

PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN

Known as a "hub city" for the wheel & hub factory built in 1867 and for its central location between Milwaukee and Green Bay, Plymouth is both charming and beautiful. It is nestled in the gently rolling hills of the Kettle Moraine, which also makes Plymouth an ideal place for visitors to rest, relax, and rejuvenate, while experiencing a unique and historic town.

Like many other Wisconsin communities, Plymouth started as a stagecoach stop on a Native American Trail and Wilderness Road from Sheboygan to the interior of the state.

The Mullet River was what first attracted settlers from New England and New York, shortly followed by the Germans escaping the social upheaval in their homelands. The Smith family had named the area Quit Qui Oc, meaning "Crooked River," while Henry and Thomas Davidson named it Plymouth. The State Legislature changed the name to Quit Qui Oc in 1851, but reversed itself, naming the whole settlement Plymouth a year later. Division Street is what evidence remains of the rivalry between the two factions.

The arrival of the Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad in 1859, and the Milwaukee and Northern Railroad in 1871, made Plymouth a small railroad center with an underlying agricultural economy. Local cheese factories added to this economy in the 1860's and 1870's, bringing to downtown the National Cheese Exchange, until the late 1950's. Cheese factories in Plymouth today are: Sargento Foods, Sartori Foods, Masters Gallery Foods, Great Lakes Cheese of Wisconsin, Dairy Farmers of America (Bordens).

In 2002, Plymouth celebrated its 125th anniversary. Since Plymouth was founded, this diverse city has been enjoying growth and expansion. With that growth, time has aged what once was a delightfully new and developing place, but it has not taken away any of Plymouth's original beauty.

The Plymouth School District serves the families of approximately 2400 students in the community of Plymouth, the village of Cascade and surrounding areas encompassing 150 square miles in all. There is one high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools within the Plymouth city limits, and one rural elementary school located eight miles from the city. In the state-required statistical report to the parents and community, the district's graduation rate is 95.6%, with approximately 76% of students indicating they intended to pursue a college or technical college degree.

On your leisurely stroll through Plymouth's downtown, you can tantalize your taste buds with local culinary flavors, such as a delightful cappuccino in a 90-year-old bank or a specialty pizza such as Chicken Florentine! You'll be intrigued by the captivating architecture and beautiful artwork found in several quaint pubs, shops and contemporary galleries. If fresh air and warm sun on your face while [bicycling](#) or boating sounds appealing, you'll find the trails and lakes in and surrounding Plymouth to be lush and refreshing.

After a long day of activities, find comfort and character in one of Plymouth's many [bed and breakfasts, fine motels and inns](#). So come, unwind, relax, and experience our diverse community.

Antoinette's Here

Often used as a landmark in giving directions, this wondrous statute was erected during Plymouth's centennial celebration in 1977. Antoinette is a 100% pure, FDA approved fiberglass Holstein cow. She stands proud at 20 feet high and weighs over 1,000 pounds! Antoinette commemorates Plymouth's ties to the cheese making industry. She is located in front of the [Plymouth Utilities](#) building just south of the intersection of S. Milwaukee and Mill Street (southwest of downtown) and just south of [Antoinette's Sandwich & Pizza](#). Yes, the restaurant was named after our beloved Holstein. Don't miss this great vacation photo opportunity!