

Where You Can See Wisconsin's Cranberry Harvest

Cranberry production is concentrated in central Wisconsin. If you were to draw a line from Tomah to Black River Falls to Wisconsin Rapids to Tomah you would take in about 2/3 of the state's acreage.

Harvest traditionally begins in late September and runs through most of October with the peak time in early to mid-October. To see the harvest in the Tomah-Warrens area, take I-94 north of Tomah to the Warrens exit (#135). The Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center is a "must stop" in the heart of Wisconsin's cranberry country. Be sure to tour the Exhibit Hall and try some delicious cranberry ice cream. The Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center is open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM through October 31 and seasonal hours the rest of the year. For more information visit their website at www.discovercranberries.com or call 608-378-4878.

In the Wisconsin Rapids area, you can take Highway 54 or 173 west of town and find cranberry marshes right along the road. For information on the Cranberry Highway and tours available in the area contact the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-554-4484 or visit <http://www.visitwisrapids.com/go/index.php>.

In northern Wisconsin, the Manitowish Waters area growers offer tours through the Chamber of Commerce office every Friday morning at 10:00 AM from mid-July through harvest. For more information call the Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce at 715-543-8488. In the Eagle River area call the Chamber of Commerce at 800-359-6315.

Some marshes do allow public visitation. Please check with the manager or owner before entering any private property.

Tours are also available during the area festivals held each year near harvest time. 2010 Wisconsin Cranberry Festivals will be held in the following areas. For information on a particular festival, please call the number indicated or visit their website.

September 24-26, 2010
Warrens Cranberry Festival
Warrens, WI
608-378-4200
www.cranfest.com

September 25, 2010
Cranberry Colorama
Manitowish Waters, WI
715-543-8488
888-626-9877
www.manitowishwaters.org/component/mtree/attractions/cranberry-marsh-tours.html

October 2, 2010
Stone Lake Cranberry Festival
Stone Lake, WI
715-865-3378
www.stonelakecranberryfestival.com

October 2-3, 2010
Eagle River Cranberry Festival
Eagle River, WI
715-479-6400
800-359-6315
www.eagleriver.org/CranberryFest.asp