

# Day Trip Sample Tours – Start & End in Ashland

To help you plan your tour, sample day trips are outlined here. All suggested roads are paved. With so many attractions to experience, scenic sites to see, unique towns to visit and back roads to explore, the ideal ride is a five-day/four-night trip. On the other side of the map, you will find attractions and community descriptions to create your own routes. No matter which roads you take, you are sure to enjoy cruisin' the countryside of the Ashland area.



## Driving Distances

Approximate mileage to Ashland from:

- Duluth, MN .....70 miles
- Minneapolis .....215 miles
- Madison, WI .....300 miles
- Rockford, IL .....365 miles
- Milwaukee, WI .....370 miles
- Dubuque, IA .....400 miles
- Chicago, IL .....430 miles



## Tour One: BAYFIELD PENINSULA AND MADELINE ISLAND

Travel west on US Hwy 2 to State Hwy 13 north, about 2.5 miles. Turn north and travel 20 miles through Washburn to Bayfield. In Bayfield, the Madeline Island Ferry Line runs several 2.6-mile trips a day to and from Madeline Island. When returning to Bayfield, take State Hwy 13 south, returning to Ashland. Washburn has two beautiful parks, and just 1.9 miles to the north turn right on Houghton Falls Road to the Houghton Falls Nature Preserve. Bayfield is home to Big Top Chautauqua, Apostle Islands Cruises, the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore headquarters, orchards and fruit farms, and the place to catch the ferry to Madeline Island. Madeline Island has paved roads for touring and visiting Big Bay State Park, which has a beautiful sandy beach, a lagoon and hiking trails. Three miles north of Bayfield is the Legendary Waters Casino in Red Cliff.

## Tour Two: SOUTHERN ASHLAND COUNTY

Travel 20 miles south on State Hwy 13 south, passing through Marengo, to Mellen. Turn west on Cty Hwy GG in Mellen, and travel approximately 20 miles through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to Clam Lake. Turn onto State Hwy 77 east and continue 15 miles on State Hwy 77 to State Hwy 13. Turn south on State Hwy 13, 2 miles to Glidden, and then about 10 miles to Butternut. Turn back north on State Hwy 13, returning to Ashland, approximately 40 miles. Traveling south just before you get to Mellen, turn east on State Hwy 169 and travel about 4 miles to Copper Falls State Park which has a spectacular waterfalls, hiking trails and picnic grounds. Along Cty Hwy GG, you will find several lakes with public access and a walk-up scenic overlook close to the highway. Watch for wildlife as you travel through the beautiful woods and Boreal forest of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Glidden and Butternut are beautiful, welcoming northwoods resort areas.

## Tour Three: SOUTHERN BAYFIELD COUNTY AND DELTA LAKES AREA

Travel south on State Hwy 112 (Sanborn Ave in Ashland) for about 5.5 miles and turn west onto State Hwy 118. Continue on State Hwy 118 west 7 miles to US Hwy 63, turn south on US Hwy 63, travelling through Grand View to Drummond, about 18 miles. On the south edge of Drummond, turn north on Delta-Drummond Road, travelling through Delta where you will join Cty Hwy H, and continue west into Iron River, approximately 20 miles. In Iron River, turn east onto US Hwy 2, traveling 27 miles to return to Ashland. Before heading west on State Hwy 118, continue on State Hwy 112 south to Cty Hwy E which continues south through Sanborn. Follow Cty Hwy E through some turns and turn left on Ashland-Bayfield County Line Road. Turn south about 4.5 miles to Morgan Falls and St. Peter's Dome, then returning to the turn west on Cty Hwy 118. Enjoy the rolling hills and farming country to the west of Ashland which transitions to woods and lakes in the Grand View and Drummond areas. In Grand View, you can turn south on Cty Hwy D for a scenic drive about 12 miles to Cty Hwy M, turn west and travel 10.5 miles to Cable. Turn north on US Hwy 63, going 8 mile to Drummond. From Drummond to Delta you will travel through a beautiful forest with several lakes and closer to Iron River are the Pike Lake Chain of lakes and lots of recreational opportunities. Stop in for some great dining in the Delta Diner and visit the White Winter Winery in Iron River.

## Tour Four: SOUTH SHORE AND THE NATIONAL FOREST

Travel west on US Hwy 2 to Ino, approximately 11 miles. Turn north onto Forest Road 236, also known as Brinks Road. Follow Brinks Road (stay on the paved road) for about 20 miles to Cty Hwy C, turn north on Cty Hwy C traveling 8 miles to Cornucopia. Turn west onto State Hwy 13 and continue on through Herbster to Port Wing, approximately 15 miles. In Port Wing, turn back east on State Hwy 13 and turn south on Cty Hwy C in Cornucopia. Take Cty Hwy C to Washburn, 20 miles, turn south on State Hwy 13 and go 9 miles to US Hwy 2. Turn east onto US Hwy 2, travel 2.5 miles to return to Ashland. The Brinks Road is a paved road that travels through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest through pine barrens, woodlands and lakes on your way to the Lake Superior South Shore communities of Cornucopia, Herbster and Port Wing. The South Shore area has beautiful vistas of Lake Superior and long, sandy public beaches with spectacular sunsets.

## Tour Five: NORTHERN ASHLAND COUNTY AND SAXON HARBOR

Travel 9 miles east on US Hwy 2 through Odanah and the Bad River Chippewa Indian Reservation. Continue on US Hwy 2 and approximately 7 miles into Iron County, travel about 6 miles and turn north on State Hwy 122 and go about 4.5 miles to State Hwy 505 and turn right and travel 5 miles to Little Girl's Point in Saxon Harbor. Return to US Hwy 2, turn west onto US Hwy 2. Travel approximately 4 miles and turn onto State Hwy 169 south. Continue on State Hwy 169, 14 miles to Copper Falls State Park, and 4 miles further to State Hwy 13 near Mellen. Turn north onto State Hwy 13, traveling about 22 miles to return to Ashland. In Odanah, visit the Bad River Casino on the way to Saxon Harbor and Little Girl's Point, where there are scenic views of Lake Superior and rocky beaches to explore. Then travelling on State Hwy 169, just before Mellen, is Copper Falls State Park, with a spectacular waterfalls, hiking trails, and picnic area.

