RIVER INDUSTRIES

Along the Mighty Mississippi



From its headwaters at Lake Itasca to where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River stretches more than 2,300 miles. Its collective stories celebrate the flow of life that has shaped and sustained land, people, fauna, and flora over centuries.

Experience these stories as you drive along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway, which traverses ten states on both sides of the river. Visit our website for the locations of nearly 100 official Interpretive Centers along the way.

The Mississippi is a working river sustaining many industries. Some of these historic businesses now serve as Interpretive Centers to remember the past.



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Some Suggested Interpretive Centers

Mill City Museum

704 S. 2nd St. - Minneapolis, Minnesota - 612.341.7555

millcitymuseum.org

Minneapolis was once the grain-milling center of the world. This museum is located on the waterfront and weaves together the story of the flour industry, the river and the community.

Genoa National Fish Hatchery

S. 5631 State Hwy 35 - Genoa, Wisconsin - 608.689.2605

fws.gov/Midwest/genoa/index.html

Hatchery has played a major role in the conservation of aquatic species since its founding in 1932. The station provides over 26 species of fish, eggs and mussels.

Stonefield State Historic Site

12195 Hwy. VV - Cassville, Wisconsin - 608.725.5210

stonefieldhistoricsite.org

Visit this site to learn about the rise of dairy farming in Wisconsin and see the development of farm implements through the decades.

The Potosi Brewing Company

209 S. Main St. - Potosi, Wisconsin - 608.763.4002

potosibrewery.com

Home to two museums about beer brewing in America: The National Brewery Museum and The Potosi Brewing Company Transportation Museum.

Iowa DNR Fish Hatchery

331 S. River Park Sr. - Guttenberg, Iowa - 563.252.1156

iowadnr gov

Facility produces northern pike fry from fish taken from local Mississippi River backwaters. Take a tour of the hatchery and learn about fisheries management.

The Sawmill Museum

2231 Grant St. - Clinton, Iowa - 563.242.0343

thesawmillmuseum.org

Town's lumber heritage is preserved in this museum. See a restored 1920s sawmill in action, take a ride on the Midwest Lumber Train and meet Clinton's lumber barons.

Muscatine History & Industry Center

117 W. 2nd St. - Muscatine, Iowa - 563.263.1052

muscatinehistory.org

Learn how a community became the "Pearl Button Capital of the World." Muscatine has depended on the river for its livelihood for centuries.

Pine Creek Grist Mill

1884 Wildcat Den Rd. - Muscatine, Iowa - 563.263.4337

pinecreekgristmill.com

Mill stands as a reminder of a time when water helped to power rural economies. The mill was built in the mid-1800s and was used to grind wheat into a course flour that was shipped down the Mississippi River.