

## Outdoor Adventure

### Mount Horeb-Blue Mounds—A Picturesque & Historic Gateway to Southwestern Wisconsin

The Mount Horeb-Blue Mounds area is the destination of choice for thousands of travelers from all over the world every year. The area features several one-of-a-kind attractions and events that are sure to be of interest and adventure!

Nearby, **Blue Mound State Park** offers magnificent views from observation towers at the crest elevation of 1,719 feet, the highest point in Southern Wisconsin. Thrilling panoramic views of the Wisconsin River Bluffs and the Baraboo Hills are visible from **Brigham County Park** near Blue Mounds. Both Brigham County Park and Blue Mound State Park offer complete camping facilities. Immediately adjacent to Mount Horeb is the area's third scenic park, **Stewart Lake**, which has fishing, picnic grounds and hiking trails. **Donald Park** offers rugged and varied topography between Mount Horeb and Mt. Vernon and includes 4 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding. Too hot or rainy for outdoor activities? Head over to the **Deer Valley Lodge Indoor Water Park in Dodgeville**, just 8 miles West of Mount Horeb for indoor fun.

The day before Father's Day is the annual **Horribly Hilly Hundreds Bike Ride** which offers a challenging route, a portion of which was created in Mount Horeb's bid for the 2016 Olympics. The **Military Ridge State Park Trail** offers cyclists and cross country skiers close to 40 miles of picturesque recreation all year long and **Blue Mound State Park** offers great trails for the off-road cyclist.

Just a few miles from downtown Mount Horeb you can adventure into the **Cave of the Mounds**, a limestone cavern discovered during quarry operations on the C.I. Brigham farm in 1939. This discovery is celebrated during **Discovery Days** on the first weekend in August. Guided tours show visitors rooms as big as churches, narrow winding passageways and picturesque rooms with a variety of formations and brilliant color. The Caves—where the temperature is a steady 50 degrees—are open all year long.

Other recreational highlights of the Mount Horeb/Blue Mounds area include swimming (Blue Mound State Park and Mount Horeb's Aquatic Center), skateboarding (Sunrise Skate Park), golfing (Norsk or Deer Valley Golf Courses), bowling (Norsk), and winery touring (Fisher King) and microbrewery touring (Grumpy Troll).

Most of the country roads are winding and lightly traveled, offering scenic valley and ridge top views for the motorist. Tour one of our fabulous attractions or explore the area on your own. Whatever you do, **enjoy!**



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