

# HOP-ON HOP-OFF Included Stractions

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# Recommended Cateries WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF HOP-ON HOP-OFF STOPS

- FORT MULLIGAN'S GRILLPUB 214 W Blackhawk Ave | (608) 326-0639 | Closest Stop: #6 | 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Hungry House 531 N Marquette Rd | (608) 326-4346 | Closest Stop: #4 | 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- SIMPLY COFFEEHOUSE & EATERY 204 W Blackhawk Ave | (608) 326-7467 | Closest Stop: #6 | 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A THE LOCAL OVEN **B** SAWMILL SALOON C THE DEPOT

D SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH F ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**F** Something for Everyone G THE PICKETT FENCE H THE PLANTED TREE GALLERY & GIFTS

I IUNIPER'S HOME DÉCOR AND GIFTS J The Cannery Décor & Gifts

#### K WALGREENS

L VILLA LOUIS HISTORIC SITE

M Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce N Prairie du Chien City Hall

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SCULPTURE PARK

P Prairie Du Chien Museum

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### WELCOME TO PRAIRIE DU CHIEN:

As the oldest community on the Upper Mississippi, Prairie du Chien bas been a traditional gathering place for centuries. The native people of the area met on the prairie in friendship to exchange goods. In the late 17th centmy, French fur traders used the prairie as a site of spring and fall rendezvous. It was during these years that the land received its name, which translates as "Prairie of the Dog" in French. When the British took over the fur trade, Prairie du Chien became of greater importance for whoever controlled the prairie, controlled the entire Upper Mississippi watershed. After years of fighting for control of this land, the British eventually left the fort, leaving the residents of Prairie du Chien and the Indians. Discover the rich history lining the streets of this historical city as you explore the treasure Prairie du Chien has to offer!

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# Hop-on Hop-off Highlights

### CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE & 1800s JAIL

The courthouse as it stands today was built in several stages. The oldest central section dates back to 1867. An earlier courthouse on this site was built in 1836 when Wisconsin became a tenitory. The Territorial Prison, refirrred to as the "Dungeons," is located in the basement. The jail's main function was to hold felons for a short time and was constructed in 1843. The jail was operational until the present jail was erected in 1896.

### FORT CRAWFORD MUSEUM

Discover the rich. history of Fort Crawford, which was built in efforts to project the United States' presence on the frontier and relocated from an island of Prairie Du Chien to the mainland in 1829 per direction of Colonel Zachary Taylor. The Fort Crawford Museum encompasses three other buildings, the Prairie Du Chien Musuem, the Fort Crawford Military Hospital, and the Visitor Center. The Musuem of Prairie Du Chien is a modem building with exhibits on the historic development of Prairie du Chien. Here, guests can explore events of this historical town with exhibits such as The Flood of 1965, The War of 1812, Prehistoric Fossil Collection, American Indian Artifucts and Spearpoints, The Arrival of the Railroad, and Clamming on the Mississippi River. Guests can then explore the Visitor Center, which includes infonnation, a museum store and a library with books on medical history.

### FORT CRAWFORD MILITARY HOSPITAL

The Fort Crawford Military Hospital remains the only standing structure from the second Fort Crawford. During its operating years beginning in 1831, it offered care for sick and wounded soldiers. Dr. William Beaumont helped found the modem study of medicine when he researched digestion at the fort during the 1830s. Although the fort buildings fell into disrepair in the late nineteenth century, a portion of the hospital building was reconstructed with original materials on its original foundations during the 1930s. The building contains several exhibits, including an 1830s War Room that explains in detail Dr. Beaumont's experiments, artifacts discovered at the Fort Barracks, The Military History of Fort Crawford, The History of Medical Progress, an antique pharmacy and dentist office, and Swift United States Army General Hospital and the Civil War .



#### PEARLS OF THE MISSISSIPPI

Step on the Maiden Voyage, a fully-covered pontoon boat, with a warm welcome from river expert, Captain Bob, embark on a journey that will navigate along the currents the mighty Mississippi. As eagles glide gracefully above head, Captain Bob will narrate the history and stories hidden within the banks of the river.

Uncover a lost culture as Captain Bob recounts the narratives of commercial clamming in the region. He paints a vivid picture, allowing you to envision an era when the Upper Mississippi River was compared to California's Gold Rush. Locals referred to it as the "Pearl Rush," and the fever washed throughout the waters as millions frantically searched for their portion of the treasure; the Mississippi freshwater pearl. From these pearls, elegant buttons could be pressed and sewed onto shirts as a sophisticated embellishment, desired by many, including a well-known member of the Royal Family, whose engagement ring was made from pearls cultivated from this very river bed. Discover these river tales and learn how the era began and what unfortunate events lead to its abrupt end.

The unpredictable tides of the Mississippi River harbor some of America's most historic stories, though, some of these stories are slowly drifting down the currents, only to be forgotten. Make sure you do not miss out on this opportunity to explore a side of the river rarely shared!

Price: \$49.00 additional Activity Level: 1

