## Sweet Summertime.



### **Summer Activities:**

- Swim, sun, play, or picnic at one of Door County's 53 public beaches
- Golf at one of 11 Door County golf courses some featuring views of orchards, meadows, and the waterfront.
- Buy local at one of the many farmers markets located across the county. Visitors can enjoy a chance to meet local farmers, taste their products, and bring home the many tastes of Door County.
- Stargaze at Newport State Park, Wisconsin's first International Dark Sky Park.
- Pick your own cherries in July at one of the many orchards located across the county. Wisconsin is the 5th largest cherry producer in the country with 95 percent coming from Door County.
- Cruise along the shoreline on one of the many boat tours offered around the county.
- Enjoy a show at The Peninsula Players, America's oldest resident summer theater or enjoy a performance under the stars at Northern Sky Theater or Door Shakespeare.
- Take a family friendly trip to meet animals face to face at the Farm, Plum Loco Animal Farm, and Open Door Bird Sanctuary.
- Motorcycle along Door County's Coastal Byway a 66-mile route that goes along HWY 57 and HWY 42 from Sturgeon Bay to the tip of the peninsula and back. In 2021 the byway became a National Scenic Byway.
- Visit one of Door County's 11 lighthouses. Many built in the 1800s have saved countless lives as they guided ships to safety.
- For more than 70 years' families have enjoyed Door County's iconic fish boil. Whitefish is caught locally and boil on an open fire outside while

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# Summer event highlights & festivals in Door County



#### **FYR BAL FESTIVAL**

Held annually in June in Ephraim (June 15, 2024). Ephraim's annual event (pronounced feer ball) recreates traditions of early Norwegians celebrating Midsummer's Eve. The signature event of the festival is the evening bonfire that represents the burning of the "Winter Witch" to usher in the long days of summer.

#### DOOR COUNTY WINE FEST

Held annually in June (June 22, 2024). Representing the 10 wineries on the Door County wine trail this festival allows ticket holders to taste the many wines of Door County, enjoy live music, and purchase food from local restaurants. Tickets can be prepurchased and are available the day of the event.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Downtown Egg Harbor (July 4, 2024) hosts their annual Independence Day parade at 1:30 pm. In the evening enjoy fireworks throughout the county. (Fish Creek, Baileys Harbor, Southern Door, Gills Rock, Sturgeon Bay, and Washington Island all host Independence Day events) Egg Harbor hosts fireworks on July 3, 2024.

#### **BELGIAN DAYS**

Held annually at Brussels Town Park (July 12-14, 2024). The Brussels area is the largest Belgian-American settlement in the United States. Celebrate Southern Door's Belgian heritage by enjoying trippe, booyah, potato jut, and Belgian pies. A parade is held Sunday morning at 10:30.

#### **CHERRY FEST**

Held annually the first Saturday in August in Jacksonport (August 3, 2024.) A celebration of all things cherry! Taste your way through this festival sampling cherry kolaches, pie, jam, and even cherry brats. Other activities include a car show, live music, and juried art fair

#### CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT SHOW

Held annually on Sturgeon Bay's West Waterfront (August 2-4, 2024). Celebrating Sturgeon Bay's maritime heritage and Coast Guard city designation. Sturgeon Bay kicks off Maritime week with this event held in conjunction with the Door County Maritime Museum. The event includes food, music, children's activities, and boat show.

#### **DEATH'S DOOR BBQ**

Held annually the last Saturday in August (August 31, 2024). Washington Island hosts a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event open to the public. Taste award winning bbg, enjoy live music, and shop.

#### **MARINA FEST**

Held annually on Labor Day weekend in Sister Bay (August 31- September 1, 2024). Live entertainment, food, children's activities, boat show, and fireworks

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