

# Walk Around Town

Parks are not the only interesting places to walk. Grant County's towns and villages have many historical sites and beautiful houses to see. Family sight-seeing walks are a wonderful opportunity to learn about your community and teach your child about the past.



**Boscobel**      [boscobelwisconsin.com](http://boscobelwisconsin.com)

## **Boscobel Walking Path**

A walking trail along Sanders Creek.

## **Cassville**

**Historical Walking Tour**      725-5855

Pick up a brochure at the Municipal Building Tourism Office and enjoy the architecture and style of buildings of historic Cassville, one of the oldest river towns along the Mississippi. <http://www.cassville.org>

**Cassville Bluffs State Natural Area**      784-3606

Sand Lake Lane off Hwy 133 south of Cassville  
244 acres of bluff lands, lowland forest and prairie owned by the Mississippi Conservancy and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Open to the public for hiking, wildlife observation, cross-country skiing and hunting. [www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org)

**Nelson Dewey State Park**      725-5374

Cty Rd VV west of Cassville  
Scenic overlooks, Indian mounds, native prairie, bird watching, hiking and picnic grounds, open year round  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/nelsondewey/>

**Cuba City**      [cubacity.org](http://cubacity.org)

**Parade of Presidents**

Main Street

Flags and shields for each of our nation's presidents line

Main Street.

**Dickeyville**      568-3119      [dickeyville.com](http://dickeyville.com)

**Dickeyville Grotto**

305 W. Main Street

A religious and political shrine built around 1925 by Father Mattias Wernerus, a Catholic priest.

[www.dickeyvillegrotto.com](http://www.dickeyvillegrotto.com)

**Fennimore**      822-6119      [fennimore.com](http://fennimore.com)

**Oakwood Nature Park**

Bronson Blvd - located just off U.S. Hwy 18 East

45 acres of trees and wildflowers native to the area

with over 3 miles of hiking trails, RV parking area with electric hookups, pavilion available.

[www.fennimore.com/recreation/camping.php](http://www.fennimore.com/recreation/camping.php)

**Hazel Green**

Hwy 80

Look for the Wisconsin House, a former stagecoach

stop, the Simison brick building and

the Opera House/Town Hall.

**Lancaster**      [lancasterwisconsin.com](http://lancasterwisconsin.com)

**Grant County Courthouse**

130 W. Maple Street

The courthouse's octagonal copper and glass dome sparkles over downtown Lancaster. Open during business hours; self-tour information available. The

first Civil War monument (1867) ever erected in

Wisconsin stands on the grounds. The Blue Boy statue and fountain was dedicated in 1906.

## **Historical Homes**      723-2820

Pick up an informational pictorial booklet entitled, "Lancaster's Historic Courthouse Square" at City Hall (206 S. Madison St.) and enjoy an interesting walking tour of 31 different historical highlights on or near the Grant County Courthouse Square.

## **Lancaster Trail**

North on County K

A series of nature-rich trails created by an Eagle Scout

## **Dewey Gravesite**

S. Jefferson Street

Learn about the tragic life of Wisconsin's first governor from the marker at his modest grave site.

## **Muscoda**

### **Ellis Nelson Sculptures**      [www.muscoda.com](http://www.muscoda.com)

124 East Catherine Street

See scraps of iron and pieces of steel come to life in the form of animals, prehistoric dinosaurs and moving contraptions. Local welder Ellis Nelson has earned a reputation as a creative welder and artist.

## **Platteville**

### **Katie's Garden and Platteville Community Arboretum**

275 W. Business Hwy 151      778-1131

Located on the Chamber of Commerce property, it offers a peaceful setting along the Rountree Branch Stream. There are woodland gardens, native prairie and beautiful flower gardens that include a gazebo, picnic area and walking paths. [www.plattevillearboretum.org](http://www.plattevillearboretum.org)

## **World's Largest M**

Located 9 miles NE of Platteville off Cty Rd B

A landmark in Southwest Wisconsin, residents and visitors climb the big "M" year round.

[www.platteville.org](http://www.platteville.org)

**Potosi**     [potosiwisconsin.com](http://potosiwisconsin.com)

### **Badger Hut Trail**

Across from St. John Mine on Hwy 133  
Well-preserved examples of how lead miners lived during the lead mining days, including several shelters that the miners used called badger huts

### **Main Street Tour**

The longest main street in the world that doesn't cross an intersection is lined with historic buildings.

### **Town and Country Tour**

Highlights sites along Potosi's East Main Street and extending several miles out into Potosi Township  
<http://www.vangrafx.com/PTHS/tour/country.html>

### **Sinsinawa**

**Sinsinawa Mound and Retreat Center**     718-4411

585 Cty Rd Z

The mother house of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters  
Located on 450 acres of lush woodlands, orchards, vineyards, fields and gardens; including a labyrinth  
[www.sinsinawa.org/](http://www.sinsinawa.org/)

## **Letterboxing**

Letterboxing is an intriguing pastime combining navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry in a charming "treasure hunt" style outdoor quest. A wide variety of adventures can be found to suit all ages and experience levels. Make sure clues are current in "browse map."

[www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org)

## **Geocaching**

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity in which participants use a GPS receiver or mobile device along with other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers called "caches" anywhere in the world. [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com)