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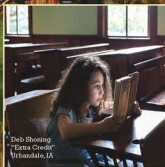
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Milly, IA



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Urbandale, IA



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"A New Day Begins"
Ottumwa, IA

There is a special corner of the universe where tall fields of corn dance to a windblown melody... where summer days are measured in funnel cake and barbecued ribs... and children squeal with laughter at the sight of a newborn calf kicking up its heels for the first time.

This is Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area in Northeast Iowa, a 37-county, 20,000-square-mile storybook that tells a vivid and enthralling tale, capturing the imagination of visitors of all ages.

We hope you will join us for an agricultural experience you won't find anywhere else on earth. Why not come and create your own memories?

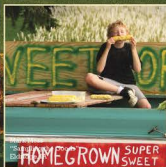
Northeast Iowa is a patchwork quilt of stories... the personality of the landscape, the richness of the soil, the history of farming, the dreams of the folks who live here.

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Agriculture Comes to Life.



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"A Momma's Love"
Urbana, IA



Wesley Terpstra
"Pastoral Sunset"
Sully, IA

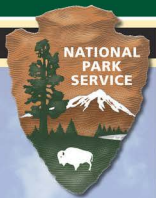
Silos & Smokestacks is the connecting thread in this colorful fabric of agricultural experiences. Designated as America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership, Silos & Smokestacks is affiliated with the National Park Service.

No other region in the United States shares our rich agricultural legacy. From dairy farms and museums to vineyards and tractor assembly tours, there are practically endless agricultural adventures awaiting individual travelers and families.

Whether you want to spectate or participate... stay for the day or for the week... we have an agricultural experience to fit your timeframe and personal preference.

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area... *"Where the Story of American Agriculture Comes to Life."*SM This is the place to visit when you want an adventure you will remember and relive for a lifetime.

National Heritage Area



Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area is proud to be an Affiliated Area of the:

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

A National Heritage Area is a region that has been recognized by the United States Congress for its unique qualities and resources. It's a place where a combination of natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources have shaped a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity influenced by geography. These patterns make National Heritage Areas representative of the national experience through the physical features that remain and the traditions that have evolved in the areas. To find out more about National Heritage Areas or the 49 designated regions, visit NationalHeritageAreas.com.

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This project is paid for in part by the Iowa Tourism Office.

National Park Service Passport Program

Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area participates in the National Park Service's (NPS) Passport Cancellation Stamp Program. Your passport can be stamped at any of the participating Partner Sites in the Silos & Smokestacks area listed below.



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Guide cover photograph courtesy of
Dave Austin at Living History Farms.
Title: Walnut Sunrise

Gary Halmer
"North Prairie Sunrise"
Cedar Rapids, IA

The Story of

The Fertile Land

Iowa has some of the most fertile soils in the world. This "black gold" is found in Northeast Iowa's gently rolling terrain, molded by climate, water and prairie plant life. The region boasts a colorful heritage that is still evolving today. Tilling the soil is a legacy born many years ago by American Indians, who combined farming along river valleys with seasonal hunting, fishing and gathering. When pioneers arrived in Iowa and began tilling the prairie soil, they soon learned that farming – with its long hours and extreme physical demands – is a worthy, noble profession. And it certainly is not a job for the feeble-hearted. It takes a special spirit to withstand the whims of the weather, to rise above each hail storm or rainy season, and not only survive, but thrive...to come back to the field again and again, to replant, harvest and rejoice.

Farmers & Families

Many of the work ethics and life philosophies found in today's American farmers can be traced to their ancestors, the pioneers. Tilling virgin land, surviving the harsh extremes of weather and living far from people and towns were the building blocks of the early farmer's character: frugality, ingenuity and stamina. In Northeast Iowa, these character attributes are also colored by the influences of family heritage rooted in Germany, Norway, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The Changing Farm

Farming in the United States has changed through the years as improvements were made in the machines used for planting and harvesting, and new strains of seed grains were developed that offered greater yields. But perhaps an even more significant influence in the American farming evolution is the relationship between farmer and consumer. Over the years, farmers have focused their fields on providing the products that consumers are demanding at an affordable price. The popularity of the 'buy local' movement encourages consumers to learn where their food comes from and form relationships with farmers. Farmers' responsiveness doesn't end at the American grocery store; they are also influenced by the world's demand for food supplies.

Domestic and international market pressures continue to spur transformation. Many large American farms have become specialized while many small family farms have diversified. It takes all sizes and kinds of producers - small, large, organic and specialized - to meet extensive consumer demands.

Changes in farming have resulted in changes to the farm landscape. As a way to protect our natural resources and their livelihood, farmers have implemented many different kinds of soil and water conservation practices such as buffer strips, terraces, and planting cover crops.



American Agriculture

Organizing for Agriculture

Iowa farmers are true survivors, utilizing self-reliance and determination to sustain their way of life. This has often been extremely difficult due to dramatic fluctuations in the market value of the grains and livestock that are their livelihood. Farmers have a history of organizing their strength collectively through groups like the Grange and the Farm Bureau. These organizations have enabled farmers to lobby for policies that favor agriculture at the state and federal level, empowering them to influence the price of crops and livestock products.



Higher Yields

The determination of Iowa farmers to get the best return for their efforts has led to a momentous transformation in the quantity and quality of grains and livestock produced on Iowa farms. The first agricultural transformation arrived with the steel plow, which led to increased national grain production. Next came the tractor, retiring horses from the chore of plowing while increasing the size of the fields that could be farmed with less labor. In the current transformation, farmers use new technology like GPS to prevent over-application of fertilizers and pesticides, and solar panels and wind turbines to generate electricity for their farms.

Farm to Factory

In the early days of farming, livestock and grain products were processed locally to serve local and regional markets. These facilities had limited capacity, which in turn restricted the amount of livestock and grain farmers could produce. But advances in refrigeration, transportation and processing changed all that, greatly expanding the markets for Iowa's products. Today, delivering farm products from fields to tables has become a multi-billion dollar, multi-national industry. Cargill and Amana have become successful, internationally-recognized companies for producing retail goods with Iowa products and labor.



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SCENIC ROUTES

Leave traffic and your cares behind as you meander through picturesque landscapes, taken straight from a Grant Wood painting. Tucked away within the rolling hills and gentle valleys, discover historic communities and farmsteads, seemingly untouched by time.



HISTORIC SITES

Relive the story of an era, rich in history, within the sites and communities of the region. Many have been restored to their original splendor and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



FARMS & WINERIES

You won't find food fresher than down on the farm. Whether you're feeding a baby calf or picking fresh produce, a day on the farm allows you to reconnect with your roots. Down the road a bit, find a local vineyard and sample an array of fine Iowa wines while you learn the art of winemaking.



MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Step back in time and discover the distinctive regional heritage through the diverse collections of artwork and artifacts, displayed in engaging exhibits. Visit an open-air museum and watch while interpreters bring the region's unique story to life.

Heritage Area Experiences



PARKS & NATURE CENTERS

Explore the connections between the land and the people as you stroll down a nature trail, through tall grass prairies and over historic country bridges. The preserved prairies, wetlands and forests are reminiscent of scenes captured in the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder.



FAIRS

Delight in the sights, sounds and smells of a traditional Iowa summer, featuring family entertainment and a wide array of mouth-watering food. The Heritage Area hosts an endless number of fairs and cultural events, including the legendary Iowa State Fair.



BED & BREAKFASTS

Wind down as you enjoy traditional Midwestern hospitality in one of the region's charming country inns, each with its own unique nuances. Wake up to the smell of old-fashioned home cooking.



FARM MACHINERY

The changes in agriculture can readily be seen in farm equipment. Relive the days of old by seeing a horse drawn plow up close, gaze upon the massive size of a steam powered tractor, find a tractor used by your ancestors or observe today's machinery come to life at a modern manufacturing plant.

Site Key

Silos & Smokestacks' Visitors' Guide features Partner Sites, formally designated with sharing their own piece of America's agriculture story. Each one includes a photo and description of the site, along with a variety of other information to help make planning your day-trip or weekend getaway easier.

National Park Service Passport Program

Stamp icon indicates site is one of 21 sites participating in this program. (See page 4 for more details.)

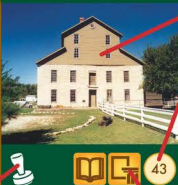
Site Overview – Brief description of each location highlighting key events, programs and points of interest.

Address & Phone – Plug it into your GPS for directions to the doorstep.

Hours – Every site is different and many have seasonal changes to their hours. Start here but confirm on the site's website.

Admission – The great thing about most of the Silos & Smokestacks sites is they are very affordable and in many cases free.

Vesterheim Norwegian - American Museum




With over 24,000 artifacts and an Open Air Division of 12 historic buildings, this national treasure showcases the best in historic and contemporary Norwegian folk and fine arts, and the agricultural history of Norwegian immigrants. By telling the story of Norwegian immigrants, Vesterheim explores the experience of all immigrants in America. Come for festivals, special group tours or any time.

vesterheim.org

502 W Water St
Decorah
563-382-9681

Hours: May-Oct, daily 9-5.
Nov-Apr, daily 10-4.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors 65+ and \$5 children 7-18 yrs. Free on first Thursday of every month.  

Site Names – Listed in alphabetical order.

Site Photo – Quick glance at what you can expect to see on your visit.

Map Location No. – A City-by-City guide on page 50 helps you plan day trips to several sites in a localized area. The map on pages 51 & 52 shows the orientation of these clusters of attractions.

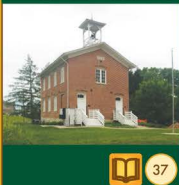
Experience Icons – Eight different icons have been developed to give you a quick glance at what type of experience you can expect at each site. (See pages 8 & 9.)

Website Address – We encourage you to visit each individual website to check and confirm hours, fees and any special events prior to your visit.

Site Amenity Icons – Know at a glance which amenities can be found at any particular site.

-  = Restrooms Available
-  = Handicap Accessible
-  = Gift Shop on Site



1876 Coralville Schoolhouse



Built in 1876, this two-room red brick schoolhouse served the children of the Coralville area until 1951. Visitors experience a typical classroom that would have been familiar to rural and small-town students in the late 19th century. Relive life at an ungraded schoolhouse through a variety of interactive exhibits.

johnsoncountyhistory.org

310 5th St
Coralville
319-351-5738

Hours: Open by appointment.
Admission: Free.  



Fun Facts:

One acre is about the size of a football field without its end zones. campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites # - B

Ackley Heritage Center






The Ackley Heritage Center's purpose is to preserve, interpret and exhibit the history of Ackley, its people and agricultural heritage through exhibits, photographs and local and family research, including Friesen ancestry.

ackleyheritagecenter.com

Ackley Heritage Center
120 State St
Heritage Center Museum
120 State St
Soda Fountain
701 Park Ave
Settlement On The Prairie
108 Butler
641-847-8070

Hours: Heritage Center Museum: Tues, Thurs & Fri 1:30-4:30. Settlement on the Prairie: Open by reservation or appointment. Soda Fountain: Open by reservation or appointment.

Admission: Free.   

African American Museum of Iowa



The African American Museum of Iowa features the rich history, heritage and culture of Iowa's African Americans. The permanent exhibit, "Endless Possibilities" covers African American history from pre-slavery times in Africa to present day struggles and accomplishments in Iowa.

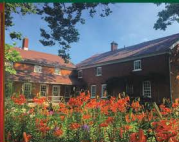
blackiowa.org

55 12th Ave SE
Cedar Rapids
319-862-2101

Hours: Year-round, Tues-Sat 10-4.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2.50 children & students.   

Amana Heritage Society Museums



The seven villages of the Amana Colonies were settled by a German religious group in the 1850s. They established a communal village-based agricultural system that is a marked contrast to the Midwest family farm tradition. The story of Amana's past and present is told by its landscape and historic buildings.

amanaheritage.org

Amana Heritage Museum,
705 44th Ave, Amana.
Amana Community Church,
4210 V St, Amana.
Homestead Blacksmith Shop,
4430 V St, Homestead
Communal Kitchen & Cooper
Shop Museum,
1003 26th Ave, Middle Amana
319-622-3567

Hours: Contact amanaheritage@southslope.net or check website for open dates & hours.

Admission: Fees at some locations.   

Barn Quilts of Grundy County






The Barn Quilts of Grundy County, Iowa's Original Barn Quilt Project, includes a 64-mile loop tour through the towns and fields of Grundy County to showcase over 65 colorful quilt blocks painted on the sides of barns and other farm buildings. It highlights the many ag-related businesses and small specialty shops along the way.

grundycountyia.com

705 E Ave, Suite 1
Grundy Center
319-824-6979

Hours: Self-guided tours year-round.

Admission: Free.   

Belmond Historical Society Museum



Step into Belmond's past at the Belmond Historical Museum. Learn the impact the sugar beet industry had on the community a century ago. Commemorate the sacrifices its veterans have made to our country during peace and war. Revisit the devastating 1966 tornado, or just experience the simpler times in everyday life exhibits.

belmondmuseum.com

223 E Main St
Belmond
515-571-3264

Hours: Year-round, Mon-Fri 10-2; May-Aug, Sat 10-2.

Admission: Free. Donations accepted.  



Bennington No. 4 School



Bennington No. 4 is a one-room school built in 1911. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is located on its original site amid active farms in rural Bennington Township. Experience 20th century life from 1945-1955 at the school and three outbuildings.

Corner of E Bennington
and Sage Roads,
Bennington Township
Waterloo
319-233-4974

Hours: By appointment only.

Admission: Free.  




Black Horse Inn



The Black Horse Inn has been the centerpiece to the farming community of Sherrill since its construction was completed in 1856. First owner, Peter Fries made the inn to support lead miners and immigrants entering the region in the late 1850s. Built in the federal style by Irish immigrants from native limestone, the Inn is one of four remaining pre-Civil War hotels in the State of Iowa and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It once served Sherrill as the first post office, implement dealer, restaurant, hotel and dance hall. Located in scenic Mississippi River bluff country, the Inn continues to operate as a bed and breakfast today.

blackhorse-inn.com

5259 South Mountain Road
Sherrill
563-552-1800

Hours: Open year-round, manager on-site.   




Brucemore



Brucemore's story reflects the history of Cedar Rapids and eastern Iowa unlike any other setting. The 26-acre, park-like estate invites exploration of the site's history, gardens, grounds, and 21-room mansion. Completed in 1886, the Queen Anne mansion features nine bedrooms, eight bathrooms, and 14 fireplaces. Home to three generations of community builders, the site recalls stories of industrialists and immigrants, philanthropists and farmers, artisans and architects during a century of innovation. Today, the site is a hub for cultural, philathropic, and educational events and programs.

brucemore.org

2160 Linden Dr SE
Cedar Rapids
319-362-7375

Hours: Guided tours offered Mar-Dec, Wed-Sun. Events scheduled throughout the year. Inquire for more information. **Admission:** Varies by program or event.   



Fun Facts:

The average dairy cow makes 90 glasses of milk every day.

campsilos.org



IT TAKES AN IOWAN

It Takes An Iowan, a new traveling exhibit created by Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area, brings to light Iowans as leaders in the ongoing endeavor to provide food for the nation and the world. Iowans are not only leaders in the advancement of agriculture, but also in education, technology and research. Visitors are encouraged to explore how they can make a difference.



Visit ItTakesAnIowan.com to find out where the exhibit is on display.

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Calkins Nature Area




Nature Area includes timber, prairie, stream, pond, Iowa River, American Indian/Natural History Museum and live native animal displays.

hardincountyconservation.com

18335 135th St
Iowa Falls
641-648-9878

Hours: Year-round, Mon-Fri 8-4.

Admission: Free. 

Carnegie Cultural Center




Features permanent exhibits of models and miniatures focusing on rural culture and small town life including Uncle Joe's Farm & Bob's Mini-machines, Paths and Power, the Railroad Room & Ben's Old Time Autos, Natvig Brother's Circus, Toy Town, Billy J's Clown Circus, Carts & Carriages, and Jerry's World. New temporary exhibits every 6-8 weeks. Housed in 100-year-old Carnegie building.

carnegieculturalcenter.org

7 N Water Ave
New Hampton
641-394-2354

Hours: June-Aug, Wed-Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4; Sept-May, Thurs & Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4 or by appointment. Closed in January.

Admission: Free. 

Carrie Lane Chapman Catt Girlhood Home




Girlhood home of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt; suffragist, founder of the League of Women Voters and activist in the cause for world peace. The site, located on ten acres, includes a museum, interpretive/education center, two acre prairie and heritage apple orchard.

catt.org

2379 Timber Ave
Charles City
641-228-3336

Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Mon-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4 or by appointment.

Admission: Free. Donations gratefully appreciated. 

Cascade Historic Limestone Silo



The cornerstone of our site is the interpretation of the early Midwestern farmers and farmsteads displayed in the historic limestone silo built in the early 1930s. Antique agricultural equipment, in addition to interpretive signage, provide visitors knowledge of how early farmers worked the lands, used the local natural resources and helped support the economy of America.

cityofcascade.org

215 Pierce St SW
Cascade
563-852-7595

Hours: Year-round, Sunrise-Sunset.

Admission: Free. 



Fun Facts:

Iowa produces 3.7 billion gallons of ethanol.

campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites C

Cedar Falls Historical Society



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Visit the only museum in the U.S. that tells the story of ice harvesting in an original ice house, The Ice House Museum of the Cedar Falls Historical Society. Try hands on activities, watch videos, and experience an international industry that brought fresh food to the world. Learn how this once-common business transformed our culture and daily lives.

cfhistory.org

Ice House Museum,
121 Center St.
Victorian Home & Carriage
Museum, 308 W 3rd St.
Little Red Schoolhouse Museum,
205 W 1st St
Behrens-Rapp Visitor Center,
221 W 1st St
Cedar Falls
319-266-5149

Hours: Ice House Museum: May-mid-Oct, Wed 1-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4. Victorian Home & Carriage House Museum: Feb-Dec, Tues-Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4. Little Red Schoolhouse Museum: May-mid-Oct, Wed, Sat & Sun 1-4; Jun-Aug, Wed 1-4. Behrens-Rapp Visitor Information Center: May-Oct, daily 8-8.
Admission: Ice House Museum: \$5, 12 & under free. All other sites free. Donations accepted.

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art



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Visit the extraordinary world of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art! Come see the largest collection of works by regionalist artist Grant Wood and visit his studio. View more than 2000 years of art, from Roman busts to Marvin Cone, to master printmaker Mauricio Lasansky, we've got something for everyone.

crma.org

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art,
410 3rd Ave SE
Grant Wood Studio,
810 2nd Ave SE
Cedar Rapids
319-366-7503

Hours: Art Museum: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sun 12-4, Thurs 12-8, Sat 10-4. Closed on major holidays. Grant Wood Studio: Apr-Dec, Sat & Sun 12-4.

Admission: Art Museum \$5 adults, \$4 college students (with ID) & seniors (62+). Members and children 18 yrs & under are free. Grant Wood Studio: Free.

Cedar Rock the Walter House



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One of Iowa's early large-scale farm operators contracted Frank Lloyd Wright in 1946 to design a home for them. What resulted is Cedar Rock. Starting at the park's visitor center, enjoy a leisurely wagon ride to the estate and a guided tour of this modern house.

friendsofcedarrock.org

2611 Quasqueton Diagonal Blvd
Independence
319-934-3572

Hours: Memorial Day weekend thru mid-Oct, Thurs-Sun 10-3. Please call ahead to schedule your visit.

Admission: Free. Recommended donation \$5 per adult.

Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens



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The Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanic Gardens are a 40 acre oasis of natural beauty that can be found directly East of Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, IA. With over 15 formal gardens, including our award winning Children's Garden, our Master Gardener's Orchard featuring four types of fruit trees, and our four acre butterfly meadow!

cedarvalleyarboretum.org

1927 E Orange Rd
Waterloo
319-266-4966

Hours: May-Oct, Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 11-7. Nov-Apr, Mon-Fri 9-5.
Admission: Adults \$5, children 5-17 yrs \$2. Children 4 and under are free.

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Center Grove Orchard



With more than 25 farmyard activities - from our Corn Pool and Jumping Pillows to Corn Maze and Super Slides - we have something fun for everyone! Enjoy picking apples from our 20 acre orchard, finding the perfect pumpkin from our 18 acre patch and meeting all our farm animals. Hungry? We have a great line-up of delicious food - apple nachos, cider donuts, burgers, ice-cream and more! Spend the day with us for a fun, fall adventure on the farm.

centergroveorchard.com

32835 610th Avenue
Cambridge
515-383-4354

Hours: Sept-Nov 9-7. Check website for hours in Aug and Dec.
Admission: Check website for prices.

Cinnamon Ridge Farms



Cinnamon Ridge is a 6th generation family owned, family run dairy farm. We milk our cows with robots, raise beef cattle, pigs and chickens. We also make cheese from the milk produced on our farm. In addition to farming activities, Cinnamon Ridge opens its farm for tours, meetings and parties.

tourmyfarm.com

10600 275th St
Donahue
563-843-2378

Hours: Tours by appointment
Admission: Free.

Clinton County Historical Society Museum



Located near Clinton's beautiful Riverfront Park, the Clinton County Historical Society Museum intertwines the past and the present as it tells the story of this historic river town. With Clinton's proximity to major railways and the largest river in the United States, Clinton was a gateway for both agriculture and the lumber industry. In addition, the museum also hosts an immense collection of local genealogy.

clintoncountyhistoricalsocietyofiowa.org

601 S 1st St
Clinton
563-242-1201

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-11, Sun 1-4.
Admission: Free.

Delaware County Historical Museum



This nine-building complex, formerly Lenox College, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes numerous exhibits, Civil War monument, farm-machinery halls, one-room school, restored train depot/caboose, restored Reformed Presbyterian Church and microfilm roster of Iowa Civil War soldiers.

delcoiowahistory.org

College Square on Hwy 38
Hopkinton
563-926-2639

Hours: June-Sept, Tues-Sun 1-4.
Admission: \$5.



Fun Facts:

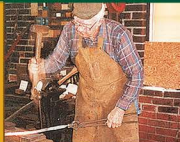
Iowa has about 52.7 million egg-laying chickens.

campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites C - E

Dows Historic District



Visitors can experience the early years of Dows, Iowa through historic buildings, constructed between 1885 and 1899. The district includes: Depot Museum and Welcome Center, Quasdorf Blacksmith Museum, Dows Mercantile, Vernon Township No. 5 School and Evans Little Prairie House.

Railroad & Ellsworth Streets
Dows
515-852-3533

Hours: Welcome Center: Apr-Oct 9:30-4 daily. For additional hours, please call ahead or inquire at the Mercantile.
Admission: Donations accepted.

Dubuque Museum of Art



The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) connects generations of people to their cultural heritage and exceptional art. Located in the heart of Dubuque's Cultural Corridor, this Smithsonian-affiliated regional art museum boasts one of the largest collections of artworks by Grant Wood and hosts traveling exhibitions, in addition to a variety of free public programs, classes and special events.

dbqart.com

701 Locust St
Dubuque
563-577-1851

Hours: Tues-Fri, 10-5. Sat & Sun, 1-4.
Admission: Adults \$6. \$5 for seniors (65+), \$3 for college students (with ID). Free to members & to children 18 & under.

Dysart Historical Center



The Dysart Historical Center features a complex of four buildings: A historical museum, a one-room rural schoolhouse, an agricultural museum-interpretive center, a new machine shed museum and courtyard, along with a historic windmill and a memorial rose garden. Experience the displays, narratives, and programs designed to share the inspiring stories of Iowa's rich heritage and culture, A "Growing" Experience.

[dysartiowa.com/
arts-culture/museum/](http://dysartiowa.com/arts-culture/museum/)

612 Crisman St
Dysart
319-476-4747

Hours: May-Sept, Sun 2-4. Anytime by appointment.
Admission: Free. Donations accepted.

Eagle City Winery



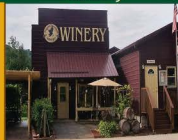
Located in the heart of the Iowa River Greenbelt, Eagle City Winery produces an assortment of award winning wines. Visitors can tour the vineyard to see the different varieties of grapes, sample free wine daily in the tasting room or buy a bottle to take home at the winery's gift shop.

eaglecitywinery.com

28536 160th St
Iowa Falls
641-648-3669

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5.
Admission: Free.

Eagles Landing Winery



Located on the Great River Road within a block of the Mississippi River, Eagles Landing Winery offers free wine tasting daily in our tasting room with also includes a fun and unique gift shop. Our monthly events include live music in our wine garden June-September.

eagleslandwinery.com

127 North St
Marquette
563-873-1905

Hours: Daily 10-5, closed New Years Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission: Free.

Engelbrecht Family Winery



Enjoy free wine tasting daily of estate/fruit wines. Winery/vineyard tours are available with advanced notice. Guests love watching baby calves and their mamas, gathering the eggs, fishing in the farm pond, walking, running, biking or picnicking on the six mile nature trail.

2866 270th St, Hwy 18 E
Fredericksburg
563-237-5969

Hours: Winery/Shop: Apr-Dec, Wed-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. Jan-Mar, by appointment.

Admission: Farm & Vineyard: Free self-guided tours, please check in at the winery shop.

F.W. Kent Park



This 1,052-acre park features a Conservation Education Center with hands-on exhibits that connect visitors with nature. Panels in the open-air Knight Prairie Pavilion interpret the connection of prairies to agriculture. An 86-site campground, shower house, playgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, eight historic bridges, fishing pier, native and re-created prairies, forests, wetlands, 27-acre lake, beach and fishing ponds, make this an outstanding park.

[johnson-county.com/
conservation](http://johnson-county.com/conservation)

2048 Hwy 6 NW
Oxford
319-645-2315 (Park Office)
or 319-645-1011
(Conservation Education Center)

Hours: Park: Sunrise-10 pm. Conservation Education Center: Memorial Day-Labor Day Sat & Sun 12-4 and by appointment.

Admission: Park: Free. Camping: \$20, includes 50 amp electrical service, Wi-Fi, shower house & dump station.

Family Museum



The Family Museum is an interactive children's museum with an emphasis on art and science for children eight and younger. In addition to a Town Square, Mississippi River waterplay table, and a host of other hands-on exhibits, this museum offers a farm exhibit which teaches young learners the importance of agriculture, food production, and the connection between farm and table.

familymuseum.org

2900 Learning Campus Dr
Bettendorf
563-344-4106

Hours: Labor Day thru Memorial Day, Mon-Thurs 9-8, Fri-Sat 9-5, Sun 12-5; Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Sun 12-5, Mon 9-8, Tues-Sat 9-5.

Admission: \$8 ages 2-59, \$4 1 yr olds & seniors 60+, under 1 yr free. \$4 evenings after 5 when open.

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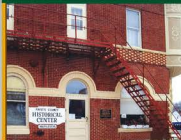
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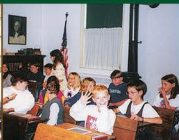


Krystal Doolittle
"Fog Linger"
Wisconsin, IA

Fayette County Historical Center



Floyd County Historical Society Museum



Fayette County Historical Museum is housed in a 1903 three-level brick building with an elevator, and serves as an interpretive center staffed by volunteers. Agricultural exhibits are located on the lower level with general museum upstairs. Research and public meeting rooms are at ground level.

[fayettecountyiowa.org/
HistoricalCenter](http://fayettecountyiowa.org/HistoricalCenter)

100 N Walnut St
West Union
563-422-5797

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-3.
Admission: Free.

The tractor industry started in Charles City when, in the winter of 1901, Charles Hart and Charles Parr built the first factory for tractor production. The museum tells that story, along with all facets of early pioneer life in their home, school, church and businesses.

floydcountymuseum.org

500 Gilbert St
Charles City
641-228-1099

Hours: Year-round, Mon-Fri 9-4:30. June-Aug, Sat & Sun 1-4.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children (6-12 yrs), under 5 yrs free.

Sites & Attractions

Sites F

Fontana Interpretive Nature Center



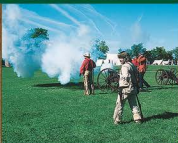
Discover the links between agriculture and environment. A full service visitor center with displays that demonstrate how people “make their home in a living environment.” Programs are available upon request.

buchanancountyparks.com

1883 125th St
Hazleton
319-636-2617

Hours: Mon-Tues 8-12,
Wed-Fri 8-4:30, Sat & Sun 1-5.
Winter hours: Mon-Tues 8-12,
Wed-Fri 8-4:30, Sat-Sun 1-4.
Admission: Free.

Fort Atkinson State Preserve



An 1840s federal military post, built to maintain order among various Indian tribes displaced by European-American settlers and to prevent settlers from trespassing on Indian land.

exploreiowaparks.com

Fort Atkinson State Preserve
Fort Atkinson
563-425-4161

Hours: Open daily, 24 hours.
Admission: Free.

Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve & Center



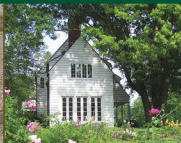
While searching to collect a Devonian fossil, wander through native prairie which made Iowa an agricultural leader. View the beehive kilns of the Rockford Brick & Tile Company and learn how they helped expand agriculture.

fossilcenter.com

1227 215th St
Rockford
641-756-3490

Hours: Memorial Day thru
Labor Day daily, 1-4. May, Sept,
Oct, Sat-Sun 1-4. Also by
appointment.
Admission: Free. Fees for
group tours.

Four Mounds Inn & Conference Center



The Four Mounds Estate, a National Register Historic District and a City of Dubuque Landmark Site, is a remarkably intact 1908 gentleman's farm along the Mississippi River bluff line. The site features the farm and grounds, river view hiking trails, three options for bed and breakfast, a small conference center, challenge ropes course and more. Includes whole house rentals and is the perfect site for an intimate wedding.

fourmounds.org

4900 Peru Rd
Dubuque
563-556-1908

Hours: Sunrise-Sunset. Tours of the Historic Buildings as available.
Admission: Grounds: Free.
Bed & Breakfast: \$95-\$155/
night. Cabin: \$175/night.



Fun Facts:

One bushel of corn
will sweeten more than
400 cans of pop.

campsilos.org

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Franklin County Fair & Grandpa's Farm



A country fair featuring a large museum, Pleasant Hill (1900s town), and Grandpa's Farm, which has old-time farming demonstrations, including threshing and plowing with draft horses and steam engines.

franklincountyfair.com

1008 Central Ave W
Hampton
641-456-2049

Hours: July 18-22, 2018.
Check website above for 2019 dates.

Admission: Free gate, free parking, free shuttles.

Franklin County Historical Society Museum



The Franklin County Historical Society Museum has exhibits featuring local author and cartoonist, Bob Artley's experience growing up on a farm; the story of Hampton native, Fleet Admiral William Leahy, Joint Chief of Staff to President Franklin Roosevelt, including an 11 foot replica ship, the USS Leahy. Across the highway is the Harriman Nielsen Historic farm, a typical 1900 home and dairy farm museum, which celebrates Fall Festival the first Sunday in October.

fchsmuseum.org

1008 Central Ave W
Hampton
641-456-5777

Hours: Jan 15-Nov 15, Mon-Fri 1-4, or by appointment

Admission: Free.

Franklin County REA Power Plant Museum



The Franklin County REA Power Plant Museum depicts "before and after" eras of electricity in rural areas. The Plant was the first to receive a generation and transmission loan from the Rural Electrification Administration and the first plant west of the Mississippi River to generate electricity for rural areas. The Plant became operational in 1938, providing electricity until 1950 and stand-by service into the 1970s.

fchsmuseum.org

1450 110th St
Hampton
641-456-5777

Hours: By appointment only.

Admission: Free.

Froelich 1890 Village Museum & First Tractor Invented



Froelich's 1890 Village: home to John Froelich's 1892 invention of the first gasoline tractor to propel itself forward and backward. Far reaching in its affect on modern agriculture throughout the world. This invention is forerunner of John Deere. Child friendly interactive tours of Froelich Tractor Replica, 1891 General Store, Post Office, 1866 One-Room School, Blacksmith Shop, Railroad Depot, Warehouse, Vintage Barn and Semi Building.

froelichtractor.com

24397 Froelich Rd
McGregor, 4 miles east of
Monona
563-536-2841

Hours: Open 2nd weekend of May-last weekend in Sept, and the first two weekends of Oct. Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10-5. Sun 11-5.

Admission: \$7 adults, \$1 children ages 6-12. Large groups please call to schedule.

Sites & Attractions

Sites F - G

George Maier Rural Heritage Center of Clayton County



A historic treasure appropriately situated in a 1919 restored sales barn, the George Maier Rural Heritage Center's vast collection of artifacts takes you on a journey showing how rural life evolved in the Midwest since the mid-1800s.

elkader-iowa.com

Elkader City Park
1000 Mascara Rd
Elkader
563-245-2098

Hours: May-Mid Oct,
Sat & Sun 12-4 or by
appointment.

Admission: \$3 adults, children
under 12 yrs free. ♿

Gilbertson Conservation Education Area



A 565-acre Recreation and Education Area includes: Gilbertson Nature Center; Mavis Conner Dummermuth Historical Building; Hart Dummermuth Historical House; petting zoo; maize maze. This area has: canoe access to the Turkey River; fishing in a pond or Turkey River; a paved quarter mile wheelchair accessible trail; playground; shelter houses; modern, primitive, and equestrian camping areas; and over five miles of trails.

[elginiowa.org/
GILBERTSON.html](http://elginiowa.org/GILBERTSON.html)

22580 A Ave
Elgin
563-426-5740

Hours: Nature Center, Historical Buildings and Petting Zoo: Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day, Wed-Sun 11-7 including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day or by appointment. Petting Zoo also during May by appointment.
Admission: Free. ♿ ♻️



SEE IT.

www.GroutMuseumDistrict.org

Paid for, in part, by the Waterloo Hotel/Motel Tax & Black Hawk County County Association



William Sharp
"Moon Lit"
Boone, IA



Louie Kibben
"Cross the River"
Boone, IA

Grout Museum District



The Grout Museum District offers four distinct museums, allowing visitors to discover their past, present and future. Reach for the stars in the only public planetarium in Northeast Iowa. Experience Victorian elegance in Iowa's finest example of Italianate architecture. Enjoy the educational hands-on science exhibits and interactive demonstrations.

groutmuseumdistrict.org

Grout Museum of History and Science/Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, 503 South St; Blueborn Science Imaginarium, 322 Washington St; Rensselaer Russell House Museum, 520 W 3rd St Waterloo 319-234-6357

Hours: Tues-Sat 9-5. Please call for current Rensselaer Russell House Museum Hours.

Admission: Grout Museum/Iowa Veterans Museum: \$10 adults, \$5 children 14 yrs & under; Rensselaer Russell House Museum: \$5; Blueborn Science Museum: \$5; Explorer Passes: Two sites: \$13 adults, \$8 children. Veterans half-off at all sites. [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

Grundy County Heritage Museum



Explore the changes in agriculture through the life of American Indians and pioneers on the prairie. Also discover the 1931 National Corn Husking Contest held in Grundy County.

grundycounty.org

204 4th St
Morrison
319-345-2688

Hours: Tues-Thurs 8:30-4 or by appointment.

Admission: Free. [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy



Experience a working dairy farm. Walk-through tours show how milk gets from the cow to your table. Take a trolley ride around the farm, then see the cows, calves, milking parlor, creamery, kangaroos and goats, plus enjoy our dairy products. Hands-on tours include above features plus feeding a calf, making butter, milking a cow and petting the kangaroos and goats.

hansendairy.com

8461 Lincoln Rd
Hudson
319-988-9834

Hours: Apr-Nov. Mon-Sat by appointment.

Admission: Hands-on tour: \$12, 3 yrs & under free. Walk-thru tour: \$8, 3 yrs & under free. School groups: \$5 per child, teachers/chaperones free. Bus tours: \$7 per person, guides/drivers free. [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

Hardin County Farm Museum



A farm site depicting the diversified family farm from the time of the settlement (late 1800s) through 1950.

eldoraiaowa.com

203 Washington St
Eldora
515-231-2379

Hours: Open the first Sat in April to September and by appointment.

Admission: Free. Donations welcome. [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)



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3 and younger free



Ride the trolley



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Pet a kangaroo



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APRIL-NOVEMBER, MONDAY-SATURDAY BY APPOINTMENT ★ CASH OR CHECK ONLY

8461 Lincoln Road, Hudson, Iowa ★ www.hansendairy.com

(319) 988-9834 ★ jordanhansen@hansendairy.com

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Hartman Reserve Nature Center




This over 300-acre wooded
isle boasts the Hartman
Interpretive Center and six miles
of trails leading to lakes, prairies,
forest, the Cedar River and
the American Discovery Trail.

hartmanreserve.org

657 Reserve Dr
Cedar Falls
319-277-2187

Hours: Trails: Daily, Sunrise-
Sunset. Interpretive Center:
Mon-Fri 8-4:30, Sun 1-5.

Admission: Free. 


Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch



Join our family on a wagon
tour into the woods to hand
feed the buffalo. Our tours
include history and facts about
bison, as well as the history of
our farm which has been
in operation for over 150
years. Reservations strongly
recommended, we are a working
ranch.

hawkeyebuffalo.com

3034 Pembroke Ave
Fredericksburg
563-237-5318

Hours: Sunrise-Sunset.
Admission: \$10 adults, \$8
seniors, \$5 children. 


Hawkeye Community College Farm Laboratory



Provides student laboratory
activities and cooperative
work experiences in farm
production and management
techniques. Includes 250
acres for crop and livestock
production and modern
facilities for cattle, sheep,
swine. Along with the
Fennemann Center which
houses the office, a classroom
and a livestock pavilion.

hawkeyecollege.edu

5503 Hammond Ave
Waterloo
319-296-4251

Hours: By appointment only.
Admission: Free. 

Heartland Acres Agribition Center




Heartland Acres Agribition
Center is located off
Highway 20, Exit 252, in
Independence, Iowa. Dedicated
to exhibiting the past, present
and future of agriculture in
the National Heritage Area,
Heartland Acres has something
fun and educational for people
of all ages. Heartland Acres has
seasonal livestock, new and
antique farm equipment, classic
car museum, events center and
a one-room schoolhouse.

heartlandacresusa.com

2600 Swan Lake Blvd
Independence
319-332-0123

Hours: Apr 1-Oct 31, Mon-Sat
9-4:30, Sun 12-4:30. Nov 1-Mar
31, Mon-Fri 9-4:30.

Admission: \$10 adults (\$2
discount for groups of 10 or
more), \$4 children age 5-17,
children 4 yrs & under free, \$3
school tours. 



Fun Facts:

The primary use of
corn in the United States
is to process it into
animal feed.

campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites H

Heartland Museum



Hearthland Museum represents Iowa's agriculture and rural life through farm machinery, toys and displays in downtown streetscapes representing the Victorian, 1930s and 1950s eras. View the 4-H Schoolhouse Museum where the 4-H emblem was first introduced engaging youth to "learn by doing" for a better agriculture education.

heartlandmuseum.org

119 9th St SW
Clarion
515-602-6000

Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Mon-Sat 10-3. Year-round by appointment.

Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 children 11 yrs & under. Group Rates.

Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum



Learn about Iowa's only President at the Herbert Hoover Museum. Hoover campaigned on the platform to restore prosperity to American farmers. His first action as president was to call a special session of Congress to pass the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929. The Museum is one of the 13 such institutions operated by the National Archives and Records Administration.

hoover.archives.gov

210 Parkside Dr
West Branch
319-643-5301

Hours: Daily 9-5, closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day.

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 for 62 & over, retired/active military, & college students, \$3 for 6-15 yrs, free for 5 & under.

Historic Limestone Insane Asylum



The Jackson County Insane Asylum, once known as the County Poor Farm, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also has an Iowa Great Places Designation. The Insane Asylum is located north of Andrew on 250th Ave. Adjacent to the Insane Asylum are five acres of crop ground farmed by the Horse and Harness Association.

jacksoncountyiowa.com

250th Ave (County Hwy 61)
Andrew
563-652-3181

Hours: Daily 9-5. Guided tours available by appointment.

Admission: Free.

Hurstville Interpretive Center



Explore the links between Iowa's prairies, wetlands, the rocks beneath your feet and agriculture. A pollinator garden and a working beehive allows visitors to see pollinators at work. Exhibits help visitors understand how Iowa's early communities, such as Hurstville, developed around the resources that were available and were a focal point for farm families.

jacksoncb.com

18679 63rd St
Maquoketa
563-652-3783

Hours: Year-round, Mon-Fri 9-4. Weekends Apr-Oct, 12-5. Weekends Nov-Dec, 12-4.

Admission: Free.

Hurstville Lime Kilns



Built in the 1870s, the four kilns heated limestone rock mined from nearby quarries. The process formed lime mortar used in the construction of homes, farm buildings and public buildings throughout the Midwest.

jacksoncb.com

Intersection of Hwy 61 and
Hurstville Rd
Maquoketa
563-652-3783

Hours: Year-round, tours available upon request.

Admission: Free. ♿

Indian Creek Nature Center



Our new Amazing Space building and campus opened to the public in September 2016. Just a half mile down Otis road from the barn that served as the Nature Center headquarters since 1973. Amazing Space is ushering in a new era of environmental sustainability by aiming to achieve the Living Building Challenge. The Nature Center has several miles of trails that wind through prairies, oak/hickory savannas and a wetland.

indiancreeknaturecenter.org

5300 Otis Rd SE
Cedar Rapids
319-362-0664

Hours: April-October,
Mon-Thurs 9-4, Fri-Sat 9-6, Sun
12-6. Nov-Mar, Tues-Sat 9-4,
Sun 12-4.

Admission: Free. ♿ ♻️ ♾️

Ion Exchange, Inc.



Ion Exchange nursery specializes in the production, harvesting, cleaning and marketing of wildflowers, grass seeds and plants native to Iowa and the Midwest.

ionxchange.com

1878 Old Mission Dr
Harpers Ferry
563-535-7231

Hours: Tours by appointment.

Admission: \$10 adults,
children under 10 yrs free.



Iowa Gold Star Military Museum



Iowa's premier military museum, honoring Iowa Veterans of all services, plus the Iowa State Patrol. Indoor and outdoor exhibits include equipment, uniforms, 150+ weapons, flags, trench art, vintage military vehicles and aircraft. The library includes soldier records and over 5,000 military reference books for genealogical research.

[iowanationalguard.com/
History/Museum/Pages/
home.aspx](http://iowanationalguard.com/History/Museum/Pages/home.aspx)

7105 NW 70th Ave, Camp Dodge
Johnston
515-252-4531

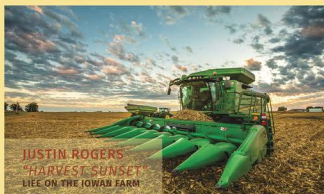
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30,
Sat 10-4.

Admission: Free. ♿ ♻️ ♾️

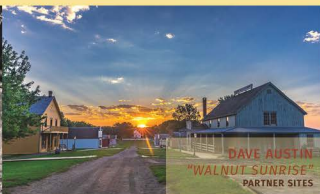
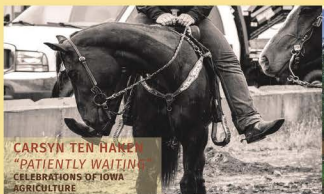
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Iowa Masonic Library & Museum



The Iowa Masonic Library is recognized as the oldest special library in Iowa. Included in its collection are reports, transactions and papers of the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Society and year-books of agriculture. The Library also maintains early records of the State Agricultural College, now Iowa State University.

gl-iowa.org

813 1st Ave SE
Cedar Rapids
319-365-1438

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-12 & 1-5.
Admission: Free. ♿

Iowa River Gazebo



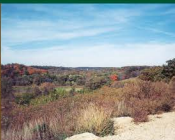
Past, present and future meet at the Iowa River Gazebo located on the Iowa River in Coralville. The 14 interpretive panels and eight plaques celebrate the people, early history and events that have influenced the area and development of Coralville. The gazebo exhibit is a trail system focal point and an entrance and exit to the pedestrian bridge spanning the Iowa River Dam.

johnsoncountyhistory.org

1st Ave & 5th St
at Iowa River Dam
Coralville
319-351-5738

Hours: Outdoor exhibit.
Open year-round.
Admission: Free. ♿

Iowa River Greenbelt Scenic Drive



The Iowa River Greenbelt Scenic Drive winds through a picturesque landscape of valleys, woods and streams tucked in the midst of flat, fertile farmland. Extending from Alden to Eldora, this designated scenic drive takes visitors along the Hardin County segment of the Iowa River and through a number of small farming communities. Call for detailed map.

hardincountyconservation.com

See map at the back
of this guidebook.
Ackley
641-648-4361

Hours: Open 24 hours.
Admission: Free.

Iowa State Fair



Nothing compares to the annual August extravaganza that inspired the novel *State Fair* and is featured in the New York Times best-seller *1000 Places to See Before You Die*. The Iowa State Fair features mouth-watering food, fabulous free entertainment, one of the world's largest livestock shows and countless zany contests. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. Sign up to receive our e-newsletter or text FAIR to 75782 for the latest updates.

iowastatefair.org

E 30th and E University Ave
Des Moines
800-545-FAIR

Hours: During non-fair time, the fairgrounds are open for events or a nice stroll in the gardens. During fair dates, the grounds are open 7:00 am to midnight.

Admission: Visit iowastatefair.org for adult and child admission prices and special discounts.



CAMP SITES
Fun Facts:
30% of the food Americans eat depends on pollination, demonstrating the importance of saving the nation's declining honey bee population.
campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

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Iowa's Dairy Center



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Iowa's Dairy Center is committed to educating the public about modern dairy farming, caring for our animals and protecting the environment. On your guided tour, you will see cows milking at the parlor and robotic milking facilities. Visit the barn where the milk cows live, have the chance to see a calf being born, pet calves in the calf barn and check out Iowa's Dairy Museum.

iowadairycenter.com

1527 Hwy 150 S
Calmar
563-534-9957

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-4, or by appointment for a guided tour. Viewing areas for the milking parlor and robotic milking facility is open 24 hours a day. **Admission:** Guided tours: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Groups seeking guided tours should call ahead to confirm availability.



Jackson County Historical Museum



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The county museum includes 22,000 sq. ft. of local exhibits including period rooms, a country school, boot maker shop, general store, an authentic replica of a McCormick Reaper and a wildlife display. There is a large machine shed with a fine collection of vintage agricultural equipment, as well as a 1850s log cabin.

jciahs.com

1212 E Quarry St
Maquoketa
563-652-5020

Hours: Tues-Fri 10-4, Sat & Sun 12-4; closed major holidays. **Admission:** \$3 for one museum, \$5 for both. Members and children 10 yrs & under are free.

Jasper County Historical Museum



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Featured areas include our 1875 Barn, Engine House, and Ag Building that houses a variety of early equipment, much of it made locally. The Ag Building also includes our "Wonderful Tales" exhibit that tells the story of wind power in the county. Other features include Maytag exhibit, new Washing Machine Center of the World exhibit and Victorian and 1930s rooms.

jaspercountymuseum.com

1700 S 15th Ave W
Newton
641-792-9118

Hours: May-Sept 30, daily 1:00, last tour at 4:00, Oct-May 1, Groups of 6 or more by appointment. **Admission:** \$5 adults, \$2 children, admission also includes free re-entry pass to allow an additional day to complete the full tour.

Jenison Meacham Memorial Art Museum & Farm



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This site is comprised of an art center/museum, prairie farmstead, rural schoolhouse, working farm and machinery museum featuring educational programs and demonstrations. Prairie Homestead Show: Third full weekend in August, Fri-Sun.

belmondartscenter.org

1179 Taylor Ave
Belmond
641-444-4635

Hours: May-Oct, Sun 1:30-4:30 or by appointment. Prairie Homestead Show: Third full weekend in August, Fri-Sun. **Admission:** Free. Donations welcome.

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John Deere Tractor Cab & Assembly Operations



See John Deere tractors being made from start to finish on this one-of-a-kind tour. John Deere has long been known as the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural tractors. John Deere is the sole tractor manufacturing plant left in the world that retains its founder's name.

johndeere.com

3500 E Donald St
Waterloo
319-292-7668

Hours: Year-round, Mon-Fri, subject to availability pending manufacturing. Tour reservations required. Must be 13 yrs or older to tour. Wear comfortable walking shoes; no open-toe shoes are allowed. No cameras or cell phones allowed.

Admission: Free. ♣ ♣ ♣

John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum



Walk through the history of John Deere tractors and engines at the site of the very first John Deere tractor factory. This collection of classic tractors and engines represents the evolution from a simple steel plow to today's modern working machine.

[johndeere.com
/tractorandenginemuseum](http://johndeere.com/tractorandenginemuseum)

500 Westfield Ave
Waterloo
319-292-6126

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 12-4. Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve.

Admission: Free. ♣ ♣ ♣

Johnson County Historical Society Museum



The JCHS Museum's permanent and temporary exhibits and interactive displays show how the land, people, transportation and businesses, including agriculture, evolved to create today's Johnson County community. The museum's newest permanent exhibit "A Home on the Farm" explores the changes in the lives of Johnson County farm families from 1930-1990.

johnsoncountyhistory.org

860 Quarry Rd
Coralville
319-351-5738

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5.

Admission: \$5 adults. Members & children 12 & under free. ♣ ♣ ♣

Kinney Pioneer Museum



Kinney Pioneer Museum is a historical museum that preserves and displays the pioneer way of life in rural North Central Iowa. The museum includes exhibits and displays on early agricultural artifacts, amenities and social practices of the past, as well as their relationship to the growth of industry, education and the cities and towns of the area.

9184 265th St
(Hwy 122 W at entrance to
Mason City Airport)
Clear Lake
641-423-1258

Hours: May-Sept, Tues-Sun 1-5.

Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 children (school tours \$.75 per child). ♣ ♣ ♣



Fun Facts:

Did you know that farmers and ranchers only receive 15.8 cents of every dollar spent on food?
campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites J - K

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU VISITED A WELCOME CENTER
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Kinze Innovation Center



Experience over 50 years of inspiration, imagination and hard work by one man and generations of dedicated hard-working people (Kinze employees, partners, family and friends). Through hands-on, interactive displays, The Kinze Innovation Center showcases the many agricultural innovations from Kinze's rich heritage and highlights the technology that is shaping farming today and into the future.

www.kinze.com/kic

2172 M Ave
1-80 – Exit 216
Williamsburg
319-668-1300

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5
Admission: Free 

La Porte City FFA Historical & Ag Museum



Established by the La Porte City FFA Chapter in 1970, the museum is recognized as the first of its kind in Iowa. Exhibits that interpret the dynamic history of rural Iowa communities are located in a renovated 1914 auto and supply store and in the town's original Fire Station, which was built in the 1870s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors can also explore a restored 1861 log cabin and learn about native prairie plants in the butterfly garden.

lpcmuseum.com

408 Main St
La Porte City
319-342-3619

Hours: May-Oct, Tues & Thurs 10-4, 2nd Sat of each month 1-5, and 4th Sun of each month 1-5, with family fun activities 3-5.
Admission: \$3 per person, children 4 and under are free, family membership/season pass \$25. 

Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum



Tour the only childhood home of "Little House" author Laura Ingalls Wilder that still remains on it's original site. Learn the fascinating story of America's agricultural frontier through the Ingalls family stories of hardship and joy. See where this family lived when they left the farm and came to the town of Burr Oak in 1976 with nine-year-old, Laura.

lauraingallswilder.us

3603 236th Ave
Burr Oak
563-735-5916

Hours: May, Mon-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4. Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 12-4. Post Labor Day thru mid-Oct, Thurs-Sat 10-4.
Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 children 6-17 yrs, 5 yrs & under free. Family tour \$30. 

Living History Farms



A 500-acre open-air museum. Travel at your own pace through 300 years of agricultural history, including a 1700 Ioway Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm, 1900 Farm and 1875 Town. On-site interpreters, activities and demonstrations.

livinghistoryfarms.org

11121 Hickman Rd
Urbandale
515-278-5286

Hours: May 1-Aug 26, Mon-Sat 9-4, Sun 12-4. Closed Aug 27-31 for maintenance. Sept 1-Oct 19, Wed-Sat 9-4, Sun 12-4.
Admission: \$15.75 Adults, \$9 Children (2-12 yrs), seniors or military \$1 off.

Sites & Attractions

Sites K - M

Mathias Ham House Historic Site



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This stately villa is a living reflection of its owner, Mathias Ham, one of Dubuque's earliest lead mining entrepreneurs. Living history demonstrators and interpreters share the rich history of Mathias Ham and lead mining in Dubuque. Venture the grounds to explore a one-room schoolhouse, original 1833 log cabin, windlass, miner's "badger hole" and a new lead mine structure.

[rivermuseum.com/
exhibits-experiences/
mathias-ham-house/](http://rivermuseum.com/exhibits-experiences/mathias-ham-house/)

2241 Lincoln Ave
Dubuque
563-557-9545

Hours: Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day, Wed-Sun 11-4.
Admission: \$5 adults, \$3.50 youth 3-17 yrs, 2 yrs & under free.

Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop



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Once an establishment in every community, the Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop preserves the story of the ingenuity and the role the local blacksmith played in rural Iowa. The shop preserves the inventions patented by Edel, including dehorning clippers, wedge cutter, nut pliers and garden hoes.

iowahistory.org

214 1st St
Haverhill
641-475-3239
or 641-752-6664

Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day, daily 12-4.
Admission: Free.

Mines of Spain Recreation Area



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The Mines of Spain consists of 1,439 acres of forest and prairie along the Mississippi River. The park is a National Historic Landmark and a state preserve. The E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center, a Scenic Byway Center, has displays on the park's historical sites of farming, prairies, lead mining, Native Americans and wildlife. Trails connect visitors to a farm site, forests, prairies, archeological sites and wetlands.

minesofspain.org

8991 Bellevue Hts
Dubuque
563-556-0620

Hours: Park: 4 am-10:30 pm.
Interpretive Center: Apr-Oct, Mon-Tues-Thur-Fri 10-3, Sat & Sun 12-4:30; Nov-Mar, Mon-Fri 9-4, Sat & Sun closed except for programming, call for program schedules.
Admission: Free.

Miss Effie's Country Flowers & Garden Stuff



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A U-pick flower farm in Northwest Scott County, Miss Effie's invites you to relax and enjoy the beautiful Grant Wood countryside. Our gardens are perfect for strolling and picking the newest blossoms. Fresh eggs, homemade jams, hand-sewn aprons will remind you of days gone by. Your grandmother's lifestyle is alive and well at Miss Effie's.

misseffiesflowers.com

27387 130th Ave
Donahue
563-282-4338

Hours: June 1-Oct 1, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3, Sun 12-3. Oct-Apr, Fri 10-5.
Admission: Free. 1 gallon bucket of flowers is \$25.



Fun Facts:

The average American farmer feeds about 155 people worldwide.

campsilos.org

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Montauk Historic Site



Journey into the past at the home of Iowa's 12th governor, William Larrabee. Enjoy a guided tour where you will see and hear how the Larrabee family furnished and maintained this 1874 mansion and estate for more than 100 years, adapting with the changing agricultural life.

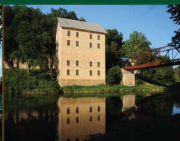
iowahistory.org

26223 Harding Rd, Hwy 18 E
Clermont
563-423-7173

Hours: Memorial Day thru
Labor Day, Daily 12-4; Labor
Day thru Oct 31, Fri-Sun 12-4
and by appointment.

Admission: Free.

Motor Mill Historic Site



Motor Mill, built in 1869, preserves the story of flour milling and wheat production in Northeast Iowa. The mill also demonstrates the struggles farmers, businessmen and laborers faced in a remote rural river setting, as well as the challenges faced in the development of a large agri-business. Site also offers a number of out buildings, land and water trails to enjoy.

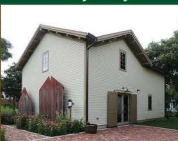
motormill.org

23002 Grain Rd
Elkader
563-245-1516

Hours: Townsite may be viewed
year round. Open for tours
Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat &
Sun 12-5 or by appointment.

Admission: Free.

Museums of Story City



The four museum sites in Story City share the unique and rich heritage of an agrarian community settled largely by Scandinavian immigrants. Experience the past by visiting a pioneer schoolhouse used as a polling location for the Lincoln presidential election of 1860. Explore a restored Victorian home and tour exhibits that tell the story of historic rural life.

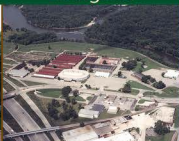
storycityhistory.org

619 Grand Ave
Story City
515-460-1749

Hours: Year-round; Carriage
House Museum: Wed-Fri 12-5,
Memorial Day-Labor Day, all
4 museums open Sun 1-3.

Admission: By donation. Free
for guided tours.

National Cattle Congress



The National Cattle Congress (NCC) is committed to benefit the youth of Iowa, to support educational programs and institutions, to expand agricultural horizons and to preserve and honor Iowa agricultural heritages. We provide quality, affordable and entertaining learning experiences to spectators and the general public by conducting our annual fair and events throughout the year.

nationalcattlecongress.com

257 Ansborough Ave
Waterloo
319-234-7515

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4; occasional
weekends. Fair: Sept 13-16, 2018.
See website above for listing of
2019 Fair dates.

Admission: Varies by event.

Sites & Attractions

Sites M - N

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



Located in historic Czech Village! Features the inspiring new permanent exhibition "Faces of Freedom: The Czech & Slovak Journey." The exhibition includes the history of Czech settlement in America, as well as the fight for freedom and culture in Europe. New museum store! Tour packages include tours of Czech neighborhoods, authentic food, folk art classes and entertainment.

NCSML.org

1400 Inspiration Place SW
Cedar Rapids
319-362-8500

Hours: Exhibit Galleries & Museum Store: Mon-Sat 9:30-4, Sun 12-4. Skala Bartizal Library: Tues-Sat 9:30-4. Both locations closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. **Admission:** \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$5 active military & students 14 yrs + (with ID), \$3 youth 6-13 yrs, free for members & children under 5.



National Farm Toy Museum



Check out the place where agricultural history is on a roll! The National Farm Toy Museum houses memorabilia and farm toys of today and yesterday. The museum's mission is the preservation of the history of agriculture through farm toy collecting.

nationalfarmtoymuseum.com

1110 16th Ave Ct SE
Dyersville
563-875-2727

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4. Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas. **Admission:** \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 6-17 yrs, 5 yrs & under free. Group tours & rates available.

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium



The highly interactive museum and aquarium includes the Mississippi River Center and the National River Center. Experience dynamic state-of-the-art exhibits, a 3D/4D theatre, animal programs, a National Landmark vessel, and more! The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and is accredited by the American Association of Museums and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

rivermuseum.com

350 E 3rd St
Dubuque
563-557-9545
or 800-226-3369

Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day, daily 9-6. Labor Day thru Oct 31, daily 9-5. Nov 1 thru Feb 29, Tues-Sun 10-5. Mar 1 thru Thursday before Memorial Day, daily 10-5. Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas. **Admission:** \$11 to \$22, please visit website for more information.

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge



Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge is a tallgrass prairie and oak savanna reconstruction project located about twenty miles east of Des Moines. The Refuge offers scenic views of over 5,000 acres of tallgrass prairie year-round. It is also home to herds of bison and elk, grassland birds, and numerous other wildlife species. The Prairie Learning and Visitor Center offers interactive exhibits, the Prairie Point Bookstore, and showings of our award-winning film, "Return to Wilderness". Several paved trails are available to visitors in addition to the auto tour route through the bison and elk enclosure. Free public programs and volunteer opportunities are also available for all ages throughout the year.

fw.gov/refuge/Neal_Smith/

9981 Pacific St
Prairie City
515-994-3400

Hours: Mon-Sat, 9-4. Sun 12-5. Closed Sundays from Dec 1-Feb 28. Open Memorial Day, Fourth of July, & Labor Day & closed on all other Federal holidays.

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Norman Borlaug Boyhood Home and Birthplace Farms

New Day Dairy



Experience "Rita the Robot" milking cows on the 5th generation family dairy farm! While visiting be sure to pet the baby calves, smell what the cows the eat, and hear about what happens after the milk leaves the farm, too. Ready for a challenge? Become a dairy farmer by riding in the tractor, bottle feeding the calves, peeking under Rita the robot's hood, and getting an exclusive "challenge" t-shirt!

newdaydairy.com

31000 17th St
Clarksville
319-279-4455

Hours: Year-round; by appointment only
Admission: See website for current pricing & tour options.



Visit the farm sites of the "Father of the Green Revolution," Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. Walk in the footsteps of a young boy learning lessons that would lead to the revolutionary changes he engineered around the world through his innovative approaches in agriculture. Experience Dr. Borlaug's humble beginnings, including his bedroom in an era of time gone by. Learn his inspirational story by guided or self-guided tours of his one-room schoolhouse, farm buildings and fields; and about his scientific and humanitarian work that resulted in saving a billion lives.

normanborlaug.org

19518 200th St.
Gresco
563-547-3434

Hours: Apr-Oct, By Appointment.
Admission: Free will donation.

Northern Iowa River Greenbelt Scenic Drive



Enjoy a scenic drive of 50+ miles following the course of the Iowa River as it winds through Franklin and Wright counties. Oak savannas, rolling hills, glacial moraines and much more await you! Maps available at the Dows Welcome Center.

See map at the back
of this guidebook.
Belmond
515-571-3264

Hours: Open 24 hours.
Admission: Free.

Park Farm Winery



This family farm uses their Iowa grown grapes to produce Iowa wines, both red, white and limited fruit. Park Farm Winery educates the public on varieties of wines and grapes, the establishment of a vineyard in a cold climate, harvesting grapes and much more.

parkfarmwinery.com

15159 Thielen Rd
Bankston
563-557-3727

Hours: Dec-May, Sun, Mon, Thurs 12-5, Fri-Sat 12-6; June-Nov, Mon-Thurs 12-7, Fri-Sat 11-8, Sun 11-5.
Admission: \$3 for wine tasting, includes 5 samples for adults over 21.

Fun Facts:

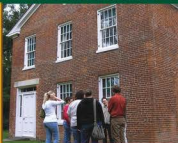
Hybrid seed corn has been around since the 1930s.

campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites N - R

Plum Grove Historic Home



Plum Grove is the home of Iowa's first territorial governor, Robert Lucas, and his wife Friendly. Once a 360-acre farm, the home is now surrounded by Coralville. The home is furnished to the period of the Lucas occupation from 1844-53. Site includes three period gardens and archaeology exhibits.

johnsoncountyhistory.org

1030 Carrol St
Iowa City
319-351-5738

Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Wed-Sun 1-5; Labor Day thru Oct 31, Sat & Sun 1-5.
Admission: Free.

Prairie Bridges Park



With 101 acres of wildlife, woodlands and prairie, the park offers opportunities for visitors to enjoy nature at its best. Camping with electrical hookups, fishing in six ponds, three miles of trails for walking, biking or driving, disc golf course, restrooms, showers and shelter house provide a fun family experience. The park offers 24-hour services within city limits, just 1/4 mile from downtown.

ackleyiowa.net

310 N Franklin
Ackley
641-485-1623

Hours: Park: Year-round. Call ahead to reserve campsite.
Admission: Park: Free. RV Camping \$15, Primitive \$8. Monthly/seasonal camping rates available.

Putnam Museum & Giant Screen Theater



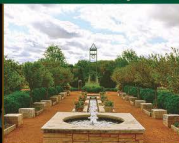
The 115,000 sq. ft. museum includes changing and permanent exhibits: Black Earth/Big River; Hall of Mammals; River, Prairie and People; Asian Gallery; Unearthing Ancient Egypt; Ocean Experience; ViewSpace; and Giant Screen Theater.

putnam.org

1717 W 12th St
Davenport
800-435-3701 or
563-324-1933

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5. Show times vary.
Admission: Exhibit halls: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 youth 3-12 yrs, 2 yrs & under & museum members free. Giant Screen Theater: Call museum or visit website for ticket prices.

Reiman Gardens – Iowa State University



Since 1914, a "garden laboratory" has been an essential teaching tool at Iowa State University. Today, the 17-acre Reiman Gardens incorporates academic and practical concepts with lessons from crop rotation to floriculture, entomology to water resource management. Inspiring future generations as environmental stewards is accomplished with tours, classes, lectures, articles and videos enjoyed by youth, students and 100,000 visitors annually.

reimangardens.com

1407 University Blvd
Ames
515-294-2710

Hours: Daily 9-4:30; extended hours Memorial Day thru Labor Day.
Admission: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors age 65+, \$4 youth 4-17 yrs, children age 3 yrs & under free. Group rates available.

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Richardson-Jakway Historic Site



The Richardson-Jakway Historic Site provides a look back at a 19th century home, farmstead and community. The site features the 1851 Richardson-Jakway House and the now defunct pioneer community of Mudville.

buchanancountyparks.com

2791 136th St
Aurora
319-636-2617

Hours: House: By request.
Outside displays open daily.
Admission: Free. 


Riegel Blacksmith Shop



Burkard Riegel, "The Faithful Village Blacksmith," had a solid background for his efficiency in work. A native of Germany, he came to Clermont in 1931 to set up a business that was exclusive in many fields. The shop was recently restored, to preserve this unique building for future generations.

clermontia.org

210 Mill St
Clermont
563-423-7295

Hours: May-Oct 31, Daily 8-8.
Admission: Free. 

Scenic City Empress Boat Club



The Empress Boat Club, a 1937 log cabin, is situated on the Iowa River and is home to the Empress Riverboat. Come enjoy our public cruises or book a private event. Soak in the beautiful scenery of the limestone bluffs, while listening to our captain's monologue. From agriculture to industry you will be entertained by our Iowa River interpretation!

1113 Union St
Iowa Falls
800-873-1936 or
641-648-9517

Hours: Public cruises operate every Sat & Sun at 2pm Jun-Mid Oct.
Admission: Public cruise: \$8 adults, \$5 children, 2 yrs & under free. Group cruises & tour prices vary, call for more information.   

Seed Savers Exchange



Heritage Farm, the headquarters of Seed Savers Exchange, is an 890-acre living museum of our garden heritage. Display gardens surrounding the Visitors Center grow hundreds of heirloom fruits and vegetables, while eight miles of hiking trails connect sparkling trout streams, wooded bluffs, heritage poultry, Ancient White Park cattle, and two historic apple orchards.

seedsavers.org

3094 N Winn Rd
Decorah
563-382-5990

Hours: Mar-Oct, daily 10-5
Admission: Free. Group tours available by appointment only, \$5/person.   

Explore beauty and stories at Seed Savers Exchange



Display Gardens | Hiking and Fishing |
Gift and Garden Store | Events



3074 North Winn Road | Decorah, Iowa | seedsavers.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites R - S

Special Collections & University Archives, ISU Library



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The Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) collects, preserves, and shares documentation of the experiences, achievements, and memories of people and organizations reflecting the university's major research areas - agriculture and rural life, life sciences, and engineering, with a special commitment to documenting the history of the university. Supporting the land-grant ideals of putting science, technology and human creativity to work, we strive to enrich learning and encourage investigation.

archives.lib.iastate.edu

403 Parks Library,
701 Morrill Road (4th floor)
Ames
515-294-6672

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5. Check website for holidays and other schedule changes.

Admission: Free. Call ahead if there is a specific collection or item you are interested in.

State Historical Building



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The museum features a variety of permanent and temporary exhibits on Iowa's rich history, including our use of the land. The historical library and state archives provide many sources including newspapers, manuscripts, county records, photographs and government documents useful in researching many aspects of Iowa's agricultural history.

iowahistory.org

600 E Locust St
Des Moines
515-281-5111

Hours: Museum: Mon-Sat 9-4:30. Research Center: Wed-Sat 9-4:30.

Admission: Free.

Strawberry Hill Farm & Garden



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Be a farmer for a day: Learn the history of the farm, play in the Story Time Pine's playground, visit the working dairy goat farm, meet all the animals by helping feed the rabbits, gather eggs, milk the 500+ goats, and give hay to the horse, donkey, or llama. There is always something to do, join us for some fun on the farm!

strawberryhillstrawberry.com

12173 Amission Rd
Strawberry Point
563-920-4531

Hours: Year-round by appointment.

Admission: Guided Walk-thru Tours: 2 years & older \$8/
1 Hour, School/Daycare Guided Tours: \$6/45 min, Working Farm Tour: 2 years & older \$10/2 Hour Tour, Pumpkin Patch Fall Frenzy Tour: 2 years & older \$8.

Sugar Grove Vineyards & Gathering Place



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In this 1870s rejuvenated Grange Hall, framed by rolling hills, vineyard, pond and elk, visitors may learn the history of the Grange Movement and social significance of the local club. Iowa wine and beer are featured along with public summer concert series, fall dinner show and private events.

6602 Ginger Ave
Newton
641-831-3843

Hours: Apr-Dec by appointment and during public events.
Admission: Free

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Tabor Home Vineyards and Winery



Tabor Home Winery, Iowa's oldest estate winery is located on our family's 1860s Jackson County farmstead. Tabor Home is renowned for distinguished wines that are defining the federally-established Upper Mississippi River Valley viticulture area. Wine festivals, Sunday music in the vineyards with Iowa singer-songwriters, demonstration vineyards and winemaker tours offer unique experiences and inform visitors about Iowa's exciting wine industry.

TaborHomeWinery.com

3570 67th St
Baldwin
563-673-3131

Hours: Jan-Apr, Tues-Sun 11-5;
May-Dec, daily 11-6.
Admission: Free.

The History Center



Provides a gateway orientation to Linn County, from prehistoric occupation and rural farming communities to urban immigration culture, manufacturing, food production and communications industries.

historycenter.org

615 1st Ave SE
Cedar Rapids
319-362-1501

Hours: Year-round Tues-Sat 10-4.
Admission: Free.
Recommended donations of \$5 adults, \$3 children.

The Sawmill Museum



Centered around the story of Clinton, Iowa's rich lumber history, the museum features dynamic exhibits and programs that explore the history of America's sawmill, lumber and forestry industries. Clinton's roots as a lumber capital are intertwined with its roots in agriculture, as both played a role in the formation of Clinton and the West during the late 19th century. With wood-working equipment, history exhibits, a water table, and an interactive lumberjack camp, the museum is fun for all ages.

thesawmillmuseum.org

2231 Grant St
Clinton
563-242-0343

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-6, Sun 1-5,
Mon 1-6.
Admission: Adults \$6. Children 4-12 \$4. Children under 4 are free.

Traer Historical Museum



Featuring artifacts of Northern Tama County and Traer, this museum highlights the life of "Tama Jim" Wilson, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 1897 to 1913, record holder for the longest-serving U.S. Cabinet member, and one of only three Cabinet members to serve in the same post under three consecutive Presidents. Antique agricultural implements also exhibited.

traer.com

514 2nd St
Traer
319-478-8826 or
319-415-3767

Hours: Please call ahead.
Admission: Free.



Fun Facts:

800 gallons of water per day are required to produce enough food for one person.

campsilos.org

Sites & Attractions

Sites T - U

Tyden Farm No. 6 Tours



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this farmstead was originally owned by Emil Tyden, a Swedish immigrant and mechanical genius holding 200 patents during his lifetime. The sixth of eight farms, Tyden No. 6 was built between 1936 and 1941 and is still in use today by the Pitzenberger family. No. 6 features a massive 40' x 140' barn and a 26,000-bushel concrete-block corncrib, both an unheard of size at that time.

tydenfarm.com

1145 300th St
Dougherty
641-426-5277

Hours: Tours: July-Sept, typically last 3 hours.

Admission: Dependent on group size. Please call ahead.



University of Iowa Museum of Natural History



Explore your world at the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History – Iowa's gateway to the global environment. Take a trip back in time through 500 million years of our natural and cultural heritage, culminating in the landscape we live on today and the story of agriculture from the first Native American farmers through to modern day Iowa.

mnh.uiowa.edu

17 N Clinton St
Iowa City
319-335-0606

Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat
10-5, Thurs 10-8, Sun 1-5,
closed National Holidays.

Admission: Free.

University of Northern Iowa Marshall Center School



The Marshall Center School is a one-room school museum located on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa that has been restored as it was in the early 1920s, including original furnishings and period artifacts. An active reminder of Iowa's historically prominent role in quality education, the school shares the story rural schools played in shaping 19th century America.

Museum.library.uni.edu

23rd St & Indiana St
Cedar Falls
319-273-2188

Hours: Tours by appointment.

Admission: Free.

Ushers Ferry Historic Village



Ushers Ferry Historic Village interprets life in a small Iowa town at the turn of the 20th century. Step into the seven of the twenty historic homes and businesses that range in age from 1855-1919. Ushers Ferry offers many special events and programs throughout the year that explore the lives of farmers and townspeople in the community 100 years ago.

ufhv.com

5925 Seminole Valley Trl NE
Cedar Rapids
319-286-5763

Hours: June-Aug, Mon-Fri 9-3.

Admission: Free.



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Vesterheim Norwegian - American Museum





With over 24,000 artifacts and an Open Air Division of 12 historic buildings, this national treasure showcases the best in historic and contemporary Norwegian folk and fine arts, and the agricultural history of Norwegian immigrants. By telling the story of Norwegian immigrants, Vesterheim explores the experience of all immigrants in America. Come for festivals, special group tours or any time.

vesterheim.org

502 W Water St
Decorah
563-382-9681

Hours: May-Oct, daily 9-5.
Nov-Apr, daily 10-4.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors 65+ & \$5 children 7-18 yrs. Free on first Thursday of every month.  

Vinton Railroad Depot



Located in Vinton, Iowa, this 1900 railroad depot tells the industrial stories of how the railroad provided the infrastructure to allow industry to grow in Benton County. The railroad provided essential accessibility for businesses like the Iowa Canning Company, Vinton Produce Company, Vinton Steel Works and Vinton Pearl Studio Company. The Depot, once the sales office for Hawk Bilt farm implements, now tells the story of that company and highlights the railroad's rich local history with artifacts and memorabilia. Visitors can step back in time in the authentic depot agent's office, which includes the original telegraph complete with sound.

iagenweb.org/benton/bchs/bchs.htm

612 2nd Ave
Vinton
319-472-3918

Hours: June-Sept, Thurs 5-7.
Any time by appointment.

Admission: Free, donations welcomed. 

Wagaman Mill & Museum





Wagaman Mill was built in 1846 by John R. Sparks as a paddle wheel sawmill on the North Skunk River. In 1848, the mill was converted into a grist mill with the construction of a wooden dam across the river. The 1868 addition of a hydraulic turbine allowed for year-long operation and the mill has since been utilized to produce flour, animal feed, meal and electric power.

[mycountyparks.com/
County/Jasper/Park/
Wagaman-Mill.aspx](http://mycountyparks.com/County/Jasper/Park/Wagaman-Mill.aspx)

200 East St
Newton
641-527-2766

Hours: Memorial Day thru the end of Sept, Sun 1-4. June 2 - August 8 Mondays: 9-12, Tuesday: 1-4, Thurs: 1-4 Fri: 9-12. Also available for tours, special events & groups by appointment.

Admission: Free-will donation.  



Wallace Centers of Iowa



The restored home of Uncle Henry and Nancy Wallace, founding editors of Wallace's Farmer, highlights the most influential family of American agriculture. Family and political artifacts include an original Ding Darling cartoon, USS Iowa christening bottle, and a 1940 presidential inauguration ticket. Documentary available about Henry A. Wallace, the most influential Iowan of the 20th century.

wallace.org

756 16th St
Des Moines
515-243-7063

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4 or by appointment. Please call ahead. **Admission:** Self-guided or group tours by donation. After hours or guided group tours \$2 per person.  

Sites & Attractions

Sites V - W

Wapsipinicon Mill Museum



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The Wapsipinicon Mill is one of Iowa's largest grist mills, towering six stories above the Wapsipinicon River. This museum interprets the grist milling process from 1870 to the 1940s and features original buhrstone stones, milling equipment, early agricultural artifacts and hands-on exhibits. Within walking distance to beautiful river side parks, specialty shops and eating establishments in historic downtown Independence.

Buchanancountyhistory.com

100 1st St W
Independence
319-334-4616

Hours: Mid May-Sept, Tues-Sun 12-4 or by appointment.

Admission: Free self-guided tours, donations welcome. Group/bus tours \$3 per person, call 319-334-6914 for reservations.

Waterloo Center for the Arts



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Something creative for the entire family: gallery exhibits, classes, ceramics and digital art studios, special events, gift store, ArtHouse Café, and the Phelps Youth Pavilion (interactive children's museum focused on cultural and agricultural exploration). The Center also holds the largest public collection of Haitian artwork in the U.S., Midwestern works by Grant Wood and Thomas Hart Benton, American Decorative Art, and International Folk Art.

waterloocenterforthearts.org

225 Commercial St
Waterloo
319-291-4490

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5, 3rd Thurs of each month 10-8.

Admission: Galleries: Free, donations welcome. Phelps Youth Pavilion: \$5/person; Dollar Days: \$1/person; School Groups: \$1/person; Groups of 12 or more: \$3/person. Children 12 yrs & under must be accompanied by adult.

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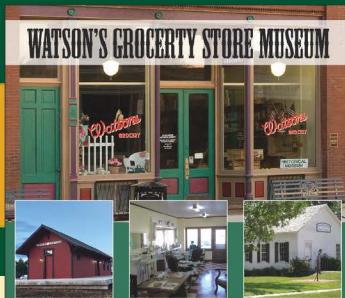
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Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area

2018-2019 Visitors Guide



Visit Watson's Grocery Store Museum in historic State Center, the Rose Capital of Iowa. While in town walk through out beautiful rose garden, or down the Lincoln Highway and stop by the Centre Station Depot, Washington Township #6 one room school or the Shepler Barber Shop, open to the public by appointment (641-483-3002) or (641-750-0712). On the third weekend of June, we will be celebrating our 61st annual Rose Festival with a parade, entertainment, and fun for all. State Center is also home of the 18-hole, Lincoln Valley Golf Course, a family friendly but challenging course.



Watson's Grocery Store Museum

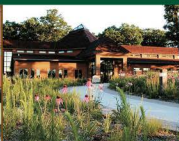


Watson's Grocery Store was built in 1895 and continued, virtually unchanged, until 1989. Soon after, the State Center Historical Society was formed to save Watson's Grocery as a landmark and museum. Step inside to see stocked oak shelves, roll-top bins and ice box. Sturdy benches and chairs still await customers who trade farm fresh produce for grocery items.

106 W Main St
State Center
641-750-0712

Hours: Memorial Day thru
Labor Day, Sat & Sun 1-4.
Also by appointment.
Admission: Free.

Wickiup Hill Learning Center & Area



The 683-acre complex includes the interpretive center and surrounding wetlands, reconstructed prairie, savanna, timber and five miles of trails. Numerous outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, bird-watching and wildlife observation are available. Educational displays in the center highlight Wickiup Hill's natural resources and its archaeological past. Center includes Native American exhibits that depict the beginning of gardening and farming in Iowa.

LinnCountyParks.com

10260 Morris Hill Rd
Toddville
319-892-6485

Hours: Interpretive Center:
Mon-Fri 8-4:30, Sat 10-4,
Sun 1-4.
Admission: Free.

Sites & Attractions

Sites W

Winneshiek County Historical Society-Locust School Museum



Justin Rogers
"Fields at Sunset"
Cummins, IA

Locust School was built in 1854 and operated continuously for 108 years. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Locust School Committee of the Historical Society was founded in 1965 to preserve the one-room school so generations of students would be able to see a reminder and symbol of all former rural school days.

1640 Big Canoe Rd
Decorah
563-382-4166

Hours: June thru Labor Day,
Sat-Sun 1-4 or by appointment.

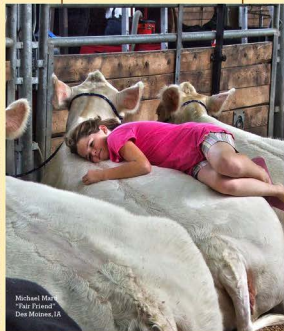
Admission: Free, donations
accepted. 



Crystal Dillinger
"Borekaya On Hoop Hoops"
Sherry City, IA



Aaron Johnson
"Harvest"
Cedar Falls, IA



Michael Mack
"Fair Friend"
Des Moines, IA



For additional
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travel, dining and
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visit the sites
listed below.



easterniowatourism.org



iowatourism.com



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Diane Michael-Lowrey
"Daisy's Light"
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Faces of Iowa through the Early Lens
May 20

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50 Day Trip Planner

Includes Site Number and Map Coordinates, Listed Alphabetically by Community



1 D-3	Ackley Heritage Center	Ackley
2 B-3	Prairie Bridges Park	Ackley
3 D-1	Amana Heritage Society Museums	Amana Colonies
4 A-2	Reiman Gardens - ISU	Ames
5 A-2	Special Collections & University Archives, ISU Library	Ames
6 F-2	Historic Limestone Insane Asylum	Andrew
7 D-3	Richard-Jakway Historic Site	Aurora
8 E-2	Tabor Home Vineyard & Winery	Baldwin
9 E-3	Park Farm Winery	Bankston
10 A-3	Belmond Historical Society Museum	Belmond
11 A-3	Jenison Meacham Memorial Art Museum & Farm	Belmond
12 F-1	Family Museum	Bettendorf
13 D-4	Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum	Burr Oak
14 D-4	Iowa's Dairy Center	Calmar
15 B-1	Center Grove Orchard	Cambridge
16 E-2	Cascade Historic Limestone Silo	Cascade
17 C-3	Cedar Falls Historical Society	Cedar Falls
18 C-3	Hartman Reserve Nature Center	Cedar Falls
19 C-3	University of Northern Iowa Marshall Center School	Cedar Falls
20 D-2	African American Museum of Iowa	Cedar Rapids
21 D-2	Brucemore	Cedar Rapids
22 D-2	The History Center	Cedar Rapids
23 D-2	Cedar Rapids Museum of Art	Cedar Rapids
24 D-2	Indian Creek Nature Center	Cedar Rapids
25 D-2	Iowa Masonic Library & Museum	Cedar Rapids
26 D-2	National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library	Cedar Rapids
27 D-2	Ushers Ferry Historic Village	Cedar Rapids

28 D-2	Carrie Lane Chapman Catt Girlhood Home	Charles City
29 C-4	Floyd County Historical Society Museum	Charles City
30 A-3	Heartland Museum	Clarion
31 C-3	New Day Dairy	Clarksville
32 B-4	Kinney Pioneer Museum	Clear Lake
33 D-3	Montauk Historic Site	Clermont
34 D-3	Riegel Blacksmith Site	Clermont
35 F-1	Clinton County Historical Society Museum	Clinton
36 F-1	The Sawmill Museum	Clinton
37 D-1	1876 Coralville Schoolhouse	Coralville
38 D-1	Iowa River Gazebo	Coralville
39 D-1	Johnson County Historical Society Museum	Coralville
40 C-4	Norman Borlaug Boyhood & Birthplace Farms	Cresco
41 F-1	Putnam Museum & Giant Screen Theater	Davenport
42 D-4	Seed Savers Exchange	Decorah
43 D-4	Vesterheim Norwegian - American Museum	Decorah
44 D-4	Winneshiek County Historical Society-Locust School Museum	Decorah
45 A-1	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines
46 D-2	State Historical Building	Des Moines
47 A-1	The Wallace Centers of Iowa	Des Moines
48 E-1	Miss Effie's County Flowers & Garden Stuff	Donahue
49 E-1	Cinnamon Ridge Farms	Donahue
50 B-3	Tyden Farms No. 6 Tours	Dougherty
51 B-3	Dows Historic District	Dows
52 E-3	Dubuque Museum of Art	Dubuque
53 E-2	Four Mounds Inn & Conference Center	Dubuque
54 E-2	Mathias Ham House Historic Site	Dubuque
55 E-2	Mines of Spain Recreation Center	Dubuque
56 E-2	National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium	Dubuque

57 E-3	National Farm Toy Museum	Dyersville
58 C-2	Dysart Historical Center	Dysart
59 B-2	Hardin County Farm Museum	Eldora
60 D-3	Gilberston Conservation Education Area	Elgin
61 D-3	George Maier Rural Heritage Center of Clayton County	Elkader
62 D-3	Motor Mill Historic Site	Elkader
63 D-4	Fort Atkinson State Preserve	Fort Atkinson
64 C-3	Engelbrecht Family Winery	Fredericksburg
65 C-3	Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch	Fredericksburg
66 D-3	Froelich General Store & Tractor Museum	Froelich
67 C-2	Barn Quilts of Grundy Center	Grundy Center
68 B-3	Franklin County Fair & Grandpa's Farm	Hampton
68A B-3	Franklin Co. Historical Society Museum	Hampton
68B B-3	Franklin Co. REA Power Plant Museum	Hampton
70 E-4	Ion Exchange, Inc.	Harpers Ferry
71 B-2	Matthew Edl Blacksmith Shop	Haverhill
72 D-3	Fontana Interpretive Nature Center	Hazleton
73 E-2	Delaware County Historical Museum	Hopkinton
74 C-2	Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy	Hudson
75 D-2	Cedar Rock the Walter House	Independence
76 D-2	Heartland Acres Agribition Center	Independence
77 D-2	Wapsipicon Mill Museum	Independence
78 D-1	Plum Grove Historic Home	Iowa City
78 D-1	University of Iowa Museum of Natural History	Iowa City
80 B-2	Calkins Nature Area	Iowa Falls
81 B-2	Eagle City Winery	Iowa Falls
82 B-2	Scenic City Empress Boat Club	Iowa Falls