

To do in Mankato:

Mankato is a small but thriving community. We offer excellent dining, entertainment and outdoor activities.

Dining

Mankato is home to many locally owned establishments. If you are headed in or out of town and are in need of a quick breakfast you cannot beat [Tandem Bagels](#), located in the heart of downtown or if you are in the mood for a pastry or muffin, stop by [Friesen's Bakery](#) located in Old Town. Lunch and dinner options are abundant, some of our favorite joints are right in downtown and walking distance from the convention center. Check out: [WYSIWYG](#) (What you see is what you get) for juice, sandwiches and salads (Vegan options), [Olives](#) (upscale Mediterranean fare), [Number4](#) (modern, American fare), [New Bohemia](#) (beer and bratwurst hall), [Bicker Inn](#) (nothing like an Irish bar), [Ummies](#) (bar fare), or our famous [Pagliai's Pizza](#) (pronounced polly-eyes). Located within a quick drive from the convention center: [Dino's Pizzeria](#) (modern pizza and Italian fare), [Neighbor's Italian Bistro](#) (upscale Italian fare; save room for desert because the crème brulee and limoncello are delicious!), and [Tav on the Ave](#) (bar fare). Some ethnic food options: [India Palace](#) and [PhoAnh](#) are two restaurants that are not to be missed.

If you are looking for a quick stop to recharge, you cannot beat ice cream at [Mom and Pop's](#), coffee at [Coffee Hag](#), wine at the [Wine Bar](#) or tea at [Curiosi-Tea House](#) (or maybe all of them!) all located on Riverfront a short walk or drive from the convention center.

Entertainment

You can't beat the energy of our college town. Front Street (located in the heart of downtown) includes a [movie theater](#), bars and restaurants that are open late. Several spots include live music and happy hour specials ([Pub500](#), [Rounders](#), [Blue Bricks](#)).

Mankato's Old Town (located on Riverfront Dr.) has been revitalized in recent years, along with many new restaurants, there are also shopping and antique stores you won't want to miss. Right on Riverfront you will find [Salvage Sisters](#), a reclaimed furniture and home goods store and also boasting a new cable TV series. They have an expanded storefront where you can browse not only their work but other local artists' paintings, sculptures and jewelry.

If you are up for a short drive, [Mankato Brewery](#) and [Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery](#) are not to be missed. Both boast excellent on site produced beer or wine and often have live music and special events. The Chankaska Creek grounds are beautiful.

Outdoors

After a long day at the convention center, enjoy some of the beauty of Mankato. The [Walking Sculpture Tour](#) is a local favorite and yearly tradition for most locals. You may have noticed the sculptures lining 2nd street. Stop by at a number of kiosks to find a brochure and find all of the art installations on the sculpture walk.

[Riverfront Park](#) is located along the Minnesota River and includes a trail along side the river.

[Minneopa State Park](#) is only miles from the convention center and is home to a beautiful waterfall only a short distance from the parking lot. A short drive from the falls includes a plot of land where a herd of Buffalo is being raised right on park grounds.

Greater Mankato boasts many [biking trails](#). Bring along your bike and enjoy and explore southern Minnesota in early spring.

Visit <http://visitgreatermankato.com/> for more information.

MSHA Sponsored Events

Thursday evening: We invite all alumni and interested MSHA members to join us for an open house and tour at the new Clinical Sciences Building at Minnesota State University, Mankato. We will have an opening talk from Dean Retherford, a tour of the building and a hosted happy hour. More details to follow.

Friday evening: MSHA will be sponsoring a social event! More details to follow.

Friday evening: There will be a quartet concert at Bethany Lutheran College chapel to raise funds for Spasmodic Dysphonia research (Friday night 7:00 PM). More details to follow

Saturday Morning: Join fellow MSHA members in Yoga (\$10 fee per person) or a walk/run. More details to follow.

