

Mr. and Mrs. Blogger are away from home for the week but have reported in from the Northwoods of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.

“Hello from the lands of rolling hills, wild lilacs, Wisconsin cheese curds and abundant lakes. We are enjoying our drive through Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan in what appears to be the right time of year. Flowers everywhere but not the crowds, bugs but in manageable numbers, and weather that is neither hot nor cold.



Otter Tail County boasts the most lakes in
one county in Minnesota – so beautiful.

This is a road trip for us – no plans other than where we are laying our heads each night and deciding each day what sounds interesting on the way. Our first day we explored the Otter Tail County Scenic Byway beginning in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The second day we slowed down and enjoyed the small town atmosphere of Fergus Falls (Museum, cafes and the local cemetery). Very quiet town that probably is abuzz in the tourist season. I have an ancestor buried here (thus the visit to the cemetery) and otherwise wouldn't have known about Fergus Falls. A delightful place to visit.



First locomotive in
Minnesota, built in 1861. As
seen at the Lake Superior
Railroad Museum.

After several days there we drove east to an area around Duluth, Minnesota, on the southwest shore of Lake Superior. It seemed very odd to see such big water and think of it as a lake! Mr. Blogger loved the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth and we both enjoyed walking around the area and soaking in the shore life.

Today we drove east from there through Wisconsin and through one half of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to a town called Marquette. It is a beautiful college town on the southern shore of Lake Superior. We drove through miles and miles of green deciduous landscape and we definitely are in new territory for the two of us. We really enjoy exploring new areas so this is great fun. We learned that people from the Upper Peninsula are called Yoopers (UP's) and that bear and moose are not uncommon here. They have yet to appear for your bloggers but we are keeping our eyes open just in case.



In the land of lakes there are ducks
everywhere! We are still on the look out
for a Loon though!

Tomorrow we head for Sault Ste. Marie, the eastern-most corner of the UP and still on the southern shore of Lake Superior. There is actually a Canadian portion and US portion of Sault Ste. Marie. We will be exploring the locks between Lake Superior and Lake Huron, among other things. Our plan for the rest of the week is to drive southwest from Sault Ste. Marie back into Wisconsin and visit Oshkosh and Eau Claire before heading back home via Minnesota. The adventure continues..."



Enjoy your week ahead!

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