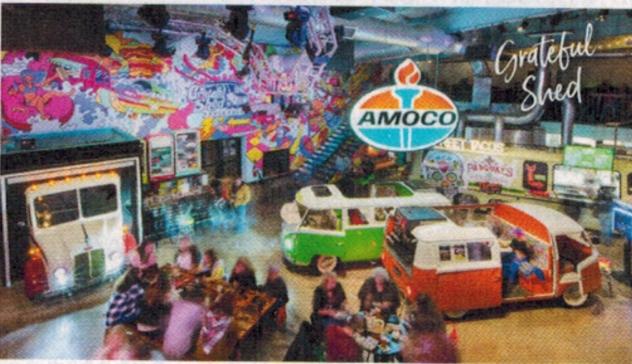
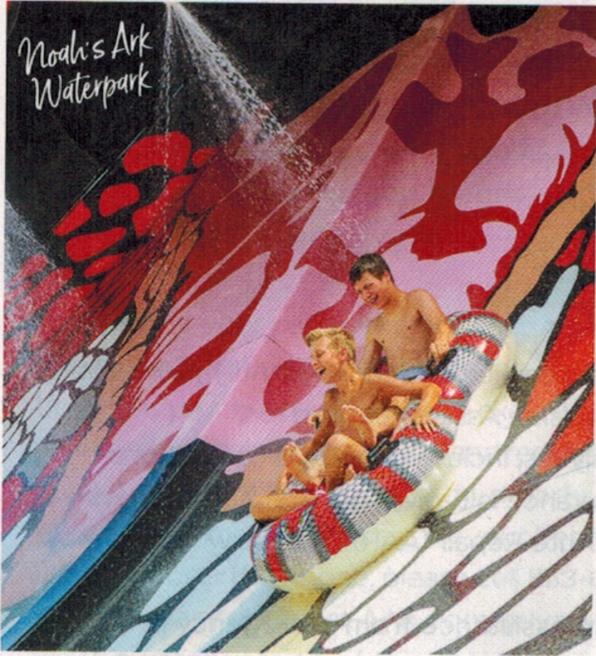


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# Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

The ideal time to start planning a summertime trip to Wisconsin Dells is midwinter, when warm-weather cravings reach their peak. Located in southern Wisconsin, the “Waterpark Capital of the World” draws 5 million annual visitors, primarily in the summer months. Families will also find plenty of engaging attractions out of the water, including experiences that celebrate the area’s natural beauty.

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Superlatives are often used in describing the many water parks in Wisconsin Dells, including **Noah's Ark Waterpark**. One of the nation's largest, the park sprawls across 70 acres and features more than 50 activities. Thrilling highlights include Scorpion's Tail, a waterslide with a nearly vertical loop, and the Black Anaconda water coaster that careens up to 30 mph. *Tickets, \$59.99 for adults; \$44.99 for juniors (guests 36 inches to 48 inches tall).*

Once you've dried off, check out the **Tommy Bartlett Exploratory-Interactive Science Center**, which offers more than 175 hands-on science, space, and technology activities. You can lift a 5,000-pound car with a giant lever and explore a Russian Mir space station module. *Tickets, \$19.99 for ages 12 and older; \$15.99 for ages 4-11.*

Discover more fascinations at **Ripley's Believe It or Not!** museum. Among the art and oddities is a portrait of Elvis Presley made from butterfly and moth wings. *Tickets, \$27.99 for ages 10 and older; \$20.99 for ages 3-9.*

Winding through the city, the Wisconsin River offers no shortage of natural beauty. Stroll the **Dells Scenic River Walk**, a quarter-mile paved path, for views of the waterway and its bluffs. For a closer look, board one of the **Original Wisconsin Ducks**, World War II-era amphibious vehicles, for a tour that combines cruising on the river and Lake Delton with traversing miles of wilderness trails. Along the way, you'll see sandstone rock formations that resemble stacks of pancakes, known as dells, an anglicized version of the French word *dalles* (“slabs of stone”). Ducks operate from mid-March through mid-November. *Tickets, \$37.25 for ages 12 and older; \$18.50 for ages 4-11.*

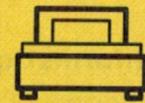
Filling the rest of your time here is easy. Choose from miniature golf, zip-line tours, an alpine coaster, horseback riding, and train rides. After dark, check out **Aquavia Lumina**, a multimedia show that illuminates a canyon pathway. *Tickets, \$24.99 for ages 3 and older.*



Located in a historic downtown building, **Winnebago Gift Shop** sells apparel, jewelry, decor, and footwear; soft, comfy Minnetonka moccasins are among its most popular items. Get a taste of the West at the **Pickled Cowboy**, where you'll find boots, denim, and leather goods, along with food seasonings and, of course, pickles.



Don a free antler hat and feast on pizzas and pub fare at **Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing**, which has a pleasing patio. At **Lake House Grill & Bar**, enjoy views of Lake Delton while sampling walleye, fried cheese curds, and the Three Napkin Hot Beef sandwich. (You'll likely need more than three.) Soak up the quirky atmosphere of the **Grateful Shed**, an indoor food-truck park; you can even dine in a Greyhound bus that's suspended from the ceiling.



Rooms at **Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park Resort** come with access to the property's indoor and outdoor theme parks and water parks—all featuring attractions inspired by Greek mythology. *January rates (ranging from hotel rooms to cabins) start at \$109.98.*

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTESY NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK; COURTESY ORIGINAL WISCONSIN DUCKS®-WISCONSIN DELLS, WI; COURTESY WISCONSIN DELLS VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU

**?** For more information, call the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau at 800-223-3557 or visit [wisdells.com](http://wisdells.com).



Be sure to **designate a driver** if you plan to drink alcohol.