



Summer Events Along The Mississippi River Route 2019

The Mississippi [River Route](#) is home to historic communities that include renowned universities, incredible outdoor destinations, and a whole lot of great events year-round. The summer months are home to some of the most popular events that represent just about every type of interest. There's nothing like getting to know a beautiful region and building a connection to historic communities. These are just some of the events happening this summer.

JUNE

Date	Event	Location
1	Tour de Pepin – The Midwest's most unique cycling tour takes bikers around Lake Pepin with several distance options including 32, 50, 72, and 100 mile routes.	Lake City
1	St. Anthony Park Arts Festival – This arts festival is celebrating its 50 th year by bringing artists, musicians, art lovers, and families together in a charming St. Paul neighborhood.	St. Paul
1	Waterfest – A great way to try out some water sports including canoeing, kayaking, and fishing at Phalen Regional Park.	St. Paul
2	Grand Old Day – Grand Old Day is a great way to kick off summer and is free to attend! Head down to Grand Avenue and find some great music, food, and fun.	St. Paul
8-9	Trinona - Known as the “the world’s biggest little triathlon” this event is hosted at Saint Mary’s University and features some great multi-sport races, a kid friendly option and more.	Winona
7-8	Artspire – The Pump House in La Crosse, WI is home to this inclusive event that aims to connect the community with the arts.	La Crosse, WI
8	Deutsche Tage (German Days) – The Germanic-American Institute hosts this event that celebrates heritage and community with music, food, art, and more in St. Paul.	St. Paul
11	Summer Kick Off – The City of Hastings kicks off summer with a great family-friendly event featuring music, activities, bounce houses, food trucks, and more!	Hastings
17-22	Red Wing Plein Air – This arts event features competitions and exhibitions that highlight a variety of artists and focuses on building a community around the arts in Red Wing.	Red Wing
12-16	Winona Steamboat Days – The great annual tradition returns with a carnival, parades, live music, tournaments, and plenty of fun for the whole family. Celebrate this historic River Town!	Winona
13-16	Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest – Join an estimated 20,000 people for food, bands, arts, parades and more all at beautiful Kingston Park.	Cottage Grove
20-22	Twin Cities Jazz Festival – Lowertown in St. Paul once again hosts a variety of musical acts for some hot summer jazz at Mears Park.	St. Paul



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21	Make Music Day – The City of Hastings Celebrates all things music with a variety of bands performing for free in Hastings Parks throughout the entire day.	Hastings
21-23	Back to the 50's Weekend – This event celebrates the 50's with classic cars, music, crafts, vendors, and more.	St. Paul
25 – August 4	Great River Shakespeare Festival – There are tons of ways to take advantage of the variety of shows and events dedicated to celebrating the life and works of William Shakespeare all around the great city of Winona.	Winona
22-24	MSRA Back to the 50's – The State fairgrounds features classic cars from the 50's and plenty of other options for entertainment including dancing and swappers.	St. Paul
28-30	Water Ski Days – Celebrate the invention of water skiing in Lake City, the birthplace of water skiing, with plenty of skiing exhibitions, a parade, a carnival, beer garden, and food and fun.	Lake City

JULY

June 30 – July 21	Minnesota Beethoven Festival – Hear the music of Beethoven and more in a variety of venues by several different groups and performers. This festival provides tons of great musical experiences and is in its 14 th season.	Winona
3-6	Riverfest - La Crosse, WI hosts this annual festival right on the Mississippi River that features something for everyone. Celebrate the 4 th of July right on the Mississippi.	La Crosse, WI
10-14	Winona County Fair - This county fair has something for everyone and is held in the beautiful River Route town of St. Charles.	St. Charles
10-14	Ramsey County Fair – This county fair has been a family tradition since 1913 and features a variety of attractions.	Maplewood
11-13	Red Wing Collectors Convention - The Red Wing Collectors Society convention celebrates collectors from all around with a viewing of an amazing collection of antiques and pottery.	Red Wing
13-14	Dragon Festival – Lake Phalen Park in St. Paul hosts the annual Dragon Festival celebrating Pan-Asian heritage and culture featuring dragon boat races and more.	St. Paul
17-20	Wabasha County Fair – This Wabasha County tradition has tons of activities and is a great window into the wonderful communities that make it up.	Wabasha
19-21	Rivertown Days – Summer fun continues with a carnival, beer garden, medallion hunt, glow run, and more ways to enjoy the weather at this event.	Hastings



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19-21	Highland Fest – The Highland Neighborhood of Saint Paul hosts art and music in the village with so many activities that there is sure to be something for everyone.	St. Paul
19-20	Lowertown Blues and Funk Fest – Lowertown in St. Paul is home to another great music festival for the annual Blues and Funk Fest featuring some great blues, funk, and soul music at Mears Park.	St. Paul
26-27	Riverboat Days – Celebrate another great river town with a boat parade, duck derby, a 5k run, tournaments, and plenty more fun to have in Wabasha.	Wabasha
26-28	Houston Hoedown Days – Just off the River Route is a great community that hosts one of the best events of the year. The event surely has something for everyone.	Houston

AUGUST

2-4	River City Days – Free entertainment, fun for the whole family, and delicious food are just some of the selling points of this annual tradition.	Red Wing
3	Apple Blossom Tour – The La Crescent Rotary hosts this bike ride that offers a memorable day of cycling with a variety of different routes.	La Crescent
5-11	Dakota County Fair – This fair has been making fun a tradition since 1858!	Farmington
6-10	Goodhue County Fair – It's the 158 ^h annual Goodhue County Fair and a great time for folks of all ages.	Zumbrota
9-11	Irishfest La Crosse – La Crosse, WI has proven it knows how to throw a party and they will prove it again with Irishfest featuring Irish music, food, and even sheep herding demonstrations!	La Crosse, WI
11	Pioneer Day – Pioneer Park in Newport is home to a parade, food, games, and even a car show to celebrate this annual tradition.	Newport
16-18	Goodview Days – Parades, pageants, races, and plenty of fun for the whole family during the third full weekend in August.	Goodview
17	St. Paul Food Truck Festival – More than 40 trucks will be on hand to satisfy any craving you might have at Mears Park. It's free to attend and also features craft beer and live music!	St. Paul
22- Sept. 2	Minnesota State Fair – Summer is almost over so it's time to head to the fairgrounds for the great Minnesota Get Together! Whether you want to ride the rides, check out the livestock, rock out to concerts, or just eat strange new things, the State Fair has it all.	St. Paul
23-25	Great River Folk Festival – The 44 th annual edition of this festival returns to La Crosse with plenty of music, dancing, and more!	La Crosse, WI