

Your "Darn Near Free" 2018 Travel Library Starts Here!

Great Getaways sometimes "just happen," but you can make a good one better with some basic research and planning. There are lots of good guide books, maps and tools available free -many are on-line. But it's hard to beat a "hard copy" you can browse, bookmark, and put on the coffee table to "page through later." You'll find things you never expected. And it makes sense to also invest a few bucks for insider tips. Here are some of my favorites for planning Upper Midwest - Great Lakes Region Getaways. Make a few calls, visit web sites, and assemble an excellent travel library for next to nothing. OK, start calling and then hit the trail!!

State Travel Guides – Call or visit website- Expect 2-6 weeks for delivery

Iowa 800-345-4692 Travellowa.com

Illinois enjoyillinois.com

Indiana 800-677-9800 visitindiana.com

South Dakota 800-732-5682 travelsouthdakota.com

North Dakota 800-435-5663 ndtourism.com

Kansas 785-296-2009 travelks.com/travel-tools/travel-guide/

Kentucky 800-225-8747 kentuckytourism.com

Michigan 888-784-7328 michigan.org/travel-guide

Minnesota 888-847-4866 exploreminnesota.com/publications-order-form.aspx

Missouri 800-519-2100 vistmo.com

Nebraska 402-471-3796 visitnebraska.com

Ohio 800-BUCKEYE (282-5393) ohio.org/order-guide

Wisconsin 800-432-8747 www.travelwisconsin.com

Guides to Popular Regional Destinations

Apostle Islands Area – Bayfield, WI 715-779-3335 bayfield.org

Black Hills, SD -Get SD Guide – 140 pages on Black Hills blackhillsbadlands.com/publications

Branson MO 800-296-0463 explorebranson.com

Door County 800-527-3529 doorcounty.com

Kansas City, MO - 800-767-7700 visitkc.com

Keweenaw Peninsula, MI 888-766-0325 keweenaw.info

Kohler, WI – Sheboygan County Guide- 800-457-9497 visitsheboygan.com

Mackinac Island Area, MI 906-847-37833 mackinacisland.org

MI Upper Peninsula 800-562-7134 uptravel.com/request-travel-planner-10/

Petoskey Area, MI 800-845-2828 petoskyarea.com

Traverse City Area, MI 800-940-1120 TraverseCity.com

Quad-Cities, IL/IA 800-747-7800 visitquadcities.com

Wisconsin Dells- 800-223-3557 wisdells.com

Select Regional Cities Offer Guides

Chicago, IL (only on web site – no phone to order) choosechicago.com

Columbus, Ohio 614-222-6127 experiencecolumbus.com

Detroit, MI 800-338-7648 visitdetroit.com

Dubuque, IA 563-845-7698 traveldubuque.com

Frankfort KY – 800-960-7200 visitfrankfort.com

Green Bay, WI 888-867-3342 greenbay.com

Indianapolis, IN 800-323-4639 visitindy.com

Louisville, KY 888-568-4784 gotolouisville.com

Madison, WI 608-255-2537 visitmadison.com

Milwaukee, WI 800-231-0903 visitmilwaukee.org

Minneapolis, MN 1-888-847-4866 exploreminnesota.com/publications

(Bloomington, Mall of America 952-858-8500 bloomingtonmoavisitorsguide.com)

Rapid City, SD 800-487-3223 visitrapidcity.com

St. Louis, MO 877-724-7714 explorestlouis.com

For a Few Dollars More –

Worth the investment for some helpful insider tips and ideas; available at book stores or Amazon.com

100 Things to do in Detroit Before You Die – Amy Eckert – Reedy Press \$16.00

100 Things to do in Traverse City Before you Die – Kim Schneider- \$16.00

The Wisconsin Bucket List – Kelly Jo Stull – bookthewisconsinbucketlist.com - \$14.95

100 Things to do in the UP Before You Die – Kath Usitalo \$18.00

100 Things to do in America Before You Die – Bill Clevlen – Reedy Press - \$18.00

This Superior Place –Bayfield &Apostle Islands – Dennis McCann -Wisconsin Historical Society Press - \$19.95

This Storied River –The Upper Mississippi – Dennis McCann --Wisconsin Historical Society Press- \$20