

GRAND BEAUTY FILLED WITH GRAND FUN... A GRAND RAPIDS

Summer

Think of the perfect up-north summer... that perfectly grand setting is Grand Rapids

EVENTS

Summer brings some exciting events to Grand Rapids...

Bigfork Wilderness Days honors the town's history.



The yellow brick road is all decked out in our annual **Judy Garland Festival**.

It's an auto lover's weekend of antique classics, collectors, hot rods and street machines plus a giant swap meet and flea market at the 40th



Annual **Northern Minnesota Vintage Car Show** and the 28th Annual **Northern Cruisers Weekend of Wheels Car Show**.

July 4th fireworks are never more grand than when viewed over Drumbeater Island on Lake Pokegama.

Everything is wild at the annual **Deer River Wild Rice Festival**.

Grand Rapids' biggest celebration is the August **Tall Timber Days Festival** honoring the skills of the lumberjacks. With log climbing, rolling, chainsaw carving, arts, crafts, entertainment and kids activities.



Home to four 18-hole championship courses, with more than 100 holes in total set amidst our beautiful northwoods.

Step back in history at the annual **White Oak Society Rendezvous & Festival**. Stroll a replica of a 1798 Northwest Company Trading Post, where re-enactors celebrate the food, music, crafts and life of early day fur traders. Black powder shooting, classes and entertainment.

Rural life through the early 50's is celebrated at **North Central MN Farm & Antique Threshing Show**.

Relive history at the White Oak Rendezvous & Festival

Harvesting and blacksmith demonstrations as well as steam and gas engines, quilt raffle and flea market.

Nothing says summer like an old-fashioned, northwoods **Itasca County Fair**, celebrating its 120th year.

There's more than \$30,000 in prizes in the **Grand Slam Amateur Golf Tourney**. Golfers love this 3-day event, with teams playing three different 18-hole courses each day.

Stop by the **Grand Rapids Farmers' Market** for the fresh, summer goodness of locally grown farm products, held each Wednesday and Saturday.

They call it *Thunder in the Pines...* the **Grand Rapids Speedway**. Dirt track racing held every Thursday night.



Audiences delight at the Mississippi Melodie Showboat vaudeville performance along the river.

ART & MUSIC

Take in an award-winning film, be transported by a concert or attend a fun and funky event in and around Grand Rapids this summer...

The **Myles Reif Performing Arts Center** hosts Indies on Tuesdays, featuring award-winning independent films throughout the summer.

What floats, sings, dances and tells jokes? The one and only **Mississippi Melodie Showboat**.

For more than 50 years, colorfully-costumed vaudeville performers entertain with song, dance and comedy at this outdoor stadium along the river bank.

Soak up the blues during three days of grand performances beside the water at the annual **Boundary Waters Blues Fest**.

The 23rd annual **Bluegrass Festival** is a free concert of authentic, old-time music.

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GRAND SUMMER EVENTS

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

June

- Farmer's Markets
- Old Car Cruise Nights
- Stockcar Races
- Naturalist Programs
- Reif Spring Dance Show

- Civil Air Patrol Breakfast
- 10th Annual Bigfork Wilderness Days
- 37th Annual Judy Garland Festival
- 23rd Annual Bluegrass Festival
- MN Mounted Shooters Competition

July

- Farmer's Markets
- Stockcar Races
- Old Car Cruise Nights
- Naturalist Programs
- 4th of July Fireworks

- Deer River Wild Rice Festival
- 28th Annual Timberman Triathlon
- Mississippi Melodie Showboat
- 8th Annual KAXE Riverfront Festival
- 57th Annual Northstar Stampede
- 28th Annual Northern Cruisers Car Show

- 41st Annual Itasca Vintage Car Club Show & Swap Meet

August

- Farmer's Markets
- Stockcar Races
- Old Car Cruise Nights

- Naturalist Programs
- 24th Annual White Oak Rendezvous
- 31st Annual Tall Timber Days
- 28th Annual Threshing & Antique Show
- Grand Slam Amateur Golf Tournament
- 120th Itasca County Fair