



Three-Day Travel Guide to West Bend, Wisconsin

A blend of outdoor adventure, arts, history, and great food!

Day 1: Outdoor Adventures & Local Eats

Morning



Breakfast at The Hub - Social Good Brews

Start your day with locally roasted coffee and a fresh pastry or breakfast sandwich at this cozy café that supports community initiatives.



Eisenbahn State Trail

Hop on a bike or take a scenic walk along this beautiful rail-trail, which stretches through the countryside and connects you to stunning views of the Milwaukee River. If you're into longer rides, head north toward Kewaskum for a peaceful, rural adventure.

Afternoon



Lunch at Riverside Brewery & Restaurant

Enjoy a handcrafted beer and a delicious meal on their patio overlooking the Milwaukee River. Try the beer cheese soup or the fish tacos!



Kayaking on the Milwaukee River

Rent a kayak or bring your own and paddle down the serene waters of the Milwaukee River. The gentle current makes for a relaxing yet scenic trip through West Bend's lush landscapes.



Explore Lac Lawrann Conservancy

This 137-acre nature preserve is perfect for a quiet hike through wetlands, woodlands, and prairie. Keep an eye out for native birds and wildlife!

Evening



Dinner at Timmer's Resort

Nestled along Big Cedar Lake, this historic lodge offers fine dining with lakefront views. The walleye and prime rib are local favorites!

Live Music or Film at The Bend Theatre

Wrap up your day with a show at this beautifully restored 1929 theater, offering live music, comedy, and classic film screenings.

Day 2: Arts, Culture & Local History

Morning

Breakfast at Toucan Food & Custard

A local favorite known for hearty breakfast platters and delicious custard-based shakes.

Museum of Wisconsin Art (MOWA)

Immerse yourself in the rich artistic heritage of Wisconsin at this modern museum showcasing works from local and regional artists. The rotating exhibits make every visit unique!

Afternoon

Lunch at The Norbert

This trendy farm-to-table spot in a historic downtown building offers creative small plates and craft cocktails.

Explore Downtown West Bend & History Highlights

- West Bend Historical Society & Tower Heritage Center – Learn about the city's early days, including its German roots and industrial history.
- **Downtown Walking Tour** – Admire historic architecture, including charming 19th-century buildings.
- **West Bend Art Galleries** – Stop by Riverwalk Candle Company and Gallery 224 for contemporary exhibits by Wisconsin artists.
- **Candy Man on Main.....** Everything for your sweet tooth located next to The Bend

Regner Park for a Relaxing Stroll

This park is a local gem featuring beautiful gardens, walking trails, and a small lake. In summer, you can even take a dip in the spring-fed swimming pond!

Evening

Dinner at The Orville

Enjoy unique upscale fare Lobster Mac, Bolognese and Back Angus Burger along with a Salted Caramel Creme Brûlée for dessert.

West Bend Music on Main (Seasonal) or Brewery Visit

If you're visiting on a summer Thursday, enjoy free live music downtown. Otherwise, check out Goodland Brewing Co. for craft beers and a relaxed vibe.

Day 3: Farmers Market & Hidden Gems

Morning

West Bend Farmers Market (Seasonal – Saturdays Only)

One of Wisconsin's largest farmers markets! Browse fresh produce, homemade baked goods, local honey, flowers, and artisan crafts.

Breakfast at Cafe Floriana

After the market, stop by this charming café for a flaky croissant, a specialty latte, or a hearty breakfast sandwich.

Afternoon

Lunch at Maricio's in Barton

This cozy Italian spot offers fantastic wood-fired pizzas and homemade pasta dishes in the historic Barton district.

Explore Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area & Ice Age Trail Segment

Take a final nature escape with a peaceful hike through this forested park, which features scenic bridges, wildlife, and a section of the famous Ice Age Trail.

Art & Antiques Shopping

- Savoring Thyme – A boutique filled with unique gifts, home décor, and gourmet foods.

Evening

Dinner at Riverside Brewery and Restaurant

Riverside Brewery and Restaurant is a casual family-friendly restaurant in downtown West Bend.

Sunset at Quaas Creek Park

Relax by the water as the sun sets on your West Bend adventure. It's a perfect place to reflect on your trip before heading home!

Final Thoughts

West Bend is a delightful mix of outdoor beauty, rich history, and vibrant arts. Whether you're biking the Eisenbahn Trail, kayaking the Milwaukee River, exploring local art galleries, or savoring farm-fresh flavors at the farmers market, this charming Wisconsin town is sure to leave you with great memories!

What part of the trip excites you the most?   