



## Superior & Douglas County, Wisconsin

Just minutes from Duluth!

Visitors Center located in the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center  
Hwy 2 & 53 Superior

Nestled on the western tip of the Great Lake Superior lies the City of Superior and the communities of Douglas County. Our rich history, unique attractions and rugged natural beauty are here for your exploring.

Within the midst of Superior's harbor area is Barker's Island, our waterfront playground with quaint shops, an outdoor performance pavilion, bicycle and kayak rental, 18-hole miniature golf, restaurants, lodging and harbor cruises.



by John Munson

Within walking distance of the waterfront are three Museums: Fairlawn, a 42-room 1890s Queen Anne Victorian mansion, the SS Meteor Maritime Museum, and the Richard I Bong Veterans Historical Center. A few blocks away, a stately old

church with ornate stained glass windows houses A World of Accordions, the world's largest accordion museum.

The Osaugie Waterfront Trail stretches 5 miles with an additional 2-mile road route leading to Wisconsin Point and the Superior Entry Lighthouse where Lakers and international 'salties' appear on the horizon and glide by almost close enough to touch.

Waterfall lovers can visit Pattison State Park's 165' Big Manitou Falls and Amnicon Falls State Park with its series of small waterfalls and a bowstring covered footbridge.

Our 8 golf courses are designed to be challenging and fun for all levels of players, while our lakes, rivers and forests offer 4-season recreational activities. Charter fish and sail on 'The Big Lake'. Fish, canoe and kayak our 431 inland lakes and the famous Brule River. Hike, bike, cross-country ski and snowshoe on our many trails. Snowmobile or ATV on over 325 miles of super-groomed trails which connect Douglas County to Minnesota and Michigan.

A variety of lodging and camping options will make you stay a perfect one. If you love to shop, you will find everything you are looking for in antiques, specialty gifts, books and coffee, nautical gifts and more. Our yearly events include the Great Lakes Pond Hockey Classic every January; the Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival each August; the Great Northern Classic Rodeo over Labor Day weekend; and Autumn Arts Affair in September. Visit our web site for a complete calendar of events and vacation planning information!



by Karen Isensee

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## Proctor, Minnesota

### Gateway to Lake Superior & Minutes from Duluth's Canal Park

Exit 249, off I-35  
[www.Visitproctormn.com](http://www.Visitproctormn.com)



Proctor, Minnesota is just two hours from the Twin Cities and minutes from Duluth's Canal Park and the Aerial Lift Bridge. This friendly community has a great golf course, dirt racetrack, fairgrounds, dirt floor horse and indoor ice arenas, and walking, biking and roller blading trails. Proctor is the primary entrance to Spirit Mountain recreation facility and has convenient access to the Willard Munger and the Superior Hiking Trails. The breathtaking views of the Duluth/Superior harbor are an added bonus.

Activities in Proctor include: Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and Spirit Mountain events, golf, speedway races, horse shows and the Jim McIntire Half-Marathon Race. A huge draw for many tourists and former residents is the annual Hoghead Festival. This celebration of Proctor's railroad heritage features a parade, arts and crafts, games and family entertainment!

Proctor's hotels provide visitors a variety of lodging choices, with indoor pools, saunas, whirlpools and complimentary breakfasts. From fast food to fine dining to homemade pizza, Proctor has a 'place' to suit any taste and appetite.



**F-101F Voodoo Jet** A memorial dedicated to Captains James L. Verville and Sherman Gonyea, Proctor graduates who died in a plane crash in December of 1971, and to all who gave their lives for the privilege of freedom.

The memorial sits on top of a hill and overlooks Proctor.

#### Proctor Speedway/Fairgrounds

The track hosts Sunday night races and September's Silver 1000, one of the Midwest's most prestigious dirt track stock car events.

#### Proctor Golf Course *Visitors welcome*

A 9 hole municipal course, with rolling hills and challenging fairways. located right in the middle of town. Tee times not always required.

#### Engine 225 Baldwin-Yellowstone

The 225 - the largest and most powerful steam engine ever built - hauled over 44 million tons of iron ore from the Mesabi & Vermillion ranges. When it was retired in 1961, the 225 had traveled approximately 694,360 miles. The DM&IR Railway Co. donated the 225 to the citizens of Proctor in August of 1963.



#### 2009 Events:

Run the MAC Half Marathon - May 16  
Hoghead Festival - August 15  
South St. Louis County Fair - Mid August

