

# MINNESOTA CIRCLE

## *Fall Guide*



(TOP OF MOOSE MOUNTAIN)



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All you need to prepare for  
a wonderful Fall season in  
Minnesota!

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# Scenic Spots



# LUTSEN MOUNTAIN

This should be on the TOP of  
your list! The views are  
extraordinary!

## TAKE THE SUMMIT EXPRESS GONDOLA TO THE TOP OF MOOSE MOUNTAIN

Adult (16+): \$26

Child (6-15): \$18

Senior (65+): \$22

Tots (5 and under): FREE with paid adult

Unlimited (6+): \$33

Family Gondola Special (1 Adult/1 Child Combo): \$39

One-way tickets: Save \$4/person. Ride up, Hike down via  
Superior Hiking Trail - available onsite only.

## STOP AT THE SUMMIT CHALET FOR LUNCH OR PACK A PICNIC

Eat lunch while overlooking gorgeous views of Lake Superior

## ENJOY SCENIC VIEWS AND HIKES

<https://www.lutsen.com/summer/summit-express-gondola/>

# ST. ANTHONY FALLS



Stop by the falls and take the 1.8-mile loop along the Minneapolis riverfront within the St. Anthony Falls National Register Historic District.

<https://www.nps.gov/miss/planyourvisit/uppestan.htm>

# LAKE CITY

Drive down Hwy 61 for gorgeous views in Minnesota Bluff Country!

1

**STOP IN DOWNTOWN LAKE CITY FOR A WALK ALONG THE WATER.**

2

**GET ICE CREAM FROM DUX AS YOU WALK ALONG THE RIVER.**

3

**IF ABLE, DRIVE FURTHER SOUTH TOWARDS WINONA AND ENJOY ADDITIONAL VIEWS!**

# STILLWATER



## WALK THE 4.7 MILE ST. CROIX RIVER CROSSING LOOP

Park in either downtown Stillwater or off hwy 95 and walk over the new Stillwater bridge to Wisconsin and loop back along the Historic bridge. The bluff views from both sides are breathtaking. You can also bike the path instead. Make sure to pack snacks and water for the hike!

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# ITASCA STATE PARK

From the Mississippi headwaters to Wilderness Drive you will be stunned by the beauty surrounding Itasca State Park!

**1**

**TAKE THE 88 LAKE COUNTRY SCENIC BYWAY UP FROM THE TWIN CITIES**

**2**

**ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE STATE PARK TAKE THE WILDERNESS DRIVE FOR VIEWS OF UNTOUCHED NATURE AT ITS BEST.**

**3**

**IF THE WEATHER COOPERATES RENT A CANOE OR KAYAK TO TAKE IN THE COLORS FROM THE WATER!**



# Family Adventures

# CAPONI ART PARK



## 60 ACRES

Caponi Art Park in Eagan isn't your average park, it is 60 acres of trails, a huge unique sculpture garden, Theatre in the Woods, and events for all ages. Make it a scavenger hunt and have your kids help locate all the sculptures while enjoying the brilliant fall colors around you!

# NELSONS APPLE FARM

## HIDDEN GEM

Nelson's Apple Farm is a lesser known family owned farm in Webster, MN, with lots of room to spread out, tons to do, and a great place to enjoy a fall family fun day!

## ACTIVITIES

- Goats to feed with free food!
- A huge variety of apple trees to pick from! (Many I had never heard of!)
- Wagon Rides
- AMAZING yummy apple treats and other foods. We highly recommend the apple dandies!
- Adorable shop filled with fall decor, kids activities, award winning honey and more.
- Delicious warm apple cider to enjoy as you walk around.
- PICK your own pumpkin!

# COUNTRY SUN FARM



On your way to Stillwater, stop in Lake Elmo right off hwy 36, for hay rides, corn maze, bouncer, petting zoo, gem mines, concessions, and more. In 2020 pre-registration was required to limit crowds, visit their website to confirm 2021 plans.

<https://www.countrysunfarm.com/>

# HEMKER PARK AND ZOO

## ANIMALS

Hand-feed giraffes, budgies or toss fish into their Otter area or visit the many other animals at the zoo!

## FALL ZOO FEST (9/21)

Discounted admission \$13.00 + tax/person, Amish Baskets for sale, Apples from Apple Orchard for sale, Craft Vendors, and more!!!

## BOO AT THE ZOO (10/9)

Wear your costume and trick or treat with the animals at Hemker Zoo!

# WOODLAKE NATURE CENTER



## TAKE A CLASS

Woodlake Nature Center in Richfield, offers  
Fall outdoor classes of all types such as:

- Apple Cidering
- Honey Harvesting
- Fall Migration Hikes
- Tracks and Trails
- Half-Haunted Halloween

**& More!**

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1

MINNEOPA FALLS (MANKATO)

2

HIDDEN FALLS (NERSTRAND)

3

DULUTH/NORTH SHORE

4

ANOKA-HALLOWEEN  
CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

5

ALEXANDRIA (FALL COLORS  
AND APPLE FEST!)

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NEW ULM (OKTOBERFEST)

7

EMMA KRUMBEEES (APPLE  
ORCHARD, FARM AND FOOD)

8

VALI-HI DRIVE IN THEATRE  
(LAKE ELMO)

9

SEVERS FALL FESTIVAL  
(SHAKOPEE)

10

FALL HARVEST ORCHARD  
(DELANO)

11

CENTENNIAL LAKES (EDINA)

12

ALEXANDRIA (FALL COLORS  
AND APPLE FEST!)

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HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL  
PARK (ST. PAUL)

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MONTGOMERY ORCHARD

15

HYLAND HILLS FALL CHAIRLIFT  
RIDES (BLOOMINGTON)

16

LUCELINE ORCHARD  
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NELSONS FARM (LITCHFIELD)

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WHISTLING WELL FARM  
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FISCHER CROIX FARM  
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# ABOUT US

## MINNESOTA CIRCLE

Minnesota Circle, formerly MomsDishMN, connects Minnesotans with local entrepreneurs, artists, educators, and storytellers. We bring our diverse communities together by highlighting our stories, connecting you to events, and providing inside access to what makes us uniquely Minnesotan.

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