

BEAUTIFUL COLORS TO THE EYE **GRANDLY** WARM THE SOUL



## FAMILY FUN

*A summer vacation in Grand Rapids is filled with ample opportunities to share in family educational moments...*

Travel the **Great River Road** that follows the mighty Mississippi River route for 54 miles.

The **Forest History Center** is a unique interpretive museum offering a glimpse of life in a 1900 northwoods logging camp. Tour this authentically recreated white pine logging camp with cook shack, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, office wannigan, filer's shack and horse barn. Interpretive center plus tours available. *June to Labor Day.*

Take a free **Blandin Paper Mill Tour** and see the impressive art of papermaking. *Wednesdays-Friday from June to Labor Day.*

Go berry picking at **several area farms**, with acres of berries. *Late June thru late July.*

Hire a professional **fishing guide** in search of a trophy muskie, northern or walleye.

Grab your hiking boots or mountain bike and head up to the **Suomi Hills** in the Chippewa National Forest. There are miles of hiking and biking trails to enjoy.

**Kayak** a walk-in wilderness lake that's glass still and beckoning you to dip your paddle.

Great family fun can be found **geocaching** at several area locations.

**Mesabi Trail** is a beautiful, 75-mile paved trail for biking, hiking and inline skating that winds through some of Minnesota's prettiest lakes and forest areas.

If you're into **shooting sports**, the **Grand Rapids Gun Club** and **Pheasants Plus Preserve** offer skeets, sporting clays and more.

Run, swim and bike in the annual **Timberman Triathlon**.

## OUTDOOR FUN

*Reconnect with our spectacular outdoors...*

Grab a pole, a kid and **go fishing** on one of the 1,200 pristine lakes that dot the forests of the Grand Rapids area.

**Golf** is in full swing on the courses in the Grand Rapids area, including one designed by famed course designer Joel Goldstrand.

*Enjoy color tours by car, bike, horse or foot in Grand Rapids*

## GRAND FALL EVENTS

### September

- Farmer's Markets
- Bigfork Valley Challenge
- 101st Annual Bovey Farmer's Day
- 10th Annual Goods From the Woods
- Bargains Are Great on Highway 38

### October

- Farmer's Markets
- Cowhorn Crossing Pumpkin Patch
- Nordic Ridge Pumpkin Patch
- National Ruffed Grouse Hunt
- Boo-tique Craft Show

### November

- Firearm Deer Season Opens
- Area-wide Craft Shows
- Church Bazaars
- Grand Rapids Players Holiday Production
- Holidays Sales & Open Houses
- Acoustic Café performances

*For information on these events and a complete list of happenings, check VisitGrandRapids.com*

**Fall...**  
*the crowds are smaller,  
the pace slower,  
and the warmth of a glowing fire  
lures you back to Minnesota's  
nature...*

## EVENTS

*Fall festivals capture the local nature of the season in Grand Rapids...*

**Goods from the Woods** celebration focuses on handcrafted forest items, with hands on workshops, crafts and music.

preserves and fall decorations. Enjoy the pumpkin barns, petting zoo and mazes.

The **Bargains Are Great On Hwy. 38** is a 47-mile long garage sale located on the Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway.

One-hundred crafters and artists display their wares at the **Hunter's Widow Craft Sales** on the opening weekend of deer season.

## ARTS

The **Myles Reif Performing Arts Center** hosts theatrical performances and concerts in the fall.

## cool autumn eves

Come see the **Pumpkin Panorama at Nordic Ridge Gardens & Cowhorn Crossing** Thousands of bright orange pumpkins, as well as more than 20 varieties of squash,

*A panorama of pumpkins and fun at the area's pumpkin patches.*

Take in the monthly exhibit at the **MacRostie Art Center**.

## FAMILY FUN

*Fall fun comes in a kaleidoscope of color. Indoor fun and learning takes place around town in all four seasons...*

Take a color drive along the **Great River Road** national historic highway that follows the Mississippi.

The 47-mile **Edge of the Wilderness National Scenic Byway** features spectacular colors and scenic fall vistas.

## OUTDOOR

*Autumn outdoors is a grand reason to explore Minnesota's nature...*

**Fishing** picks up as lunkers start stocking up on food for winter.



**Grouse season opens** in the public lands around Grand Rapids.

**Firearms deer season** opens the first weekend of November. Grand Rapids is home to many professional hunting and fishing guides.

Leaf peepers can take to the trails for **hiking and birding** on such famous trails as the **Suomi Hills** and **Sugar Hills** scenic areas. Different types of trees peak at different times, so color displays in the northwoods of Grand Rapids can last for some time.

Gather your family and friends to swap stories and share good times before a **crackling campfire** under the

autumn stars. Many area resorts and lodges provide fire rings and wood for guests.

Take a **hayride**, find your

way through a **corn maze** and get your natural Halloween decorations from a local food stand.