miss Kitty's Grape Escape \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [La Crosse Riverside Bandshell \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Ed's \(No Name\) Bar \(Winona, MN\)](#) & [Trempealeau Hotel \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)

### 114) Best Memorial

- 1) [Memorial Park \(Arcadia, WI\)](#)
- 2) [The National WWII Museum \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)
- 3) [Veterans Memorial Park \(Cuba City, WI\)](#)

### 115) Best Mississippi River Cruise (Overnight)

- 1) [Riverboat Twilight \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Delta Queen \(Delta Queen Steamboat Company\)](#)
- 3) [American Queen \(American Queen Steamboat Company\)](#)

### 116) Best Monument

- 1) [Galena Grant Park \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Effigy Mounds National Monument \(Harpers Ferry, IA\)](#) & [Soldiers Walk Veterans Memorial Park \(Arcadia, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Popeye Statue \(Chester, IL\)](#)

### 117) Best Museum (Art)

- 1) [Minneapolis Sculpture Garden \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Minnesota Marine Art Museum \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Dubuque Museum of Art \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)

### 118) Best Museum (Children)

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Children's Museum of La Crosse \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)



### 119) Best Museum (History)

- 1) [Galena & U.S. Grant Museum \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Castlerock Museum \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Vicksburg National Military Park \(Vicksburg, MS\)](#)

### 120) Best Museum (Maritime)

- 1) [Minnesota Marine Art Museum \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 2) [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Buffalo Bill Museum \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 121) Best Museum (Military)

- 1) [Vicksburg National Military Park \(Vicksburg, MS\)](#)
- 2) [Camp Ripley \(Little Falls, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Castlerock Museum \(Alma, WI\)](#)

### 122) Best Museum (Toy)

- 1) [Lark Toys \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Chicago Great Western Railway Museum \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum \(Fountain City, WI\)](#)

### 123) Best National Park

- 1) [Mississippi National River and Recreation Area \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Effigy Mounds National Monument \(Harpers Ferry, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge \(Onalaska, WI\)](#)

### 124) Best Native American Cultural Site

- 1) [Effigy Mounds National Monument \(Harpers Ferry, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site \(Collinsville, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Leech Lake \(Cass Lake, MN\)](#)



### **125) Best Nature Center**

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Muscatine Environmental Learning Center \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)

### **126) Best Outdoor Art**

- 1) [Minneapolis Sculpture Garden \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 2) [West Street Sculpture Park \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Cape Girardeau, MO](#)

### **127) Best Parade**

- 1) [Halloween Parade & Festival \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Oktoberfest Parade \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Hannibal 4th of July Parade \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### **128) Best Picnic Spot**

- 1) [Barn Bluff \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Horseshoe Mound Preserve \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Buena Vista Park \(Alma, WI\)](#)

### **129) Best Park**

- 1) [Frontenac State Park \(Frontenac, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Buena Vista Park \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Galena Grant Park \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### **130) Best Preserve**

- 1) [Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge \(Onalaska, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)



### 131) Best River Event

- 1) [Grumpy Old Men Festival \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Tug Fest \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Twain on Main \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

### 132) Best Roadside Attraction

- 1) [Lark Toys \(Kellogg, MN\)](#)
- 2) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Boyhood Home of Johnny Cash \(Dyess, AR\)](#)

### 133) Best Spa

- 1) [Treasure Island Resort & Casino \(Welch, MN\)](#) & [Stonedrift Spa \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Goldmoor Inn \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Eden Salon and Spa \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 134) Best Scenic Overlook

- 1) [Buena Vista Park \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Chestnut Mountain Resort \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Grandad Bluff \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 135) Best Sports Team To Watch

- 1) [Minnesota Wild \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Quad Cities River Bandits \(Davenport, IA\)](#)
- 3) [La Crosse Loggers \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 136) Best State Park

- 1) [Frontenac State Park \(Frontenac, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Itasca State Park \(Park Rapids, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Apple River Canyon State Park \(Apple River, IL\)](#)



**137) Best Store (Antique)**

- 1) [Elizabeth Grand Antique Co. \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Lone Pine Antiques \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Peace of the Past \(Galena, IL\)](#)

**138) Best Store (Boutique)**

- 1) [White's Mercantile \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Apothecary \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Heart's Desire \(Winona, MN\)](#)

**139) Best Store (Book)**

- 1) [Fair Trade Books \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Galena Book & Paper \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Left Bank Books \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

**140) Best Store (Collectibles)**

- 1) [Peace of the Past \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [A-Z Collectibles \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [The Wild Thing \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)

**141) Best Store (Gift)**

- 1) [White's Mercantile \(Wilson, AR\)](#)
- 2) [Stockholm Pie and General Store \(Stockholm, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Galena Apothecary \(Galena, IL\)](#)

**142) Best Store (Jewelry)**

- 1) [Mississippi River Pearl Jewelry \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Earth's Treasures \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Rose Jewelers \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)





### **143) Best Store (Local Products)**

- 1) [Galena Canning Company \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Shameless Chocoholic \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Whole Heart \(Alma, WI\)](#)

### **144) Best Store (Mom & Pop)**

- 1) [Alma General Store \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Becky's Old Fashioned Ice Cream \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Country Crafts & Sports \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### **145) Best Theater**

- 1) [Historic Turner Hall \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Big River Theatre \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Adler Theater \(Davenport, IA\)](#)

### **146) Best Tours (Art)**

- 1) [Scenic Art Loop \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Fresh Art Tour \(Pepin County, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Bluff Country Studio Art Tour \(Lanesboro, MN\)](#)

### **147) Best Tours (Adventure / Sporting)**

- 1) [Broken Paddle Guiding Company \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Mark Twain Cave Complex \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Fever River Outfitters \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### **148) Best Tours (Architectural)**

- 1) [Tri-State Trolley Tours \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Lakeport Plantation \(Lake Village, AR\)](#)
- 3) [Downtown Karla Brown \(Port Gibson, MS\)](#)



#### **149) Best Tours (Ghost / Haunted)**

- 1) [Haunted Galena Tour Co. \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Ghosts & Spirits Walking Tours \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)
- 3) [Haunted Hannibal Ghost Tours \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

#### **150) Best Tours (Historic)**

- 1) [Ulysses S. Grant Home \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Mark Twain Cave Complex \(Hannibal, MO\)](#) & [La Crosse Area Heritage Center \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Buffalo Bill Museum \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

#### **151) Best Tours (River Boat Day Trips)**

- 1) [National Eagle Center Cruises \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Mark Twain Riverboat \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Riverboat Twilight \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

#### **152) Best Tours (Sightseeing)**

- 1) [National Eagle Center Cruises \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Tri-State Trolley \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Mark Twain Riverboat \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

#### **153) Best Trail (Bicycle)**

- 1) [Galena River Trail \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Great River State Trail \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Running River Trail \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)

#### **154) Best Trail (Hiking)**

- 1) [Gateway Park \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Thrive! Park \(Nelson, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Hixon Forest \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)



### 155) Best Trail (Paddling)

- 1) [Galena River \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Finger Lakes Canoe Trail \(Alma, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Aghaming Trail \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### 156) Best Trail (State)

- 1) [Great River State Trail \(Onalaska, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Apple River Canyon State Park \(Apple River, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Mississippi Blues Trail \(Mississippi\)](#)

### 157) Best Visitor Center

- 1) [Downtown Mainstreet \(La Crosse, WI\)](#) & [Galena Welcome Center \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Hannibal Visitor Center \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Galena Country Visitor Center \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 158) Best Virtual Experience

- 1) [National Eagle Center \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Minneapolis Institute of Art \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)
- 3) [National Mississippi Museum & Aquarium \(Dubuque, IA\)](#)

### 159) Best Wedding Venue

- 1) [The Hidden Meadow and Barn \(Pepin, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Ashton Hill Farm \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Oak Hill Weddings \(Apple River, IL\)](#)

### 160) Best Workshops (Art)

- 1) [Artist & Artisans \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Jovy Rockey Jewelry Studio \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Muscatine Art Center \(Muscatine, IA\)](#)



### **161) Best Yoga Studio**

- 1) [Original Goat Yoga \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Yoga East Healing Arts Studio \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)
- 3) [Muddy Waters Yoga Studio \(Winona, MN\)](#)

### **Best Places To Stay**

#### **162) Best B&B Lodging**

- 1) [The Inn at Felt Manor \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Turning Waters Bed & Breakfast \(Wabasha, MN\)](#)
- 3) [Aldrich Guest House Bed and Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#)

#### **163) Best Cabin**

- 1) [Hawk Valley Retreat & Cottages \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Goldmoor Inn & Dining \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Bert's Cabins \(Bovey, MN\)](#)

#### **164) Best Campground**

- 1) [Itasca State Park \(Park Rapids, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Palace Campgrounds \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Nelson's Landing RV Park \(Nelson, WI\)](#)

#### **165) Best Farmstay**

- 1) [Arrowhead Treehouse \(Elizabeth, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Room To Roam \(Fountain City, WI\)](#) & [Rainbow Ridge Farms \(Onalaska, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Heritage Hollow \(Stockton, IL\)](#)



### 166) Best Hotel

- 1) [DeSoto House Hotel \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [The Charmant Hotel \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel \(Galena, IL\)](#)

### 167) Best Inn

- 1) [Goldmoor Inn & Dining \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [LeClaire River Loft \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [JailHouse Inn \(Preston, MN\)](#)

### 168) Best Lodge

- 1) [Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Kinni Creek Lodge & Outfitters \(River Falls, WI\)](#)
- 3) [River View Lodge \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 169) Best Lodging (Boutique)

- 1) [Aldrich Guest House Bed and Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [River View Lodge \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [The Charmant Hotel \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)

### 170) Best Lodging (Family)

- 1) [Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [LeClaire River Loft \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [Kinni Creek Lodge & Outfitters \(River Falls, WI\)](#)

### 171) Best Lodging (Romantic Getaway)

- 1) [Aldrich Guest House Bed & Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#) & [JailHouse Inn \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Grasshoppers \(LeClaire, IA\)](#), [Goldmoor Inn & Dining \(Galena, IL\)](#) & [Alexander Mansion B&B \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [The Charmant Hotel \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)



### 172) Best Lodging (Luxury)

- 1) [Aldrich Guest House bed and Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Inn At Irish Hollow \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Old Mill Guest House \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 173) Best Lodging (Unique)

- 1) [Aldrich Guest House Bed and Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Inn At Irsih Hollow \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Old Mill Guest House \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)

### 174) Best Mom & Pop Accommodations

- 1) [Aldrich Guest House Bed and Breakfast \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Old Mill Guest House \(LeClaire, IA\)](#)
- 3) [The River Nest B&B \(Reads Landing, MN\)](#)

### 175) Best Motel

- 1) [Grant Hills Motel \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Fountain City Motel \(Fountain City, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Draft Horse Inn and Suites \(Arcadia, WI\)](#)

### 176) Best Parks To Stay

- 1) [Perrot State Park \(Trempealeau, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Lake Chicot State Park \(Lake Village, AR\)](#)
- 3) [Cape Camping & RV \(Cape Girardeau, MO\)](#)

### 177) Best Resort

- 1) [Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Niemeyer's Rugged River Resort \(Brainerd, MN\)](#)
- 3) [LeFevre Inn & Resort \(Galena, IL\)](#)



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### **178) Best Vacation Rental**

- 1) [Ulysses Suites \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 2) [Elle & Becks \(Galena, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Great River Houseboats \(Alma, WI\)](#) & [The Pepin House \(Pepin, WI\)](#)

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