

The Upper Mississippi River

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I had the privilege of visiting the Upper Mississippi River area this past fall in the Alma, Cochrane area of Wisconsin as well as Winona and Wabasha area of Minnesota. The colors of fall were just fading but it still was a spectacular sight.

The hills were still abundant with browns and yellows from leaves that had not fallen off the trees yet. The river was busy with large barges pushing their precious cargo up and down the mighty river. I watched as they passed through the many locks and dams that are used in that area. Fishermen were still out on the river, hoping to land the “big one.”

But what intrigued me the most and what was most enjoyable was watching the abundance of Bald Eagles that called that area their home. With a keen eye, I was able to spot pairs of eagles soaring about the river or quietly sitting in the nearby trees that lined the shore. Their majestic beauty fascinated me, and I could not get enough of viewing them. It truly was a treat for my husband and I to see them. The Mississippi River is a sight to behold. We will be back!