

Midwest Corvettes

2024 Fall Drive Out – Winona, MN

Friday, October 18

4 hours 17 minutes • 217 miles

Starting Point is Cody Road Coffee – 8:45 am Drivers Meeting, 9:00 am Depart

205 S 9th Ave, Eldridge, IA, 52748

If you need gas, Big 10 Mart has 91 octane and is just East of Hwy 61 at 121 S 14th Ave in Eldridge.

First stop is Dairy Queen (BP/Kwik Stop) in Dubuque, IA

2380 Gateway Dr, Dubuque, IA, 52003-7013

52 min 58.8 mi

via US-61 North

Head west on E Le Claire Rd for 226 ft.

Right on the ramp and US highway 61 (north).

Turn right onto Gateway Dr 0.1 mi Turn right 92 ft.

Dairy Queen is on the right side of Highway as you enter Keywest / Dubuque.

Second stop is Balltown Scenic Overlook

563 Balltown Rd, Sherrill, IA, 52073

32 min 20 mi

via US-61North/US-52 North/IA-3, US-52 South/IA-3 and US-52 North.

Turn right onto Highway 61 N and proceed for 2.9 mi.

As you come down the hill into Dubuque, move into right lane.

Keep right taking Exit 189A onto White St or Highway 52 N and proceed for 4.6 mi.

Stay in left lane as the road will split.

(After approximately 20 blocks HWY 52 north will zig zag left and then right).

Turn right onto Sherrill Rd (at the 3rd BP) towards Balltown, proceed for 4.6 mi.

At the stop sign in Sherrill, turn right to stay on Sherrill Rd/Balltown Rd, proceed for 0.4 mi.

Stay left at the split toward Balltown, proceed 6.4 mi.

Your destination Balltown Scenic Overlook is on the right. ****Line up for a photo opportunity****

Third stop is Clayton Lighthouse (Lunch) – (2 hrs 7 min to lunch without stops)

100 Front St, Clayton, IA 52049

40min 31 mi

via Great River Road/C9Y/County X56.

Turn right onto Balltown Rd/Ridge Rd and proceed 1.4 mi.

Continue onto N. Buena Vista Rd, proceed 0.8 mi. ****Rock on shoulder on C9Y****

Continue onto Great River Rd, proceed 4.3 mi.

Turn left at Sinclair/Breitbach's Garage to stay on Great River Rd/Hwy C9Y, proceed 8.2 mi.

Turn right at the T onto Highway US-52 N, proceed 6.6 mi.

In Guttenberg, turn right onto Haydn St continue 200 ft.

Immediate left onto N. 5th St., proceed 0.4 mi.

Turn left onto Kosciusko St., proceed 8.2 mi.

At the Clayton Sign, turn right onto 228th St., proceed 0.7 mi.

Continue onto Main St. (2 speed bumps but they are low – go slow), continue 0.5 mi.

Clayton Lighthouse will be at the end of Main St. but we will turn right 1 street before it dead ends and circle around to park tandem for a photo op along the river.

Fourth stop is Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, IA

32264 Pikes Peak Rd, McGregor, IA 52157

10 min 8.8 mi

via IA-76, US-18 East and US-18 West

Take Main St. / 228th St. back towards Clayton County X56/Great River Rd, proceed 1.2 mi.

At Paradise Valley Resort Silos, turn right onto Clayton County X56/Great River Rd., proceed 7.6 mi.

Turn right on Pikes Peak Road (Park entrance will be 500 feet).

Drive through (no stop) Yellow River State Park in Harpers Ferry, IA

729 State Forest Rd, Harpers Ferry, IA, 52146

31 min 23.1 mi

via County Hwy-X42, Great River Rd, US-18, IAp-76

Leave Pikes Peak SP and turn right back onto Great River Road for approximately 3 miles.

As you enter McGregor, turn right onto Main St., proceed 0.7 miles.

Continue onto River St (slight left) for 0.7 miles.

Turn right to stay on IA-76 N/1st St./Great River Rd., continue for 12.2 mi.

Right at dead end to stay on IA-76N

Turn right onto State Forest Rd, continue 3.1 mi and the park will be on the left.

(This will take you through the Yellow River Forest Preserve)

Sixth stop is City Meat Market and Harmon's High Chaparall Tavern in New Albin, IA

City Meat Market – 199 Railroad Ave, New Albin, IA 52160 (meat vending machine)

Harmon's High Chaparall Tavern – 247 Ross Ave, New Albin, IA 52160 (excellent desserts)

35 min 27.1 mi

Via Lansing Harpers Rd and Great River Rd, IA-26 N (11 miles north of Lansing, IA)

Head east on State Forest Rd for 3.2 mi.

At stop sign, turn Left (north) onto Lansing Harpers Ferry Rd and continue 11.9 mi.

At T, turn left onto S. Front St./Great River Rd. for 0.8 mi.

Turn left onto Great River Rd./Main St. for 217 ft.

Right on IA -26N

Turn left onto S. Front St./Great River Rd. into Lansing for 0.8mi. The Great River Road will turn left onto Main Street and then an immediate right to leave town to the north on IA-26 N. At this point the Great River Road will also be known as Highway 26.

Continue on Highway 26 for 11.1 mi. to New Albin, IA

Turn right onto Ross Ave and the High Chaparall Tavern is on your right with parking adjacent.

Seventh stop is Bauer's Market & Garden Center in La Crescent, MN

221 N 2nd St, La Crescent, MN 55947

28 min 24.3 mi

Via IA-26, US-16 Hwy 16 and Hwy 14

Take Highway 26 north to the junction of Highway 26 and Highway 16, 21.4 mi.

Right turn at stop sign onto Highway 16 N for 2.4 mi. Highway 16 will become US-14/US-61 a couple miles into LA Crescent, continue 0.4 mi.

Left turn onto N. 2nd St. in LA Crescent, MN the Apple Capital of MN.

(Bauer's Market & Garden Center will be immediately on your left.)

Eighth stop and final destination is The Plaza Hotel & Suites in Winona, MN

1025 US-61 East, Winona, MN 55987

24 min 23.4 mi

Via US-14 W/ US-61 N, Great River Rd.

Enter back onto US-14/US-61N/Great River Rd, continue 23.2 mi.

Turn Left onto Sugar Loaf View.

The Plaza Hotel & Suites will be on your left.

Dinner Reservations at 6 pm:

River City Grill – located in The Plaza Hotel & Suites 507.452.5400

Sunday, October 8

Drive home on your own.

2023 Directions – Will be different but similar for 2024

Leave hotel @ 9:00 AM (8:45 drivers' meeting)

- 1 - Leave motel to roundabout Highway 61 north from roundabout.
- 2 - Right at first stop light onto Huff Street
- 3 - Follow West 4th Street
- 4 - Cross bridge into Wisconsin
- 5 - Turn right at stop light Highway 35 south
- 6 - Turn left on County M at George's Lounge
- 7 - Follow Cty M to Highway 95 Turn right on Highway 95
- 8 - Turn right on Alligator Slide Road.
- 9 - Turn left on River Road
- 10 - Turn left on Highway 95W
- 11 - Stop at Larry's lookout /Vino's/ overlook view/drinks and restroom (not open until 11 am – find another stop for restroom break)
- 12 - Back on 95E turn (right from stop)
- 13 - Turn left on Cty E
- 14 - Stay on Cty E to Highway 88 & E, Turn right on 88 & E
- 15 - Follow to town of Cream
- 16 - Turn on left at Cream onto E towards Alma
- 17 - Turn right Buena Vista Overlook, view and restrooms (brown park sign)
- 18 - Return to Cty E
- 19 - Turn right on Cty E to stop sign
- 20 - Right at junction of Cty E onto Highway 35North
- 21 - Follow Highway 35 to Nelson {Cheese Factory}

Lunch at The Original Nelson Cheese Factory – S237 WI-35, Nelson, WI

Or about 1 Block away is J&J Barbeque

After Lunch

- 22 - Highway 35 North to Pepin
- 23 - Turn right on Cty N from 35 N in Pepin

24 -Follow Cty N to Arkansas

25 - Straight at stop sign in Arkansas on Cty N to Highway 10

26 - Turn right on Highway 10 E to Durand

27 - Stop at Shell station gas/ restroom/ snacks

28 - Left on Highway 10 E to Mondovi

29 - Turn right on 37 South follow 37 S to Highway 88 S Gilmanton

30 - Follow 88 S to Prague (Bucknuckles}

31 - Follow 88 S to 35 S

32 - Turn left on 35 To Fountain City

33 - Continue on 35 to 54W toward Winona MN (hotel)

Dinner at 6 PM - The Boathouse Restaurant – 2 Johnson St., Winona, MN (closes @ 8 PM)