

Midwest Living March/April 2007 Issue Highlights

MIDWEST LIVING MARCH/APRIL 2007 PREVIEW **Experience Spring!**

THE NEXT BIG THINGS: THE UP-AND-COMING MIDWEST; PAGE 115

After 20 years of *Midwest Living* covering the region's top vacation spots, we all know the classics, but what about the up-and-coming destinations and classics to come? Most Midwesterners (70 percent at last count) want to travel somewhere new. We have been poring over research reports, talking to tourism leaders and traveling across the region to discover the 10 destinations that just might be vacation standards in years to come:

Next Big Things

- Wild Places: Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- Cultural Kicks: Twin Cities of Minneapolis & St. Paul
- Grand Resort: Southern Indiana's gracious, remade, old-time resorts, including the French Lick Report
Casino and West Balden Springs Hotel
- The Moon?: No, but almost as weird and fascinating are North Dakota's Badlands
- Indy Winner: The newly polished Indianapolis
- Renaissance Town: Mineral Point, Wisconsin, with its fresh and inspiring vibe and hands-on arts scene
- The New West: Kansas' rock-ribbed Flint Hills
- Lincoln Land: The compelling Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois
- Easy North: From Ely to Lake Vermilion, Minnesota's north woods are undergoing a change that is blending rugged Boundary Waters adventures with shopping, golf and relaxation
- Culinary Trek: Wineries of Illinois' Shawnee National Forest

The Classics

Amish Country in Indiana; Black Hills of South Dakota; Mall of America in Minneapolis; Northern Michigan resorts; Chicago city life; Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake; Galena, Illinois; Brainerd Lakes in Minnesota; The Battling Missouri Cities: St. Louis and Kansas City; and Door County, Wisconsin

A WALK IN THE WOODS; PAGE 19

Every leaf is fresh and bright. Wildflowers dance on the forest floor. In small parks and massive preserves throughout the Midwest, the beauties of this season await discovery, one tiny perfect petal at a time. *Midwest Living* offers a state-by-state guide to the best spring wildflower finds close to your home and tips for preparing to explore.

FRENCH CHEESE FROM THE MIDWEST; PAGE 27

In southern Indiana, Heartland cheese maker Judy Schad creates an acclaimed French-style chèvre cheese that is found at some of the country's top restaurants and coveted by the most finicky maître fromagers. Try Schad's recipe for Goat Cheese and Spinach Tart, Goat Cheese and Roasted Beet Salad and Goat Cheese and Fresh Mushroom Crostini.

ONE ROOM – TWO SEASONS; PAGE 37

When in doubt, follow nature's lead. Award-winning designer Janie Petkus shares change-of-season decorating advice to bring Spring and Summer lightness or Fall and Winter warmth to your home. Five Spring freshen-up tips include filling containers and pots with fruits and vegetables, switching out paintings and photos for light, summertime shots, and swapping wool and gauze window treatments, throws and pillows for the linen and woven cotton variety.

FREE ADVENTURES FOR THRIFTY TRAVELERS; PAGE 59

You don't always get what you pay for. Sometimes you get more. Most travelers know they can stroll

along river walks or lounge on lakefront beaches for free, but *Midwest Living* has found 75 other no-cost attractions that may surprise you, in every Midwest state. Run the bases at the Field of Dreams' Dyersville Park in Iowa, hop aboard Chicago's Loop Tour Train for a free 40-minute tour of the city's architecture, enjoy the free concerts at the Traverse City Interlochen Center for the Arts summer camp or visit St. Louis Forest Park's zoo, history museum and science center.

GOLF IN THE GREAT WIDE OPEN; PAGE 64

Midwest Living shares the Midwest's best link-style courses, where golfers play a different kind of game: a natural approach that echoes the sport's earliest day. Also included, the Midwest surge of indoor water-park resorts lets active families test the waters any time of the year.

SPRING INTO IT; PAGE 68

When there is still snow up north, escape to the Midwest's southern reaches for the first taste of spring. Make a weekend out of a visit to Kentucky's Keeneland Racetrack and downtown Lexington. Explore wineries and wildflower walks in southern Illinois. Visit the lake and railroad near Branson, Missouri. Experience Ohio's Cincinnati Flower Show and Hocking Hills Waterfalls and Wildflowers Driving Tour.

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