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RIVER

ROAD

RAMBLE

Saturday, September 22nd from 9 to 5

*Historic and
Ramble Stop
Guide*

Historic Stops

A - Spengler's Landing -located on the River Road; watch for Nat'l Riverway signs

The Spengler family settled right on the river and provided a stopping place for travelers heading north on the River Road from St. Croix Falls, It is said the there was a pause in the rapids on the river at this spot, so boats trying to run the rapids could rest too. The rapids have been gone for 100 years since the power dam in St. Croix Falls flooded them all the way to Wolf Creek.

B - Nevers Dam -located on the River Road; watch for National Riverway signs

There is access to the wild river at this spot. You may be able to see some remaining parts of the Nevers Dam that once stood here. In 1890, Charlie Nevers had a stopping place along the river. Loggers sent millions of logs down the St. Croix and found them getting jammed on the rapids, especially at St. Croix Falls. To solve the problem, they build a huge wooden dam where Charlie had lived. They stopped the logs there, built up a great head of water and then let them go with a rush that took them all the way through St. Croix Falls, and sped them on their way to the sawmills at Stillwater.

C - Wolf Creek Methodist Church and Cemetery -2417 River Road

This is the site of the first Wolf Creek School that was built in 1882. The school burned down in 1922 and was replaced by the current building that is

now used as the Methodist Church. Wolf Creek was an early Indian trading post by 1831, and as loggers moved through, farmers and other settlers followed them and Wolf Creek became a “blooming community.” By 1860 there was a dam and mill on Wolf Creek, a Post Office, General Store [the proprietor’s records are at the SEL HS Memory Room] Doctors office, a school and church congregation. With the Homestead Law of 1862 allowing people to claim up to 160 acres of US land and get it for free after 5 years of improving it, settlers rushed in. Take a walk through the cemetery, there are family graves dating back to 1859 or earlier.

D - Ivers Stopping Place/Pioneer Cemetery -a few miles North of Wolf Creek

Site of one of many stopping places used by the early settlers who traveled along the “road to the pineries.” The oxen in the woods at the logging camps could live on wild hay, but the horses used by the settlers traveling up the River Road, needed better food. Creating the necessity for stopping places along the way.

E - Bush Bakke/Settlers Cemetery -Evergreen Ave. west of the River Road

This cemetery was used 1880-1920. There are many families that settled in the 400 acres of Sterling Township forest on the barrens that are buried here. The church built in 1879 was constructed of logs with white pine boards covering it. Today a memorial church stands on the original site. Some of the

grave sites have raised rectangles of dirt around them, some grave markers are partially hidden, and there are also depressions where the pine boxes have given way. This past spring new landscaping was done around the flag pole and the Memorial Chapel by a handful of Sterling Homemakers [HCE] and one male volunteer. [not really sure if he volunteered] Plants purchased at Sunshine Gardens.

F - Trade River -you will cross this river several times while traveling the “loop”

This river was used by the logging camps in the 1850's. Huge white pine floated down river to the St. Croix. The Trade, however, was much too small to get logs all the way, so a series of dams were built. In the spring the logs and water built up behind one dam, which was then released, and the logs roared on to the next, until they reached the St. Croix.

G - Grettum Flowage -cross over the Trade River and Head north into Burnett Co.

Hwy 87 and the River Road both cross the Trade River. At one time two roads joined together at the river and headed north as one. Take the River Road north until it seems to dead end in a lake. This is the Grettum Flowage.

H & I - Trade River and Trade River School -a town located on one of the dam sites.

Turn east off Hwy 87 at the new Trade River Evangelical Church, and you will enter what was once the thriving community of Trade River. Stores, mill, telephone and electrical company, old church,

sawmill, furniture factory...all that remains is the cemetery and a few houses. The Trade River School, with a merry-go-round in the yard, was closed in the 1940's.

J - Orr School -another "county School" along Hwy 87 located at 285th

This is the 4th Orr School, it was closed in 1950 and remodeled into a home Bass Lake School -near Wolf Lake on the east and the beginning of Wolf Creek. Just west of Hwy 87. This stone school house was closed in the 1940's. A large collection of photographs, school records, class pictures and lots of information about all the Country Schools are on display in the SEL HS Memory Room in Cushing, located in the Community Center.

K - Bass Lake School

Near Wolf Lake on the east and the beginning of Wolf Creek. Just west of Hwy 87 this stone school, now a residence, was closed in the 1940'.

L - Cushing

Cushing was named after an eastern speculator, Caleb Cushing, who bought thousands of acres of land nearby and then sold it to the settlers. The Cushing area was settled by Danes to the East, Swedes to the West, Norwegians to the North and Yankees to the South. Cushing had a church and a Post Office in the 1870's but did not have a store or other businesses until 1890. Then it rapidly grew and thrived through the 60's.

Check out the stories of Dr. Squirt and pick-up an old fashion post card when you stop at the SELHS Memory Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Community Center, former school that was built when the one room school west of town was closed in the 50's. There you will find many pictures and memorabilia from Cushing and the surrounding area on display. Relax, read, share your memories and stories.

M - Brenholt Memorial Park-Cty Rd N East side of Cushing

Located across the street from the First Lutheran Church, Brenholt Park has a shelter with 12 picnic tables, a refrigerator and water. A shuffle board court is available and lots of lawn for other games. The park can be reserved for family reunions or other group events. Call Mark Johnson 715-648-5213

N - Cushing Cemetery – Cty Rd N East side of Cushing

Located across the street from the First Lutheran Church, the Cemetery sits on the hill on the southeast corner of Cushing adjacent to the Park. It was started in the 1870's by Danish immigrants who built their first Church there, a small log building, in 1881. There are over 750 burials there.

O - Eureka Center -Hwy and 210th

Eureka Center has almost disappeared. In the early 1900's there was a population to support and enjoy a grocery mercantile, a barbershop and blacksmith, two service garages, four gas stations, a creamery

and a church. When Hwy 87 was widened many years ago, it took out several businesses at the crossroads.

P - New Home Cemetery -2252 220th Ave.

The cemetery was established on Dec. 4th 1877 and the first burial was in 1879. This cemetery was founded as a community Cemetery by members of the surrounding churches. Recent information on the cemetery will be available on sight. Go 1 mile East of Eureka on 210th then left on 230th and right on 220

Q - Pleasant Hill Cemetery/Harper Methodist Church

Also known as Harper's Cemetery because of its close proximity to the Harper's Methodist Church[now a home] to the south of the cemetery. Besides services school as also held there known as Harper School #1. Sites go back to a Tuttle in 1849 and Mary E. Thomas in 1858. The Cemetery Association was founded in 1877, there were 25 lot owner at a cost of \$5 per lot with a \$1 a year upkeep fee.

R - Lone Maple School - 235th St.

This country school was built in 1912 and was closed in 1942 and celebrating 100 years. It was purchased for \$1.00 from the school district in the early 50's by a Community Club until 2011 and is currently owned

Ramble Stops

ST. CROIX FALLS

1a. 136 Vintage - 115 N. Washington St.

NEW Downtown Location

Your destination for collectibles, art, antiques, and furniture. Great variety with 20+ vendors. Open 10-5, 7 days a week.

1b. 136 Vintage - 115 N. Washington

Great destination for music!

Vinyl - CD's - Cassettes - 8-tracks

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2. Historic St. Croix Falls Civic Auditorium - 210 N. Washington St.

Begin and end your ramble at St. Croix Falls historic Civic Auditorium, built in 1916. Stop for morning pastries or afternoon desserts (free will donation).

Get an update about progress on the Campaign:

Sprint to the Finish toward the grand reopening on the 'New' and Accessible Civic Auditorium.

Share your memories about the 100 year old Civic Auditorium; learn how this urban renewal project will benefit the Falls area.

3. Blanding House - 914 Maple Dr.

Ramble over to the Scavenger's Market at the Historic Blanding House. Where you'll find many treasures! 10% discount if you mention the River Road Ramble. Follow signs.

4. Howlin' Wolf Creek Bar & Grill - 2387 River Road, SCF

Wolf Creek Bar is one the oldest serving establishments; since 1832. We will be having our 2nd annual Classic Car Show and Flea Market from 12 to 3pm. Brisket Sandwich special and pulled pork special. Music 12 to 4.

5. Wolf Creek Methodist Church - 2417 River Road SCF

Map pick-up site

Rummage and Bake Sale with Lunch served starting at 10pm.

6. Stuff Sale - 2601 240th Ave. SCF

It started with a collection of horse and farm related magazines. Now we are searching for treasures in the nooks and crannies of every room and closet. Come and see!

7. Garage Sale - 2336 255th St. SCF

Unique Handmade Outdoor Stepping Stones...many varieties. Felt and crochet crafts, special designs and styles. Horse riding apparel, boots, hats, etc.

8. Great Garage Sale - 2586 River Rd. SCF

Lots of horse and pony tack. Leather harness, easy out pony carts, good halters - all sizes, buggy wheels. Weather permitting buggies & sleighs will be on display.

9. Hanson Family Farm - 2558 Evergreen Ave, Cushing

Garage sale, apple orchard, garden produce, homemade jams and pure maple syrup.

10. Garage Sale - 2796 Evergreen Ave. SCF

Books, DVDs, clothing, furniture, fishing, compact fridge, antiques, & household items.

11. Garage Sale - 2696 275th Ave. SCF

12. Huge Sale, Not to Miss - 2668 River Rd. SCF

Tools, kitchen items, fish house, collectibles, costumes, bar ware, growlers, dishes, neon signs, and more.

13. Rustic Woodworks & Two Rivers Tree Farm - 2759 River Rd. SCF

14. Garage Sale - 20274 E. River Rd. Grantsburg

Household, Christmas decor, pictures, hunting clothes and more.

15. Multi-Family Yard Sale - 2973 River Rd. SCF

1920's kerosene fired incubator, wooden flatbed pulley wheels, sewing table, vintage sewing machine, other antiques and collectibles, boys clothes, sports equipment. Pumpkins and farm fresh eggs. Rough sawed lumber, 3" pine slabs, several steel farm gates, Fisher fireplace insert and more.

16. Guy Stuff Sale - 2506 300th Ave, Grantsburg

Tools, Skilsaws, drills, hardware, milk cans, fence

posts, cattle gates, round bale rings, dog cages, chain saw, Homelite generator, old steel wheels, stock tanks, trailers, horse tack, pony harness and more.

17. Yard Sale - 20556 Bucktail Dr., Grantsburg

Clothing, toys, baby swing, dishes. Squash and pumpkins.

18. Grantsburg Area Historical Society. 133 W. Wisconsin Ave.

MAP & GUIDE BOOK PICKUP

Begin or end your Ramble with the complex that belongs to the Grantsburg Area Historical Society. We have three buildings together at 133 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Grantsburg. The main building is our museum with our display area. The new display this year is a tribute to many of our local "Century Farms" along with previous displays of Big Gust, Rolite Travel Trailers, David Peterson (a local photographer) and our photo booth where you can have your photo onto a postcard. This is housed in the building that was originally the Norwegian Methodist Church, built in 1897. Also check out the first Burnett County jail (only 3 cells) built in 1870 and the home that originally belonged to the Grantsburg Blacksmith. The house has been restored to the early 1900's. You can also visit our one room school house that was originally the Reed School and then the West Marshland town hall. The school is located on the campus of our Grantsburg Schools. Enjoy a free Root Beer Float with us while you look around.

**19. Holmes Lake Orchard - 20338 Range Line Rd.
Grantsburg**

You pick Apple Orchard, many varieties and best prices around. At the corner of Range Line Rd and Cty Rd Z. Open 24/7

20. Bass Lake School - 2509 270th Ave, Cushing

See description of the history of the school and the current renovations. Have a cookie and check out the yard sale while you're here.

21. Garage Sale - 2535 270th Ave, Cushing

Antiques, glassware, household misc. linens, clothing, Ford 9N tractor, Wheel Horse riding mower, ATV, vintage snowmobile, boat, trailer, tools, garden decor and more.

22. Garage Sale - 2494 250th Ave, Cushing

Great Household and Decor

23. The Sale!! - 2494 240th St, Cushing

GM truck, parts, household items, furniture, kitchen cabinets, knick knacks, clothes; adult & children, boys toys, some canned items, stuff for the whole family.

24. Cushing- 240th Ave, Cty Rd N Choose any of the three exits. Map pick-up site

THIRD ANNUAL RAMBLE FLEA MARKET

at Cushing Community Center
Great finds and deals

Variety of merchandise; Shirley's Bake Goods, crafts & craft supplies, household, home decor, collectibles, and Antique Farm tools.

New in box retired Dept. 56 Christmas Villages and Accessories. Great prices!!

Join us for coffee and treats while you browse the market.

"The Small Town With a Big Heart" MAP SITE PICK-UP SEL HS Historical "Memory Room" and Museum- Located at the Cushing Community Center 2nd floor on east side of the building. Large collection of area photos and info. Displays include Post Office items, church and school materials, farming items, everyday living items. SELHS PUBLICATIONS OF RURAL HISTORY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE HERE!

EUREKA Hwy 87 MAP AND GUIDE BOOK PICK-UP.

25. Eureka Baptist Church – 2393 210th Ave.

Established in 1881

Take a little break from the Ramble and stop in for some 'church basement ladies' desserts and egg coffee! Feel like scoring a deal? Check out our 'free will offering' garage sale. Apple juice press demonstration @ 11:00am (weather permitting).

26. Garage Sale - 2139 State Rd. 87 SCF

27. Jensen's Rustic Creations - 1941 State Rd 87, SCF

Handmade signs, misc. home decor, seasonal decor, bird feeders and more.

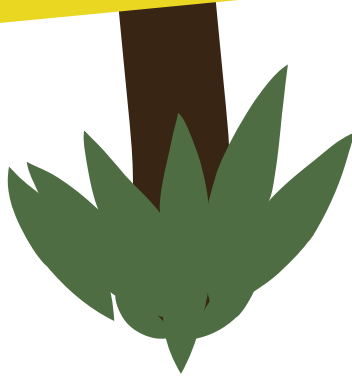
28. Château St. Croix Winery - 1998 State Rd 87

Beautiful Winery created in the image of an European Estate. Vineyard, Carriage House, Formal Garden and Art Gallery. Enjoy our Harvest Festival Sept 22 & 23rd. On-site local craft vendors, live music, food trucks and delicious Château Wine!!

29. Garage Sale - 2117 180th Ave. Centuria

Hunting and fishing equipment. Skidsteer (check it out), clothing - infant and more. Misc. Household, dishes, glassware, home decor, including picture frames, and much more.

WATCH FOR
OTHER SALES
NOT LISTED HERE



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at the Cushing Community
Center

Visit the website
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