

# Lodging

## Bed & Breakfasts

- **Redwood Falls** – 42 miles northeast of Walnut Grove  
The Vintage Inn, [www.thevintageinnrwf.com](http://www.thevintageinnrwf.com), 507-627-1875

## Campgrounds

- **Cottonwood County** – Within 25 miles of Walnut Grove  
Talcot County Park, [www.co.cottonwood.mn.us/county-departments/parks/county-park](http://www.co.cottonwood.mn.us/county-departments/parks/county-park)
- **Currie** – 20 miles southwest of Walnut Grove  
Schreier's on Shetek, [www.schreiersonshetek.com](http://www.schreiersonshetek.com), 507-763-3817
- **Sanborn** – 18 miles east of Walnut Grove  
Sanborn City Park, [www.cityofsanbornmn.org](http://www.cityofsanbornmn.org), 507-430-6515
- **Springfield** – 35 miles east of Walnut Grove  
Rothenburg Campground, [commctr@newulmtel.net](mailto:commctr@newulmtel.net), 507-723-3517
- **Walnut Grove** – 1.5 miles southwest of Walnut Grove  
Plum Creek County Park, [www.walnutgrove.org](http://www.walnutgrove.org), 507-859-2005,  
Reservations 888-528-7268

## Hotels, Motels & Chambers

- **New Ulm** – 55 miles east of Walnut Grove  
"Germans Have More Fun" so visit & stay in New Ulm!  
[www.newulm.com](http://www.newulm.com)
- **Springfield** – 35 miles east of Walnut Grove  
Microtel Inn & Suites, [microspring@newulmtel.net](mailto:microspring@newulmtel.net), 507-723-8200
- **Worthington** – 48 miles southwest of Walnut Grove  
Stay in Worthington! Visit [www.worthingtonmncchamber.com](http://www.worthingtonmncchamber.com)

# Attractions

## Painted Prairie Vineyard

Family-friendly Winery and Vineyard by Currie  
Open seasonally starting in June  
(507) 626-5203  
[www.paintedprairiewine.com](http://www.paintedprairiewine.com)

## Renville County Historical Society

Learn the history of Renville County through interpretive exhibits  
Located off Hwy. 19 in Morton, MN  
[info@renvillecountyhistory.com](mailto:info@renvillecountyhistory.com)

## Sod House on the Prairie

Enjoy a Laura Ingalls adventure as you explore a dugout and a soddy, near Sanborn.  
[www.sodhouse.org](http://www.sodhouse.org)

## Wheels Across the Prairie Museum

Hwy. 14, Tracy, MN  
16 buildings of treasures from yesteryear!  
Train Rides  
[www.wheelsacrosstheprairie.org](http://www.wheelsacrosstheprairie.org)

# Businesses

## Family Festival

**Saturday, July 15, 22, 29 • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

The Walnut Grove Family Festival will provide activities for all ages. Demonstrations, activities, food, crafters, music performers & much more. Free admission! Some activities may include a small charge.

**For information call (507) 859-2358**  
or email [wgff@walnutgrove.org](mailto:wgff@walnutgrove.org)

**Celebrating Laura's 150th Birthday**  
**12:30-2:30 p.m. Each day during the Family Festival**

Located in the City Park Shelter.  
\$5.00 per participant

**Party Games, Craft Stations & Birthday Treats**

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## Fond Memories

**521 Main Street • (507) 859-2929**

1930s Creamery Building listed on the National Historic Register.

For your shopping pleasure, the store is filled with gifts, rubber stamps, scrapbooking supplies, books, toys, jewelry, home décor, and specialty foods.

Custom Laura stamps & scrapbooking items.

Open Year 'Round Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended Hours During Pageant  
[fondmem@redred.com](mailto:fondmem@redred.com)  
[www.fondmemoriesatthecreamery.blogspot.com](http://www.fondmemoriesatthecreamery.blogspot.com)

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## Hoyt Oil & Convenience

**241 6th St./Highway 14 • (507) 859-2552**

ATM Electronic Chargers

Pizza, Subs, Tacos

Propane Exchange 20/30 - Premium Gas

Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun. 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

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## Junk with Purpose

**900 Hwy. 14 • (507) 859-3333**

"A Unique Blend of Old, New & One-of-a-Kind"  
Antiques, Vintage Finds, Home Décor,  
Unique Creations & Furniture

Open Wednesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
e-mail: [walnutst@redred.com](mailto:walnutst@redred.com)

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# Businesses

## Nellie's Café

**"Little Café on the Prairie"**  
**Highway 14 • (507) 859-2384**

Home-style cooking & baking • Noon Specials  
To-go orders available • Full Menu  
Nellie Souvenir T-Shirts  
Extended hours during pageant.  
Open Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.

## Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum

### Gift Store

**330 8th Street • (888) 528-7298**  
**or (507) 859-2358**

Handcrafted Bonnets, Aprons, Dresses  
Dolls & Accessories

Collectibles & Souvenirs • Afghans  
Sweatshirts & T-shirts • DVDs

Laura Ingalls Wilder & Pioneer Related Books  
[lauramuseum@walnutgrove.org](mailto:lauramuseum@walnutgrove.org)

Gift store available online at [www.walnutgrove.org](http://www.walnutgrove.org)

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## Walnut Grove Bar & Grill

**Main Street • (507) 859-2399**

Air Conditioned • Full Menu of Short Orders  
Family Dining Area

Six rotating beers on tap • Free Wi-Fi  
Dining Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
On-Sale 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Off-Sale 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Limited menu over pageant weekends

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## Westbrook-Walnut Grove Schools

**"A Celebration of Success!"**

Check out our website at [www.wwgschools.org](http://www.wwgschools.org)  
You'll love what you see!

# Other Services

Country View Senior Living Community	(507) 859-2133
Hansen Agri-Commodities, LLC	<a href="http://www.hansen-ag.com">www.hansen-ag.com</a>
Integrity Bank Plus	(507) 859-2151
Knakmuhs Agency Ins. & Real Estate	<a href="http://knakmuhsagency.com">knakmuhsagency.com</a>
Steffen Electric	(507) 859-2114
Walnut Grove EDA	(507) 859-2135
Walnut Grove Funeral Home	(507) 859-2161



# Walnut Grove

Home of Laura Ingalls Wilder

# 2017



Walnut Grove is the childhood home of author Laura Ingalls Wilder.  
Laura wrote about her days here in the book

*"On the Banks of Plum Creek"*

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum**  
& Information Center  
**(888) 528-7298**

[www.walnutgrove.org](http://www.walnutgrove.org)

Information subject to change. Visit website for updates.

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum**  
330 8th Street  
Walnut Grove, MN 56180





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## & Information Center

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 lauramuseum@walnutgrove.org  
**www.walnutgrove.org**

- **New! Garth Williams Illustrations Display**
- **New! Wilder Pageant's 40 Years in Photos** in Grandma's House
- Grandma's Attic in Grandma's House with Hands-on Area for Kids.
- New Veteran's Exhibit in Grandma's House featuring photos of Area Veterans, Uniforms and Service Pieces.
- The Depot displays Laura history & "Little House" memorabilia
- Grandma's House has Laura & Rose Wilder Lane's writing collections & a 300+ piece doll collection
- The life-sized Dugout is for all to enter
- The Little Red Schoolhouse allows you to have a seat in class
- The Early Settlers' home is similar to many early pioneers' homes in our area
- A Covered Wagon, General Store & Veterans exhibit are a few of the displays in Heritage Lane
- The Walnut Grove Jail Cells, & Covered Wagon are great photo opportunities for the whole family
- Gift Store with Laura-related Books, Hand-crafted Bonnets & so much more!



**CELEBRATING LAURA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY ALL YEAR LONG (1867-2017)**

**Hands-on Activities throughout the buildings**

**HOURS:**  
 June, July, August – Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 May & September – Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12 Noon-5 p.m.  
 April & October – Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12 Noon-4 p.m.  
 Museum Buildings Closed Nov. 1 – March 31  
 Limited Gift Store Hours November thru March. Please call ahead.

**ADMISSION IS CHARGED**  
 The Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum is a non-profit organization working to preserve the history of Laura Ingalls Wilder and the community of Walnut Grove.

## Events & Historic Sites

**Wilder Pageant (Fri. & Sat.)**  
 2017 – July 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

**Family Festival**  
 Saturday, July 15, 22, 29  
 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. • City Park  
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**Black Powder Shoot Rendezvous**  
 July 14 & 15  
 Observe Powder Shooters as they compete in contests and activities. Participants are dressed in period clothing from the days of the Black Powder Shoots.

**Laura & Nellie Look-a-Like Contest**  
 Saturday, July 15, 22, 29  
 For girls ages 8-12. Registration at 1:30-2:30 p.m., contest at 3 p.m. Fee charged. Prizes based on overall appearance and knowledge of books. Two separate contests.

**Bus Tours**  
 July 14-15, 21-22, 28-29  
 Bus leaves from City Park. Fee charged per person. Friday 4 p.m., Saturday 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. & 5 p.m. Tour of Historic Sites in and around Walnut Grove.

**Evening Meal**  
 Open to the Public  
 Friday & Saturday Pageant Weekends  
 Held at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th Street. Sponsored by churches and community groups. Menu varies, moderately priced. Serving 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Loggers Fishing Derby**  
 Saturday, July 22  
 10 a.m. at Lake Laura. For ages 12 and under. Prizes awarded. Bring your own fishing pole, bait provided.

**Ingalls Dugout Site**

Readers of Laura's books will enjoy the undisturbed, unreconstructed site located 1-1/2 miles north of Walnut Grove on County Road 5. Along with your imagination, interpretive signs help visitors locate prominent features Laura described in On the Banks of Plum Creek. The ruins of her dugout home are surrounded by more than 30 acres of original and restored native grasses. Visitors can enjoy exploring the landmarks, having a picnic on the banks, or just experiencing the serene prairie. There is ample space for RVs to turn around.

**OPEN MAY THROUGH OCTOBER DAYLIGHT HOURS. WEATHER PERMITTING. NOMINAL FEE PER VEHICLE.**

**Congregational Church Site**  
 At the corner of 5th Street and Bedal is the site of the church that the Ingalls family attended in Walnut Grove, now a private home and unavailable for viewing.

**Ingalls School Site**  
 At the corner of 4th Street and Washington is the site of the school that Mary, Laura and Carrie attended while living in Walnut Grove, now a private home and unavailable for viewing.

**Pa's Bell**  
 Now located in the belfry at the English Lutheran Church, 450 Wiggins Street, Walnut Grove.

**Masters Hotel**  
 Located at the corner of 8th Street and County Road 20 is the Masters Hotel where Laura worked while living in Walnut Grove. Now owned by the museum and under renovation. Not open for viewing.

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Monument**  
 Monument erected remembering early pioneers like the Ingalls. Located 1.6 miles north of Walnut Grove on County Road 5.

**Wahpeton Prairie**  
 Remnant of tall grass prairie, ox-bow pond and woods along Cottonwood River. 5 miles north on County Road 5, 1 mile east, 1/2 mile north.

**When the Prairie Whispers**  
 A walking tour of identified tree varieties in Lower Plum Creek Park. 1 mile west on County Road 20, 1 mile south and 1/4 mile east on County Road 78. Purchase guide books at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum.



*"The sun goes down, the lights go up, and so begins the magic on the hillside. Over a hundred years ago when life was simple, when dreams were plentiful, and family love was for a lifetime..."*



# 40 Wilder Pageant

YEARS

## July 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

An outdoor drama based on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder in Walnut Grove, whose writings provided the inspiration for TV's "Little House on the Prairie"

**Tickets**  
 Gates open - 7:00 p.m.  
 Pageant Singers - 8:00 p.m.  
 Pageant Performance - 9:00 p.m.  
 • Reserved Admission - \$17.00  
 Numbered chairs near stage.  
 • General Admission - \$15.00  
 Bring your own chair or blanket.  
 Ages 5 and under are free in general admission.

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**  
 • Friday, July 21 Performance  
 • ASL Interpreter provided  
 • Tickets must be purchased by July 1

Groups of 25 or more - Receive \$1.00 per ticket discount  
 Concession Stand & Restrooms available on grounds  
**Pageant Policy**  
 No Video Recording or Pets. No coolers. No Smoking.

Former cast members will be recognized each night of the Pageant.

**Call (888) 859-3102**  
 11505 Crown Avenue • P.O. Box 313  
 Walnut Grove, MN 56180  
 GPS: N 44° 13.059 W 095° 29.573

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