

Red Wing's 2010 Attractions Include Trolleys, River Boat Rides, World's Largest Boot and Award Winning Wineries

January 15, 2010 (Red Wing, MN) Red Wing will welcome visitors this summer with **Trolley Tours** which will give tourists the lowdown on the city's historic sites as well as a comfortable ride around the town. Tours will be offered Thursday through Monday from 11 am with last tour starting at 3 pm, May through October with stops available at the St. James Hotel, Sheldon Theatre, Goodhue County Historical Society, Red Wing Pottery, Barn Bluff and Bay Point Park Tickets and boarding will be available at the Red Wing Visitors Center near Levee Park. The cost for the trolley tours, which offer on and off privileges, are \$10 per adult, \$5 for youth, \$9 seniors and free for children five and under.

If you prefer to see the city by boat, hop aboard the new **Red Wing River Rides** excursion boats and Captain Rusty will take you for a relaxing ride along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Upper Mississippi. If you prefer to see the city by boat, hop aboard the new **Red Wing River Rides** excursion boat SIGHT-SEA-ER II and Captain Rusty will take you for a relaxing 90 minute narrated ride along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Upper Mississippi. Rates are Adults \$12.00 Seniors 60 and up \$10 Children 6-13 \$6.00.

A "must see" is the new **Red Wing Shoe Museum which houses the world's largest boot**. Constructed in 2005 to celebrate the Red Wing Shoe Company's Centennial, the giant boot is made of real leather hides, stands 16' high, 20' long, 7' wide and weighs 2,300 pounds. A person wearing the boot would stand twelve stories tall.

Those old enough to imbibe may want to make a stop at one of **Red Wing's wineries** – Falconer Vineyards and Cannon Valley Wineries. Minnesota wines have come a long way in the past few years and the experts are taking note. In fact, **Falconer Vineyard's Frontenac Port earned the Governor's Cup for best wine in the first International Cold Climate Wine Competition in 2009**. Both wineries offer tours and tastings upon request.

Shoppers can find wonderful treasures at great values at dozens of quaint, specialty gift and antique shops located in downtown and at nearby antique malls. Tours of Red Wing's renowned pottery and stoneware factories are also popular.

Those seeking outdoor adventure can ride along the Cannon Valley Trail, play golf, climb Barn Bluff, or hike, swim, boat, fish, or go birding along the river.

Red Wing Golf Club and Mississippi National Golf Links are just minutes away and the Cannon Valley Trail, stretching from Red Wing to Cannon Falls, is one of the most popular trails in the state, providing miles of biking through some of the most beautiful terrain in Minnesota. Several Red Wing hotels offer golf, trekking or spa packages for the summer. Visit www.redwing.org to select the one that's right for you.

Red Wing is packed with festivals and events throughout the spring and summer. Some of the most popular are the 100-Mile Garage Sale April 30 – May 2, Father's Day Car Show June 20, Plein Air Arts Festival June 21-26, Girl's Night Out Pajama Party June 25, Red Wing Pottery Collectors Show July 8-10, Red Wing Arts Association Garden Tour July 11, the Prairie Island Indian Community Wacipi Celebration Powwow July 9-11 and River City Days, August 6-8.

To learn more about festivals, special events or what the town of Red Wing can offer, contact 800-498-3444 or visit our website at www.redwing.org.

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