



Lake. Land. Life.

Albert Lea, Minnesota
Community Guide

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Welcome to *Albert Lea, Minnesota*

To some it might seem like the middle of nowhere, but to us, it's the middle of everything we hold sacred. Always in close proximity to mother nature, there's plenty of places to spend time with family and friends or solo. So whether you're looking to get in a round of golf, scenic bike ride, or a nice day hike, the Albert Lea area has a piece of land for all of your favorite activities.

On any given day or night you can find something going on that's right up your alley. Take in some live music or show on stage. Sip and share stories on a wine tour. Grab a cup of coffee and relax with friends. And when it comes to food, you can find everything from elegant fine dining to classic dive bar burgers. Albert Lea is the recreational gem of Southern Minnesota. We think it's pretty cool that you can find everything you love about the lakes Up North right here in Southern Minnesota too. Albert Lea is an ideal location if you're looking to stay a little closer to home but still want to get away to the lake.

Welcome to our Lake. Land. Life.

132 N. Broadway Ave | Albert Lea, MN
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

(507) 373-2316 | ExploreAlbertLea.com





For more information about our lakes,
lodging, attractions and events, visit us at
exploreAlbertLea.com or follow us on social media

@albertleacvb | Albert Lea Convention and Visitors Bureau



The Recreational Gem of *Southern Minnesota*

Freeborn County lies on Minnesota's border with Iowa. Known for its farming communities dotted with beautiful lakes and rivers, these communities provide ample opportunity to experience the diversity of activities available in Minnesota across various terrains, seasons and venues. Albert Lea is the major city located within Freeborn County. It is located at the junction of Interstates 35 and 90, about 90 miles South of the Twin Cities. It is on the shores of Fountain Lake, Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea Lake, Goose Lake, School Lake, and Lake Chapeau.

Albert Lea • Alden • Clarks Grove • Conger • Emmons • Freeborn • Geneva • Glenville • Hartland • Hayward • Hollandale • Myrtle • Manchester • Twin Lakes

Lake

Albert Lea Lake • Bear Lake • Church Lake • Everhart Lake • Fountain Lake • Freeborn Lake • Geneva Lake • Goose Lake • Halls Lake • Hickory Lake • Lower Twin Lake • Penny Lake • Pickerel Lake • School Section Lake • State Line Lake • Sugar Lake • Upper Twin Lake • White Lake

Land

Bear Lake State Wildlife Management Area • Carex State Wildlife Management Area • Halls Lake State Wildlife Area • Halls Lake State Wildlife Area • Myre-Big Island State Park • White Woods County Park

Life

3rd of July Parade • 4th of July Fireworks • Big Island Rendezvous • Freeborn County Fair • F.C. • Historical Museum • Historic Downtown • Marion Ross Theater • Thursdays on Fountain • Splash Pad

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Lake Map of *Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Did you know? In 2019, Albert Lea was the host of the 72nd Annual Governor's Fishing Opener with Gov. Tim Walz. This was his first Gov. Fishing Opener event. The event was a perfect example of how the Albert Lea community pulls together to make big, magical things happen. The event brought in over 8,000 visitors to town for all the fun!



For more information on the lakes, see pages 6-9.



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Local Lakes of *Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Known for our scenic landscapes and stunning natural beauty, the lakes of Albert Lea are a beloved destination for locals and visitors alike.

One of the most famous lakes in the area is Fountain Lake, which covers an area of over 500 acres and is surrounded by several parks, trails, and picnic areas. Fishing, boating, and water sports are popular activities on this lake, and it offers a perfect spot for sunbathing, volleyball and swimming during the summer months.

Albert Lea Lake, which is part of the Shell Rock River Watershed covers an area of over 2,500 acres. This lake is home to several species of fish, including walleye, northern pike, and panfish, making it a popular spot for fishing enthusiasts. It's also a great place to canoe and kayak while being immersed by all of the surrounding natural habitat and wildlife. From the water, you can access the Myre Big Island State Park.

Pickerel Lake is a smaller lake, covering an area of just over 620 acres, but it is known for its tranquil atmosphere and stunning natural beauty. The lake is surrounded by forests and wildlife, and it is a great spot for kayaking, fishing and birdwatching.

The lakes of Albert Lea are a true gem of our community, providing a beautiful backdrop for outdoor activities, recreational pursuits, and peaceful relaxation.

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a true gem of our community"*



Fountain Lake

Fountain Lake is 521 acres in size and is located in the City of Albert Lea. Fountain Lake collects water from 51,200 upland acres and its shoreline is predominantly developed. The discharge of Fountain Lake flows over the dam, into a channel and then flows to Albert Lea Lake. Fountain Lake is rather odd in shape and has many bays. The northern most bay is called Bancroft Bay. Near Bancroft Bay is Bancroft Bay Park and Tall Grass Disc Golf Course. A channel connects the main lake and Bancroft Bay and a public boat landing, community boat house and Brookside Park are located here. The western most bay, Edgewater Bay, connects to the main bay under the Hatch Bridge. A second public boat landing is located here. Edgewater Bay is home to South Edgewater Park, Lakeview Park and is where the Albert Lea Ski Club performs. The southern bay, Danes Bay, connects Shoff Park to Fountain Lake. The main bay has many features including two islands: Katherine Island and Dress Island, and many parks including Pioneer Park, New Denmark Park, Fountain Lake Park, and the City Beach Park. The Fountain Lake main water body also boasts the iconic fountains and must-see mermaid.

Fountain Lake Beach

The beach has something for everyone, a swimming beach for those with or without a boat, plus a sand volleyball court and skate park for the land lovers. Many events are held at the beach including yoga hosted by local studios and parties hosted for the community by the City of Albert Lea Parks and Recreation.

Katherine Island, Dress Island, The Fountains, & The Mermaid

Pack a picnic and head to Dress Island or enjoy an ice cream cone from Eat'n Ice Cream Shoppe on Katherine Island. Sit and watch the spectacular sun set over the lake from New Denmark Park. Tourist Tip: The fountains have a fantastic light show at night.

Bayside Ski Shows

Catch a show from the Bayside Skiers at Edgewater Bay near the new pavilion. Watch the team do lifts, towers and jumps. Check out their schedule: baysideskiteam.com

Kayak, Canoe, Paddle Board Rentals

Bike, canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals available during the summer. The Boathouse is located at Brookside boat landing so getting into the water is a breeze. Canoe, kayak, or paddle board in the channel or around the lake. For more info about prices and punch cards visit Albert Lea Community Education online: alschools.org/community-education/rock-gym-boathouse.

Fishing

Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Walleye, White Crappie, and Yellow Perch. Public dock access by Edgewater Bay.

Fountain Lake Park, Public Dock, & Splash Pad

Enjoy music at Fountain Lake Park's "Thursday's on Fountain". Bring your lawn chair or park your pontoon for a night of stellar local tunes. Use the public dock to pull up your boat to grab a Jake's pizza downtown or stay cool at Albert Lea's most popular summer hang out, the Splash Pad.

Edgewater Parks, Pavilion, & Public Docks

Edgewater park is a beautiful park shaded by ancient oak trees. Fish off the shores or on the public dock. Rent an event space at the park to host your next big event. Choose from the newly renovated cottage or at the stunning four-season pavilion with scenic views of Edgewater Bay: cityofalbertlea.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/general-information/

Boating

Launch your boat at the public dock access on Edgewater Bay and enjoy an afternoon cruising around Fountain Lake. Make it fun for the entire family! Tubing, water skiing, and water boarding are popular activities on the lake, so make some waves for our surfers. Just mind the "No Wake Zone."

Ice Fishing

In the winter months our ice covered lakes become a community all their own with pop-up and permanent ice houses dotting the shoreline of

our favorite lakes. Legend has it, there's Northern Pike that barely fit through holes and Crappies the size of dinner plates out there. Fountain Lake has a winter aeration system in place to prevent the lake from fish kills.

Blue Zones Walking Path around Fountain Lake

Walk the entire foot print of Fountain Lake on the Blue Zones Walking Path. It's the perfect way to experience the city; downtown, residential, schools, parks, & more (See page 21 for more information).

Albert Lea Lake

Walleye Fishing

Known for walleye, anglers can also expect to catch a variety of fish including Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, White Crappie, and Yellow Perch.

Ice Fishing

During the winter, the channel on Albert Lea Lake is the "hot" fishing spot. Whether you stay for a day or set up for the winter, you're sure to reel in a few whoppers. This area is chock full of Walleye, Crappies, and Northern Pike.

Canoe/Kayak Rental @ Myre Big Island

Rent a canoe or kayak for the day at Myre Big Island State Park office and experience the park from Albert Lea Lake. See an array of birds and wildlife from the water. For more info visit dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/

Pelican Breeze II Boat Cruise

The Pelican Breeze II Tour and Dinner Boat, on Albert Lea Lake, is a 60-foot pontoon river-boat styled boat with a seating capacity for 55 and we are licensed for 62. It features 2 smoke stacks, a paddle wheel, wet bar, tables, and can be enclosed for inclement weather. Enjoy historically-narrated tours, specialty events or plan your own private outing any day of the week. Full catering services and entertainment are available upon request. Every cruise is hosted by a Minnesota-licensed Captain and First Mate. The boat is U.S. Coast Guard and Minnesota certified for your safety.

Blazing Star Trail

The Blazing Star State Trail is paved and runs from Albert Lea Lake in Albert Lea to Myre-Big Island State Park, a distance of approximately six miles. When completed, the Blazing Star State Trail will be approximately 20 miles long and connect Albert Lea and Austin via Big Island State Park and Hayward.

Surrounding Lakes

Pickerel Lake

This lake is 620 acres in size. It is approximately 6 feet deep at its deepest point. When fishing, anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including Black Bullhead, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Green Sunfish, Northern Pike, White Crappie, Yellow Perch.

Goose Lake

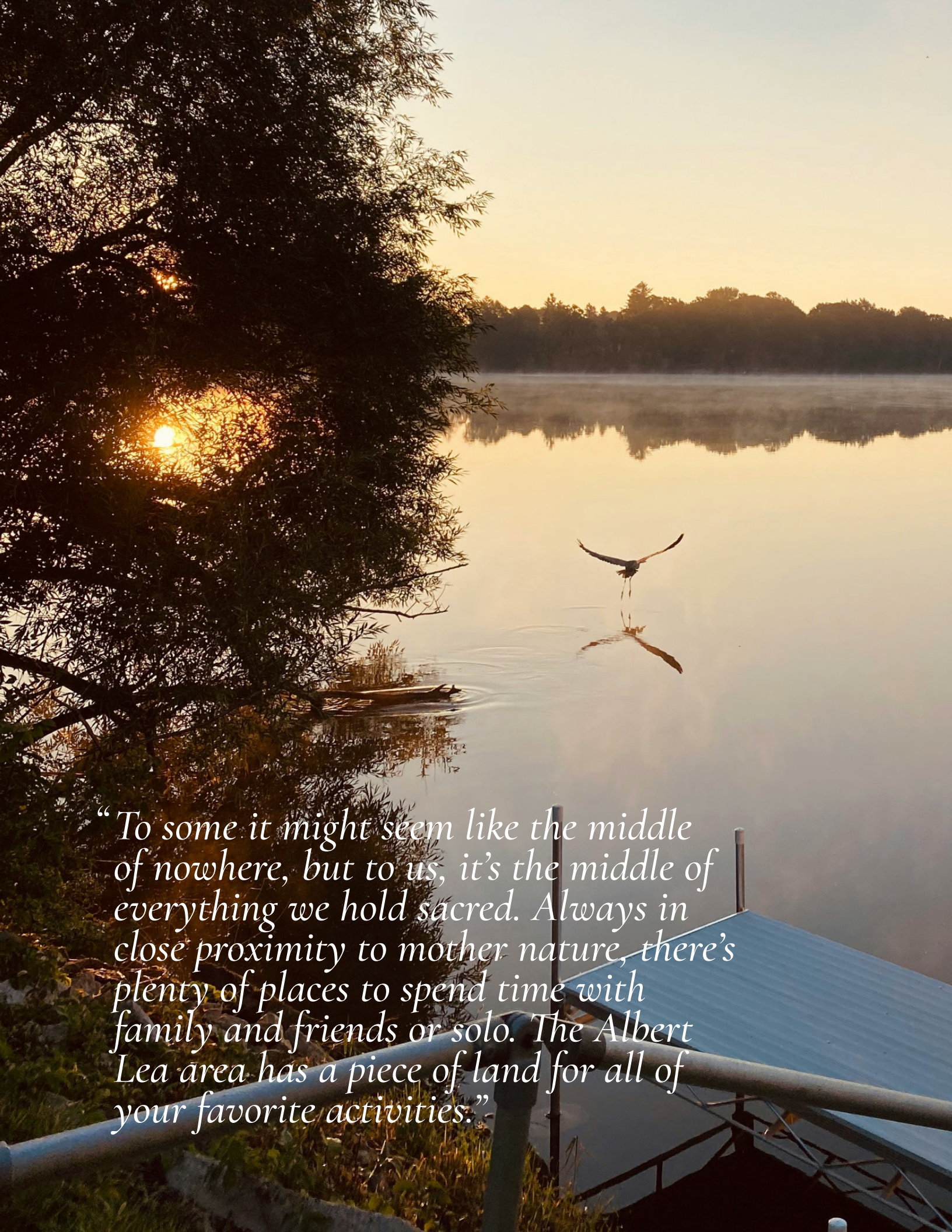
Goose Lake is a shallow lake that is predominantly surrounded by U.S Fish and Wildlife owned land. In 2014, the District received funds to install a fish barrier at the outlet of Goose Lake to protect it from invasive and rough fish species from entering.

Lake Chapeau (White Lake)

Lake Chapeau has a surface area of 168 acres and has a maximum depth of 3.5 feet. White has a relatively small upper watershed and flows into Fountain Lake by a small stream. White is one of the District's largest lakes that is surrounded by private property and is only accessible by a small walking path. White, like other lakes in the District, has an electric fish barrier located at the outlet to protect it from new aquatic invasive species.

Shell Rock River

The Shell Rock River is a 113-mile scenic, warm and gentle Minnesota stream that begins its southeast journey to the Mississippi River at the outlet of Albert Lea Lake southeast of the city of Albert Lea, joining the Cedar and Iowa Rivers along its course. From the headwaters at Fountain Lake, the Shell Rock River State Water Trail travels 20 miles through central Freeborn County to the Iowa border. Named for the fossilized shells found along its banks, the Shell Rock River offers excellent recreational opportunities, including boating on



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Fountain Lake, fishing, bird watching and wildlife observation.

Events on the *Lakes*

Fourth of July Fireworks

At dark (10:00 p.m.) over Fountain Lake, an Albert Lea Chamber of Commerce event.

Thursdays on Fountain Outdoor Concert Series

Every Thursday, May - August at Fountain Lake Park Gazebo, put on by Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Albert Lea Recreation.

Rock-N-Roll the Lakes Bike Event

Biking event around Fountain Lake 2nd Saturday in August, an Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau event.

The Big Freeze Winter Festival

2nd Saturday in February, an all day event at Fountain Lake / Edgewater Pavilion, put on by Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Albert Lea Anglers Ice Fishing Contest

Located at Albert Lea Lake Channel, brought to you by Albert Lea Anglers Club.

The Boathouse

The Boathouse is located near the Brookside Boatlanding off of West Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN
Open August-September

Kayak, Canoe, SUP (Stand Up Paddle Board), & Bike rental

Online preregistration is required for ALL participants.

Admission: \$5 or free depending on criteria.

No walk ups, cash or check transactions accepted.

Saturday | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$5

FREE for Albert Lea Area School students grades K-12.







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Natural Land of *Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Tucked away in southern Minnesota, Albert Lea is a destination that boasts an array of natural wonders waiting to be explored. Its picturesque landscapes, serene waters, and rich biodiversity make it a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. From its stunning state park to the enchanting Blazing Star Trail, Albert Lea offers a plethora of activities and sights that promise to captivate visitors of all ages.

We live in farm country and we're proud of it. We are grateful for the hard work and effort that is put into the corn and bean crops that surround us. But those fields are not the only thing that make Southern Minnesota landscapes beautiful. Experience natural prairie lands and deciduous woodlands with hundred-year-old massive oaks. Hike it, bike it, run it, sled on it, . . . you choose.

We know you'll understand why we call Albert Lea the middle of EVERYWHERE.



"Whether you're a local or a visitor, these lakes are guaranteed to leave you with memories that will last a lifetime"

Trails and Parks to Explore

Myre Big Island State Park

An oasis of natural diversity in an Oak Savanna.
19499 780th Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007
dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/ (See page 18 for more information).

Blazing Star State Trail

Six mile paved trail connecting to Myre Big Island State Park: dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/blazingstar/.

Blue Zones Walking Path

This five mile route connects neighborhoods, parks, and the downtown district circling around Fountain Lake: bluezones.com/blue-zones-results-albert-lea-mn/ (See page 21 for more information).

Shell Rock River State Water Trail

From the headwaters at Fountain Lake, this trail travels 20 miles through Freeborn County to the Iowa border: dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/shellrockriver.

Bancroft Park

Hosts of the nationally recognized Big Island Rendezvous Event and a disc golf course.

Freeborn County Snowmobile Trail

250 miles of groomed trails throughout Freeborn County. Brought to you by the Freeborn County Snowmobile Trail Association.

Albert Lea Audubon Society

Take a stroll on this beautiful two-mile stretch of natural landscape. The perfect spot to bird watch and view wildlife: 424 Oregon Street, Albert Lea, albertleaaudubon.org



Sport and Recreation

Albert Lea Family YMCA

Programs and fitness activities for all ages.
Swimming pool, fitness center, weight gym, racket ball courts, outdoor fields & more.
2021 W Main Street | (507) 373-8228
ymcaal.org

Albert Lea Aquatic Center

Main pool from 3.5 to 13 feet deep, Diving wall with 1-meter diving board, Climbing walls, Shade umbrellas, Family bath house, Handicap-accessibility, Zero depth splash pool with interactive features including tumble buckets, deck sprays, a mushroom waterfall, bubblers, a five arm water fountain, and a 226 foot water slide!
321 James Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007
cityofalbertlea.org

Frank Hall Park Pickleball Courts

6 outdoor pickleball courts for the public.
321 James Avenue | Frank Hall Park | YMCA

Albert Lea City Arena

Ice is available year-round, with the exception of the months of July and August.
Skate rental available, as well as seasonal open skate schedule, & private party rental.
701 Lake Chapeau Drive | (507) 377-4374
cityofalbertlea.org

Rock Gym

Indoor climbing facility for the public.
Hours: Climbing Club | Tuesday 6pm-9pm
Open Climb | Friday & Saturday 6pm-9pm
Fee: \$10 (includes equipment)
211 W Richway Drive | Community Ed
507-379-5824

Snyder Field Complex

Lighted athletic complex with 5 ball diamonds, concession stand, and 4 sand volleyball courts.
2404 Bridge Avenue | cityofalbertlea.org
507-377-4370

Campgrounds

Myre Big Island State Park

19499 780th Ave, Albert Lea, MN
507-379-7060
dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks

Freeborn County Fairgrounds

1031 Bridge Ave, Albert Lea, MN
507-373-6965
freeborncountyfairgrounds.com

Hickory Hills Campground

15694 717th Ave, Albert Lea, MN
507-852-4555
hickoryhillscampground.com

KOA | Albert Lea / Austin

84259 County Rd 46, Hayward, MN
507-373-5170
koa.com/campgrounds/albert-lea

Oakwoods Trails Campground

23614 890th Ave, Austin, MN 55912
507-437-6165
oakwoodstrails.com

Golf Courses

Green Lea Golf Course

Club and cart rental, pro shop, lessons, club repair, restaurant. 18 Holes Par 72
101 Richway Drive | (507) 373-1061 | greenlea.com

Oak View Golf Course

9 Holes Par 72
25177 665th Avenue, Alden, MN | (507) 863-2288
oakviewgc.com

Wedgewood Cove Golf Club

Pro shop, driving range, practice green, and restaurant. 18 Holes Par 72 | 5 Tee Placements
2200 W 9th Street | (507) 373-2007
wedgewoodcove.com

Disk Golf Courses

Riverland Community Disc Golf Course

18 holes | par 54
2200 Riverland Drive | pdga.com

Bancroft Bay Disc Golf Course

Oak Island DGC | 18 holes Tall Grass DGC | 18 holes
303 W Hammer Road | 507-377-4370

Wellness

Glenville Beach

Spring-fed swimming pond with lifeguards, diving boards, waterslide, concessions.
\$3 child \$4 adult | 507-448-9989
15863 795th Ave, Glenville, Minnesota 56036

Splash Pad

FREE recreational area filled with timed fountain for families and children to enjoy water play.
Corner of Fountain Street & Broadway

Hammer Sports Complex

Cheer on our high schools sports teams at the beautiful new sports complex.
Corner of Bridge Ave. & Hammer Rd | alschools.org

Fun Fact: The new football field is named after a former football coach, Jim Gustafson. The complex continues to carry the Hammer name.





Discover the Natural Splendor of Myre Big Island State Park: *A Hidden Gem in Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Nestled in the heart of Albert Lea, MN, Myre Big Island State Park beckons nature enthusiasts with its captivating beauty and diverse range of outdoor activities. Whether you're seeking a thrilling biking adventure, a serene camping getaway, or a chance to immerse yourself in the wonders of nature, this park has it all. Join us as we embark on a journey through Myre Big Island State Park, where accessibility, amenities, and endless opportunities for outdoor recreation await.

Visitors can explore wet lowlands, oak savanna,

and grasslands while hiking the trails at the park. During migration, Albert Lea Lake and park marshes attract hundreds of waterfowl. The park's landscape is mostly comprised of oak savanna and prairie, including wetlands. The 116-acre Big Island, covered with maple/basswood forest, is one of the park's unique features. Additionally, the park is home to a glacial esker located in its northeast section.

Myre Big Island State Park invites visitors to explore its natural wonders and indulge in a variety of outdoor activities. With its accessibility, amenities, biking paths, camping opportunities, fishing spots, hiking trails, and nature activities, the park offers a diverse range of experiences for nature lovers of all ages.

Plan your visit today and be captivated by the beauty of Myre Big Island State Park.

Accessibility & Amenities

Myre Big Island State Park prides itself on providing accessibility for all visitors. The park features well-maintained trails and pathways, making it easy for people of all abilities to explore its scenic wonders. Convenient parking areas, including designated accessible spots, ensure a hassle-free experience for everyone. Additionally, the park offers amenities such as picnic areas, restrooms, and well-equipped campsites with cabins, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable visit for all.

Hosting Your Event

Looking for a unique venue in a natural setting for your special events? Look no further than Myre Big Island State Park. Whether it's a family reunion, a corporate retreat, or a wedding celebration, the park offers stunning natural settings and ample space for gatherings of all sizes.

Biking Path

Calling all cycling enthusiasts! Myre Big Island State Park boasts a thrilling biking path that winds its way through the park's picturesque landscapes. Pedal along the meandering trails, surrounded by lush greenery, tranquil lakes, and captivating wildlife. Whether you're a novice cyclist or a seasoned pro, this biking path offers an



exhilarating adventure that immerses you in the natural beauty of the park.

Camping

Experience the magic of the great outdoors by camping at Myre Big Island State Park. With well-maintained campsites nestled amidst the park's natural splendor, you can unwind under the starry night sky and create cherished memories with family and friends. Enjoy the crackling campfire, the sounds of nature, and the serenity that comes with spending a night amidst the tranquil surroundings.

Fishing

Cast your line into Albert Lea Lake and prepare for an angler's paradise. The park offers excellent fishing opportunities, with an abundance of fish species awaiting your hook. Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, the thrill of reeling in a prized catch amidst the park's serene beauty is an experience to treasure.

Hiking and Nature Activities

Lace up your hiking boots and explore the park's extensive network of trails. From leisurely walks

to challenging hikes, Myre Big Island State Park caters to all levels of outdoor enthusiasts. Encounter breathtaking views and witness the wonders of wildlife in their natural habitat. The park also offers nature-based activities such as guided tours, birdwatching excursions, and educational programs, providing a deeper understanding of the park's rich ecosystem.

Fee: Daily Park Permits | \$7, Daily Camping Rate | \$17 - \$21

Snowshoeing

When winter blankets the landscape with a glistening layer of snow, Myre Big Island State Park transforms into a winter wonderland, perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Strap on your snowshoes and venture onto the peaceful trails or even the frozen lake, where the crisp air and the beauty of the snow-covered surroundings will transport you to a world of tranquility and adventure.

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Blue Zones Project

Blue Zones Project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier for everyone in our community

As the first Blue Zones Pilot Project, Albert Lea joined forces with Blue Zones in 2009, implementing principles from areas known for longer, healthier lives. The initial nine-month pilot yielded positive results, inspiring Albert Lea to continue its journey as a Blue Zones Project community. They focused on improving the built environment, tobacco policies, citizen engagement, and revitalizing the downtown area.

The commitment to well-being in Albert Lea led to significant measurable impacts:

- \$8.6 million in annual healthcare cost savings for employers due to reduced smoking.
- Improved ranking from 68th to 34th out of

87 counties in the Minnesota County Health Rankings.

- Projected increase of 2.9 years in lifespans within one year of participating in the Blue Zones Project.

Community Design Improvements

- Nine miles of new sidewalks and three miles of bike lanes were added.
- Downtown Albert Lea attracted over a dozen new businesses.
- Outdoor dining facilities were created, and pedestrian traffic on Broadway increased by 96%.
- Biking and walking throughout the community increased by an average of 38% since 2009.
- Albert Lea ranked above the national and state average for active and productive individuals.
- Downtown building permits saw an investment of over \$2.5 million since 2013.
- Property value in the downtown area increased by 25%.
- Increased lodging taxes due to a rise in visitors.



A mixed-use downtown development project was expected to generate \$400,000 in revenue and return a \$1.2 million property to taxable status.

Healthier Workplaces

- The City of Albert Lea experienced a 300% increase in funds for its wellness program, avoiding medical premium increases for city workers in 2014 and 2015.
- A Blue Zones Project worksite with a worksite clinic saved \$128,000 in healthcare costs within a year for its 500 employees.
- The School District saw no increase in health care premiums and an 11% decrease in prescription costs due to their on-site clinic.

Healthy Foods Initiative

- Sales at the local Hy-Vee grocery store increased by 130.35% for the Health Market, 12% for produce, 35.31% for frozen fruit and vegetables, and 52.3% for water. Soda sales decreased by 4.66% from 2009 to 2015.
- Concession sales at City Arena increased by 59% after adding healthy options.
- Schools implementing the Grab-n-Go breakfast

program saw a 60% increase in breakfast participation from 2014 to 2015.

- The Healthy Snack Cart program experienced a 17% increase in participation during the 2014-2015 school year.

Tobacco Cessation Initiatives

- Tobacco use was eliminated in 550 units of public housing, 14 of the top 20 worksites, public parks, county fairs, outdoor events, and outdoor dining areas.
- The smoking rate decreased from 23% of adult residents in 2009 to 14.7% in 2016, resulting in \$8.6 million in annual healthcare cost savings for employers.

Additional Impact

- Participants in the Blue Zones Project were projected to have 2.9 additional years of lifespan within a year of participating.
- Media coverage worth \$120,000 was generated through local and nationwide outlets.
- It was ranked third in Realtor.com's list of "The top 10 most affordable small towns in the United States that you would actually want to live" due to its quality of life indicators like lakes, parks, walking paths, and the Blue Zones Project.





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The Good Life in *Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Albert Lea, MN, is a city that captivates with its natural beauty, rich history, and vibrant community spirit. Whether you're exploring the scenic parks, delving into the city's history, or simply enjoying the warm hospitality of its residents, Albert Lea offers an experience that is both enriching and unforgettable.

Over the last decade Albert Lea has been experiencing a sort of renaissance. On any given day or night you can find something going on that's right up your alley. Take in some live music or show on stage. Sip and share stories on a wine tour. Grab a cup of coffee or craft beer and relax with friends. And when it comes to food, you can find everything from elegant fine dining to classic dive bar burgers.

So, next time you're looking for a destination that combines the best of nature, community, and adventure, consider Albert Lea. You'll find a city that's not just a place to visit but a place to fall in love with.



Historic Downtown: *The Heartbeat of Albert Lea, Minnesota*

Our Historic Downtown stands as a vibrant hub of community activity and artistic expression. From its lively events to its stunning streetscape and unique boutiques, our Historic Downtown captivates locals and visitors alike. Let's take a stroll through the charming downtown and explore the delights it has to offer.

Our Historic Downtown is more than just a thoroughfare—it's a vibrant tapestry of events, beauty, art, and unique shopping experiences. The community's unwavering commitment to preserving its heritage and fostering a thriving downtown is evident in every corner. So be sure to

immerse yourself in the captivating charm of our downtown—it's a journey you won't soon forget.

A Tapestry of Festivities

Downtown Albert Lea is known for hosting a myriad of events that bring the community together. One of the highlights is the bustling Farmers Market, where local farmers and artisans showcase their bountiful produce, delectable treats, and handcrafted goods. Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer months, the market buzzes with activity as residents revel in the vibrant atmosphere, enjoying fresh produce and engaging in friendly conversations.

Beauty and Accessibility: A Streetscape Delight

As you stroll along Broadway, you'll be captivated by its exquisite street scape, which seamlessly

blends the city's rich history with modern aesthetics. Our streets are lined with vibrant hanging baskets and flowerbeds that create a warm and inviting atmosphere. The accessibility features ensure that everyone can enjoy themselves, making it a welcoming space for all.

Albert Lea Artwalk: A Palette of Creativity

One of the crown jewels of our downtown is the celebrated Albert Lea Artwalk. This enchanting outdoor gallery showcases the talent of local artists, who transform the area into captivating works of art. As you walk along downtown and Fountain Lake, you'll be captivated by the diverse range of artistic expressions. The Artwalk not only beautifies downtown, but it's surrounding streets; fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts within the community.

Stores and Boutiques: Retail Haven

Our Historic Downtown is a haven for shoppers, with its variety of unique stores and charming boutiques. From trendy clothing boutiques to antique shops brimming with treasures from the past, offering a shopping experience unlike any other. As you browse through the stores, you'll discover handcrafted jewelry, locally made crafts, and one-of-a-kind pieces that reflect the essence of Albert Lea.

Whether you're searching for the perfect gift or indulging in a little retail therapy, our stores and boutiques cater to every taste and desire. The friendly shop owners and their warm hospitality add an extra touch of charm to the shopping experience, making it a true shopper's paradise.

Beauty and Accessibility: *A Streetscape Delight*

As you stroll along Broadway, you'll be captivated by its exquisite streetscape, which seamlessly blends the city's rich history with modern aesthetics. Our streets are lined with vibrant hanging baskets and flowerbeds that create a warm and inviting atmosphere. The accessibility features ensure that everyone can enjoy themselves, making it a welcoming space for all.



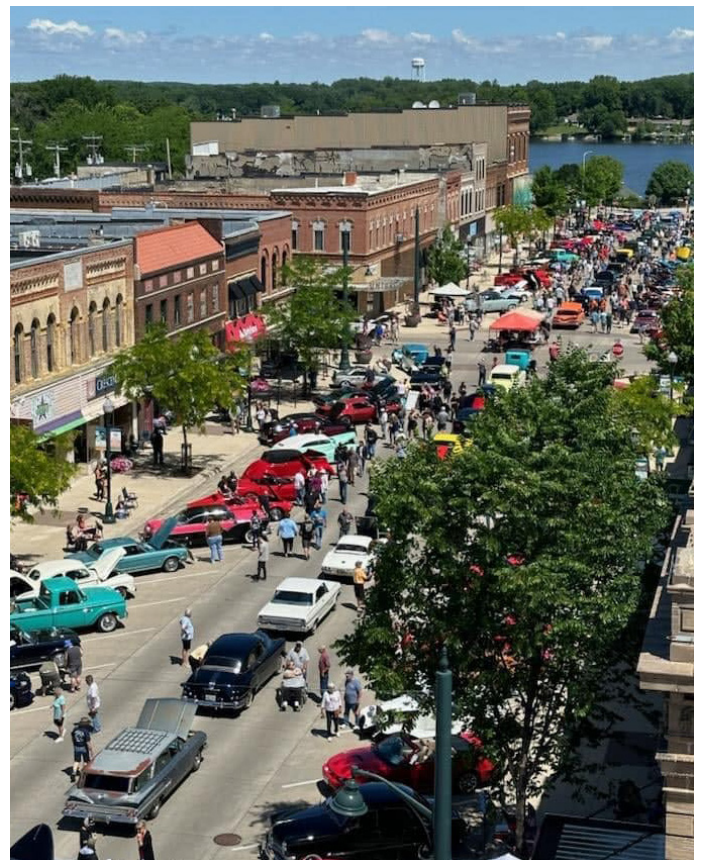
*"Our Historic Downtown stands
as a vibrant hub of community
activity and artistic expression"*

Eddie Cochran *Days*

Eddie Cochran Days is a celebration of the legendary rock and roll icon who hailed from Albert Lea. This event pays homage to Cochran's musical legacy through live performances, car shows, and nostalgic tributes, transporting visitors back to the golden age of rock and roll.

Expect an impressive lineup of live music that'll have you dancing in the streets, coupled with an awe-inspiring display of classic cars that tell their own stories of a bygone era. Whether you're a music lover, a classic car enthusiast, or just looking for a great way to spend a weekend, there's something for everyone.

Don't miss out on this annual tradition where we pay tribute to the legendary Eddie Cochran and celebrate the vibrant spirit of Albert Lea. Plan your visit now and explore all that downtown Albert Lea has to offer!



Wind Down Wednesdays

Join us for the ultimate summer celebration at Wind Down Wednesday, when our historic downtown truly comes alive - the perfect fusion of music, food, arts, and crafts in the heart of downtown Albert Lea, Minnesota. Whether you're a local or just visiting, mark your calendars for the second Wednesdays of June, July, and August from 11am-8pm. This must-attend event that promises to be the highlight of your summer!



Thursdays on *Fountain*

This summer, make your Thursdays unforgettable with our Thursdays on Fountain at the beautiful Fountain Lake Park in Albert Lea, MN. As the sun sets, the beautiful lakeside park becomes an open-air stage for local performers, creating a captivating ambiance that enchants both locals and tourists alike. From the first warm summer evening to the gentle close of the season, we're bringing the community together for a series of vibrant live music events, complemented by an array of delicious food options and refreshing beverages. Join us 5:30pm-7:00pm every Thursday starting the last week in May, going to the last week in August.



The Freeborn County Historical Society

Building the Future by Preserving the Past.

The Freeborn County Historical Society was established in January of 1948 at an organizational meeting held in the law offices of J. F. D. Meighen. Lester W. Spicer was elected president.

In November 1955, FCHS purchased 42 steel lockers from the Jordahl plant in Manchester to be installed in the engineer's office in the old courthouse for storing documents. On February 20, 1960, FCHS officially open its museum in the basement of the courthouse building. In 1966 FCHS constructed a museum building on land leased through the county located next to the Freeborn County Fairgrounds. We've had two expansions to the museum building, one in 1980 and the latest in 2013. In 2018, the Freeborn County Historical Society began doing business as the Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library and Village (FCHM).

The FCHM is committed to building the future by preserving the past history of our county. From our staff and board of directors to our volunteers and members, we are eager to create long-lasting connections for everyone who interacts with our organization.

fchmmn.org
1031 Bridge Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-8003



*"A delightful museum! We visited
on a rainy Thursday afternoon.
Friendly, knowledgeable staff,
interesting exhibits, and a great value
for the price."*

Kelly P



Life in *Albert Lea*

Moving to a new place can be both exciting and overwhelming, especially when it comes to finding resources and settling in. Discover the resources available to new residents.

Education

The local public school district (Albert Lea Area Schools) offers educational opportunities for students from early childhood education to elementary, high school, PSEO, & ESL. Visit their website (alschools.org) for enrollment information, school locations, and contact details. Private Schools in the Albert Lea area include St. Theodore Elementary School and Hollandale Christian School.

Community Services

If you require assistance with social services, such as housing support or food assistance, contact the Freeborn County Department of Human Services

or visit their website for information.

- SEMCAC (Housing, Clinic & Low-Income Assistance)
- United Way
- Senior Resources
- Memory Cafe
- Salvation Army
- Albert Lea VA Outpatient Clinic
- Freeborn County Human Services
- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- Albert Lea HRA
- Workforce Development Center
- LIFE Center Freeborn County

Recreation and Amenities

Parks and Recreation

Albert Lea boasts 40+ parks, recreational facilities (aquatic center, ice arena, fishing piers, & rentable park venues), and trails. Visit the Albert Lea Parks and Recreation Department's website (cityofalbertlea.org/departments/parks-recreation) to explore outdoor activities and community programs.



Library

The Albert Lea Public Library (alplonline.org) is a great resource for books, digital media, research materials, and community events. These community events include: zoo visits, science blasts, and magician shows. You can check out their “take home discovery kits”, book clubs, or participate in arts, crafts, and writing sessions.

Salon & Spa

An abundance of salon & spa facilities offering services from licensed estheticians, cosmetologists, and nail techs. From a la carte or all day bookings.

Fitness & Wellness

Several facilities offering a variety of cardio, strengthening, holistic, and fitness classes. You can also participate in community sports like Pickleball, Volleyball, Softball, Discgolf, Soccer, and Golf.

Community Education

Our Community Education program offers snowshoe rental in the winter, an indoor rock

climbing facility, and a boathouse with standup paddle board, kayak, and canoe rental. They also offer year round programming from cooking to computer programming, and fitness classes from Zumba to yoga! Learn more about what they all offer by visiting (alschools.ce.eleyo.com).

Utilities

Electricity

For more than 84 years Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative (FMEC) has been dedicated to bringing the power of electrical energy to farms, homes, businesses and industries in Southeast Minnesota. (fmcs.coop).

Water and Sewer

The City of Albert Lea Utilities (cityofalbertlea.org/departments/utilities) manages water and sewer services. Contact them to set up your utilities or for any inquiries.





Gas

Minnesota Energy Resources delivers natural gas to 231,000 customers in 184 communities across Minnesota. For more than 80 years, we've grown and changed with the communities we serve.

Trash & Recycling

Both Thompson Sanitation (thompsonsanitation.com) & Waste Management (wm.com) provide disposal and recycling programs for all of Freeborn County.

Internet & Phone

Spectrum (www.spectrum.com), WCTA (www.wctatel.net), GigFire (www.gigfire.com).

Housing

Online Platforms

Albert Lea has many real estate agents that can help you find a home or rental that best fits your needs. Utilize online platforms like Zillow (zillow.com) and Realtor (realtor.com) to explore available properties, filter by price range, and view photos and descriptions.

Healthcare

Mayo Clinic Health System

The Mayo Clinic Health System (mayoclinichealthsystem.org/albertlea) operates a hospital and provides comprehensive healthcare services in Albert Lea. They offer primary care, specialized clinics, and emergency care.

Other Medical Providers

There are various private clinics, dental offices, rehabilitation centers and specialists in Albert Lea, including St. Croix Hospice

City & County Resources

County Government Center

Located at 411 S Broadway Ave S the Freeborn County Government Center provides essential services to residents, including financial record-keeping, property registration, tax collection, social welfare programs, veteran support, and educational resources. Whether you need assistance with a specific government service or general information, the center is a valuable



resource for the community.

ALEDA, Albert Lea Economic Development Agency

ALEDA is dedicated to fostering economic growth within the Albert Lea community. Offering a range of services to assist businesses, from startup consulting to marketing support and financial assistance. ALEDA plays a crucial role in attracting new businesses to the area and helping existing ones thrive. Office located downtown at 132 N Broadway Ave.

Albert Lea - Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce

Focused on promoting and developing a healthy business environment in the Albert Lea area. Advocating for businesses, providing networking opportunities, and hosting community events. Office located downtown at 132 N Broadway Ave.

Convention & Visitors Bureau

A resource center that provides information and updates about all community happenings, festivals

and events. Our Community Calendar is updated daily and allows for the community to post and share their events. You can check out the calendar by visiting (explorealbertlea.com/calendar). The Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau is located at 132 N Broadway.

City Hall

Located at 221 E Clark St, City Hall is a valuable resource for various municipal services, permits, and licenses. Visit the City of Albert Lea's website (cityofalbertlea.org) for information on local government services, and departments.

Retirement

- St. John's Lutheran Community
- Oak Park Place
- Prairie Senior Cottages
- Thorne Crest Senior Living
- Good Samaritan Society

Remember to explore local social media groups, community bulletin boards, and local publications for additional resources and information tailored to the Albert Lea community. Embrace your new home and enjoy all that Albert Lea, Minnesota, has to offer!

Seasonal Events and *Places*

Autumn

Daisy Fest

daisybluenaturals.com

Taste of Albert Lea

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Mexican Independence Day

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Homecoming Parade & Window Contest

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Big Island Rendezvous

bigislandfestivalandbbq.com

Halloween Spooktacular

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Deer Widows Shopping Event

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Shop Small November

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Shop Sip-N-Stroll

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Winter**Holiday Bazaar**

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Lights in the Village

fchmmn.org

Drive Thru Live Nativity

newlifechristianal.org

Big Freeze

facebook.com/thebigfreezealbertlea

Spring & Summer**Thursdays on Fountain on Fountain**

explorealbertlea.com

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Farmers Market

facebook.com/ALfarmersmkt

Chalk the Lake Walk

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Fishing/Shopping Opener

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

She Shed Tour

thealbertleaartcenter.org

Wind Down Wednesday Summer Festival

winddownwednesday.com

Eddie Cochran Car Show & Music Festival

facebook.com/eddiecochranweekend

July Jamboree Boat Cruise & Car Show

explorealbertlea.com

3rd of July Parade & 4th of July Fireworks

albertlea.org

Crazy Days

facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea

Art & Garden Tour

thealbertleaartcenter.org

Freeborn County Fair

freeborncountyfair.com

Rock-N-Roll the Lakes Bike Ride

facebook.com/rocknrollthelakes

Cruise to the Cove

wedgewoodcove.com

Freeborn-Mower Relay for Life

facebook.com/groups/rflfreeborncomn

Sport and *Hobby*

6-Legged 5k Pet Authority

thepetauthority.com

Sparky Golf Tournament

lifecenterfc.org

Short Stop Golf Tournament

greenlea.com

Corey Goodnature Golf Tournament

coreygoodnature.com

Shinefest Tractor Ride

facebook.com/shinefesttractorride

Hockey Tournament

albertlea.pucksystems2.com

Chamber Ambassador Golf Outing

albertlea.org





Fire and *Police*

Safeguarding Albert Lea: An Insight into the Albert Lea Fire Department and the Albert Lea Police Department's Roles in Community Safety

The safety and security of our community are of utmost importance, a responsibility taken seriously by the Albert Lea Fire Department and the Albert Lea Police Department. The Fire Department is crucial in protecting lives and property, ready to respond to emergencies with a fleet of fire engines and a team trained in both firefighting and fire prevention. Their educational programs aim to minimize fire risks by raising awareness about fire safety among residents. On the other hand, the Police Department is dedicated to maintaining law and order, conducting regular patrols, and responding to incidents promptly. Officers are not only enforcers of the law but also community supporters, engaging in outreach to strengthen police-community relations.

Both departments leverage modern technology and strategies to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness in protecting the community. Their collective efforts in fire suppression,

prevention, law enforcement, and community engagement contribute significantly to making Albert Lea a safer place. The dedication of these departments to their duties reflects the community's spirit of service and selflessness, underscoring their invaluable role in ensuring the well-being and security of all residents.



*“Our community’s
commitment to fostering
creativity, culture, making
it a must-visit destination
for art lovers.”*



Vibrant Art Scene *and Entertainment*

Our community boasts a vibrant art scene that offers a diverse range of cultural experiences for both residents and visitors. It's home to two main art galleries that anchor its artistic offerings: the Freeborn County Arts Initiative (FCAI) and the Albert Lea Art Center. These spaces host artist receptions, gallery shows, and special events like the Funky Chair Affair and She-Shed Garden Tour, enriching the community with a variety of visual arts. The Dorothy Godtland Lecture Series further adds depth to the art scene with its educational offerings.

Albert Lea's art scene is also celebrated through various events and installations, including the annual Chalk the Lake Walk in May, which transforms the sidewalks into a canvas for community artistry. Wind Down Wednesday is another highlight, inviting artisan vendors to sell their homemade goods and wares, fostering a community of local artists and craftspeople.

Our dedication to the arts extends into education, with Albert Lea Area Schools offering an impressive array of musicals, plays, talent shows, and orchestra performances, nurturing the next generation of artists. The local high school not only offers a talented Dance Team, but there are also fantastic dance classes available at both Just for Kix and Unlimited Possibilities Dance Studio. From ballet to hip-hop, jazz to contemporary, you'll find a wide range of classes to suit your interests and abilities. Joining these dance programs is a wonderful opportunity to express yourself through movement, meet fellow dance lovers, and embrace the joy of dance in Albert Lea.

From the visual and performing arts to community events and educational programs, Albert Lea's art scene is a testament to our community's commitment to fostering creativity, culture, making it a must-visit destination for art lovers.

The Marion Ross Performing Arts Center

This performing arts center is a cornerstone of

Albert Lea's performing arts, presenting live music, concerts, community theater productions, and Metropolitan Opera Live events, ensuring there's always something on stage to captivate audiences.
147 N Broadway | (507) 369-3050
actonbroadway.com

Art Walk

The Albert Lea Art Walk, established in 2020, offers a unique way to explore the city's artistry through murals and sculptures located in Academy Park, Lakeview Park, Home Federal Alley, and throughout Historic Downtown and Fountain Lake.

Albert Lea Art Center

Galleries & Classes
101 S Broadway | (507) 373-5665
thealbertleaartcenter.org

Freeborn County Arts Initiative

Promoting the growth of the community through creative and culturally vibrant programming.
224 S Broadway | (507) 721-1285
freeborncountyartsinitiative.com

Civic Music

Music lovers can enjoy the Civic Music Series Season, an event that showcases musical talent in a range of genres, contributing to the city's rich cultural tapestry.
Box Office Phone: 507-373-2316
132 N Broadway Ave
albertleacivicismusic.com

Cantori Concert

facebook.com/albertleacantori

Albert Lea Public Library

alplonline.org

Met Opera

actonbroadway.com

CEC Mall 7 Movie Theater

2550 Bridge Ave | 507-373-7933 | cectheaters.com



*“A true gem in our downtown.
My favorite store to shop for the men in
my life. Gifts, clothing, accessories
& the greatest lounge wear brand I’ve
come across.”*

Kelly K

Man Between *the Lakes*

We are a men’s clothing and gift store known for casual, comfortable and stylish clothing, as well as creative, unique and funny gifts. Our atmosphere is refreshing, filled with helpful staff. Entertaining, with an abundance of gifts to give anyone a good laugh, clothing walls to floor and manly decorative energies throughout the store.

There are sights of re-purposed barn wood, whiskey barrels and tin. The aroma of cedar wood and amber in the air and the sounds of laughter and music are vibrant on any given day. You can find the best information about what we have new in our store, sales and product lines we carry by following us on social media, Facebook and Instagram. We take great pride carrying brands and support companies that are made in the USA, family owned, or have give back programs. Devil Dog Jeans, Tasc, Benshot and Tentree are just a few of many that we have in store!

119 South Broadway Ave
Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-1714





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Shopping

Albert Lea is lucky to be home to numerous independently owned shops and boutiques. These beautiful stores are filled with unique goods and run by passionate owners intent on bringing you a one-of-a-kind experience. Want to learn more? Visit facebook.com/historicdowntownalbertlea to learn more about the Historic Downtown Businesses, as well as www.AlbertLea.org to learn more about Chamber members!

Adams Originals

238 S Broadway | 507-369-0205

Addies Floral & Gifts

216 S Broadway | 507-377-2081

AJ's Book Hideaway

705 Marshall St | 507-475-9066

All the Things Studio & Boutique

136 S Broadway Ave | 507-320-0282

Bed Store & More

222 E Clark Street | 507-377-2236

Between Friends Boutique

144 S Broadway Ave | 507-473-2111

Big Dream Organics

1039 S Broadway Ave | 507-438-0676

Bomgaars

1721 W Main St | 507-373-1745

Border Market

137 Main St Emmons, MN | 507-297-5000

Brick Furniture

225 S Broadway | 507-373-2514

Broadway Bike Co.

114 S Broadway | 507-373-2060

Calico Hutch

20520 810th Ave, Hayward | 507-377-1163

Conger Meat Market

146 W William | 507-377-1556

Creating Sew Much

123 N Broadway Ave | 507-668-4031

Daisy Blue Naturals

119 South Newton Ave | 507-373-0229

Dollar General

201 W Main Street | 507-369-6127

Dollar Tree

2308 Hendrickson Road | 507-373-2230

Dunham's Sports

2500 Bridge Avenue | 507-369-1444

Etcetera Consignment

Skyline Mall | 507-377-8267

Geneva Meats

75 E Main St, Geneva | 507-256-7214

Grace & Glory Consignment

212 S Broadway Ave | 507-369-5342

Hills Gardens

2512 W Main Street | 507-373-7253

Hilltop Greenhouse

83204 300th St, Ellendale | 507-889-3271

Hy-Vee Grocery/Floral

2708 Bridge Ave | 507-377-2257

Jeni's Fine Jewelers

224 South Broadway | 915-383-4360

Leutholds

130 W Clark St | 507-373-3142

Man Between the Lakes

119 S Broadway Avenue | 507-373-1714

Mary Go Round

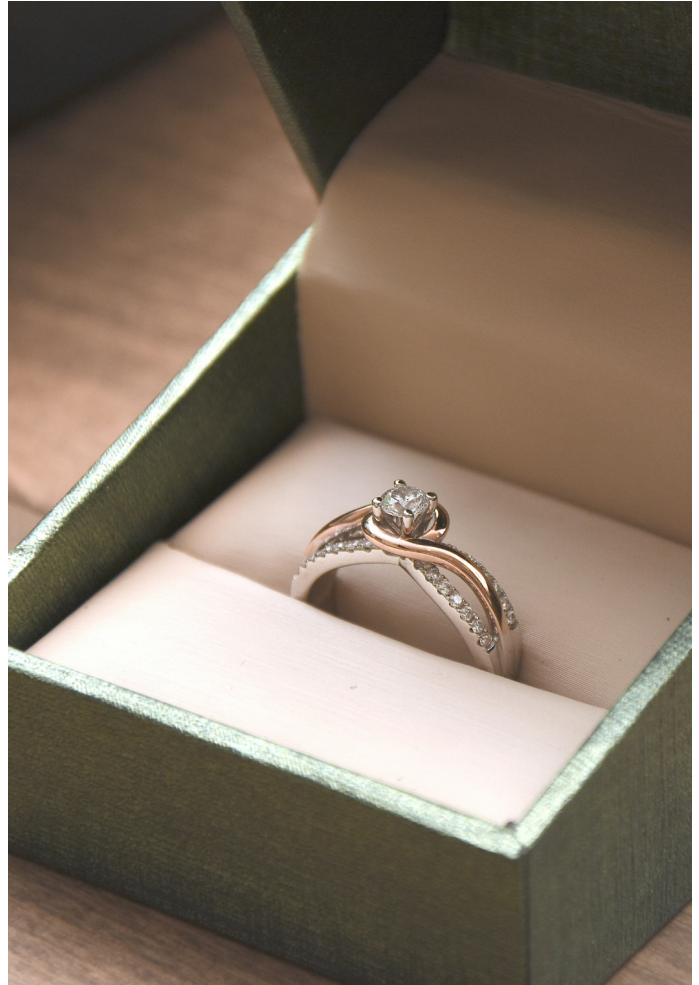
106 W Clark Street | 507-373-7911

Martin's Cycling & Fitness

1137 S Broadway | 507-377-3704

Maurices

2235 Leland Drive | 507-373-8497



Midwest Antiques

302 S Broadway | 507-369-5733

Morris Furniture

1909 E. Main Street | 507-373-6434

Northbridge Mall

2510 Bridge Avenue | 507-377-3185

Plymouth Shoe Store

129 S Broadway | 507-373-6793

Raleigh's Ace Hardware

2525 Bridge Ave | 507-377-8636

Simply Charming Ceramics

Skyline Mall | 507-339-7990

Shoe Sensation

2339 Leland Drive | 507-552-1664

Shopko Optical

1629 Blake Ave | 507-318-4200

Sorenson's Appliance

415 W Main Street, Geneva | 507-256-7258

Someday Isle

163 North Broadway, Alden | 507-383-0794

Stadheim Jewelers

215 S Broadway | 507-373-3440

Slumberland Furniture

822 S Broadway | 507-377-3001

Talamantes Grocery

310 Main Court | 507-373-2500

The Chapel Comics & Collectibles Shoppe

115 S Broadway | 507-412-3447

The Homestead Boutique

211 S Newton Avenue | 507-421-5368

The Seed House

1414 West Main Street | 507-373-3161

The Pet Authority

2014 E Main St | 507-373-2505

Trails Travel Center

820 Happy Trails Ln

Vintage Grove Co.

101 Main St E, Clarks Grove | 507-473-5794

Walgreens

703 E Main St | 507-369-0260

Walmart

1550 Blake Ave | 507-377-2998

Fitness

Anytime Fitness

410 Bridge Ave | 507-377-8451

Snap Fitness

148 S Broadway Ave | 507-377-1290

Albert Lea YMCA

2021 W Main St | 507-373-8228

CrossFit Innerdrive

2610 Yh Hanson Ave | 507-351-0102

Albert Lea Gymnastics Club

1224 Sykes Street | 507-473-2036

Just for Kix

1360 W Main St | 507-402-3365

Unlimited Possibilities Dance Studio (UPDS)

2722 Bridge Ave | 507-402-4842

Heartwaves Studio

105 N Broadway Ave | 507-473-0002

LaVerne Carlson Fitness Center


215 N Broadway, Alden | 507-874-3240

Lerberger's Fitness Center

118 5th Ave, Ellendale | 507-684-2471

Maricle Martial Arts

228 S Broadway | 507-415-3300

A photograph of a man and a woman walking away from the camera on a paved path that curves through a lush park. The path is flanked by tall, leafy trees that create a canopy overhead. The sun is low in the sky, casting a warm, golden glow and long shadows across the scene. In the background, a body of water is visible, with a small dock and a house on the far shore. A park bench sits on the grass to the right of the path.

“To some it might seem like the middle of nowhere, but to us, it’s the middle of everything we hold sacred. Always in close proximity to mother nature, there’s plenty of places to spend time with family and friends or solo. The Albert Lea area has a piece of land for all of your favorite activities.”



Tattoo

The Chapel

119 S Broadway Ave | 507-383-3654

Steel Rhino Tattoo Shop

109 S Newton Ave | 507-438-1361

Tours and *Districts*

Historic Downtown

Shopping, dining, events, entertainment, and history come together in Albert Lea's beautiful downtown area.

Historic Building Tours

Experience Downtown on the Historic Walking Tour. Pick up a guide at one of the kiosks or at the CVB office 132 N Broadway

Freeborn County Historical Museum

Established in 1948, the Freeborn County Historical Society consists of a museum, research library & village. The Museum showcases over 40 exhibits featuring businesses, destinations and artifacts.

1031 Bridge Ave | 507-373-8003

fchmmn.org

Pelican Breeze II

Take a historic guided cruise with the captain and first mate on Albert Lea Lake. This 60 foot riverboat has Friday night and Sunday day cruises. Frank Hall Park Boat Landing

(507) 383-7273 | pelicanbreeze.org

Unique and *Hobby*

Big Island Rendezvous

Voted one of the state's Top 25 Festivals.

Celebration of the history during the early Frontier America. First weekend in October.

bigislandfestivalandbbq.com

Three Oak Winery

Enjoy a glass of award winning wine, walk the vineyard, take in breathtaking views of the grapes and wildflowers.

73505 225th | (507) 369-5267

threeoakwines.com

Calico Hutch

Book a special event for you and your girlfriends, sign up for a quilting class, or explore the endless selection of quilt patterns and sewing materials. Hayward, MN | (507) 377-1163
calicohutchquiltshop.com

Food Trucks

Experience the best local cuisine while exploring area parks, events, and attractions. Albert Lea now has five food truck locations. Find trucks during the week or at special events!

- North Broadway Parking Lot
- Brookside Landing Parking Lot
- Bancroft Park Lower Parking Lot
- Fountain Lake Beach Parking Lot
- Frank Hall Park
- Food Hub on East Main next to the channel

City Must Dos

Freeborn County Fair

Six Best Days of Summer. The Freeborn County Fair has a long history of exciting Grandstand Entertainment & a large midway. 1031 Bridge Ave | (507) 373-6965
freeborncountyfair.com

New Denmark Park

A must-see destination in Albert Lea. This beautiful park is home to the iconic fountains and mermaid. Green Ave & Bridge Ave | 1.1 cres

Best Spots for Local Bands & Entertainment

Thirsty Fox
112 on Broadway
Three Oak Winery
The Eagles
Bleachers
The Moose
Bend in the Road
American Legion Post 56
Wedgewood Cove

Thursdays on Fountain

Popular summer concert series at Fountain Lake Park Gazebo. Bring your lawn chair or listen from your boat. May - August | Fountain Lake Park

explorealbertlea.com

Eddie Cochran Car Cruise & Music Festival

Eddie Cochran Car Show and Music Festival is an annual celebration featuring Rockabilly, rock and roll, hot rods, and collectible cars. Hosted by the Freeborn County Historical Society.
facebook.com/eddiecochranweekend

Sunset Saddle Club

The Sunset Saddle Club has been an active community club in Albert Lea, MN, for over 65 years. Our members include horse owners, riders and those who just have a love for horses. We welcome members of all ages and ability levels to connect, ride, build relationships, and most of all - have FUN!
sunsetsaddleclub.org



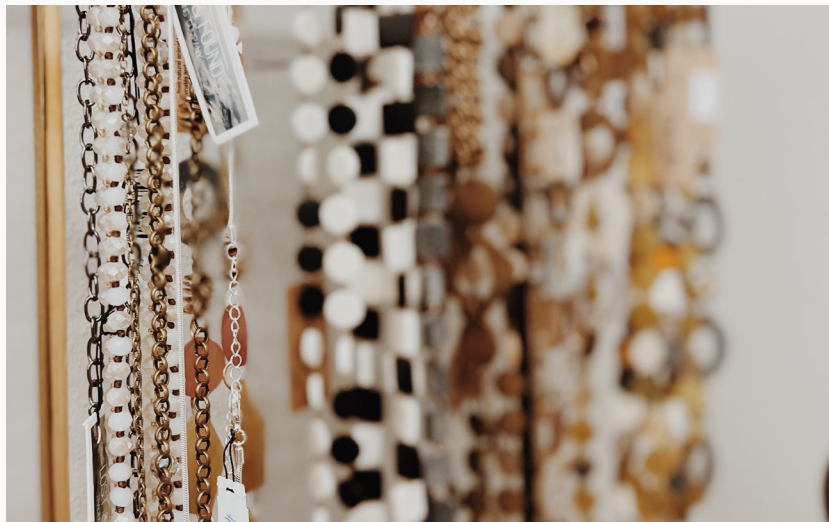


Between Friends *Boutique*

We offer unique, quality women's clothing and accessories to complement your wardrobe. Personal and friendly customer service is our hallmark. In addition to our fashionable and fun clothing, we also offer home decor and gifts.

betweenfriendsboutique.co

144 South Broadway, Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-473-2111



“Great brands, lots of variety, reasonable prices, great experience. I drive over from Rochester just to check out the clothes. Always go home with something and I usually have to limit myself! So many great choices! It’s worth the trip!”

Janis Q

Salon and *Spa*

Allure Salon and Spa

305 S Newton Ave | 507-369-5140

Artistic Hair Designers

1420 W Main St | 507-373-7433

Bill & Mark's Barber Shop

129 E Clark St | 507-373-9336

Bliss Beauty

102 Central Ave N, Geneva | 507-383-7735

Dinah's Style

405 E William St | 507-373-3822

Etcetera Tanning & Clothing

1663 W Main St | 507-377-8267

Expressions

123 S Broadway Ave | 507-377-6062

Fantastic Sams Cut & Color

2352 Hendrickson Rd | 507-373-8888

Hair Place

506 Bridge Ave | 507-377-0001

HeartWaves Creative

105 N Broadway Ave | 507-473-0002

It's Worth It Massage & Wellness Studio

443 Lakeview Blvd | 507-369-6086

Kay Nails

2536 Bridge Ave | 507-373-1076

Kim Nails

1637 Blake Ave | 507-377-2480

Lush Beauty Lounge

214 W Front St | 507-473-2075

Massage Connections

2209 E Main St | 507-377-2845

Mona's Style Salon & Spa

807 E Main St | 507-552-1356

Nail Tech

2348 Hendrickson Rd | 507-377-2977

Ra's Supreme Clientele

1428 W Main St | 773-751-8051

Relax The Back

22284 770th Ave | 507-377-2273

Salon Nee Cee

66852 County Rd 46, Alden | 507-874-3939

Salon 625

625 W Park Ave | 507-402-5913

A Serenity Massage

102 N 6th Ave | 507-377-8934

Shear Edge Salon

2347 Leland Dr | 507-552-1452

Studio 22 Salon

2211 E Main St | 507-377-2249

Sunshine Asian Massage

415 E William St | 507-606-1058

Taylor Made Massage

218 West Clark Street | 507-318-1802

Tovar's Styling Salon

340 S Broadway Ave | 507-373-9211

Well-Being Center

105 N Broadway Ave | 507-473-0002



Faith

Hope Church

130 N Broadway Ave | 507-473-2322

First Lutheran Church

301 W Clark St | 507-373-6424

Christ Episcopal Church

204 Fountain St | 507-373-3188

St Theodore Catholic Church

315 E Clark St | 507-373-0603

Salem Lutheran Church

115 N Washington Ave | 507-373-2184

First Presbyterian Church

308 Water St | 507-373-2035

Grace Christian Church

501 W College St | 507-373-1140

Trinity Lutheran Church

501 S Washington Ave | 507-373-2466

Bridge Community Church

2016 Bridge Ave | 507-373-4306

United Methodist Church

702 US-69 | 507-373-8233

Zion Lutheran Church

924 Bridge Ave | 507-373-8609

Crossroads Church

3402 Hoeger Ln | 507-377-3276

Albert Lea Church of Christ

919 James Ave | 507-383-3730

Albert Lea Vineyard Church

18358 US-69 | 507-377-1412

Ascension Lutheran Church

320 W College St (507) 373-6097



Venues & Lodging

Whether you're embarking on a relaxing getaway or visiting for business, Albert Lea offers many lodging options to suit every traveler's needs. From vacation rentals to modern hotels and motels, let's explore the delightful accommodations.

Quaint Vacation Rentals

With a variety of boutique vacation rentals available year-round, you can enjoy views of Fountain Lake, Albert Lea Lake, or even our Historic Downtown. These rentals provide a fully furnished experience with modern amenities, ensuring that you're always just a step away from the action.

Campgrounds and RV Parks

Myre-Big Island State Park

Nature lovers will find bliss at Myre-Big Island State Park (*see pages 8-9 for more information*), offering scenic campsites, hiking trails, and opportunities for fishing and boating. Pitch your tent or park your RV amidst the beauty of nature and immerse yourself in the great outdoors.

Hickory Hills Campground

Located just minutes away from Albert Lea, Hickory Hills offers spacious campsites, clean facilities, and a range of amenities, including a swimming pool, playground, and fishing pond. Enjoy a memorable camping experience with family and friends.

We welcome you with open arms and an abundance of lodging options. From the elegance of historic bed and breakfasts to the convenience of modern hotels and motels, and the serenity of vacation rentals and campgrounds, this charming city caters to every traveler's preferences. Come and discover the captivating beauty and warm hospitality of Albert Lea as you create cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Weddings, Reunions, & Special Occasions

Wedgewood Cove Golf Club

A picturesque venue featuring a stunning golf course backdrop, elegant banquet rooms, and excellent catering services. It offers both indoor and outdoor spaces for ceremonies and receptions.



Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Situated on the shores of our scenic Fountain Lake, Edgewater Bay Pavilion is nestled in our largest city park. This venue provides a beautiful setting for your special day. With its open concept, charming brick fireplace, and vaulted ceilings, it ensures a memorable experience for any special occasion.

Lake Chapeau Event Center

This event center sits near the beautiful Lake Chapeau and provides a tranquil setting for any large special event. It offers spacious indoor and outdoor areas, offering stunning natural views with facilities for hosting events of various sizes.

Marion Ross Performing Arts Center

Housed in a beautiful historic building, this venue offers a unique ambiance for wedding ceremonies and receptions. It combines vintage charm with modern amenities, including a theater-style auditorium and versatile event spaces.

Freeborn County Fairgrounds

The fairgrounds offer multiple buildings with various capacities and amenities depending on your event needs. The Fairlane building offers seating up to 300 guests, while the 4-H building seats up to 400 guests.

Events at The Broadway

Albert Lea's downtown event center offers a meticulously renovated space with high-end finishes and historical charm. Designed to cater to all event needs, it aims to make each occasion memorable. Now open to the community, The Broadway can host up to 200 guests, with its historic vaults preserved for enjoyment, providing a unique setting for events day and night.

Three Oak Winery

If you're looking for something with more natural beauty, Three Oak Winery offers indoor, outdoor, small and large venue space for up to 400 guests. This venue is also a great option for private dinners, and hosting special events in a beautiful atmosphere.

Community Clubs Offering Event Space

These event spaces provide exceptional venues for both small and large events, complete with on-site catering and bar services. The experienced staff at

these venues are eager to assist with decorating, planning, and logistics to ensure your event is tailored to your needs. Available options for hosting your event include: Moose Lodge Chapter 1364, American Legion Post 56, Albert Lea Eagles Club FOE 2258, and the Albert Lea Armory. These clubs offer a blend of convenience and service to make any occasion memorable.

City Arena

Albert Lea's local arena stands as a versatile venue within our community, capable of accommodating up to 3,500 guests across a variety of rooms for both small and large events. With ample parking, it is perfectly suited for a wide range of activities, from national dog competitions to community fundraiser banquets. This adaptability, coupled with its significant capacity, positions the arena not only as a hub for sports and entertainment but also as a pivotal space for community engagement and support, making it an invaluable asset for hosting memorable gatherings of all scales.





The Barn at *Chapeau Shores*

An Elegant Minnesota Barn Wedding Venue

A breathtaking authentic barn that is open year round. Seating for 260 guests in our air conditioned, heated and handicapped accessible venue, so you and your guests will be comfortable while having the best experience.

Amazing bride and groom suites for getting ready on your special day. Gorgeous ceremony options, both indoor and outdoor, surrounded by our beautifully landscaped property. Perfect setting for capturing those stunning wedding

photos and for enjoying the beautiful weather.

On site housing at, The Cottage of Chapeau Shores, a beautiful rental home located right next to our venue for up to 15 people, for you and your wedding party, family or guests. We are conveniently located in town and only minutes from many hotel options. Hands on owners, venue coordinator and staff available to help ensure you have the wedding of your dreams.

507-383-8878

info@thebarnofchapeaushores.com

504 Lake Chapeau Drive

Albert Lea, MN 56007



“The Barn of Chapeau Shores is such a beautiful and well thought-out venue! Jayne, Chad and their team are some of the kindest, sweetest and most genuine venue owners we have had the pleasure of working with! You can really tell that they care about their venue and their couples. They were easy to approach and made sure we had everything we needed! We loved that the barn had both a bride and groom suit also. It made things simple for us to jump back and forth between the couple. We can’t wait to get back to this beautiful space and work with them again!”

Winsome Photography



Event Venues

Albert Lea Armory

410 Prospect Ave | 507-379-3407
Accommodates 200

Albert Lea City Arena

701 Lake Chapeau Dr | 507-377-4374
Capacity of 1200 - 1400 in arena.
3500 March - October
Variety of other size rooms available

Albert Lea Family Y

2021 W Main St. | 507-373-8228
Two Rooms - capacity 60 & 40

Albert Lea KOA

84259 County Rd 46 | 507-373-5170
Accommodates 90

Albert Lea Senior Center

1739 W Main St | 507-373-0704
seniorresourcesfc.org
Seating for 260 people

American Legion

142 N Broadway | 507-373-7993
americanlegionpost56.com
Seating for 250 people

Czech Inn B&B and Retreat

Gather friends and family for a reunion, girls weekend or a crafting getaway.
Hayward, MN | (507) 373-2477
czechinnandretreat.com

Cottage at Edgewater Park

1600 E Edgewater Dr | 507-377-4370
cityofalbertlea.org
Seating for 50 people

Eagles Club

205 W William St | 507-373-1162
Room one seats 45, Room two seats 150

Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Edgewater Park | 507-377-4370
cityofalbertlea.org, accommodates 200

Events at The Broadway

201 S Broadway Ave
eventsatthebroadwaymn.com

Freeborn County Fairgrounds

1029 Bridge Ave | 507-373-6965
www.freeborncountyfair.com
Fairlane Building seats 300
4H Building seats 400

Freeborn County Historical Museum

1031 Bridge Ave | 507-373-8003
freeborncountyhistory.org
Seating for 200

Green Lea Golf Course

101 W Richway | 507-373-1061
Seating for 120

Marion Ross Performing Arts Center

147 N Broadway | 507-377-4371
Seating for 250 people

Moose Club

1623 W Main St | 507-373-2106
lodge1703.moosepages.org/
Seating for 234-253 people

Riverland Community College

2200 Riverland Dr | 507-433-0600
riverland.edu
Lecture hall seating for 110 people

The Barn of Chapeau Shores

504 Lake Chapeau Dr | 507-383-8878
thebarnofchapeaushores.com
Accommodates wedding ceremony, reception and dance. Seating for 220 at tables inside and 56 at tables on the patio

The Outlet

137 S Broadway Ave | 507-320-1620
theoutletmn.com
Meeting / Small Event Venue

Three Oak Vineyards & Winery

73505 225th St | 507-383-1273 | threeoakwines.com
Seating up to 400

Wedgewood Cove

2200 W 9th St | 507-373-2007

wedgewoodcove.com

Seating for up to 480 as a
whole or divide by thirds

Valhalla Resort

The perfect place to stay for a weekend with your friends, to work on all your crafting needs, or to enjoy time away from your busy everyday life. Accommodate up to 10 people. Cricut and crop classes offered once a month.

Albert Lea, MN | (507) 383-6858 | valhallaretreat.com





Private & Community Events

The Outlet

A space is designed to accommodate intimate gatherings of as few as 5 guests to larger celebrations of up to 50, making it an ideal choice for everything from small meetings and private dinners to workshops and celebrations. With its focus on providing comprehensive event planning services, The Outlet ensures that every detail, from the decor to the layout, is tailored to meet the unique needs and preferences of its clients, promising an event that is not only memorable but also seamlessly executed.

The Green Lea Clubhouse

The Clubhouse provides a welcoming atmosphere for birthday parties, anniversaries, and group presentations. With its scenic golf course views, dining areas, and attentive service, it caters to both small and large celebrations.

Freeborn County Historical Museum

Our historic museum offers versatile spaces for corporate training, seminars, and other large gatherings. It features flexible layouts, a full kitchen, modern amenities, and seating for up to 200 guests.

Riverland Lecture Hall

A perfect location to host your community presentation or corporate seminar. The Riverland Lecture Hall provides seating for up to 110 guests.

Food & Drink

Offering a delightful destination for food enthusiasts, Albert Lea boasts a wide array of restaurants that cater to every craving. Whether you're in the mood for hearty American fare, authentic international cuisine, or a cozy family-friendly dining experience, our charming community has something to satisfy your taste buds.

Sign up for Trivia or Fondue Night at 112 on Broadway. Take your pals to the B&B and see who can finish a stack of nationally recognized pancakes. Elbows up is the only way to enjoy Southern Minnesota's best burger at the Elbow Room. Quench your thirst at Thirsty Fox, with

one of their signature mocktails or a flight of craft beers. Have a birthday like no other at Plaza Morena. Whisk yourself away for a picnic in a beautiful Chinese garden, at China Restaurant or enjoy an ice cream cone from Eat'n Ice Cream by the Fountain Lake. The experiences are endless!

Classic Comfort

Elbow Room

Step into Elbow Room and indulge in classic American comfort food. This local favorite serves up mouthwatering burgers, juicy steaks, and hearty sandwiches, all crafted with love and served in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Nancy's Cafe

Comfort food such as omelets and hash browns served in a cozy venue with a homey feel. Come for a quick breakfast or a daily lunch special, or stay to catch up over coffee with friends.

International Flavors

China Restaurant

Transport yourself to the Far East at China Restaurant, where authentic Chinese cuisine awaits. From mouthwatering stir-fries to flavorful noodle dishes, each bite bursts with traditional flavors and fresh ingredients. Don't miss their delectable General Tso's chicken or savory sweet and sour pork.

Cozy and Family-Friendly

Green Mill Restaurant & Bar

Green Mill Restaurant & Bar takes you on a journey through global cuisine. From Italian classics to Asian-inspired dishes, their diverse menu satisfies all palates. Delight in flavorful pastas, savor the aroma of wood-fired pizzas, or explore their delectable selection of saucy wings.

Main Street Family Restaurant

Main Street Family Restaurant is the perfect spot for a wholesome meal with loved ones. Their extensive menu offers a wide variety of options, including classic comfort dishes, sandwiches, and salads. Warm hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere make it an ideal gathering place for families.

B&B Cafe

For a cozy atmosphere and homemade comfort food, B&B Cafe is the place to be. Indulge in their mouthwatering breakfast options, from fluffy pancakes to savory omelets. The friendly staff and charming ambiance add an extra touch of warmth to your dining experience.

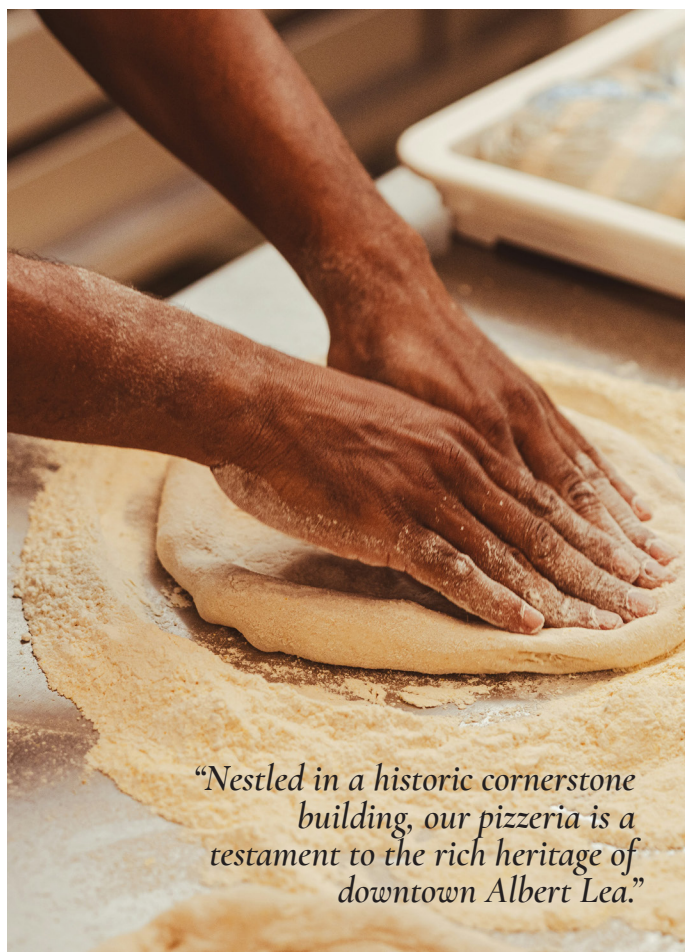
Pub and Grills

Thirsty Fox Pub & Grill

Thirsty Fox Pub & Grill combines the lively atmosphere of a sports bar with delicious pub fare. Savor their juicy burgers, crispy chicken wings, and refreshing beverages while catching a game on the big screens. It's the perfect spot for a fun night out with friends.

Bleachers Sports Bar and Grill

Another fantastic sports bar option is Bleachers Sports Bar and Grill. Enjoy a wide selection of appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, and more while cheering on your favorite team. With a friendly staff and a vibrant atmosphere, it's the ideal place for sports enthusiasts.



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Unique Eateries

Cento Wood-Fire Pizzeria & Cafe

Nestled in a historic cornerstone building, our pizzeria is a testament to the rich heritage of downtown Albert Lea. We invite you to indulge in our one-of-a-kind pizzas, crafted to perfection in our authentic wood-fired oven and paired with expertly crafted cocktails. By morn, our bespoke café serves up artisan coffees and house-made breakfast pastries.

Jakes Pizza

Craving a slice of pizza? Look no further than Jakes Pizza. Established in 1964, this local pizzeria serves up delicious pizza with a variety of toppings, all made with fresh ingredients and a touch of love. Whether you choose a classic combination or create your own masterpiece, satisfaction is guaranteed.

Plaza Morena

Plaza Morena invites you to savor the flavors of Mexico with their authentic dishes. From sizzling fajitas to flavorful enchiladas, their menu is filled with traditional Mexican delights that will transport you south of the border. Pair your meal with a refreshing margarita for the ultimate dining experience.

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Restaurants

Fast Food • **Bar & Grill** • **Family Dining** •
Buffet/Deli • **Coffee** • **Asian** • **Mexican/Latin** •
Fine Dining • **Pizza** •

1910 Fresh • •

122 Bridge Ave | 507-369-5615

112 on Broadway •

112 S Broadway | 507-373-3000

Abelardo's Mexican Food •

424 Bridge Ave | 507-473-2077

American Legion •

142 N Broadway | 507-373-7993

Applebee's •

2740 Bridge Ave | 507-373-0380

Arby's •

2707 Bridge Ave | 507-373-3061

Asian Market & Deli •

726 Marshall St | 507-473-2019

Baders Cafe •

115 E Clark St | 507-391-0510

B&B Cafe •

321 Sibley St | 507-373-1921

Bend in the Road •

Manchester, MN | 507-826-3441

Bleachers Sports Bar & Grill •

1002 S Broadway Ave | 507-473-2028

Bubba's Bar & Grill •

Glenville MN | 507-406-1210

Burger King •

2011 E Main St | 507-373-3365

Casey's (Take-Out) • •

2222 E Main St | 507-373-2517

Caribou Coffee • •

2708 N Bridge Ave | 507-373-2291

820 Happy Trails Ln | 507-373-4200

Casa Zamora •

2006 E Main St | 507-373-6475

Cento Wood-Fire Pizzeria & Cafe • • • •

201 S Broadway | 507-320-1789

China Restaurant •

805 E Main St | 507-377-8888

Diana's Diner •

522 S Broadway | 507-377-1555

Domino's •

910 S Broadway | 507-373-3331

Eat'n Ice Cream

424 Bridge Ave | 507-373-1836

Elbow Room •

310 E 8th St | 507-373-1836

Erbert & Gerbert's •

132 Bridge Ave | 507-473-2033

George's of Geneva •

Geneva MN | 507-256-4501

Geneva Bar & Grill •

Geneva MN | 507-256-7278

Godfather's Pizza •

1820 Margaretha Ave | 507-320-7511

Green Lea •

101 E. Richway Dr | 507-373-1061

Green Mill • •

2218 E Main St | 507-377-3000

Hardee's •

1147 S Broadway | 507-373-6101

Harold's Bar •

1318 E Main St | 507-373-0965

Hy-Vee Deli •

2708 Bridge Ave | 507-377-2257

Ignite Nutrition

132 S Broadway (507) 402-1537

Jake's Pizza •

126 W Clark St | 507-373-7350



"Everyone is always happy and cheerful to see you every time you walk through the door. The shakes are always amazing and they have weekly specials"

Chad B



Ignite Nutrition

Our specialty is offering personal wellness coaching with meal plans, accountability, support, & a variety of challenges to make your health journey more enjoyable! One of our complimentary services we offer is wellness profiles & body composition scans to see how your body is functioning and how to best fuel your body based on your goals & lifestyle with one-on-one support from your coach!

Ignite Nutrition is here to serve Albert Lea by contributing to making our community healthier and happy.

132 S Broadway Ave
Albert Lea, MN 56007
(507) 402-1537





Jersey Mike's •

2524 Bridge Ave | 507-668-4049

KFC •

2221 E Main St | 507-373-9928

Main Street Family Restaurant •

2306 E Main St | 507-668-4060

McDonalds •

2808 Bridge Ave | 507-377-9573

609 E Main St | 507-377-1355

840 Happy Trails Ln | 507-377-6098

Mocha & Mini •

1317 SE Broadway Ave | 507-369-5438

Moms Bread Co. •

118 Broadway avenue S | 808-255-7124

Nancy's Cafe •

120 S Washington | 507-373-5469

Natural Asian Grocery & Deli •

2351 Leland Dr | 507-369-5214

Papa Murphy's •

142 Bridge Ave | 507-377-7075

Perkins •

2215 E Main St | 507-377-1624

Pizza Ranch • •

2430 Bridge Ave | 507-377-2166

Plaza Morena •

2588 Bridge Ave | 507-373-9194

Qdoba • •

2522 Bridge Ave | 507-369-5211

Scooters •

810 Marshall Ave

Skol Tavern • •

820 Happy Trails Ln | 507-373-4200

Subway •

1550 Blake Ave - Inside Wal-Mart | 507-373-9883

718 E Main St | 507-373-1604

Somewhere Else Bar •

66918 180th St Conger MN 507-265-3325

Sportsman's Tavern •

218 E Clark St | 507-373-0896

Taco Bell •

820 Happy Trail's Lane | 507-379-2672

Taco John's •

2225 E Main St | 507-373-9818

Taco King •

1649 Blake Ave | 507-373-2893

104 S Broadway | 507-377-2485

The Pour House •

Clarks Grove | 507-256-8014

Thirsty Fox Pub & Grill •

1105 S Broadway Ave | 507-369-5911

Three in One •

Hollandale | 507-889-3253

TB3's Bar & Grill •

Freeborn MN | 507-863-2111

Trumble's 2.0h •

1811 E Main St | 507-373-2638

Wedgewood Cove • •

2200 W 9th St | 507-373-2007

Wendy's •

2751 E Main St | 507-377-704

Wok N Roll • •

2344 Hendrickson Rd | 507-377-1155

Stay & Relax

Offering a diverse range of accommodations, from budget-friendly motels to upscale chain hotels. Visitors can find options with amenities like free breakfast, Wi-Fi, and indoor pools, ensuring a comfortable stay. Whether you're a budget traveler or seeking a more luxurious experience, Albert Lea has a hotel to suit your needs.

AmericInn by Wyndham
811 E Plaza St | I-90 Exit 157 | 507-373-4324
americinn.com

Best Western Plus
821 E Plaza St | 507-373-4000
bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn
810 Happy Trails Ln | 507-377-1100
choicehotels.com/minnesota/albert-lea

Country Inn & Suites
2214 E. Main St | 507-373-5513
countryinns.com

Countryside Inn Motel
2102 E. Main St | 507-373-2446
countrysidemotel.com

Holiday Inn Express
77820 E Main St | 507-473-2300
hiexpress.com

Motel 6
2019 E Main St | 507-377-0591
motel6.com

Freeborn Suites
1611 SE Broadway | 507-373-9792
freebornsuites.com

Ramada Hotel
2301 E Main St | 507-473-2112
wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/albert-lea

Quality Inn & Suites
2306 Main Street | 507-377-1803
choicehotels.com/Minnesota/Albert-lea

# of Rooms	Comp. Breakfast	Restaurant/Bar	Motorcoach Parking	Pool (Indoor)	Internet	Meeting Rooms	Fitness Center	Restaurant Close By	Handicap Accessible	Pets Allowed
42	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●
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