

Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp Travel Tips

Important Phone #s to carry:

Holiday Inn Marshfield 715-486-1500 (press 4 to get to the front desk)

Schoolhouse Press 715-884-2799

Driving all the way:

Driving to Marshfield is an easy option for most people living in the Midwest (and sometimes farther away). The hotel address is 750 S Central Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449 for GPS directions.

Flying all the way:

To reach Marshfield by air, you must fly to a larger airport then take a connecting flight to the Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) airport in Wausau/Mosinee, WI. To get from the airport to the hotel, you must make advance reservations with the hotel to be shuttled to and from Knitting Camp. It's about a 40 minute drive. Call the Holiday Inn staff at 715-486-1500 for shuttle reservations.

The most commonly used Midwest airports that have connecting flights to CWA are: Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Chicago Midway (MDW), Detroit (DTW), Madison (MSN), Green Bay (GRB), and Milwaukee (MKE).

Please keep in mind that the smaller connecting flights are affected by local weather such as thunderstorms. Connections can be cancelled without much notice; research to make certain you could take an alternate connection if necessary. Our experience has shown that connecting through Chicago O'Hare can be difficult because, if you are stranded there, it's over 260 miles to drive to Knitting Camp. Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) is only 175 miles away. If you can take your direct flight to Minneapolis, we recommend that over Chicago.

The Fly/Drive Combo:

Some knitters prefer to fly into a major airport (see list above), then rent a car and drive to Marshfield. This may be a less expensive option considering the cost of the connecting flight and hotel shuttle.

Tips for Air Travelers:

If you become stranded in Chicago, consider taking the Van Gelder bus to Madison where you can rent a car and continue to Knitting Camp. That bus runs 12 times per day; Van Gelder's phone number is: 800-747-0994

Carry a camp bag or knitting bag to advertise that you are a knitter; you may see other knitters along the way, and it's often advantageous to travel together.

If you are stranded at any point in your trip, call the Holiday Inn (715-486-1500) to alert them to a late arrival and ask them to leave a message with your cell phone number for Schoolhouse Press staff. Knitting Camp Staff is very difficult to reach on the arrival day, though we are typically at the hotel setting up. We don't recommend leaving messages for us at the Schoolhouse on Thursday because we aren't there!