

# Green Bay offers visitors more than just green and gold

**There are many interesting destinations, from museums to animal sanctuaries, distilleries to restaurants, for the whole family to enjoy while in Green Bay.**

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Green Bay residents are justifiably proud of the Packers, who've won - let's count 'em now - four Super Bowls since 1967.

And while much of the news out of Titledown for the next six months will have to do with all things pigskin, there is more to do here than go to a football game.

## Things to do

OK, no trip to Green Bay would be complete without at least a quick visit to Lambeau Field. So even if you can't make it to a game (or don't want to fight the crowds) a tour of the Lambeau Field Atrium, Packers Hall of Fame and stadium, 1265 Lombardi Ave., might be worth your while.

Fans can relive the most exciting moments in football history with the 80 some exhibits in the 25,000-square-foot Hall of Fame, including a re-creation of Vince Lombardi's office and the Super Bowl trophies. Videos allow the memories to be lived over and over and over . . .

On a Lambeau stadium tour, you'll pass through a game-day suite, walk through the players' tunnel, sit in the bleachers and learn even more about Packers' history. See [packers.com](http://packers.com).

Check out the Journal Sentinel's fans guide to training camp at [www.jsonline.com/sports/packers/163312746.html](http://www.jsonline.com/sports/packers/163312746.html) .

Onward . . .

If you have kids in tow, the new Children's Museum of Green Bay, 301 N. Washington St., [gbchildrensmuseum.org](http://gbchildrensmuseum.org), has plenty to offer with 13 interactive exhibit galleries. Exhibits include "Our Town" and Water Galleries, "Get Up and Get Moving" and "Digestive System."

Plant lovers should like the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, [gbbg.org](http://gbbg.org), where the "enduring partnership between plants and people" is celebrated in more than 47 acres of gardens and natural areas that capture the beauty of northeastern Wisconsin's four seasons.

Wine aficionados may want to stop by the Captain's Walk Winery, 345 S. Adams St., [captainwalkwinery.com](http://captainwalkwinery.com) for some wine tasting and lighthearted education in a laid-back atmosphere.

Foxy Lady Cruises, 200 Main St., [FoxyLadyCruises.com](http://FoxyLadyCruises.com), offers lunch, dinner, cocktail and sightseeing excursions on Green Bay aboard the Foxy Lady II, which can hold up to 137 passengers.

The Northeastern Wisconsin (NEW) Zoo, 4378 Reforestation Road, [newzoo.org](http://newzoo.org), is a 24-acre zoological park. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, this zoo includes a giraffe encounter, new Mayan 'Taste of the Tropics' restaurant, giant tortoise exhibit and education center with the Conservation in Action Hall.

Want more nature? The Bay Beach/Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, [baybeachwildlife.com](http://baybeachwildlife.com), is a free, 700-acre urban wildlife refuge featuring live bird and animal exhibits, educational displays, miles of hiking and walking trails, excellent wildlife viewing opportunities and waterfowl feeding.

If you crave mechanical excitement, there's the Bay Beach Amusement Park, 1313 Bay Beach Road, [baybeach.org](http://baybeach.org). It's one of Green Bay's most popular and affordable attractions offering 19 exciting rides for all ages, including the "Zippin Pippin" roller coaster.

Rail buffs should stop by the National Railroad Museum, 2285 S. Broadway, [nationalrrmuseum.org](http://nationalrrmuseum.org), to explore America's railroad heritage with more than 70 pieces of railroad equipment on display, including a full-size train you can ride.

The Heritage Hill State Historical Park, 2640 S. Webster Ave., [heritagehillgb.org](http://heritagehillgb.org), explores the rich tapestry of northeastern Wisconsin. Walk through 19th-century buildings while interacting with costumed guides who bring the region's bygone eras to life.

The Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, [nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://nevillepublicmuseum.org), is filled with engaging history, art and science exhibits for all ages. It has a children's hands-on discovery room and educational programs.

## Where to dine

If you're not tailgating, here are some epicurean options. In other words, places to chow down:

Hagemeister Park, 325 N. Washington St., [hagemeisterpark.com](http://hagemeisterpark.com), is named after the park that was the original home of the Packers. It is an upscale, yet casual restaurant in downtown Green Bay with a beautiful patio connected to the CityDeck and the Fox River Trail.

Green Bay Distillery, 835 Potts Ave., [greenbaydistillery.com](http://greenbaydistillery.com), is a full-service, family-friendly restaurant with a sports theme, 66 menu items and 22 televisions, including a 20-foot projector screen.

Cheeseheads, 940 Waube Lane, [cheeseheadsrestaurant.com](http://cheeseheadsrestaurant.com), wears its Wisconsin pride on its sleeve. Locally owned, it serves pizzas made fresh with local ingredients and pours specialty home brews.

The Bottle Room, 2300 Lineville Road, [the-bottle-room.com](http://the-bottle-room.com), has a broad craft beer and wine selection, flavorful tapas, retail shop, full bar with scotch flights, two fireplaces, patio and lounge seating.

Who says they only serve brats and pizza in Green Bay? KoKo Sushi Bar & Lounge, 301 N. Washington St., [kokosushi.com](http://kokosushi.com), creates contemporary sushi in the downtown district.

Regatta 220, 465 Marina Lane, [regatta220.com](http://regatta220.com), has a waterfront setting on the Fox River, seasonal patio seating, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Caliente La Fiesta Mexicana, 623 George St., [calientedepere.com](http://calientedepere.com), is known for its margaritas and authentic Mexican food prepared using family recipes and fresh ingredients.

Zesty's Frozen Custard & Grill, 518 Greene Ave., 2314 Lineville and 3718 Riverside Drive, [zestycustard.com](http://zestycustard.com), serves some of Green Bay's best homemade frozen custard, made daily. The fresh burgers, homemade soup, cheese curds aren't bad, either.

Titletown Brewing Company, 200 Dousman St., [titletownbrewing.com](http://titletownbrewing.com), is in a renovated railroad depot and has a full lunch and dinner menu, plus fresh, handcrafted ales and old-fashioned Sno-Cap root beer.

## Where to stay

St. Brendan's, 234 S. Washington St., [saintbrendansinn.com](http://saintbrendansinn.com), also features a pub and restaurant with contemporary Irish and American fare.

Aloft, 465 Pilgrim Way, [bit.ly/Ojqf2r](http://bit.ly/Ojqf2r), is a new hotel featuring loft-inspired design to enliven Wisconsin's "Titletown." Close to Austin Straubel International Airport and Lambeau Field.

Tundra Lodge Resort and Conference Center, 865 Lombardi Ave., [tundralodge.com](http://tundralodge.com), has an upscale North Woods ambience with 162 all-suite guest rooms and a 30,000-square-foot waterpark.

Astor House, 637 S. Monroe, [astorhouse.com](http://astorhouse.com), features quiet, comfortable lodging in a historic home. Amenities include private baths, in-room whirlpools and fireplaces, TVs and Wi-Fi and in-room breakfast. It's also close to most area attractions.

Sabamba Alpaca Ranch and Bed & Breakfast, 2338 Hickory Rd., [sabambaalpaca.com](http://sabambaalpaca.com), offers visitors the opportunity to meet and learn about alpacas, a cousin to llamas.

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, [bit.ly/OjqnyW](http://bit.ly/OjqnyW), is a full-service hotel adjacent to Oneida Bingo & Casino and across from the airport. It has 387 rooms, restaurants, a lounge, fitness center and pool.

## Getting there

Green Bay is 115 miles north of Milwaukee on I-43.

## More info

For details on Green Bay's upcoming events and other activities, see [greenbay.com](http://greenbay.com) or call (920) 494-9507.

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