

**Cultural Event: Jeffers Petroglyphs (Comfrey, MN)**  
**(Wednesday; July 11, 2007)**

This cultural event will focus on Native American culture and history. Amid the prairie grasses are islands of uncovered rock, where American Indians left carvings —**petroglyphs**— humans, deer, elk, buffalo, turtles, thunderbirds, atlals and arrows. They tell a story that spans 5,000 years. The petroglyphs served many functions, including recording important events, depicting sacred ceremonies, and emphasizing the importance of animals and hunting.

The Jeffers Petroglyphs are approximately 2000 American Indian images carved in quartzite outcrops preserved by the Minnesota Historical Society since 1966. This historic site contains 80 acres of native and restored prairie. It is located in southwestern Minnesota where the Sioux quartzite bedrock is exposed along an east-west trending ridge up to 50 feet high, three miles wide, and 25 miles long. Archaeologists date the carvings from as far back as 5000 years old to 250 years old. This area was purchased by the US Government by treaty from the Dakota in 1851. The site is named for the last private owner of the site, W.R. Jeffers.

The event will begin with opening remarks from Cory Drummond. There will be a 15-minute film presentation on the formation of the petroglyphs. There will be a 30-minute talk about the Native American experience in America by a speaker TBD. Attendees will then tour these historic carvings. They will also be given the “experience” of hunting buffalo in the prairie. Once everyone completes the tour, everyone will reconvene to hear closing remarks and adjourn for lunch (on your own).

The cost of admittance will be \$4.00/ person. The event is scheduled for Wednesday July 11, 2007. NRCS attendee’s costs will be covered by the CRAC. Attached is a link to the Jeffers Petroglyph’s official website:

<http://www.jefferspetroglyphs.com/>

*Click on the following link for directions to the Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic Site*

<http://www.thudscave.com/petroglyphs/grafx/dr-map.pdf>

Jeffers Petroglyphs Historic Site  
27160 County Road 2  
Comfrey, MN 56019

**Cultural Event: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (Spicer, MN)  
(Thursday; July 12, 2007)**

This cultural event site will focus on Native American culture and history. The event will begin with opening remarks from Cory Drummond. There will be a presentation about the Native American experience in America by a speaker TBD.

Attendees will be given a chance to take a walk through time as they experience the American Indian History Village. The American Indian History Village consists of reconstructed dwellings representing cultures 8,000 years ago, 3,000 years ago, and 500 years ago. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience a Historic-era tipi. During this cultural event, attendees will learn about ways-of-life of humans through a long course of history and experience activities such as starting a fire with flint and steel and making toys from cattails. They will also be given the "experience" of hunting buffalo in the prairie as they try their hand at atlatls spear-throwing.

Everyone will gain a new perspective on land-use and history through this cultural event.

Once everyone completes the tour, everyone will reconvene to hear closing remarks and adjourn for lunch (on your own).

The cost of admittance will be free. The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2007. Attached is a link to the Prairie Woods Learning Center Official website:

<http://www.prairiewoodselc.org/>

Click on the following link for directions to the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center:

<http://www.prairiewoodselc.org/roadmap.html>

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center

12718 10<sup>th</sup> St. NE

Spicer, MN 56288

Phone: (320)-354-5894

## **Tour of Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren Colony, Hawley, MN (Monday; July 16, 2007)**

The Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren Colony is located 10 miles northwest of Hawley, MN in Clay County. Joe Wipf is head of the colony. The colony has 6572 acres of farmland of which 5574 acres is cropland. The crops they raise are small grains, corn, sunflowers, soybeans, and canola. They also raise dairy, beef, chickens, turkeys, and pigs. The local NRCS personnel have been working with the colony with HEL plans, CRP plans, and EQIP funding. The colony is located on the Lake Agassiz Beach Ridge where a high water table exists so they have had to come up with alternative ways to protect the ground water. Some of the practices that the colony has implemented include stacking slab for beef, chicken, and turkey manure; concrete slab for the beef herd's feedlot; liquid manure storage for the dairy; nutrient management; residue management and pest management.

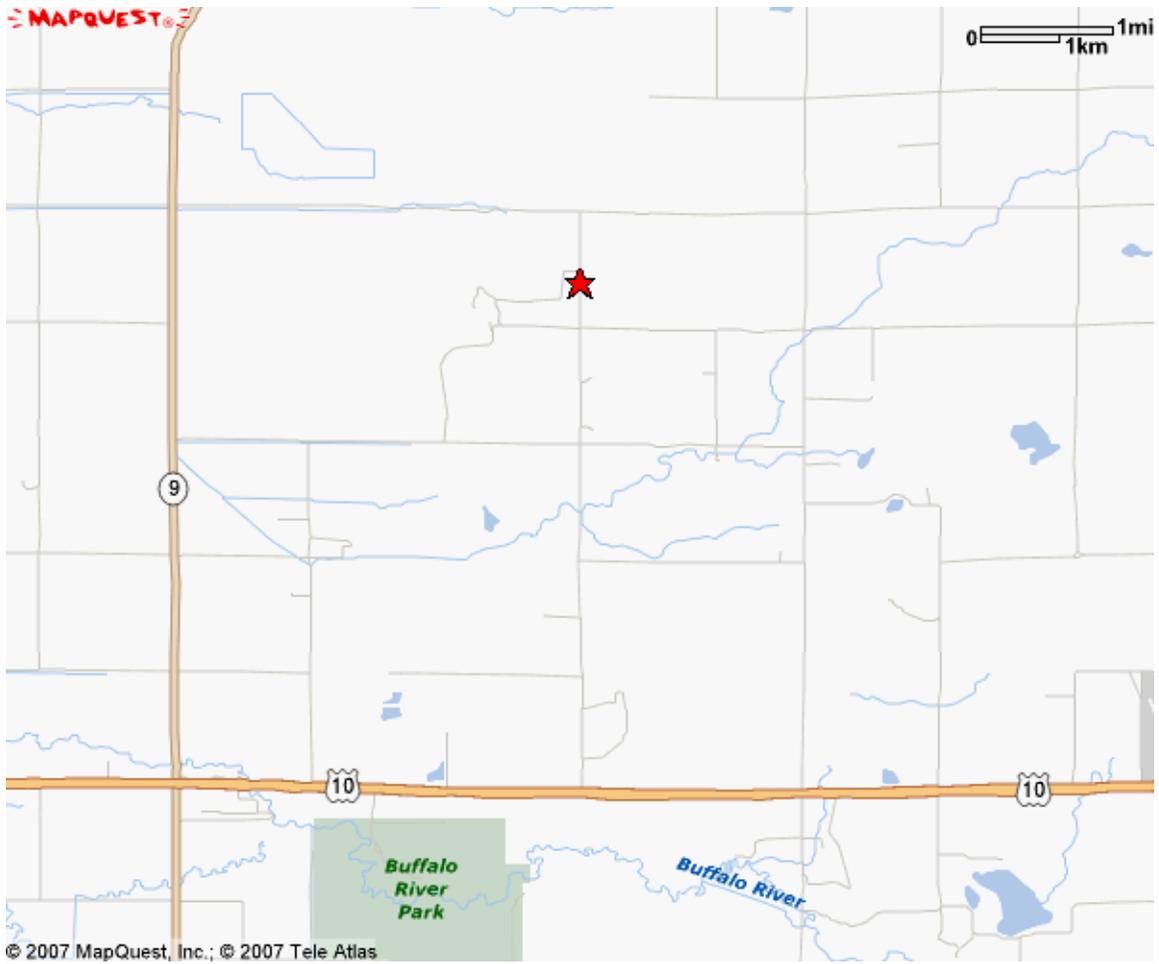
This is a tour that you will not want to miss! The colony is a self-sustaining colony and the dairy setup was designed so that even the children could run the equipment for the operation. The cost of this event is free.

**The tour date:** Monday July 16, 2007

**The tour will start at 10:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m.**

### **Directions:**

The Spring Prairie Hutterian Brethren Colony is located about four miles north of HWY 10 between Hawley and Moorhead. If you are coming from the East or West, travel HWY 10 to 170th Street North (County Road 86) and go North for a little over four miles. The farm is located on the West side of the road. If you are coming from the North or South on HWY 9, travel three miles East on 70th Ave North, then go South one-half mile or so to the farm site on the West side of 170th Street North. The address is: 6189 170th Street N, Hawley, MN 56549. Please call Sharon or Nancy at the NRCS office in Clay County if you have any questions about how to get to the tour location. (218) 233-7773 ext. 3.

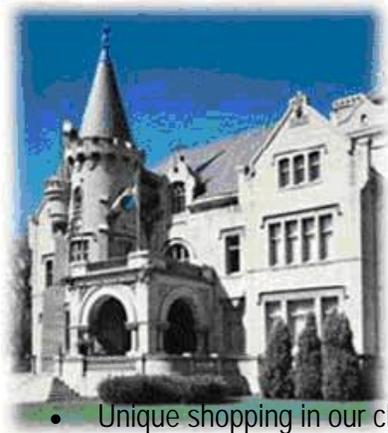


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## Tour of the American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, MN (Tuesday; July 17, 2007)

The American Swedish Institute, founded in 1929 by Swan J. Turnblad, is a historic house/museum offering a variety of programs designed to celebrate Swedish culture. The Turnblad mansion, which houses the Institute, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the only castle in the Twin Cities. The museum, located within the historic Turnblad mansion, showcases the Institute's collection of Swedish glass, decorative and fine arts, textiles, and items from Sweden. The permanent exhibit "Swedish Life in the Twin Cities" explores the local Swedish-American community through photographs, diaries, vintage recordings and immigrant artifacts. The house was built for newspaper publisher Swan J. Turnblad and was completed in 1908. This fine example of turn-of-the-century chateausque architecture is filled with intricately carved oak, walnut and mahogany interiors. Painted plaster sculpturing decorates the ceilings. The centerpiece of the 33-room mansion is a two-story grand entrance hall. The house also features eleven unique Swedish porcelain tile stoves called kakelugnar

### Highlights include:



- Elaborate hand-carved woodwork throughout the Victorian-era Mansion
- A collection of Swedish porcelain tile stoves (*kakelugnar*) unmatched outside Sweden
- The Visby Window, a stunning Swedish example of Victorian-era stained-glass art
- Intricate plaster-mold ceilings in each room
- Verandah and gardens open seasonally
- Exhibits of traditional Swedish and Swedish-American art forms, including glass, wood-carving, and painting

- Unique shopping in our charming Museum Shop and *Bokhandel* (bookstore)

After the one hour tour of the castle, the group will participate in the Swedish Immigrant Trunk activity described below:

If you came from Sweden to Minnesota in 1860, what would you put in your trunk? A mangle board? Some tools, a twig whisk, sheep shears? A representative from the American Swedish Institute gives an engaging and hands-on presentation of a Swedish immigrant trunk filled with late 19th century objects. Participants will learn about early Swedish immigration to Minnesota and will touch fascinating artifacts to learn about change over time and cultural difference. You'll imagine walking in the shoes of Swedish immigrants with a program that's part history show-and-tell, part "Antiques Road Show," and part a-walk-down memory lane.

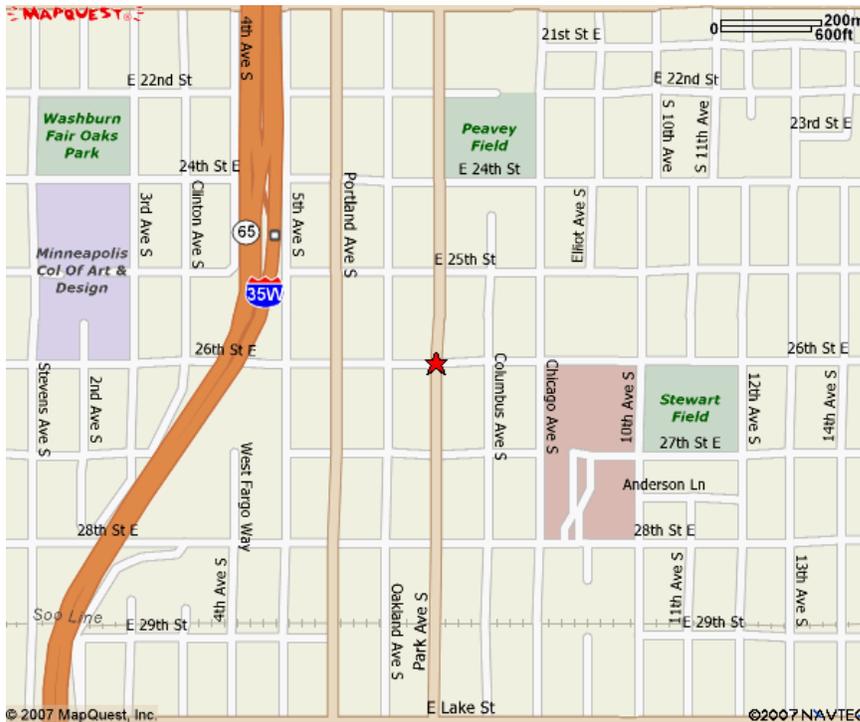
The cost of admittance will be \$10/ person. NRCS attendee's costs will be covered by the CRAC.

The tour date: Tuesday July 17, 2007

The tour will start at 9:30 a.m.

**Directions:**

The American Swedish Institute is located in Minneapolis, MN. When looking for directions from various locations, Map Quest took different routes each time. If you are interested in this tour, please go to Map Quest or another map service website to gain knowledge on how to get to the site. Parking is free and the Institute has a private parking area. The American Swedish Institute address is: 2600 Park Ave, Minneapolis, MN. Phone number is: (612) 871-4907.



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## Tour the Iron World Discovery Center, Chisholm, MN (Wednesday; July 18, 2007)

### The Iron World Learning Experience:

#### The Museum

Exhibits take visitors on a journey through the past of the Iron Range from early exploration and discovery of iron ore through the Iron Range's significant role in World War II. Visitors can expect to learn how the mining industry impacted the lives of people of the Range and vice-versa. Special attention is given to the immigration boom at the turn of the twentieth century. There is also a hall of geology where visitors can gain a deeper understanding of Minnesota's mineral resources.

#### Heritage Park:

Historic buildings and exhibits in Iron World's Heritage Park focus on the history of the Iron Range not directly related to the mining industry. A Sami hut and Norwegian stabbur illustrate the life in Europe that many immigrants left behind. The homestead and Northwood's cabin explain the lifestyles of the Range's pioneers. Heritage Park also features the Civilian Conservation Corp's Museum where visitors can learn more about the impact that this Government program had on the land and people of Northeastern Minnesota.

#### Glen Location

A collection of historic buildings make up Iron World's Glen Location, a recreation of life on a range mining location in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Arriving by way of Iron World's 1928 trolley, visitors can explore the historic Wilpen Depot, railroad bunkhouse, Hill's Finn Boarding House, and a typical location house. Visitors can expect to learn about the impact of the railroad and mining industries on the area and what life in these locations was like in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Research Center

Visitors are welcome to use the Iron Range Research Center to learn more about the mining industry, local history, and genealogy. In the library visitors will find a reading room with a special collection of over 7,000 books and audiovisual materials, an oral history listening station, and a microfilm room with over 12,000 reels including Iron Range newspapers, immigration documents and census records. Most materials in the library are available for check-out with a valid Arrowhead library card. Their Research Center archives holds over 5,000 linear feet of unpublished materials including photograph collections, Government records, maps, manuscripts, and audiovisual collections. Archival research is conducted by pre-arranged appointment with the Research Center archivist.

The cost of admittance will be \$7.50/ person. NRCS attendee's costs will be covered by the CRAC.

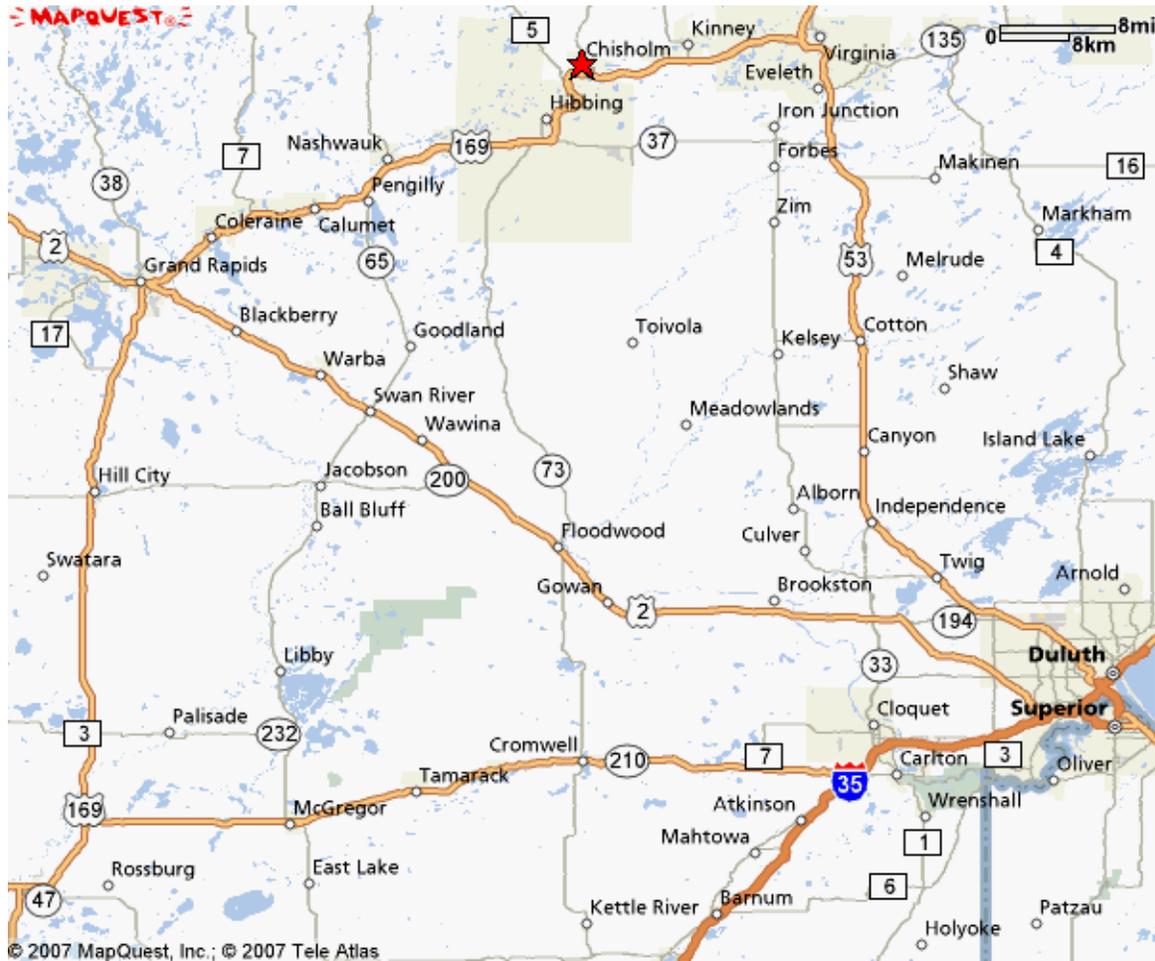
**The tour date:** Wednesday July 18, 2007

**The tour will start at 9:30 a.m. and ends around 12:30 p.m.**



**Directions:**

Iron World is three hours north of the Twin Cities and 1.5 hours north of Duluth. Follow Interstate 35 North to Cloquet; follow U.S. Highway 33 to U.S. Highway 53. Take Highway 53 to Virginia, and then follow U.S. Highway 169 West to Chisholm. Address: 801 SW Highway 169 #1, Chisholm, MN. Phone: (218) 254-1959



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## Tour of an Amish Community and Culture, Harmony (Southeast), MN (Thursday; July 19, 2007)

Meeting at the Harmony Visitor Center, we will take you on a 2 ½ hour bus ride trip to about five Amish farms. You will visit an Amish woodworking shop, see beautifully hand crafted quilts displayed for sale, see a sawmill and a harness shop, drive by an Amish built log cabin furnished with log furniture, a kitchen cabinet shop, and drive by an Amish one-room schoolhouse, a buggy and wagon shop. You will be able to see and purchase hand woven Amish baskets and rustic birdhouses. The Amish are a happy content people who do not need worldly goods to lead a fulfilling life. They care deeply for their families. They love the land and try to improve the soil every year.



The tour date: Thursday July 19, 2007

The tour will start at 9:30 a.m.

### *Directions:*

Harmony is located in SE MN. You will either come South on Hwy 52 through Preston, or come through Lanesboro on Hwy 16 then South on Hwy 52 into Harmony. Park at the Visitor Center located off Hwy 52. Make a right (South) on Main Ave. N and a right (West) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW. The tour will depart from "Amish Tours of Harmony" located at 94 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW. 507-886-2303.



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**Time:** Tour will take off at 9:30 and will be back by 12:00.

**Amish lunch (optional):** Lunch is on your own. However with a minimum of 20 participants, a local Amish family would serve us an outstanding lunch only a block away from our parking area. Meal includes main dish and several side dishes, slice of pie, drink, tax and gratuity. Total cost is **\$11 per person** (not covered by tour, this is an out-of-pocket expense). Lunch will be only one block from your vehicles. Other eating options in Harmony are two diners or the picnic area at the Visitor Center.

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Please copy and paste the information below in an e-mail to

[christiane.roy@mn.usda.gov](mailto:christiane.roy@mn.usda.gov) . Subject: Amish Tour

Name:

Filed Office location:

Amish Lunch reservations (optional)      Yes      No

Amish Meal choice (circle one):    ¼ Chicken      Roast beef      Roast Turkey      Swiss Steak