













## Walhalla Area - Start in Walhalla

1. 📷 **Stop 1: Masonic Overlook** – (The Big A as we locals call it- it's not an A – it's the masonic symbol)
  - a. As you drive West before you go up the hill, you'll see a sign at Division Street for the Overlook. Follow the dirt road up (you'll pass two cemeteries – the Protestant, then the Catholic. Go past the Catholic and you'll get to the Overlook with a big metal elk.
  - b. There are binoculars to view the overlook – may want to bring your own wipes (COVID).
  - c. Kenny Tetrault crafted that elk and well as the moose you saw in town. Same family as the forest you're looking over.
2. Head back to Walhalla – take a left at Hwy 55 to go up the hill.
3. 📷 **Stop 2: Tetrault Woods Overlook** – this is a relatively new lookout within the last 10-15 years
  - a. The road is a little rough after you get off the township road – go slow, BIG potholes.
  - b. There's a picnic table here -it's been a popular spot to take your lunch.
4. 📷 **Stop 3: Brick Mine Bridge** – the bridge was just redone 4-5 years ago. They took it off in one pieces with a crane, then repaired it, put in new footings and returned it.
  - a. There actually was a Brick Mine here (see the hillside has more of a dirt face)
  - b. That hill is now used for motorcycle hill climb every summer around July 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. If you go past the bridge and take the left fork – there's another "little" bridge (Little Pembina Bridge) that is more rustic – good photo opp with little ranch in the background. Ranch is privately owned. The big Brick Mine Bridge looked like this little one, but bigger before it was refurbished.
5. **Stop 4** (isn't really a stop but there is a STOP sign) – Vang Cemetery

- a. I wanted to send you through one of the lesser travel roads people don't see. Follow the map from the Brick Mine to the Vang Cemetery. The cemetery is to the West of the intersection where you'll turn right when you get back to Hwy 55 where the gravel begins.
  - b. This will give you a good look at the expansive part of the Gorge when you come down the hill (it's all gravel, has washboards, if it's planting, spraying or harvest time – watch for tractors, sprayers, trucks, combines, etc.)
6.   **Stop 5: Frost Fire**
- a. Walk around the grounds. There's a mountain bike park (you can rent bikes), new lift, summer amphitheater, gift shop.
  - b.   Howatt's Hanger (restaurant/bar)
7.   **Stop 6: Walhalla Country Club –**
- a. If you don't want to golf– you can go through the screened porch to the deck on back and see another view- you'll see Frost Fire across the Gorge.
  - b. If you want to golf – it's \$15/round per person + \$7/cart per person. Hole #8 – one of the best views.
8.   **Stop 7: Pembina Gorge Rec Area Trailhead** (there are bathrooms & picnic tables here)!
- a. If you feel like a hike you can take the trail. Just a warning it's a downhill hike through the Three Sisters Trail but to get back to your car, it's ¼ mile uphill and ¼ mile flat walking. It's a good work out – takes about 30-40 minutes or so.
  - b. There's some cool photo opps throughout the trail.
  - c. After you leave the Trailhead, take the hill you walked up.
9.  **Stop 8: Fossil Dig Site** (not marked, but it's right along the road where it looks like it's been excavated).
- a. There isn't a lot to see here, but the views are gorgeous. They seem to find fossils each year here. Dig is usually in mid-August.
10. Once you're passed here – you'll get a nice, flat ride for a while. Then the map will take you through a few more miles of good scenery. You are approximately 1.5 miles from Canada on this road.
11.  When you get to the T in the road – my map sends you back toward Walhalla, but you can venture to the West if you want – I think last time I went that way it didn't go too far before I turned around.
12. **Stop 9: Gingras Trading Post** – not sure if it's open – was closed in 2020 due to COVID
- a. Interesting fact – the log home is actually logs from my parent's old farmhouse. After they built a new house in 1974 – they came to farm and disassembled the logs to rebuild this home on this site.
  - b. The red building is the actual trading post.
13.   **Stop 10: Tetrault Woods State Forest**
- a. 30-45 minute hike - One steep hill to get in/out of the trail, then it's mostly flat.
  - a. Totally different perspective from the bottom looking up.
14. **Shops/Drinks/Food in Walhalla**
- a. Blu Soul – awesome décor store. She refinishes furniture and has lots of décor otherwise. Easily drop \$\$ in here (HA). Part of the Fall Junk Shop Hop - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1126735161183422>

- b. Walhalla Pharmacy – tzchotckes/home deco galore. Only open Friday.
- c. Mimi’s Boutique in New Beginnings Salon (also part of Fall Junk Shop Hop)
- d. Nature’s Best Greenhouse (home décor, plants, flowers)
- e. 🍺 Jackson’s Bar – good for cold one.
- f. 🍴 Main Street Café – good food during the day & Sunday breakfast.
- g. Gas/Snacks – Walhalla Co-op – you can also take a look at all the wildlife shot around the area.
- h. ☕ 🍪 Screamin’ Beans – new coffee shop – unfortunately her construction has been delayed – she is unable to open until October!
- i. 🍴 🍺 Walhalla Inn – full menu – steaks, chicken, burgers, etc. Great salad bar – I don’t particularly like their smorgasbord, but some people do!

## **Bonus Spots**

🏞️ **Icelandic State Park** – hiking trails, interpretive center, typical state park stuff.

📷 **Senator Young Dam** A great view! You may see elk here – Late September/October is rut time and they’ll be busy looking for mates!

**Wind Tower Farm** (between Senator Young & Langdon) – nothing fancy – just wind towers on the prairie.

📷 **Nekoma Missile Site** (on Hwy 1 South of Langdon)