

Feature Story

The Perfect time to Ride

by Rob Bonner



If you're like most of us Harley riders, there is no better time to ride than the fall. You can finely feel comfortable in all that gear you're supposed to wear and your air cooled machine loves the cool crisp air. If you're looking for "a unique destination for motorcyclists" take a look at spending a night or two in the Hidden Valley region of southwestern Wisconsin at the Blue Highway Motorcycle Lodge, located just outside of Hillsboro Wisconsin. www.bluehighwaymotorcyclodge.net

Dan and Brandy are the proprietors of the lodge that opened in 2004. Their plan was simple, in their own rides around the country they were never able to find upscale accommodations with the atmosphere of camping, exclusively for bikers. So Blue Highway Motorcycle Lodge was born.



They have six very comfortable cabins with whirlpool tubs, clean towels, fire pit with a stack of wood, covered parking, gas grill, galley kitchen, gas fireplace and screened in porch. And the best part is it's all included in your room rate. They don't surprise you with any BS fees. But leave

the trucks and trailers at home my friends, accessible only by motorcycle, this place is for riders.

I went there with a group a year ago on the first weekend in November and although it rained one day it still puts a smile on my face. I have referred numerous people and talked to others that have been there. One friend described it as both relaxing and adventurous. I've yet to hear anything other than "great times".

On the way up there, do yourself a favor and stay off the interstate. There are plenty of great two lane roads through Iowa and Sauk county. You can stop in New Glarus for a pint of Spotted Cow or have lunch at The Shed in Spring Green. And if you're looking for something to do in Hillsboro, try Dan and Nancy's Bar and Grill in the downtown area.

So remember, it's about the journey, plan a route through the rolling hills of southwestern Wisconsin and visit Dan and Brandy's dream getaway. Oh, and by the way, I've been told that the lodge doesn't show up on GPS and you can't map-quest it either. So bring your map and good sense of direction and enjoy the ride.

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