



CAVE OF THE MOUNDS®

National Natural Landmark

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Grab the car keys and hit the road! Make a day of it out and visit some of the best attractions Southern Wisconsin has to offer! Below are samples of different itineraries for you, all easily accomplished in a day. Pick one or mix and match, maybe even make it a weekend outing and stay overnight at a charming inn or camp at one of Wisconsin's fine parks. Discover what makes our state so special!

ONE DAY ITINERARIES (Starting from Madison)

Nature & History Tour – Learn about the people that made our state what it is today! Ebenezer Brigham, first European settler in Dane County, was the original owner of the land that is now Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark. Little Norway, a Norwegian Pioneer Homestead, showcases early Norwegian settlers in this area, giving Mount Horeb much of its flavor and heritage. Pendarvis, built by Cornish miners, who brought to Wisconsin the famous Pasty (vegetables and meat wrapped in dough and cooked), as well the reason we are called the “badger state.” The miners used to dig into the hillsides for shelter like badgers rather than trekking all the way back to their homes in the valley.

Tour of Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark

Tour length at Cave of the Mounds: 1 hour

Little Norway National Historic Site

Drive time: Cave of the Mounds to Little Norway 5 minutes

Tour length at Little Norway: 1 hour

Lunch in Mount Horeb – Choices range from charming cafés to the award winning brewery The Grumpy Troll. There's something for everyone in Mount Horeb!

Pendarvis Historical Site in Mineral Point

Drive time to Mineral Point: 35 minutes

Tour length at Pendarvis: approximately 1 hour

Shopping in Mineral Point

Beauty of Wisconsin Tour – Visiting Wisconsin is more than just a destination - it is a journey. Travel some of the most beautiful countryside Wisconsin has to offer while visiting some of the legendary attractions and natural areas that call Wisconsin home.

Tour of Little Norway National Historic Site

Tour length at Little Norway: 1 hour

Tour of Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark

Drive time: Little Norway to Cave of the Mounds 5 minutes

Tour length at Cave of the Mounds: 1 hour

Picnic at Blue Mound State Park, located on the tallest hill in southern Wisconsin. The 1,153-acre park is a popular place for swimming, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and mountain biking (both double and single track) and finding peace and solitude. Includes spectacular views of Wisconsin's landscape! Pool open afternoons Memorial Day to Labor Day.

OR

Picnic at Brigham County Park, located just northeast of the Village of Blue Mounds on County Highway F. This 212-acre park is named after Ebenezer Brigham, the first European settler in this area. The park provides a panoramic view of the Wisconsin River Valley. Park features also include a group camp area, a 25 unit rustic campground, two shelter facilities, picnic area, play equipment, and a nature trail through a maple woods.

Drive time from Cave of the Mounds to either park 5 minutes

Tour of Wollersheim Winery in Sauk City

Drive time: Blue Mounds to Wollersheim Winery 35 minutes

Tour length at Wollersheim Winery: 45 minutes

Architectural Tour – Go from unique and exotic to one of nature's wonders and then on to charming historic preservation. House on the Rock is an amazing creation of dreams with miles of collections to wander amongst & marvel at. Cave of the Mounds was created by nature millions of years ago. Hidden underground until it was discovered just 70 years ago, it is a place where natural wonders loom around each corner. Little Norway was built in the early 1800's by Norwegian Pioneers. In houses smaller than many people's kitchens of today, they carved out a living and thrived - a wonderful outdoor museum!

Tour of The House on the Rock

Tour length at The House on the Rock: 3-5 hours

Lunch in Mount Horeb

Drive time: The House on the Rock to Mount Horeb 30 minutes

Tour of Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark

Drive time: Mount Horeb to Cave of the Mounds 10 minutes

Tour length at Cave of the Mounds: 1 hour

Tour of Little Norway

Drive time: Cave of the Mounds to Little Norway 5 minutes

Tour length at Little Norway: 1 hour

Don't forget to think about purchasing the Summer Fun Pass!

Destination	Group Sales Department #	Street Address
Little Norway	608-437-8211	3576 Cty. Hwy. JG North, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Cave of the Mounds	608-437-3038	2975 Cave of the Mounds Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Grumpy Troll	608-437-2739	105 S. Second Street Mount Horeb, WI 53572
House on the Rock	608-935-3639	5754 State Rd 23, Spring Green, WI 53588
Pendarvis	608-987-2122	114 Shake Rag St., Mineral Point, WI 53565
Wollersheim Winery	800-847-9463	7876 Hwy 188, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578