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Welcome to Minneapolis Northwest!

Minneapolis Northwest is comprised of three cities: Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, and Maple Grove, MN. Our area is located just minutes from downtown Minneapolis, and is conveniently positioned along the I-94/694 corridor. Each city has its own unique identity that helps make our area the vibrant and versatile destination it is.

Our unique local restaurants, fantastic shopping, an array of family attractions, and outdoor adventures that make you feel worlds away from the city, there is more to be discovered in Minneapolis Northwest than you might think!

Brooklyn Center

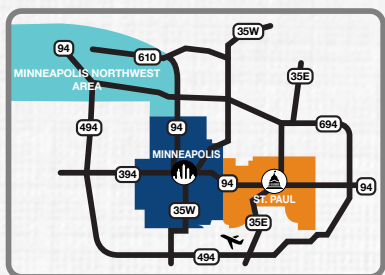
Located along the banks of the Mighty Mississippi River and bordering Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center is just ten minutes from downtown. It is the perfect place to stay if you are looking to head into the city. Brooklyn Center is also home to the **Earle Brown Heritage Center**, one of the state's most unique event and wedding venues.

Brooklyn Park

The sixth largest city in Minnesota, Brooklyn Park is home to 28 Fortune 500 companies. Brooklyn Park is an unique business forward community, with eighty-five parks, culturally rich neighborhoods, miles of trails, championship golf, and the Mississippi River, which all make the city an excellent place to visit.

Maple Grove

Home to the Arbor Lakes shopping & dining district, Minnesota's only ice skating trail, and **Elm Creek Park Reserve** (the largest regional park in Hennepin County), Maple Grove is one of the fastest growing communities in the state. It is THE place for shopping, outdoor recreation, and family entertainment in the Twin Cities.



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- Gymnasium
- Ice Skating & Skate park
- Picnic pavilion



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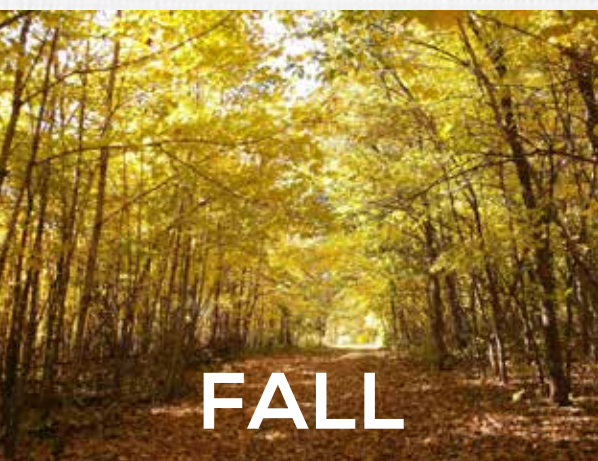
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January

St. Paul Winter Carnival | St. Paul
City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival | Minneapolis



February

Fat Bike Frozen Forty/ Frozen Feet 5K/10K/ Half | Maple Grove
Red Bull Crashed Ice | St. Paul
Beer Dabbler Winter Carnival | Saint Paul



March

St. Patrick's Day Parade | Minneapolis
Lucky Palooza | St. Paul



July

X-Games | Minneapolis
Summer Faire Concert Series (Thursdays through August) | The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove
Red, White & Boom | Minneapolis
Maple Grove Days | Maple Grove
Basilica Block Party | Minneapolis
Loring Park Art Festival | Minneapolis



August

Irish Fair of MN | MN State Fair Grounds
Woofstock | Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove
Uptown Art Fair | Minneapolis
Lifetime Tri Maple Grove | Maple Grove
Game Fair | Ramsey
Minnesota Renaissance Festival (Through September) | Shakopee
Minnesota State Fair | MN State Fair Grounds



September

Twin Cities Harvest Festival & Maze (Through October) | Brooklyn Park
ValleySCARE & Planet Spooky (Through October) | Shakopee
Minnesota Renaissance Festival | Shakopee



April

Minneapolis - St. Paul International Film Festival | Minneapolis

Festival of Nations | St. Paul



May

Cinco de Mayo West Side Festival | St. Paul

Maple Grove Half Marathon | Maple Grove

Art-A-Whirl | NE Minneapolis



June

Arbor Lakes Chalk Fest | Maple Grove

Tater Daze | Brooklyn Park

MSRA Back to the 50's Weekend | MN State Fair Grounds

Earle Brown Days | Brooklyn Center

Twin Cities Pride Festival | Minneapolis

Town Green Sounds of Summer (Through September) | Maple Grove



October

Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon | Minneapolis- St. Paul

Twin Cities Oktoberfest | MN State Fair Grounds

Twin Cities Marathon | MPLS/St. Paul

Fall Festival on Main | Main Street Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove

US Open: Racquetball | Minneapolis Northwest



November

Deer Widow's Weekend | Albertville Premium Outlets, Albertville

Santa's Magical Workshop | The Fountains at Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove

Holidazzle (Through December) | Minneapolis



December

Sleighbells & Sparkle Parade | Main Street Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove

Winter Wonderland Weekend | The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove

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Winter In Minneapolis Northwest



Shop Until You Drop
Into Dinner at the
Shoppes at Arbor Lakes

Winter In Minneapolis Northwest

Winter can be rough. But don't let the cold weather keep you locked up at home. Grab a date, your friends, or family and work up an appetite by hitting all of your favorite stores at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes. Whether you're looking for clothes, home décor, salons and spas, or more, you'll find it here! Then hang out at one (or all) of the restaurants around the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes in Maple Grove.



Claddagh Irish Pub
7890 Main St N,
Maple Grove, MN 55369

When you need a break from the reality of winter, escape to Ireland! The atmosphere is one-of-a-kind! Happy hour will keep you warm with Scotch Eggs, Irish Beef Stew, Traditional Shepherd's Pie, Warm & Tippy Bread Pudding, and so much more deliciousness than can be named here.



3 Squares Restaurant
12690 Arbor Lakes Pkwy N,
Maple Grove, MN 55369

With made from scratch specialties like an award winning Turkey Burger or their banana waffles, you'll love spending a chilly night here. Did we mention that they have three happy hours?





Patricks Bakery & Cafe
12489 Elm Creek Blvd N,
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Get cozy in the deep seated booths and tear into an exquisite Filet Mignon or the Herb Crusted Prime Rib. Don't worry there are plenty of salad, chicken and potato options if everything sounds too meaty. In the dead of winter, this is comfort food at its finest.



Malone's Bar & Grill
12635 Elm Creek Blvd N,
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Grab your friends and dig into some classic bar food! Watch the game with a Mr. Jimmy burger and waffle fries, Lettuce Chicken Wraps, or just a Deep Dish Chocolate Chip Cookie, you won't be disappointed (just extremely full)!



You can't go wrong with any of these tasty choices! Let's not forget that once you're here, you are within walking distance of the finest stores at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes. You'll find everything you could possibly want (and need). Whether you enjoy the shops pre or post dinner, don't miss out on the complete shopping and dining experience at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes!



You need to try fat biking. Fortunately, you are in (or planning to be in) Minneapolis Northwest, and we have one of the top single track trails in the Twin Cities (and the entire state of Minnesota). If that excites you, awesome! If you have no idea what it means, you're about to be introduced to your new favorite sport!

We talked to Jesse Izquierdo, Outdoor Recreation Specialist, with Three Rivers Park District and got all the information you need to get started.

Who should get into fat biking?

Everyone! But I think the sport is a great winter activity for cross-training for summer athletes and just overall recreationalists. Anyone who enjoys biking in the summer time, whether it's on regional trails or mountain biking on single tracks will enjoy it, because there is definite crossover. The great thing is that people don't need to put their bikes away anymore, it is safer to continue biking in the winter on a fat bike. The fatter tire gives people more traction and stability, on and off the trails.

So, even kids can do it?

It comes down to ability level. Kids can definitely get into this sport, you just have

to tailor it to your child or provide stepping stones for them to get comfortable with it, before throwing them out on the single track trails.

How should people get started?

I think that one of the most important things to consider before you get into fat biking is making sure you're ready for the cold temperatures. Pick up winter biking specific clothing, it will make a big difference in your experience.

From there I would check out opportunities to test out fat bikes. Some people know right away that they want to buy, but there are great demo opportunities, like at Elm Creek Park Reserve, where you can see the



First in Fat Biking

bikes and try them out before you commit. Stopping into local bike shops, like Maple Grove Cycling, and checking out their demo and rental opportunities is a great starting point.



Where are the best spots to fat bike once you're all set to go?

Elm Creek Park Reserve is considered one of the top trails in the Twin Cities and the state of Minnesota. They have 13 miles of single track trail there that range anywhere from beginner to intermediate to advanced riding.

Some people may be intimidated starting on a single or narrower track trail on the snow, so they may want to start on regional trails at Elm Creek Park Reserve. Another opportunity is Lake Rebecca Park Reserve, as this will be the first year that it's open to fat bikers. There will be 14 miles of single track trail for people to enjoy.

Are there any big events people can check out if they are interested?

Absolutely! Right in Minneapolis Northwest there is the Frozen Frolic Fat Bike Race, which will be held at Elm Creek Park Reserve. It's time trial format racing a 10- to 14-mile single track loop through trees and snow. And of course there are prizes.

There are more around the Twin Cities like the QBP Fat Bike Rennet at Hyland Park Reserve, the Penn Cycle Fat Tire Loppet 35k in the Twin Cities, and the Fat Bike Birkie in Wisconsin. Check them out!

Get out there and turn our winter paradise into your biking paradise!

Award Winning Fun

Minneapolis Northwest is full of awesome parks, but if you haven't been to Central Park in Maple Grove, you're seriously missing out. This park shines all year long. On any given day you'll find children laughing and playing on the slides, climbing walls and running off their excess energy. Parents are close by relaxing and enjoying their time. You might spot people walking on the trails, enjoying a picnic on the lawn, or playing pickleball on the dedicated courts.

So it comes as no surprise that at barely a year-old Central Park has already won an

Award of Excellence from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association! MRPA gives this award annually for new parks and facilities that made a significant impact on the community, exhibit exceptional planning, and demonstrate uniqueness and originality, which Central Park has plenty of. But then winter rears its head, and Central Park is still one of the best places to visit in Minneapolis Northwest.

Within its first year thousands of locals and visitors have enjoyed its rolling green lawn, the playground (from your childhood





dreams), the LED illuminated splash pad, and of course, the ice skating loop in the winter!

The loop is actually a trail, not like your tired old rink with bad texture. It is 800 feet of spectacular ice skating (one lap around a hockey rink is only 570 feet). And it's refrigerated and is maintained by a Zamboni, so you can live out all of your professional ice skating fantasies without any bumps in the ice. No promises on what you'll look like living out said fantasy though.

There aren't many loops or trails like this in the country, so you need to take advantage of it while you're here! Rent skates and feel like you're strolling through the park (but skating), go inside and warm up with concessions, and revel in the beauty of a Minnesota winter. There's nothing quite like it.

Get out there and enjoy Central Park in the winter! If you need more ideas, just let us know. We've got plenty.





Hindu Temple

Best Spots to Stop and Snap

For the amateur and professional alike, here are our picks for the best places to take photos in Minneapolis Northwest this Winter.

largest in the state at 43,000 square feet (and one of the largest in the country)! One of the most visually interesting buildings around, tour the temple on the weekends and learn more about this wonderful culture.

The Hindu Temple of Minnesota is the

Elm Creek Park Reserve is an awesome



Central Park



Elm Creek Park Reserve

place for photos year round, but tubing in the winter is a completely different experience. You'll love seeing everyone enjoying themselves against our beautiful winter backdrop.

The ice loop at Central Park is the ultimate ice skating experience. Your photos will

be unlike anyone else's, with unique views that can only be provided by an 800-foot trail!

Bunker Stables is fun for the whole family! Nothing says winter like a horse-drawn sleigh ride, complete with gorgeous views that you'll love sharing.



Bunker Stables



Team Building Done Right

Hearing the words “team building” can cause a variety of reactions, but it’s a good thing! With the right ideas and activities, team building can be a blast and truly worth the time you invest. We have plenty of ideas and experience to help you and your team reach new levels of cohesion.

1.) **Central Park** – This still-new park has an amazing pavilion and plenty of outdoor space to conduct educational sessions, or to set up your own games. We’ve got lots of ideas!

2.) **Dave & Buster’s** – If you’re looking for a large company challenge or an engaging small group activity, Dave & Buster’s can customize your activities and experience to produce the best results (and fun)! We’d love to introduce you.

3.) **The Paint Pub** – Sometimes we all just need a little freedom to be creative, which makes this a unique opportunity for your team. You’ll be educated and entertained in a fun and relaxed atmosphere so pick your painting and get started!

4.) **ProKART Indoor Racing** – Nothing brings people together like racing at 40 mph! ProKART offers a variety of racing packages and they have meeting space.

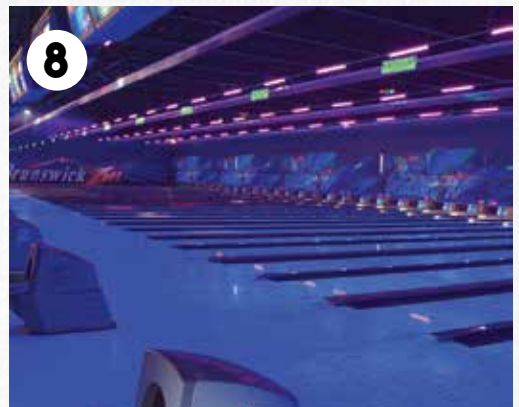
5.) **Love That Olive** – This is an outside the box experience for smaller companies or teams. You’ll be shown how to cook with a variety of oils and vinaigrettes, do some tasting and more! We’d love to tell you more about it.

6.) **WhirlyBall** – Competition can foster amazing team building and WhirlyBall, which combines multiple sports with bumper cars, is the way to do it! Complete with meeting rooms, a full restaurant and bar and more.

7.) **OMNI Brewing** – For a relaxed way to reward your team (or build it up), rent a portion of, or the entire brewery! You can take a tour and learn all about the brewing process and have activities or conversations with a delicious beer.

8.) **Brunswick Zone XL** – You’ll bond with your team and colleagues in no time at Brunswick Zone. Your event can include combinations of laser tag, bowling and the arcade, but we can connect you to their event specialists who will work with you to plan the best experience for you.

For additional information and assistance, head to our website and reach out to our Business Development Managers!



You'll Have 'Snow' Much Fun Learning This Sport

It can be a struggle to stay active in the winter, even our dogs might put on an extra pound or two. Minneapolis Northwest has the solution! Skijoring is the perfect way for you and your dog to get outside and take advantage of our beautiful winters!

If you already participate in Nordic skiing or dogsledding sports, you might be familiar with skijoring. If not, it's pretty simple. You start with your Nordic skis, a comfortable harness for your dog, arctic grade bungees and leashes, and a belt or harness for yourself to attach you to your dog. Then, with some guidance and training, your dog will pull you over the snow! Don't be fooled into thinking your dog does all the work (but they will love being able to get outdoors and run off all of their energy)! You'll get plenty of exercise with skijoring.

Skijoring is a great way to not only exercise, but to build a really strong bond between you and your dog. One way to get started with this, and to make your time on the trails infinitely easier, is to teach your dog some basic commands:

- Whoa = Stop
- Hike or Let's go
- Easy = Slow down
- Gee (pronounced Jee) = Right
- Haw = Left
- On-By = Keep going/ignore whatever they are being distracted by
- Line-Out = Your dog is hooked up to their harness and attached to the line. This instructs them to wait for you and your next command (and not follow you around tangling up their line).



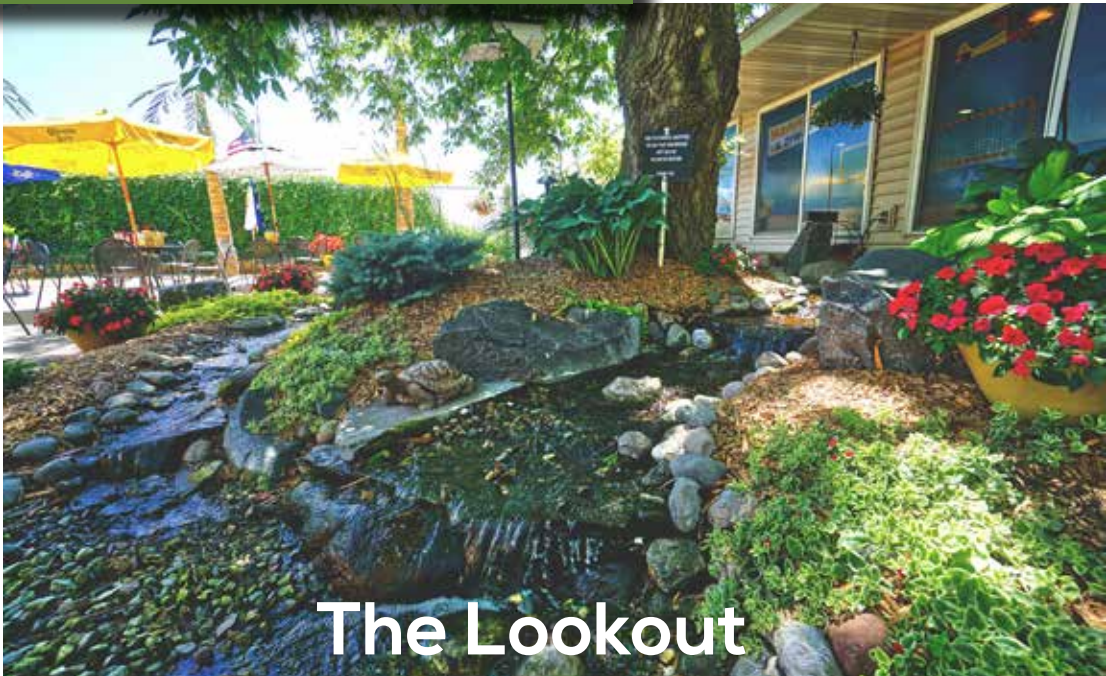
Once your dog has the hang of things, start practicing with your skijoring gear and hit a trail! Elm Creek Park Reserve in Minneapolis Northwest has 4.3 miles of trails for you and your dog to practice and enjoy skijoring! Just remember that regardless of your level of expertise and fitness, your dog will need to start out slow and build up their stamina. Start with a mile and work your way up until you can start participating in those 10-mile events!

Now that you've fallen in love with skijoring, keep you and your dog in shape for it all year long with off season training. How? Try these:

- Canicross
- Bikejourning
- Scootering
- Nordic Walking

If you'd like more information or the chance to try out skijoring before you go out on your own, Three Rivers Park District will have a Skijoring Basics class at Eagle Lake Regional Park in Plymouth on Saturday, February 11th from 10am to 12pm. You just have to bring your dog and skis; the rest will be provided! If you'd like Minneapolis Northwest Tourism to help you plan a skijoring trip, we'd love to connect you with everything you'll need!





The Lookout

Best Spots to Stop and Snap

For the amateur and professional alike, here are our picks for the best places to take photos in Minneapolis Northwest this Spring.

The Lookout Bar & Grill has one of the

coolest patios in Minneapolis Northwest. Grab some food, wait for that golden hour goodness and start snapping.

The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes is a fun and unique shopping experience year-round, but in the Spring it blossoms. Check out the courtyard and fountain area, complete



Edinburgh USA



The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes

with outdoor music. You'll have a great time and get awesome photos.

Edinburgh USA is a championship golf course that happens to be one of the best in the country (and it's public)! You have to see the 17th hole, which has an island fairway and a peninsula for a green. You'll

take your own breath away.

Eidem Homestead is a ten-acre living history farm that will transport you back to the 1890's. Tour the beautifully restored Victorian house, visit the barn, outbuildings, farm animals, and so much more!



Eidem Homestead



OMNI Brewing: Beer is Better Here

No visit to Minneapolis Northwest would be complete without a stop to one of the best breweries around: OMNI Brewing in Maple Grove. Just over a year old and already OMNI is a staple of the community. When you walk in you feel like you're hanging out at a friend's house, all the fun, none of the pretention.

Whether you just enjoy a good beer with friends or are a beer connoisseur, there is a brew for you at OMNI. Tried and true (and available year-round) classics like Lake Day and Omnipotent are guaranteed to quench your thirst and keep you asking for more. They also happen to have amazing seasonals, so make sure to ask what they have when you stop in (because you NEED to stop in).

OMNI stands apart from other breweries in more ways than one. For starters, they run on solar power! In one year they have generated enough energy to power 255 sixty-watt bulbs for one year of use at 8 hours a day. The total CO2 offset equals 805 trees and the total energy generated equals 3,624 gallons of gas saved. That's impressive for



any business, let alone a still-new one.

OMNI also believes in giving back to their community. Within their first year of business they have started a volunteer initiative called OMNI Doing Co., a volunteer group that meets to do good in the community. You get to hang out with other volunteers and enjoy OMNI beer in the taproom when you're done (that alone is worth it). Not many businesses make it their year one goals to help the



environment and the community. You are being socially responsible when you choose OMNI.

Whether you're in town for vacation, business, or you're a local tourist, OMNI Brewing has to top your list of places to visit. They offer tours and are even available for corporate functions.

If you're looking to taste test at multiple breweries during your time in Minneapolis Northwest, don't forget to check out Wicked Wort Brewing Company or Excelsior Brewing Co.!

Some other breweries in the area we recommend checking out!

- Wicked Wort - Robbinsdale, MN
- Surly Brewing - Minneapolis, MN
- Steel Toe Brewing - St. Louis Park, MN
- Bauhaus Brew Labs - Minneapolis, MN
- Boom Island Brewing - Minneapolis, MN
- Fulton Brewery - Minneapolis, MN





A Rainy Day in Minneapolis Northwest

Rainy days are great for sleeping in, but if you're looking to get out of the house and have fun, we've got you covered (just not with an umbrella, you're on your own for that). Whether you start at the top and work your way down or only hit a couple of places, here's what you can do to pass rainy days in Minneapolis Northwest.

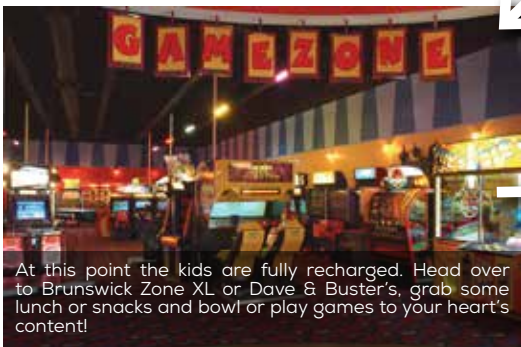
For the kids:



Breakfast at Henry's Cafe (it's delicious and you'll need the fuel)



Head over to the Maple Maze at the Maple Grove Community Center and the kids can run out all their energy while they wind through the maze and explore!



At this point the kids are fully recharged. Head over to Brunswick Zone XL or Dave & Buster's, grab some lunch or snacks and bowl or play games to your heart's content!



The last stop is Color Me Mine, it's the perfect place to hang out for the remainder of the day. It's simple, you pick the piece(s) you like and then you get to paint it! It's a great way to let your creativity shine.



For the adults:



Hit up Daily Dose Café and Espresso (You need caffeine, it's raining, and you're hungry. You won't be sorry).



Need more action? Go to ProKart Indoor Racing. Whether you are with a group of your friends or going solo for the day, you'll have an awesome time racing around the track.



If you're with a large group of people you have to go play WhirlyBall. It's all the sports you love in one (basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and bumper-cars)! After some fierce competition, grab some food from their full kitchen Bar & Grill. Round two?



It's time to relax and unwind. OMNI Brewing has a beer for everyone. Sit down, sip a cold craft beer in their inviting taproom and enjoy what's left of the rainy day. Cheers!

If you want some more suggestions on rainy day itineraries, head over to our website for lots of more options: MPLSNW.com

Theatre That Thrills

Spring is the perfect time to check out all of the amazing theatres and performances in Minneapolis Northwest. Our theatre scene has all of the quality and variety of downtown without the hassle. Here are our picks for the top local theatres.



Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Chanhassen, MN

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre is the nation's largest professional dinner theatre. With three theatres all under one roof featuring a variety of plays, concert series, and more, this is a must-see if you are a theatre lover visiting the Twin Cities.



Plymouth Playhouse
Plymouth, MN

An intimate theatre dedicated to fostering new Off-Broadway style musical comedies. Plymouth Playhouse is best known for launching the popular "Church Basement Ladies": an amazing production that has toured in 34 states.





Old Log Theatre
Excelsior, MN

As the Northwest's first professional theatre, the recently modernized Old Log Theatre is now one of the longest continuously running theatre companies in the nation. In addition to contemporary plays & musicals, Old Log also produces children's shows.

Yellow Tree Theatre
Osseo, MN

Yellow Tree Theatre, is an eclectic theater in the Northwest suburbs where you will find quirky comedies and plays you may have never heard of, but will love. Yellow Tree is a small theater that produces high caliber performances.





Sustainable and Proud

Sustainability, Corporate Social Responsibility, Going Green, however you refer to it, it's a big deal. In general people are moving towards more environmentally friendly practices and we want to do business with like-minded companies. When you're looking to host or plan an event, the more environmentally friendly a company's practices are, the more appealing they become. You can have a wonderful event and feel really good about the impact it will have on your attendees and the environment. Minneapolis Northwest would love to help you plan your next green event.

Even one small thing can make a big difference in your event or for the environment, which is why Minneapolis Northwest feels so grateful to have such wonderful partners in our community. Some of the best examples in our area are featured here.

The Minneapolis Marriott Northwest has been given TripAdvisor's GreenLeaders

Bronze level commendation for so many reasons. Marriott Northwest tracks their energy use, has a towel and linen reuse programs, trains staff on green practices, and recycles (including having the staff separate trash and recyclable waste, which they also track). But they don't stop there. They also have energy efficient lighting, energy efficient appliances in rooms



and throughout the property, water efficient faucets, and they track their water use. Even Marriott Northwest's products are environmentally friendly. They use recycled office paper, recycled paper towels, over 75% of their cleaning products are certified green, and over 25% of their furniture has "green"

characteristics, such as recycled content, renewable or salvaged materials, or are locally sourced. To top all of that off, Marriott Northwest makes education and innovation a priority. They ask guests for feedback on their green practices and they track their carbon emissions.

The Arbor Lakes Hotels, which include Holiday Inn & Suites, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn, and Staybridge Suites, also have measures in place to keep their properties environmentally friendly. They each have programs to help conserve water and use less chemicals. By simply hanging your towels in your room instead of leaving them on the floor and requesting new ones, you are positively contributing. The Arbor Lakes Hotels recycle, use energy efficient lighting, and utilize energy saving fuel measures.

Another property Minneapolis Northwest is proud to work with is the Earle Brown Heritage Center. They understand that the industry wants to move towards practices that have “a meaningful sense of environmental and social responsibility.” In their literature they state, “Earle Brown Heritage Center is committed to offering foods that are earth, body and community friendly.” They follow through with this by offering



policies and solutions that are both immediately visible and sustainable over the long-term. How do they do it? Earle Brown Heritage Center buys local products to support family farms, serves seafood that comes from sustainable sources, promotes Certified Humane Cage-Free eggs, and purchases poultry produced without the routine use of human antibiotics. But wait, there’s more! They also provide milk that is free of artificial growth hormones, implement waste reduction practices, offer packaging made from renewable resources, and they feature social and ecological certified coffee.

These are really just the tip of the iceberg and we’d love to show you more. Let Minneapolis Northwest connect you with one of these properties, or a variety of others, and help you achieve fun and environmentally sustainable events.





Put Up Your Feet and Relax

Relaxing is a luxury these days. You travel for work and put in long hours, you have to run the kids to all of their after-school activities, or you just haven't thought to reward yourself in a while. Now is the time. With a variety of salons and spas, Minneapolis Northwest does relaxation better than anyone. So if you're here for business, looking for a weekend getaway, or are one of our locals, let us help you unwind!

Spas are a fantastic way to spend some romantic time with your spouse and to recharge. Take a break together and forget about the world for a while. Or grab your girlfriends and catch up in between massages and facials!

A great place to do that is at one of the newest spas in Minneapolis Northwest, The Woodhouse Day Spa at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes in Maple Grove. From the

moment you walk in and are greeted by their friendly and helpful staff, to relaxing (and napping) in the Quiet Room, to your massage, facial, nail appointment or more, you'll experience luxury like never before.

Alone time here is magical, but check out their Duet Massage for you and your spouse.





It kicks romance and relaxation up a notch. Spoil yourself with one (or several) of all the amazing options they have to offer. They can accommodate groups and events too!

There are plenty of other places in Minneapolis Northwest that can spoil you too. Whether it's a new haircut, manicure/pedicure, or a massage, we've got plenty of ways for you to treat yourself. You deserve it!

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- Etica Salon
- Kalla Lily Salon and Spa
- Nail Montage
- MarcDaniel Salon
- New Reflections Salon
- Salon Sartor
- Simonson's Salon & Spa
- Taj Salon, Spa & Boutique
- Willow Salon
- And many more!

When you're done being pampered, make sure to get a tasty meal at one of the many delicious restaurants at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes!





It's Patio Time!

With Winter's end comes the fresh new beginning of Spring. After being stuck inside for months, it's time to get out and enjoy all of the great patios in Minneapolis Northwest. Grab some food, a tasty beverage, and pull up a chair!

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- The Lookout
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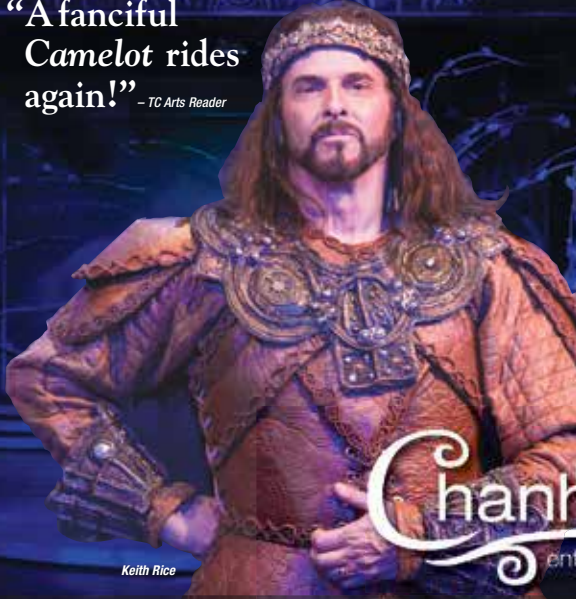
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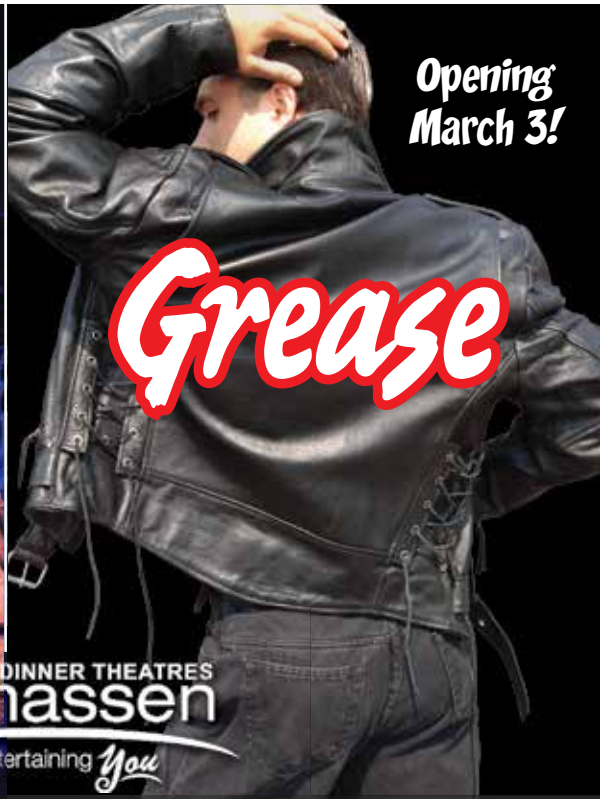
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We are located 15 minutes northwest of Minneapolis off I-694 and Hemlock Lane on Elm Creek Boulevard. The Courtyard Marriott, Holiday Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn, and Staybridge Suites in Maple Grove look forward to your arrival.

Visit our website at www.ArborLakesHotels.com for more details on guest room accommodations, meetings, and events.





5 Reasons to Shop Minneapolis

Buying local and organic is becoming increasingly important, and in Minneapolis Northwest we've got plenty to offer! It's easy to shop healthy here, but here are 5 more reasons to shop our amazing farmer's markets.

- 1.) Your fruits and vegetables will be fresh and delicious. This means tastier dishes and impressed dinner guests. (Impressing yourself is okay too).
- 2.) It's a social event. You can bring friends, family, and the dog! So many farmer's markets are experiences now, with food trucks, and entertainment. Don't be the only one that misses out on it!
- 3.) You are supporting local farmers. And with that, the local economy. You're helping so many people (including yourself)!
- 4.) You can inspire your loved ones to be healthier. Showing off all of your farmer's market finds (and the delicious and healthy things you make with them), will make your friends and family realize that healthy eating is much simpler than they thought. Plus, it is so fun to go hunting for the perfect addition to your dinner table!
- 5.) There is so much more than just fruit and vegetables. Farmer's markets have changed. You can find your produce, but now you can find a variety of items from honey, eggs, dairy, meats, crafts, and many more one-of-a-kind items!





Northwest Farmer's Markets

In Minneapolis Northwest we have some of the best farmer's markets around:

Maple Grove Farmer's Market opens in early summer and lasts through October. You'll find a wide variety of produce, specialty items, special programming for all ages, and entertainment!



Brooklyn Park Farmer's Market will provide you with some of the best fruit, vegetables, breads, jams, crafts, and more! This market opens in the summer and goes through early Fall.

Osseo Farmer's Market is held from the middle of summer until the end of September. You'll find fresh vegetables, fruit, flowers, fun, and more!





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The Grass is Greener Here... Golf On It

Golf is one of the best ways to spend a gorgeous Minnesota morning (or afternoon, late afternoon, early evening...you get the picture). With five courses in Minneapolis Northwest, we've got you covered whether you're golfing for business or pleasure.

Two of our courses, both public, are ranked among the best in the state. Edinburgh USA, in Brooklyn Park, is best known for its famous 17th hole, which has an island fairway and a peninsula for a green. It is an 18-hole championship golf course that has hosted seven LPGA tour events, the 1992 U.S.G.A. Public Links, along with many other local amateur and professional championships. Edinburgh has also received major acknowledgements, including "Best of State" category and "Top 75 Affordable Courses" by Golf Digest, and "Top 100 Courses You Can Play" by Golf magazine, among many others.

Rush Creek Golf Club, in Maple Grove, has been open to the public since 1996 and had their greens re-done in 2007, leaving them magnificent. They have a great layout playable for all Minneapolis golfers and visitors, and a beautiful 18th hole that provides the perfect ending to your game. Their championship golf course has hosted three LPGA Tour events, and most recently, the 2004 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. Rush Creek has been voted "Best Public Golf Course"

in 2001 and 2002 by Citysearch.com. Complete with practice facilities and their Mac Nine Par Three Course, you have to experience it for yourself.

We have even more options for the golf enthusiast. Centerbrook Golf Course in Brooklyn Center is a fun and challenging 9-hole, Par-3 layout. Whether you are a beginner, a pro, or just looking to enjoy a quick round of golf, this is the place for you. The well maintained tees, fairways, and greens, create a beautiful and fun round that can be played in 90 minutes or less.

Sundance Golf, Banquet and Bowl, located in Maple Grove, is traditionally one of the first courses to open and is among the last to close, providing you with an enjoyable, longer season. They have an 18-hole, par 72 golf course, 24 lanes of bowling, and a sports bar & grill.

Brookland Golf Park, in Brooklyn Park, is a fun, unique, and challenging golf experience! Their 9-hole, par 30 design is great for the beginner or someone looking for a more laid-back round of golf. While only 9 holes, it is still challenging for players of all levels. Brookland has a friendly and inviting atmosphere, with a pro shop, putting green and lessons for all levels of play. You can also play Disc Golf, or FootGolf!

For more info on golfing in the area, visit our website at mplsnw.com or download our new app! Available on iOS and Android!





No More Mediocre Meetings



Meetings are a part of our everyday lives, which is why to make yours stand above the rest, you need to stay on top of current meeting trends. Once you've gone through these, let Minneapolis Northwest help you plan and organize your next meeting or event. Our staff has the knowledge and expertise you need to have your most successful meeting ever!

Scarce Lead Times

Something that has become more frequent is the shorter time frame between when a meeting is booked and when it actually takes place.

Finding venues only a month or two in advance for your meeting or event can be difficult. Reaching out to your local Convention and Visitor's Bureau can be extremely helpful by saving time and headaches. After looking at your RFP a Coordinator at a CVB can forward your RFP on only to the properties that would be a good fit for your meeting or event and are actually available on your requested dates.



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Creative Team Building

With many companies choosing to increase the budget for teambuilding, creative and unique options are at an all-time high.

Activity driven team building options (like Pro Kart or WhirlyBall) are a great way to create team comradery. Cooking classes or painting nights are other fun options to get people out of the office and bonding over common interests. Minneapolis Northwest has team building for all types of groups. We'll get you set up with the perfect one.

There's an App for That

Almost all meetings now have an App created specifically for them. It typically holds the agenda, speaker bios, a message board, and often has a way for attendees to correspond with one another.

With mobile information now being critical for most meeting attendees, it's also helpful to provide attendees with information on the local area such as dining, shopping, and entertainment. The Minneapolis Northwest App includes all of that information and so much more. Download it and see for yourself.



Versatility

Customization reigns supreme this year as companies strive to out-do themselves and their previous meetings. Companies are often looking for outside-of-the-box venues that attract more participants and encourage creativity.

The Minneapolis Northwest area is full of unique venues. Some of our most popular places are Central Park in Maple Grove, which features an ice skating trail and warming house in the winter and beautiful green landscapes in the summer. Need more? Mississippi Gardens in Brooklyn Park has gorgeous views overlooking the Mississippi River. Let Minneapolis Northwest find you the best one for your next meeting or event.



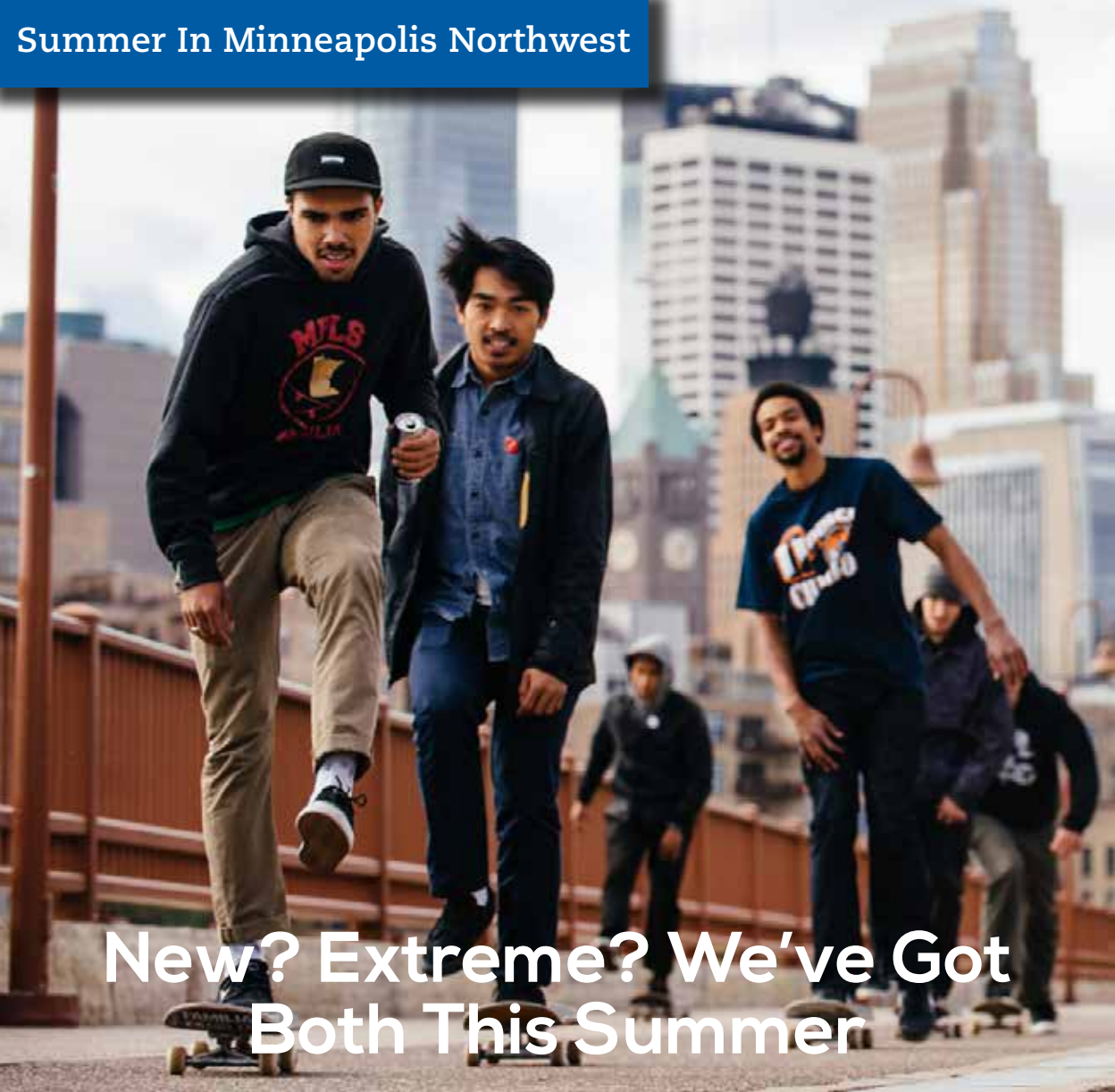
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New? Extreme? We've Got Both This Summer

This summer experience US Bank Stadium like never before when the X Games come to town! ESPN and X Games fans from all over the world will descend on Minneapolis to enjoy four days of extreme sports action. It's a chance to see some of the most exciting and daring tricks, flips, and beyond, all while showing off our great state!

This high energy event will have participants competing for bronze, silver and gold in skateboarding, Motocross, BMX and more. You might even see history being made. This competition

showcased Tony Hawk's 900 in skateboarding, Travis Pastrana's double backflip in freestyle motocross, and plenty of others. All of it is guaranteed to keep you entertained throughout the four days. It will be fun for all ages, locals, and visitors!

If all of that wasn't good enough (but it's more than) throughout the X Games, there will be plenty of music and other activities for fans to take part in. You'll be able to buy tickets by the day or in packages, depending on what you want to do. They'll go on sale in early 2017, so



make sure to get yours. You will not want to miss this!

Since its inaugural event in 1997, the X Games now draws anywhere from 100,000 to 160,000 spectators. This means a projected economic impact of \$100 million each year the event takes place in Minneapolis! Fortunately, we'll be able to enjoy this event for not just one, but two years. US Bank Stadium will be home to the summer X Games for 2017 and 2018.

If you are planning to attend (we definitely are) you'll want to make sure you start thinking about your hotel accommodations and any other activities you might want to do, right now. Minneapolis Northwest has plenty of amazing hotels to choose from and we're just a short drive to the stadium. We'd love to make recommendations or help you put together an itinerary for your stay. Let Minneapolis Northwest help make your X Games experience even more memorable than it already promises to be!



Town Green – Maple Grove

Best Spots to Stop and Snap

For the amateur and professional alike, here are our picks for the best places to take photos in Minneapolis Northwest this summer.

Town Green is a beautiful outdoor amphitheater located in Maple Grove. Come listen to music, watch a performance, or take a stroll around the lake. There's no bad view!

Weaver Lake Community Park is an 80



River Park



Weaver Lake

acre site, with a wide range of recreational facilities for a fun, day-long outing for people of all ages.

River Park is peaceful with up-close and personal views of the Mississippi River.

When you're done there, check out the Hamel Rodeo in July. With bareback riding, team roping, a Bull Ridin' Bonanza and more, your photos will definitely say more than a thousand words.



Hamel Rodeo



What's All That Racquet?

Racquet sports are on the rise and you'll find no better place to get started than in Minneapolis Northwest! You might be thinking, racquet sports? Yes! Pickelball and racquetball are increasing in popularity, especially among middle-agers and active seniors, but it's fun for all ages!

racquetball's premier grand slam event, where you can see the top players from around the world competing for the largest total prize money purse in the sport! The event will feature 800

Racquetball is played indoors so it's a great way to stay active year-round. Minneapolis Northwest has lots of racquetball facilities and we'd love to help you find the right one. Not only that, but this fall we will host the US Open for racquetball! It's considered





professional and amateur players and 1,200 stadium seats that put you right in the middle of the action. If you think you know racquetball, you've never seen it like this!

When you're done checking out this grand slam event you'll be inspired to try racquetball for yourself. Don't stop there! Pickleball is a sport that was created for all ages and skill levels. The beauty of this sport is that you can play at a leisurely pace or you can make it as fast-paced and competitive as you'd like. Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. You can play on indoor or outdoor courts and all you need are a couple of paddles and a plastic ball with holes.

Pickleball has its own following with recreational leagues and professionals, complete with tournaments all around the country. According to the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) there are over 15,000 indoor and outdoor courts in the United States currently. Minneapolis Northwest is home to some of these courts, including dedicated courts at Central Park, and we'd love to point you in the right direction and help you get started!

Whether you're looking for a competitive new sport or a fun way to stay social and active, give pickleball and racquetball a try in Minneapolis Northwest!



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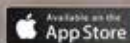
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Winery Wonderland



Rolling green lawns, bonfires, views of the water, rustic charms, and wine, where are you? Waconia obviously! Just a short ride from Minneapolis Northwest live the wineries of your dreams.

The next time you plan a trip to Minneapolis Northwest, set some time

aside to visit one (or all three) wineries in Waconia. Sovereign Estate has everything you could possibly need to wrap up a girls' weekend or

client event. Their knowledgeable staff will offer helpful recommendations for your wine tasting and then you need to get a bottle to share with your group! Just a few of the standouts are the 2013 Talon Crest (white, semi-sweet, full, aromatic, fruity), 2015 St. Therese

Rose (rose', sweet, full, crisp, fruity), or the 2015 Marquette (red, dry, light, lively, fruity). Combine these with the views of Lake Waconia, beautiful seating inside and out, bonfires, plenty of room to walk around and lawn games, it is an easy way to spend an entire day.



Parley Lake Winery (and Dearborn Orchards) has plenty to keep the entire family entertained with an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, goats, and of course, wine! There is plenty to see and do

here, but inside with wine barrels as tables, beautiful old wood floors, and the rustic elegance, you'll want to sip wine all afternoon. While the entire selection is delicious, some of the favorites are Apples & Vines (2014) and 2015 Frontenac Gris, which has notes



of apricot and peach with hints of citrus and tropical fruits. Whether it's by the glass or the bottle, you can't go wrong here.

At Schram Vineyards Winery & Brewery country meets city in this expansive indoor and outdoor location. Sit outside under the twinkling lights at night, or play games inside on beautiful wood tables with a variety of wine and beer to quench your thirst. You'll fall in love with the Chandelle, aged in stainless steel, which makes this un-oaked Chardonnay light, clean, crisp, and dry with a natural and

mellow fruit flavor, or the Barnstormer, a very fruit-forward red blend with perceptible sweetness, making this an easy-drinking red wine. Pair these with a cheese tray or something tasty from a food truck that is on-site most days.

Winery tours in Waconia are just one of the many fall experiences you have to indulge in this year. It doesn't matter if you live here, are enjoying a weekend away, or are entertaining clients, we'd love to help you add a winery tour and tasting to your stay!





Coon Rapids Dam

Best Spots to Stop and Snap

For the amateur and professional alike, here are our picks for the best places to take photos in Minneapolis Northwest this fall.

Coon Rapids Dam is an impressive sight all

on its own. Whether you are taking shots of the Dam itself or exploring the miles of trails, you're going to find some beautiful spots.

The Maple Grove Arboretum is a beautiful 15-acre park along Elm Creek. Follow the trail, learn about your surroundings, and



Maple Grove Arboretum



Elm Creek Park Reserve

stare in awe at what you'll find with your photographer's eye.

Elm Creek Park Reserve is an awesome place for photos for lots of reasons, one being that it has one of the best dog parks in the country (according to USA Today). There are a lot of places to go exploring

off-leash, so grab your camera and tell your best friend to get ready for his close-up.

Eastman Nature Center has lots to see and explore. Get closer to the wildlife than you thought possible and you never know what you might capture.



Eastman Nature Center



Get Lost in The Fun: Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze

Can you really get lost in a corn maze? Yes. But you'll have a blast while you're in it! Located in Brooklyn Park, the Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze is packed with entertainment for the entire family.

Once you get through the entrance you'll wonder where to start. The kids love the corn pit, where they can jump in and

swim through the corn to their heart's content. The straw bale maze is fun whether they try to crawl through it or run around on top of the hay bales (which is a very popular method). The petting zoo is full of the familiar (goats and bunnies) and the exotic (kangaroos and lemurs), most of which you can get up close and personal with, if you like that kind of thing. The hayride is a lot of fun and gives





you a chance to relax (even though the kids don't need it).

There is also live music, the pumpkin slinger (challenging, but you get to sling pumpkins, so it's worth it), pony rides, a gunny sack slide, a pumpkin patch, food, and more! Obviously the main attraction is the incredible maze, which is the largest in Minnesota!

The maze is a great way to spend an hour (or longer, depending on your ability to follow a map) with a couple of friends or a larger group of people. It becomes even more fun when you try to find all of the trivia questions throughout the maze. Answer all of them and turn in your guesses and you could win a prize (we love prizes). There's no other experience quite like trying to navigate through a corn maze, whether you're good at it or not. Getting



lost is part of the experience and you'll laugh your way through the entire thing. If you've never been to a corn maze, this is the one to see!

Fall is such a short and beautiful time, so you need to visit the Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze with your whole family (and all of your friends)! Make it a tradition by spending the weekend in Minneapolis Northwest. Stay at one of our phenomenal hotels, spend a day at the Harvest Festival in Brooklyn Park, and then relax with our wonderful restaurants and the extensive shopping at Arbor Lakes. You'll love it here.





Corporate Volunteerism Makes a Difference

If you're looking to make a change to your next event, consider the impact you could have by volunteering with your team or attendees.

Adding a fundraising component to events has been steadily on the rise in recent years. VolunteerMatch has stated that companies incorporating volunteerism are "building brand awareness and affinity, strengthening trust and loyalty among consumers, enhancing corporate image and reputation, improving employee retention, increasing employee productivity and loyalty, and proving an effective vehicle to reach strategic goals."

It's easy to understand why volunteerism/

fundraising should be a part of employee culture but how do you integrate that into your event? Let Minneapolis Northwest help you get started.

Some easy ways to give back are to host a drive. Food drives are fun and easy ways to add to your event. Offer a prize if guests bring a canned item for a local food shelf or bring school supplies for a local charity.

If you'd like your drive to be more specific, have a conversation with the organization you'll be donating to. This is very important when beginning the process, because you'll find that sometimes organizations are in need of hygiene supplies and baby food,



more long-term. The Brooklyn Center Community Corner is consistently in need of tutors. There is also Reading Partners Twin Cities that offers the opportunity to assist/tutor a child in grades K through 5.

Don't forget the follow-up! Pictures will always be a great way to ensure your event is not easily forgotten. Whether your team has engaged in a service project, served meals or collected items, make sure there are pictures to show off their hard work. These photos can be a fun way to say thank you after the event.

These options are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to volunteering. There are numerous organizations and communities in need everywhere. When beginning this process try to think about what you're looking to accomplish with the event and start researching organizations that may fall in line with that theme of giving.

You cannot go wrong with volunteering, it can take your event to the next level and inspire others.

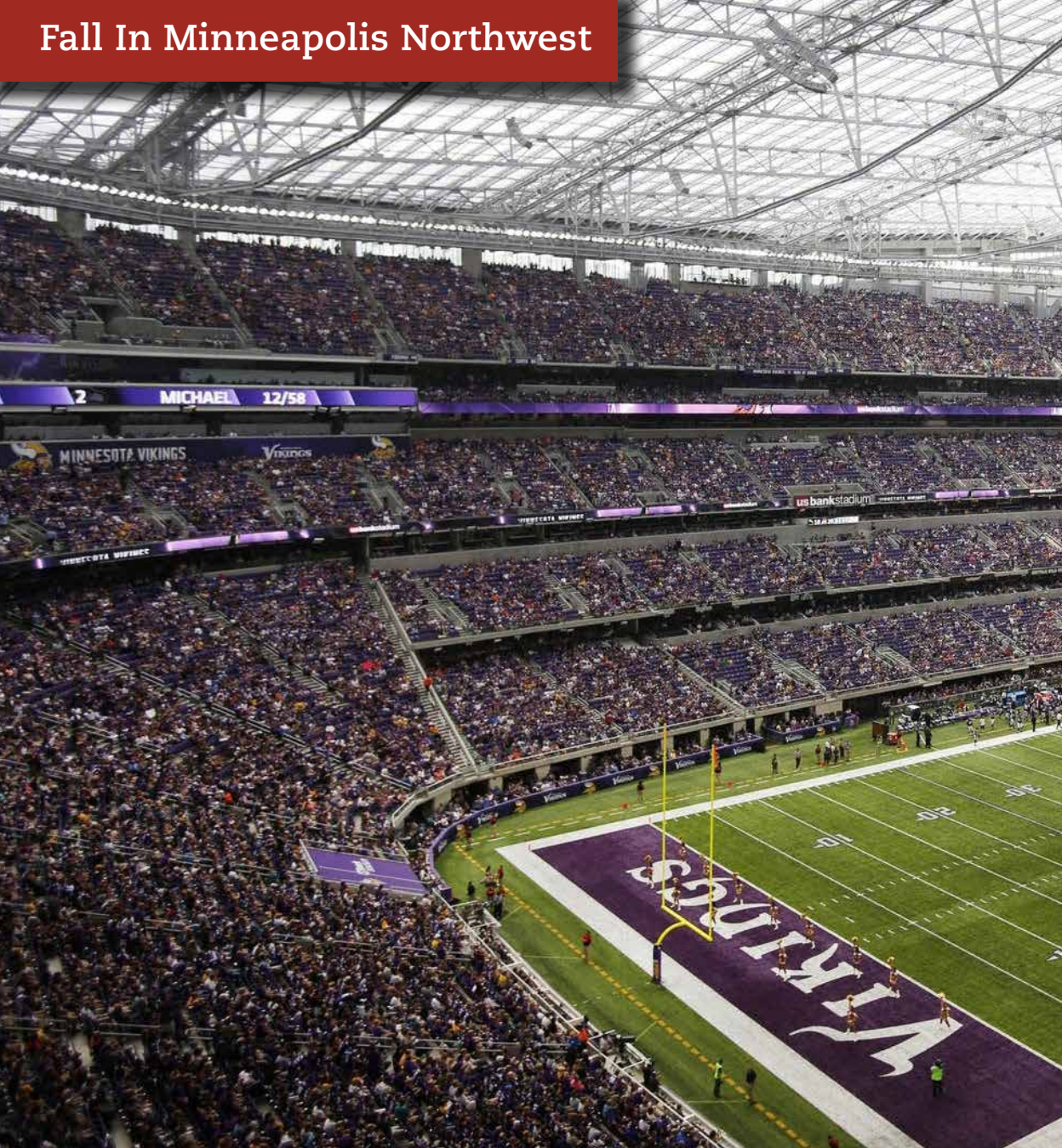
If you're planning to host an event in the Minneapolis Northwest area, please let us help you! We'd be happy to assist with finding a volunteer opportunity that will fit your next meeting or event.

while other times the need may be greater for school supplies or clothing. All donations are appreciated, but you'll want your event to have the best possible effect for the recipients.

Corporate team building service projects are also a great way to build team comradery while acting for a good cause. Packaging meals is a simple and fun way to give back. Places such as Feed My Starving Children typically have these opportunities available for groups between 8-25 people.

There are many ongoing volunteer opportunities if the spirit of volunteerism has encouraged you to participate in something

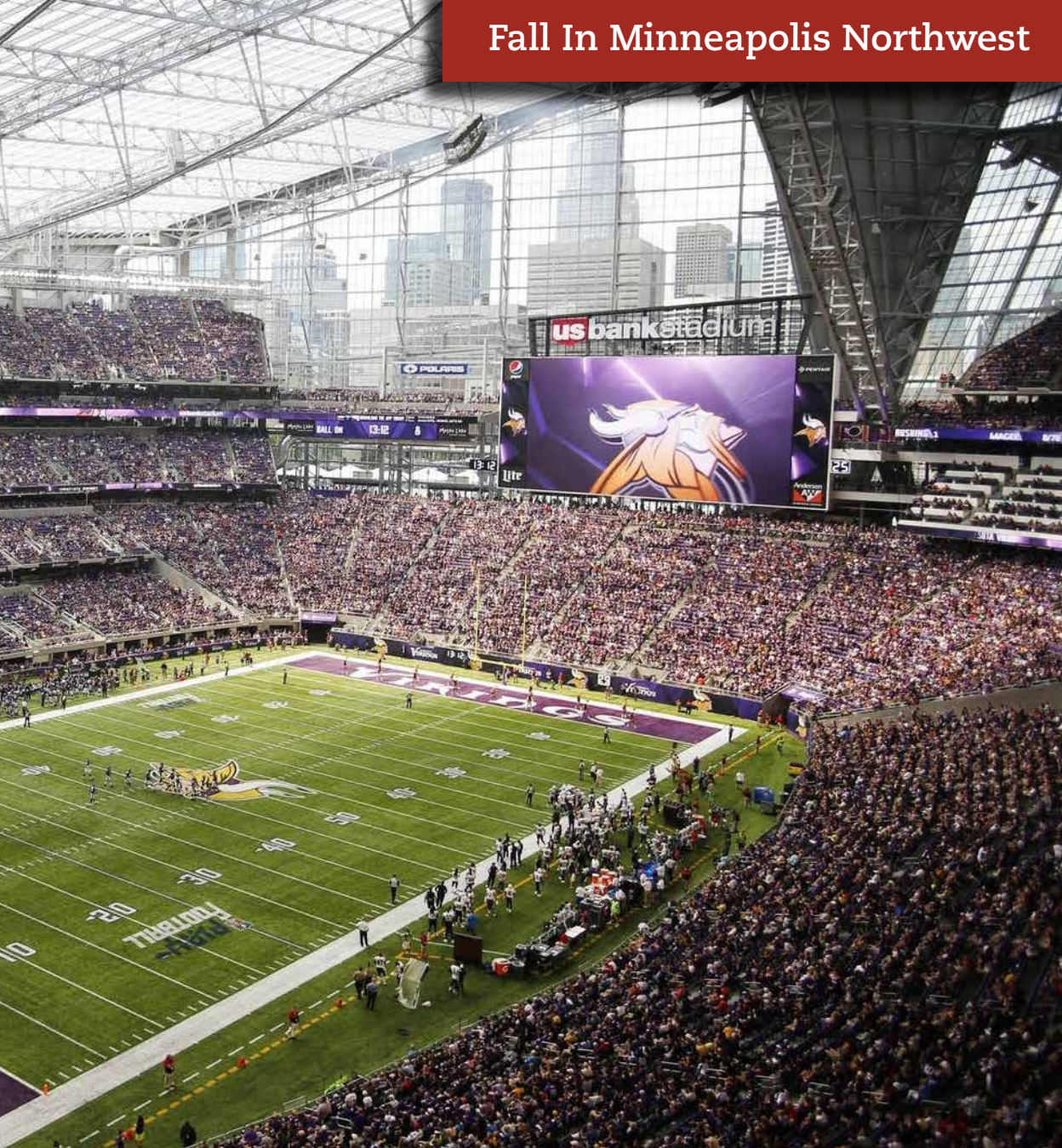




Fall In Love With Minnesota Sports

Minnesota should be at the top of your list when it comes to sports. Skeptical? We get it, but not only do we have a plethora of recreational sports for you to enjoy, such as fishing, hunting, skiing, snowboarding, etc., we also have six professional teams for you to cheer on.

When fall comes around some sports may be winding down, but there is still a chance that you could catch some late season Twins games at Target Field or watch the Lynx dominate in the playoffs. If you miss those, we've got plenty more to keep you more than entertained while you're enjoying your time in Minneapolis



Northwest. (And one day if everything falls perfectly into place you could potentially watch the Twins, the Lynx, the Vikings and the Wild play all on the same weekend. We'll keep our fingers crossed. Toes too.)

Just a short drive away is U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings. You have to catch a game in the new stadium, whether you're a local or just

visiting, it's an experience you won't soon forget. This 66,200 seat, state-of-the-art facility will not only host Vikings games, but concerts, college and high school sporting events, and so much more. It even hosted the summer X Games this year and they'll be returning for 2018!

With fall also comes the Wild home opener at the Xcel Energy Center. If

Fall In Minneapolis Northwest



you're visiting the State of Hockey this fall, you owe it to yourself to check out a game. There isn't a bad seat in the house and the atmosphere is going to get you on your feet and keep you cheering all night. You have to experience it!

Of course you can't talk fall sports without mentioning the Minnesota Timberwolves. Their season starts up now and draws you into the action from game one. Whether you are a diehard fan that follows their every game, a casual fan, or just visiting and wanting to see some awesome basketball action, the Timberwolves are up to the challenge.

Let's not forget about the

Minnesota United FC soccer team! They'll be getting their own stadium in 2018, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy games this fall. The National Sports Center holds 8,000 of the most passionate fans you'll find anywhere and each game is an event like no other. Get there early and tailgate or hang out



afterward and get autographs!

Let's not forget that we have some of the best college sports around courtesy of the University of Minnesota in our backyard. With Gopher football, hockey, and basketball, there is plenty of sports action happening here.

Looking for something a little different? Check out the Minnesota RollerGirls. The RollerGirls play in a women's league that competes on flat track roller derby rinks. With over 80 skaters and four home teams, it's unique, exciting, and fun! Check it out and see for yourself!

All of this and more is just a short drive from Minneapolis Northwest. We'd love to help you plan your sports itinerary!





Back-to-School Blues? Not in Minneapolis Northwest

Some kids love it, others...don't. That's okay! Either way, let Minneapolis Northwest help make back-to-school shopping fun and stress-free by taking care of all your shopping needs. What better way to satisfy your kids' fashion sense without emptying your wallet than shopping at Albertville Premium Outlets? Exactly, there isn't one!

Albertville Premium Outlets has a store

for all styles. With Lulu Lemon Athletica, The North Face, UGG Australia, Coach, and Michael Kors, you're off to a great start getting some back-to-school essentials, all at a reasonable price. Seriously, at these prices, you should get something (or lots of somethings) for yourself!

Don't worry it doesn't stop there. For the fashionistas there's American Eagle,



Justice, Gap Kids, Nautica Kids, and The Children's Place, you'll have the most fashionable youngsters around. There's even a Motherhood Maternity Outlet if you're not quite ready to shop for a little one yet!

Clearly with all of these stores and so many others, the kids will be well taken care of. So who says that you can't buy some back-to-school clothes or accessories for yourself? Whether you want some new clothes for work or just for fun, there's plenty for the parents here too. Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Bath & Body Works, Calvin Klein, Eddie Bauer, Dressbarn, Kate Spade, Kenneth Cole, Nine West, VanHeusen, Zales, and so many others! You deserve something special just as much as the kids do (probably more)!

You know you want to go shopping (back-to-school or not)! Set aside the whole day (trust us, you'll want to) and enjoy 100 stores on 80 acres of Northwood scenery. You'll find everything you're looking for, and maybe even some things that you didn't even realize you needed. Escape to the Albertville Premium Outlets, you'll love it!

Aldo, Charlotte Russe, Converse, Gap, Guess, Fossil, Lucky Brand, Maurices, PacSun, and more. They'll have the latest trends and plenty of options.

Lemon Athletica, Nike Factory Store, Puma, Reebok, The North Face, and Under Armour. If you can't find it here, it might not exist.

For the athlete, it's like athletic wear paradise. Check out Adidas, Columbia, Famous Footwear, Lulu

Are babies or little kids on your back-to-school list? Albertville has them covered too. With Carter's, G y m b o r e e ,



HOTELS



Best Western Plus
Brooklyn Center

Best Western Plus Minneapolis Northwest is known for their quiet, comfortable rooms. Recently remodeled, with upgraded amenities to meet the high standards of today's traveler and conveniently located for your next visit to the Twin Cities, whether it is for business or pleasure. Relax in the indoor swimming pool, whirlpool tub and sauna. Remain connected with free, hotel-wide, high-speed wireless Internet.

Best Western Plus
2050 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.566.7500 | 800.634.3444



Country Inn & Suites
Brooklyn Center

Just eight miles north of downtown Minneapolis, MN, the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Brooklyn Center hotel features complimentary hot breakfast. The 84 hotel room hotel offers warm accommodations, friendly service and is ideal for business or leisure travelers in the Minneapolis area. The Country Inn & Suites features an indoor pool, on-site parking, a fitness center, complimentary wireless Internet access, and laundry facilities.

Country Inn & Suites
2550 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.561.0900 | 800.456.4000





DoubleTree by Hilton Brooklyn Center

Enjoy a warm welcome at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Minneapolis North and enjoy our delicious chocolate chip cookie upon arrival. Surrounded by more than 500 acres of parks and scenic walking paths, this Brooklyn Center hotel offers a peaceful retreat, just minutes from the vibrant area of downtown Minneapolis.

DoubleTree by Hilton
2200 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.566.8000 | 800.481.3556



Embassy Suites Minneapolis North Brooklyn Center

The Embassy Suites Minneapolis North, connected to Earle Brown Heritage Center, is a beautiful property with 175 guest rooms and has great access to downtown Minneapolis. Embassy Suites creates the ideal ambience for guests upon entering their doors with an open-air atrium including natural greenery and flowing water.

Embassy Suites Minneapolis North
6300 Earle Brown Drive
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.560.2700 | 800.362.2779



HOTELS



Extended Stay America
Brooklyn Center

Extended Stay America - Brooklyn Center is designed for business travelers and value-conscious consumers; perfect for relocation, long-term assignments, temporary housing, and leisure travel. Just minutes to downtown Minneapolis, guests will enjoy full kitchens, wireless internet, ample workspace, and on site laundry all at a great price.

Extended Stay America
2701 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 5543
763.549.5571 | 800.398.7829



Motel 6
Brooklyn Center

The Motel 6 located in Brooklyn Center is an economical choice in the heart of the area. Conveniently located just 10 minutes from downtown Minneapolis teams, business travelers or leisure travelers can enjoy comfortable guest accommodations, plus the many amenities that our hotel offers.

Motel 6
2741 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.560.9789 | 800.466.8356





Norwood Inn
Brooklyn Center



Quality Inn
Brooklyn Center

The Norwood Inn & Suites Brooklyn Center surrounds travelers with the conveniences that make business and pleasure travel easy. It's located just across I-94/694 from the Earle Brown Heritage Center and 10 minutes to downtown Minneapolis.

Norwood Inn
6415 James Circle North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.561.8400 | 800.329.7466

The Quality Inn hotel offers guest comfortable guest accommodations to cater to families, teams, business travelers and meeting & convention attendees. Located just 10 minutes to downtown Minneapolis, this hotel is just north of the historic Earle Brown Heritage Center, one of the Midwest's premier conference and event centers. Awake each morning and enjoy the friendly staff at the hotel, plus a free deluxe continental breakfast buffet.

Quality Inn
1600 James Circle North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.560.7464 | 877.424.6423



BY CHOICE HOTELS

HOTELS



Super 8
Brooklyn Center

The Super 8 offers guests easy access to all freeways and attractions plus is only 10 minutes to downtown Minneapolis. Their property features two fantasy suites and interior corridors. Enjoy one of many restaurants to choose from nearby. Their oversized parking lot offers plenty of room for RV and truck parking. Free High Speed Internet. After a good night's rest, enjoy our delicious complimentary Continental Breakfast.

Super 8
6445 James Circle North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763.566.9810 | 800.800.8000



Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
Brooklyn Park

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest is the Midwest's premier all-suite hotel and full-service meeting and event venue. Their modern 230-suite hotel is minutes from Downtown Minneapolis, numerous sports arenas, cultural attractions, and shopping destinations, including the Mall of America®.

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
763.536.8300 | 877.303.1681

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La Quinta Inn & Suites
Brooklyn Park



Asteria Inn & Suites
Maple Grove

Stay connected at the La Quinta Inn & Suites Minneapolis Northwest with free high-speed Internet access in all rooms, a convenient business center and more. Located northwest of downtown Minneapolis, this La Quinta hotel offers unparalleled value and amenities to guests. Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast and free newspaper each morning of your stay.

La Quinta Inn & Suites
7011 Northland Circle
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
763.971.8000 | 800.642.4271

Asteria Inn & Suites strives to provide a great value for their guests. Offering clean, comfortable rooms at affordable rates, they maintain an "Always a Friend, Always a Smile" attitude. Enjoy amenities such as: free continental breakfast, coffee & tea 24 hours, cable or satellite TV with premium channels, in-room movies, and in-room safes.

Asteria Inn & Suites
7285 Forestview Lane
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.493.2277 | 800.641.1000



HOTELS



Cambria Suites
Maple Grove



Courtyard Marriott
Maple Grove

Cambria Suites is ideally located near the Arbor Lakes Shopping and Dining District, and adjacent to the new North Memorial Medical Center. They offer a stylish, contemporary atmosphere with furnishings and amenities that feel like home. Enjoy the best combination of cozy accommodations, friendly service and wonderful amenities.

Cambria Suites
9655 Grove Circle North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.494.5556 | 877.424.6423



Courtyard Marriott Maple Grove has a long-standing reputation of Marriott excellence and comfort. Courtyard's full service restaurant and bar provides an intimate setting surrounded by outstanding customer service. Courtyard Marriott has the areas only outside whirlpool with a heated deck making it comfortable even in the cold of Minnesota.

Courtyard Marriott
11871 Fountains Way North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.425.5355 | 888.236.2427





Extended Stay America
Maple Grove



Hampton Inn
Maple Grove

Extended Stay America - Maple Grove is designed for business travelers and value-conscious consumers; perfect for relocation, long-term assignments, temporary housing, and leisure travel. Just minutes to downtown Minneapolis, guests will enjoy full kitchens, wireless internet, ample workspace, and on-site laundry all at a great price.

Extended Stay America
12970 63rd Avenue North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.694.9747 | 800.398.7829

Feel the "Hamptonality" immediately as you walk into Hampton Inn Maple Grove. The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes are within walking distance of the hotel. Offering free daily breakfast with every room, Hampton's guests often remark how well the staff cares for them. They understand your need to be successful and desire to get out at night thus offering a daily evening shuttle along with the other Arbor Lakes Hotels.

Hampton Inn
7745 Elm Creek Boulevard North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.494.4498 | 888.432.4498



HOTELS



Hilton Garden Inn
Minneapolis/Maple Grove
Maple Grove

The Hilton Garden Inn delivers an exceptional experience to their guests every night. Stay connected throughout your visit to Minneapolis with complimentary WiFi in all guest rooms and public areas. Relax with your favorite beverage in the Pavilion Lounge, and indulge in hearty cuisine at The Garden Grille & Bar restaurant.

Hilton Garden Inn
Minneapolis/Maple Grove
6350 Vinewood Lane
Maple Grove, MN 55311
763.509.9500 | 877.782.9444



Holiday Inn
Maple Grove

Catering to the business professional during the week with on-site meeting spaces and competitive pricing, Holiday Inn & Suites is a well-reputed business hotel. The weekends, starting on Friday night, provide a fun environment for families to enjoy the area's largest indoor water park and arcade in a Venetian theme. Let their award winning staff care for your every need.

Holiday Inn & Suites
11801 Fountains Way North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.425.3800 | 866.391.6253



Holiday Inn



Staybridge Suites Maple Grove

As Minneapolis Northwest's upscale extended stay property, Staybridge Suites completed a full renovation of rooms and public spaces recently. Offering free daily breakfast and an evening reception on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, Staybridge Suites is your home away from home. Staybridge Suites guests stay one night or up to months at a time and use our indoor pool/whirlpool as well our free guest laundry.

Staybridge Suites
7821 Elm Creek Boulevard
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.494.8856 | 800.238.8000





There is More to Explore in Minneapolis Northwest.

This Activities Guide is filled with great information and fun things to do in Minneapolis Northwest. We know you'll love reading about all we have to offer, but you'll have an even better time visiting us and experiencing it for yourself! You'll quickly find that Minneapolis Northwest has even more to explore and enjoy than what we've featured within these pages. We have an even bigger variety of restaurants, attractions, events, and information just for you on our website and in our mobile app, Visit MplsNW. While you're there check out our Minneapolis Northwest blog, which gives you an entertaining insider's look at our area. It's also a great resource for meeting planners and sports & event planners.

A destination that truly has something for everyone, young and the young at heart, local or visitor, there is more to explore in Minneapolis Northwest.



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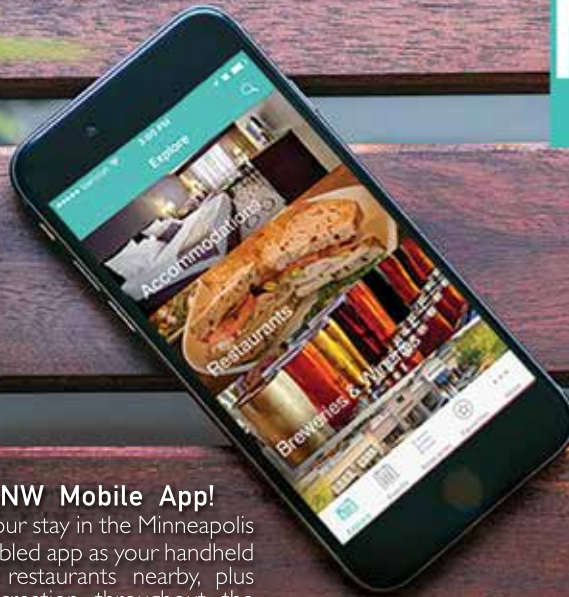


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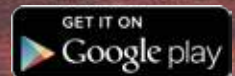
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*Elm Creek Park Reserve
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