

# Fun Guide

EVERYTHING FUN UNDER THE SUN



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# Play Time!



Regardless of the season or the weather, there's always tons of fun to be had in the Twin Cities Gateway just minutes away from downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Grab the whole family for a day of fun at any of these great indoor attractions. Whatever the ages of your family members, we've got you covered. From toddlers to teens, moms and dads and grandparents, there's some indoor Twin Cities fun for everyone!

## Year-Round Indoor Fun

The water's always warm and welcoming at **Tropics Indoor Water Park** at the Shoreview Community Center. Bamboo Bay is a new zero-depth shallow water splash pool with an interactive play structure. The Shipwreck Beach play area incorporates a boat slide, a challenging water walk, interactive splashing palm tree, water volleyball and more. Head to the main pool to play water volleyball, slam-dunk basketball, or climb aboard a giant floating sea creature and the three-story Shark Attack water slide.

Take a spin on the Sky Rider indoor coaster to fly over **Urban Air Adventure Park**, named "Best Place to Take Energetic Kids," and "Best Gym in America for Kids" by Shape Magazine. For more airborne fun, the 30,000-square-foot space also offers a ropes course with ten obstacles, a

challenging climbing wall, a slam dunk track, and wall-to-floor trampoline arenas that provide several zones to jump, flip and fall into foam.

Leap as high as you dare at **Zero Gravity Trampoline Park** in Mounds View, where you'll find 11,000-square feet of leaping, jumping, bouncing and flipping fun. In addition to an open jump arena packed with trampoline surfaces, the park offers a basketball slam-dunk, a traverse-style climbing wall, an aerial challenge court with net, rope and other challenges, a dodgeball zone, laser tag, plus an arcade. A tot spot ensures that little ones tackle challenges that are safe and sized right for their age. Your whole family can somersault in the air, flip into a foam pit, bounce off the walls here!

## Get Out and Play!

With nine golf courses to choose from, the Twin Cities Gateway offers a golfing experience for all abilities in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul area. Minnesotans are crazy for golf! And even the most die-hard golfers are sure to find a course to their liking in the Gateway.

So when in the area— whether it be to watch some of the biggest names in golf compete at the annual **3M Open** PGA Tournament at TPC Twin Cities in Blaine or just visiting for business or

pleasure – make sure you take the time to tee it up on one or more of the area's golf courses.

Splash around at Minnesota's largest outdoor water park, **Bunker Beach!** This expansive oasis of summer fun now features six towering waterslides, a good lazy river tubing experience, leisure pool with climbing wall, a zero-entry pool with a water play structure, a creative sand play area, and as always, Minnesota's largest outdoor wave pool! Large open areas for sunning and relaxing are scattered throughout the water park. Concession options, changing rooms, and a metro-area location, make Bunker Beach a perfect family destination.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul are well known as one of the best metropolitan areas for **biking** in the USA. In Twin Cities Gateway, biking enthusiasts will find a vast paved trail network with connections to iconic bike trails like the Mississippi River Trail. Other must-ride trails include Rum River Trail in Anoka, Coon Creek Regional Trail in Coon Rapids, and Rice Creek Trail, shared by Fridley, New Brighton, Shoreview, Mounds View, and Lino Lakes.

Got a horse lover in your family? Bring them to **Bunker Park Stable**, the area's only riding stable. Staff will educate your family about horses and guide you on a trail ride through beautiful Bunker Hills Regional Park in Coon Rapids. Kids younger than 8 can enjoy a 20-minute long pony ride led by a parent or you can experience a horse-drawn hayride anytime of year with your whole family.



# BREWERIES, WINERY, SPEAKEASIES

# What's on Tap?

The craft beer and local wine businesses are booming in Minnesota, and beer and wine enthusiasts are in for a real treat in the Twin Cities Gateway. The region boasts five craft breweries and a local winery that offer tours, taprooms and/or tastings right next door to Minneapolis and Saint Paul.



## 10K Brewing

First up, you'll want to visit 10k Brewing, Anoka's first and only taproom. Sample a flight of some of their wide variety brews and take home a growler or two of your favorites. 10K's taproom features a friendly atmosphere and entertainment. Nice beer. Nice people.

## Alloy Brewing

Next up is Alloy Brewing in Coon Rapids. Alloy Brewing Company is a brewery and taproom based on supporting and giving back to the community. Alloy offers tours, special events, games, and special group events. Check out their website to see what's on tap!

## Invictus Brewing Co.

Invictus is Latin for "unconquerable", and that is exactly the spirit behind Invictus Brewing Co. Invictus is located adjacent to the National Sports Center in Blaine and features tours and a beautiful taproom with a capacity of about 200. The brewery also partners with the Topsy Steer, a locally owned and managed kitchen that serves up local sassy brew food to their customers.

## Nucky's Speakeasy

Nucky's Speakeasy, named after the famous Atlantic City, NJ political boss and racketeer Enoch "Nucky" Johnson, is located in the heart of downtown Anoka

beneath Club 300 Jamasian Cuisine Restaurant, in the Old Post Office. This beautiful structure was built in 1916 and is on the MN Historical Registry. Craft cocktails, beer, prohibition drinks, appetizers, and desserts await you.

## Forgotten Star Brew Co.

And lest we forget, Forgotten Star Brew Co. in Fridley is a new brewery and taproom fashioned from a 1940s pump company that was converted to manufacturing canon for the navy during WWII. The plant was recognized seven times throughout the war for efficiency and excellence – and is one of just eight plants to achieve this lofty recognition. Forgotten Star Brewing is committed to this same level of excellence in brewing craft beer.

## Willow Tree Winery

Wine enthusiasts have a special treat in store at Willow Tree Winery in Ham Lake. Willow Tree is a new vineyard and tasting room featuring several varietals and seasonal wines. Willow Tree wines are only available on site, so find your favorites and bring a bottle or two home. The tasting room is open Thursday – Sunday. Groups and group tours are welcome.

## Anoka Hardware Store

Don't let the name fool you. The Anoka Hardware Store is a speakeasy, craft cocktail, whiskey, & jazz lounge offering a unique experience as well as live music. Reservations are highly suggested as seating is very limited. Find the red light. When it's on, they're open! Be sure to tell the "hardware specialist" you're there to buy a hammer.

## Restaurants

The next time you visit the Twin Cities Gateway, be sure to take time to enjoy a quick bite or an elegant meal at one of our many fine Twin Cities restaurants, bars and grills. The Twin Cities Gateway communities offer dining to suit every taste. Enjoy a burger and fries at a local diner. Gather at your favorite sports bar for a beer and some delicious hot wings and appetizers with friends. If you're feeling a bit more exotic, dive into delicious sushi or other special asian treats.

No matter what you're hungry for – American, Asian, Mexican, Italian, sports bar or neighborhood diner – you're in for a treat! Please note that the restaurants included on our site are only a taste of what's available.





FUN EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY

Celebrate!



### **Slice of Shoreview**

**Late July**

This annual festival celebrates life in Shoreview. With a wide variety of activities including a carnival, parade, art and craft fair, food vendors, various displays and demonstrations, talent show, lots of entertainment and of course fireworks!

[Sliceofshoreview.com](http://Sliceofshoreview.com)

### **Lino Lakes Blue Heron Days**

**Mid August**

A highlight of the festival is the parade at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday on Lake Drive. After the parade come to Lino Park for a day of family fun, including the Magic Bounce giant water slide Quad Area Chamber Business Expo, Lions petting zoo, bingo, entertainment and more.

[tcgateway.com/blue-heron-days](http://tcgateway.com/blue-heron-days)

### **Mounds View Festival in the Park**

**Mid August**

Another great family event happening during mid-August is the Mounds View Festival in the Park at Silver View Park. Take in the fun parade, hunt for hand-crafted treasures, visit local business' booths, and enjoy the fireworks.

[Mvfestivalinthepark.com](http://Mvfestivalinthepark.com)

### **Anoka Halloween Throughout October**

You're in for a spooktacular time during Anoka's annual Halloween celebration. Anoka is the Halloween Capital of the World by congressional proclamation. October is loaded with fun events including races, parades, pumpkin carving contests, costumes and much more!

[anokahalloween.com](http://anokahalloween.com)

### **Fridley 49er Days Festival**

**Mid June**

A community tradition, the Fridley 49er Days Festival has something for everyone from the young to the "young at heart." Some of the fun events include a parade and two free street dances. On Saturday, we have our popular Kids Day activities including a climbing wall, pony rides, games, crafts, face painting and more!

[bit.ly/1gfE529](http://bit.ly/1gfE529)

### **Blaine Festival**

**Late June**

Formerly known as Blaine's Blazin' 4th, the newly named Blaine Festival kicks off with a full schedule of events that includes a carnival, car show, softball tournament, petting zoo, live street dancers, magic and entertainment shows, helicopter rides, kid games, craft and business vendors and festival food.

[Blainefestival.org](http://Blainefestival.org)

### **Ham Lake Freedom Festival**

**Late June/Early July**

Kick off your Independence Day celebrations the Saturday prior to the 4th of July with bingo, live music, business and craft vendors, kids activities, food trucks, music and fireworks. All events held at Ham Lake Lions Park.

[hamlakecc.org/freedom-festival](http://hamlakecc.org/freedom-festival)

### **Coon Rapids 4th of July**

**July 2-5**

Join the Independence Day celebration in Coon Rapids and enjoy our parade, carnival, car show and more! Live bands every day and fireworks on the 4th at 10:00 p.m. Event festivities take place at Boulevard Plaza.

[bit.ly/2OLMrTs](http://bit.ly/2OLMrTs)

### **Anoka Riverfest**

**Mid July**

Don't miss one of the Twin Cities' largest outdoor craft fairs! In addition to more than 140 jury-selected arts and crafts exhibitors and their unique wares, you'll find live music, great food, boat rides and so much more. Admission, parking and most of the events are free!

[Anokariverfest.org](http://Anokariverfest.org)

### **New Brighton Stockyard Days**

**Early August**

Enjoy a full week of good food, good music and good times at the New Brighton Stockyard Days. You'll enjoy a street dance, petting zoo, idol karaoke contest, crafters and food vendors, antique car run, teen tent, car show, 5/10K run and fireworks.

[Stockyarddays.org](http://Stockyarddays.org)



WE'RE ALL GOOD SPORTS

# Game On!

The Twin Cities Gateway, located just minutes from downtown Minneapolis or Saint Paul and the MSP International Airport, is the premier destination in the U.S. for youth and amateur sports with a variety of venues capable of hosting virtually any event, tournament, or competition.



You'll always find fun amateur Twin Cities sporting events happening in the Gateway. Check out our online sports calendar to find everything from golf to ice hockey, soccer to curling. Plus the Gateway is just minutes away from exciting Twin Cities sporting events. Cheer on the Twins, Vikings, Wild or Timberwolves, and then enjoy a fun and relaxing stay in the Gateway.

## Vital Sports Venue Stats

- 112 Soccer Fields with 24 lighted and 4 indoor and 24 turfed
- 151 Ball Fields with 38 lighted and 7 different wheel complexes, 2 turfed
- 16 indoor ice rinks & 30 outdoor ice rinks
- 98 tennis courts with 37 lighted courts
- 19 sand volleyball courts
- 52 pickleball courts with 12 indoor courts
- 9 golf courses
- 6 bowling complexes with 174 lanes
- Four Seasons Curling Club: Past training site for international Olympic athletes
- 25 lodging properties within minutes of all venues

## The National Sports Center

The National Sports Center (NSC) – the world's largest amateur sports facility – is a \$40 million, 660-acre sports, event and meeting campus, located in Blaine,

MN. The NSC generates over 4 million visitors annually, making it the most visited sports facility in the State of Minnesota.

The National Sports Center is also the most diverse amateur sports facility in the world. Because of the diversity of their campus, they offer a large variety of sports events, leagues and development programs. The NSC has established programs in the following sports: soccer, hockey, golf, lacrosse, ultimate, rugby, broomball and volleyball.

Included on the NSC campus, the Super Rink is the world's largest ice arena with 8 sheets of ice under one roof. It plays host to numerous adult and youth tournaments throughout the year including Stick it to Cancer, The All American Girls Hockey Tournament and the Herb Brooks Holiday Classic.

The NSC boasts a whopping 60 soccer fields and has been recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the largest soccer complex in the world. As such, the NSC offers soccer tournaments throughout the year including the NSC Spring Cup, the NSC Fall Cup, the NSC All American Cup, and the USA Cup. No other soccer complex in the country can match the tournament atmosphere generated at this facility.

## 3M Open

The 3M Open is an annual PGA Tour event that takes place at the TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, MN. The event brings 156 of the best professional golfers in the world and 150,000 spectators to Blaine each year. The Twin Cities Gateway is a proud sponsor of the event.

TPC Twin Cities, in Blaine has been the proud host of the 3M Championship since 2001. The 3M Championship was succeeded by the 3M Open, a new professional golf tournament on the PGA TOUR, in 2019. The 3M Open is the PGA Tour's first regular stop in Minnesota in five decades.

Honored multiple times by Golf Digest magazine among the top 20 golf courses in Minnesota, TPC Twin Cities' par-72, 7,468-yard championship golf course was designed by legendary golfer and golf course architect Arnold Palmer to blend seamlessly with the natural rolling terrain on the site of a former sod farm 15 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The course features bentgrass tees, fairways and greens, native prairie grasses, picturesque wetlands and 27 bodies of water, all framed by stately stands of mature oak, spruce and pine trees. The course plays as a par 71 for the PGA TOUR players.



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Looking for Minneapolis hotels, or hotels in Saint Paul? Stay in the Twin Cities Gateway, located just minutes away with convenient access to all Minneapolis and Saint Paul area attractions, museums, festivals, theaters, shopping, and sporting events. With 25 lodging properties to choose from, all with free parking, the Twin Cities Gateway provides travelers with high quality, high value, and trusted hotel brands like AmericInn, Best Western, Country Inn & Suites, Wyndham, Hilton, Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, Marriott and more.

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### Blaine

#### **Best Western Plus at the National Sports Center – Blaine**

10580 Baltimore St NE  
Blaine, MN 55449  
763-792-0750

#### **Blaine Town Inn & Suites**

9410 Baltimore St NE  
Blaine, MN 55449  
763-951-3949

#### **Fairfield Inn & Suites By Marriott – Blaine**

10643 Baltimore Street  
Blaine MN 55449  
763-285-4766

### Coon Rapids

#### **AmericInn by Wyndham – Coon Rapids**

3430 Northdale Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
763-323-0010

#### **Baymont by Wyndham – Coon Rapids**

8965 Springbrook Dr  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
763-515-1977

#### **Country Inn & Suites by Radisson – Coon Rapids**

155 Coon Rapids Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
763-780-3797

### Anoka

#### **Regency Inn and Suites – Anoka**

1129 HWY 10 W  
Anoka, MN 55303  
763-422-8000

#### **Ticknor Hill Bed & Breakfast – Anoka**

1625 3rd Avenue South  
Anoka MN 55303  
763-421-9687

### Arden Hills

#### **Quality Inn & Suites Arden Hills**

1125 Red Fox Rd  
Arden Hills, MN 55112  
(651) 484-6557

#### **Springhill Suites Arden Hills**

3920 Northwoods Drive  
Arden Hills, Minnesota 55112  
651-209-7066



WITH ALL THE AMENITIES...

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**Holiday Inn Express & Suites –  
Coon Rapids**

9333 Springbrook Drive Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
763-792-9292

**InTown Suites – Coon Rapids**

420 Coon Rapids Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
763-792-2113

**Quality Inn – Coon Rapids**

9052 University Ave NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
763-785-4746

**Wingate by Wyndham – Coon  
Rapids**

3420 Northdale Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
763-260-1671

**Fridley**

**Budget Host Inn – Fridley**

6881 Hwy 65 NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
763-571-0420

**Extended Stay America – Fridley**

230 57th Ave NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
612-504-6512

**LivINN Hotel – Fridley**

5201 Central Ave NE  
Fridley, MN 55421  
763-571-9440

**Ham Lake**

**AmericInn by Wyndham – Ham  
Lake**

13440 MN-65  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
612-470-5116

**Lino Lakes**

**Hampton Inn & Suites – Lino Lakes**

579 Apollo Dr  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014  
763-746-7999

**Mounds View**

**AmericInn by Wyndham – Mounds  
View**

2200 Mounds View Blvd  
Mounds View, MN 55112  
763-515-9230

**Days Inn by Wyndham – Mounds  
View**

2149 Program Ave  
Mounds View, MN 55112  
763-786-9151

**New Brighton**

**Homewood Suites by Hilton – New  
Brighton**

1815 Old Hwy 8 NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
651-631-8002

**Shoreview**

**Best Western Plus – Shoreview**

1000 Gramsie Rd  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
651-482-0402

**Country Inn & Suites by Radisson –  
Shoreview**

5995 Rice Creek Pkwy  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
612-255-0562

**Hilton Garden Inn – Shoreview**

1050 Gramsie Rd  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
651-415-1956



# MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

# Get Together!

Bunker Hills Event Center

When looking for an event space, it is essential that the event planner secures the right venue to maximize attendance. It must represent the brand correctly, and provide the right facilities necessary. There are many things to consider before settling on the final choice, including such factors as size, budget, on-site facilities, service levels – and that's just to start! For an event planner, this can be a daunting task, especially if one has limited time and resources.



## Hotel Meeting Venues

Hotels are a great option to start with. Many hotels are specifically designed for meetings and conferences, providing flexible spaces that can be adapted to suit each event's specific requirements. They also often come with on-site technical assistance, which makes ordering equipment simple. However, the greatest advantage of a hotel is that you can have everything happening under one roof – from accommodation to dinners, which makes it much easier for event organizers. Hotels in the Twin Cities Gateway catering to business meetings include the Best Western Plus Blaine at the National Sports Center, Country Inn & Suites Coon Rapids, Hampton Inn & Suites Lino Lakes, Hilton Garden Inn in Shoreview, Homewood Suites by Hilton in New Brighton, and the larger North Metro Event Center in Shoreview.

## Golf Club Meeting Venues

Golf clubs are often ideal settings for business meetings and events from small board meetings to large seminars and retreats. They have the facilities and expertise to accommodate everything including meals and beverages, meeting and banquet facilities and AV equipment. Of course an excellent golf outing adds a dimension of fun and relaxation to your event if you so choose. The Twin Cities Gateway features four outstanding golf clubs that cater to elegant business meetings and events: Bunker Hills Golf Club, Green Haven Golf and Banquet Center, Majestic Oaks Golf Club and TPC Twin Cities.



## Community Centers

Community centers provide excellent meeting venues with flexible meeting spaces to accommodate small break out groups to very large meetings or banquets. Most have large kitchen facilities, but allow you the freedom to choose your own caterers and/or bar

staff where allowed. Community centers in the Twin Cities Gateway include the Coon Rapids Civic Center, New Brighton Community Center, Shoreview Community Center, Mounds View Community Center, and the National Sports Center in Blaine.

## Banquet Facilities

Banquet halls are spaces dedicated to hosting special events—so you know that the staff knows what they're doing! Banquet halls are often all-inclusive and offer a lot of amenities, like catering and rentals, on site, which can make things easier when it comes to coordinating your event. The Twin Cities Gateway has several banquet facilities including Purple Rose, Brookhall Event Center, Banquets of MN, Thai Twist Restaurant & Banquet Hall.

## Weddings

Arguably one of the most challenging tasks of wedding planning is finding the perfect wedding venue. Researching, visiting, and finally booking just the right wedding venue that fits your needs, budget, and vision for your big day is no easy feat. To complicate matters even further, often you have no idea which type of wedding venue would be right for you and your celebration.