

## Overview

With a population of 487, Bayfield takes pride in its quaint, harbor-town atmosphere and offers an escape from the hectic pace of everyday life.

You'll find unique, one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques where shopping has never been better — outfitter wear and supplies, funky fashion statements, fudge and pies made before your eyes, Scandinavian gifts, children's gifts, a great selection of used books, home decor or whitefish and trout fresh from Lake Superior.

Bayfield's restaurants and eateries have been included on the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's Ten Best list, written up in the New York Times as well as *Bon Appetit* and featured in *Gourmet* magazine. Cuisine ranges from home cooking to gourmet, and area chefs take inspiration from Bayfield's harvest of berries, fish and apples, adding to traditional chowders, blueberry pancakes, fresh pies and dishes of their own devising, and feature local specialties like sautéed whitefish livers.

With over 700 available guest rooms, visitors to Bayfield have numerous choices. Accommodations range from Victorian homes remodeled as bed and breakfasts to ultra modern architecture, waterfront properties, secluded woodland hide-a-ways, and in town hotels and motels. A community recreation center offers a full size saline swimming pool, hot tub, fitness room and racquetball court.

The exquisite beauty of the Bayfield Peninsula proves irresistible in attracting a variety of artists from all disciplines. Bayfield's many art galleries and studios invite visitors to see first hand the quality of work created by local painters, potters, woodworkers, weavers and metal smiths. Noted as one of the best 100 artist towns in the U.S., the numerous studios and galleries have something for everyone's taste. Bayfield Festival of Arts, held the 3rd weekend of July annually draws artists and connoisseurs from all over the midwest.

Year round events make for a great time in Bayfield during any season. From the Apostle Islands Sled Dog Race held in February to the Apple Festival in October, Bayfield is host to an assortment of not-to-be-missed special events.