Parks and More... Along the Shore

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Jacksonport Celebrates 150 Years: 1869-2019

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2019 in Jacksonport

January
1/1 – 33rd Annual Jacksonport Polar Bear Swim at Lakeside Park
1/26 – Annual Candletlight Ski at Whitefish Dunes State Park

April
4/20 – Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeside Park

May
5/25 & 5/26 – 47th Annual Mallet at Lakeside Park
5/14-10/29 – Farmer’s Market at Lakeside Park, every Tuesday

June
6/1 & 6/2 – State Park Open House Days at Whitefish Dunes State Park
6/8 – Spring Lighthouse Festival Sunset Tour

July
7/7 – 38th Annual FFA Dairy Breakfast
7/6 – Root Beer Festival at Heritage Village at Big Creek
7/11-7/14 – Amish Quilt & Craft Sale at Mr. G’s Fernwood Gardens Ballroom
7/17 – Jacksonport Historical Society Fish Boil

August
8/3 – 25th Annual Cherry Fest at Lakeside Park
8/10 – German Festival at Heritage Village at Big Creek
8/15-8/18 – 37th Annual Valmy Thresher & Antique Machinery Show at Club Grounds
8/17 – 17th Annual Candletlight Beach Walk at Whitefish Dunes State Park

September
9/7 – Vintage Day, Heritage Village at Big Creek
9/28 – Twilight Tours, Tunes & Tales at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

October
10/5 – Twilight Tours, Tunes & Tales at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse
10/10-10/13 – Amish Quilt & Craft Sale at Mr. G’s Fernwood Gardens Ballroom
10/12 – Apple Day at Heritage Village at Big Creek

November
11/23 – 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in Jacksonport

33rd ANNUAL JACKSONPORT POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
New Year’s Day at noon; contact: 920-380-4443
jacksonportpolarbearclub.com

Door County’s festival season starts on January 1 at noon sharp when a large crowd gathers at Lakeside Park in Jacksonport to watch hundreds of human polar bears take an icy dash into Lake Michigan. Be a part of the club’s 33rd annual plunge on January 1st, 2019 or take the 34th annual plunge on January 1st, 2020.

Jacksonport Polar Bear Club
This Jacksonport Area ad sponsored by Jacksonport Polar Bear Club, Ltd. whose mission is to promote and oversee the group’s annual plunge in Lake Michigan and to maximize the safety of all participants and spectators involved with the event.

51 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE JACKSONPORT COMMUNITY

• Jacksonport Fire Department Funding
• Town of Jacksonport Special Projects Funding
• Scholarships to NWTC and 4-H clubs
• Scholarships to the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
• Scholarship to the University of Wisconsin – Madison

Jacksonport Women’s Club
New members are always welcome. Please contact Mae Muehl for more information 920-565-8607.

Jacksonport Women’s Club

Information Email: info@jacksonport.net | www.jacksonport.net

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Historical Jacksonport

The Township of Jacksonport was officially organized on March 9th, 1869. Historical accounts state that a tribe of Potawatomi Indians lived in their village, “Mechingan”, in the area of Hibbard’s Creek many years previous. Around 1850, the first white man, Neil Blair, settled here. Perry Hibbard moved to Jacksonport in 1861, built a dock and was in the lumbering, store and shipping business. Many other settlers – Germans, Austrians, English, Scotch, French Canadians and others – built homesests in Jacksonport.

Commercial fishing and lumbering were important industries here. During the 1970’s there were two general stores, a meat market, two blacksmith shops, two wagon shops, a sawmill, two hotels, taverns and a boarding house.

School District #1 was established in June of 1869 followed by Districts 2, 3 & 4 by the 1900’s. Churches were established – Catholic (1854), Methodist Episcopal (1870’s), Episcopal (1890’s) and Lutheran (1888). By 1877 mail was sent three times a week. By 1885 there were 562 people living in Jacksonport. Hwy A received the first telephone line in 1888. By 1890, the township was more agricultural and lumbering and commercial fishing was fading. By 1900 people discovered Jacksonport as a vacation center. The first motor stage came to Jacksonport in 1911. Visitors stayed at the Eureka House, LaMere Shore or camped. By the 1920’s cottages were built and rented out to vacationers.

Recently the Jacksonport Wharf Archeological District was named to both the State and National List of Historic Registers because of the historical docks and shipwrecks along the Jacksonport lakeshore.
2019 Calendar of Events

January 1
33rd Annual Polar Bear Swim – Jacksonport
Noon Sharp at Lakeside Park 920-360-4643
ejacksonportpolarbearclub.com

January 26
Annual Candlelight Ski – Park Picnic Shelter
Whitefish Dunes State Park – 5pm-9pm.
Refreshments/Fireplace/Fun – Will hike if lack of snow.
Park sticker required. 920-823-2400

April 20
Easter Egg Hunt
11am-Noon at Lakeside Park. Downtown Jacksonport.
920-839-5253 | www.jacksonport.net

May 25 & 26
47th Annual Maifest
Art Fair, Fun Run, great food, music, horse pull, parade & more
Lakeside Park, Hwy 57, Jacksonport.
920-823-2068 | www.jacksonport.org/maifest

May 14 through October 29
Farmer’s Market – 2019 Growing Season
Every Tuesday morning from 9am-1pm – Lakeside Park.
920-823-2288 | www.jacksonportcottage.com

June 1 & 2
State Park Open House Days
Whitefish Dunes State Park – all day.
No sticker required. 920-823-2400

June 6
Spring Lighthouse Festival Sunset Tour
Tour, Food & Refreshments/Fireplace at the Erath’s Lighthouse.
8:30 pm at the Lighthouse. Presentation; $6.50 adult admission fee.
920-421-2332

July 7
38th Annual FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast
Farm Fresh all-you-can-eat. 8:30-11:30am rain or shine.
NEWAPA (Thresheree Grounds) | 5005 Country View Rd.,
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. 920-743-4956

July 6
Root Beer Festival
Heritage Village at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay.
10am-3pm. Celebrate all things root beer: root beer floats,
root beer floats and root beer foods, history of root beer presentation;
$6.50 adult admission fee. 920-421-2332

July 11-14
Amish Quilt & Craft Show at Mr. G’s Fernwood Gardens
Mr. G’s Fernwood Gardens Bathroom – Hwy 57, Jacksonport.
Open Daily 9am-5pm. 920-823-2288 | www.jacksonportcottage.com

July 17
Jacksonport Historical Society Fish Boil
6 p.m. at Lakeside Park, Hwy 57, Jacksonport. Rain or shine.
Traditional fish boil or broasted chicken or hot dogs; non-alcoholic
beverages and cherry pie with ice cream for dessert. Music.
Check website for more info. www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org

August 3
25th Annual Cherry Fest
6-8:30pm at the Lighthouse. Check website for more info.
www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org

August 10
German Festival
10am-3pm at Heritage Village at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay. Learn
about German heritage through music, programs, and food;
$6.50 adult admission fee. 920-421-2332

August 16, 17, & 18
37th Annual Valley Thresheree & Antique Machinery Show
Friday night – 6pm. Club grounds. Sat. & Sun. starting at 8am.
www.valmythresheree.org

September 7
Vintage Day
Heritage Village at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay.
Enjoy a picnic dinner and yesteryear presentations. $6.50 adult
admission fee. 920-421-2332

2019 JACKSONPORT AREA BROCHURE
September 28 & October 5
Twilight Tours
6-8:30pm at Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, Fish Creek
Experience Eagle Bluff Lighthouse by lantern light! The Northern Door Storytellers Guild will be in residence to share tales of the sea, lighthouse lore, traditional music, and poetry. Admission: Adult $10, Students $6, Youth $4. 920-421-3636

October 10-13
Amish Quilt & Craft Show at Mr. G’s Fernwood Gardens Ballroom

October 12
Apple Day
Heritage Village at Big Creek. Adult Admission $6.50. 920-421-2332

November 28
23rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade
10:30am Downtown Jacksonport on Hwy. 57. 920-421-0719 | www.jacksonport.net

DOOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOUNDED 1926
Visit our 2 Historical Sites …
Eagle Bluff Lighthouse
Peninsula State Park
Shore Rd. Fish Creek
www.eagleblufflighthouse.org
e-mail: eagleblufflighthouse@gmail.com | 920.421.3636
Guided tours of the restored and furnished 1866 lighthouse are provided daily mid-May through late October.

Heritage Village at Big Creek
2041 Michigan St. | Sturgeon Bay
www.doorchistory.org
www.doorcountyhistoricalsociety.org | 920.421.2332
Experience Door County’s development from 1852-1910 as you tour nine historically significant buildings. Walk with us as we bring history to life; tour begins in the Greene General Store. Open June 1 through October 13; 10-5 Tuesday through Saturday. $6.50 adult admission fee includes guide book, tour and special programs and demonstrations.

Area Parks

Cave Point County Park *
Picturesque shoreline cliffs on Lake Michigan adjacent to Whitefish Dunes State Park. Picnic tables, grills, rest rooms, wedding gazebo. South of Jacksonport.

Lakeside Dunes *
Hwy 57 Downtown Jacksonport. Beautiful sand beach, children’s play area, 2 covered picnic shelters, charcoal grills, rest rooms.

Heridian Park
Wayside located on 45th parallel exactly halfway between the equator & the North Pole on Highway 57 between Jacksonport & Baileys Harbor.

Ridges at Logan Creek Hiking Trails *
5720 Loritz Rd. 170 acres of old growth forest with hiking trails & overlooks of Clark Lake & Logan Creek. Kiosk with trail maps in parking lot. Trail fee $3.

Schauer Park - Boat Ramp
Located at Clark Lake Road & Schauer Road on Lake Michigan South of Jacksonport. Open for use when water levels allow.

Whitefish Dunes State Park *
3781 Clark Lake Road, (County WD) Park open daily 8am-8pm. Office open daily 8am-4pm. Over 1 mile of beautiful sand beach, 2 miles of rocky shore, 14 miles hiking trails, office/nature center, picnic area, weekly interpretive programs during summer months, groomed cross country ski trails in winter, annual winter candlelight ski, “Friends of Whitefish Dunes” volunteer group. 920-823-2408

* indicates open in winter.
Door County Adventure Center - Zip Line
Try the HIGHEST and SAFEST zip lines in Door County! With no age or weight restrictions, everyone is welcome on this fast, fun, high-flying adventure! Ask about our kayak, paddle board & rock climbing package discounts! Certified instructor guided tours.
Multiple locations in Door County!
Email: adventures@teamleadership.com | 920-746-9539 | www.dcadventurecenter.com

Door County Kayak Tours and Bike Rentals
Contact: David Rack. Join us on a Cave Tour of Cape Point. We use sit-on-top kayaks for your ease and enjoyment. Ages 8+ All Abilities. Wind and Weather Dependent. See the Caves of Jacksonport from the water! Call now, Tours fill up fast. W-F-S. Email: Info@doorcountykayaktours.com | 920-865-1400 (May-Oct) www.doorycountykayaktours.com
Jacksonport Disc Golf*
A new 9 hole disc golf course is located on County V behind the Jacksonport Softball field. Beginners can throw from shorter distance red tees and longer distance blue tees are also provided for experienced disc golfers. Free and open to the public all year long.

Open Door Bird Sanctuary
4114 County Road I, Jacksonport, WI 54235. Enjoy the unique experience of birds of prey in a natural environment. Be awed by close encounters during a 1 hour program; see and touch artifacts and visit with birds on exhibit. 34 acres of serene landscape, 3 different scenic hikes and a picnic area; it’s an afternoon to remember! Open Saturdays 4-7, May 30 – July 7 and Sunday Sept. 1. Program at 1pm, Guided trail hike 2:30 – open 12-4. Private tours by appointment. Email: rob.hults@opendoorbirdsanctuary.org | 920-493-BIRD | www.opendoorbirdsanctuary.org Facebook: OpenDoorBirdSanctuary

Peninsula Kayak Company
6300 State Highway 57, Jacksonport. Paddle pristine caves along Lake Michigan on our Cape Point tour. kayak under 200’ vertical rock face on our Eagle Bluff tour, or enjoy a quiet paddle along the calm of Logan Creek. Private, sunrise and sunset tours available upon request. All abilities welcome! Bikes/SUP/kayak rentals available. Email: rachel@opendoorbirdsanctuary.org | 920-910-4314 | www.peninsulaukayakcompany.com | kayakdoor@gmail.com

Plum Loco Animal Farm

Donny’s Glidden Lodge Restaurant*
4670 Glidden Drive, Sturgeon Bay. Serving 7 nights a week from 4 to 9pm, closed Sundays Nov. thru May. Steaks, Chicken, Lobster, German Food. Soup & Salad Bar. Daily Special. Early Bird Special every night. 920-746-9440 | www.donnysgliddenlodge.com | Menu on Facebook/Twitter

Valmy Happy Hour*
6724 Whitetail Rd. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Open Tues.-Sat. 11am to close; Sunday 11am-8pm; closed Mondays. Serving daily lunch specials, handmade pizza, braised chicken and pork chops, burgers, steak & fish fry. Email: skvilkman@yahoo.com | 920-742-6236

Galleries & Gift Shops
Jacksonport Cottage - Gallery & Gifts*
6275 Hwy 57, Jacksonport. Open daily 9-5, May-Oct. or winter weekends (Fri, Sat, Sun). Closed January. Fine arts & crafts with 100+ artists. Gallery features Door County artists, Amish quilts, wood, glass, & fiber arts. 2019 Art, Craft, and Amish Quilt Sales: July 11-14 & October 10-13 at Mr. G’s Banquet Hall – Hwy 57, Jacksonport. Email: jacksonportcottage@gmail.com | 920-823-2288 | www.jacksonportcottage.com

Len Villano Photography*
Featuring the work of internationally published photographer Len Villano—local artist specializing in fine art, nature & wildlife photography of Door County and beyond. Selling framed and unframed prints, available for commissions and assignments, private instruction and lectures. By appointment only. 920-559-1438 | www.lenvillano.com

Martinez Studio*
E-mail: smartinez2@gmail.com | 920-823-2154 Cell: 920-286-7177 | www.martinezstudio.com

* indicates open in winter.
Door County Beach Rentals at Sunrise Shores Cottages *


Email: doorcountybeachrentals@yahoo.com | 404-797-2410 | www.doorcountybeachrentals.com

Glidden Lodge Beach Resort *

4676 Glidden Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Beautiful sand beach. Luxurious 1, 2, & 3 bedroom cottos all with fabulous views of Lake Michigan. Indoor pool, exercise room, wireless internet, next to restaurant. Email: frontdesk@gliddenlodge.com | 920-746-3900 | www.gliddenlodge.com

Innlet Motel *

6263 Hwy 57, Jacksonport. Barb & Mike Lautenbach. Centrally located on the peninsula. Quality lodging, great hospitality, "all you need" convenient to Mike’s Port Pub, the Lakes and Parks. Complimentary bottled water, coffee, email, refrigerator, Wi-Fi.

Email: innletmotel.mikespub@gmail.com | 920-833-2499 | www.innlet-motel.com

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Come, sit, relax and be transported by the primal life force sounds of Lake Michigan. Charming, cozy & clean cottage with magnificent view of the Lake Michigan Sunrise. Lakeshore fire pit, 2-4 people. No smoking/No pets, 3-4 day rentals.

Email: roommer@wcitc.net | 715-343-8222 | www.summer-rentals.com

Lakeshore Retreat *

Exquisite home on Lake Michigan shoreline. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms. Architect designed for family and friends, beautiful views, great kitchen top of line appliances, romantic fireplace areas inside and out, master bath; double shower, outdoor shower, king size Tempur-Pedic bed. Alongside Cave Point park, secluded peaceful sanctuary for our guests.

Email: gwenneelsalter@gmail.com | 414-313-9183 | www.vrbo.com/244227

Runaway Lodge & Valmy *

4902 Hwy 57, Valmy. Close to it all! 16 bright, spacious rooms with decks include kitchenettes and motel rooms. Extended stay options, play/picnic area, free wireless internet, flat-screen cable TV, coffee pot, refrigerator and microwave in all rooms. 5 pet friendly rooms. Open 9 mos/yr.

Email: runawaylodge@doorcounty.net | 920-746-4046 | www.runawaylodgeatvalmy.com

Lodging

Groceries & Farm Markets

Bley’s Grocery *

6318 Hwy 57 Jacksonport. Est. 1900. A full line grocery. Plus beer, wine & liquor. Specializing in a variety of home made German sausages all made from natural, locally raised meat. The best brats & suit in Door County. Mon-Sat 7:30am-5:30pm. Sun 7am-12 noon. Exceptional quality & service. Wayne & Paula Bley. 920-823-8188

Waseda Farms Country Market *

7281 Logerquist Rd. Baileys Harbor. Trust Where Your Food Comes From. Offer a Certified Organic farm raising beef, pork, poultry, eggs, fruit and vegetables. We offer our organic meats and produce and other delicious local dairy and groceries. Open YEAR-ROUND. … Come explore our garden and farm and shop all at our farm storel Summer-daily 10am-5am and Winter-Thurs-Mon 10am-4pm. 920-839-2222 | www.WasedaFarms.com

Plum Bottom Gallery *

4999 Plum Bottom Rd. Egg Harbor. Featuring nationally collected potterers, painters and jewelry artists. Showcasing the newest work of resident porcelain artists Chad Lubberger and jewelry artist Angela Olson-Lubberger. Explore the stunning gardens and the beautiful art at this Door County art destination. Come to Plum Bottom and Experience Art, Finely Crafted. May-Oct, open daily 10am-5pm. Nov.-April open Fri.-Tues. 10am-4pm. Email: info@plumbottomgallery.com | 920-743-2189 | www.PlumBottomGallery.com

Whitefish Bay Farm Gallery *

3831 Clark Lake Road (County WD), Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Since 1982, the gallery offers fiber art, felted work, hand woven rugs and yarn, plus pottery. Demonstrations daily. Open mid-May thru mid-Oct. from noon to 5pm daily (closed Wed.).

Email: gallery@whitefishbayfarm.com | 920-745-1560 | www.whitefishbayfarm.com

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Door County Carpet One Floor & Home *

6104 Highway 57, Jacksonport. Committed to conserving our natural resources by offering recyclable, natural and sustainable flooring materials. All with interior design assistance and free estimates.

Email: cpt1@dcwis.com | 920-823-2157 | www.doorcountrycarpetone.com

Door Guide Publishing *

2584 S. Bay Shore Drive, Suite A, Sister Bay, WI 54234 (Mail: P.O. Box 848, Ephraim, WI 54211) Publisher of the Door County Go! Guide, a pocket-sized handbook to local activities, shopping, dining, and the Door County Dining Guide, featuring menus and articles about local restaurants. The company, doorcounty.net, is an online magazine with an in-depth business directory. Also producers of Door County TODAY, a biweekly TV show streaming 24/7 from doorcounty.net.

Email: info@doorguidepublishing.com | Office: 920-854-5555 | www.doorcountrynet

Port Storage Co. *

6103 Cave Point Drive, Jacksonport. Storage Facilities: Mini - 5 x 10, 10 x 10, 10 x 10 etc. Large: All sizes of Boats, Cars, and RVs etc. Contact: Linda Burke. 920-823-2777

Squarerrigger Lodge & A Little Bit of Coffee *

6332 Hwy 57, Jacksonport. Located on the sandy beach of Lake Michigan, our cottages, suites and motel rooms give you sanctuary from the hustle and bustle. Plus enjoy a brew and the view at Door County’s only beachfront coffee shop. Satellite TV, A/C & Wi-Fi. Family friendly, NO PETS. Email: office@squarerriggerlodge.com | 920-823-2404 | www.squarerriggerlodge.com

Kurtz Corral *

5712 Howard Lane-Sturgeon Bay. West off Hwy 57 on County I. Door County’s premier riding stable. Rides for all ages and abilities. Trail hours: daily 8:30-2:30 summer/tall and 11am-1pm winter. Email: kurtzcorral@gmail.com | 920-743-6742 | www.kurtzcorral.com

Riding Stables

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Dave’s Tree Services Inc. *

Services: Trimming, natural pruning, clearing, professional tree removal, stump grinding, tree health care and tree planting. Products available: landscape chips and mulches, seasoned firewood, cut, split and delivered, cedar rails and posts and TREES! WE SELL TREES! Located just minutes out of Jacksonport off of County Road V, Todd and Stefanie Burke.

Email: treecare@davestreeserviceinc.com | 920-833-2259 | www.davestreeserviceinc.com

Simon Creek Vineyard & Winery *

4696 Bochek Rd., between State Hwy 42 & 57 off County Rd. I, Jacksonport. “The Ultimate Experience in Door County Wineries” Award winning winery. Featuring wine tasting & tours. Guided winery tours are part of the winemaking process from harvest through bottling & renting. Free live music! (Check our website for the 2019 season schedule) Open daily. Year Round. Memorial Day weekend October 31, 10am-5pm, Nov. 1-Memorial Day weekend, 11am-4pm. 920-746-9307 | www.simoncreekyard.com

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