THURSDAYS ON FOUNTAIN
Summer Concert Series on the Lake.

MYRE BIG ISLAND STATE PARK
Experience the Prairie

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES
Lake Life is Closer Than You Think

507-373-2316 | www.explorealbertlea.com
WELCOME TO ALBERT LEA!

To some it might seem like the middle of nowhere, but to us, it’s the middle of everything we hold sacred. Always in close proximity to mother nature, there’s plenty of places to spend time with family and friends or solo. So whether you’re looking to get in a round of golf, scenic bike ride, or a nice day hike, the Albert Lea area has a piece of land for all of your favorite activities.

On any given day or night you can find something going on that’s right up your alley. Take in some live music or show on stage. Sip and share stories on a wine tour. Grab a cup of coffee and relax with friends. And when it comes to food, you can find everything from elegant fine dining to classic dive bar burgers. Albert Lea is the recreational gem of Southern Minnesota. We think it’s pretty cool that you can find everything you love about the lakes Up North right here in Southern Minnesota too. Albert Lea is an ideal location if you’re looking to stay a little closer to home but still want to get away to the lake.

Welcome to our Lake. Land. Life.

102 W. Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(507) 373-2316
(800) 345 -8414
www.explorealbertlea.com

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CITY GUIDE

For more information about our lakes, lodging, attractions and events, visit our website or follow us on social media.

WWW.EXPLOREALBERTLEA.COM

LAKE. LAND.

VISIT ALBERT LEA.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BUSINESS THAT MAKE ALBERT LEA A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT

@ THE LOCAL CITY GUIDE
ALBERT LEA & FREEBORN COUNTY
RECREATIONAL GEM OF SOUTHERN MN

Freeborn County lies on Minnesota’s border with Iowa. Known for its farming communities dotted with beautiful lakes and rivers, these communities provide ample opportunity to experience the diversity of activities available in Minnesota across various terrains, seasons and venues. Albert Lea is the major city located within Freeborn County. It is located at the junction of Interstates 35 and 90, about 90 miles South of the Twin Cities. It is on the shores of Fountain Lake, Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea Lake, Goose Lake, School Lake, and Lake Chapeau.

LAKES
Albert Lea Lake  Lower Twin Lake  Penny Lake
Bear Lake  Pickerel Lake  School Section Lake
Church Lake  State Line Lake  Fountain Lake
Everhart Lake  Freeborn Lake  Sugar Lake
Fountain Lake  Lake Chapeau  Upper Twin Lake
Freeborn Lake  Trenton Lake (part)  White Lake
Geneva Lake  Goose Lake  Halls Lake
Hickory Lake  Halls Lake  White Lake

LAND
Bear Lake State Wildlife Management Area  Carex State Wildlife Management Area
Halls Lake State Wildlife Area  Moscow State Game Refuge
Myre-Big Island State Park  White Woods County Park
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Geneva Lake  Upper Twin Lake  & more pg. 13-16

LIFE
3rd of July Parade  4th of July Fireworks
Big Island Rendezvous  Freeborn County Fair
F.C. Historical Museum  Historic Downtown
Marion Ross Theater  Thursdays on Fountain Splash Pad
& more pg. 13-16

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The city of Albert Lea wraps around beautiful Fountain Lake. The water draws everyone together. Whether you enjoy a day walleye and pan fishing, or having fun gliding around the lake on water skis, you’ll instantly know why Albert Lea is the middle of EVERYWHERE. Swimming, kayaking, canoeing, pleasure boating, walking and bicycling around Fountain Lake on the Blue Zones path, playing at Edgewater park, having a picnic on Katherine Island. It’s all here.
4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS
AT DARK (10:00 p.m.) OVER FOUNTAIN LAKE
Albert Lea Chamber of Commerce Event

“THURSDAYS ON FOUNTAIN” OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES
EVERY THURSDAY, MAY - AUGUST
AT FOUNTAIN LAKE PARK GAZEBO
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

“WANDER THE WATER” HALF MARATHON
13.1 MILES AROUND FOUNTAIN LAKE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
www.wanderthewatermn.com

“ROCK-N- ROLL THE LAKES” BIKE EVENT
BIKING EVENT AROUND FOUNTAIN LAKE
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

BASS UNIVERSITY
MARCH 21 - 22 @ WEDGEWOOD COVE
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

“THE BIG FREEZE” WINTER FESTIVAL
ALL DAY - FOUNTAIN LAKE / EDGEWATER PAVILION
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

ALBERT LEA ANGLERS ICE FISHING CONTEST
ALBERT LEA LAKE CHANNEL
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

POWER BOAT RACE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER ON FOUNTAIN LAKE
Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau Event

ALBERT LEA CITY BEACH LUAU
FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
FOUNTAIN LAKE BEACH, IN JULY
City of Albert Lea - City Hall Event
Fountain Lake is 521 acres in size and is located in the City of Albert Lea. Fountain Lake collects water from 51,200 upland acres and its shoreline is predominantly developed. The discharge of Fountain Lake flows over the dam, into a channel and then flows to Albert Lea Lake. Fountain Lake is rather odd in shape and has many bays. The northern most bay is called Bancroft Bay. Near Bancroft Bay is Bancroft Bay Park and Tall Grass Disc Golf Course. A channel connects the main lake and Bancroft Bay and a public boat landing, community boat house and Brookside Park are located here. The western most bay, Edgewater Bay, connects to the main bay under the Hatch Bridge. A second public boat landing is located here. Edgewater Bay is home to South Edgewater Park, Lakeview Park and where the Albert Lea Ski Club performs. The southern bay, Danes Bay, connects Shoff Park to Fountain Lake. The main bay has many features including two islands: Katherine Island and Dress Island, and many parks including Pioneer Park, New Denmark Park, Fountain Lake Park, and the City Beach Park. The Fountain Lake main waterbody also boasts the iconic fountains and must-see mermaid.

FISHING
Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, White Crappie, and Yellow Perch. Fountain Lake, Albert Lea Lake, Pickerel Lake. Public dock access by Edgewater Bay.

BOATING
Launch your boat at the public dock access on Edgewater Bay and enjoy an afternoon cruising around Fountain Lake. Make it fun for the entire family! Tubing, water skiing, and water boarding are popular activities on the lake, so make some waves for our surfers. Just mind the “No Wake Zone.”

ICE FISHING
In the winter months our snow covered lakes become a community all their own with pop-up and permanent houses dotting the shoreline of our favorite lakes. Legend has it, there’s Northern Pike that barely fit through holes and Crappies the size of dinner plates out there. Fountain Lake has a winter aeration system in place to prevent the lake from fish kills.

KATHERINE ISLAND, DRESS ISLAND, THE FOUNTAINS & THE MERMAID
Pack a picnic and head to Dress Island or enjoy an ice cream cone from Eat’n Ice Cream Shoppe on Katherine Island. Sit and watch the spectacular sun set over the lake from New Denmark Park. Tourist Tip: The fountains have a fantastic light show at night.

BAYSIDE SKI SHOWS
Catch a show from the Bayside Skiers at Edgewater Bay near the new pavilion. Watch the team do lifts, towers and jumps. Check out their schedule.

baysideskiteam.com

KAYAK, CANOE, PADDLE BOARD RENTALS
Bike, canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals during the summer. The Boathouse is located at Brookside boat landing so getting into the water is a breeze. Canoe, kayak, or paddle board in the channel or around the lake. For more info about prices and punch cards visit Albert Lea Community Education online.
alschools.org/community-education/rock-gym-boathouse.
**PELICAN BREEZE II - BOAT CRUISE**
The Pelican Breeze II Tour and Dinner Boat, on Albert Lea Lake, is a 60-foot pontoon river-boat styled boat with a seating capacity for 55 and we are licensed for 62. It features 2 smoke stacks, a paddle wheel, wet bar, tables, and can be enclosed for inclement weather. Enjoy historically-narrated tours, specialty events or plan your own private outing any day of the week. Full catering services and entertainment are available upon request. Every cruise is hosted by a Minnesota-licensed Captain and First Mate. The boat is U.S. Coast Guard and Minnesota certified for your safety.

**ICE FISHING**
During the winter, the channel on Albert Lea Lake is the “hot” fishing spot. Whether you stay for a day or set up for the winter, you’re sure to reel in a few whoppers. This area is chock full of Walleye, Crappies and Northern Pike.

**CANOE / KAYAK RENTAL @ MYRE BIG ISLAND**
Rent a canoe or kayak for the day at Myre Big Island State Park office and experience the park from Albert Lea Lake. See an array of birds and wildlife from the water. For more info visit dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/

**BLAZING STAR TRAIL**
The Blazing Star State Trail is paved and runs from Albert Lea Lake in Albert Lea to Myre-Big Island State Park, a distance of approximately six miles. When completed, the Blazing Star State Trail will be approximately 20 miles long and connect Albert Lea and Austin via Big Island State Park and Hayward.

**SURROUNDING LAKES**

**Pickerel Lake**
This lake is 588 acres in size. It is approximately 6 feet deep at its deepest point. When fishing, anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Black Bullhead, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Northern Pike, White Crappie, Yellow Perch.

**Goose Lake**
Goose Lake is a shallow lake that is predominantly surrounded by U.S Fish and Wildlife owned land. In 2014, the District received funds to install a fish barrier at the outlet of Goose Lake to protect it from invasive and rough fish species from entering.

**Lake Chapeau (White Lake)**
Lake Chapeau has a surface area of 158 acres and has a maximum depth of 5.5 feet. White has a relatively small upper watershed and flows into Fountain Lake by a small stream. White is one of the District’s largest lakes that is surrounded by private property and is only accessible by a small walking path. White, like other lakes in the District, has an electric fish barrier located at the outlet to protect it from new aquatic invasive species.

**Shell Rock River**
The Shell Rock River is a 113-mile scenic, warm and gentle Minnesota stream that begins its southeast journey to the Mississippi River at the outlet of Albert Lea Lake southeast of the city of Albert Lea, joining the Cedar and Iowa Rivers along its course. From the headwaters at Fountain Lake, the Shell Rock River State Water Trail travels 20 miles through central Freeborn County to the Iowa border. Named for the fossilized shells found along its banks, the Shell Rock River offers excellent recreational opportunities, including boating on Fountain Lake, fishing, bird watching and wildlife observation.
We live in farm country and we’re proud of it. We are grateful for the hard work and effort that is put into the corn and bean crops that surround us. But those fields are not the only thing that make Southern Minnesota landscapes beautiful. Experience natural prairie lands and deciduous woodlands with hundred-year-old massive oaks. Hike it, bike it, run it, sled on it, . . . you choose. We know you’ll understand why we call Albert Lea the middle of EVERYWHERE.
TRAILS & PARKS TO EXPLORE

**MYRE BIG ISLAND STATE PARK**
An oasis of natural diversity in an Oak Savanna.
19499 780th Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007
dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/

**BLAZING STAR STATE TRAIL**
Six mile paved trail connecting to Myre Big Island State Park
dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/blazingstar/

**BLUE ZONES WALKING PATH**
This five mile route connects neighborhoods, parks, and the downtown district circling around Fountain Lake.
bluezones.com/blue-zones-results-albert-lea-mn/

**SHELL ROCK RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL**
From the headwaters at Fountain Lake, this trail travels 20 miles through Freeborn County to the Iowa border.
dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/shellrockriver

**BANCROFT PARK**
Hosts of the nationally recognized Big Island Rendezvous Event and disc golf course.

**FREEBORN COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL**
250 miles of groomed trails throughout Freeborn County.
Freeborn County Snowmobile Trail Association

**ALBERT LEA AUDUBON SOCIETY**
Take a stroll on this beautiful two-mile stretch of natural landscape. The perfect spot to bird watch and view wildlife.
424 Oregon Street, Albert Lea
albertleaaudubon.org

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Do you know about...

**BLUE ZONES**

Albert Lea is the first city in the United States designated as a Blue Zones City and has received international attention for efforts promoting long life and healthy living.
CAMP GROUNDS

MYRE BIG ISLAND STATE PARK
19499 780th Ave
Albert Lea, MN
507-379-7060
dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks

FREEBORN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1031 Bridge Ave
Albert Lea, MN
507-373-6965
freeborncountyfairgrounds.com

HICKORY HILLS CAMPGROUND
15804 717th Ave
Albert Lea, MN
507-852-4555
hickoryhillscampground.com

KOA - ALBERT LEA/AUSTIN
84259 County Rd 46
Hayward, MN
507-373-5170
koacom/countyparks/albert-lea

RECREATION

ALBERT LEA FAMILY YMCA
Programs and fitness activities for all ages.
Swimming pool, fitness center, weight gym,
racket ball courts, outdoor fields & more.
2021 W Main Street | (507) 373-8228
ymcaal.org

PICKLEBALL COURTS
6 outdoor pickleball courts for the public.
321 James Avenue | Frank Hall Park | YMCA

ALBERT LEA CITY ARENA
Ice is available year-round, with the exception
of the months of July and August.
701 Lake Chapeau Drive | (507) 377-4374
cityofalbertlea.org/

ROCK GYM
Indoor climbing facility for the public.
Hours: Climbing Club | Tuesday 6pm-9pm
Open Climb | Friday & Saturday 6pm-9pm
Fee: $10 (includes equipment)
211 W Richway Drive | Community Ed |
507-379-5824

ALBERT LEA AQUATIC CENTER
Zero depth splash pool with interactive features
including tumble buckets, deck sprays, a
mushroom waterfall, bubblers, a five arm water
fountain, AND a 226 foot water slide!
321 James Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007
cityofalbertlea.org/

SNYDER FIELD COMPLEX
Lighted athletic complex with 5 ball diamonds,
concession stand, and 4 sand volleyball courts.
2404 Bridge Avenue | cityofalbertlea.org
507-377-4370
**GOLF COURSES**

**CLARKS GROVE GOLF CLUB**
9 Holes
76785 270th St, Clarks Grove, MN 56016
507-391-0169

**GREEN LEA GOLF COURSE**
Club and cart rental, pro shop, lessons, club repair, restaurant.
18 Holes Par 72
101 Richway Drive | (507) 373-1061
greenlea.com

**OAK VIEW GOLF CLUB**
9 Holes Par 72
25177 665th Avenue, Alden, MN | (507) 863-2288
oakviewgc.com

**BANCROFT BAY DISC GOLF COURSE**
Oak Island DGC | 18 holes  Tall Grass DGC | 18 holes
303 W Hammer Road | 507-377-4370

**WEDGEWOOD COVE GOLF CLUB**
Pro shop, driving range, practice green, and restaurant.
18 Holes Par 72 | 5 Tee Placements
2200 W 9th Street | (507) 373-2007
wedgewoodcove.com

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**HEARTWAVES STUDIO**
Creative well-being center featuring yoga, pilates and a salt cave.
105 N Broadway Ave | 507-473-0002
heartwavesstudio.com

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18 holes | par 54
2200 Riverland Drive | pdga.com

**MERAKI STUDIO**
A space for the creative arts. Dance, fitness, music, art, photography, events.
115 N Newton Ave | 507-581-0731
themerakistudio.com

**GLENVILLE BEACH**
Spring-fed swimming pond with lifeguards, diving boards, waterslide, concessions.
$3 child $4 adult | 507-448-9989
15863 795th Ave, Glenville, Minnesota 56036

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**SPLASH PAD**
FREE recreational area filled with timed fountain for families and children to enjoy water play.
Corner of Fountain Street & Broadway

**HAMMER SPORTS COMPLEX**
Cheer on our high schools sports teams at the beautiful new sports complex.
Corner of Bridge Ave. & Hammer Rd
alschools.org

*FUN FACT* - The new football field is named after a former football coach, Jim Gustafson. The complex continues to carry the Hammer name.

cityofalbertlea.org | 507-377-4370

**PARKS + RECREATION**
Albert Lea is host to over 40 city parks. Many have playgrounds, tables, and areas for picnics. Challenge yourself to see if you can explore each one! Parks & Recreation is also host to a number of cool family friendly events such as movies in the park, candy cane hunt, H2Whoa, and more. Check out their events online.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**
Albert Lea Community Education, located in the main entrance of the Marion Ross Theater, coordinates a catalog chalk full of fun. Check out their seasonal selection online.
alschools.org/community-education | 507-379-4834
LIFE.
ART. MUSIC. EVENTS. CULTURE. HISTORY. FAIR. CRUISE.
EXPLOREALBERTLEA.COM/LIFE
COMMUNITY
3RD OF JULY PARADE
albertlea.org
4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS
albertea.org
FREEBORN COUNTY FAIR
freeborncountyfair.com
THURSDAYS ON FOUNTAIN
facebook.com/albertleatourism

CUISINE
BIG ISLAND BBQ
bigislandfestivalandbbq.org
GOURMET FOOD AUCTION
bigislandfestivalandbbq.org/auction
CRUISE TO THE COVE
wedgewoodcove.com
FARMERS MARKET
facebook.com/ALFarmersMkt

ART + CULTURE
ART & GARDEN TOUR
thealbertleaartcenter.org
LIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE
https://www.fchmmn.org/
DRIVE THRU LIVIE NATIVITY
newlifechristianal.org
FESTIVAL OF THE TREES
thealbertleaartcenter.org
ALBERT LEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT & KIDS EVENTS
alplonline.org
CELLFIE TOUR
See Historic Downtown. Start at the corner of S Broadway Ave and E William St, look for the information kiosk.

MUSIC + ENTERTAINMENT
THURSDAYS ON FOUNTAIN
actonbroadway.com
MARION ROSS THEATER
actonbroadway.com
CANTORI CONCERT
facebook.com/albertleacantori
WINE, WHEELS & WILDFLOWERS
threeoakwines.com
MET OPERA
actonbroadway.com
INTERCHANGE MUSIC + TRIVIA
theinterchangebistro.com
CEC MALL 7 MOVIE THEATER
2550 Bridge Ave | 507-373-7933
cectheaters.com

FESTIVALS
FREEBORN COUNTY FAIR
freeborncountyfair.com
BIG ISLAND RENDEZVOUS
bigislandfestivalandbbq.com
EDDIE COCHRAN CAR SHOW & MUSIC FESTIVAL
facebook.com/eddiecochranweekend
WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY
SUMMER FESTIVAL
winddownwednesday.com

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
FALL FEST
facebook.com/fallfest-albertlea
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
facebook.com/albertleaconvention
DEER WIDOWS SHOPPING EVENT
facebook.com/albertleamainstreetprogram
HOLIDAY BAZAAR ON BROADWAY
facebook.com/albertleamainstreetprogram

SPORT + HOBBY
6-LEGGED 5K PET AUTHORITY
thepetauthority.com
SPARKY GOLF TOURNAMENT
wedgewoodcove.com
SHORT STOP GOLF TOURNAMENT
greenlea.com
COREY GOODNATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT
coreygoodnature.com
MARCH MADNESS PREVIEW SHOW
facebook.com/marchmadnesspreviewshow
SHINEFEST TRACTOR RIDE
facebook.com/shinefesttractorride
LEGACY AMERICAN LEGION INDEPENDENCE MOTORCYCLE RUN
americanlegionpost56.com
HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS
albertlea.pucksystems2.com
ROCK-N-ROLL THE LAKES
facebook.com/rocknrollthelakes
WANDER THE WATER HALF MARATHON
wanderthewatermn.org

SHOPPING
WEDDING BRIDAL SHOW
facebook.com/Northbridge-Mall
ANTIQUE CRAFT + VENDOR SHOWS
facebook.com/Northbridge-Mall
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
PASSPORT TOUR
shopalbertlea.org
**ALBERT LEA ART CENTER**
Galleries & classes
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-2pm
101 S Broadway | (507) 373-5665
thealbertleartcenter.org

**FREEBORN COUNTY ARTS INITIATIVE**
Promoting the growth of the community through creative and culturally vibrant programming.
224 S Broadway | (507) 721-1285
freeborncountyartsinitiative.com

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**
Shopping, dining, events, entertainment, and history come together in Albert Lea's beautiful downtown area
**HISTORIC BUILDINGS TOUR**
Experience Historic Downtown Albert Lea on the Historic Walking Tour. Pick up a guide at one of the kiosks Downtown.

**MARION ROSS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**
Performances include ACT Theater, comedies, dance, Metropolitan Opera Live on Screen, National Theater in HD, along with special events and national touring artists.
147 N Broadway | (507) 369-3050
actonbroadway.com

**CALICO HUTCH**
Book a special event for you and your girlfriends, sign up for a quilting class, or explore the endless selection of quilt patterns and sewing materials.
Hayward, MN | (507) 377-1163
calicohutchquiltshop.com

**FREEBORN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**
Six Best Days of Summer. The Freeborn County Fair has a long history of exciting Grandstand Entertainment & large midway.
August 4 - 9, 2020
1031 Bridge Ave | (507) 373-6965
freeborncountyfair.com

**THURSDAYS ON FOUNTAIN**
Popular summer concert series at Fountain Lake Park Gazebo. Bring your lawn chair or listen from your boat.
May - August | Fountain Lake Park
freeborncountyartsinitiative.com

**FOOD TRUCKS**
Experience the best local cuisine while exploring area parks, events, and attraction. Albert Lea now has five food truck locations. Find trucks during the week or at special events like Thursdays on Fountain and Wind Down Wednesday.
- North Broadway Parking Lot
- Brookside Landing Parking Lot
- Bancroft Park Lower Parking Lot
- Fountain Lake Beach Parking Lot
- Frank Hall Park

**EDDIE COCHRAN CAR CRUISE & MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Eddie Cochran Car Show and Music Festival is an annual celebration featuring Rockabilly, rock and roll, hot rods, and collectible cars. Hosted by the Freeborn County Historical Society.
Freeborn County Historical Museum
facebook.com/eddiecochranweekend

**PELICAN BREEZE II**
Take a historic guided cruise with the captain and first mate on Albert Lea Lake. This 60 foot riverboat has Friday night and Sunday day cruises.
Frank Hall Park Boat Landing | (507) 383-7273
pelicanbreeze.org
CZECH INN B&B AND RETREAT
Gather friends and family for a reunion, girls weekend or a crafting getaway.
Hayward, MN | (507) 375-2477
czechinnandretreat.com

VALHALLA RESORT
The perfect place to stay for a weekend with your friends, to work on all your crafting needs, or to enjoy time away from your busy everyday life. Accommodate up to 10 people. Cricut and crop classes offered once a month.
Albert Lea, MN | (507) 383-6858
valhallaretreat.com

BEST SPOTS FOR LOCAL BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT
THE INTERCHANGE BISTRO
112 ON BROADWAY
THREE OAK WINERY
THE EAGLES
THE MOOSE
BEND IN THE ROAD
WEDGEWOOD COVE

THREE OAK WINERY
Enjoy a glass of award winning wine, walk the vineyard, take in breathtaking views of the grapes and wildflowers.
73505 225th | (507) 369-5267
threeoakwines.com

THE EVERGREEN TREE FARM
Family owned Christmas tree farm providing cut your own or pre cut trees, wreath making, and a family friendly atmosphere to create memories and tradition.
theevergreens.us | (507) 391-0757

NEW DENMARK PARK
*A must-see destination in Albert Lea. This beautiful park is home to the icon fountains and mermaid.
Green Ave & Bridge Avenue
1.1 acres | across from Katherine Island

BIG ISLAND RENDEZVOUS
Voted one of the state’s Top 25 Festivals. Celebration of the history during the early Frontier America. First weekend in October.
Bancroft Park
bigislandfestivalandbbq.com

WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY
Wind Down Wednesday is a summer market & music festival where our goal is to pull everyone together for one fun day each month to enjoy each other’s company, shop for unique items, eat great food, and enjoy some great entertainment.
winddownwednesday.com

CIVIC MUSIC
Purchase tickets to see local talent, the MET live opera and more!
Box Office Phone: 507-377-4371
Hours: Thursdays from 4-7PM and one hour before the start of each transmission
147 N Broadway | (507) 373-2516
albertleacivicsmusic.com

FREEBORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Established in 1948, the Freeborn County Historical Society consists of a museum, research library & village. The Museum showcases over 40 exhibits featuring businesses, destinations and artifacts.
1031 Bridge Ave | 507-373-8003
fchmm.org
Whether you’re a food truck fanatic, wine connoisseur, or burger junkie, Albert Lea boasts an excellent selection of restaurants for every palate. PLUS! Depending on your interests, your meal can be served with a giant side of FUN.

Sign up for Trivia Night at The Interchange or a fondue event at 112 on Broadway. Take your pals to the B&B and see who can finish a stack of nationally recognized pancakes. Elbows up is the only way to enjoy Southern Minnesota’s best burger at The Elbow Room. Say “hello” to Grandma at Grandma’s Kitchen. Have a birthday like no other at Plaza Morena. Whisk yourself away for picnic in a beautiful chinese garden, at China Restaurant or enjoy an ice cream cone from Eat’n Ice Cream by the Fountian Lake. The experiences are endless!
CRESCErDNO
118 S Broadway | 507-377-2425
crescendodining.com
Family owned and operated.
Opened in May 2001

Looking for a fine-dining destination? Crescendo is known for its ever-changing menu with gourmet entrees featuring the freshest ingredients. Artistic platings of California-style cuisine reflecting the influences of Classic French, Italian and Eastern origins delight your eyes AND your palate.

With over 100 wines on the menu, we have recommendations for meal-friendly pairings for red and white wine-lovers alike. Not a grape fan? Peruse the list of specialty beers and cocktails.

We serve to delight. Call today for your next reservation!

THREE OAK VINEYARD & WINERY
73505 225th St | 507-383-1273
threeoakwines.com

From nursery to vineyard and winery, the Three Oak property has a long history of growing things... good things! Three Oak Winery + Vineyard has won many awards for their white, red, rose and sweet wines. A good glass of wine is even better when it's paired with live music, locally processed meat and cheese trays, and beautiful views of the wildflowers in August from the large outdoor deck.

Hours vary depending on the season.
See you on your next wine tour!
THE COLOR WHEEL
GIFTS + DECOR
122 W Main St | 507-402-5650
@thecolorwheelal
Locally owned boutique featuring locally made, handmade goods such as gifts, decor, leather goods, baby, clothing and more.

WHIMZITY
TOYS + BABY
122 S Broadway Ave | 507-373-7746
heywhimzy.com
Whimzy is all about fun! We are the architects of amusement, the curators of creativity, and the providers of play-time. At Whimzy, we are on an endless quest to find the coolest products on this planet, and we search high and low to bring our customers the best selection of toys and party supplies for all occasions. We are proudly located in historic downtown Albert Lea, MN, providing southern Minnesota and northern Iowa with everything needed to create life-long memories.

BETWEEN FRIENDS
BOUTIQUE
144 S Broadway Ave | 507-473-2111
@betweenfriends2.boutique
Trendy womens boutique that provides a shopping experience that can only be had between friends.

NORTHSTAR
POWERSPORTS + MARINE
2120 Consul St | 507-373-9000
northstarpowersports.com
Southern Minnesota’s premiere Alumacraft, Lund, Bennington, Polaris dealer.
Albert Lea is lucky to be home to numerous independently owned shops and boutiques. These beautiful stores are filled with unique goods and run by passionate owners intent on bring you a one-of-a-kind experience. Want to learn more? Our Local City Guide (by MORTARR) provides a chance to meet the locals! FACEBOOK.COM/THELOCALCITYGUIDE
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EVENT VENUES

ALBERT LEA ARMORY
410 Prospect Ave | 507-379-3407
Accommodates 200

ALBERT LEA CITY ARENA
701 Lake Chapeau Dr | 507-377-4374
Capacity of 1200 – 1400 in arena.
3500 March - October
Variety of other size rooms available.

ALBERT LEA FAMILY Y
2021 W Main St | 507-373-8238
Two Rooms - capacity 60 & 40

ALBERT LEA KOA
84259 County Rd 46 | 507-373-5170
Accommodates 90

ALBERT LEA SENIOR CENTER
1739 W Main St | 507-373-0704
http://www.seniorresourcesfc.org/
Seating for 260 people

AMERICAN LEGION
142 N Broadway | 507-373-7993
americanlegionpost156.com
Seating for 250 people

ALGOTTAGE AT EDGEWATER PARK
1600 E Edgewater Dr
507-377-4370
cityofalbertlea.org
Seating for 50 people

EDGEWATER BAY PAVILION
Edgewater Park | 507-377-4370
cityofalbertlea.org
Accommodates 200

FREEBORN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1029 Bridge Ave | 507-373-6965
www.freeborncountyfair.com
Fairlane Building seats 300
4H Building seats 400

FREEBORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
1031 Bridge Ave | 507-373-8003
freeborncountyhistory.org
Seating for 200

EAGLES CLUB
205 W William St | 507-373-1162
Room one seats 45
Room two seats 150

GREEN LEA GOLF COURSE
101 W Richway | 507-373-1061
Seating for 120

MARION ROSS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
147 N Broadway | 507-377-4371
Seating for 250 people

MOOSE CLUB
1623 W Main St | 507-373-2106
http://lodge1703.moosepages.org/
Seating for 234-253 people

RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2200 Riverland Dr | 507-433-0600
riverland.edu
Lecture hall seating for 110 people

THE BARN OF CHAPEAU SHORES
504 Lake Chapeau Dr | 507-383-8878
thebarnofchapeaushores.com
Accommodates wedding ceremony, reception and dance.
Seating for 220 at tables inside and
56 at tables on the patio

THE OUTLET
137 S Broadway Ave | 507-320-1620
theoutletmn.com
Meeting / Small Event Venue

THREE OAK VINEYARDS & WINERY
73505 225th St | 507-383-1273
threeoakwines.com
Seating up to 400

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wedgewoodcove.com
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ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

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