



Finding the 4th Scavenger Hunt

Start your 4th of July festivities by participating in our **Finding the 4th Scavenger Hunt**, sponsored by Royal Credit Union and supported by Visit Eau Claire. The first team to complete the hunt and quiz correctly wins **\$300 in local gift certificates and merchandise**. Those who submit a completed scavenger hunt quiz by July 6th will be entered to win one of three 4th of July baskets with gift certificates from local businesses. **Find more info and the [Quiz Link](http://cvmuseum.com) at cvmuseum.com...**



What company manufactured the benches in Randall Park?

West side churches often held 4th of July celebrations in this park. In 1904 the festivities began on the 3rd, with a patriotic service hosted by First Congregational, First Baptist and Presbyterian churches. It included a stereoptican presentation of Ben Hur. In 1905 St. Patrick's church sponsored an all day picnic with speeches, outdoor sports, and fireworks.

Randall Park, 321 Broadway St, Eau Claire, WI

What Chippewa River Trail mile marker is at this location?

Monongahela House (later known as Britton House). In 1863 the Monongahela House hosted a 4th of July evening ball. 86 tickets were sold making it the largest ever in Eau Claire (to that point). This followed a fantastic celebration where a 400 lb ox was roasted. A balloon, 18 ft high and 6 ft in diameter with a ball of fire attached, hovered over the city.

Parking Lot, 329 Water Street, Eau Claire, WI



What club built wooden stairs and retaining walls on the south side of State St?

This private park hosted a very public extravaganza in 1895. In addition to a "grand picnic," it boasted the "celebrated Gypsy Band direct from England" that had 42 individuals, 14 of whom were the best fortune-tellers in the world. They gave an exhibition of bare back riding and had "the most wonderful dogs and roosters in the world, also English magpies, jackdaws, bull-finches, thrushes, tame crows and poll parrots."

State Street and Putnam Dr (Paved Trail) Intersection Stairs, Eau Claire, WI

Take a selfie at your favorite place in Carson Park & post with #WeFoundThe4th

Horseshoe Island: In 1890 the Shaw Lumber company held a 4th of July picnic for its 800 employees and families. Lunch included 3 barrels of dough nuts [sic], 2 bushels of ginger snaps, as well as usual fair. In 1903 thousands gathered to watch a regatta on Half Moon Lake, wooden "tub-race," storming of the Spanish block house, and a log rolling contest.

(Horseshoe Island became Carson Park when the land was donated to the city in 1914.)

Carson Park, 100 Carson Park Dr, Eau Claire, WI



When was the current Sacred Heart Church dedicated? - Give exact date

The parish served a picnic with both lunch and dinner for over twenty years. In 1912 they emphasized that there would be a brass band and sporting events all day and that the "Jolly Bowling Club" would entertain. In 1913 they received a special dispensation to serve meat on Friday.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 416 N Dewey St, Eau Claire, WI



How many pillars are at the entrance of North River Fronts Park?

John Olinger grew fruits and vegetables and his beer garden became one of Eau Claire's favorite spots, with German Brass Bands, a dance pavilion and German-style lager beer. For many years it was one of the few spots large enough for 4th of July celebrations.

North River Fronts Park, Huyssen St, Eau Claire, WI



What religious building is on the corner of this former park location?

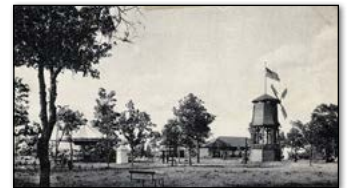
Schuetzenverein Park was the popular shooting range for the German shooting club. In 1890 the paper reported that "an immense crowd" assembled on the 4th of July; J.C. Gore, the city attorney and "a well known and talented speaker" delivered the address.

500 Chauncey St, Eau Claire, WI

What point is in front of the Eau Claire Press Co?

Electric Park was a primary site for 4th of July celebrations for many years. It was built by the Chippewa Valley Electric Railway company in 1895 at one of its trolley stops between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. In its heyday, it offered a domed shelter, dance hall, outdoor movie screen, amusement rides, and paddle-wheel boats. In 1919, it was reported that crowds were so dense – estimated to be 5000 -- that it was considered unsafe to set off fireworks.

Eau Claire Press, 1960 CTY HWY O, Lake Hallie, WI



Who is the bench at Mount Tom dedicated to?

The Swedish Lutheran church had their annual picnic at Mount Tom. In 1912 it was noted they were making extensive preparations to attract "our Scandinavian, German and American friends." Food was served all day, there was a children's program in the morning and a "patriotic program" in the afternoon including two "addresses" and a speech.

Mount Tom, 2122 Birch St, Eau Claire, WI

Who does the U.S. Flag honor at the Northern WI State Fair Grounds?

In 1918 Chippewa Falls held a large celebration at its fairgrounds, the first city 4th of July celebration since 1892. The next year, 1919, returning WWI soldiers marched to the fairgrounds and were "given a free dinner, free dancing, free shows and a grand old time as part of the welcome home festivities." The day also included an auto race with a \$1,500 purse, auto polo match, and round-by-round announcements of the Willard-Dempsey fight.

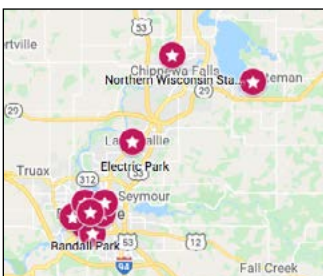
Northern WI State Fair Grounds, 225 Edwards St, Chippewa Falls, WI



How many trees are in the center of the roundabout driveway?

Lake Wissota Amusement Park opened in 1920 becoming a popular place for big band dances, wedding dances and Sunday afternoon band concerts. While it had a giant slide into the water, it was not what we would consider an amusement park. In 1920 the park had 3 days of 4th of July festivities. There were swimming contests, log rolling, and an orchestra every afternoon and evening.

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Chippewa Falls, WI*



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Grand Prize includes \$300 worth of gift cards, and every team that submits a completed scavenger hunt will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100 value Fourth of July Baskets with gift cards.

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