



May 2019 FREE or Low Cost Things to do in Milwaukee and Waukesha

[2019 MIAD Senior Exhibition](#)

April 19 – May 11, Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MIAD Gallery | 273 E. Erie St., Milwaukee | 888-749-MIAD

See the innovative work of emerging creative professionals who passionately contribute to the world and meet universal challenges in new ways at MIAD's annual Senior Exhibition. As Wisconsin's largest exhibition of its kind, MIAD's Senior Exhibition features more than 100 artists and designers representing all of MIAD's Bachelor of Fine Arts majors and minors.

[First Free Thursday](#)

Thursday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mitchell Park Domes | 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee | 414-257-5611

All Milwaukee County residents enjoy free admission on the first Thursday of every month (major holidays excluded).

[Kohl's Thank You Thursday](#)

Thursday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Public Museum | 800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee | 414-278-2728

All visitors receive free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month during Kohl's Thank You Thursday.

[Meijer Free First Thursday](#)

Thursday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Art Museum | 700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee | 414-224-3200

Admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum is free for individuals and families (excluding groups) on the first Thursday of each month, thanks to Meijer.

[Waukesha Art Crawl](#)

Saturday, May 4, 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Downtown Waukesha | 262-542-0330

Walk through 20 galleries and discover 175 artisans during this free event.

[Work Play Earth Day](#)

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Havenwoods State Forest | 6141 N. Hopkins St., Milwaukee | 414-527-0232

Looking for a way to celebrate Earth Day and give back to your favorite Wisconsin state park property? Join Friends of Havenwoods, staff, and other volunteers to plant trees, repair trails, and pull invasive plants. After work, stick around for a nature hike. Call 414-527-0232 to join us and reserve your appreciation gift.



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[Art at the Gardens Craft Fair](#)

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens | 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners | 414-525-5653

This free event takes place in and around the Boerner Education & Visitor's Center, and is presented by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. Browse a unique selection of jewelry, photography, garden art and more from over 40 local vendors. Regular Garden admission applies (Milwaukee County Resident Adults \$6.50; Non-Resident Adults \$7.50; Milwaukee County Resident Children \$4.50; Non-Resident Children \$5.50).

[Wednesday Night Walks](#)

Wednesdays in May beginning on May 8, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Boerner Botanical Gardens | 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners | 414-525-5653

Enjoy a different themed walk each week courtesy of the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. \$5 suggested donation.

[Menomonee Valley Public Animal Feeding](#)

Saturdays 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Menomonee Valley Urban Ecology Center | 3700 W. Pierce St., Milwaukee | 414-431-2940

Washington Park Urban Ecology Center | 1859 N. 40th St., Milwaukee | 414-344-5460

Riverside Park Urban Ecology Center | 1500 E. Park Pl., Milwaukee | 414-964-8505

Join us as we feed our resident turtles, snakes, salamanders, and more in the animal room. Our awesome animal care volunteers and high school outdoor leaders will be feeding all of the animals and kids, adults, and families are all invited to watch and help! No registration required - this is a drop-in opportunity.

[Neighborhood Night](#)

Thursday, May 16, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Betty Brinn Children's Museum | 929 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee | 414-390-5437

Join us for FREE admission, courtesy of our sponsors, from 5-8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month! Enjoy access to all of the Museum's hands-on exhibits, and stop by our **Be A Maker** space to find tools, materials and techniques for endless ways to experiment and create.

[WERQ Dance Fitness](#)

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Menomonee Valley Urban Ecology Center | 3700 W. Pierce St., Milwaukee | 414-431-2940

Join instructor Trair Wise for an exciting dance fitness workout paired with moves to your favorite top 40 hip hop and pop songs. WERQ Dance Fitness includes a dancer warm up, a full body cardio work out, and a yoga inspired cool down. Get your heart rate up, stretch and strengthen muscles, and revel in getting in shape! Registration is required.

[Falls Memorial Fest](#)

Saturday, May 25, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Downtown Menomonee Falls | Main Street, between Appleton & Water



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Menomonee Falls' annual street party which includes live music, vendors, a run/walk and more!

[Milwaukee Memorial Day Parade](#)

Monday, May 27, 2:00 p.m.

Milwaukee | 414-281-7789

The 154th Memorial Day Parade is one of the longest running Memorial Day parades in the USA. The 2019 parade route starts at 4th Street and Wisconsin Avenue and runs east on Wisconsin Avenue to the War Memorial Center. Ceremonies will immediately follow the parade.

[Memorial Day Program and Parade](#)

Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.

Waukesha | 141 N.W. Barstow St., Waukesha | 262-524-3550

The Waukesha Allied Veterans Council invites you to the Memorial Day commemoration to honor our fallen service men and women. A River Service will take place at the Lee Sherman Dreyfus State Office Building, 141 N.W. Barstow St., Waukesha, at 9:00 a.m. followed by the parade at 10:15 a.m., concluding with a program that will include a performance by the Waukesha Civic Band at 11:00 a.m. at Cutler Park.

[Bay View Gallery Night](#)

Friday, May 31, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Various Bay View locations

Celebrate local Milwaukee art, music and local business on one amazing evening in Bay View. Fifty businesses and hundreds of artists!