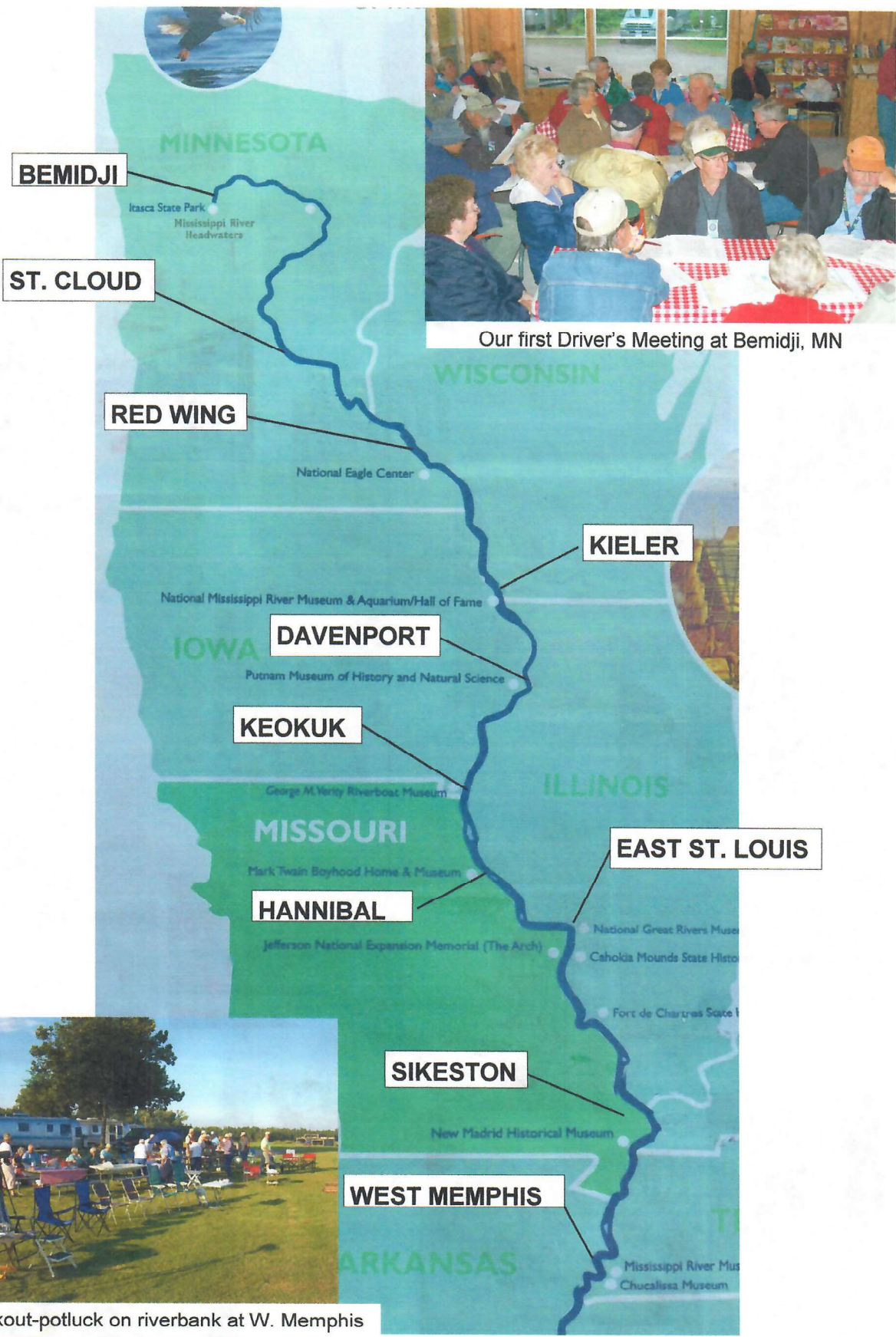


WILSON #7545

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**CHUCK & SANDIE KIPLE
CARAVAN LEADERS**



Our first Driver's Meeting at Bemidji, MN



The cookout-potluck on riverbank at W. Memphis

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD

The beauty of the Great River Road lies in traveling slowly; stopping to absorb the view, visiting a market or shop, chatting with locals at a café. It is the Rhine River of the USA, an Everglades of the north, with a national treasure of eagles, wildlife and migrating waterfowl.

It is "Little Italy", Norwegian spoken in the street, German and Swiss dairy farmers on the hills, and elegant paddlewheelers or giant tows laden in commerce.

It is our hope that you pause as we travel to enjoy an area of our country bounded by, nurtured by, and challenged by a great river. In the end - whether Indian, fur trader adventurer, immigrant, visitor, fisherman, farmer [or caravanner] - we were all travelers. Only the bluffs and the mighty river are here to stay.

Pat Middleton

WBCCI CARAVAN - FUN, FELLOWSHIP, ADVENTURE

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD N-37-E

CAMPGROUND ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS

** Indicates designated mail stops

DATE	CAMPGROUND	SERVICES
Sept. 03 th - 5 th	Royal Oaks RV Park ** 2860 Washington Ave. South Bemidji, MN 56601 218-751-8357	W/E/S/D <i>Very nice - long sites - Washer 1.75</i>
Sept 6 th	St Cloud Campground & R.V. Park 2491 2 nd St. SE St. Cloud, MN 56304 320-251-4463	W/E/D ✓ <i>Good Sun Very nice - they park you - big spaces.</i>
Sept 07 th -09 th	Treasure Island RV Park 5630 Sturgeon Lake Rd Welch, MN 55089 800-222-7077 Ext. 2334	W/E/S ✓ <i>Very close but ok.</i>
Sept 10 th -12 th	✓ Rustic Barn Campground 3854 Dry Hollow Rd. Keiler, WI 53812 608-568-7797	W/E/S/D <i>Good Sun No sewer but they pump - Out in country - quiet + nice</i>
Sept 13 th -16 th	Interstate RV Park ** 8448 Fairmount St. Davenport, IA 52806 563- 386-7292	W/E/S <i>Good Sun Very nice - near Hwy 1 2nd wash - dryer - 0 -</i>
Sept 17 th -18 th	Hickory Haven Campground 2413 353 rd St. Keokuk, IA 319-524-8459 800-890-8459	W/E/D <i>Good Sun Some had sewer - very nice -</i>

Narrow

Sept 19 th -21 st	Mark Twain Cave Campground ** Box 913 Hannibal, MO 63401 573-221-1656 800-527-0304	W/E/S/D
	<i>very nice - pull through</i>	
Sept 22 nd -26 th	Casino Queen RV Park ** 200 S. Front St. P.O. Box 2198 East St. Louis, IL 62201 618-874-5000 800- 777-0777	W/E/S ✓
	<i>pull through no internet</i>	
Sept 27 th -28 th	Hinton RV Park Box 1219 Sikeston, MO 63801 800-327-1457	W/E/S
Sept 29 th – Oct 3 rd	Tom Sawyer RV Park ** 1286 S. 8 th St. West Memphis, AR 72301 870-735-9770	W/E/S
	<i>Wonderful great view</i>	

Guidelines for receiving mail:

Be sure letter is mailed early enough to arrive at the campground prior to caravan arrival.

Address mail as follows:

Return Address

**WBCCI The Great River Road Caravan
 Caravanner's Name, WBCCI No.
 Address as Indicated**

Mark Envelope: HOLD FOR ARRIVAL

Wednesday, September 03rd, 2008
WELCOME, THE GREAT RIVER ROAD CARAVAN N-37-E
September 03rd — October 02nd, 2008

ROAYL OAKS RV PARK
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

STOP #1
DAY #1

The Caravan will be monitoring and using CB channel 14.

ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 3rd Wed. 12:00—4:00 PM Parking

Arrive - Setup your campsite
Check Bulletin Board

6:00 PM

Social Hour at Peppercorn
Restaurant

6:30 PM

Dinner at The Peppercorn Restaurant
Rendezvous meeting following
IMPORTANT: Bring Your Driver
Manual, and Minnesota Maps.

Sept. 4th Thurs. 9:00 AM

Departure. Car caravan to Lake
Itasca, on your own or ask someone
to ride with you. Through main gate -
Boat Trip on Lake Itasca.

After the boat trip walk across the
headwaters of the Mississippi River.
This is the only place on this caravan
where you can walk across the
Mississippi River. However, you can
swim across further south and the
entire caravan will watch !!!!

Balance of day tour on your own

8:30
First night we enter East Gate -
to 2nd parking lot. Visitor Center - go
At Mary Gibbs - visitor
Center - to
where Miss. begins

5th Floor
Sept 8th Fri Continued

4:00 PM **GAM #1 Go to your host unit. Take your chairs, a light snack, and your beverage.**
4:30

6th Floor
Sept 09th Sat. Free Day Enjoy the Bemidji Area

7:00 PM Driver Meeting. Bring your chairs, Driver Manual and map. Ice Cream to follow.

Information :

BEMIDJI

The Mississippi River is born flowing out of Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico 2552 miles away, dropping 1475 feet in its journey. Along the way the Mississippi picks up other rivers like a water magnet. It drains 41% of the continental United States from parts of New York to Montana. The total watershed embraces two Canadian Provinces and thirty-one states, ten of those states are on its banks.

The Upper Mississippi down to Cairo, Illinois and the mouth of the Ohio River is more beautiful than the Lower Mississippi. The Upper Mississippi has had its rapids and falls tamed by 29 locks and dams of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The banks of the Upper Mississippi are bluffs and hills creating great vistas. The Lower Mississippi below the Ohio River confluence flattens into delta. The river widens, culture changes and big levees block your view of the water even from the highways of the Great River Road. The Lower Mississippi is interesting, maybe even somewhat exotic, but the Upper Mississippi is genuinely beautiful and alive with a spirit all of it's own.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN ENJOY:

See the legendary Paul Bunyan and Babe. Paul was erected in 1937, stands 18 feet, and weighs 2 1/2 tons. Babe the Blue OX, was erected in 1939, and weighs 5 ton. Paul and Babe can be seen at the Bemidji Tourist Information Center. Plus at the Center are numerous lumberjack artifacts.

See the Fireplace of States built with stones from 48 states as well as provinces of Canada, also at the Information Center

If you enjoy art, stroll the Art Walk around downtown Bemidji and view five murals and 20 sculptures by area artists. There is a walking guide at the Information Center.

**Grand Rapids (42 miles east of Bemidji)
Forest History Center, 2609 County Rd 76. Experience a turn-of-the-century logging camp. There is an admission fee. Grand Rapids is also the birthplace of Judy Garland, her childhood home is open to the public.**

Fishing for Walleye, Northern, Bass, just to mention a few, at one of the many lakes in the Northwoods Lakes Area

Birding in this area is excellent because of the Mississippi Flyway route. A Bemidji Birding Guide is available at the Information Center.

**Shopping: Bemidji Woolen Mills, 3rd St and Irvine Ave.
Lady slipper Designs Outlet Store. Minnesota Made Gifts, located next to Woolen Mills.
The Old Schoolhouse, gift shops and art studio gallery.**

Stop #2

Day 4: Saturday, Sept 06th

Miles: 155

Drive Time: 4 1/2 Hrs

Facilities: W/E/D

From: Bemidji, MN.

**To: St. Cloud Campground &
R.V. Park, St Cloud, MN**

Arrival Time: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

*2:30 - 3:00
2:30*

*Leave
0800!*

Driving Instructions:

A Reminder, This caravan will continue to use CB CH. #14

Miles:

- 0.0 LEFT Turn from campground and return to Hwy 2 to Cass Lake.**
- 14 Cass Lake - RIGHT Turn onto Hwy SR 371 south**
- 31 Leech Lake Fishing Resort area**
- 35 Walker - Rest Area on lake front, just past City Hall right side
Rest Area south end of town, left side**
- 36 Shingobee Island - Rest Area, before crossing the bridge**
- 40 CAUTION HWY 371 RIGHT TURN, just before the traffic light
Gas station on left at light and a big casino on far left.**
- 54 Backus—Scamp trailer factory before this town.**
- 61 Pine River - Nice Welcome Center on RIGHT. Large parking
lot, with half circle easy in/out.**
- 98 Nice Rest Area/Welcome Center - Easy In & Out.**
- 112 Minnesota Military Museum, Camp Ripley. Open Thurs and
and Fri. only, after Labor Day. You can drive through the Fort
and see outdoor displays**
- 119 Little Falls “Where the Mississippi Pauses” If you wish to
visit this town, take County Road 76 (CR76) the Great River
Road sign is here. CR76 becomes 1st street E. Stay on this
street for river dam viewing and Visitor Center. When leaving
town, return the way you came in or if you continue south on
1st St (CR76) this will take you to US-10. If you want to view
the dam and stop at the visitor center, please see instructions
on next page. If you do not wish to go into town, continue on
Hwy SR 371.**
- 121 Hwy SR 371 merges with Hwy US-10. Take US 10 To St. Cloud.**

145 Take the exit for Hwy SR 23 East to Foley. This right exit is just past going under the overpass. This ramp merges with SR23 East. At the first traffic light turn right ,there is a blue camping sign here. You are now on CR8 and 14th Ave S.E.. About .1 mile, go to the LEFT on CR8. Stay on CR8, the campground is about 1 mile on left side.

DIRECTIONS FOR DAM AND VISITOR CENTER IN LITTLE FALLS:

DAM: To view the dam, stay on 1st St E to Broadway. RIGHT Turn on Broadway. Go 3 blocks, be in LEFT LANE to turn LEFT on Front St., just before crossing the bridge.

VISITOR CENTER: Front St. will take you back to 1st St SE. RIGHT Turn here. The Visitor Center in on the right, upon a slight hill. It Is located in the Rosenmeier home, built in 1903. Most of the home has the original furnishings.

LITTLE FALLS THINGS TO SEE OR DO:

Minnesota Fishing Museum, 304 W. Broadway.

Charles Lindberg Historic Site, 11th St Southwest.

Boat Works, the private collection of John Monahan. Restored boats made by Larson Boat Works. Call 320-632-4473 for private showing of the 12,000 sq. ft. collection.

ACTIVITIES FOR ST. CLOUD "Granite City of the World"

SAT SEPT. 06TH

7:30 AM Advance crew leaves

8:00

4:00 PM GAM #2, go to your host unit. Take your chairs, a light snack and beverage.

5:30 PM Bar Opens Michaels Restaurant (OYO) *directions on board*

6:00 PM Dinner Michaels Restaurant. Driver Meeting following. Bring your Driver Manual and Map. (Michaels Restaurant 510 So. Hwy 10 By America Inn - Best Western Motel)

Stop #3

Day 5: Sunday Sept 07th

Miles: 128

Drive Time: 2 1/2 Hrs

Facilities: W/E/ S

From: St. Cloud, MN

To: Treasure Island RV Park

Treasure Island Resort &

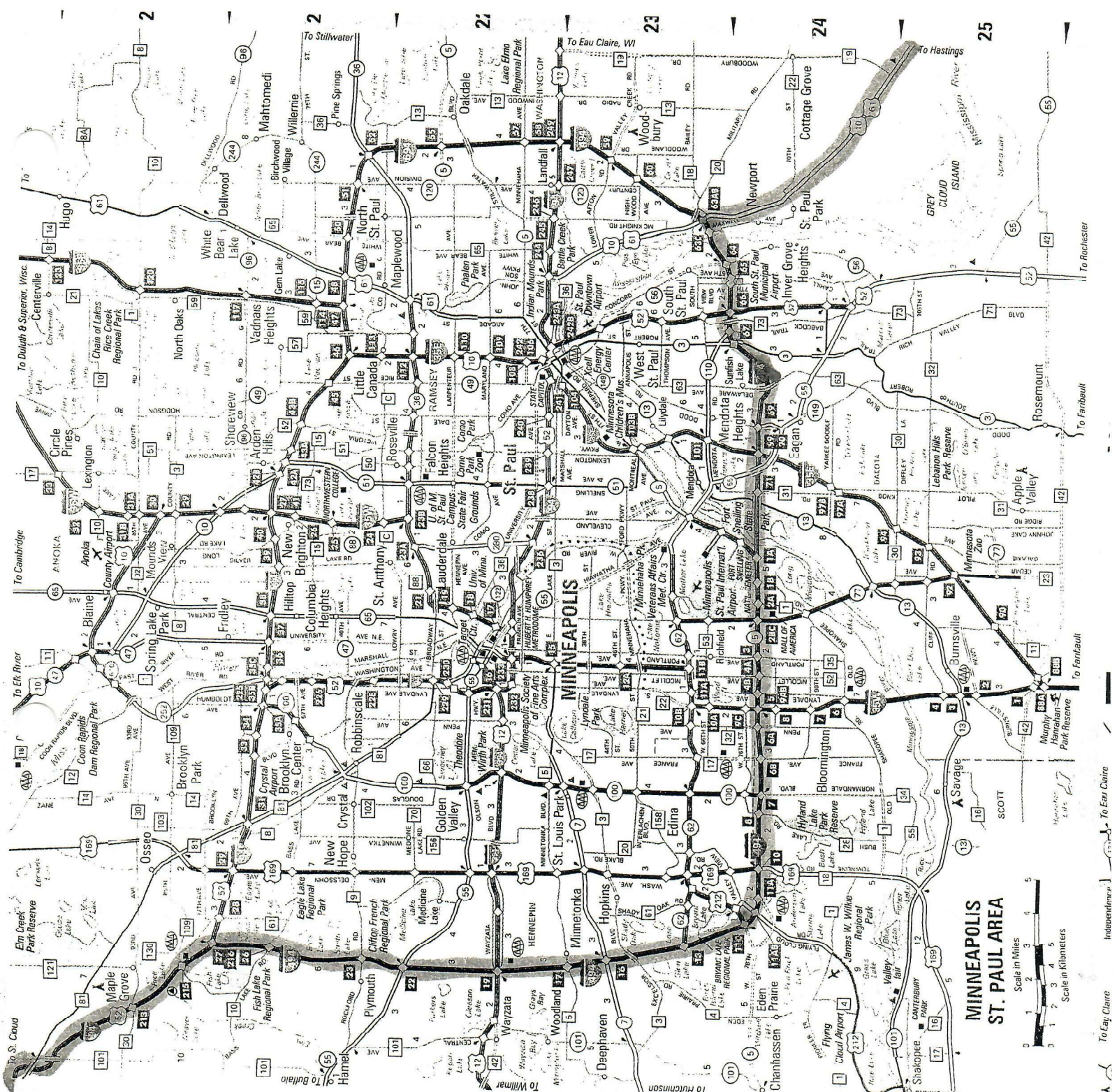
Casino (Near Red Wing, MN)

Arrival Time: 1:00—2:00 PM

Driving Instructions:

Miles:

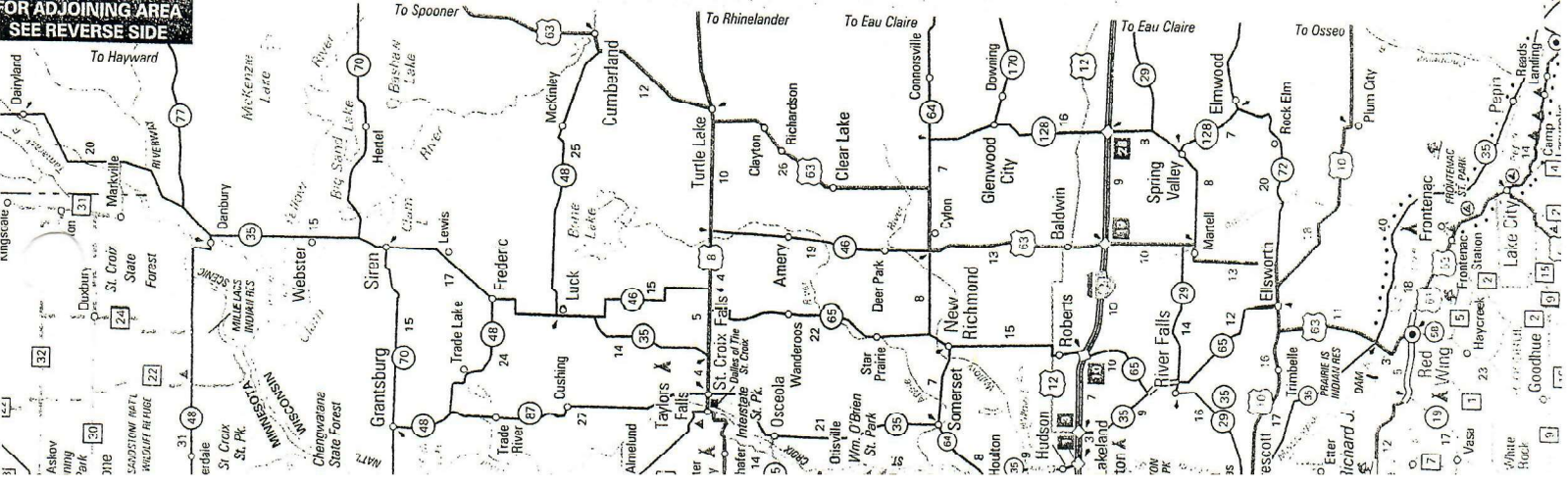
- 0.0** Leave campground, turn **RIGHT** Turn on **CR-8**. Go approx. 1 mile to traffic light. Left turn on **SR23**. Return to US10 East, exit **RIGHT**, after crossing the bridge.
- 12** At Clear Lake, Junction for Hwy 24 south **RIGHT** Turn on Hwy 24 to Clearwater
- 16** At Clearwater, go through town then, watch for Interstate I-94 East, after crossing the Mississippi River. Turn left for Interstate I-94 East to Minneapolis/St Paul
- 53** Rest Area
- 55** Take Exit 216 for Interstate I-494
- 93** Take Exit 63B for US10/61 South. You will come to exit 63B before 63A.
- 104** US10/61 split. Stay on US61 South to Hastings
- 107** From South end of Mississippi River Bridge your next turn is Approx. 5 miles on **LEFT** to SR 316. **LEFT** turn onto SR 316 which is also marked Red Wing Blvd.
- 112** Go approx. 5 miles on SR 316 to CR68 (200th St.) and turn **LEFT** on CR68 (Note: Big billboard at turn “ Treasure Island Resort & Casino”)
- 119** Proceed on CR68 approx. 7 miles then make a **LEFT** turn on Sturgeon Lake Road, Casino sign on **RIGHT** and gas station on **LEFT**, just before this **LEFT** turn. Casino is a few miles on **LEFT**, drive past Casino Main Entrance to RV Park sign and turn **LEFT** into park.



**MINNEAPOLIS
ST. PAUL AREA**



**FOR ADJOINING AREA
SEE REVERSE SIDE**



ACTIVITIES FOR RED WING

- Sun Sept 7** **8:30 A.M.** ²¹ **Advance Crew Leaves**
4:30 P.M. **GAM #3 Go to your host unit**
6:00 P.M. **Dinner At Casino**
- Mon Sept 8** **8:30 A.M.** — <sup>Cancelled
at 5:30</sup> **4:30 P.M. Bus trip to Mall of America**
- Tues Sept 9** **Free Day**
4:30 P.M. GAM #4 Go to your host unit
7:00 P.M. Driver Meeting, bring Driver Manual, Map and chairs

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN ENJOY:

Visit pretty restored Red Wing and see the following:
Red Wing Shoe Museum in Riverfront Center
Pottery Place Mall, for Red Wing Pottery
↓ **Red Wing Stoneware Co, and the Historic Railroad Depot**
which is also home of the Visitor Center

* **Lock & Dam #3 - From Sturgeon Lake Rd. turn right before the Railroad tracks (before the Casino). Go to the Power Plant stop sign, turn right. Go to the end of the road. Parking lot is on your left. The observation area is to your right. This is marked by a sign. Walk about 100 yards to a nice viewing platform.**

Visit the historic downtown area of Hastings, and other interesting places in that area. Hastings is approx 17 miles north of Red Wing.

Lock & Dam #2 - At Hastings — *had lunch.*

turn to write

Stop #4
Day 7: Wed Sept 10
Miles: 236
Drive Time: 5 3/4 Hrs
Facilities: W/E/D/S

From: Red Wing, MN
To: Rustic Barn Campground
Keiler, WI
Arrival Time: 3:00—4:00 PM

Driving Instructions:

Miles:

- 0.0 RIGHT turn from campground, return to CR18. Left turn on CR18, go approx. 3 miles to US 61 South.**
- 3.0 LEFT Turn on US 61 South, at a T intersection. 5 miles to Red Wing.**
- 20 Rest Area Just after Fontenac Station, along the river**
- 28 Lake City, the birthplace of water ski. Rest Area Entrance is past the rest area, LEFT Turn on Illinois St. then back to rest area.**
- 31 Wild Wings Art Gallery Large Parking Lot**
There are some turn outs for viewing along this stretch. Large enough for units if no other vehicles in there. Check these out for entry
- 38 Wabash. The National Eagle Center is located here. Also The 2 movies Grumpy Old Men were filmed here.**
- 59 Minneiska area. The 3 bluffs south of here are referred to as Faith, Hope and Charity. In this area there is a good view of Lock & Dam #5**
- 67 Goodview. Nice park on left side, big parking lot**
- 81 LaMoille Lock & Dam #6 is in this area.**
- 90 US61 joins I-90 East, stay on I-90 East.**
- 94 Lock & Dam #7. There is a nice Visitor Center and a great view of the Lock & Dam. Best way to get to this V.C. is to cross the bridge on I-90E. Take Exit 2 to French Island, then LEFT Turn over the bridge turn left back on I-90W. When leaving the V.C. follow Hwy signs to 90/14/61, right across the bridge, I-90E left, another left after overpass to access road to I-90E**

US 61 S

MM

I 90 E

Nice

We had used MA/W... road -

*Gas
Cheaper
in MN.*

*SR
35
LaCrosse*

98 Exit 3A take SR 35 South. Caution 35 South takes a LEFT At the end of the ramp.

Watch for SR35 South turns through this area.

116 Hwys 35/14/61 split here. Take SR 35 to the RIGHT. There are accessible turn outs, with information panels about the Mississippi River, along this stretch of the road.

129 Genoa—Lock & Dam #8 is next to the hwy. Nice parking lot on left side, easy in and out. Good close viewing. Better parking here than at dam site

Rest Area south of Lynxville okay to use

Lock & Dam #9 is at Harpers Ferry

167 CABELA'S shopping complex is 2 miles north of Prairie du Chien. There is a RV parking lot.

*US
18W*

169 In Prairie du Chien take US18 West. Get in Right Lane as US18W is a RIGHT Turn. This turn is past Walgreens and just Before Kwik Trip station, both on the right. Take US18W across 3 bridges. After 3rd bridge LEFT Turn on SR76.

Jawa

171 At stop sign RIGHT Turn on 18 Business into and through Marquette to McGregor

173 McGregor— Take US18 through the main street in McGregor.

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At T intersection (a large church will be in front of you) LEFT Turn on Hwy CR X-56 then RIGHT Turn. Watch for sharp Turn to RIGHT. Gear Down for a steep curvy downgrade. Then you will start a steep climb for about 2 miles

*going
up hill*

181 At stop sign stay on CR-X-56. LEFT Turn on Great River Road.

190 Guttenburg— Lock & Dam #10. At stop sign in town RIGHT Turn on 3rd Street., take 3rd St. to the next stop sign. Here LEFT Turn on Hayden RIGHT Turn at stop sign.

Good area to take a stretch break along the street, some parking, close to L & D #10. After going through business district there is a walkway back to the L&D area.

193 At stop sign LEFT Turn on US 52, stay on US52. You are now 38 miles from Dubuque. Another hill as you leave the river bottom.

195 Scenic Overlook, on the left, going up hill.—room for a few units. Pretty View, park on right and walk to overlook.

C9Y
199 LEFT Turn on C9Y. At the village of Millville, after you cross The Turkey River watch for C9Y LEFT turn. Cassville car ferry Sign maybe on you left.

207 RIGHT Turn on C9Y at Buena Vista.

214 Balltown, Iowa's oldest restaurant and bar was located here. Est. 1852. It burned down Christmas day 2007.

Hwy 52/3 S.E.
220 Sherrill— LEFT Turn at stop sign, stay on C9Y.

225 Sageville, T Intersection— At stop sign take a LEFT on Hwy 52South/3East.

227 At traffic light (John Deere Rd) Hwy 52/3 becomes Central. When coming in on Central this street becomes one-way at 19th Street. Continue on Central Ave. - right John Deere food construction

Laura Dubuque 151/61
230 LEFT Turn onto 9th Street. Follow signs to Hwy 52/3/61/151. Go 5 blocks after 2nd traffic light, cross railroad tracks, LEFT Turn. Follow signs to Hwy 151/61 to four lane and bridge over Mississippi River to Wisconsin.

231 Cross over bridge to Wisconsin. Stay on Hwy 151/61 to Exit 5. (Note: there is a Wisconsin Welcome Center at Exit 1) *

Wisc, Hwy H
235 Take Exit 5 Keiler/Louisburg. RIGHT exit, LEFT Turn at stop Sign, go under highway, get in RIGHT lane. RIGHT Turn on Hwy H. Travel approx. 100 yds, LEFT turn on Dry Hollow Road. Go approx 250 yds RIGHT turn into Rustic Barn Campground. Watch for camping signs. Congratulations You Made It !!!!

ACTIVITIES FOR KEILER AND DUBUQUE AREA:

Wed Sept 10 7:30 A.M. Advance Crew Leaves

5:00 P.M. Paddlewheeler Dinner Cruise on Spirit of Dubuque

lead 5:30
Thur Sept 11 9:45 A.M. Car Caravan to National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

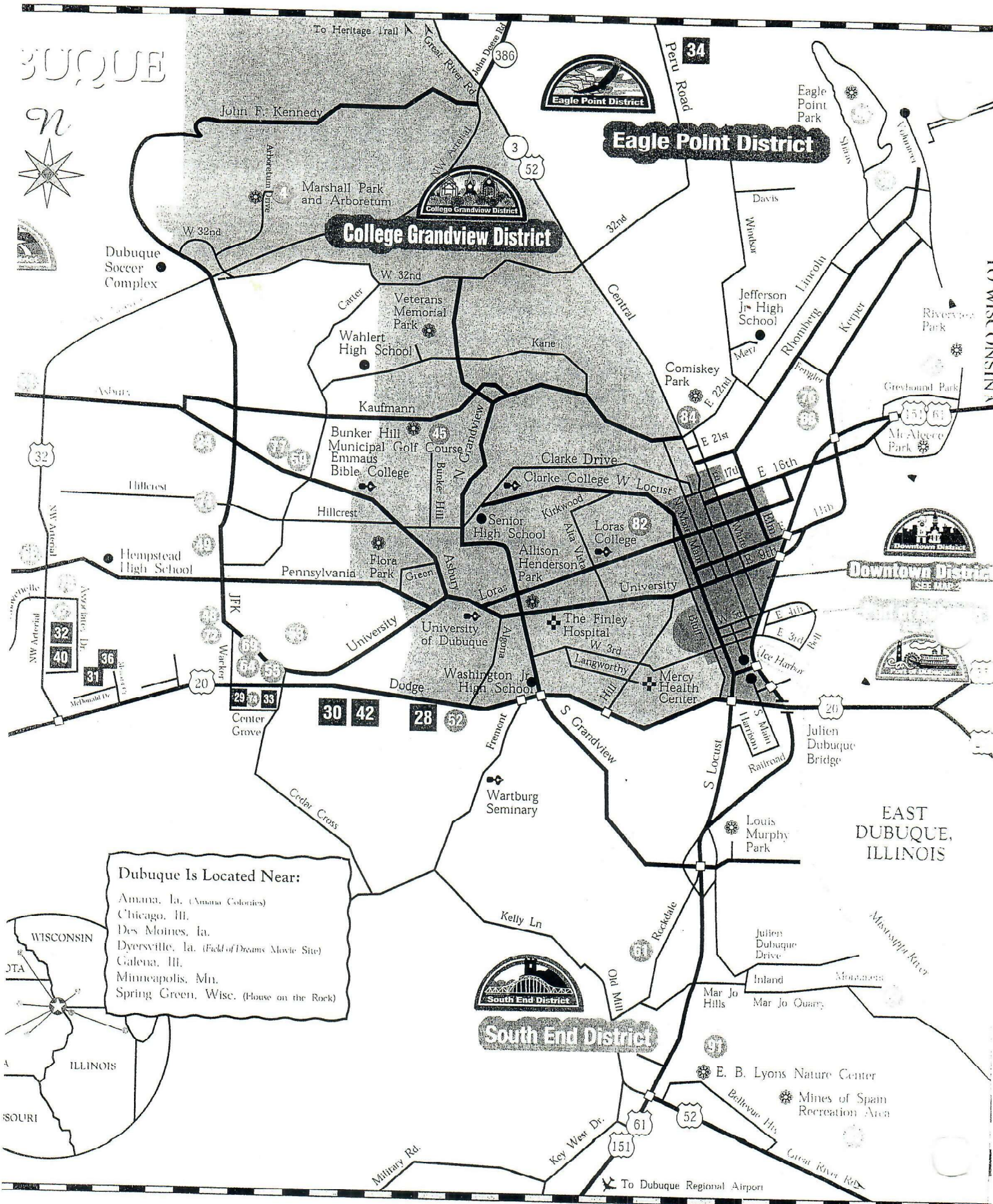
William B Black Bridgeport
10:00 A.M. Tour Museum & Aquarium on your own

4:30 P.M. GAM #5 You know the routine, enjoy.

Fri Sept 12 Enjoy the Dubuque Area. See list of suggestion of things to see and do

7:00 P.M. Driver Meeting, You know what to bring

DUBUQUE



Dubuque Is Located Near:

- Amarna, Ia. (Amarna Colonies)
- Chicago, Ill.
- Des Moines, Ia.
- Dyersville, Ia. (Field of Dreams Movie Site)
- Galena, Ill.
- Minneapolis, Mn.
- Spring Green, Wisc. (House on the Rock)



Activities For You To Enjoy While In Keiler, WI:

While at the Mississippi River Museum your ticket is also good for admittance to the sidewheeler William M. Black Museum, the largest dredge boat to work the Mississippi.

Ride the Fenelon Place Elevator to the top of the 300 foot bluff overlooking Ice Harbor.

Old Shot Tower on the waterfront, next to the railroad bridge. The neighboring Dubuque Brewery is open for tasting from 3:00 to 11:00 PM, Thurs. & Fri., Sat. noon to 11:00 PM.

Dyersville, IA, 20 miles west of Dubuque on Hwy 20. Field of Dreams movie site is located at Dyersville off Hwy 136.

National Farm Toy Museum is also at Dyersville. Over 30,000 farm toys displayed from the horse age to the present. The location is at 1110 16th Ave. S.E. RC2 is a toy retail store, very good prices.

For an interesting side trip on a free day in Dubuque, return to Turkey River Landing just south of Guttenberg, IA. Catch the ferry between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM to Cassville, WI and then return down the Wisconsin side of the river. There is a small crossing fee.

Another interesting side trip, visit Galena, IL (15 miles on US Hwy 20 East). The community is an architectural pastry shop. Buildings from 1830's, homes from 1850's to 1870's. Several antique shops and specialty boutiques. *US. County Home*

** need to go there. Mary Law said it was great.!!!*

Dyersville, Iowa

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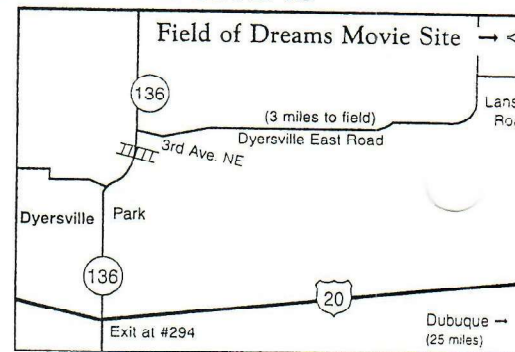
FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE:

25 MILES WEST OF DUBUQUE ON HWY 20 AT DYERSVILLE

RIGHT TURN ON HWY 136 NORTH AT EXIT # 294

AFTER CROSSING THE RAILROAD TRACKS, WATCH FOR 3RD AVE NE, YOU WILL TAKE A RIGHT ON 3RD AVE NE, THEN A LEFT ON 12TH ST NE AND A RIGHT ON 5TH AVE NE, THIS BECOMES DYERSVILLE EAST RD.

STAY ON THIS ROAD TO LANSING RD. THE MOVIE SITE IS 3 MILES ON LANSING RD.



NATIONAL FARM TOY MUSEUM:

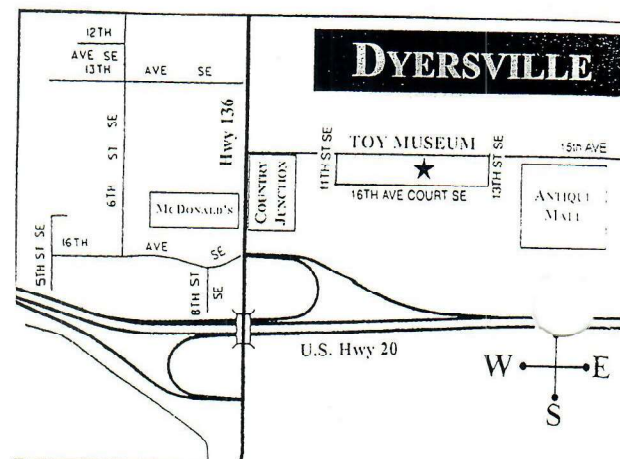
20 MILES WEST OF DUBUQUE ON HWY 20.

RIGHT TURN ON HWY 136 NORHT AT EXIT #294.

**GO NORTH TO 15TH AVE SE, TURN RIGHT ON 15TH AVE SE,
GO TO 11TH ST SE**

RIGHT TURN ON 11TH ST SE, GO SOUTH 1 BLOCK

**LEFT TURN ON 16TH AVE SE
YOU HAVE ARRIVED**



Interesting Facts:

Lake City, MN. The sport of water skiing was invented here in 1922. It is the home of Wild Wings Gallery, located approx 3 miles south of town on Hwy US 61.

Winona, MN, is the home of the Watkins Company, the oldest firm in the world selling extracts and spices. There is also a Watkins Museum. Winona is also home to Winona Knitting Mills. Levee Park, in Winona is between Walnut & Johnson Streets in downtown (enter on Walnut St and park along the river). Winona is a regular stop for river steamboats, even today.

The area between Winona, MN and La Crosse, WI was first described by French Explorers as "Prairie of Islands".

Lake Onalaska is Pool 7 on the Mississippi. Backed up by Dam 7 you will see this as you cross from Minnesota to Onalaska, WI and La Crosse, WI.

La Crosse, WI is homeport to the Julia Belle Swain, one of five Authentic steamboats on the upper river. She is docked at the Riverside Park and provides cruises to Winona, MN and Prairie du Chien, WI

South of La Crosse near Victory, WI you might spot clamming boats (large flat bottom crafts with an overhead bar draped with lots of heavy line and hooks). The clam shells are ground into small shot size and inserted into oysters as starters for cultured pearls. In years past, before plastic, the clam shells were made into buttons. Pearl button factories were found in several river towns.

Near Stoddard, WI is the widest spot on the Upper Mississippi River. The river is nearly four miles wide.

Genoa, WI, you are welcome to view Lock & Dam operations from the viewer platform of Lock & Dam #8

Prairie du Chien, WI. Look for steamboats or large river tows as you cross the bridge to Marquette, IA (home of Miss Marquette River Boat Casino).

McGregor, IA has a Main St., offering many antiques and specialty shops.

Pike's Peak (Iowa Version) is located 3 miles south of McGregor, follow Main St. out of town south to State Hwy 370 about 3 miles.

Guttenberg, IA is the location of Upper Mississippi River Fisheries Management Station & Aquarium. You can view live native fish & turtles. Also enjoy the German stone buildings restored as restaurants and a riverfront inn. See the Locksmith's House Heritage Museum in the waterfront park.

Lock & Dam #10 is located at Guttenberg. Here is an excellent viewing of tows as well as eagle watching.

Stop #5
Day 10: Sat. Sept 13th
Miles: 107
Drive Time: 2 1/2 Hrs
Facilities: W/E/S/D

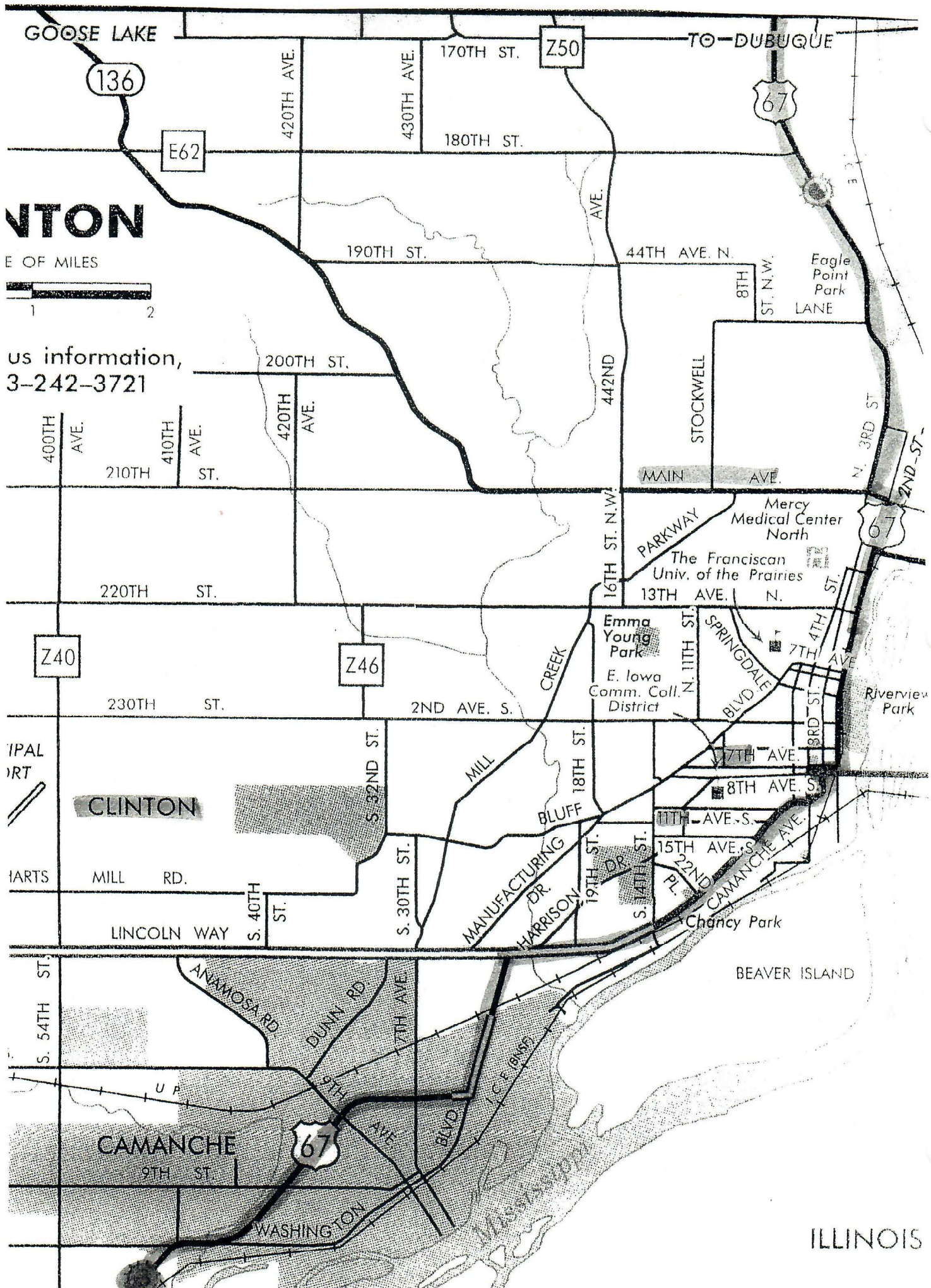
From: Keiler, WI
To: Interstate RV Park
Davenport, IA
Arrival Time: 1:00—2:00 PM

Driving Instructions:

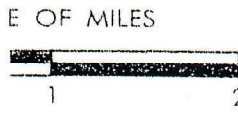
Miles:

- 0.0** Leave the campground and go to **US61/151 South**. Travel on this hwy for approx 12 miles. Through Dubuque to about 7 miles south of Dubuque.
- 12** **LEFT Turn on US 52 South**. At the top of the hill and at 1st stop light be in Left Lane to make a **LEFT Turn**. Many beautiful vistas & churches as you travel along this section of highway
- 34** **Bellevue—Lock & Dam #12** is in full view. You will pass a sign that says **Public Access to Lock & Dam 3 blocks**. This is a very sharp **LEFT Turn and Downhill**. Best to park on the street. There is a pretty park all along the river beside the highway. Rest Area south of town, good place for a stretch break
- 51** **Sabula—RIGHT Turn on US 67**. Nice Welcome Center here It is built as a replica of an old school house complete with furnishings. Nice gift shop of local crafts from the county, stain glass, jams & jellies, candles, candy etc. **LEFT Turn for US67 just past the Welcome Center to Clinton**.
- 65** **Clinton—Lock & Dam #13** is here, but can't be seen from the highway. Continue on **US 67 South** through Clinton. Watch carefully for **US67 South Turns**, there are a several. Here are the Turns:
- 1. First stop light (Phillips 66 & Kwik Star) LEFT Turn on Main St.,**
 - 2 Go 1 block make a RIGHT Turn on N 2nd St.**
 - 3. RIGHT Turn on 7th Ave. Watch for this one,**
 - 4. LEFT Turn at 2nd traffic light, on South 4th, Ace Hardware store on left.**

US67 S



CLINTON



For more information,
 call 3-242-3721

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- 5. **RIGHT Turn on 11th Street, 11th St becomes Commanche. Highway sign is Overhead, Not on side of street.**
- 71 **LEFT Turn leaving Clinton. Kwik Star on left**
- 72 **Commanche— RIGHT Turn on US67 S, after entering this town**
- 91 **I-80 and nice Welcome Center. Go back without unit.**
- 92 **Take I-80 West. Right exit before overpass.**
- 107 **Exit 292 to SR130 and Interstate RV Park, Take SR130 to Fairmount St .06 mile. LEFT Turn to campground, Farm & Fleet store will be on your right**

ACTIVITIES FOR DAVENPORT

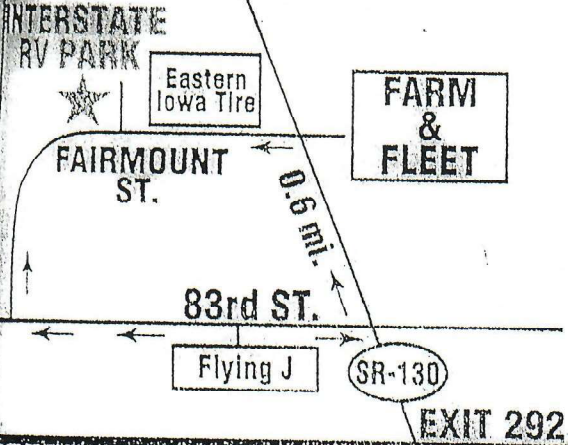
Sat Sept 13 8:30 A.M. Advance Crew Leaves
4:00 P.M. GAM #6
5:45 P.M. Dinner at The Machine Shed Restaurant

Sun Sept 14 9:30 Lock & Dam #15 Tour *line up at 0820*
11:00 Arsenal Museum *- photo ID.*

Mon Sept 15 9:30 ^{9:00 at.} John Deere Pavillion *- line up at 0830*
12:15 John Deere Factory Tour, Seeding Works

Tues Sept 16 Enjoy the Davenport Area. Tour on your own
7:00 P.M. Drivers Meeting
Ice Cream to Follow

From the Jct. of I-80, Exit 292, NW
0.6 mi. on SR 130 to Fairmount St.,
*turn left in front of Bridgestone Tires
Building (Farm & Fleet will be on
your right)*, 0.1 mi. to park on right.



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Activities For You To Enjoy While Traveling From Keiler To Davenport, Or Interesting Facts:

St. Donatus a picturesque Luxembourger Village of stone buildings and homes built between 1830 and 1850 with 35 homes on the National Register. The buildings are considered the best collection of Luxembourger stonework in the new world. These structures are hard to find.

North of Bellevue, see Lock & Dam #12.

Bellevue, where from the Riverview Park you can get an unobstructed view of the Mississippi with towboats locking through. Watch for eagles feeding below the dam.

Le Claire, IA is situated at the top of what was once a 14 mile long rapids. One of the longest river rapids in the world. The rapids began just below Davenport, IA. Until the first river lock & dam #15 in Davenport was built in 1934 the fluctuating river depth through the rapids often required smaller boats to go through the rapids only with specially licensed pilots. Many of those pilots lived in Le Claire. Pull in and enjoy the waterfront up close.

Visit the Iowa Welcome Center located at I-80 and US 67.

Activities To Enjoy In Davenport and The Quad Cities:

In Davenport:

Palmer College of Chiropractic and Museum, the birthplace of the Chiropractic Profession. On Brady St., between E. 10th and 11th St.

Putnam Museum and IMAX Theater. Located at 1717 W. 12th St.

The President Riverboat Casino, docks at Presidents Landing in Riverside Park in Davenport. The President built in 1924 is a side-wheeler and was the largest overnight passenger steamer on the Mississippi River.

River Music Experience Museum, a one-of-a-kind urban entertainment experience tracing the people, places, styles and movement of root music along the Mississippi from the 1800's to today and beyond. Location is 131 W. Second St. Admission fee.

Alcoa Aluminum Plant at the town of Riverdale (an Alcoa Company town) is the largest aluminum rolling plant in the world. Riverdale is just north of Davenport & Bettendorf on Hwy US67.

Quad Cities:

Quad City Botanical Center along the Mississippi in Rock Island at 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, ILL. Admission fee.

World Headquarters of Deere & Company is located in Moline, ILL, and is off I-74 to John Deere Road at One John Deere Place. Open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Quetnam 5120 W Brady St

*We went to Buffalo Bill's Homestead
north of Lunceton - cost 2.00 - very nice - ate
at pizza place - drink + ice cream come included.
Met a couple from Lunceton - she is an artist; very
nice couple.*

Stop # 6
Day 14: Wed Sept 17th
Miles: 116
Drive Time: 2 3/4 Hrs
Facilities: W/E/D

From: Davenport, IA
To: Hickory Haven Campground
Keokuk, IA
Arrival: 1:00--2:00 PM
1:30-2:30pm

Driving Instruction:

Miles:

- 0.0 Return to I-80 West**
- 02 LEFT Exit #290 to I-280.**
- 10 RIGHT Exit #8 for Hwy 22West**
- 32 At 1st stop light in town of Muscatine LEFT Turn on Business 61/38. Follow this route through town.**
Stay in RIGHT LANE—Go a few blocks and Right Turn at stop sign. Follow Great River Road Sign.
Just past Hon Furniture Factory on left, be in the LEFT Lane.
At traffic light, LEFT Turn on Business 61 (Truck Route) then a RIGHT Turn, on Mississippi Dr.
Riverfront Park is along the Mississippi river for several blocks.
As you round the curve be ready for a LEFT Turn on Bus. 61
At traffic light.
✓ **Watch for County Road X61 Jct. and Lake Odessa 14 mile sign at the left turn.**
LEFT Turn on CRX61 at south end of Muscatine. Hardee's will be on your right.
Conoco Convenient Store on Right has gas/diesel. Diesel pumps in the back This is just past the 2nd set of railroad tracks. Easy In and Out.
The river bottom all along to the east is Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge. In the fall a great stop for ducks and geese on the Mississippi flyway.
- 48 Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge**
- 50 Lake Odessa turn. Approx. 1 mile past this sign is your turn.**
- 51 RIGHT Turn on County road G62 to Hwy 99**
On the Left there is a white barn with the name Schafer over the door. THIS IS YOUR TURN. If you start to drive on gravel

YOU HAVE MISSED YOUR TURN.

- 54 **RIGHT Turn on Hwy 99 (green street marker) at T intersection
And stop sign.**
- 55 **Cross over the Iowa River into the town of Wapello. As you drive
through Wapello you will pass the courthouse and county jail on
your left.**
- 56 **LEFT Turn on Hwy 61 South of Mediapolis, at T intersection.**
- 63 **At Morning Sun turn Kum & Go truck stop, plenty of room.**
- 81 **Burlington - Follow Hwy 61 through town. Snake alley is located
here.**
- 97 **Ft. Madison - *Stuffer for Campers!* Hwy 61 turns RIGHT just past the penitentiary.
Follow Hwy 61 through town. Route is well marked.**
- 112 **Jct Hwy 61/218. Stay on Hwy 61.**
- 116 **RIGHT Turn on CR-W62/Argyle Rd. This is the SECOND camping
Sign to Hickory Haven.
.7 miles RIGHT Turn on 353rd St. SWING WIDE - Sharp Sloping
Curve.
Campground is a short distance on LEFT.**

ACTIVITIES FOR KEOKUK

**Wed Sept 17th 8:30 AM Advance Crew Leaves
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

~~Tour Verity Riverboat Boat Museum~~

~~At your convenience.~~ *Closed!*

Thurs Sept 18th 9:00 AM

Car caravan to Nauvoo, Ill., Visitor

Center *Beginning of Mormon Trail*

**10:00 AM Tour Visitor Center and enjoy the
Wagon Tour**

7:00 PM Drivers Meeting

*Turn to
write!*

Interesting Facts to Know While Traveling From Davenport to Keokuk:

Muscatine, IA, Lock & Dam 16 is one mile east off state Hwy 92 Across Norbert Becky Bridge into ILL. Observation Deck and picnicking . Muscatine has historically been know as “Button City”. Freshwater mussels (some call them clams) were abundant here in the Mississippi River. They were harvested in the late 1800’s to the Mid 1900’s for buttons. There were several large factories up until Mid 1900’s, a couple of small factories still remain. There is a Pearl Button Museum at 206 W. Second St., Muscatine. Sorry no parking for our units at the museum.

When you turn off Hwy 22 onto County Road X61 you will pass Musco Lighting Co. on the right. They provide portable lighting for college and professional stadiums around North America, movies and special events worldwide including the Olympics. They are known for their rapid response at disaster sights and their equipment and trucks are ready for departure worldwide upon short notice. They provided lighting at ground zero after 9-11 for months

Once on CR X61 you are on “Muscatine Island” home to many truck gardens and fruit-vegetable stands. Tomatoes are grown in Muscatine for H.J. Heinz Co Ketchup factory. The entire island is protected from the Mississippi river by a large levee.

Burlington, IA, features one of the newest bridges across the Mississippi, the Mac Arthur Bridge on U.S. Hwy 34. It is a dual tower cable suspension bridge.

Burlington is home of Snake Alley declared by Ripley’s “Believe it or Not” as the crookedest street in the world. Snake Alley consists of 5 180 degree curves and 2 90 degree curves in a distance of 275 feet, while rising 58.3 feet from Washington St to Columbia St. *Not Recommended for Any Airstream Trailer or Motorhome !!!*

Interesting Facts Continued:

The Burlington to Keokuk area is the center of a unique distributions of geodes. Frequently they are found in rock bars and creeks or embedded in shale outcroppings

Ft. Madison, IA., as the road descends into Ft. Madison you will pass the Iowa State Penitentiary built in 1839 for the Iowa Territory. It is the oldest prison west of the Mississippi. Iowa has several other state prisons, this is a true antique.

The Santa Fe Bridge in Ft. Madison now owned by the Burlington-Santa Fe Railroad has a center double-deck swing span of 525 feet, autos use the top deck and trains use the lower deck of the 3,347 foot bridge. Barge traffic have precedence over train traffic crossing the Mississippi.

Keokuk, Iowa

This town was named in honor of the Sac Indian Chief, Keokuck. Translated the name means "Running Fox" or "Watchful Fox" . In Rand Park overlooking the river, there is a life-size statue of Chief Keokuck. This is also the home town of Jane Clemens, Mark Twain's mother.

The George M. Verity, was built in 1927 in the Dubuque Shipyard. It was named "Thorp". In 1940 it was sold to ARMCO Steel, and re-named "Geo. M. Verity", in honor of the founder and first president of American Rolling Mills Co. It was retired in 1960, and the city of Keokuk asked to turn the paddlewheel into a steamboat museum. ARMCO liked the idea and sold the "Geo. M. Verity" to the city of Keokuk for one dollar.