



GRAFTON AREA

Located in the heart of Ozaukee County, Grafton is situated at the eastern end of State Highway 60 on Interstate 43. We invite you to spend time at a family farm, golf on challenging courses, enjoy the Interurban Trail where it crosses the Milwaukee River, fish, ice skate on outdoor rinks, and enjoy a diverse array of stores, shops and restaurants. Free musical performances take place on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

Events sure to please include the annual Grafton Downriver Canoe Race, which on the last Sunday in April rain, snow or shine! The course is a 14-mile trip down the Milwaukee River. This event is just right for canoe and kayak enthusiasts.

Bicyclists and cycling fans of all ages will thrill to the professional competition at the Giro d' Grafton Bike Race. This event is a first rate professional bike race under lights, coupled with a Downtown Block Party in the Paramount Plaza that includes a variety of free family entertainment.

Grafton's 4th of July Celebration is held at Lime Kiln Park and features bands, games, bingo and the county's largest fireworks display. A patriotic, family event not to be missed.

Spend sultry summer evenings on the banks of the Milwaukee River at GALA's Summer Concerts in the Park. If you're visiting in July and August, bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic supper, as the entire family listens to a variety of toe tapping, sing along music at free weekly performances.



Grafton recognizes its contribution to the music recording industry annually at the Paramount Blues Festival. Paramount Records produced roughly twenty-five percent of all blues, jazz, country and gospel music recorded in the U.S. during the late 1920's and early 1930's at a recording studio located within the Wisconsin Chair Factory on the Milwaukee River. The festival takes place at Lime Kiln Park in August. A bronze sculpture and a giant piano keyboard "Walk of Fame" in Grafton's downtown Paramount Plaza commemorate recording artists from by-gone days.

Join us at the fall Pumpkin Festival and as we usher in the holidays with the regionally famous Annual Grafton Christmas Parade, the largest parade north of Milwaukee. The parade features marching bands and drill teams, a variety of entertaining special units, live animals, floats, celebrities and Santa Claus. Whatever the season we hope that your stay in Ozaukee County will include a visit to Grafton, where we invite you to enjoy "Quality Life. Naturally."

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Downriver Canoe Race – April 26
Lions Club Chicken Roast – May 31
Giro d' Grafton Bike Race – June 19-20
Hot Rods 'n Blues – June 27
4th of July Celebration – July 3
Astro Wings Model Aircraft Show – August 1
Paramount Blues Festival – August 21 - 22
Grand Night Out in Grafton – September 12
Grafton Pumpkin Festival – October 9 - 10
Holiday Events – November 28