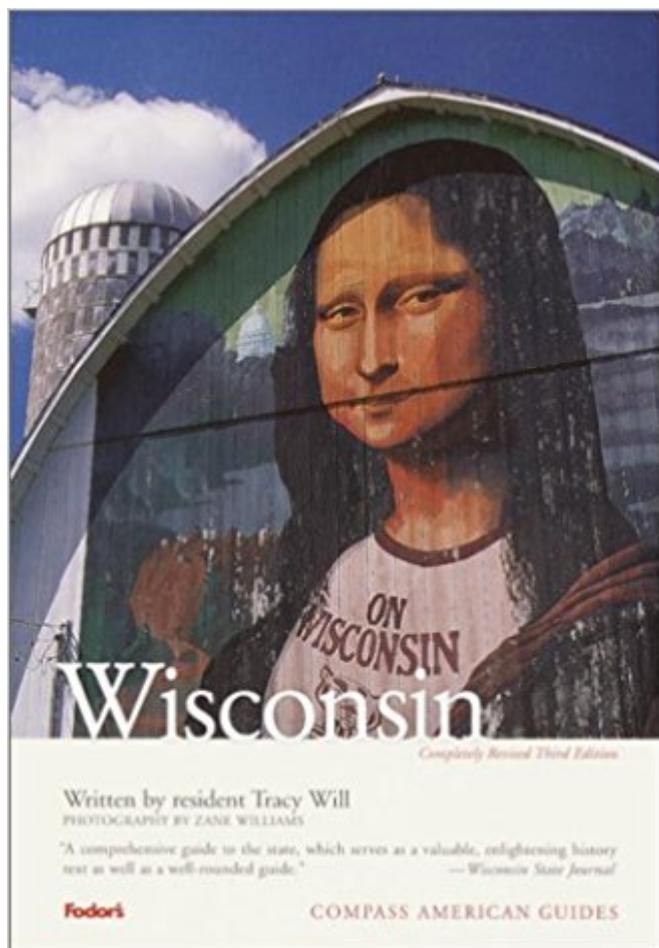


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OVERVIEW Wisconsin is a state of great natural beauty, with thousands of lakes, rushing rivers, and shorelines bordering Lake Michigan to the east and Lake Superior to the north. Its industrial cities, including Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and Oshkosh have produced some of America's most famous brand products. Madison, the state capital, and home to the University of Wisconsin, is known for its beauty and intellectual life.

Fox River Valley and Door Peninsula The beautiful Door Peninsula, which walls off Green Bay from Lake Michigan, is known for its orchards, maritime heritage, and charming towns. Its shores -- 17 miles long and 13 miles wide -- are known for their cliffs, sandy beaches, dunes, and parks.

Southeast Wisconsin In southeast Wisconsin, the sandy, rock-strewn shoreline along Lake Michigan, rises to a plateau above the lake. Inland farm and grassland roll up to tree covered hills, meandering rivers, and marshes. The shore of Lake Michigan is developed and industrialized around Sheboygan in the north and from Milwaukee to the Illinois border in the south. North and east of the industrialized area lies Wisconsin's great wildlife refuge, Horicon Marsh, where thousands of waterfowl come each year. Interior lakes include the well known Lake Geneva and its surrounding resorts. Aztalan is the sight of an ancient Indian mound-building culture.

Milwaukee One of America's premier industrial cities, Milwaukee is known for the civic minded and progressive spirit of its early German immigrants, which produced its fine urban layout and parks. Milwaukee has many fine museums and much to offer the visitor. Visit Lake Park, Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee Public Museum, and the Pabst Mansion. The city is also home to such enterprising businesses as the Harley-Davidson Company. Don't miss the annual Great circus parade and Wisconsin State Fair in July.

Madison On a narrow isthmus formed by four beautiful lakes rest Wisconsin's state capitol and its main university campus, making this area the state's legislative and intellectual center. The University of Wisconsin is known for its large and diverse student body, superb educational facilities, and museums and cultural attractions.

Southwest Wisconsin The rolling low hills of the Baraboo Range rise above the Wisconsin River. Hidden glens and heights are worth exploring. Near the town of Spring Green is Frank Lloyd Wright's famous home, Taliesin.

Upper Coulee Country Coulees -- flat-floored valleys ending in box canyons -- are typical of this country. Bluffs line the Mississippi River, which forms the western boundary of this region. The Trempealeau River Valley is home to a national wildlife refuge and to small towns; in Prescott can be found a fine river walk along the Mississippi.

Central Sands Families have for decades vacationed in the Wisconsin Dells (along the Wisconsin River) to swim, hike, ride water slides, and watch water skiing shows. Nearby is a limestone butte, Roche-A-Cris, which rises up from forests of white and red pine.

Castle Rock Lake and Petenwell Lake, both reservoirs, are lined with supper clubs and summer cabins and stocked with fish. Neddedah National Wildlife Refuge is a premier bird-watching site and temporary home in October and November to thousands of migrating geese, swans, and ducks. This is cranberry bog country and thousands of swampy acres are devoted to this industry. Northern WisconsinThe forests which once covered northern Wisconsin drew many lumbermen in the middle of the 19th century. Today the lumber towns they built struggle on, as do the old iron mining towns of Hurley and Montreal. The region's St. Croix River is the finest canoeing stream in the north. Off the Bayfield Peninsula lie the remote Apostle Islands, which can be reached by ferry and enjoyably explored in the summertime. The Lac du Flambeau Reservation is home to the Chippewa.

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