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## Girlfriend Getaways

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### Finding Fun Close to Home

Women in Northeastern Wisconsin work hard and deserve to have some fun; now we don't have to go far to find it! When meeting up with the gals, take advantage of these day trip hotspots right in our own backyard.

#### Parallel 44

It may feel like France and taste like Tuscany, but this not-to-miss vineyard and winery is located just 18 miles outside of Green Bay, nestled in Kewaunee County. With myriad activities to tempt your palate, Parallel 44 provides visitors with interactive experiences mixed with European flair.

So ladies, compare those calendars, because "wine tastings, self-guided vineyard tours and kiosk learning tools are available every day at no charge to our visitors," said tasting room manager Shawn Niemann. And beginning May 1, Parallel 44 will offer guided tours, including its 9-acre vineyard, wine processing center and cellar, topped off with product tastings. Visit [www.parallel44.com](http://www.parallel44.com) for more information.

#### Shoppes at Vickery Village

Take the girls to explore the quaint Shoppes at Vickery Village in Suamico. Boutiques house eclectic women's clothing and accessories, home design and gifts, frame and photography studios and a bakery/deli.

Or make the village a weekly girls' night out meeting place this summer; take advantage of free outdoor musical concerts (Thursday nights at 7 p.m., beginning in June), showcasing everything from bluegrass to jazz.

#### Haven Salon and Spa

What could be better than a girlfriend gathering topped with a little TLC? As one of the Fox Valley's premier salon and spas, West De Pere's Haven Salon and Spa provides rejuvenation expertise coupled with serene atmosphere and pampering galore. Packages range from \$60 to \$130 per person—complete with a private room, dessert and beverages, available anytime of the day upon booking request. Spa parties of most sizes are available.

Jennifer Wagner, senior stylist and bridal/spa party coordinator for Haven, said, "Feel free to custom tailor your experience—anything from makeup and manicures to massages, facials and more." For more information, visit [www.havensalonspa.com](http://www.havensalonspa.com).

#### Hinterland Brewery

Whether you're novices or pros to the beer craft, you and your girlfriends can wrap up the day's activities at the downtown Green Bay hot spot. The venue has an upscale urban lodge feel, where you can unwind over dinner or make it in time for happy hour (Mondays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.).

When asked about favorite drinks for his female guests, owner Bill Tressler recommended the Z or Swimming Pool martinis, or Hinterland's own raspberry rye beer. In addition, Hinterland now offers tapas, smaller-portion samplers of restaurant favorites.

And don't miss the chic upstairs lounge, or on warm summer evenings, enjoy the outdoor patio and fireplace or call ahead to schedule a behind-the-scenes brewery tour. Visit [www.hinterlandbeer.com](http://www.hinterlandbeer.com).

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