

## **Welcome to Vernon County**

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Vernon County, quietly situated on the beautiful “west coast” of Wisconsin, is home to rugged hills, scenic farms and winding back roads. Whether visiting for a weekend getaway or simply passing through, Vernon County is known for its countless opportunities for bicycling, motorcycling, hunting, fishing and embracing the local culture and energy. Vernon County also hosts a myriad of local restaurants to satisfy your taste buds. You won’t want to miss out on some of Vernon County’s most well-known local attractions.

### **Water Sports**

Vernon County’s Kickapoo River offers many opportunities for water recreational activities and is one of the most popular kayaking opportunities in all of Wisconsin. The Kickapoo is clean and accessible for all kayakers, ranging from expert to those looking to try for the first time. Ontario, for example, offers a few kayak rental places, as well as clearly-marked places to launch on your own. For more information on the scenic views and logistics of kayaking the Kickapoo, [click here](#).

### **Biking Trails**

If biking is your passion, Vernon County is a must-visit destination for you. Vernon County has five pre-mapped routes along paved back roads, including Westby: the Amish Tour; Ski Jump Tour; Kickapoo Valley Tour; West Fork Tour; and Small-Town Charm. The Kickapoo Valley Reserve is also home 24 miles of off-road biking trails, and Wyalusing State Park has an additional 4.9 miles of trails. Recently, biking enthusiasts have created six miles of new off-road mountain bike trails through Sidie Hollow County Park near Viroqua. Inducted into the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame, the 32-mile Elroy-Sparta State Trail offers a three-tunnel trail for bikers.

### **Art & Culture**

Vernon County is also known for its rich collection of art and culture. Live music, festivals, restored theaters, art galleries, historical museums...you name it. Vernon County offers a rich, dynamic cultural experience for locals and visitors alike.

### **Farm Fresh Dining**

Another draw to Vernon County is the emphasis on farming and fresh cuisine. Several restaurants in the area offer farm-to-table dining options partnering with local farmers to provide fresh, locally-grown meals. Along with dining, Vernon County is also home to wineries and breweries.

Don’t take our word for it; with its beautiful scenery, local shops and farm-fresh food, Vernon County is a must-see tourism destination. For premade day trip itineraries for the Driftless Region of Wisconsin, visit the Driftless Wisconsin link below.