

Lafayette County Services

Canoe Rentals:

Four Seasons Canoe Rental
Blanchardville (608) 523-1543
Husie's Bar and Grill
Blanchardville (608) 523-4085
Yellowstone Valley Canoe Rental
Argyle (608) 543-3220 or (608) 214-7229

Camping:

Four Seasons Resort
Blanchardville (608) 523-1543
Lafayette County Fairgrounds
Darlington (608) 776-4828
McKellar Park
Blanchardville (608) 523-4521
Pecatonica River Trails Campground
Darlington (608) 776-4970
Blackhawk Memorial Park Campground
Woodford (608) 465-3472
Wolf Creek Campground
Gratiot (608) 922-6617
Yellowstone Lake State Park
Blanchardville (608) 523-4427
Yellowstone Lake Chalet Campgrounds
Blanchardville (608) 523-4121

Lafayette County Attractions

Argyle:

Argyle Legion Community Park
Home of Bob La Falotte

Blanchardville:

Mormon Historic Markers
Yellowstone Golf Course
Yellowstone State Park

Cuba City:

Cole Acres Golf Course

Darlington:

Darlington Golf & County Club
Historic Downtown Area
Lafayette County Courthouse
Lafayette County Historical Society Museum

Shullsburg:

Badger Mine & Museum
Gravity Hill - located south of Shullsburg
Historic Downtown Water Street Shops

The Waters Of Lafayette County

The Pecatonica River offers over 90 miles of gentle canoeing on both the east and west branches - the longest unrestricted flow of water in the state of Wisconsin. The water moves at 2½ miles per hour, occasionally dropping over small rip-raps. The river meanders in large loops back and forth across a beautiful broad valley, and some claim that "Pee-ka-tol-a-ka" is the Winnebago word for "crooked river". Scenic bluffs tower above some sections of the river. It may be necessary to maneuver around and over occasional fallen trees which provide shelter for raccoon, muskrat, beaver, deer and a wide variety of birds that make their home along the river. It is not uncommon to see beaver cuttings along the bank; great blue herons gracefully rising from the water or a mother wood duck hurrying her ducklings along.

The Pecatonica yields its share of excellent game fish every year. The muddy banks are quite deceptive, as most of the river bottom is gravel. Catfish, walleye, and occasional northern are the main game fish taken from the river. Many of the best fishing spots are accessible only by canoe.

The Pecatonica River, whose name means "place of many canoes" starts in Iowa County and flows through Lafayette County into Illinois. The canoeer will enjoy beautiful scenic farm pastures, marshes and woods filled with many species of wildlife. The river will be a pleasant 2 day trip going through Lafayette county.

For history buffs, the Pecatonica River flows through historic southwestern Wisconsin. This area received the first white settlers to the state in the 1820's and 30's, coming in search of lead. Due to the importance of water power in the settlement of the county, numerous significant sites and events occurred along the river. There is also abundant evidence that the Pecatonica valley was inhabited for hundreds of years before the coming of the white man.

Yellowstone Lake is a 455 acre man made lake and is open year round for canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing and snowmobiling. The park offers camping, biking, hiking, cross country skiing and picnicing. Many of the campsites offer electricity hook up for those who prefer this convenience. There is an area of the lake that is a no-wake area, perfect for the canoe enthusiasts.

Canoe, row boat and paddle boat rentals are available at the lake for those who do not have a canoe or boat. Yellowstone Lake is regularly stocked with game fish and offers good fishing opportunities for those who enjoy fishing. Fishing license and trout stamp is required. Please review the fishing regulations for the lake to enjoy the best fishing experience.

Fever River is 29.4 miles long 28 feet average width 1.2 feet average depth base flow is 22 cfs (cubic feet per second) This is an enjoyable one day canoe ride. The Fever river is considered to be the best small stream for smallmouth bass fishing in the area. There is also 14 miles of public fishing easement along the river for more fishing enjoyment.

Paddle Lafayette County

Southwest Wisconsin

Hollandale to Blanchardville ≈ 12 miles ≈ 3 hours

Blanchardville to Argyle ≈ 14 miles ≈ 5 hours

Argyle to Woodford ≈ 7 miles ≈ 3 hours

County O to Darlington ≈ 12 miles ≈ 4 hours

Calamine to Darlington ≈ 8 miles ≈ 2.5 hours

Darlington to Gratiot ≈ 13.5 miles ≈ 5 hours

Gratiot to South Wayne ≈ 17 miles ≈ 6 hours

South Wayne to Martintown ≈ 16 miles ≈ 6 hours

Woodford to Pecatonica River ≈ 7 miles ≈ 3 hours

Yellowstone Lake ≈ 455 Acres

All times and mileage are approximate measures



For more information visit:

www.FutureLafayette.com
www.LafayetteCounty.org