

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2022

MARKETING & BRAND STRATEGY

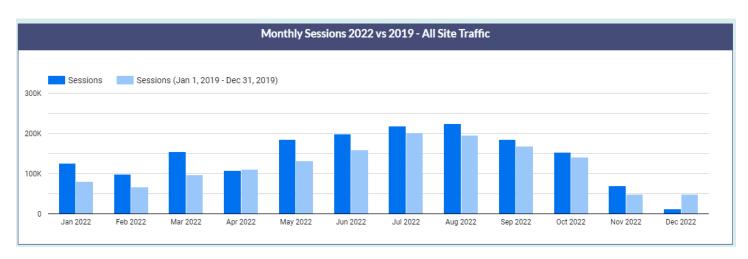
DOORCOUNTY.COM

Total sessions on site reached 70,152, down around 7.5% from 2021 where we saw just under 76,000. With total sessions being down things like unique visitors and goal completions are also down. We're excited to get into 2023 where we'll have a better sense of "normal" YoY data when comparing to what we have seen this year.

Most traffic is coming to the site from Google organic search with a good chunk also reaching the site through paid search, direct traffic, and other traffic.



On the post pandemic trends page we're continuing to see the same trend we have been noticing for the last number of months. Traffic is up about all months compared to 2019. This chart really serves to highlight how traffic to the site is still increasing at a healthy level compared to pre-pandemic years.



The table below highlights the conversion activity on site for the month. When the new Kentico site launched in July we established the most important conversion goals and are now tracking 9 specific goals to gauge performance of traffic on the site. In November we saw a pretty consistent decrease across most conversions but it's expected we'd see lower numbers with a decrease in overall sessions on site combined with the being in the slow season for DDC.

| All Goal Completions | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Goal 1 - Newsletter Sign-Ups 903 | Goal 2 - Interest Profile Completions | Goal 3 - Booking Widget Submission 1,062 | |
| Goal 4 - View Guide Online (All Guides) 959 | Goal 5 - Trip Planner Quiz Completion 225 | Goal 6 - Register for Account 79 | |
| Goal 7 - Session Duration > 3min 11,536 | Goal 8 - Pledge for DDC Completion 12 | Goal 9 - Business Directory Site Click 4,122 | |

ENEWSLETTER

Combining the two sends from November the newsletter went out to 229,100 recipients, of which we saw 227,800 successful deliveries. 69,200 people opened the email a total of 92,800 times. We saw 4,600 total clicks from 2,600 recipients who made at least 1 click. Combined send total open rate reached almost 41% with combined total click rate reaching just over 2%.

Additionally, we worked to increase our ratio of highly engaged subscribers to low engaged subscribers with a Recommitment Campaign which began in October, removing around 10K subscribers that had no engagement (meaning they never opened an email from us). November we deployed a second email focused on the lowest engagement segment to further clean our list - about 27,000. The goal of this campaign is to ensure efficiency and also lower the monthly cost based on number of subscribers.

Lastly, we ran our last lead generation campaign for the 2022 year Oct 31 - 11/20. We were able to add 4,080 new subscribers.

| Total Recipients 229,124 | Successful Deliveries: 227,858 | Recipients Who Opened: 69,155 | Combined Total Open Rate 40.71% | Combined Total Click Rate 2.03% |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Recipients Who Clicked: 2,663 | Total Opens: 92,771 | Total Clicks: 4,620 | Combined Unique Open Rate 30.35% | Combined Unique Click Rate 1.17% |

PAID MEDIA

In November, our paid media efforts focused on our evergreen Adwords campaign, paid social and lead generation campaign. We received 685K impressions throughout the month, driving 21k users to DoorCounty.com.

Google Adwords

Clicks increased over November 2021 (10%), however impressions were down (17%). Click thru rate increased by 32.3%. Hotels, Romantic Getaway, and Resorts ad groups saw an increase in impressions served, while Things to do, Events & Festivals, Pet Friendly, Cabins, and Wineries, saw a decrease. Lighthouses, Events and Family Attractions and Hiking ad groups had the highest CTR.

Paid Social Campaign

Our paid social campaign in November focused on weddings in Door County. The campaign ran from October 24th to November 14th. Ads were served up in the Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay and Madison markets. Total impressions were 53K, driving just over 400 users to DoorCounty.com/Weddings.

From lodging and venues to caterers and photographers, everything you need for your big day is in beautiful Door County.













Make every second,

every photo,

every toast,

every vow,

the perfect moment.

Start planning.

Lead Generation Campaign and Recap

Our final lead generation campaign was winter focused with a winter prize pack as the incentive to drive sign ups. We received a total of 4,080 new subscribers through the campaign.

To recap all our lead generation campaigns for the year:

- Over 13,000 leads captured in 2022
- Cost per Lead was low at avg. \$1.20
 - Historically, CPL is coming in lower than past years
- Interest and Lookalike targeting both produced high volume of leads
 - January and Fall: Interest generated the most leads
 - o April and Summer: Lookalike generated the most leads
- Increased Summer and Fall budgets in order to maintain email subscriber list count



ORGANIC SOCIAL

FACEBOOK

Our impressions and engagement dropped 30% over last month, but the platform's engagement rate continued to rise to 4.9% (an increase of 10% from last month). With the highest interactions coming from post link clicks including a local co-op and Travel Wisconsin post.

Received Messages: 100 Private Messages

INSTAGRAM

Similar to Facebook, our impressions and engagement percentages fell 30%, but our engagement rate continued to rise again 4.9% (a 13% increase from last month). Followers still holding on to those beautiful fall colors.

Received Messages: 75 Direct Messages

TWITTER

With the change in ownership on this platform, it was interesting to see the fluctuation in metric numbers. We lost 128 followers, but most likely these were bot removals that most accounts witnessed. Even though our total engagement numbers were down, our platform saw increases to replies a 66% jump from last month alone.

Received Messages: 34 Mentions, 20 Retweets

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134,522 Followers



77,193 Followers



8,166 Followers



2,163 Followers

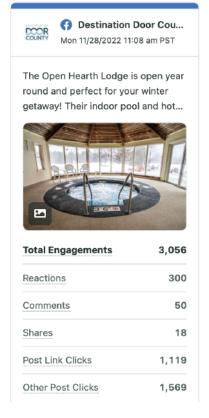


2,553 Followers



456 Followers

TOP PERFORMING POSTS





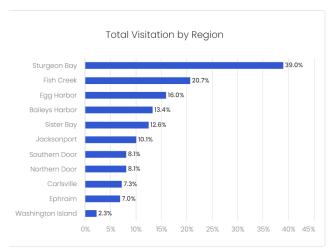


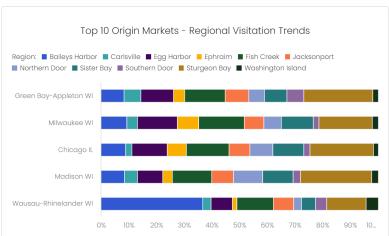
GROUP & MEETING

November is typically a slower month for the group tour market. Thanks to the popularity of the Christkindlmarkt in Sister Bay, we've seen a bit more interest in winter group travel. The inquiries for meetings trickled in throughout the month. We provided 40 welcome bags for a WI association meeting held at Landmark Resort.

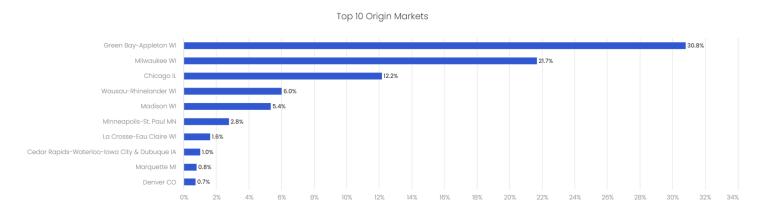
NOVEMBER VISITATION

In November, the majority of visitation fell within Sturgeon Bay, Fish Creek and Egg Harbor with the top origin markets coming from Green Bay/Appleton, Milwaukee and Chicago. The county continued to see high visitor to resident ratio with the highest in Ephraim and Jacksonport. When it came to visitation Sturgeon Bay saw 34% of all visitation to the county. Peninsula State Park continues to be the most visited point of interest with a visitation breakdown of 11% residents and 89% visitors.

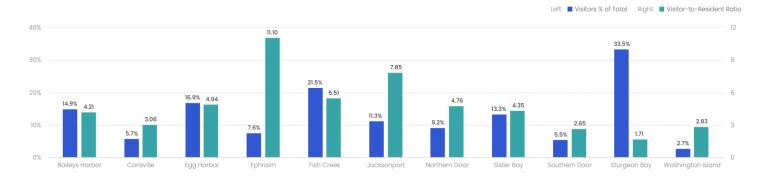




Source: Near. Note: This insight shows the most visited regions within our destination. Note that the %'s will add up to more than 100%, since many visitors will be observed in more than one region. The best way to read this insight is "of all my visitors, X% were observed in Y region. The insight on the right shows what top origin markets are visiting our communities.



Source: Near. Note: This insight shows which origin cities generate the greatest volume of visitors, which helps to understand visitation patterns to assist in marketing and promotional efforts. Visitors are defined as devices more than 30 miles from their home and work locations. This insight displays origin market DMAs, which encompass many cities and are used in other marketing-related insights in the platform.



Source: Near. Note: A visitor is defined as a device that is more than 30 miles from their home or work location. They have to spend 2+ hours within the defined boundary and are observed at a defined point of interest. Visitor-to-Resident Ratio shows the volume of visitors compared to the volume of residents. The higher the number, the more visitors compared to residents.

| POI Name | Residents % of Total | Visitors % of Total | Total Devices % of Total ▼ |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Peninsula State Park | 11% | 89% | 10% |
| Door County Medical Center (Sturgeon Bay) | 46% | 54% | 6% |
| Sunset Park | 40% | 60% | 5% |
| Harbour Village Campground And Water Park | 19% | 81% | 4% |
| Kangaroo Lake Nature Preserve | 17% | 83% | 4% |
| Whitefish Dunes State Park | 8% | 93% | 4% |
| Pick 'N Save | 38% | 62% | 4% |
| John Miles County Park | 47% | 53% | 3% |
| Southern Door School District | 40% | 60% | 3% |
| Otumba Park | 52% | 48% | 3% |
| Potawatomi State Park | 20% | 80% | 3% |
| The Ridges Sanctuary | 21% | 79% | 3% |
| Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center/Stone Harbor Resort & Restaurant | 21% | 79% | 3% |
| Tadych's Econo Foods | 42% | 58% | 3% |
| Landmark Resort | 5% | 95% | 2% |
| Mink River Estuary Preserve | 30% | 70% | 2% |
| Lautenbach's Orchard Country Winery & Farm Market | 6% | 95% | 2% |
| Sonny's Pizzeria/Bridge Up Brewing Company | 15% | 86% | 2% |
| Cave Point County Park | 3% | 97% | 2% |

Source: Near. Insight shows top points of interest and the percent of visitors and residents that visited those POIs. .

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Media assistance was provided to 13 journalists/media outlets in November by providing images, information, on-air/on-camera interviews and/or support for Door County based articles/stories. Some highlights included WLUK FOX 11, Wisconsin Public Radio, Travel Awaits, TakeMeFishing.org and locally DoorCountyDailyNews.com and WDOR.
- 19 articles were reported from our earned media marketing program efforts in November and reached a total of 208,271,327 readers/listeners/viewers. Select media outlets that ran Door County stories during the reported time included AAA Crossroads Magazine online, Food & Wine Magazine online, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Oshkosh Northwestern and MSN online. View all program articles via our Google Drive folder at http://tinyurl.com/yafamdpg.
- In November, articles reported through our earned media marketing program generated \$558,000 worth of media coverage measured in terms of ad value equivalency. Since this program began in 2007, we've generated a total of \$38,977,320 in earned media coverage for Door County.
- The return on investment for our earned media marketing program to date is **1,362**. For every dollar spent, we have gotten back **\$13.62** worth of Door County media coverage measured in terms of ad value equivalency.
- We have one press trip remaining in 2022. Our next scheduled trip is set for December 8-11. View our complete 2022 press trip schedule.
- We distributed one media release about the <u>Door County Bundle Up event</u> on November 29, 2022.
- We put together two Door County food pitches for the Midwest Travel Journalists Association latest "pitch sheet" which is distributed to travel journalists in the organization.
- We coordinated an in-destination scouting visit for an unnamed national TV show which included location visits and meetings with local partner businesses.
- Views of DDC produced videos across online platforms totaled 12,186 in November. Our most watched videos on Facebook included a video about the <u>Ahnapee State Trail</u>, a video we shared about <u>Fall in Door County</u>, and a video we shared about the <u>Dark Sky in Door County</u>. On YouTube, the most watched video was a video about the <u>Ahnapee State Trail</u>, next was an AskDoCo video about <u>the Curvy Road</u>, and third was a video about <u>Door County's Historic Shipbuilding Industry</u>.

Recent Media Highlights

- Door County's iconic fish boil was highlighted on *Livability.com* in a story titled, "Classic Small Town Dishes You Have to Try." Read the story on <u>livability.com</u>.
- Fish Creek business owner, Kara VanderLeest, of DC Chocolate Design, was highlighted in a story in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Read the story on <u>isonline.com</u>.
- Door County's winter activities were highlighted on *Insider.com* in a story by Brittany Anas. Read the story on insider.com.
- Peninsula Park was highlighted in a story titled, "7 Amazing Things To Do In Door County's Peninsula State Park For Nature Lovers" on *Travel Awaits Online*. Read the story on <u>travelawaits.com</u>.
- Three of Door County's state parks were featured in a story titled, "The Best State Parks in Wisconsin" on *Trip Savvy Online*. Read the story on tripsavvy.com.
- SUP Yoga in Door County was highlighted in a story titled, "29 gorgeous outdoor yoga destinations from around the globe" on *USA Today Sports Outdoor Wire*. Read the story on <u>outdoorswire.usatoday.com</u>.

Partner Report - November 2022 EOM

Total Partners: 703
New/Rejoined Partners: 5
Deactivated Partners: 2

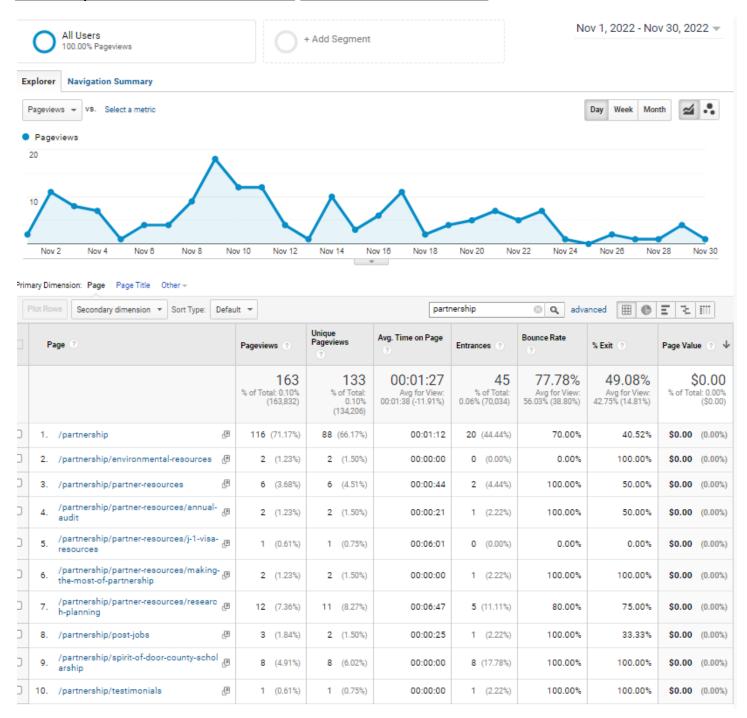
New

| Category | Business Name | Physical Address | City | Date Added |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Cottage/Vacation Rental | Chanticleer Cabins | 4023 Cherry Rd. | Sturgeon Bay | 11/12/2022 |
| Retail | Ida W Gallery and Studio | 8067 State Hwy 57 | Baileys Harbor | 11/16/2022 |
| Salon/Spa | Options Hair Studio and Spa | 213 Louisiana St | Sturgeon Bay | 11/11/2022 |
| Restaurants/Cafes/Taverns | The Jamaican Door | 8123 Hwy 57 | Baileys Harbor | 11/26/2022 |
| Services | Third Coast Marketing LLC | 7 S Madison Ave, STE 1 | Sturgeon Bay | 11/22/2022 |

Inactive

| Category | Account Name | Address | Physical City | Date |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Services | Door County Landscape Company | Michigan Ave | Sturgeon Bay | 11/18/2022 |
| Vacation Rental | Hermitage and Studio Vacation Homes | P.O. Box 20 | Egg Harbor | 11/28/2022 |

Partnership Web Stats for November 2022 https://www.doorcounty.com/partnership/



OPERATIONS

NOVEMBER PUBLICATIONS REQUEST

2022 Destination Guide Requests: 268 2021 Destination Guide Requests: 247

2022 Winter Guide Requests: 3052021 Winter Guide Requests: 350

2022 E-mail Requests Answered: 30

NOVEMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES

2022 Door County Gift Certificates Sold: \$126,390 2022 Door County Gift Certificates Redeemed: \$40,900

2021 Door County Gift Certificates Sold: \$61,855

2021 Door County Gift Certificates Redeemed: \$32,450

NOVEMBER VISITOR CENTER DATA

2022 Welcome Center Visitors: 822 2021 Welcome Center Visitors: 936

2022 Welcome Center Calls: 461 2021 Welcome Center Calls: 503

JOB SITE STATS - JOBSINDOORCOUNTY.COM

Admin Dashboard

Activity

