



PORT WASHINGTON AREA

A wonderful combination of New England charm and Midwestern friendliness, Port Washington welcomes you. We are 30 miles north of Milwaukee, on the shore of Lake Michigan – like a seaside getaway just up the road.

Port Washington's downtown is on the National Register of Historic Places, with the largest collection of pre-Civil War buildings in the state. The downtown is lake level, and adjacent to the marina. Visit our many specialty shops, including antique stores, craft shops and galleries. We offer many opportunities for memorable culinary & dining experiences. The cuisine ranges from gourmet to sandwiches, but casual attire is welcome at all.

Port Washington is a town that you can walk. Take one of the self-guided walking tours, past and into many historic buildings, or along the harbor, the first man-made harbor in North America. These maps are available at the Visitor Center, itself a historic building known as the Pebble House. Climb the hidden staircase tucked into the bluff, to the Historic 1860 Lightstation, and tour the restored lighthouse keeper's quarters inside. Climb the stairs for the view from the light tower, reconstructed and donated to the city as a gift from the country of Luxembourg. Around the corner is St. Mary's Church, built in 1888, rising above the highest land point in the city. Walk the 1/2 mile-long breakwall to the famous art deco lighthouse. There are breathtaking views everywhere you turn. Along the Harborwalk, you will be able to view an exhibit commemorating the shipwreck Niagara off of the Port Washington coast. Stop by the commercial fisherman's market in lakeside Rotary Park, and read about these hardy men who made their living from the lake, including the lost crew of the Linda E. This was the last commercial fishing vessel to sail out of Port Washington, mysteriously lost for a year, with the remains discovered by a minesweeper in 2000.

You can play in Port Washington too. Lakeside festivals & outdoor concert events abound. Venture out with a charter captain, representing one of the most successful charter fishing fleets on the lake, or try your own luck with a fishing pole along the shore. Spend time on the beach. Play golf on one of the pro-designed courses nearby. Rent a bike, and hop on the 30-mile paved, county-wide recreation trail, The Interurban, that goes right through town. There are also a state park & natural areas as well as a nature



center nearby that offer trails for hiking or skiing, as well as other seasonal activities through the year.

To experience all we have to offer, stay overnight in one of our fine lodging establishments. Lake views can be had at some, but wonderful hospitality is guaranteed at all!

Please call the Port Washington Tourism and Chamber of Commerce office at (800) 719-4881 for more information on events & attractions, or to receive a packet of visitor information.
www.portwashingtontourism.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 58th Annual American Legion Smelt Fry – April 17 & 18
- Community Street Festival – May 31
- Great Lakes Sport Fishing Derby – July 3 - 5
- Garden Walk – July 11
- Fish Day – “World’s Largest Outdoor One Day Fish Fry” – July 18
- Lion’s Fest & Fish Derby – July 31 - August 2
- Maritime Heritage Festival – August 14 - 16
- Christmas on the Corners – December 5
- On-Going:
Farmers Market Saturdays July – October