

To do

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Get a cone that looks longingly back at you (with edible googly eyes) at Mr. Twisty in St. Cloud.

Take a selfie with Paul Bunyan & Babe the Blue Ox in Bemidji.

Eat a sandwich from Duluth's Northern Waters Smokehaus while sitting in the sand at Park Point Beach by Lake Superior (try the Cajun Finn, Northern Bagel or the DeWitt Seitzer).

Get close to the Mississippi River on the Beaver Islands Trail Bridge in downtown St. Cloud.

Visit the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in St. Paul and get a retro Mold-A-Rama souvenir lion, gorilla, sea lion or polar bear statue made right in front of you.

Take a boat across Lake of the Woods in northern Minnesota to the northernmost part of the contiguous United States.

As an avid fan of national parks, I have a long list of places I would like to visit. After moving to Minnesota more than a year ago, I still have not been to Voyageur's National Park, and I want to make the trip up there. — **CLAIRISSA BAKER, PUBLIC SAFETY WATCHDOG**



Baker

REPORTER

Travel back in time and go on a gangster tour at Landmark Center in St. Paul to learn about John Dillinger, "Ma" Barker, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis and Evelyn Freschette.

Wash down some wings (try the Dave's Wings) with a Surly beer on the patio at The White Horse in downtown St. Cloud.

Take a drive down to Blue Earth for a photo of the Jolly Green Giant and visit the new Jolly Green Giant Museum.

Canoe — OK, float — from Mississippi River County Park to Sartell while gawking at fancy houses, listening to birds and startling turtles. Lunch on a sandbar, naturally.

See the largest municipal park in the state by visiting Alexander Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls. It has a great waterfall, a trout stream and even a zoo!

Lawn bowling at Brit's Pub in Minneapolis. I've eaten (and enjoyed a brew) at Brit's Pub a number of times but always when the snow flies. This summer, I'd like to trek to the Twin Cities for some lawn bowling at the popular tavern. — **JENNY BERG, CITIES AND SCHOOLS REPORTER**



Berg

Visit the World's Largest Ball of Twine in Darwin. Visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and see works by Vincent van Gogh, Rembrandt, Henri Matisse and Chuck Close.

Take a tour of the Central Minnesota's lighted amateur baseball stadiums. That brings you to not only the two pristine fields at the St. Cloud Municipal Athletic Complex — Joe Faber and Dick Putz fields — but also to Cold Spring, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Paynesville and more.

Get a to-go order of authentic fish and chips from The Anchor in Minneapolis, then walk down the block, find a seat and pair your meal with a beer at Dangerous Man Brewing Co.

Hike to Devil's Kettle, a waterfall that mysteriously disappears into a hole, at Judge C.R. Magney State Park near Grand Marais. People have wondered where the water goes for years... but the DNR thinks they have it figured out. Let's still pretend we don't know. It's more fun that way.

Support local artists at St. Cloud's Historic Downtown Art Crawl Aug. 9 or Oct. 18.

This summer I want to hop on over to Peacebunny Island, located downriver from the Twin Cities. I couldn't imagine a better way to spend a summer day than hanging out on this remote bunny oasis. Plus, all donations go to taking care of the rescued bunnies and offering service opportunities for youth groups and families. — **ALLISON DONAHUE, SUBURBS REPORTER**



Donahue

Eat nachos in a helmet (and then wear the helmet) at a Minnesota Twins game at Target Field in Minneapolis. Wednesday's dollar-dogs at a game are winners, too.

Have an elevated adventure with a hike up Sugar Loaf Bluff in Winona.

Book a night in Red Wing's historic St. James Hotel,



A diver takes flight from a cliff high over the 116-foot-deep water of Quarry 2 in Quarry Park & Nature Preserve in this file photo. USA TODAY NETWORK

then crawl the downtown shops before dinner at The Port.

Enjoy a cold cocktail on the Veranda patio in downtown St. Cloud, and if you're lucky, some live music.

Like agates? Wander a gravel road after it rains to find some banded treasures.

Love agates? Visit Moose Lake Agate Days July 13-14.

I'd like to rent a kayak in Grand Marais and paddle on Lake Superior. While I've taken vacations up to the North Shore for most of my life, I've never taken the opportunity to get out on the water by myself. — **ZACH DWYER, PHOTOGRAPHER/SPORTS REPORTER**

Enjoy the nature at Leif Erikson Park in Duluth and see a replica of his Viking ship.

Play mini golf on the roof of the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. The course is so fun and colorful, and if you're lucky, you may get a hole in one.

While you're at the Walker, check out the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and see the iconic "Spoonbridge and Cherry."

Spend a lazy day sunning and reading on the porch while sipping on a pour from a growler of Bad Habit Brewing Co. beer from St. Joseph.

Take a ride down the half-mile Alpine Slide in Lutsen.

Go on a tour of the Schells Brewery and eat some German food at Veigel's Kaiserhoff in New Ulm.

Take my first grandchild to a ball game this summer with his parents. He is only a few months old, but it'd be a treasure to experience that. — **TOM ELLIOTT, SPORTS REPORTER**

There is no better way to spend an afternoon if you are a flower lover than to go to Munsinger and Clemens Gardens in St. Cloud.

Bike the length of the Cannon Valley Trail between Cannon Falls and Red Wing.

Visit Pipestone National Monument and see an active pipestone quarry, quartzite cliffs and a spectacular waterfall on the prairie.

Bring your dog to one of the 30-plus St. Cloud-area patios that allow pooches.

Go to the a Minnesota United soccer game at their new stadium, Allianz Field, in St. Paul.

Spend a weekend camping at a state park on the North Shore, like Tettegouche, Temperance River or Cascade River State Park.

Even though I was born and raised in Minnesota, and I've spent most of my life living in the state, I've never made it to the Mississippi headwaters. I want to camp at Itasca State Park and walk across the Mississippi River. — **ANNA HAECHERL, CONTENT COACH**

Eat your way through Middle Town Market and enjoy live music at Sum-



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merit by George in downtown St. Cloud. The free event is held every Wednesday evening in the summer through Aug. 28.

See a Broadway-quality musical at the Orpheum in Minneapolis. "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Rent" are in the theater's August lineup.

Go to Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne and see the bison.

Try your hand at a few brushstrokes during one of local artist Adam Spaeth's community paintings in the St. Cloud area.

Visit Mille Lacs Kathio State Park and climb the 100-foot observation tower for a spectacular view.

Dress up like ye olde lords and ladies for a trip to the Renaissance Festival near Shakopee.

Spend as many hours as possible reading, sleeping and playing on my screen porch with my new cushy patio furniture and my new baby. — **NORA HERTEL, GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG REPORTER**

Visit the SPAM Museum and try some samples from Minnesota's canned meat empire in Austin.

Enjoy a Rox Lager made by St. Cloud's Beaver Island Brewing Co. while watching a St. Cloud Rox game.

Go back in time and see 7,000-year-old sacred rock carvings at Jeffers Petroglyphs near Comfrey.

Cool off with a tour of Niagara Cave near Harmony.

If urban caves are more your style, check out the Wabasha Street Caves in St. Paul.

Stop at the Great Lakes Candy Kitchen in Knife River on a North Shore road trip.

Get up the courage to jump off a ledge and into the water at Quarry Park in Waite Park. — **NATALIE HOWELL, COMMUNITY CONTENT SPECIALIST**

Take a stroll through Minnehaha Park. It's one of Minneapolis' oldest and most popular parks and features a 53-foot waterfall.

Celebrate summer with the Fusion Cabaret by going to their drag shows on the last Friday of each month at Red Carpet Nightclub in downtown St. Cloud.

Take a mini road trip to Walnut Grove for the annual Wilder Pageant, which celebrates the life and work of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Feed the giraffes at Hemker Park and Zoo in Freeport.

Order a Juicy Lucy at Matt's Bar and the 5-8 Club and compare which popular cheese-stuffed burger is better.

Take a tour of Split Rock Lighthouse near Two Har-

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