

Museum Happenings: Fourth of July Preview and other Outdoor Adventurees

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MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

June 3, 2022

Summer with the Chippewa Valley Museum

Summer is here! Here is your guide to outdoor fun with the Chippewa Valley Museum, including what to expect on the Fourth of July. Get your calendars ready.



A sculpture from Sculpture Tour Eau Claire now sits outside the museum

Summer Hours and Rates

Tuesday: 5-8pm

Wednesday - Sunday: 12-5pm

\$10/Adult, \$8/Senior 62+, \$5/Child & Student, Free Under 5
\$16/Adult, \$7/Child Joint Ticket with Wisconsin Logging Museum

Carson Park Experience

Switch Tower Opening

Sunday, June 12, 12:00 - 5:00pm



The Chippewa Valley Railroad (CVRR) will kick-off this summer's Carson Park Experience with a **grand opening of the newly restored Eau Claire Switch Tower**. Tours of the Switch Tower will be led by members of the Chippewa Valley Railroad. Enjoy complementary experiences throughout the park - Admission applies for Train rides and Museum Exhibits.

History of the Switch Tower: The interlocking tower located on the Omaha Railroad near Banbury Place was built October 18, 1896. It became the last "depot" in Eau Claire after the Omaha Depot was demolished in 1987. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad donated the tower to the Chippewa Valley Railroad in 1991.

Schedule of Events:

11:30am - 2:30pm: Batter's Box EC foodtruck in the tennis courts parking lot

12:00 - 2:00pm: Music on Chippewa Valley Museum lawn - Student Harp Ensemble opening for Maple Ridge Bluegrass Band

2:05pm: Eau Claire Express baseball game

12:00 - 4:00pm: Beer Garden on Chippewa Valley Museum front lawn

12:00 - 5:00pm Grand opening of the Eau Claire Train Tower with Tours by Chippewa Valley Railroad

Parking available in stadium lot with in-park shuttle to all participating locations.

Additional Carson Park Experience dates: July 4, August 14

[Learn More](#)

Finding the Women Biking Tour, June 6

Register by June 3 (Today!)



Monday, June 6, 6:00 - 7:30. Visit the places where women have worked and lived and hear stories which are often untold and unknown on this guided ride. Start location and other details will be emailed to participants.

Biking into History tours are made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Find the complete listing of summer biking and

walking tours on the museum's [online calendar](#). Become a [museum member](#) and your registration is FREE for every tour this summer!

Register

Celebrate July 4th with the Carson Park Experience



Chippewa Valley Museum and partners in Carson Park are providing a fun-filled day for families. A free "hop on, hop off" shuttle will circulate the park for access to more great fun. Activities run 12:00 - 5:00 unless noted.

Chippewa Valley Museum, Outdoor -- free

- Three Seasons Treasure Hunters children's treasure hunt
- School House and Log House open with activities
- 12:00: Eau Claire Municipal Band and Flag Raising
- 1:00: Sliced Bread Jug Band concert, Spelling Bee inside Sunnyview Schoolhouse
- 3:00: Spelling Bee inside Sunnyview Schoolhouse

*****No tickets are needed for outdoor activities*****

Chippewa Valley Museum, Indoor

- Buy One, Get One Free Admission.
- Fishing Pond -- ticket provided with every admission.
- Dessert Raffle -- ticket provided with every admission.
- Ice Cream Parlor will be serving soda, water, pre-packaged snacks, and ice cream novelties. Additional food options will be available at the food trucks in the tennis courts.

Chippewa Valley Railroad

\$3/adult, \$2/youth, free 2 and under

- Train rides
- Operation Life Saver Railroad Safety Booth, free
- Switch Tower tours, free

Wisconsin Logging Museum

\$8/adult, \$5/youth, children under 5 free

\$16/adult & \$7 youth joint ticket with Chippewa Valley Museum

- Buy One, Get One Free Admission
- See the new exhibits in the Equipment Shed!

Food Trucks

Tennis Courts parking lot

Beer Garden, 12:00 - 4:00

Chippewa Valley Museum grounds

Eau Claire Express, 5:05

Baseball game vs. St. Cloud Rox

Fireworks

Following baseball game

The Carson Park Experience is presented in partnership with Wisconsin Logging Museum and Chippewa Valley Railroad and supported by a Visit Eau Claire Cultural Arts grant, Chippewa Valley Energy, West Grant Avenue BID and WESTconsin Credit Union. July Fourth shuttle services in Carson Park are supported through Downtown Eau Claire Inc. and Visit Eau Claire funding.



WE WANT YOU!

Volunteers needed for Fourth of July

This year's Fourth of July experience can only happen with volunteer support. Help is needed in the beer tent, log house, school house, ice cream parlor, and indoor exhibits. Please complete the [volunteer interest form](#) to let us know how you'd like to help!

Summer Music on Museum Grounds

Starts June 12



Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy an eclectic mix of music on Sundays

throughout the summer here on the museum's lawn:

June 12, 12-2:00p:

Student Harp Ensemble opening for Maple Ridge Bluegrass Band

June 26, 12:30-2:30p:

Tomahawk Circle Ojibwe drum group

MONDAY July 4 Holiday, 12-2:00p:

Eau Claire Municipal Band and Sliced Bread Jug Band

July 10, 12:30-2:30p:

Eggplant Heroes

July 24, 12:30-2:30p:

Peter Phippen, Rahbi Crawford, and Ivar Lunde Jr

August 14, 1-2:30p:

Closing day of US Open Chainsaw Carving Championships,

Davey J & Friends

Chippewa Valley Museum's 2022 Outdoor Music Series is made possible with support from Visit Eau Claire.

Donate to Outdoor Summer Activities at Museum

Schlegelmilch House Open Hours

June - Sept.
2nd Saturdays

10am - 12 pm

Visit downtown Eau Claire's oldest structure and learn about the three generations who lived there.
\$8/Adult; \$2 Youth/Student, free

Vintage Landmarks T-Shirt Sale

\$30. Sale closes
June 17

Show your Eau Claire pride and support the Chippewa Valley Museum with a one-of-a-kind long landmarks t-shirt. Local business Powertex Group is hosting an online pop-up shop through

for members.

Preregistration recommended.

Purchase Ticket

June 17th to benefit the Chippewa Valley Museum.

Reserve Yours Today

Order T-Shirt



The vintage t-shirt includes 13 local landmarks, some here, some gone: Woos Pagoda, Little Ben Clock, Carson Park Baseball Stadium and Rocket Slide, Ramada Inn (the round hotel), City Auditorium, Omaha Depot, first Eau Claire Senior High School, High Bridge, Silver Mine Ski Jump, Schlegelmilch House, State Theatre, Camaraderie, and Mt. Simon. **All proceeds go directly to the Chippewa Valley Museum.**

T-shirts will be shipped the first week of July.

Enjoy all things summer and spending time with those important to you.

Peace,

Carrie Ronnander

Chippewa Valley Museum Director

PS - After many months closed, the Ice Cream Parlor is open, and with a new menu! Starting June 4, visitors can purchase soda, water, pre-packaged snacks, and ice

cream novelties at the historic marble ice cream parlor counter inside the museum. The walk-up window will be open when there is a volunteer in the ice cream parlor.



We look forward to some day returning to a full service, historical, hand-scooped ice cream parlor experience at the museum. Until then, ice cream novelties and other pre-packaged snacks will make it possible to provide refreshments to visitors, volunteers, and staff using available resources.

The new menu provides some fun options. Expect to find ice cream truck favorites like All-American popsicles, Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream bars, and ice cream sandwiches. We will adjust snack and ice cream options based on feedback and demand.

Please complete the [volunteer interest form](#) if you'd like to volunteer in the ice cream parlor.

P.P.S. June 4th is the anniversary of the 1958 Colfax Tornado. In the most recent [#ChippewaValleyHistory](#) post, CVM Archivist Jodi Kiffmeyer shared some history one of the most destructive tornadoes in Wisconsin history.



Residential area in Colfax destroyed by tornado, June 1958

"This weekend marks the 64th anniversary of a group of tornadoes that tore through Northwestern Wisconsin on June 4, 1958. The worst damage happened in and near Colfax, where a pair of F5 funnels killed at least 20 people and injured dozens more.

Because of downed power and telephone lines, a police radio was the only communication in and out of Colfax immediately after the catastrophe. However, word soon got out, and help started pouring in. Police from as far away as Richland County, Wisconsin, came to the area, as well as medical personnel from the Twin Cities. WCCO radio out of Minneapolis put out a call to its listeners, and within a day five semi trucks were en route to Dunn County, carrying 50 tons of food and clothing.

By the end of the outbreak, at least 28 people had died and 130 were seriously injured. Several of the deaths occurred in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. The storms spawned 8 tornados, causing \$83 million in property damage (almost \$806 million in 2021). They were the second-most deadly tornadoes in Wisconsin history, after the 1899 New Richmond tornado that killed 117."

Follow the museum's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages to discover more local history. New content is posted a few times every week.

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Chippewa Valley Museum

Driving Directions
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Carson Park
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Eau Claire, WI 54702
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