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A Beer a Day

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Fresh to Milwaukee, this beer drinker and Journal Sentinel intern tries out microbreweries and making a few batches of her own.

Thirsty... Why wait?

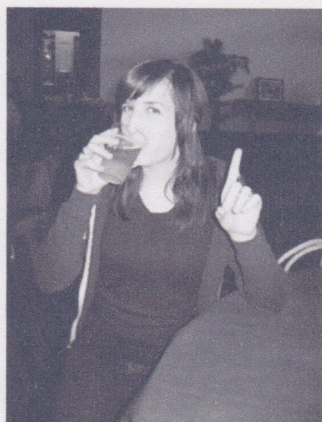
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As promised, I hit up the [Lakefront Brewery tour](#) yesterday afternoon (along with the other online intern, Beth). Of my experiences at other brew tours (I've been on the [Leinenkugels](#) tour in Chippewa Falls, the [Miller](#) tour and the [Sprecher](#) tour), I can definitely say that this one has its unique aspects that would bring me back again ... as do all the others.



But, the first thing that stands out about Lakefront, and something that they boast about both on their [Web site](#) (scroll down to "tour") and during the tour, is that you can sample the beer before, during and after the tour. "This is a thirsty tour," the guide says. It's a nice anecdote, and definitely a good idea. What else is there to do while waiting for the tour to start, anyway?



The cost of the tour (\$6) gives you four tokens, each worth an 8-oz sample, a coupon for a free beer at one of the restaurants listed, and either \$2 off in the store or a pint glass. I started out the tour with the Bridge Burner Ale. With 9% alcohol content, the name is fitting. The flavor tastes heavy, but feels very light - an interesting concept, and a phenomenon I'm blaming on the high percentage. The odd thing, though, is that I couldn't find any further information about this beer posted on their Web site. Google searches produced reviews by plenty of John and Jane Does. It also seems as if this beer is relatively new to the brewery, but that detail wasn't mentioned on the tour. Hopefully they'll get information posted about the beer soon.

The tour guide gave us a sort of "last call," before the tour was to begin, so I decided to fill 'er up with something a lot lighter after such a strong beer. The [Cattail](#)