



# Door County Spring Information

Each spring, Door County blooms into a vivid rainbow of colors. The blossoms are a welcome sign of spring for visitors and locals alike. Celebrate spring with a wide variety of special events and blossoming beauty throughout the entire county. Whether hiking among the wildflowers, listening to the birds, or biking along the acres of cherry blossoms; Door County is the place for a spring renewal.

## DOOR COUNTY SPRING ACTIVITIES

- Visit the Door County Welcome Center to see the *Door County USA* daffodil. Christened in Keukenhof Garden in Lisse, The Netherlands on April 25, 2002, the flower is a double cream colored daffodil with an apricot colored center. Nearly 30,000 *Door County USA* bulbs have been sold and planted throughout Door County.
- Hike through one of the many trails in [The Ridges Sanctuary](#) to see wildflowers and 25 species of native orchids in bloom.
- Hop aboard the [Door County Trolley](#) for a Spring Blossom Tour that navigates visitors to hidden peninsula blossoms, forest wildflowers, and scenic overlooks. The tour also includes a carriage ride through Fish Creek, tastings at two Award Winning local wineries, and lunch at a local restaurant.
- Take a scenic drive and visit one of the many cherry and apple orchards in blossom. The county has around 2,500 acres of cherry orchards and 500 acres of apples orchards. Typically, cherry blossoms can be seen in mid- May. Apple blossoms can be seen 1-2 weeks after cherry blossoms. Visit [DoorCounty.com](#) for the blossom report.
- Grab the binoculars and go birding at one of the 19 county parks, two nature sanctuaries, and 13 protected areas of the Door County Land Trust. The entire county was designated a Bird City Wisconsin community on July 28, 2014. Visit the Birding page on [DoorCounty.com](#).
- Try out a Segway with [Segway the Door](#) in Peninsula State Park and see various wildflowers and birds.
- Enjoy the spring blossoms while on an adventure geocaching. Almost 500 caches are hidden around the county and contain interesting prizes.
- Experience an ecological sightseeing adventure while zip lining over a 20-acre course at [Lakeshore Adventures](#). Get a bird's eye view of springs beautiful colors and wildlife.
- In April, view the sucker run at [Crossroads at Big Creek](#). Hundreds of suckers' spawning throughout the creek at this 115-acre preserve. An extensive trail system provides a great spring hike or jog.

Check out our Annual Visitor Guide for more information. The guide can be found around the county at various locations or online at [DoorCounty.com](#).





## **SPRING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & FESTIVALS IN DOOR COUNTY**

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND MANY MORE SPRING EVENTS AT [DOORCOUNTY.COM](http://DOORCOUNTY.COM)

### **DOOR COUNTY HALF MARATHON AND NICOLET BAY 5K**

**Held annually the first Saturday in May in Peninsula State Park (May 5, 2018)**

A run through a beautiful park on a closed road course along the shores of Lake Michigan. 13.1 mile (half marathon) and 3.1 mile (5k) run courses. Post-race activities at Nicolet Bay beach. Course route map and event details available at [DoorCountyHalfMarathon.com](http://DoorCountyHalfMarathon.com). Due to the popularity of this event, early registration is encouraged.

### **STURGEON BAY SHIPYARD TOURS**

**Held annually the first Saturday in May at Sturgeon Bay area shipyards (May 5, 2018)**

This is the only day of the year that visitors can tour and learn firsthand about the Door County shipbuilding industry that has produced freighters, mega-yachts, U.S. Navy vessels, and more along the historic Sturgeon Bay waterfront. Tickets available day of the event.

### **GIRLFRIENDS GREAT EGG-SCAPE WEEKEND**

**Held annually in May throughout the village of Egg Harbor (May 17-20, 2018)**

A special girlfriends' getaway weekend with workshops, exercise classes, art & wine crawl, shopping, karaoke, a trolley tour, and much more.

### **BLESSING OF THE FLEET FESTIVAL**

**Held annually in May in downtown Baileys Harbor (May 19-20, 2018)**

Baileys Harbor celebrates their long maritime history with a blessing ceremony, live music, arts and crafts fair, commercial fishing boat tours, great food, and lighthouse tours. In the evening enjoy a lake to table culinary event located at businesses throughout the village.

### **SPRING ART CRAWL**

**Held annually in May in Ellison Bay (May 19-20, 2018)**

Members of the Ellison Bay Arts host their annual art crawl throughout the village showcasing their galleries and studios, as well as a cider house. Visitors will get a chance to view new art and demonstrations and sample refreshments.

### **DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE (May 24-27, 2018)**

**Held annually in May throughout Door County**

The [Ridges Sanctuary](#) in Baileys Harbor & multiple other local conservation groups offer guided field trips through some of Door County's unique and beautiful natural areas, many not generally open to the public. Pre-registration for field trips is required.

### **46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAIFEST CELEBRATION**

**Held annually on Memorial Day weekend in Jacksonport (May 26-27, 2018)**

Lakeside Park plays host to this annual celebration of spring. Activities include an arts and crafts fair, parade, live music, great food, a 10k and 2-mile run, an old-fashion horse pull & more.

### **STURGEON BAY FINE ART FAIR**

**Held annually on Memorial Day weekend in Sturgeon Bay (May 26-27, 2018)**

Sunset Park transforms into a gallery with over 100 artists featured. At the heart of the fair is a sculpture garden showcasing three-dimensional art alongside topiaries, shrubs, trees, and plants. The weekend also features live music, children activities, food, and raffles.

### **DOOR COUNTY SPRING SPECIALS**

Celebrate spring in Door County with lodging, activity, restaurant, and retail specials throughout the season. Find them at <https://www.doorcounty.com/content/vacation-packages/>

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