

10 Doug Pederson's Woodworks

7025 Highway 7 SW
Montevideo, MN 56265
(320) 269-9182

Doug's Trimming and Tree Service provides him with plenty of local material for making wooden art products, by turning what would have been scraps from his tree trimming business into art. Now, Doug processes it at the on-site sawmill and fashions it into an eclectic array of tables, chairs, hand-carved shelving, decoys, and canoe paddles. Many items are for sale at his shop in Montevideo, but call ahead to make sure Doug's there.

11 Earthrise Farm

2580 250th Street, Apartment A
Madison, MN 56256
(320) 752-4700

Hours: 6 days/week (Mon.-Sat.) 8-8:00

Part-CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and part haven of Earth-centered spirituality, Earthrise gives you a chance to stop and smell the roses—or, in this case, the squash blossoms. Kay and Annette are school sisters of Notre Dame (nuns) and they invite people to join them at the farm for relaxation, prayer, reading, or a grand tour of their beautiful acreage. Ask about staying at the Earthrise yurt.

12 Jake's Pizza

207 S. 1st Street
Montevideo, MN 56265
(320) 269-2115

Hours: Tues-Saturday 11am-2pm, Sunday through Thursday, 4-10pm. Friday and Saturday 4-11pm.

A restaurant/pizzeria serving soup, salad, sandwiches, Mexican food, and according to owner Philip Zachman, the best pizza on the planet! Jake's recently introduced a chorizo sausage pizza made with locally raised meat that will give you a great taste of the region. While you're waiting for your pizza, be sure to check out the restaurant's impressive collection of historic photos of the Montevideo area.



13 Java River Café

210 South First Street
Montevideo, MN 56265
(320) 269-7106

www.javarivercafe.com

Anyone who has spent time at Java River will say that it is much more than a coffee shop. It's also a cultural hub, a community crossroads, an art gallery, and a source for information about meats, grains, fruits, and veggies being grown in the Upper Minnesota River Watershed. Stop in for a cup of Fair Trade coffee, a bowl of homemade soup and fresh bread, and a visit with one of Java River's friendly staff. Java River also rents kayaks to visitors interested in taking advantage of one of the many rivers and streams that the Minnesota River Valley has to offer.

14 Lady Slipper Quilt Shop/B & B

418 13th Street South
Benson, MN 56215
(877) 729-5938

Quilt shop hours: Tues-Sat 9-5
B&B and tea parties: by reservation

If it weren't for the Jacuzzi, you might think you'd stumbled into the past. With stained glass windows, indoor pillars, hand-painted ceilings, and ornate fireplaces, Lady Slipper has all the trappings of the Victorian age. In addition to the B & B, Jan and Carolyn run a quilt shop on the main floor of the historical residence. With reservations, you can also enjoy one of the Lady Slipper's charming tea parties, complete with sweet treats and a grand tour.

15 Moonstone Farm

9060 40th St. SW
Montevideo, MN 56265
(320) 269-8971

www.prairiefare.com/moonstone

There's no way to categorize Moonstone Farm—it's a cultural cornucopia, a haven for the community's art, crafts, history, nature and cuisine. "Broodio," Moonstone's rentable one-room cottage, called a "bed and bagel," showcases handmade furnishings, original artwork, warm, earthy colors, and handcrafted pottery. The natural surroundings are no less exceptional—Audrey and Richard maintain 290 acres of natural and cultivated wonders—gardens, a vineyard, livestock pasture (they raise and sell their own beef), and 60 or so native woody species. Many of the farm's goodies are for sale—expect to leave the farm store with your arms full.

16 Pomme de Terre Foods

613 Atlantic Avenue
Morris, MN 56267
(320) 589-4332

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun CLOSED

A locally run co-op grocery with large selections of organic foods, vegan products, specialty cheeses, and bulk grains and spices. Pomme de Terre is deeply committed to supporting local sustainable agriculture, and does its part by selling locally produced grain, meats, and cheeses.

17 Quiet Country Living

313 40th Street
Benson, MN 56215
(800) 648-6838

www.quietcountryliving.com

Bring your family to the prairie and experience quiet country living! Quiet Country Living offers a refuge from the urban bustle, and the chance to feel the grass beneath your feet. Available recreation ranges from bird-watching, canoeing, and all the lawn games you could possibly desire, to the more relaxed Jacuzzi, and front-porch sunsets. The house is available by daily or weekly rental, featuring six bedrooms and 3 baths, all furnished with turn of the century furniture. Call for a rate quote and availability.

18 Shades of the Past

E. Hwy 23, PO Box 765
Clara City, MN 56222
(320) 847-4040

Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, open 2nd Sat. of month, also by appt.

A "primitive" quilt shop specializing in wools and wool-felts. Look for unique wall hangings and rugs made out of recycled wool, and numerous other items creatively reinvented from other people's "throwaways." And if you've got the afternoon, stick around for one of Shades' wide variety of craft classes, many involving traditional art forms. Shades of the Past also does embroidery work.

19 Stony Run Lodge

69284 US Highway 75
Odessa, MN 56276
(320) 839-2294

www.bigstonelake.com/stoney_run_lodge.htm

A century-old farmhouse with enough rooms to plan a get-together with friends and family, but enough privacy to make it cozy for couples. Choose a rocking chair on the front porch or the back deck. Special features include a "hospitality room" located in the former granary, and a beautiful nearby river run. Steve and Lori make an effort to use natural products in all of their B&B maintenance.

20 Stony Run Woods

4998 320th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56241
(320) 564-3799

Dale and Jo have been making willow furniture for the past 19 years. A renewable resource, willow grows alongside the Minnesota River, which runs near their home. The couple likes the strong, functional pieces that willow can produce. They also use oak, ash, and cedar to craft unique and impressive tabletops. When you're done admiring the furniture, be sure to check out the native planting they've done along Stony Run Creek.



21 Tokheim

Stoneware
2057 361st Avenue
Dawson, MN 56232
(320) 769-2142
www.tokheimstoneware.com

Offering exclusively-designed pottery based on the Nordic tradition, the Tokheims' highly acclaimed work has been showcased in Norway and in museums around the United States. Be sure to visit the Tokheims' studio and gallery, situated in beautifully restored farm outbuildings with Scandinavian wood

carving, where you'll find intriguing and colorful pitchers, candleholders, platters, vases, bowls, mugs and more – all of which are also affordable and practical. If your timing is right, you might even catch their annual Norwegian celebration, which is open to the public. Call ahead to set up a visit.

22 Viking Motel

1428 East Highway 7
Montevideo, MN, 56265
(320) 269-6545

Owned by an environmentally-conscious young couple, Viking offers a comfortable, affordable stay. Kyle and Melissa are exceedingly friendly, and give each room their personal attention and care. Be sure to notice the unique décor—a selection of Kyle's original, award winning fish carvings.

