

Welcome to Wisconsin!

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#### **Wisconsin 101**

Let's talk all things Wisconsin so you can fully appreciate your time in the Dairyland!



### **Wisconsin 101**

When you think of Wisconsin what comes to mind?



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# **Stereotype #1**

We're just a bunch of Packers fans.



## Wrong

We're also Brewers, Bucks and Badgers fans.



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## **3 Professional Sports Teams**

Brewers (MLB)

Bucks (NBA)

Packers (NFL)



It's freezing cold all the time.



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# Wrong

It's only freezing cold most of the time.



#### **Four Seasons of Activities**

Summer: boating, water sports, waterparks and fishing

Fall: apple orchards and hunting

Winter: ice skating, skiing, sledding and snowmobiling

Spring: biking, hiking and golf

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### **Up Nort(h)**

You know you've made it when you have a cabin up north. In the meantime, make friends with someone who has one.

- Trees thicker
- Lakes more frequent
- Cell service more infrequent



We all have really think accents and say strange words.





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## **Stereotype #4**

- Everyone is so nice.
- Strangers will say hi to you...



Everyone is obsessed with beer and cheese.



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### **Brew City = Milwaukee**

- 1800s wave of German immigration
- Nearly two centuries of brewing beer
- Created iconic beers



### Yes, we love cheese

Our dairy industry also dates back nearly two centuries

WI is the #1 cheese producer

- UW-Madison
- Farmers
- Science
- Technology

(Happy cows come from WI)



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### Dairy to die for

- Cheese curds
- Custard(You're welcome)



Everyone lives on a farm.



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#### **Wisconsin Farms**

- 70,000+
- Dairy, corn, oats, beans, dry hay ginseng & cranberries
- Agriculture is a big industry AND....



## **Wisconsin's Top Industries**

- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Education
- Tourism



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### **Wisconsin Fortune 500 Companies**

- 8 Total
- Including:
  - Kohl's
  - Northwestern Mutual
  - American Family Insurance



#### **Not Just Rural Towns**

- Milwaukee: 31st largest city
- Madison: 80th largest city
  - Fastest-growing in WI
  - Career opportunities
  - A top public university
  - Isthmus



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#### **Less Known: Lakes**

- Minnesota: Land of 10,000 Lakes
  - More 10+ acre lakes
- Wisconsin: Land of 15,000 Lakes
  - More surface area of lakes including our two Great Lakes (Michigan & Superior)



## Lake Michigan

Great lake or ocean?



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## **City of Festivals = Milwaukee**

- Weekly festivals in the summer
- From Pride Fest to
  Germanfest to Summerfest
- Summerfest = largest music festival in the world



### **City Names**

Tricky to pronounce

Named after/by Native American tribes

- Oconomowoc
- Kaukana
- Weyauwega
- Ashwaubenon
- Wauwatosa



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#### **Friday Fish Fry**

- Fish, rye bread, potato & cole slaw
- Wave of German & Polish immigrants who were Catholic
- Prohibition
- Freshwater fish



### **Supper Clubs**

- More than 250 in WI
- Family run
- Supper only
- Quaint towns
- Feel home-y
- Staples include:
  - Brandy old-fashioneds
  - Fish fries
  - Prime rib
  - Salad bars
  - Relish trays
  - Dim lighting



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#### **Wisconsin 101**

What comes to mind when you think of Wisconsin now?

