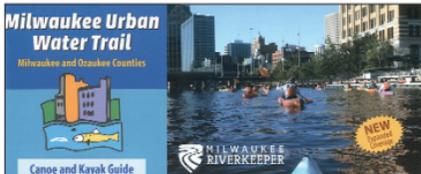


# Be a tourist in your own backyard

## Summer fun in Ozaukee County

For many, summertime means water time. With our abundance of rivers and creeks, and our location on Lake Michigan, Ozaukee County offers many opportunities to be in and around the water.

Canoeing and kayaking are popular activities on Lake Michigan, the Milwaukee River and Cedar Creek. The Treasures of Oz website has wonderfully detailed information, including kayak and canoe creek and river trips with maps and photos of key spots to assist with navigation, current water levels and flow; the Milwaukee Urban Water Trail; the developing Lake Michigan Water Trail; and weather and wind conditions. Visit the Treasures of Oz website at [www.treasuresofoz.com](http://www.treasuresofoz.com).



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information like Lake Michigan public access, types of river access – paddler friendly, high pier, etc. – as well as amenities such as restrooms, parking, potable water, picnic areas and nearby restaurants. It also includes nearby cultural, historical and natural points of interest, plus hazards including rapids, dams, natural falls or other areas of concern.

For anyone who has't yet tried water sports or doesn't feel comfortable on the water, Riveredge Nature Center offers kayak and canoe classes throughout the year using its equipment.

Fishing charters provide an exciting day of trout and salmon fishing out on Lake Michigan. Thanks to tourism member Great Lakes Sport Fishermen-Ozaukee Chapter's work to help protect and improve Lake Michigan's salmon and trout fishery, the stock is plentiful. Fishing



Milwaukee Riverkeeper recently came out with its second edition of the Milwaukee Urban Water Trail map. This waterproof map includes all of Ozaukee County, extending the water trail by 35 miles of river. The Milwaukee Urban Water Trail is a canoe and kayak route through urban and interurban portions of the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic rivers as well as Cedar Creek, with more than 60 miles of paddling opportunities throughout Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties.

Also included on this great map is



Canoe and kayak launch in Veterans Park in Grafton

charters, visit [www.ozaukeetourism.com](http://www.ozaukeetourism.com). To enjoy the lake from your own boat, there is a public launch in Port Washington.

The Denis Sullivan is the world's only three-masted recreation of a 19th century Great Lakes cargo schooner, which provides exploration of the harbor and waters surrounding Port Washington. Participants can help set the sails as well as take a turn at the helm or sit and relax and enjoy the experience as to what it might have been like to be in Port Washington at the turn of the century. For more information visit [www.portexploremuseum.com](http://www.portexploremuseum.com).

If being out on the water isn't your thing, visit the 1860 Light Station and Port Exploremuseum, a part of the Port Washington Historical Society in Port Washington for historical education and experience with connection to Lake Michigan.

And of course, many of our communities offer beautiful public pools as part of their amenities. All offer resident and nonresident fees. If you're looking to spend the day at the pool, some great community pools to consider are Cedarburg, Mequon, Grafton and Port Washington's Pirate's Hollow Waterpark. The village of Belgium has Ozaukee County's only splash pad located at 104 Peter Thein Ave. Enjoy some water fun, games, ice cream and more on July 15 for Splash Pad Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For information on all these activities and more, pick up a copy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Guide, available at area chambers and visitor centers, and partner businesses around the county, as well as kiosks on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail or visit [www.ozaukeetourism.com](http://www.ozaukeetourism.com) and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page.



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Members of the Great Lakes Sport Fisherman-Ozaukee Chapter have worked to protect and improve the fishery industry.