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Serving The Jackson Area

2023 Events

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June 9: Sanford Tri For Health
June 12–24: Summer Shopping Extravaganza
July 7–9: Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo Swine Show
July 14–15: Rhythm of the River
July 25–29: 155th Annual Jackson County Fair
August 16–19: Jackson Days – golf tournament, parade, block party, fan fest at Ataloplex
August 17–19: 45th Annual AGCO Jackson Nationals
August 26–27: Fort Belmont Pioneer Days
September 9: Prairie Winds Kite Fly
September 10: Fly-in Breakfast
November 25: Jackson Holiday Fest – lighted parade, fireworks, holiday concert and much more!

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WELCOME TO JACKSON COUNTY!

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau welcomes you to Jackson County. We hope the information in this visitor and information guide will help you discover the many interesting and unique things we have to offer. There are numerous lodging facilities, restaurants, shopping and outdoor activities available throughout the area. These will all help to make your stay unforgettable!

Do you like to exercise? You can walk or bike on more than 10 miles of trails around Jackson and along the Des Moines River or around the campgrounds by Loon Lake and Pearl Lake or hike the trails at Kilen Woods State Park to the northwest of Lakefield. If golfing is more your style, choose from a variety of lustrous greens in the county, including the Loon Lake, North Valley and Jackson golf courses. Swimming can be done indoors at the Jackson County Central High School’s indoor pool or at Heron Lake Elementary school’s indoor pool. Outdoor swimming facilities are available at the Family Aquatic Center in Lakefield.

Need a little speed? The newly renovated Jackson Motorplex is one of the elite dirt track venues in the entire nation and the Jackson Nationals are quickly becoming one of the premier events in sprint car racing. Racing runs from May through August. To find a complete schedule and track information, visit jacksonmotorplex.com.

Interested in history? Our area has a strong commitment to local heritage and history. The Jackson County Historical Society Museum in Lakefield houses artifacts and exhibits, a microfilm collection of newspapers and genealogical information. The Jackson County Veterans Memorial is also nearby. Fort Belmont in Jackson is a re-creation of a civilian fort originally built in the early 1860s to protect area settlers. Heron Lake boasts a wildfowl refuge that has been around since 1906 and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church that is on the national register of historic places.

Have time for a tour? If so, be sure to stop by AGCO’s state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and experience where innovation meets productivity. The Intivity Center showcases the long history of AGCO and its products, and the tour takes visitors up close to the machines, through the plant and alongside the people who put it all together. The Intivity Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and factory tours are available by reservation. Check out intivitycenter.com for complete details.

Looking to relocate? While Jackson County is a great place to visit, the area also offers substantial opportunities for employment, housing options and access to quality health care and schools. Each community boasts small-town living at its finest and can be a welcome change from the hustle and bustle of big-city life. Many amenities are enjoyed by area residents, such as the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, biking and walking trails, a countywide public library system, a “one of a kind” Historic State Theatre boasting digital and 3D movie viewing capabilities and more than 50 social and civic organizations. We also have a variety of area lakes you can visit, whether you want to camp, fish, boat, swim or just be by the water!

Feel free to visit our website at jacksonmn.com for more information. You may also stop by the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce office or give us a call. Here’s wishing you a wonderful stay, and we’re so glad you’re here!

- Corey Christopher, director

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ANNUAL EVENTS

**JANUARY**
24, HL-O Winterfest Coronation, Okabena
30, JCC Winterfest Coronation, Jackson

**FEBRUARY**
25, Father-Daughter Dance, Jackson

**MARCH**
30-31, JCC Spring Play, Jackson
31, Firemen’s Dance, Jackson

**APRIL**
4, Easter Egg Hunt, Lakefield
6, HL-O Prom, Okabena
15, Fireman’s Dance, Lakefield
29, JCC Prom, Jackson

**MAY**
4-6, Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson
8, HL-O Pops Concert, Okabena
22, JCC Pops Concert, Jackson
26, HL-O Graduation, Okabena
28, JCC Graduation, Jackson
29, Memorial Day Parade, Jackson
29, Fort Belmont Opening Day, Jackson

**JUNE**
3, Sun & Fun Summer Kickoff, Jackson
9, Tri for Health Triathlon, Jackson
12-18, Summerfest, Lakefield
12-24, Summer Shopping Extravaganza, Jackson
14, Hot Dog Night, Lakefield
16, Family Fun Night, Lakefield
16, Border Battle Race, Jackson
24, Blue Heron Days, Heron Lake

**JULY**
4, Fourth of July Celebration, Okabena
7-9, Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo, Jackson
13, Pork Chop Open, Jackson
14-15, Rhythm of the River, Jackson
25-29, Jackson County Fair, Jackson

**AUGUST**
11, PEBC Party on the Prairie, Lakefield
16-19, Jackson Days, Jackson
17-19, Jackson Nationals, Jackson
26-27, Pioneer Days, Jackson

**SEPTEMBER**
9, Prairie Winds Kite Fly, Jackson
10, Fly-In Breakfast, Jackson
14-16, Citywide Garage Sales, Jackson

**OCTOBER**
31, Halloween Parade, Lakefield

**NOVEMBER**
25, Holiday Fest, Jackson
Can you imagine what it would be like to have lived in Jackson County in the late 1800s? Make plans to visit Fort Belmont this summer and take a step back in time to the days of early pioneers. Many settlers traveled to the area in covered wagons. An original wagon is one of the featured displays inside the fort’s museum. From covered wagons to a sod house, the first settlers were a very hardy people. Due to the lack of trees on the prairie, they made their homes from 2-foot strips of prairie sod. The fort’s sod house was built by hand using the same methods pioneers used in the 1860s.

A blacksmith shop is located close to the sod house. You get the feeling the “first” business to locate in a settlement was an important one. The blacksmith could make anything metal — nails, machinery parts, kitchen utensils and horseshoes were made on the spot. Walk along the prairie grass to an exact replica of the log cabin and stockade constructed to protect early settlers. Eleven families (60 to 70 people) crowded into the original log cabin (except for winters) for most of two years. Since Fort Belmont was completely occupied and constructed by neighbors, it is classified as a civilian fort, one of only two civilian-built forts constructed in the Midwest in the 1800s.

From the log cabin, walk down into the valley to a one-third-scale replica of a waterwheel-operated flour mill that uses wooden gears to stone-grind flour. Families came from as far away as Sioux Falls, S.D., to the mills operating in the Des Moines River Valley. Bring your camera as you head up to the fort tower for a breathtaking view of the Fort Belmont complex and expanding river valley. Originally built on the south side of town by Buren and Evelyn Watland, the tower was saved from demolition and moved to the present-day Fort Belmont in 2010. Buren and Evie were local history buffs with ties to the original settlers to the area. It is a wonderful tribute to their dream that the preservation of Fort Belmont and local history continues.

To the south of the museum you will find the 1873 Lysgard farmhouse and summer kitchen. Many displays here tell the story of everyday life in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The 1902 Delafield Church was also an important part of the early farming community in Jackson County. It was a place to worship and socialize. The church is still used often today for weddings, baptisms and Sunday evening services during the summer.

Fort Belmont is open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day. The park is located just west of Asa Auto Plaza in Jackson at the end of Belmont Lane. School field trips and special tours are available, along with building and church rentals. For additional information, call the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau at (507) 847-3867.
RICH IN HISTORY

Rich in history and ever mindful of the past, Jackson County is home to a number of fascinating historical sites and modern facilities designed to interpret those sites for the benefit of current and future generations. All are great wayside stops or destination trips.

Coursolle marker
The life and times of one of Jackson County’s most colorful characters is noted on a newly erected marker near Belmont Park in central Jackson County. The signboard tells the story of Joseph Coursolle, a trapper, trader, farmer, soldier, guide and interpreter known in annals of local history as “Gaboo.” Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.

Heron Lake
Located in northwestern Jackson County, the city of Heron Lake has been the home of a renowned wildlife refuge since 1906 and the stunning Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Call (507) 793-2826 for more information.

Holthe cabin/Hoxie Rathbun dugout
The “Ole Holthe Cabin” and dugout site is located at the east edge of Kilen Woods State Park. The cabin is a well-preserved early pioneer home. The dugout is the site of the first modern recorded death in Jackson County (1865), of Hoxie Rathbun, early mail carrier. The site is open to the public. Cabin entrance is by appointment. Call (507) 662-5505.

Jackson Center for the Arts
Located in historic downtown Jackson, the Jackson Center for the Arts is a community center that provides art experiences for all ages and offers support and creative opportunities for local artists. The Jackson Center for the Arts features a gallery showcasing exhibits by local artists, a classroom and open studio space and a spot for intimate concerts and presentations from musicians, artists and writers. Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Classes, concerts and events are posted on the Jackson Center for the Arts Facebook page and online at JacksonCenterForTheArts.com. Call (507) 849-7415 for more information.

Jackson County Courthouse
Located in Jackson, the courthouse is situated on a prominent site west of the business district. Constructed in 1908, it is executed in neoclassic architectural design. The dome and courtroom are embellished with painted murals executed by regional artists and craftsmen. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Open during business hours. Call (507) 847-4182 for more information.

Jackson County Fair
The 155th Jackson County Fair will run July 25–29 at the historic Jackson County Fairgrounds in Jackson. This year’s great Jackson County get-together will feature live bands, a bull-riding competition and hypnotist show, as well as barrel racing, livestock shows and general exhibits, plus other tons-of-fun attractions. A complete listing of events may be found online at jacksoncountyfairmn.com.

Jackson County Fairgrounds
The Jackson County Fairgrounds, located on the east edge of Jackson, is the site of a historic street of furnished buildings, including a barbershop, blacksmith shop, depot and caboose. Open during county fair week.

Jackson County Historical Society Museum
Located on Highway 86 in Lakefield, the Jackson County Historical Society Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday by appointment. The museum features more than two dozen special displays depicting historic settings from Jackson County’s past. A manuscript, book and photo library is located here, as well as a gift shop offering local historic literature and research guides. The museum is also the launching point of a self-guided tour that takes visitors to several sites of historical significance within the county. Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.

Massacre memorials
Jackson County pays honor and tribute to early settlers killed at the hands of uprising Dakota braves in 1857 and 1862 with a pair of monuments and memorials — one located in Jackson’s historic Ashley Park next to the recently restored Olson-Slaabakken cabin and another dedicated to the Langland family at the site of an 1862 massacre in rural Jackson County. Call (507) 662-5505 for more information.
### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Silverback’s Café & Catering**  
318 Main St., Lakefield • (507) 662-6220  
Silverback’s is the area’s top homestyle, small-town café, where every customer leaves happy, smiling and full!

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**COUNTY PARKS**

**Anderson Park** - 71816 475th Ave., Jackson
This 25-acre park campground is located on the west shore of Pearl Lake. It hosts a 36-unit campground. The shelter house, bathrooms, playground equipment and observation tower are just a few of the amenities.

**Belmont Park** - 52005 850th St., Jackson
This 80-acre park, located on the east bank of the Des Moines River, is home to southwest Minnesota's newest natural-surface single track for mountain biking enthusiasts — more than five miles of winding trails, which offer a thrill of a ride for all ages and experiences.

**Brown Park** - 71777 483rd Ave., Jackson
This campground lands between the shores of both Pearl and Loon lakes. The landscape is a combination of woodland and open space with a creek running through the center of the park. The park features a swimming beach and offers a bridge connection to Brown Park South. This natural variation results in an unending opportunity for recreation.

**Brown Park South** - 71693 483rd Ave., Jackson
This new campground includes wide open spaces featuring camping cabins, designated handicap-accessible campsites, newer restrooms, new playground equipment, a shelter house and access to the bike trail.

**Community Point Park** - 83953 432nd Ave., Lakefield
This small park sitting on the east shores of South Heron Lake provides an excellent site to enjoy and observe all types of waterfowl species. The combination of sandy beaches and shaded park area makes this park a very unique and popular area during the summer months.

**Obie Knutson Park** - 608 South Shore Dr., Windom
A beautiful, small park located on the south side of Fish Lake, adjacent to a state-owned public access, Obie Knutson Park is a great place to cast a line. The park also offers restrooms, a picnic shelter, playground equipment, picnic tables and beautiful shade trees.

**Robertson Park** - 48804 715th St., Jackson
A 46-acre park located on the southeast shore of Loon Lake, this park is completely wooded and is abundant with natural flora and fauna surrounding the dozens of designated camping spots and primitive camping areas. Soak up the sun and enjoy the fishing from a floating dock.

**Sandy Point Park** - 41699 850th St., Lakefield
This 24-acre park, located in rich farm country, is on the west shore of South Heron Lake. It hosts camping areas with newer playground equipment. The park also provides an excellent area from which to observe shore birds, white pelicans, Canada geese and many other species of waterfowl.

**Clear Lake Recreation Area** - 78428 490th Ave., Jackson
Enjoy casting your line off the shoreline or from the floating fishing dock and expect to catch a variety of fish, including bluegill, northern pike and walleye.

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PARKS AND TRAILS

EXPANSIVE TRAIL SYSTEM IS FAST BECOMING REGIONALLY-RENOVATED AMENITY

What is fast becoming a renowned amenity throughout the region, Jackson County’s sprawling walking and biking trail system continues to grow.

New legs of trail were added recently, and more miles are set to be laid in the near future, making Jackson County’s walking and biking trail system one of the most expansive and widely used in the area.

The Nelson Creek Trail runs along Nelson Creek behind the Good Samaritan Society Center and Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson, then east/west along County State Aid Highway 34. The views are breathtaking, the scenery terrific and the ride or walk is also challenging, as hills and valleys make it a workout for young and old alike.

The trail was the second constructed in the city of Jackson, joining the Des Moines River Trail, which traverses along both sides of the river, from Dann’s Island Park on the southern edge of town to the Ashley Park area, and along Riverside Drive to behind Sunshine Foods.

Also joining the county trail system is the Loon Lake Trail, connecting the county parks along Loon Lake in the southern part of Jackson County.

Recently completed is a segment of trail joining the Loon Lake Trail with the popular Mini-Wakan State Park trails in Iowa, one of the first interstate trails systems in the country.

Another recent addition is the Sunset Trail, which connects the end of the Nelson Creek Trail at Old Highway 16 to the Sunset View housing subdivisions in Jackson, then travels along Springfield Parkway east to Highway 71. And the first leg of a trail intended to connect the Springfield Parkway Trail with Fort Belmont was just laid along Highway 71 North in Jackson.

In 2015, a segment of trail was laid in Lakefield with plans to lay a second segment in the works at present.

In the summer of 2022, five miles of single-track mountain bike trails were constructed in Belmont Park, just north of Jackson. Local trails advocates hope to field a regional bike team for area sixth- through 12th-graders in near future.

A state-authorized regional trail that will connect the Iowa Great Lakes with Murray County’s Lake Shetek through the heart of Jackson County is also in planning stages.

Jackson County’s trails are designed for non-motorized users, including walkers, bikers and runners, though the state authorized regional trail may accommodate snowmobile groups and equestrians.

OTHER PARKS

City of Heron Lake parks
Heron Lake’s city park has playground equipment, restrooms and a shelter house with electricity and grills. The community swimming pool is located in the Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School. Call (507) 793-2826 for more information.

City of Jackson parks
The city of Jackson has a number of parks. All have playground equipment except Dann’s Island Park, Getty’s Park and Memorial Park. Ashley Park has a shelter house with electricity, sand volleyball and basketball court. Central Park has a tennis court and gazebo. Patterson Park has a shelter with electricity, Dumont Park has a basketball court and softball diamond. Sunset Park has a shelter. Zimmerli Park has playground equipment. Memorial Park features an outdoor skating rink and warming house, trail extension and green space.

For more information, call (507) 847-4410.

City of Lakefield parks
Lakefield has four city parks. North City Park has new playground equipment, a shelter house with electricity and restrooms, skateboard facilities, grills and gazebo. West City Park has playground equipment, a shelter with electricity, horseshoes, restrooms and a softball diamond. The south city park has playground equipment and tennis court. Sparks Park is home to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center, which offers environmental education to both children and adults.

The Lakefield Family Aquatic Center features four water slides and a zero-depth pool that also has a five-featured water apparatus for little kids and a number of waterspouts that shoot water straight up into the air, a feature many little ones find fun just to run through.

Stan King Athletic Complex is located on the east side of Lakefield. Facilities include ball diamonds, sand volleyball and tennis court.

City of Okabena parks
The city park has a shelter house with electricity, softball diamond, basketball court, restrooms, picnic tables and grills. The park is host to the annual Okabena Fourth of July celebration.
**INDOOR REC**

**Countywide community education programs**

The Jackson County Central School District, which covers the communities of Lakefield, Jackson and Sioux Valley, and the Heron Lake-Okabena School District, covering the communities of Heron Lake and Okabena, provide year-round community education activities for all age groups in those communities. For JCC community ed, call (507) 847-6627. For HL-O community ed, call (507) 853-4507 or (507) 853-4503.

**Heron Lake-Okabena swimming pool**

Heron Lake’s community pool is located in the Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School. Call (507) 793-2826.

**Jackson County Central swimming pool**

The pool is open year-round. Swimming lessons and open swimming are scheduled during summer months. The facility has a whirlpool and kiddie pool. Call (507) 847-5030.

**Jackson County Libraries**

Jackson County Libraries in Jackson, Lakefield and Heron Lake offer children’s programs year-round and adult book discussion groups meet monthly. Library cards are available free of charge. Bestsellers, current movies and a large selection of children’s materials are available for checkout. Free public-access computers are available with Internet access and WiFi. The Jackson County Libraries are a member of the Plum Creek Library System. For more information, call the Jackson County Library in Jackson at (507) 847-4748, the Lakefield library at (507) 662-5782 or the Heron Lake library at (507) 793-2641.

**OUTDOOR REC**

**Big Bend Snow Riders trails**

Big Bend Snow Riders Inc. grooms hundreds of miles of snowmobile trail in Jackson County during the winter months. For trail conditions and more information, call (507) 822-0831, (507) 820-9758 or (507) 822-3292.

**Des Moines River State Canoe Route**

The Des Moines River has few rapids and none are more difficult than Class I. River width is between 50 and 200 feet. Stream flow usually peaks in early to mid-April. Because there are few rapids to cause problems in low water, the level is usually sufficient for canoeing. Call 1-888-MINN-DNR for river levels prior to launching.

**Des Moines Valley Gun Club**

Located along the Des Moines River, the club features a clubhouse, three trap houses, 100-yard rifle range and archery range. Open to members and guests only, starting the middle of April. League shooting is on Monday night. Call (507) 847-3466 for more information.

**Jackson Golf Club**

**Jackson KOA**

Located at the Interstate-90 exit at Jackson, the award-winning campground has camping cabins, tent areas with grills and plenty of level pull-through camper and RV sites, along with a camp store, pavilion, heated pool, game room, playground and free WiFi. The campground is open from April 23 to Oct. 10. Call (507) 847-3825 for more information.

**Lakefield Family Aquatic Center**

The Lakefield Family Aquatic Center features four water slides and a zero-depth pool that also has a five-featured water apparatus for little kids and a number of waterspouts that shoot water straight up into the air, a feature many little ones find fun just to run through.

**Loon Lake Golf Course**

**North Valley Golf Course**

Located on Lakefield’s north edge. North Valley Golf Course offers terrific views and challenging play for golfers at every skill level. Well-groomed fairways and greens keep North Valley difficult yet friendly, and the staff can offer tips and tricks for playing your best round. Designed by Bloom and Goldstrand, the nine-hole course offers 5,436 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 35. For more information, call (507) 662-5755.
The recently renovated Jackson Motorplex features an action-packed 2023 race schedule. One of the biggest highlights at the track this year is the three-day AGCO Jackson Nationals, featuring the World of Outlaws, Wyffel Hybrids Racesaver Sprint Car Series and UMSS Traditional Sprint Cars. Racing action runs Aug. 17-19.

The season kicks off with two big nights of racing May 23 and May 26 and continues through the month of August. Other big events include the $7,000-to-win Border Battle June 16, featuring 410 Outlaw Sprints, and a pair of 360 Challenges in late May and early July.

For complete coverage of all the action at the Jackson Motorplex, visit pilotracewaynews.com. For a complete 2023 schedule, visit jacksonmotorplex.com or download the Jackson Motorplex app from the app store.
HUNTING

Jackson County’s varied terrain of grassy fieldside waterways, wooded creek bottoms and hilly treestands make it an ideal location for hunting any number of species of game.

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Jackson County has nearly 10,000 acres of waterfowl production area (managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and wildlife management area (managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources) open for public hunting.

Species hunted in the county include big game (white-tailed deer), small game (rabbit, squirrel, partridge and pheasant) and waterfowl (ducks and geese).

Call (507) 831-2220 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), (507) 831-2917 (State of Minnesota Wildlife Management Area) or (507) 847-4394 (Jackson County DNR Enforcement Officer) with questions of for more information on public hunting rules, regulations and seasons.

FISHING

Clear Lake
Located west of Jackson, this 415-acre lake has two boat access ramps and a floating handicapped pier. Fish to be caught are northern, walleye, crappie, bass, perch and bullheads.

Fish Lake
Located in the northern part of the county, the lake has a state access boat ramp on the southwest corner and also a floating handicapped pier. Catfish, crappie, walleye, northern, bass, perch, bluegill and bullheads can be caught in this lake.

Independence Lake
This small 112-acre lake, located in the northeast part of Jackson County, has one boat ramp on the south side. Walleye, crappie, bluegill, perch, northern and bullheads can be hooked out of this lake.

Little Spirit
This 572-acre lake hugs the Iowa line in the south-central part of the county and has a state access boat ramp on the northeast. Fish to be caught are northern, walleye, bass, perch, crappie and bullheads.

Loon Lake
Found in the south-central part of Jackson County, this 679-acre lake has a boat ramp on the west side and also in Robertson Park. There is also a floating handicapped pier in Robertson Park. Walleye, crappie, northern, bass and bullheads can be caught in Loon Lake.

Pearl Lake
Located near Loon Lake, this is a 155-acre lake that has a boat ramp at Anderson Park. Northern, walleye, crappie, and bullheads are available in the lake.

Round Lake
Round Lake, located in southwest corner of Jackson County, is one of the best places to fish come November, according to Minnesota Sportsman magazine.

The 1,024-acre lake was ranked one of the state’s top three choices for the fall month in a February issue.

The lake has three access points: a double concrete boat ramp on the east side owned by the DNR, a gravel ramp suitable for trailers on the south owned by the township and a county-owned gravel access on the north side.

The lake is managed for walleye, yellow perch, black crappie and channel catfish.
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City of Jackson Events:
All year around: AGCO Intivity Center guided tours
May–Labor Day: Ft. Belmont historic site open
June: Tri For Health; Sun & Fun Summer Kick-off
July: Jackson County Fair; Rhythm of the River
August: Jackson Nationals; Fort Belmont Pioneer Days; Jackson Days; Chamber of Commerce Golf Event
September: Fly-in Breakfast; Prairie Winds Kite Fly
November: Holiday Fest lighted parade; Fireworks; Craft and vendor expo
February: Farm & Home Show

Attractions and Things To Do:
• Jackson Motorplex
• Historic Fort Belmont
• Loon Lake and Jackson golf courses
• Indoor swimming pool
• Splash pad
• Approximately 10 miles walking/biking trails
• Historic State Theatre
• Gateway to six county parks for camping, fishing and relaxation
• Kilen Woods State Park
• Fine dining, bars, grills, fast food and coffee shops
• Jackson County Courthouse and downtown Jackson on National Register of Historic Buildings
• AGCO Intivity Center
**Jackson County, Parks & Trails**

Jackson County Parks operates and maintains 10 parks within Jackson County. Each park has its own unique natural character along with campsites, camper cabins, shelter houses, scenic outlooks, paved bike trails that connect to the Iowa Trails system, and much more. For more information on Jackson County Parks and Trails, please visit [Jackson County Parks & Trails](www.co.jackson.mn.us/parks).

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In recent years, JCC has promoted postsecondary coursework and career pathways programming geared toward equipping students with the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. As part of this effort, the district is partnering with local businesses to facilitate valuable work-based learning opportunities for students.

In 2019, district voters approved a $35.4 million school building bond issue designed to finance construction of new middle school space, plus improvements to the elementary school, an early childhood center addition, as well as improved air quality/HVAC, and an improved and enlarged parking lot, all of which was completed in January 2022. Construction work was completed in January 2023 on the middle school. High school career pathways improvements are also underway in 2023.
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- County Assessor: 847-4033
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- 110 beef operations
- 12 dairy operations
- 168 hog operations
- 46 sheep operations
- 23 poultry operations

Farm Organizations
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