

Explore Wisconsin's food trail

We couldn't resist making this a long-weekend drive, but if you'd prefer a more compact trip, visit just the Swiss villages of New Glarus and Monroe or explore the Amish farms and roadside stands around Viroqua.



funny Swiss-tavern-meets-diner (608/325-6157; baumgartnercheese.com).

12 Brewster House Restaurant/ Shullsburg Cheese Store It's fun to see the storybook-cute hometown of a popular Midwest cheese brand (and to eat a piece of pie in the restaurant) (608/965-3855; shullsburgcreamery.com).

13 Potosi Brewery A spectacular restoration has made this small-town brewpub a surprising destination, with tasty pub grub and a free museum (608/763-4002; potosibrewery.com).

14 Carr Valley Cheese This highly respected company is our pick for high-end, artisan cheeses such as Billy Blue and Cocoa Cardona. Splurge on a wedge, and savor it with sliced pear and honey (608/822-3777; carrvalleycheese.com).

15 Driftless Cafe Earthy, cozy and ever so slightly funky, Viroqua's nicest restaurant serves local trout, pizzas heaped with veggies, and homey pies and cakes (608/637-7778; driftlesscafe.com).

16 Viroqua Farmers Market Glossy peppers, plump eggplants—this is your best bet for fresh produce (and chorizo tamales) on the route (608/637-2575; viroquatourism.com).

17 Trillium Cottage You'll forgive the lumpy beds at these charming cottages on a farm when you see fresh eggs in the fridge and twinkly stars in the night sky (608/625-4492; trilliumcottage.com).

18 Hidden Springs Creamery Call before visiting this idyllic farm, where draft horses till the fields and lavender flavors the sheep's milk cheese (608/634-2521; hidden springscreamery.com).

19 Pecks Farm Market East Families come for the petting zoo and train rides, but even they don't leave without a big round watermelon (608/588-7177; pecksfarmmarketeast.com).

For more information about exploring southwest Wisconsin, contact the Wisconsin Department of Tourism (800/432-8747; travelwisconsin.com).

1 National Mustard Museum Whether you like it stone-ground, spicy or sweet, you'll get a kick out of this good-humored shop and museum (800/438-6878; mustardmuseum.com).

2 Bloom Bake Shop A stylish corner bakery sells clever treats like the Be Elvis whoopie pie with banana-chip cakes and peanut butter frosting (608/831-5797; bloombakeshop.com).

3 New Glarus Bakery Try Swiss pastries you can't get at home: honey sticks and nut horns (866/805-5536; newglarusbakery.com).

4 Ruef's Meat Market What's the difference between *schublig*, *cervelas* and *mettwurst*? Just ask! (Bonus: Most cured meats travel

well, even with no cooler.) (608/527-2554; ruefsmeatmarket.com)

5 New Glarus Brewing Company A \$3.50 ticket buys a souvenir glass, three small beer samples and a spot to enjoy them in the hilltop beer garden (608/527-5850; newglarusbrewing.com).

6 Glarner Stube The name means "the living room of New Glarus," and the homey Swiss fare fits the description. Order the kirsch-spiked fondue (608/527-2216; glarnerstube.com).

7 The Dining Room at 209 Main Tiny town. Dazzling menu. Entrees (habanero pork, curried swordfish) change often; the sticky toffee pudding has a cult following (608/938-2200; 209main.com).

8 Albany House B&B Breakfast might include chocolate bumbles or plum cake at this arty 1908 country home along the Sugar River (866/977-7000; albanymouse.com).

9 National Historic Cheese-making Center A small museum in the Green County Visitors Center has a fascinating collection of vintage dairy equipment and photos (608/325-4636; nationalhistoriccheesemakingcenter.org).

10 Alp and Dell Cheese A huge Swiss-owned factory supplies this shop, so the variety is great. We love the sale bin (608/328-3355; alpanddellcheese.com).

11 Baumgartner's Tourists check out the beer stein mural at Wisconsin's oldest cheese shop while locals eat roast beef at this