



## Suggested Weekend Travel Itinerary – Fargo, Fergus Falls, Breckenridge, New York Mills

While visiting [Erin Torey's "Love Letters to the Earth" in Rabanus Park](#), be sure to check out the [Plains Art Museum](#) in **Fargo**. Just down the way is the infamous [woodchipper](#) from the movie *Fargo*! Be sure to grab breakfast or lunch at [BernBaum's](#) and a drink at [Drekker Brewing Company](#)! If you enjoy yourself a little *too* much at Drekker, consider a stay at the [Jasper Hotel](#). And save the date for **August 11, 2022**, the final stop in [Taiquaa//Ambe Omaa's](#) traveling throat-singing performance at the Plains Art Museum!

Spend a day (or weekend!) in **Fergus Falls** and catch the work of [the Precious Plastics Collective](#), taking place across various locations in Fergus Falls. Check out the [Downtown Riverwalk](#), particularly on June 30, 2022 from 4pm-8pm for the City of Fergus Falls' river market opening which includes live music, and artist talks/walks with various 4Ground artists. Make sure to check out the history (and creepy!) [Kirkbride Park](#), hike to the [Broken Down Dam Park](#), or take a nature walk through the [Prairie Wetlands Learning Center](#). Don't forget dinner at [Union Pizza](#)! Plus, there are plenty of places to stay including the [Country Inn & Suites](#) or camping at [Glendalough State Park](#).

**Breckenridge**, Minnesota is just a hop, skip and a jump away from both **Fargo** and **Fergus Falls**. While visiting [Laura Youngbird's](#) installation, be sure to check out the [Tent Pole Monument to the Circus Dead](#) in the Bohemian National Cemetery, or the [World's Largest Catfish](#) in Wahpeton, ND.

Make sure to plan enough time to visit quaint **New York Mills**, Minnesota, about an hour drive from any of these locations. [New York Mills Cultural Center](#) always has something going, and spend time working [New York Mills Talking Trails](#), which leads you through town to learn more about its history through interactive signage. [Green Island](#) in **Wadena** is a MUST – 30 acres of trails, trees, gardens, poetry, and sculptures. [Nyberg Sculpture Park](#) in **Vining** is a fun tourist attraction (**between New York Mills and Fergus Falls**), and of course, be sure to visit [New York Mills Sculpture Park](#) and [Paul Albright's](#) latest contribution to 4Ground. Stay the night at the [Whistle Stop Inn](#)—you have your choice of staying in the Victorian home or in a beautifully restored train car, completed with a delicious breakfast in the morning!

## Suggested Weekend Travel Itinerary – St. Croix Valley & Twin Cities

There is no shortage of culture in the **Twin Cities**! After spending time visiting the [Walker Art Center Sculpture Gardens](#) or [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#), make sure to check out the local gallery scene at contemporary art galleries like [Bockley Gallery](#), [Hair + Nails](#), [Dreamsong](#), or [TOA Presents](#). Don't forget to visit [Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary](#) or [Indian Mounds Regional Park](#) for [Marlena Myles' Dakota Spirit Walks](#), which can be downloaded via the Revelo AR App. Add in a hike around [Pickerel Lake](#) in **St. Paul** to visit [Kelley Meister's](#) latest iteration of "Hot Zone", a meal at the venerable [Owamni](#) and you have your Twin Cities weekend itinerary cut out for you! ***Pro Tip: ride your bike to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and be sure to check out [Swede Hollow](#)!***

[Franconia Sculpture Park](#) is just a 45-minute drive north of the Twin Cities. Make sure to plan a full afternoon or evening around your trip...not only are more than 15 land art pieces on display at Franconia, but they have nearly 100 pieces of art nestled amongst its 50 acres of native prairie. Plus, they host more than 60 free public programs a year so there is always something going on. Be sure to visit the neighboring towns of **Taylors Falls** and **St. Croix Falls**, saving time for a hike around [Interstate State Park](#) to view the glacial potholes – nature's land art! If you're feeling particularly adventurous, drive to the tiny community of **Franconia** right on the St. Croix River – the road dead-ends at Franconia landing where there is a great locals-only swimming hole as well as a great place to launch a kayak rented from [Taylors Falls Canoe & Kayak Rental](#). Or head up afterwards to **Sandstone** to [Osprey Wilds](#), where [Bill Mitchell's](#) 4Ground installation will be on display and make sure to spend time with their beautiful birds of prey or hiking their many nature trails!

The town of **Osceola**, Wisconsin has PLENTY to keep you busy. Just a 15-minute drive from Franconia, [The Acreage at Osceola](#) is located on 360 acres of woodland and prairie habitat on the bluffs above the St. Croix River and is the home and sanctuary left by Horst Rechelbacher, founder of Aveda. While there, stroll the grounds, pet a llama or miniature horse, and check out the latest installation by 4Ground artist [Tom Bierlein](#), officially opening to the public on **June 12**. Grab lunch on the patio at [The Watershed Café](#), and hike down to the waterfall to cool off!

After leaving **Osceola**, drive south on 95/St. Croix Trail through the town of **Stillwater** where there are tons of great restaurants, bookstores, breweries, and antique shops. Continue on to the town of **Afton** and the [Belwin](#). Spend time with the bison and [David Sprecher's](#) installation for 4Ground inspired by these important animals. Be sure to come back on **July 31, 2022** for the [Taiquaa//Ambe Omaa](#) throat-signing performance or **August 21, 2022** for a performance with 4Ground artist [Rachel Frank](#) (related performance at Franconia on August 20). ***Pro Tip: launch a kayak out of Stillwater Boom Site and visit the Rookery in the middle of the river where hundreds of cormorants, great blue herons, egrets, and bald eagles nest and raise their young! Extra points if you can find the hidden cave and waterfall!***

## Suggested Weekend Travel Itinerary – Driftless Region of Wisconsin

The **Driftless Region** of Wisconsin has a lot to offer everyone—from people who want to explore the beautiful, rolling landscapes to those who want to take a vacation to the [Wisconsin Dells](#) or go camping at one of the many parks. The region’s distinctive terrain is due to its having been bypassed by the last continental glacier. Visit <https://driftlesswisconsin.com/things-to-do/itineraries/> for a variety of travel itineraries.

**Steuben**, Wisconsin is a great place to visit in the summer. Home to the [ACRE Residency](#) program based out of Chicago, dozens of contemporary artists travel to Steuben each summer to create new work in the rural atmosphere. [Ruth Burke](#) will be creating a new work entitled “Domestic Rewilding” at ACRE this summer during 4Ground in collaboration with her team of horses, be sure to check it out! There are also plenty of area trails to hike, a [fur trader reenactment](#) in **Prairie du Chien** in June, and the [Prairie Dog Blues Festival](#) in July.

**Sauk County** has several area attractions worth checking out. 4Ground artist [Tory Tepp](#) will be creating a new work for 4Ground and [Wormfarm Institute’s Farm/Art DTour Festival](#) at [Witwen Park](#), a historic church and campground. When you’re in the area, a visit to [Dr. Evermor’s Sculpture Park](#) is a must-see, as well as [Little Eagle Arts Foundation](#), located at Maa Wakacak (Sacred Earth) on a portion of the former [Badger Army Ammunition Plant](#) reclaimed by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Ride your bike along the [400 Bike Trail](#) and stop in at [Cedar Grove Cheese](#) or [Roarin’ 20’s Dining & Social Club](#). Other not-to-be missed area attractions include:

- [St. Anne’s Shrine](#)
- [Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin](#)
- [Arcadia Books](#)
- [Shitty Barn](#)
- [Devil’s Lake State Park](#)
- [Circus World Museum](#) (a personal favorite since childhood!)
- [Half Moon Lagoon Disc Golf Course](#)
- [Quintessential Quartz](#)

While visiting the **Driftless Region** there are many great places to stay. We recommend:

- [WilloWood Inn](#) - Baraboo, WI
- [The Usonian Inn](#) - Spring Green, WI
- [Cedarberry Inn](#) - Sauk City, WI
- [Round Barn Lodge](#) - Spring Green, WI
- [Spring Valley Inn](#) - Spring Green, WI
- [House on the Rock Resort](#) - Spring Green, WI

## Suggested Weekend Travel Itinerary – Rochester, Winona, Kinstone

**Rochester**, MN is more than just the Mayo Clinic. There are so many cool area attractions including museums, cultural, and environmental centers to check out, and at just over an hour from the Twin Cities, there is no reason not to add this to your list. Be sure to check out the [Rochester Art Center](#) and walk the outdoor sculpture grounds, which includes 4Ground artist [Presley Martin's 98% Air](#) installation. [Taiquaa//Ambee Omaa's](#) first performance on their traveling journey takes place at Rochester Art Center on **June 12**. Afterwards take a nature walk through [Quarry Hill Nature Center](#) or the [Cascade Meadows Wetlands](#). Be sure to grab a bit at one of Rochester's amazing restaurants and breweries, such as [Little Thistle](#) or [Kinney Creek](#).

**Winona**, MN is less than an hour east of Rochester, and well worth the visit on the way out to [Kinstone Circle](#), located just across the Mississippi River in **Fountain City**, WI. Check out the Sicilian style-bakery of [Sapori di Sicilia](#) before afternooning like a tourist on the [Winona Boat Tour](#). Kinstone Circle is home to an evolving 4Ground project, a collaboration between Wang Ping and Joe Lerro called "[Kinship of Rivers](#)". Every first Friday of the month throughout the summer visitors can contribute to this evolving prayer-flag installation at Kinstone. While in Fountain City, make sure to stop by [Monarch Public House](#), the oldest continually operating tavern in Wisconsin, or [Seven Hawks Vineyards](#) for a wine tasting. 2022 is also the last year [Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum](#) will be open for visitors so catch it while you still can, and [Prairie Moon Sculpture Garden](#) is well-worth the visit. Too tired to drive back to the Twin Cities? Consider a stay at [Alexander Mansion Bed & Breakfast](#) in Winona or camp out at [Sleepy Hollow](#).

**Most importantly, while traveling 4Ground wants to remind you not to forget whose land you are on!**

There are plenty of resources to learn more about the Native people who have lived here for thousands of years, their history, their culture, and how you can get more involved with Native artists, organizations, and causes that you care about! Here are a few great places to start, organizations to support, and places to visit while you're planning your 4Ground road trips.

<https://native-land.ca/>

<https://hocokatati.org/>

<https://www.mnhs.org/millelacs>

<http://www.allmyrelationsarts.com/>

<https://www.mninaiveartists.org/>

<https://www.nps.gov/pipe/index.htm>

<https://dreamofwildhealth.org/>

<https://4groundbiennial.org/dakota-resources>

<http://bdotememorymap.org/>

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1pbLuALDtMHbxpigEh28R\\_6KZXdyPj1X-](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1pbLuALDtMHbxpigEh28R_6KZXdyPj1X-)

<https://www.mnopedia.org/land-water-and-language-dakota-minnesota-s-first-people>

<https://www.mnhs.org/sevencouncilfires>

<https://shop.mnhs.org/products/mni-sota-makoce>

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a3cde44dec8d4c6a8ed79067bf386d12>