

Sustainable Marshfield Committee MNH Letter for June, 2011.

The climbing price of gas is taken in consideration when making vacation plans this summer. So why not consider a 'staycation' and explore your community as a tourist. There are so many opportunities to explore while learning and enjoying activity in the Marshfield area. Try unplugging all electronic devices for a day or weekend and rediscover a new awareness of your surrounding. Some samplings to discover: -Ride a bike through the nearby Mead and McMillan Marshes trails to observe wildlife up close. -Hike the trails at Power's Bluff and learn local Native American History. -Try your arm at a round of disk golf at Bream, Wildwood or North Wood County Park. -Get an ice cream cone and walk the Washington school trail, stopping to enjoy the flowers and ecosystem the students provided at the School Prairie. -Walk through the natural areas in sprinkled throughout Marshfield like Conner Park, Weber Park, Griese trails, UW Arboretum.

-Enjoy the zoo and all that Wildwood Parks has to offer with a picnic lunch. -Plan your meals while meeting the hardworking growers at the many Farmer's Markets available throughout the summer. -Wednesdays at 7:30 is when you can hear the Marshfield Civic Band perform at Columbia Park. -Enjoy the many talented performances the UW-Wood County, the Chestnut Center for the Arts and the Lucille Tack Center for the Arts in Spencer.

-Wisconsin Farm Technology Days will be in our neighborhood July 12-14. -Hub City Days Central on July 30th includes the challenge of a duathlon. -Central Wisconsin State Fair offers a variety of entertainment and a glimpse of local agriculture from August, 31-September, 5.

When we think local we promoting our local economy and jobs, when we engage in exercise and eat local we promote healthy lifestyles, when we gather as a community we promote well being. When we limit the resources we consume we take into consideration future generations. Enjoy the summer.

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