

## County Executive Scott Walker's Ride Top 10 Reasons to Come to Milwaukee County this Summer

**One of the Best Zoos in the Country.** Come see more than 1,700 different animals on 200 acres of land. Plus, see the daily Oceans of Fun Seal and Sea Lion Show, ride the train, zoo mobile or sky glider and visit return of the dinosaurs in our special summer exhibit.

**We have the best Parks System in the US.** There are more than 15,000 acres of parkland within the 150 parks or parkways throughout Milwaukee County. In 2009, we won the Gold medal for the best system in the country. We have more than 100 miles of bike trails, new aquatic centers, 15 golf courses, opened beaches, botanical gardens and a new light show at the Domes.

**Mitchell Airport is Easier to get to and is adding more airlines and flights.** Our airport is now the 28<sup>th</sup> largest in the US, yet average fares are lower than 89 other airports. In fact, our fares are \$60 less than the national average and \$81 less than O'Hare. Not surprisingly, passenger counts at Mitchell went up 43% at the start of this year with Southwest, Midwest/Republic, Air Tran, Delta and American all adding flights to and from one of the most convenient airports in the country.

**The Best Ballpark in Baseball.** Miller Park is home to the red-hot Milwaukee Brewers and the only fan shaped retractable roof in North America. Unlike Chicago or Minneapolis, you can see baseball on real grass yet still watch a game under cover when it's raining outside.

**Our State Fair is Better** (and for folks in Illinois, it's closer too). The Wisconsin State Fair, located in West Allis, runs August 5 to 15 and besides the animals and amusement park rides, visitors enjoy more than 380,000 Original Cream Puffs during the eleven-day fair.

**World-class Arts and Entertainment.** From the Calatrava designed art museum to the public museum, Discovery World and children's museum, we have it all covered. Then there is the performing arts center which is home to the symphony, ballet, opera and so many other performing arts groups – as well as numerous other theaters and venues. The Bradley Center, US Cellular Arena and Midwest Airlines Center are home to pro and college basketball, hockey, arena football, soccer and other sports and convention attractions.

**A Great Lake.** The shores of Lake Michigan are some of the most accessible public spaces in the country. Our fresh water coast is great for relaxing, fishing, sailing, boating and exploring. The Lake Express high-speed ferry is the most successful in the Great Lakes. And the fireworks over the lake on July 3<sup>rd</sup> are the largest in the Midwest.

**Extraordinary Food and Beverages.** From the brewery tours at Miller, Sprecher and tons of micros to the hundreds of different restaurants in the metro area, there is something good to eat and drink for everyone. Custard, beer, brats, steaks, pasta, gourmet, cream puffs, cheese cake; it doesn't taste any better than this...

**The World's Largest Music Festival.** **Summerfest** starts on June 24 and runs through July 4 – 11 days with more than 700 bands, 50 food vendors and 5 different shopping areas – all on the shores of Lake Michigan. And when Summerfest is not on, come visit some of the largest ethnic festivals in the country – all on the same grounds as the Big Gig.

**Can you say Harley Davidson?** From the historic home of the 106-year-old American legend to the annual Milwaukee Rally, Milwaukee County is the place for Harley enthusiasts. Now, come and see the new Harley Davidson Museum with exhibits like Elvis' bike bought when he just became a star or bikes from the Indiana Jones movies.

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