

# Getting to the ReNew the Earth Institute

## About Custer, WI

Nestled in the heart of central Wisconsin, Custer is surrounded by rolling hills, lakes, trout streams, and beautiful woodlands. Custer has been the home of the ReNew the Earth Institute since 1999. Custer is located 7 miles east of Stevens Point, and 8 miles west of Amherst on Highway 10.

The ReNew the Earth Institute is conveniently located just off Hwy 10 on Deer Road, 7 miles east of Highway 39/51 and Stevens Point providing easy access to Appleton (1.5 hours), Madison (2 hours), Chicago (4 hours), Milwaukee (3.5 hours), and Minneapolis-St. Paul (4 hours).

## Ground Transportation

Car-pool information is available on the MREA website at [http://www.the-mrea.org/fair\\_accommodations.php](http://www.the-mrea.org/fair_accommodations.php).

Taxi service from Central Wisconsin Airport by:

Courtesy Cab, (715) 342-8863

Taxi service from Appleton Airport by:

Fox Valley Cab Inc, (920) 734-4546

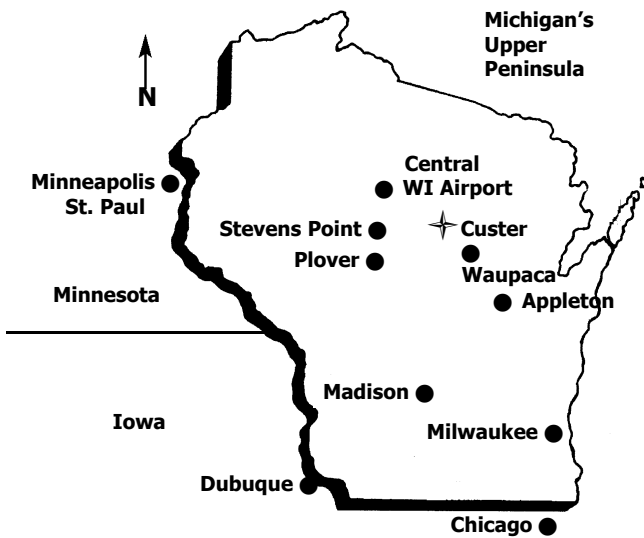
Community Cab, (920) 788-4645

Cars can be rented at the major airports listed below.

## Air Transportation

The nearest airports to the ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer, WI:

Central WI (CWA)	40 miles
Appleton	60 miles
Madison	125 miles
Milwaukee	150 miles
Minneapolis	230 miles
Chicago	240 miles



## Fair Mass Transit

Want to make the trip to the Fair but don't want to drive yourself all the way up here? Coming from Madison or Milwaukee? We've got a deal for you! Travel in style to the Fair from Madison or Milwaukee by coach bus each day of the Fair. Buses feature air conditioning, restroom, and plush seating. Departure times are at 8:00am each day, with return times coinciding with the close of the Fair (7:00pm Friday and Saturday, 5:00pm Sunday). Tickets are \$20.

### MADISON BUS DETAILS

The Madison bus will leave from the Dutch Mill Park and Ride each morning at 8:00am. Bus will leave the Fair back for Madison at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday and 5:00pm on Sunday.

### MILWAUKEE BUS DETAILS

The Milwaukee bus will leave from the Petit Ice Arena Park and Ride each morning at 8:00am. Bus will leave the Fair back for Milwaukee at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday and 5:00pm on Sunday.

## Area Information:

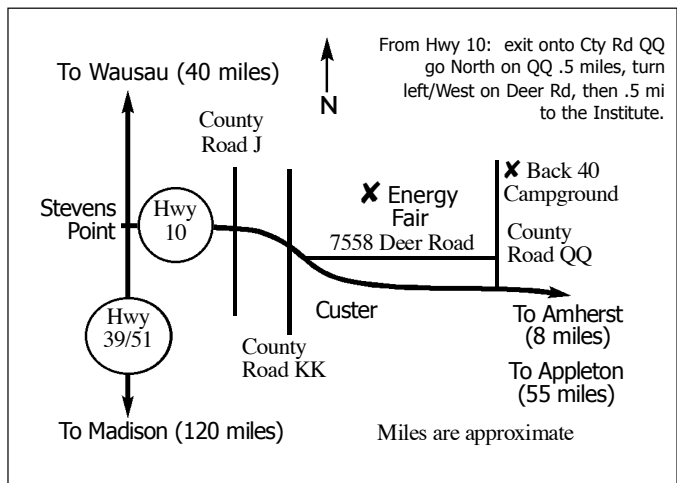
Stevens Point Convention & Visitors Bureau  
800-236-4636 [www.spacvb.com](http://www.spacvb.com)

Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce  
800-236-2222 [www.waupacaareachamber.com](http://www.waupacaareachamber.com)

## Kennel Information

Dogs are not allowed at the Fair in parking lots, fairgrounds, or campgrounds. For a small fee you can keep your pet safe and comfortable at one of the following kennels.

- The Barking Lot, Stevens Point .....(715) 341-9322
- Camp Bandy Pet Resort, Amherst Junction . . . .(715) 824-3900
- Muckamoor Kennel, Plover .....(715) 344-8533
- Wag Inn Kennels, Custer. ....(715) 592-4972



# Local Accommodations

(all listings are for Stevens Point, unless otherwise noted)

## Hotels/Motels

### WITHIN 9 MILES OF THE RENEW THE EARTH INSTITUTE

LaQuinta Inn\*\* .....(800) 301-0200  
Royale Inn\* .....(877) 811-0217  
Fairfield Inn .....(800) 228-2800  
Holiday Inn & Conference Center\*  
.....(800) 465-4329  
Holiday Inn Express\*\* .....(800) 465-4329  
Tomorrow River Motel, Amherst  
.....(715) 824-3113

### WITHIN 10-25 MILES OF THE RENEW THE EARTH INSTITUTE

America's Best Value Inn\*\*  
.....(888) 315-2378  
AmericInn Motel, Plover (715) 342-1244  
Bestwestern Grand Seasons, Waupaca  
.....(877) 880-1054  
Blue Top Motel .....(715) 344-3434  
Comfort Suites\*\* .....(800) 424-6423  
Comfort Suites at Foxfire, Waupaca  
.....(715) 942-0500  
Country Inn & Suites\* .....(800) 456-4000  
Country Springs Hotel\*\* (800) 998-2311  
Hampton Inn, Plover .....(800) 426-1266  
Point Motel .....(715) 344-8312

FREE shuttle to the Fair \*  
Within walking distance of shuttle \*\*

## Bed and Breakfasts

Amherst Inn, Amherst .....(715) 824-2326  
Crystal River Inn, Waupaca  
.....(715) 258-5333  
Dreams of Yesteryear .....(715) 341-4525  
Ferg's Bavarian Village, Manawa  
.....(920) 596-2946  
Green Fountain Inn, Waupaca  
.....(800) 603-4600  
Inn on Main Street .....(866) 491-4010  
Iris Inn B&B, Iola .....(715) 445-4080  
Lindsay House B&B, Manawa  
.....(920) 596-3643  
Victorian Swan .....(800) 454-9886  
Walker's Barn, Waupaca .....(800) 870-0737

## Alternate Fair Lodging

Camp Helen Brachman, Almond  
.....(715) 366-2234  
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,  
Amherst Junction .....(715) 824-2428

## Camping

Portage County Parks ... (715) 346-1433  
(Collins Lake, Jordan Park, Lake Emily)  
Hartman Creek State Park, Waupaca  
.....(888) 947-2757  
Iola Pines Campground, Iola  
.....(715) 445-3489  
Ridgewood Campground, Plover  
.....(715) 344-8750  
Rivers Edge Campground(715) 344-8058  
Rustic Woods Campgrounds, Waupaca  
.....(715) 258-2442  
Waupaca Camping Park, Waupaca  
.....(715) 258-8010  
Wild Wild West Camp, Amherst  
.....(715) 824-5115

## RENEWABLE ENERGY & SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR CAMPING

Back 40 Campground (MREA owned & operated) ..... (715) 592-6595  
For a nominal fee, the MREA offers off-site camping at our Back 40 campsite, located just 1 mile north east of the Fair.

This is a beautifully wooded site for tent, car and RV camping (no electrical hook-ups). There will be a shower trailer and porta-potties available as well as a frequent shuttle to the Fair. Fees for camping are \$15 per site (one tent or RV), extra tents are \$5 each. Six people and 3 tents maximum per site please.

To register for camping please see the registration form in the middle of this guide.

## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE FOR BACK 40 RUSTIC CAMPGROUND

A one-way trip to the Fair will take approximately 5 minutes.

Friday and Saturday: 7:30am. - 7:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am - 6:00pm

The bus runs about every ten minutes between the two sites.

And so you can stay for entertainment a final bus will run from 11:45pm to midnight.

Bus leaves from the bus stop in the parking lot (see map pages 32-33).

## FREE Shuttle Service for Fairgoers!

Ride to the Fair from Stevens Point area hotels. This service is brought to you by MREA and PoinTours.

## Shuttle Schedule for Stevens Point Hotels

The shuttle picks up riders from the following hotels in this order:

Country Suites Hotel

Royale Inn

Holiday Inn & Conference Center

Please be waiting in front of the hotel for the shuttle. The driver will not enter the hotel to check for passengers. When the shuttle drops off passengers from the Fair they will also pick passengers up for the return trip.

The shuttle is not precisely on schedule...it will make round trips once in the morning, twice on Friday and Saturday evenings, and just once on Sunday evening at 5:15pm.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8:00am- From Stevens Point Hotels to Fair

7:15pm - From the Fair to Stevens Point Hotels

Midnight - From the Fair to Stevens Point Hotels

So you can stay for the entertainment on Friday & Saturday...

A final bus will leave the Fair at Midnight and go to the Back 40 campground and Stevens Point Motels.

## SUNDAY:

8:00am - From Stevens Point Hotels to the Fair

5:15pm -From the Fair to Stevens Point Hotels