



WOODLAND TRIPS 2025

April 7, 2025: *The Chocolate Thimble (Huntertown)*. Let's dive into chocolate! At the Thimble, we will tour the facility and make a few chocolates of our own to take home. We'll stop for breakfast at Rise 'N Roll, and lunch will be at the Lucky Turtle Grille/Lucky Moose Lounge. Weather permitting, we will also explore Salomon Farm and see the animals in the afternoon. The cost is **\$60**, which includes transportation on a Transit bus, the Chocolate Thimble tour experience, entrance to Salomon Farm, plus snacks with water and juice. The cost of breakfast and lunch **are not** included. **Full payment is due by March 17.**

May 8, 2025: *"Nunsense" at Cornwell's Turkeyville (Marshall, MI)*. *"Nunsense is habit-forming! The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire need of emergency funds after a culinary disaster nearly wipes out the convent. The nuns pull out all the stops in a fundraising variety show featuring tap dancing, habit humor, an audience quiz and a special appearance by convent cook, Sister Julia, Child of God. The clever story has an unabashed desire to make you laugh. With songs and comic interludes paced at break-neck speed, it's a must-see musical adventure!"* (<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/cornwell's%20dinner%20theatre/6562/event/1397994>). The cost is **\$145**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, turkey buffet and show, plus snacks with water and juice. **First payment of \$45 is due by March 7 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$100 is due by April 11.**

June 5, 2025: *Dairy Learning Center and Wassenberg Art Center (Celina & Van Wert, OH)*. We start our trip with lunch at Pullman Bay Park overlooking Grand Lake. Afterwards, we'll visit the MVP Dairy Learning Center that offers two floors of learning the "ins and outs" of a dairy farm. Then comes the Wassenberg Art Center where there will be an opening celebration of their new exhibition, complete with snacks! We will conclude our trip at The Brumback Library for a "photo op" in appreciation of its beautiful architecture. This library is known for being the first County Library formed in the United States. Time permitting, we can enter the library to view its classic interior. **The cost is \$135**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, lunch, entry fees, snacks, juice and water. **First payment of \$50 is due by April 11 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$85 is due by April 28.**

June 12, 2025: *Four Winds Casino (South Bend)*. Try your luck at Four Winds! The "Summer Special" cost is **\$25**, which includes transportation on a Transit bus, snacks, water and juice. **Full payment is due by May 30.**

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June 17, 2025: *Ride the Dixie! (North Webster)*. We will have a 1 ¼ hour ride on the Dixie followed by lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant then dessert at the ice cream parlor. You'll have time to wander around Winona Village or work on a ceramic/glass piece of art (please let Nancy Lou know if you wish to do an art piece so that she can reserve a spot for you). The cost is **\$77**, which includes transportation on a Transit bus, the Dixie ride, snacks, water and juice. The cost of lunch **is not** included. **Full payment is due by May 30.**

June 25, 2025: *Stones Trace & Annie Oakley Perfumery (Ligonier)*. Our first stop will be the historic site of Stones Trace where we'll have a tour of the grounds, then we'll head to Fashion Farm for lunch and explore their flower shop. The finale will be a tour of Annie Oakley Perfumery! The cost is **\$60**, which includes both tours, transportation on a Transit bus, snacks, water and juice. The cost of lunch **is not** included. **Full payment is due by June 6.**

July 8, 2025: *Quilt Gardens & Murals along the Heritage Trail (Elkhart County)*. Join me on this bus tour of beautiful quilt gardens and murals! Along the way, we'll stop at Das Dutchman Essenhaus for a hearty meal before wrapping up the tour. The cost is **\$125**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion Bus, the tour, buffet lunch, snacks, water and juice. **First payment of \$40 is due by May 16 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$85 is due by June 6.**

August 11, 2025: *Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum (Ft. Wayne)*. We will begin our trip by walking the labyrinth at Trinity Episcopal Church before enjoying lunch at Liberty Diner. Afterwards, we will explore the Veterans National Memorial grounds and the Museum. The cost is **\$60**, which includes transportation on a Transit Bus, snacks, water and juice. The cost of lunch **is not** included. **Full payment is due by July 28.**

August 28, 2025: *"The Play That Goes Wrong" at La Comedia Dinner Theatre (Springboro, OH)*. This is a brilliant, must-see show "...where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), this hilarious show within a show is Broadway's funniest smash hit!" (<https://boxoffice.lacomedia.com/Online/default.asp>). The cost is **\$150**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, buffet lunch and show, plus snacks with water and juice. **First payment of \$50 is due by July 11 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$100 is due by July 25.**

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September 17, 2025: *Midwest Museum of Art & Wellfield Botanic Gardens (Elkhart).* Our day will begin by discovering the beauty of American art at the Museum, followed by lunch at North Garden Chinese Buffet. Afterwards, we will have a guided tour of the Wellfield Botanic Gardens. The cost is **\$140**, which includes admission to the museum, lunch at North Garden Chinese Buffet, a guided tour of the Wellfield Gardens, transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, plus snacks with water and juice. **First payment of \$40 is due by July 25 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$100 is due by August 15.**

October 8, 2025: *“Heartbreak Hotel” at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre (Indianapolis).* *“This prequel to Million Dollar Quartet follows the tender story of Elvis Presley in his youth and the moments of his life that led him to become ‘The King of Rock and Roll’”* (https://beefandboards.com/Online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::article_id=E544C99D-C D32-4DEC-B881-6AF87DC2444F&menu_id=9CA614E0-ACDA-48D4-82BD-6A9701390C27). Prior to the show, we will enjoy their buffet lunch! The cost is **\$160**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, buffet lunch, the show, snacks with water and juice. **First payment of \$60 is due by August 22 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$100 is due by September 5.**

November 12, 2025: *“The Naughty List” at Cornwell’s Turkeyville (Marshall, MI).* *“Sparkles the Elf dances like a snowflake and has the voice of a snow angel, and she is always the star of the annual Christmas Pageant at Santa’s Workshop. But when a new and talented elf comes onto the scene and threatens to steal the spotlight, Sparkles is overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy that threaten to land her on... the Naughty List!”* (<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/cornwell's%20dinner%20theatre/6562/event/1398425>). Cost is **\$145**, which includes transportation on a Royal Excursion bus, turkey buffet and show, plus snacks with water and juice. **First payment of \$45 is due by September 12 to reserve your spot. Balance of \$100 is due by October 3.**

