

# Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Executives' Ride—2009

## Top 10 Reasons to Visit Milwaukee County



- One of Best Zoos in the Country: Milwaukee County Zoo - [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)**
- Spectacular *Wings from Down Under* interactive exhibit, 1000 birds from Australia of the parrot species. Sponsored by Lowe's
  - Oceans of Fun Seal and Sea Lion show; train, zoo mobile and sky glider
  - One of best zoos in country on 200 wooded acres with about 1700 animals



- Best Ballpark in Baseball: Miller Park - [www.milwaukeebrewers.com](http://www.milwaukeebrewers.com)**
- Home of the red-hot Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
  - The only fan-shaped retractable roof in North America. Unlike Chicago or Minneapolis, you can see baseball on real grass even when it's raining outside



- Our State Fair is Better: Wisconsin State Fair - [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com)**
- Closer for many folks in Illinois, the fair runs August 6—16, 2009
  - Besides the animals, music, and amusement park rides, visitors enjoy more than 380,000 Original Cream Puffs during the 11-day fair



- General Mitchell International Airport is easier to get to - [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com)**
- Readers of Conde Nast Traveler Magazine ranked GMIA among the nation's top 5 airports four years in a row; convenient, economical alternative to O'Hare
  - Proud home of Midwest Airlines; expanded operations 57% at AirTran; expanded service at Delta and Frontier; Southwest to begin service in November 2009



- Milwaukee County Parks: Final Four for best in U.S. - [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com)**
- 150 parks and parkways totaling 15,000 acres; plus beaches, water parks and pools
  - 15 golf courses, US Bank Championship host golf course for PGA tour
  - New light show at the Mitchell Park Domes, beautiful Boerner Botanical Gardens
  - Oak Leaf Trail: 100+ miles of trail for bikers, skaters, walkers and runners



- World-class Arts and Entertainment: [www.visitmilwaukee.org](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org)**
- From the Calatrava –designed art museum to the public museum, Discovery World and children's museum, there are a great variety of museums to interest all ages
  - Performing arts center home to symphony, ballet and opera, along with many performing arts groups at theaters and venues around Milwaukee
  - Bradley Center, US Cellular Arena and Midwest Airlines Center home to basketball, hockey, arena football, soccer and other sports and convention attractions



- A Great Lake: Lake Express Ferry Service - [www.lake-express.com](http://www.lake-express.com)**
- The shores of Lake Michigan have some of the most accessible public spaces and our fresh water coast is great for relaxing, fishing, sailing, boating and exploring
  - Lake Express high-speed ferry is the most successful in the Great Lakes
  - Fireworks over the lake on July 3rd are the largest in the Midwest



- Extraordinary Food and Beverages - [www.visitmilwaukee.org](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org), [www.jsonline.com](http://www.jsonline.com)**
- Brewery tours at MillerCoors, Sprecher and microbreweries around town
  - Restaurants of all kinds to please every taste - ethnic food, custard, brats, steaks, pasta, cheesecake



- Can you say Harley-Davidson? - [www.harleydavidson.com](http://www.harleydavidson.com), [www.hdmuseum.com](http://www.hdmuseum.com)**
- Harley enthusiasts appreciate the historic home of the 105-year-old American legend, and the annual Milwaukee Rally
  - New Harley-Davidson museum! Restaurants, special event facilities and exhibits like Elvis' bike



- Summerfest - World's Largest Music Festival - [www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com)**
- 11-day music festival: more than 700 bands, 50 food vendors and 5 different shopping areas on 75 acres along shore of Lake Michigan - Thursday, June 25 - Sunday, July 5
  - Weekend ethnic festivals throughout the summer