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Driftless Area Scenic Byway, Photo by Michael Marti

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Stand at the top of a bluff and gaze out across the forests and hillsides of Northeast Iowa or venture down into the valleys and enjoy a dip in a fresh, cool river or lake, either way you'll love the view. Northeast Iowa is a refreshing escape that can be filled with outdoor excursions, spectacular attractions and fine dining. This guide is jammed packed with things for you to do and see in a six-county region and by picking it up you've taken your first step toward your very next get away.

Whether it's a family vacation, a weekend getaway with your sweetie or a "guys only" fishing trip – you're sure to make lasting memories in Northeast Iowa's Bluff Country. So why wait? Let your adventures begin!

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Midwest Living named Pikes Peak (lower right) one of the “Best Midwestern Free Attractions,” saying: “Pikes Peak, on bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, offers great hiking with beautiful vistas, spring-fed streams and waterfalls, and large timbered tracts.”

Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation

Northeast Iowa is often called Iowa’s Bluff Country or the Little Switzerland of Iowa. The bluffs, hills and valleys are full of Iowa’s most extensive hardwood forests, native prairies, wetlands, cold water trout streams and spectacular views. This region boasts small family farms, dairies and more public land to explore than in any other region of Iowa.

To get the most out of your adventure, be sure to enjoy the vistas along the way. Cruise the scenic byways on your motorcycle, the hills on your bike, or the rivers

in your kayak. Scope out North America’s premier bird flyway, the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge from the top of a bluff, or discover an American Indian burial mound built in the shape of a bear.

Wade in a cold water stream and catch native brook trout or relax back at camp — next to a cozy campfire with a cup of hot cocoa. Whether you’re taking photos of the fall foliage or a sunset on the prairie, watching your loved ones enjoy their adventure or savoring your time away, we know you’ll love the view from here!



Natural Areas to Explore



Big Springs Fish Hatchery

16212 Big Springs Rd., Elkader, 563-245-2446
www.iowadnr.gov

This trout hatchery is located next to the Turkey River at the base of the largest spring in Iowa. Home to Iowa's first and only "Kids Fishing Pond," children can try their hand at fishing for rainbow trout. Discover how water is "the ultimate barometer for the condition of the land." Admission is free and fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased on site.

Cardinal Marsh

Located 4 miles west of Ridgeway on A46, and 1 mile north on 345th Ave.
www.iowadnr.gov

Cardinal Marsh, an Iowa DNR wildlife area, includes 1,165 acres of woodland, upland, and marsh habitat making this a premier birding destination. Spring waterfowl viewing is excellent and with the change in seasons come migrating shorebirds and native marshland species. Truly a bird watcher's paradise.

Decorah City Parks System

563-382-4158

www.decorahia.org

Dunning Springs, Ice Cave, Twin Springs, Malanaphy Springs, Phelps Park and Decorah Prairie are included in more than 500 miles of city parks. Decorah has more high quality park acres per capita than any other community of its size in the Midwest. Pick your pleasure and take off to enjoy dramatic overlooks of the Upper Iowa River, dip your toes in Iowa's best-known waterfalls, trout fish, hike or mountain bike!

Decorah Fish Hatchery

2321 Siewers Spring Rd., Decorah, 563-382-8324
www.iowadnr.gov

This hatchery raises rainbow, brown, and native brook trout, and is located next to forested limestone bluffs and the second-largest spring in Iowa. The trout are dispersed into some of the most pristine cold water trout streams in the Midwest. Located along the Trout Run Trail, get a glimpse of the famous eagles nest as seen at www.raptorresource.org or watch for eagles to swoop down and steal trout out of the hatchery ponds.

Effigy Mounds National Monument

151 Hwy 76, Harpers Ferry, 563-873-3491
www.nps.gov/efmo

Iowa's only national monument, the Effigy Mounds is home to 210 known prehistoric mounds within the border of the park, 31 of which are shaped in the likeness of bears or birds. These burial mounds were built by Native Americans from 100 BC to 650 AD. The 2,526-acre park is divided into two units by the Yellow River. Walking trails provide modest to extended routes. Children under 16 free; admission fee for adults. Open year-round. After you've enjoyed Effigy Mounds, visit **Fish Farm Mounds State Preserve, north on the Great River Road**, this three-acre prehistoric cemetery (mound group) contains a cluster of 30 conical mounds.

Hayden Prairie

4.9 miles W of Lime Springs on A23
www.iowadnr.gov

Although Iowa has lost more than 99.9 percent of its prairie, this 242-acre gem continues to provide a glimpse of what the vast expanse of the Midwest tall-grass prairie looked like before European settlers changed the landscape. This is the largest black soil prairie in Iowa and is considered a National Natural Landmark.

Mount Hosmer City Park

Heading East on Hwy 9 (Main St.), turn left on 6th Street, Lansing

This 104-acre park includes a bluff that rises 450 feet to provide a spectacular panoramic view of 50 miles of the Mississippi River valley and Blackhawk Bridge in Lansing, Iowa.

Northeast Iowa's Cold Water Trout Streams

www.iowadnr.gov/fish

More than 75 streams have free public access and each provides four seasons of opportunities for anglers to catch rainbow, brown or native brook trout. Some of the streams are stocked by the Iowa DNR; dozens have natural reproduction. Fly fish in the early morning light or have the kids drop a hook and line while you kick back and relax on the bank but, be ready for action. These trout are hungry all year long!

Pikes Peak State Park

15316 Great River Rd., McGregor, 563-873-2341
www.iowadnr.gov

Pikes Peak State Park is located on the highest bluff on the Mississippi River. Although it shares its name with a much higher peak in Colorado, Lieutenant Pike encountered this dramatic Iowa view first! Stand at the top of the 500-foot Mississippi River bluff on Point Ann Overlook and imagine how Lieutenant Pike felt as he viewed the confluence of the Wisconsin River and the Mississippi River for the first time. Modern camping and park concessions are also available.

Upper Mississippi River National

Wildlife and Fish Refuge

401 Business Hwy 18 N, McGregor, 563-873-3423
www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver

Touted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "an angler's paradise, a waterfowl hunters dream and a birdwatchers bounty," the refuge meanders through limestone bluffs that are blanketed by hardwood forests. The 240,000-acre refuge hosts the largest concentration of eagle's nests and blue heron rookeries. Catch a glimpse of frolicking river otters or marvel at the largest migration of North American birds. Spend the day boating or fishing for any freshwater fish you can imagine.

Volga River Recreational Area

10225 Ivy Rd., Fayette, 563-425-4161
www.iowadnr.gov

This man-made natural area not only has hunting, fishing and camping, it also has 25 miles of trails available for hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, horseback riding and snowmobiling. Float for hours down the

meandering Volga River with its steep bluffs and wooded hillsides and take out at the end of the day only two miles from where you started! Look for frogs or go for a swim in nearby Frog Hollow Lake.

Yellow River State Forest

729 State Forest Rd., Harpers Ferry, 563-586-2254

www.iowadnr.gov

This hardwood forest is the largest single block of timber in Iowa. It is part of a National Audubon Society designated "Important Bird Area" — the highest designation of any of the sites along the Mississippi River. Enjoy bird watching, canoeing, camping, hiking, fishing year-round or hunting in season.

Scenic Byways

www.iowadot.gov/iowasbyways



Driftless Area Scenic Byway

This 100-mile byway winds all the way throughout Iowa's Bluff Country, zigzagging through terrain as varied as the directions of the road. Travelers will pass farmland, forests, valleys, and limestone outcroppings near the Mississippi River areas.

Iowa Great River Road

Enjoy dramatic vistas of "Old Man River," while experiencing limestone bluffs and the legendary hospitality of Iowa river townspeople.

River Bluffs Scenic Byway

View breathtaking bluffs and wooded hilltops on this 106-mile loop byway. On this roller-coaster road of northeast Iowa, watch eagles as they soar free over the green pastures or explore a secluded cave by a hillside country stream.

Cassville Ferry

IA Hwy 52/C9Y, Millville 608-725-5855, www.cassville.org

Joining the states of Iowa and Wisconsin, the Cassville Car Ferry also connects two Scenic Byways; the Great River Road and the Iowa Great River Road. The ferry started in 1836 and has continued to traverse the Mighty Mississippi ever since.



The Upper Iowa River, Photo by Randy Uhl

Land & Water Trails

Land and water trails and the intersection of those trails provide additional opportunities for visitors to slow down and enjoy the forested hills, limestone bluffs, prairies, rivers, lakes and small towns via bike, canoe, kayak or snowmobile. Northeast Iowa is home to the state's most popular recreational rivers and streams, including State of Iowa Water Trails that have been recognized nationally.

Iowa Land Trails

Amish Boulevard Trail www.visitiowa.org

Located in the center of one of the largest Old-Order Amish settlements, the 15-mile Amish Boulevard Trail is scheduled for completion in 2010. More than 30 Amish businesses provide baked goods, handmade quilts, wood-working, and many other items along the trail.

Decorah Mountain Bike Trails www.bikedecorah.com

More than 18 miles of off-road, single track trails are groomed, marked and ready for you. The limestone bluffs and rugged terrain of Palisades, Ice Cave and Van Peenen Parks make these trails an exhilarating challenge. Several national events are held on these trails annually.

Fayette Recreational Trail www.fayettecountyia.com

The Fayette Recreational Trail begins at Klock's Island Park in Fayette and runs along the scenic Volga River. Experience the changing seasons while hiking, biking or cross-country skiing the 2.8 mile trail.

Guttenberg Riverwalk www.guttenbergiowa.net/ThingsToDo.html

Stroll down the longest river walk on the Upper Mississippi River. Access a new modern marina, shop or dine in a historic downtown, camp or spy an eagle through a telescope along this trail. Primitive hiking in the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge can also be accessed from this paved trail.

Jensen Trail AKA the Echo Valley Educational Nature Trail www.visitiowa.org

This secluded forested trail is privately owned and is open to the public at no cost year round. The 100-acre wooded area parallels two stocked trout streams and provides access to historic railroad bridges and artifacts. It connects to Echo Valley State Park, which has primitive camping.

Mississippi River Trail (MRT) www.visitiowa.org

The MRT in Northeast Iowa provides an opportunity for you to safely share one of the nation's most spectacular roadways, the Great River Road. Although this trail does not yet stretch the length of Iowa, you can access the MRT in New Albin and ride all the way to

Lansing and then hop on again just south of McGregor and ride to Guttenberg. It provides opportunities for you to enjoy bluff top views of the Mississippi or get up close and personal with the river.

Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail www.winneshiekwild.com

This 22-mile asphalt trail travels the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad line and rides the backbone of the Upper Iowa River and Turkey River Watersheds. Passing through forested canopies you will enjoy vistas of some of the most beautiful farmland in Northeast Iowa. Access the trail in Calmar, Ridgeway, or Cresco!

Prairie Springs Recreational Trail www.howard-county.com

Truly a trail for all seasons, this three-mile hard surface route winds from Cresco to Prairie's Edge Nature Center along the Turkey River.

Breathtaking beauty and glorious displays of nature can be seen the entire length of the trail surprising the delighted recreational enthusiast with prairie grass, birds, flowers, animals, rolling farmland, and shaded woods.

Trout Run Trail of Decorah www.troutruntrail.com

This 12-mile paved loop trail encircles Decorah's most scenic areas. The family friendly trail — complete with handicapped accessible fishing points, canoe access, and nationally recognized artwork — is open all year for your hiking, biking or cross-country skiing enjoyment.

Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail www.gwvtrail.com

Following the vacated Chicago Great Western Railway, this 33-mile trail travels from Iowa into Minnesota. Along with

Iowa's largest wind farm and an Old Order Amish community, you'll experience history, folklore, a butterfly garden and natural resources along this captivating trail.



Trout Run Trail, Photo by Adam Kiel



Phelps Park, Photo by Randy Uhl



Snowmobile Trails

www.iowasnowmobiler.com

Thousands of miles of groomed and well-marked trails await you this winter throughout Northeast Iowa. Experience a "cool" ride through the hilly and often wooded terrain of northeastern Iowa. While each of the six counties in Northeast Iowa are listed separately below, these snowmobile trails are all interconnected, creating miles upon miles of continuous trails.

Allamakee County Snowmobile Trails
<http://snoblazers.lrtwebservice.com/>

Buchanan County Snowmobile Trails
www.wsaiowa.com/dnn/

Clayton County Snowmobile Trails
www.claytoncountysnowbirds.com

Fayette County Snowmobile Trails
www.trailsunlimited.net

Howard County Snowmobile Trails
www.howard-county.com

Winneshiek County Snowmobile Trails
www.winneshiektrailtwisters.com

Did you know?

- **Canoeing the Upper Iowa River was recognized by *National Geographic Adventure* as one of "The Top 100 Adventures in North America."**
- **Mountain biking in Northeast Iowa was named one of "52 Great American Weekends under \$200" by *Men's Health*.**

Iowa Water Trails

Northeast Iowa's rivers are considered the state's most pristine rivers; you can experience them as they might have been a century ago. It is common to encounter eagles, herons, deer and other wildlife. Anglers enjoy these rivers for their exceptional fishing including bass, walleye, and northern pike. In autumn, the colors of the oak-dominated hills provide spectacular beauty. Lose yourself, but not your way, as river brochures have been developed for each of the following. For more information on the following Iowa Water Trails contact Northeast Iowa RC&D by phone at 563-864-7112.

The 114-mile Turkey River Water Trail

Meandering back and forth across river valleys between bluffs and small historic communities. The winding nature of the river and the fact that it has more canoe access points than any other river of its length allow visitors to create short or long trips on the river with little road transport time between them.



Upper Iowa River, Photo by Sarah Brainerd

Wapsipinicon River Water Trail

This trail has one of the longest continuous stretches of natural and scenic river corridor in Iowa, traveling 43 miles in Buchanan County. Its greenbelt corridor encompasses a variety of natural features

ranging from floodplain wetlands to steep bluffs. Recreational activities include picnicking, hiking, fishing, viewing wildlife, and camping.

The 136-mile Upper Iowa River

Canoeing the Upper Iowa River was recognized by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine as one of the top 100 adventures in North America. It is best known for the sections with towering limestone bluffs, Chimney Rock and Calendar Corner. One of the most striking waterfalls in the state, Malanaphy Springs, is a popular site on this river.

The Yellow River, Photo by Adam Kiel

Yellow River Water Trail

The longest coldwater trout stream in Iowa; the Yellow River also has the highest gradient of any canoeable stream in the state. The lower 35 miles offer challenging rapids, limestone cliffs, towering bluffs, mature hardwood forests, combined with high clarity water to make this a superior recreational experience. The history of this river is rich with prehistoric Indian mounds, French fur traders, and the first sawmill in Iowa.



“In Iowa, explore small towns, follow one of the state’s five wine trails, hike, bike or canoe in the great outdoors, visit the Grant Wood Studio to see where the famous artist lived and worked, or drive one of the state’s eight Scenic Byways... the River Bluffs Scenic Byway winds alongside the Mississippi River past charming small towns.”

Posted on BootsAll Travel titled “7 Great American Road Trips for a Long Weekend”

Campgrounds

Backbone State Park
1347 129th St., Dundee, 563-924-2527
www.iowadnr.gov

Iowa’s first state park, Backbone, was named for its narrow and steep ridge of bedrock carved by the Maquoketa River. Known for trout fishing in its fresh, clear stream, remember to bring your swimming trunks for a swim or boat outing on Backbone Lake. Featuring 21 miles of hiking and multi-use trails, challenging cliffs for the experienced climber, and 125 campsites (electric and non electric). Modern one- and two-bedroom cabins are available April through October.

Reserve your cabin or campsite today at:
<https://eservices.iowa.gov/iowaparks/>

Deer Run Resort & Cottage Rental
501 High St. SE, Elkader, 563-245-3337
www.deerrunresort.net

Deer Run Resort is the perfect destination for campers to sit back, relax and enjoy the great outdoors. Stroll around Three Sister’s lake or go biking or hiking on the Pony Hollow Trail. All 81 spacious campsites have 30/50 amp electricity with water and sewer on a concrete pad and patio, along with your own picnic table and fire ring. Handicap-accessible shower house has in-floor heat, air-conditioning and laundry facilities. The city swimming pool, playgrounds, sand volleyball, tennis courts, basketball, horseshoe pits, and golf course are all close. Deer Run Resort Cottage is available for rental year round.

Gilbertson Educational Area
22580 A Avenue, Elgin, 563-426-5740
www.fayettecountyiowa.org/CONSERVATION
Located just east of Downtown Elgin on county road B64 or Agate Road. This 345-acre park features more than 5 miles of trails. The park is also open for public hunting. The park includes a nature center, two historical buildings, a petting zoo and even a Maize (Corn) Maze!

Gouldsburg Park
18649 Sunset Rd., Hawkeye
www.fayettecountyiowa.org/CONSERVATION
This 64-acre park, located at the confluence of



the Little Turkey River and Crane Creek, offers fishing, tubing, and canoeing. Features include a modern campground with a dump station, showers, flush toilets, 26 electrical hook up sites, a playground, shelter house, primitive camp sites and bird watching galore!

Heritage Farm Park & Heritage Hill Campground
26411 Harding Rd., Clermont, 563-423-5122
www.heritagefarmpark.com

Features RV campsites with electrical and water hook ups, primitive and even equestrian camping, with 10 miles of wooded trails.

Hutchinson Family Farm & Campground
2299 Scenic River Rd., Decorah, 563-382-3054
www.hutchff.com

Located on the banks of the Upper Iowa River, enjoy horseback riding, canoe & kayak with hassle-free outfitting service, fishing and playground equipment.

Ion Exchange/The Natural Gait
1878 Old Mission Drive, Harpers Ferry
877-776-2208
www.thenaturalgait.com

A haven for a natural experience with fishing, hiking, horse trails or hammock time. Log cabin lodging, camping or bunkrooms are available. Learn about the nurturing steps being taken to preserve native Iowa seeds and plants at their unique nursery. Open seven days a week year round.

Lake Hendricks
9850 Addison Ave., Riceville, 641-985-2127
www.iowatelecom.net/~howardccb
Howard County’s largest and most popular park includes a 54-acre man-made lake and serves as a multiple use area offering a wide variety of outdoor opportunities. A 150-foot beach

for swimming (unsupervised), nature trails, and cross country skiing along with an archery range, softball diamond, and playground equipment. May – October, 6am-10:30pm daily.

Lake Meyer

2526 Lake Meyer Rd., Fort Atkinson, 563-534-7145
www.winneshiekwild.com

Year-round recreation is found on this 38-acre lake setting. Campground includes primitive and electric sites, restroom and showers. Lake Meyer also features walking and cross country trails, fishing docks, a ball diamond, playground equipment, picnic shelters and a nature center.

Lidtko Mill, Park, & Campground

1 mile N of Lime Springs between Hwy 63 and V36
563-547-3634, www.iowatelecom.net/~howardccb

Lidtko Mill is a national historic site within walking distance of the campground. This mill, on the Upper Iowa River, is one of our few remaining examples of an old flour mill. On the mill grounds is a 1900 Victorian style home.

Morwood Campground

1865 150th St., Hazleton, 319-636-2422
www.morwoodcampground.com

Morwood Campground is located in Amish Country, three miles south of Hazleton. Includes 107 modern campsites with water and electricity, clean shower and restrooms, heated pool, sand volleyball, miniature golf, playground, hiking and walking trails, and cabins for rent. Open April 17 – October 1.

Osborne Nature Center

29862 Osborne Rd., Elkader, 563-245-1516
www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Osborne Nature Center includes a campground with opportunities for camping, fishing or hiking. Visitors can also explore an arboretum that has more than 50 species of trees. The live animal exhibit is the only one of its kind in the region and a small pond north of the nature center is open year-round for fishing.

Pulpit Rock Campground

505 Pulpit Rock Rd., Decorah, 563-382-9551
www.decorahia.org

Pulpit Rock Campground is nestled in the scenic hills of Decorah and has restrooms, showers, playground equipment, canoe landing and more! Pulpit Rock is located on one of the area's best trout streams at Twin Springs. The campground is open from April 1 through November 1.

Red Barn Resort & Rental

2609 Main St., Hwy 9 West, Lansing
563-538-4956

The resort includes an on-site 18-hole miniature golf course and an adjacent trout stream. The converted 1900's barn offers a rustic environment, an arcade, and bar and restaurant open seven days a week.

Sampson Springs Campground

2271 133rd Ave., Decorah 563-382-4849
www.sampsonspringscampground.com

Located eight miles east of Decorah and next to the public Trout River Access Area. Includes primitive sites, water and electric hook ups, restrooms, picnic tables, firewood and recreation areas. Fully furnished farm house available for rent year round.

Skip A Way Resort and Campground

3825 Harding Rd., Clermont, 563-423-7338
www.skipawayresort.com

Offers campsites for RVs, travel trailers and tents. Fish in the Quarry Lake or the Turkey River, which border the campground. 200 campsites available. Canoe and tube rental on-site. Full-service restaurant and bar open for breakfast - supper with entertainment during summer months.

Turkey River Campground

11562 Valley Ave., Cresco, 563-547-3634
www.iowatelecom.net/~howardccb

Protected by woods amid the scenic view of the Turkey River the campground borders the Prairie Springs Recreational Trail. Amenities include electrical and water hook-ups, camping pads, bath/shower house, playground equipment, and a nine-hole golf course near-by.

Village Creek Bible Camp

1588 Drake Road, Lansing, 563-535-7320
www.villagecreek.net

Open year round, this non-profit camp can accommodate groups from 25 to 250 and activities include trail rides, paintball, challenge course, archery among others.

Waukon City Park & Family Aquatic Center

1013 Rossville Rd., Waukon, 563-568-6420
www.waukonparkandrec.com

Forty-six rolling acres of open park makes this a great stopping point for all travelers. The Waukon Family Aquatic Center includes a twisting water slide, diving board, and special children's

area. A sizable intermediate swimming area and a series of competition lanes provide swimming opportunities for persons of all skill levels.

Caves

The caves of Northeast Iowa are a destination for spelunkers from around the world. The "karst" geology that results in limestone bluffs and cold water streams is actively eroding limestone bedrock and developing extensive world class cave systems under the area's landscape. Public access of most caves are limited and by arrangement only.

Dutton's Cave

25218 Ironwood Rd., West Union, 563-426-5740
www.fayettecountyiowa.org/CONSERVATION

Picnic, hike, and camp at this 46-acre park that has a heavily timbered, deep ravine, ending in a fifty-foot vertical limestone wall directly above the cave opening. Electricity is available at two camping sites and there are several sites without electricity. There is a shelter house, hiking trail, water and pit toilets.

Ice Cave

Ice Cave Rd., Decorah

One of the largest known ice caves in North America, Ice Cave is for experienced spelunkers only. Ice appears on the cave walls beginning in March and remains through September. Located minutes north of downtown Decorah.

Spook Cave & Campground

13299 Spook Cave Rd., McGregor, 563-873-2144
www.spookcave.com

Enjoy a leisurely ride and learn about cave formations such as stalactites, stalagmites, limestone walls, sink holes and mineral deposits. Water inside the cave ranges from two to six feet deep and the caves perpetual temperature is 47 degrees. When your tour concludes share

your stories as you sit around a warm campfire. Open daily May 1 - October 31 from 9a.m. to 5:30p.m.

Niagra Cave

29842 County 30, Harmony, MN 800-837-6606
www.niagracave.com

In nearby Harmony, find the top-ten rated Niagra Cave. In the cave, visitors will witness a nearly 60-foot-high waterfall, stalactites both delicate and massive, calcite flowstone, fossils that have been dated to over 400 million years old, and a wedding chapel.

Outfitters & Recreational Equipment

Alum-Line, Inc.

802 2nd Ave. SW, Cresco, 800-446-1407
www.alumline.com

The most complete line of aluminum products in the industry. Find canoe & kayak, ATV, motorcycle trailers and more. Where Dreams are Built!

Camp-Site RV

10036 Hwy 9 West, Cresco, 800-556-0266
www.campsiteriv.com

Your RV dealer of choice in northeast Iowa. Let Camp-Site RV help you enjoy the great outdoors with a wide range of campers and unbeatable service. Your Relaxation Starts Here!

Cresco Bicycles

225 North Elm St., Cresco 563-547-2877
www.howard-county.com

Full-service bike shop that can repair all brands and custom build any bicycle. Carries Giant, Jamis, Surly, Salsa and Redline bicycles, accessories, skateboards and disc golf equipment.



Visitors from around the world travel to Decorah Chick Hatchery to find out if they are "Quality Chicks." Are you?

Decorah Bicycles

101 College Dr., Decorah
563-382-8209

www.decorahbicycles.com
Offering bicycles and gear, cross country skis, supplies and more, Decorah Bicycles is a one-stop-shop for outdoor enthusiasts. Rental service available for bicycling, skiing, inner tubing and more.

Decorah Chick Hatchery

406 W Water St., Decorah,
563-382-4103

www.decorahhatchery.com
The Hatchery sells fine summer and winter wear and outdoor/adventure gear. They carry Teva sandals, Kavu Bags, Leki hiking poles, Smartwool, Patagonia, Marmot, Ex-Officio and their world-famous "Quality Chick" t-shirts.

Featherlite, Inc.

Hwy 9 & 63, Cresco, 800-800-1230
www.fthr.com

Go wherever adventure awaits in a Featherlite trailer! Whether you're interested in motorcycle trailers, ATV trailers, snowmobile trailers or toy haulers, you can count on the durability of Featherlite's all-aluminum construction to get you to the edge of civilization and back again.

Gansen Autos & RV

104 East Main St., Riceville, 888-985-2002
www.gansenautoandrv.com

We'll fit the perfect RV for your lifestyle. Deal directly with the owner who knows RVs to find the RV that's right for you.

Gavin Marine

101 Industrial Drive, Fairbank
319-635-2000

Gavin Marine is the place to go for all your boating needs. Services include mechanical and electrical repair, custom rigging, winterizing, gel coat and fiberglass repair. It also carries marine accessories, parts, engines and used boats.

J & L Marine

903 South Highway 52,
Guttenberg, 563-252-2020
www.jandlmarine.com

J & L Marine provides sales and service for fishermen and pleasure boaters. Selling and



servicing boats, outboard motors, and trailers. Additionally, they sell and install trolling motors, depth finders, shorestations, and boat accessories.

Murray's Outdoor Store

1402 S Hwy 52, Guttenberg,
563-252-1838

Large selection of fishing supplies and gardening plants can be found here as well as camping and picnic supplies.

Oneota Outfitters

Hwy 9 East, Decorah, 563-382-4450
www.oneotaoutfitters.com

Find everything one needs to make the most of an outdoor experience. Find an extensive archery and gun selection, fishing equipment, clothing and licensing.

Oneota River Cycles

220 E. Water St., Decorah, 563-382-0421

A full-service bike shop complete with sales and service department.

Ozzie's Outdoors

210 1st Ave. W, Cresco, 563-203-9001

Full-service sportsman's shop featuring archery, guns and accessories.

Pine Creek Archery

2575 Pine Creek Ave., Independence
319-934-3888

One-stop shop for all archery equipment needs. Specializing in Martin Bows, Pine Creek Archery carries both recreational and hunting archery equipment. Practice range available to customers at no charge. Open year round.

Sportsmen's Unlimited

866 Allamakee St., Waukon, 563-568-4955

A complete line of hunting and fishing equipment and outdoor equipment available including elite archery, diamond archery and muzzleloaders and live bait. Open seven days a week.

Guide Services

Chase the Adventure

1823 Middle Calmar Rd., Decorah, 563-382-9821
www.chasetheadventure.com

The ultimate outdoor experience – offering

guided fishing trips, hunts and clay target shooting plus overnight accommodations in a beautifully renovated barn.

Driftaway Balloons & Adventure Tours

204 East Main, Waukon
800-643-9229 or 563-568-2051

www.driftawayhotairballoons.com
Experience the beauty of scenic northeast Iowa from the basket of a Driftaway hot air balloon! Join us as we fly over the Mississippi River Valley with a view of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Celebrate the end of each flight with a traditional champagne toast. Also provides walleye fishing trips and guided river tours. We are open year round by appointment.

Fish Decorah

1285 Frankville Rd., Decorah, 563-387-0841
www.fishdecorah.com

Your Winneshiek County water recreation resource – FishDecorah.com provides timely fishing reports for the Upper Iowa River, trout streams and the Mississippi River. Guided fishing trip services meet the needs of any angler. Guided walking tours that uncover Winneshiek County's scenic beauty are its newest service.

Powersports

Allamakee Arctic Cat

1062 Hwy 9, Waukon, 563-568-6908
www.allarcticcat.com
Allamakee Arctic Cat carries a full line of parts, accessories, and genuine Arctic Cat clothing.

Bob's Snowmobile Center

14344 Valley Ave., Cresco
563-547-3017
Come on in and let Bob's get you back on track.

Boos Motor Sports

Hwy 63 and 9, Cresco, 563-547-2152
www.boosmotorsports.com
ATVs, snowmobiles, scooters, jet skis, dirt bikes, and trailers are just some of the fun Boos Motor Sports has to offer the recreationalist!

Decorah Kawasaki/Suzuki

1816 Hwy 9, Decorah, 563-382-7995
www.decorahkawasaki.com
Sales, parts and great service.

Decorah's Viking Honda

1665 Prosperity Dr., Decorah, 563-382-1278
www.decorahsvikinghonda.com
Northeast Iowa's largest Ski Doo dealership.

Drilling's All-Season Sports

2355 175th St. Calmar, 563-562-3601
www.drillingsallseasonsports.com
For all your snowmobile & ATV needs.

Gary Doan's Ski-Doo

1704 1st St. West, Independence
319-334-3731
Iowa's largest snowmobile dealer, selling Ski-Doo snowmobiles, parts and accessories since 1968. Offering Can-Am ATVs, Arctic-Cat snowmobiles and ATVs, Triton trailers, snowmobile parts and restoration.

Kuennen's House of Power

7571 L Ave., Fayette
563-637-2870
The 2009 ACSA Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, Kuennen's strives to make sure their customers have an outstanding snowmobiling experience. Snowmobile and ATV sales and service. Big boys need toys too!

Myers Polaris

304 East Main St., Fairbank, 319-635-2311
www.myerspolaris.com
Myers Polaris is the leading Polaris ATV, snowmobile and utility vehicle dealership in northeast Iowa. Don't miss our large parts inventory as well as the latest Polaris products, clothing and accessories.

Nate's Outdoor Recreation

110 Oak St., Riceville, 641-985-2619
www.natesoutdoorrec.com
Polaris machines, ATVs, Side x Sides as well as Victory accessories and apparel. Service you can depend on.

Waukon Harley Davidson

208 State Hwy 9 South, Waukon
563-568-3471 or 800-383-6614
www.waukonharley.com
Motorcycling is in Waukon Harley Davidson's blood and our staff stands ready to make your Harley-Davidson experience one you'll treasure for a lifetime.

Canoe & Boat Rental



Big Foot Canoe Rental

419 Big Food Rd., Monona, 563-539-4272
www.bigfootcanoerental.com

Big Foot Canoe Rental offers canoes, kayaks and tubes, along with shuttle service. Open weekends 8 am – 5 pm and weekdays by reservation.

Boatels Houseboat Rentals and Marina Business Hwy 18, McGregor, 800-747-2628 www.boatelshouseboatrentals.com

The second oldest houseboat rental agency in the United States offers several different houseboats for your Mississippi River adventure.

Chimney Rock Canoe Rental & Campground 3312 Chimney Rock Rd., Cresco, 563-787-2267 www.chimneyrocks.com

Located along the “Chimney Rocks” on the Upper Iowa River, Chimney Rock offers a great camping experience along with canoe, kayak and cabin rentals. Open year round, reservations taken Nov. 1 - April 1.

Hruska Canoe & Kayak Livery & Campground 3233 347th St., Kendallville, 563-735-5633 www.bluffcountry.com/hruska.s.htm

Canoe, kayak, tube and camp at this beautiful location situated along the Upper Iowa River. Shuttle service and numerous amenities make this a perfect destination for the entire family.

Hutchinson Family Farm 2299 Scenic River Rd., Decorah 563-735-3054 www.hutchff.com

Canoe, kayak, and tube rental along with equestrian trails, camping sites and cabin rental.

Randy's Bluffton Store, Canoe & Campground 2619 Ravine Rd., Decorah, 563-735-5738 www.bluffcountry.com/randy.htm

Canoe and kayak rental, shuttle service, full-service camping facilities and home to the National Award Winning “Light Up the Bluff” Country Concert series. Call for reservations.

River & Trail Outfitters 212 Pulpit Rock Rd., Decorah, 563-382-6552 www.canoedecorah.com

Offering canoe, kayak, inner tube and bicycle rental, River & Trail is located next to Decorah's Pulpit Rock Campground and Trout Run Trail. Shuttle service available.

Rollin' River Canoe and Tube Rentals 215 Guyer St., West Union 563-422-5531

S & S Houseboat Rentals 990 South Front St., Lansing, 800-728-0131 www.ssboatrentals.com

S&S Houseboat Rentals is located in the heart of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Watch bald eagles soar, fish, and enjoy this natural beauty all while being on a fully furnished, luxury houseboat.

Turkey River Canoe Rental 117 S Main Street, Elkader, 563-245-1559

Daily canoe trips ranging from two to seven hours or for the more adventurous, overnight trips or longer are available. Canoe rentals include life jackets and paddles; shuttle service is available.

Upper Iowa Resort and Rental 578 Lonnings Dr., Dorchester, 563-568-3263 www.upperiowaresort.com

Cabin rentals, canoeing, kayaking and fishing supply rental. Within five miles of our campground you will find five trout streams and more than 1,000 acres of state DNR land.

Wapsi Canoe 2408 Nelson Ave., Independence 319-334-4933 Open May 15 -Sept. 10.

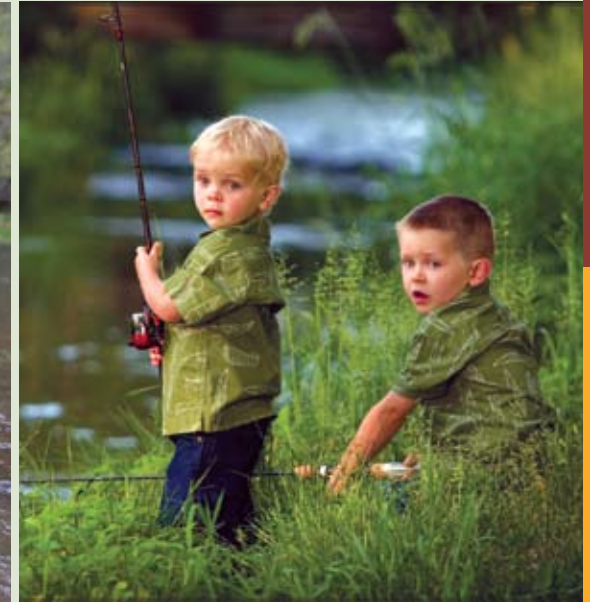
Cast Away!

The New York Times says: “Trout in Northeast Iowa are as big and you can catch as many as the trout rivers out West, with some streams having as many as 4,000 trout per mile. The streams are smaller. The setting is more intimate.”

Photo by Adam Kiel



Photo by Chip Peterson



Match the following streams for what they are best known!

For more information on Northeast Iowa's trout streams, visit www.iowadnr.gov

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| 1. Trout Run | A. Classic example of Driftless Area terrain |
| 2. South Pine | B. Premier angling streams in the Midwest with natural reproduction of brown trout, hidden fishing spots along forested bluffs and near the famous Highland General Store |
| 3. Waterloo Creek | C. Longest publically owned trout stream in Northeast Iowa |
| 4. North & South Bear | D. Highest trout population ever recorded in Iowa — 4,000 brown trout per mile! |
| 5. French Creek | E. In a DNR Wildlife Area that boasts 1,713 acres of public land |
| 6. Bloody Run | F. Most universally accessible trout stream in the Midwest |
| 7. Sny Magill | G. Harbored the last native brook trout in the state |
| 8. Coon Creek | H. Remote walk-in areas where you can catch wild brown trout |
| 9. Yellow River | I. Located in a beautiful wooded valley, this trout steam also features a beautiful waterfall |
| 10. Grannis Creek | J. Longest trout stream in Iowa and only one designated an Iowa Water Trail |

Answers: 1.F, 2.G, 3.D, 4.B, 5.A, 6.H, 7.C, 8.E, 9.I, 10.J

Savor Our Flavors!

Northeast Iowa is nationally known for its local and ethnic food selections and is a hold-out for local restaurants with unique and authentic dishes to tantalize even the most ardent foodie. Consider the following, but explore without constraint, as there are too many to list!

■ Start your day at Pedrettri's Bakery in Elkader where pastries with fresh whipped cream melt in your mouth or visit Em & Jerri's in Independence for premium coffee and espresso.

■ Enjoy an old-fashioned Sunday Dinner with pot roast, real mashed potatoes and coconut-cream pie any day at the Homestead Restaurant in Independence!

■ Voted "One of the top 100 places to eat in Iowa before you die," a "Regular" at Mabe's Pizza in Decorah makes life worth living.

■ You'll expect to see Bogart and Bergman at Schera's in Elkader with its other-worldly dining experience of Algerian, North African and Mediterranean cuisine.

■ Sunday, Monday, Happy Days! Sit in your cruiser and slurp up a thick malt at the Barrel Drive-In, an authentic drive-in in West Union since 1966.

■ Be nice and sample some beef jerky at the New Albin Meat Market.

■ Obey General Tso's order and march to Cresco's Panda Garden for great made-to-order Chinese.

■ Go west young lads and lassies and drop a line for a catch of JUMBO shrimp at Laddy's in Chester!

■ Dinner and a movie starring made-from-scratch pizza is at the Main Feature Theatre & Pizza in Waukon.

■ Sauce on your fingers? Your lips? Who cares! Ribs at Albert's, located within Decorah's historic Hotel Winneshiek, are always worth the mess.



Photo by Chip Peterson



■ Hail to the Chef! People drive hours for fine dining at the White House Supper Club in St. Lucas.

■ Across the street from the world's largest strawberry, savor scrumptious strawberry shortcake at Strawberry Point's historic Franklin Hotel.

■ Food for Thought ... *The New York Times* says Rubaiyat is "THE place to eat" when visiting Decorah.

■ Say again? You'll find the best Flat Iron Steak in the region at Teluwut Grille House & Pub in Cresco.

■ A Rubeen and authentic hot German potato salad from the Picket Fence in Guttenberg makes for the perfect picnic along the banks of the Mississippi River.

■ Mamma Mia that's authentic lasagna with homemade Italian sausage and fresh-baked Italian bread at Leo's Authentic Italian Restaurant in downtown Oelwein.

■ You scream! I scream! ... We'll all wait in line for ice cream at the Whippy Dip in Decorah!

■ It tastes out of this world ... but it's Chicago-style pizza at Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse in Independence!

■ MAN vs. FOOD! Can you defeat the one-pound Gunder Burger at Gunder's Irish Shanti? Or the one-pound Iowa pork tenderloin at the St. Olaf Tavern in St. Olaf?

■ McCaffrey's Dolce Vita in Decorah is known for their wood-fired pizza oven. The Sweet Life will be yours in the 90 seconds it takes to bake their gourmet pizzas!

Fore the Golfer!

Backbone Golf & Country Club
1244 400th Street
Strawberry Point
563-933-4545

Big Rock Golf & Country Club
Big Rock Rd
Fayette
563-425-3687

Buffalo Creek Golf Course
1925 Slater Avenue
Winthrop
319-935-3697

Country Hills Community Golf Course
10398 Echo Valley Road
West Union
563-422-3482

Cresco Country Club
22005 115th Street
Cresco
563-547-2374

Edgewater Golf Course
1432 Q Avenue
Oelwein
319-283-3258

Elkader Golf & Country Club
24361 Gunder Road
Elkader
563-245-2230

Green Valley Golf Course
78 16th Ave NW
Waukon
563-568-4866

Guttenberg Golf & Country Club
28126 Hwy 52
Guttenberg
563-252-1423

Hickory Grove Golf Course
1509 Outer Road
Oelwein
319-283-3258

Jackson Heights Golf Course
3249 Golf Course Lane
Jackson Junction
563-776-9181

Jesup Golf & County Club
530 North Street
Jesup
319-827-1152

Maple Heights Golf & Country Club
200 E Wood Street
Elma
641-393-2120

Oneota Golf & Country Club
1714 Golf Road
Decorah
563-382-4407

Pleasant Valley Sports Club & Golf Course
24749 Canoe Road
Clermont
563-423-7396

Riceville Country Club
402 W Main Street
Riceville
641-985-2447

River Ridge Golf Course & Okoboji Grill
1749 Golf Course Blvd
Independence
319-334-6576

Silvercrest Country Club
2772 College Drive
Decorah
563-382-5296

Silver Springs Golf & Country Club
1392 County Road W42
Ossian
563-532-8904

South Winn Golf & Country Club
2585 175th Street
Calmar
563-562-3191

Three Elms Golf Course
2074 Three Elms Park Road
Independence
319-334-4235

Tri City Golf Club
16739 Diplomat Road
Luana
563-539-4435

Waukon Golf & Country Club
308 1st Street SE
Waukon
563-568-9939

Woods Edge Golf Course
Hwy 3 West
Edgewood
563-928-6668



The aptly named Edgewater Golf Course, Oelwein



The area's annual Northeast Iowa Artists' Studio Tour attracts thousands of visitors to more than 50 private art studios. While on the tour, see artist Peggy Kittelson flame sculpt miniature glass pieces (pictured here) which are placed inside hand-crafted kaleidoscopes.

Arts, History & Culture

Arts

Agora Arts
104 E. Water St.,
Decorah, 563-382-8786
www.agoraarts.com

Visit Northeast Iowa's finest contemporary art and fine craft gallery featuring more than 250 American artists and local artists too! Voted one of the "Top 100 Craft Galleries in America." Open seven days a week.

Allamakee Wood Fired Pottery
2856 Blair Rd., New Albin, 563-544-4378
www.allamakeewoodfiredpottery.com

Nate & Hallie Evans produce simple functional pottery inspired by folk traditions from across the globe. Visit and discover the common spirit of honesty and strength the Evans instill in every pot.

Anastasia's
253 Main St., Lansing, 563-538-9279
www.felicityarts.com

Browse and be amazed at the one-of-a-kind handblown ball ornaments, glass flowers and glass ornaments.

The Art Gallery and Home Accents
301 Mill St, Clermont, 563-423-2213
www.theartgalleryandhomeaccents.com

Enjoy work from more than 80 local and regional artists, while you sample Iowa wines or flavored coffee. This gallery has a varied selection of jewelry, pottery, blown glass, sculptures, paintings, photographs, music, Beanpod Candles made in Iowa, wines from five Iowa wineries, as well as homemade truffles.

Cresco Fine Arts Council
www.howard-county.com

The Cresco Fine Arts Council has been promoting the arts in Northeast Iowa since its



inception in 1961. The Art Council is focused on promoting artists as well as providing opportunities for people of all ages to explore the artistic creativity we all possess.

Elkader Opera House
207 N Main St.,
Elkader, 563-245-2098
www.elkaderoperahouse.com

The beautifully renovated 1903 Elkader Opera House, on the National Register of Historic Places, is known as Northeast Iowa's entertainment leader. With its rich cultural heritage the Elkader Opera House provides a

charming and unique setting for any event.

McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts
330 Main St., McGregor, 319-389-8912
www.mcgre-marq.org/ArtsCente.htm

The McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts a place to explore your creativity and share in the creative experience with others is dedicated to the many forms of creative expression. It will provide everyone a place to experience a wide variety of arts activities.

New Minowa Players
906 Mill St., Decorah, 563-382-5174

Decorah's premier theater company wows with its year-round series of plays and musicals. Call for schedule and ticket information.

Northeast Iowa Artist Studio Tour
www.iowaarttour.com

Spend three days exploring the culture, art techniques and tools of local artists who allow you to sneak a peek into their personal studios. Artists at more than 50 private studios share their secrets while they demonstrate techniques and converse passionately about their work. Purchase original works of pottery, jewelry, paintings, basket-weaving and much more, Held annually in early October at locations within a 30 mile radius of Decorah.

StoryPeople

113 E. Water St, Decorah
www.storypeople.com

Brian Andraes is internationally known for his brightly painted wooden sculptures made from recycled barn wood and tin from old homesteads in Northeast Iowa. Stories and poems are hand-stamped on each piece. StoryPeople art may be purchased or ordered at Agora Arts.

Waterloo Workshop

369 Waterloo Creek Dr., Dorchester

In a log home with no electricity, the Stephensons live as the settlers did 150 years ago. Discover the old-time arts of woodworking, basket weaving and preserving home-grown fruits and vegetables or sit a spell and sip fresh-brewed tea.

Wildflower Art & Frame

120 N Elm St, Cresco, 563-547-4491
www.crescowildflower.com

A two-level gallery with exposed brick, tin ceilings, and hardwood floors features many local artists. Combine a cup of coffee, espresso, or juice with the passion of art. Nationally renowned local artist events throughout the year.

Museums & Historical Sites

Bily Clocks Museum and Antonin Dvorak Exhibit
323 South Main Street, Spillville, 563-562-3569
www.bilyclocks.org

Get a closer look at dozens of hand carved clocks built by two brothers, Frank and Joseph Bily in the early 1900s. Their imagination spurred them to create the Apostle Clock from which the Twelve Apostles appear on the hour, the American Pioneer History Clock, a memorial clock to Charles Lindbergh and a clock carved like a violin to honor the famous Czech musician Antonin Dvorak.

Brown Opera Block Stage Paintings
307 Woodland Ave, Riceville
641-985-2273

Imagine yourself as an early 1900s actor who has just arrived via the Wapsi Great Western Line railroad to perform in front of ornate hand-painted stage curtains for visitors

from near and far! The rail line has become a recreational trail and this rural community has restored the five separate hand painted stage curtains that were used at the opera house for live performances. These curtains are on display at the Riceville Public Library.

Craft's at Bluffton

2572 Village Rd., Decorah, 563-735-5533
www.craftsatbluffton.com

See the rare-breed Jacob sheep in this beautiful country setting. While there, purchase spinning, weaving and knitting supplies.

Cresco Opera House

115 W. 2nd Ave., Cresco,
www.howard-county.com

Built in 1914, this historic gem and architectural beauty has spanned the entertainment world through two centuries and is a must-see during your stay in northeast Iowa!

Dairy Center

1527 Hwy 150 S., Calmar, 563-534-9957 #107

Learn about "Iowa's Dairy Story" and explore the dairy industry from pioneer days to present day. See cows being milked in a state-of-the-art facility, dairy artifacts, nutrition displays and more. Guided and self-guided tours available.

Fairbank/Amish Boulevard in Buchanan County
County Road W13 Buchanan County, 319-334-7497
www.growbuchanan.com

Experience a slower pace as you are welcomed to one of the nation's largest Old Order Amish communities. Dozens of small Amish country stores sell everything from baked goods to hand-made furniture to quilts, and flowers.

Fort Atkinson Preserve

Fort Atkinson, 800-463-4692
www.iowadnr.gov

Fort Atkinson was built in 1840 to protect the Winnebago Indians from the Sioux, Sauk, Fox and white intruders. Fort Atkinson Rendezvous Days celebrate this history the last full weekend of September.

Froelich Foundation Historical Tractor Museum
24397 Froelich Road, McGregor, 563-536-2841
www.froelichtractor.com

A historic village, Froelich, is the home of the first successful gasoline traction engine (forerunner of today's John Deere Tractor).

The 1866 one room school at this museum lets you experience school days from long ago.

Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame

101 2nd Ave. SW, Cresco
www.iowawrestlinghalloffame.com

Established in 1970, the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame honors Iowa natives who have made significant contributions to amateur wrestling. We invite you to spend time with George Flanagan, Dan Gable; the 1972 Olympic Gold Medalist, and many others who have played a role in making wrestling one of our state's proudest sports.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum

3603 236th Avenue, Burr Oak, 563-735-5916
www.lauraingallswilder.us

Explore the house where Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family worked, lived and played. The museum, located in the Master's Hotel, is Laura's only childhood home still on its original site. Enjoy the nearby historic church and jail and the playground and picnic facilities in the adjacent park.

Lockmaster's House Heritage Museum

Lock & Dam #10, Guttenberg, 563-252-2323
www.guttenbergiowa.net

The history of the lock and dam system are preserved along the Mississippi at Lock & Dam #10. Explore the last remaining lockmasters house on

the Upper Mississippi River to see how the lockmasters and their assistants ived. Open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day, weekends in September or by appointment for special showing.

Montauk Historic Governor's Home

26223 Harding Rd., Clermont, 563-423-7173

Journey into the past at the home of Iowa's 12th governor, William Larrabee and Anna Larrabee, his wife. Enjoy a guided tour to see and hear how the Larrabee family furnished and maintained this 1874 vintage brick and natural limestone mansion situated on 46 acres among 100,000 pines overlooking the Turkey River.

Motor Mill Historic Park

23002 Grain Rd, Elkader, 563-245-1516
www.motormill.org

Gaze 90 feet up through six-stories of the Motor Mill, imagine the sound of the paddle wheel turning and the mill workers moving about. Motor Mill is just one of several historic limestone buildings located along the Turkey River. The park includes an inn, cooperage, icehouse & livery stable. The site has an annual civil war reenactment and is open year round for exploration.

Northeast Iowa's
 Historic Downtown
 Districts offer
 an array of
 shopping and
 dining options.



Museum of River History and Commercial Fishing
60 South Front St., Lansing
563-538-4641 or 563-538-3943

An eclectic mix of items make up the displays at this museum, which highlights early settlement along the Mississippi River. Unique displays will take you closer to understanding the Mississippi River, steam-boating, commercial fishing, the pearl industry, and ice harvesting.

Norman Borlaug Boyhood Home and Farm
19518 200th St, Cresco, 563-569-8300
www.normanborlaug.org

Dr. Norman Borlaug, one of only five people to receive a Nobel Peace Prize, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and a Congressional Gold Medal, is renowned throughout the world and is credited with saving millions of people from starvation through his research in wheat genetics and subsequent programs to share and implement that knowledge. Visit the 1921 home and farm where he was born and raised west of Protivin or the one-room schoolhouse he attended.

Old Court House Museum
107 Allamakee St., Waukon, 563-568-2954
www.allamakeehistory.org

This restored treasure — a native brick, Italianate/Greek Revival built in 1861 — documents turn-of-the-century living, and Native American and Civil War artifacts.

Porter House Museum
401 W Broadway, Decorah, 563-382-8465
www.porterhousemuseum.org

This Italianate villa, built in 1867, is filled with unique collections of exotic butterflies, rocks and minerals and seashells. Advance reservations are appreciated. Open June - August.

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum
523 W. Water St., Decorah, 563-382-9681
www.vesterheim.org

Come learn the folk art and culture of Norway through rosemaling, woodworking, fiber arts, knife making, and cooking classes. With more than 24,000 artifacts and 16 historical buildings, see the sailboats and fishing boats the Norwegians once used and the beautiful Norwegian textiles they wore and so much more!

Tours

Northeast Iowa's rural communities have preserved many of their public and private historic structures. Celebrate history through the Historic District Tours that provide a glimpse of many different types of architectural styles from those associated with early settlers to those inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright. While a few are listed below, stop in the local Chamber office and inquire about historic tours to take advantage of these wonderful resources.

Barn Quilt Tours
Buchanan County, 319-334-3700
Clayton County, 563-933-8280
Fayette County, 800-477-5073
Howard County, 563-547-3001



Take a barn quilt tour and see the creativity of local artists in a country setting. Each quilt block design is 8' x 8' and is a burst of vibrant color and unique patterns. While you're en route to your Northeast Iowa destination, travel the barn quilt tour and enjoy the artistic scenery! Contact each county for information about their Barn Quilt Tour.

Clermont Historic Tour
Clermont, 563-423-4171

This amazing little town packs a large historical punch. Clermont — the hometown of Iowa's 12th governor, William Larrabee — includes Montauk, the limestone mansion residence of William Larrabee and his family, featuring the original furnishings of the 1870s. Step back in time at the Burkhart Reigel Blacksmith Shop. While in Clermont, visit The Church of the Saviour, the Larrabee School and the Union Sunday School, home of the largest Kimball Pipe Organ in the U.S. Concerts held in the Sunday School from April through November.

Decorah's Broadway Historic District
800-463-4692

Take a self-guided stroll along Broadway and view examples of Midwestern architecture that dates back to the 1850s. Most homes are on the National Register of Historic Places. Call for a map.

Guttenberg Riverfront Historic District
Downtown Guttenberg, 877-252-2323
www.guttenbergiowa.net

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, Guttenberg has more buildings on the historic register per capita than any other town in the region. Stroll the river walk and view the historic limestone buildings built by German immigrants. These pre-civil war majestic buildings, used for both residential and commercial purposes, are in excellent condition.

Howard County Old Order Amish and Mennonite Communities

Howard County Tourism 563-547-3434

Purchase everything from produce and baked goods to furniture or a log cabin from these communities that use traditional woodworking and agricultural methods. Working

without electricity to craft quilts, furniture, buggies and other items, they sell directly to visitors through their rural country stores. Contact Howard County Tourism to learn more.

Maiden Voyage Tours
On the Riverfront, Harpers Ferry, Marquette & McGregor
563.880.8970 or 563.586.2123
www.maidenvoyagetours.com

Dive into the world of the commercial fisherman and clambers on the Maiden Voyage, a 49-passenger fully licensed tour boat. This unique, hands-on experience is open to groups of all kinds. Youth fishing trips, youth overnight camping trips and open boarding every Sunday morning.

Mississippi Explorer Cruises
On the Riverfront, Lansing, 877-647-7397
www.mississippiexplorer.com

Discover the beautiful scenery and grandiose eco-system that encompasses the Mississippi River, where alluring backwaters are aching for your exploration. Enjoy a uniquely tailored riverboat excursion with magnificent scenery, abundant wildlife, waterfowl and bald eagles that welcome you around every bend.

Northeast Iowa's Most Famous Reality TV Family

You don't have to be a bird lover to marvel at the fascinating real life look at our national bird, the bald eagle.

An eagle-cam is set up within the nest of Northeast Iowa's most famous feathered family. Their home, a six-foot-wide nest weighing more than 150 pounds, is conveniently located nearby the Decorah Fish Hatchery.

Mom, Dad and eaglets are the stars of the reality TV show featured live on the internet – nonstop! Newest features include state of the art camera technology, infra-red capabilities for night time viewing and a



microphone for live audio feed! Thousands of people log on each day to keep an eye on the eagles; school classrooms, senior citizen homes, and people all across the globe.

Expert technical support from Luther College and other local businesses keep this "attraction" up and running and funded for all to enjoy. Log on to www.luther.edu/eaglecam to check it out!

Bird watching of all kinds is popular in Northeast Iowa. Lansing is the home of the annual Rivers and Bluffs Birding Festival each November. Guttenberg hosts its annual Eagle Watch in February and Effigy Mounds has an eagle appreciation day held each February.



Seed Savers Exchange is a beautiful 890-acre organic farm nestled in a valley just five miles north of Decorah. Visitors come and explore the gardens and choose from hundreds of seeds for their backyard gardens. History never tasted so good!

Photo by Kyril Henderson

Attractions & Entertainment

Best Rodeo Action in Northeast Iowa
Downtown, Edgewood, 563-928-7036
www.edgewoodiowa.com

Enjoy 3 nights of PRCA Pro Rodeo action with bull riding, calf roping, bull dogging, bronc riding and barrel racing. Dig out your cowboy hat and cowboy boots for Edgewood's Annual Rodeo Days, held the last weekend in June.



Heartland Acres Agribition Center
2600 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence
319-332-0123, www.heartlandacresusa.com

Heartland Acres Agribition Center is an exhibition of agriculture's past, present, and future. Your experience begins in "The Barn," complete with a theater and interactive displays. Feel and smell what a day on the farm is like as you pet live cows and pigs, learn how to use corn grinders and water pumps and shuck your first ear of corn. Experience a day-in-the-life of a late 1800s student at the One-Room Schoolhouse.

Lady Luck Casino
100 Anti Monopoly, Marquette, 800-843-4753
www.ladyluckmarquette.com

Feel the excitement of Lady Luck Casino as you play your favorite game of slots, video poker, table games or the players club. Enjoy a great dining experience or take in free Las Vegas Style entertainment every Friday and Saturday. Stay at the Lady Luck Hotel and enjoy the scenic view of the Mississippi River.

Luther College Center Stage Series
700 College Dr., Decorah, 800-458-8437
www.luther.edu/programming/centerstage

Enjoy quality entertainment from September through May at the Luther College Center Stage series, which draws critically acclaimed acts from all over the world. Dinner theater option is available with most performances.

Main Feature Theatre & Pizza Pub
38 West Main St, Waukon
563-568-6134 or 563-568-4900

The "eat while watching a movie place!" Combination theatre & restaurant offering unique entertainment and dining experience with first run movies and seating for 120 plus. Open 7 days a week.

Peake Orchards, Inc.
319 North Line Dr., Waukon, 563-382-4486

The sweet taste of freshly picked apples is a true sign of fall. Peake Orchards invites you to share that experience and sample some of the best Honeycrisp, Redwell, Enterprise, Connell Red, Cortland, Regent, and Haralson apples available. Take a hayride through the orchard on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 in September and October. Open weekends mid September through Thanksgiving.

Seed Savers Exchange Heritage Farm
3074 North Winn Rd., Decorah, 563-382-5990
www.seedsavers.org

Known worldwide, this 890-acre heritage farm includes a unique educational garden center with more than 25,000 vegetable varieties. It is also the largest non-governmental seed bank in the United States. Enjoy display gardens, trial gardens and children's garden, wander through an extensive trail system or pick out heritage garden seeds, books and gifts at the gift shop. Open April - December.

Willowglen Nursery
3512 Lost Mile Rd., Decorah, 563-735-5570
www.willowglennursery.com

Imagine a new kind of nursery, focused on growing the finest in perennial flowers and then visit Willowglen to see one firsthand. Known for its extensive display gardens and superior quality potted plants, Willowglen is a must see for all gardening enthusiasts and master gardeners. By appointment only.

World's Largest Strawberry
111 Commercial St., Strawberry Point
563-933-4417

www.strawberrypoint.com

Founded in 1853, Strawberry Point was named by the soldiers, traders, and railroad workers who enjoyed the bountiful wild strawberries found along the area's trails and hillsides. Have your picture taken in front of the "Big Strawberry," which celebrates Strawberry Point's unique name and marks the site of the city hall.

World's Smallest Church

St. Anthony of Padua Chapel, Festina, 800-463-4692

Johann Gaertner's mother vowed to her son, who was drafted into the French army and served under Napoleon that a chapel would be built if he returned safely from the Russian campaign. Upon his return, in 1885 nearby land-owners quarried stone and built the little chapel with room for only 8 people.

Wellness Centers

Cresco Fitness Center & Thompson Pool
316 3rd Ave. E, Cresco, 563-547-3443

www.crescoia.govoffice2.com

Golf driving range, batting cages, walking track, sport courts, aerobics and dance facilities, and in-door, zero-entry swimming pool.

Waukon Wellness Center

1220 3rd Ave N.W., Waukon, 563-568-0074

www.waukonwellness.com

Providing wellness opportunities for people of all ages, WWC includes cardio & strength training, group exercise classes, sport courts, indoor track, batting & golf cages, a teen center and a senior center.

West Union Rec Center and Aquatic Center Complex
North Pine St., West Union, 563-422-3685

The West Union Rec Center is a beautiful area, complete with playground, two miles of walking paths, playing fields, and ponds for "catch and release" fishing. The West Union Aquatic Center boasts 7,775 square feet of fun! Enjoy its 132-foot water slide, competitive swim lanes, zero-depth entry, two diving boards, and a full-service concession stand.

YMCA of Northeast Iowa, Inc.

313 West Post St., Postville, 563-864-9622

YMCA programs include health & fitness, family, community development, arts & sports.

Facilities open seven days a week and include gym, fitness center and aerobics/dance studio.

Wineries & Breweries

Eagles Landing Winery

121 North St., Marquette, 563-873-2509

www.halvorson.org/vineyard

Sample award winning wines or take a winery tour at Eagles Landing Winery, a family owned winery, offering 22 varieties of wines made from locally grown grapes and fruits. Find the perfect gift for family and friends in the gift shop, which has wine-related gift items, wine and beer making kits. Located in beautiful Marquette, Eagles Landing is tucked into the bluffs of the Mississippi River, close to antique stores, flea markets and a riverboat casino!



Old Man River Brewery

123 A St., McGregor, 563-873-1999

www.oldmanriverbrewery.com

Taste the classic traditions of German, Austrian and Czech-style lagers, especially Bavarian Weizenbier and similar styles of guest tap beer from August Schell Brewing Company and Boulevard Brewing. Old Man also has a contemporary menu with eclectic cuisine.

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery

1966 337th St., Decorah, 563-735-5809

www.winery.com

Take a tour of this country winery, stroll the grounds of the 140-year-old family farm and vineyard or sit and enjoy a glass of wine and live music at one of the scheduled weekend events. Featuring award-winning Midwestern grape and fruit wines, Winneshiek Wildberry also offers local artisan wares in their gift shop.

Hub City Brewery

11352 40th St., Stanley, 319-283-7369

www.hubcitybrewingcompany.com

Locally brewed beer is on tap at Hub City, with six different styles of craft beer along with seasonal brews. Oatmeal Stout, Brown Porter, Brown Ale, Amber Ale, German Hefeweizen Wheat, and Golden Ale are available in 12-ounce heritage bottles by the six-pack or case, and also in half or sixth barrel kegs.

Toppling Goliath Brewery

310 College Dr., Decorah, 563-387-6700

www.topplinggoliath.com

Big-flavored beers brewed in small batches are available to sample and purchase at Iowa's latest microbrewery.

Stock Car Races

Cresco Speedway

220 7th St. W, Cresco

563-547-3400

www.mhcfair.com

Echo Valley Speedway

10201 Harding Rd., West Union

563-422-6271

www.echovalleyspeedway.com

Fayette County Speedway

405 1/2 S. Vine Street, West Union

563-422-5286

Upper Iowa Speedway

900 E. Main St, Decorah

563-382-9984

www.upperiowaspeedway.com

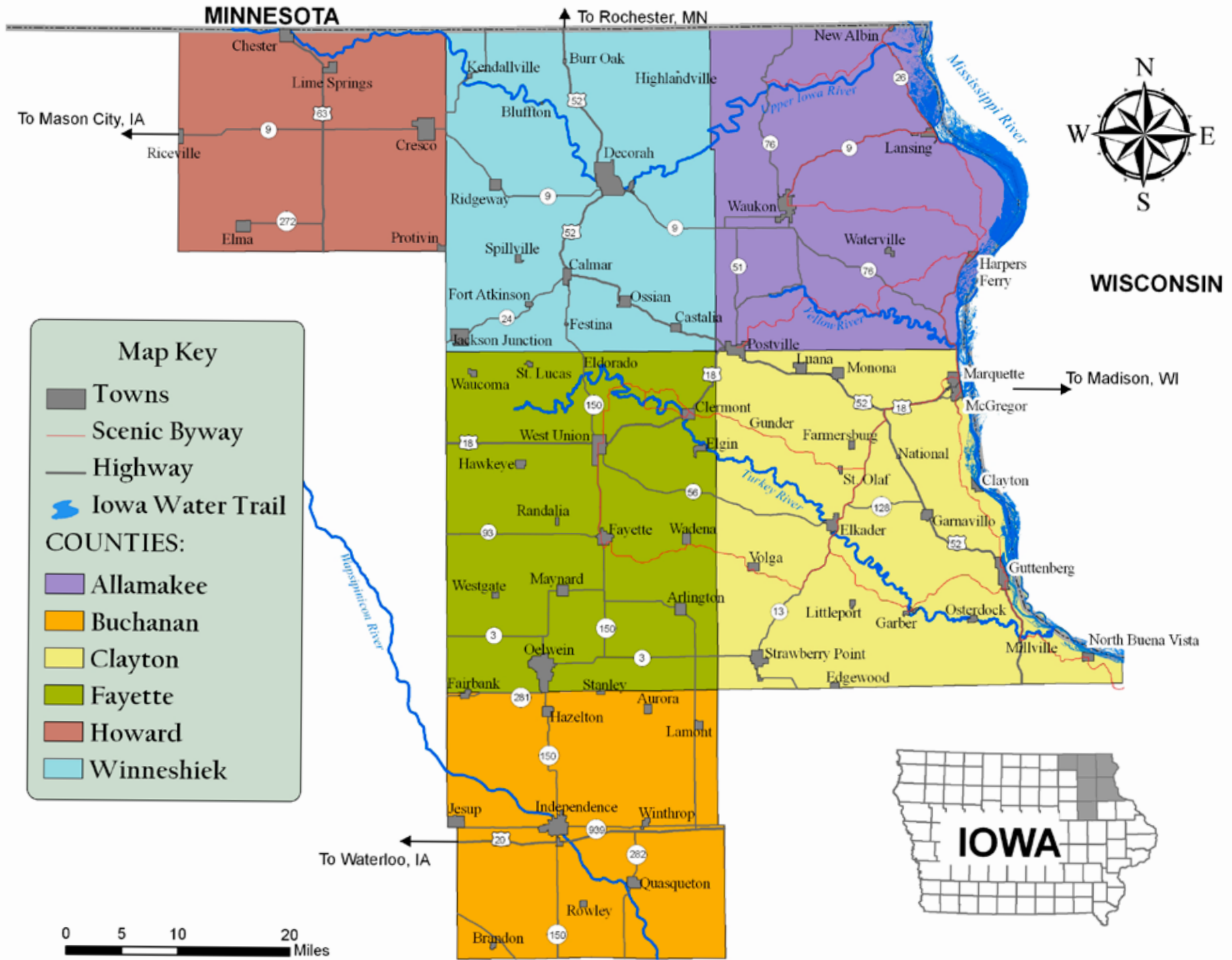
The frontier experience comes alive at Rendezvous Days, held every September in Fort Atkinson.

Ethnic & Cultural Festivals

Northeast Iowa is known for its cultural festivals. Visit Decorah at the end of July and dance to live music and dine on Norwegian delicacies at Nordic Fest, the largest Norwegian celebration in the nation. Travel to Guttenberg's German Fest at the end of September to listen to a German band, enjoy brats and beer and fest along the Mississippi River, experience our Czech culture and traditional food at Czech Days in Protivin or travel to Strawberry Point, home of the worlds largest Strawberry to an all American festival, Strawberry Days.

Check out the Northeast Iowa Calendar of Events at www.visitiowa.org to make sure you know when and where to go to immerse yourself in your favorite culture, food and festivities!





Allamakee County

	Camping	Dump Stations	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation	Rest Rooms	Shower	Shelter / Lodge	Swimming	Trails	Handicapped Accessible	Canoe Access	Public Hunting
CITY PARKS														
Harpers Ferry City Parks, 563-586-2777			NB	■	■		■		■			■		
Lansing City Parks, 563-538-4757 www.lansingiowa.com		NB	NB	■	■	■	■	NB	■	NB	■	■		
New Albin City Park, 563-544-4260			NB	■	■	■	■		■		■	■		
Postville City Parks, 563-864-7454 www.cityofpostville.com	■			■	■		■		■	■	■	■		
Waukon City Park, 563-568-6420 www.waukonparkandrec.com	P EW	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
COUNTY PARKS 563-586-2996, www.mycountyparks.com/County/Allamakee.aspx														
Bridge 16 Canoe Access Sec 16, Linton Township, S of Waterville			■			■							■	
Clear Creek Park West Edge of Lansing off Hwy 9			■	■		■			■					■
County Home Park 2.5 miles NE of Waukon on Hwy 9			■	■										
Harpers Ferry Office, Boat Landing 427 N 1st, Harpers Ferry			■	■		■	■		■				■	
Harpers Slough Fishing Access 2 miles S of Harpers Ferry, Hwy 364			■	■										
Heytman's Boat Landing Heytman's Dr., 5 miles NE of Harpers Ferry			■	■		■								
Ion Bridge Canoe Access Sec. 224, Fairview Township, SW of Harpers Ferry			■			■							■	
Kolsrud/Halverson Park W. edge of Waterville on X32			■	■										
New Albin Roadside Hwy. 26, N edge of New Albin				■		■								

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STATE PARKS www.reserveiaparks.com														
Nobles Island Boat Landing 3.5 miles S of Harpers Ferry, Hwy 364				■	■		■	■						
Power Plant Fishing Access Hwy X52, 4 mi. S of Lansing			■	■										
Rossville Park Jct. Hwy 76m X32, Paint Creek Township, 2.5 miles SW of Waterville				■			■		■		■			
Upper Iowa River Canoe Access 3.5 miles E of Hwy 76 on A26, 8miles N of Waukon			■	■		■							■	
Upper Iowa River Wild Landing 1171 Iowa River Dr. 7 miles W of Hwy 76 on A26			■	■		■	■		■				■	■
Volney Canoe Access James Rd., Volney			■	■		■							■	
Waterville Farm 2.5 miles SE of Waterville, White Pine Dr.			■	■			■		■					
NATIONAL PARKS www.nps.gov														
Fish Farm Mounds Hwy 26, New Albin, IA	P			■			■				■		■	■
Yellow River State Forest & Campground Hwy 76, Hwy 364, B25, Harpers Ferry	P		■	■		■	■		■		■		■	■
NATIONAL PARKS www.nps.gov														
Effigy Mounds National Monument 3 miles N. of Marquette, IA www.nps.gov/efmo							■	■			■	■		

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Buchanan County

	Camping	Dump Stations	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation	Rest Rooms	Shower	Shelter / Lodge	Swimming	Trails	Handicapped Accessible	Canoe Access	Public Hunting
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CITY PARKS

River Walks Park Central Avenue, Independence	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Veteran's Park 1st Street West, Independence				■		■			■		■			
Fairbank Ball Park Walnut Street, Fairbank				■	■	■	■		■			■		
Riverside Park Main Street & Iowa Street, Fairbank								■			■ W			
Island Park North of Main Street Bridge, Fairbank				■	■		■	■	■	■		■	■	
Winthrop City Park 334 2nd Street South, Winthrop				■	■	■	■		■ E			■		
Lamont City Park 130th Street, Lamont				■					■				■	
Independence RV Park & Camp-ground Hwy 150 South, Independence	■ P	■		■		■	■	■	■		■	■		
Jesup City Park Main Street, Jesup				■				■						
Bentley Park Main Street & Water Street, Fairbank			■	■	■		■	■	■ E		■	■		
Veteran's Park 5th St & Patterson St, Fairbank				■	■							■		
Quasqueton City Campground South edge of Quasqueton, off W-35	■ P		■				■	■					■	

COUNTY PARKS

563-245-1516, Buchanan County boasts 39 total public county parks. For a complete listing, map and brochure please visit their web site at: www.claytoncountyconservation.org

Fontana Park 1883 125th Street, Hazelton	■ P	■	■	■	■		■	■	■ E		■	■		
Jakway Forest 2791 136th Street, Aurora	■ P	■	■	■	■		■		■ E		■	■		■
Lime Creek Area	■ P		■	■	■		■	■	■ E					■

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Buffalo Creek Area	■ P		■	■		■	■		■ E					■
Boies Bend Area	■ P		■	■	■		■							■
Otter Creek Roadside Park			■	■							■			
Cutshall Area North of Jesup 4 1/2 miles on V62			■	■			■						■	■
Littleton Dam Access 4 miles N of Jesup on V62 & 2 miles E on D22													■	
Otterville State Access NW of Independence on Otterville Blvd.													■	■
Wapsi County Access NW corner of Independence, Wapsi Access Blvd.							■						■	■
Bathing Beach City Access Downtown Independence, North of dam							■						■	
Knott's Landing Access South edge of Independence off Hwy 150													■	
Three Elms County Access South edge of Independence, off Three Elms Rd													■	
Iron Bridge County Access Nolen Avenue, NW of Quasqueton													■	
Troy Mills County Access SE of Quasqueton, off Stewart Ave.													■	■
STATE PARKS www.reserveiaparks.com														
Cedar Rock www.iadnr.com/stateparks/cedarrock				■			■						■	

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Clayton County

	Camping	Dump Stations	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation	Rest Rooms	Shower	Shelter / Lodge	Swimming	Trails	Handicapped Accessible	Canoe Access	Public Hunting
CITY PARKS														
Edgewood City Park, 563-928-6842 www.edgewoodiowa.com				■	■				■	NB				
Elkader City Park, 563-245-2098 www.elkader-iowa.com	E W	■	NB	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Garnavillo City Park, 563-964-2331 www.garnavilloia.com				■	■	NB	■		■			■		
Guttenberg City Park, 563-252-1161 www.naturallyguttenberg.com			NB	■	■		■		■		NB	■		
Marquette City Park, 563-873-3735 www.mcgreg-marq.org				■	■		■		■					
McGregor City Park, 563.873.3795 www.mcgreg-marq.org				■	■									
Monona City Park, 563-539-2355 www.mononaiowa.com				■	■	■	■			■	■			
Postville City Parks, 563-864-7454 www.cityofpostville.com				■		■		■	■	■				
Strawberry Pt. City Park, 563-933-4482 www.strawberryp.com				■	■		■		■	■	■			
Volga City Park, 563-767-3511 www.volgacityiowa.com		■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■		■	
COUNTY PARKS 563-245-1516, www.claytoncountyconservation.org														
Bloody Run Campground & Park 29857 Bloody Run Road, Marquette	P		■											■
Buck Creek Park 30286 232nd Street, Garnavillo	P		■								■			■
Freidens Park 16723 Chariot Road, Elkader	P		■	■		■	■						■	
Frenchtown Park 26254 Mississippi Road, Guttenberg	P		■			■							■	

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Joy Springs Park 37771 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point	P		■	■					■					■
Motor Mill 23002 Grain Road, Elkader	P		■								■		■	
Osborne Park 29862 Osborne Rd, Elkader			■	■	■	■	■		■		■		■	
Turkey River Park 20195 Strawberry Point Rd			■	■		■	■						■	
STATE PARKS www.reserveiaparks.com														
Backbone State Park, 563-924-2527 1347 129th Street, Dundee	PE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Big Springs Trout Hatchery 16212 Big Springs Road, Elkader			■											■
Ensign Hollow State Preserve 322nd Ave, 4 miles SW of Volga														■
Leonard Wildlife Area 1 mile N of Mederville														■
Pikes Peak State Park, 563-873-2341 15316 Great River Rd, McGregor	PE	■	NB	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■		
Roberts Creek Wildlife Area 4.5 mi. NW of Elkader														■
Sny Magill/North Cedar Wildlife Area 9 mi. SW of McGregor			■											■
NATIONAL PARKS www.nps.gov/efmo														
Effigy Mounds National Monument 563-873-3491, 3 miles N. of Marquette						■	■				■	■		

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Fayette County

	Camping	Dump Stations	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation	Rest Rooms	Shower	Shelter / Lodge	Swimming	Trails	Handicapped Accessible	Canoe Access	Public Hunting
CITY PARKS														
Arlington www.arlingtonia.com	Visit www.arlingtonia.com for city parks information.													
Clermont www.clermontia.org	Visit www.clermontia.org for city parks information.													
Elgin www.elginiowa.org	Visit www.elginiowa.org for city parks information.													
Fayette www.fayetteia.com	Visit www.fayetteia.com for city parks information.													
Klock's Island Park 563-425-4316	E	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Oelwein City Park www.oelwein.com	PE	■		■	■	■	■	■	■					
Wadena www.wadenaiowa.com	E			■	■	■	■		■					
Clark Park Located on Fleet St., West Union www.wuparkandrec.com				■	■				■					
Lion's Park West Bradford St., West Union www.wuparkandrec.com				■	■	■	■		■					
Rotary Park North Pine st., West Union www.wuparkandrec.com				■	■	■			■					
Sunset Park Hwy. 150 N., West Union www.wuparkandrec.com				■					■					

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COUNTY PARKS														
563-422-5146 www.fayettecountyiowa.org/CONSERVATION.html														
Dutton's Cave Hwy 18 to W42, NE of West Union	PE		■	■	■	■	■		■		■			
Wildwood Nature Center 18673 Lane Road, Fayette							■					■		
Twin Bridges Park 14650 130th St, Maynard	P		■	■	■	■	■		■					
Gilbertson Conservation Education Area 22850 A Ave, Elgin	PE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■
Goeken Park 28191 Lincoln Rd/Hwy 150, Eldorado	PE				■		■		■		■			
Gouldsburg Park 18649 Sunset Road, Hawkeye	PE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Downing Park 23008 78th Street, Westgate					■		■		■					
Valley Canoe Access 3306 Diamond Road, Egin													■	
Turkey River Canoe Access Great River Road and 267th Street (West Clermont)													■	
STATE PARKS														
www.reserveiaparks.com														
Brush Creek Canyon State Park 2 miles N of Arlington	PE		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■			
Echo Valley State Park 9780 Echo Valley Road, West Union	P		■	■							■			■

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Howard County

	Camping	Dump Stations	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation	Rest Rooms	Shower	Shelter / Lodge	Swimming	Trails	Handicapped Accessible	Canoe Access	Public Hunting
CITY PARKS www.howard-county.com														
Chester City Park, Hwy 63				■	■		■		■					
Beadle Park 2nd Ave SW & N Elm St, Cresco,				■	■		■		■		■			
East Park 7th Ave E & 8th St E, Cresco				■	■	■	■		■					
Elma Ball & City Park, City Park Rd				■	■	■	■		■					
Ball Park Grant St. E, Lime Springs				■	■	■	■		■	■				
Protivin Ball Park, Commercial Ave				■	■	■	■							
Riceville City Park, Woodland Ave				■	■		■		■					
COUNTY PARKS & MANAGED AREAS 563-547-3634, www.iowatelecom.net/~howardccb														
Bigalk Trout Stream Wildlife Area 7 miles NE of Cresco			■											
Bonair Shooting Range 4miles W & 1.5 miles N of Cresco							■							■
Chester Canoe Access Upper Iowa River at Chester			■										■	
Cleghorn Wildlife Area 4 miles SE of Cresco			■											■
Crane Creek Wildlife Area 6 miles W of Elma, 1 mile S on Hwy. 63			■											■
Dieken Wildlife Area 3.5 miles S of Chester			■											■
Florenceville Park 9 miles N of Cresco				■	■	■	■		■					
Hart Pond Wildlife Area 0.75 miles W of Elma			■											■
Lake Hendricks 1 mile NE of Riceville	EP		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	

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Lidtko Park 1 mile N of Lime Springs	EP		■	■	■		■	■	■				■	
Lubbert Park, Saratoga			■	■			■		■					
Lylah's Marsh 3.5 miles NW of Elma				■	■	■	■		■		■		■	■
Miller Access Area 1 mile N of Lime Springs			■											■
Mullen Wildlife Area 4 miles W of Cresco			■			■					■			■
Prairie's Edge Nature Center 1.5 miles W of Cresco				■	■	■	■		■		■			■
Reis Wildlife Area 15 miles W of Cresco			■											■
Taylor's Pond Park 3 miles NW of Protivin			■	■			■		■					
Turkey Bend Wildlife Area 2 miles SW of Cresco			■			■					■			■
Upper Iowa River Access 1 mile N of Lime Springs			■			■							■	■
Vernon Springs Park/Turkey River Campground	E		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	
Wapsi Great Western Line Trail Elma to Lylah's Marsh				■		■					■		■	
State DNR Managed Areas www.iowadnr.gov														
Elma Wildlife Area 4.3 miles W of Elma on B17				■							■			■
Hayden Prairie 4.9 miles W of Lime Springs on A23											■			■
Turkey River Access 1 miles S of Cresco on V58, 0.6 miles E on Kings Rd				■							■			■

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Winneshiek County

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CITY PARKS														
Pulpit Rock Campground & Park www.decorahia.org	EP	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Riverside Park & Inwood, Spillville	P		■	■	■	■	■		■			■	■	
Calmar Pool Park www.calmaria.com				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	NB	■		
Calmar Lions Park www.calmaria.com				■	■	■	■		■		NB	■		
Van Peenan Park www.decorahia.org						■					■		■	
Wayside Park www.decorahia.org			■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■		
Dunning's Spring Park www.decorahia.org			■	■		■					■	■		
Palisades Park www.decorahia.org				■		■			■		■			
Phelps Park www.decorahia.org				■	■	■	■	■	■		■			
Decorah Swimming Pool Park www.decorahia.org				■	■	■	■	■		■		■		
Twin Springs Park www.decorahia.org			■	■	■	■			■		■	■		■
Wold Park www.decorahia.org				■	■	■			■		■	■		
Ossian City Park				■	■	■	■		■			■		
Fort Atkinson City Park	■		■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■	
Gissleson Park, Ridgeway				■	■	■	■		■		NB	■		

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COUNTY PARKS														
563-534-7145, www.winneshiek wild.com														
Chimney Rock Park 2.5 miles N of Bluffton				■			■					■	■	
Kendallville Park 11 mi. N, 2 mi. W of Ridgeway	EP		■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■	
Lake Meyer, 2.5 mi. SW of Calmar	EP		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ridgeway Roadside Park E edge of Ridgeway				■	■	■	■		■		■	■		
Smallest Church Park 3 mi. W of Festina off Hwy 150			■	■		■						■	■	■
Trout Run Park, 1 mi. E of Decorah			■	■		■						■	■	
STATE PARKS														
www.reserveiaparks.com														
Decorah Fish Hatchery Trout Run Rd., Decorah			■	■		■	■					■	■	
Fort Atkinson State Reserve Fort Atkinson				■		■						■		

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Waukon, IA 52172
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563-568-2624 — phone
563-568-6990 — fax
www.allamakeecounty.com

Fayette County

Fayette County Tourism Center
SW Corner, Hwys. 150 & 93 in Fayette
Fayette, IA 52142
800-798-4447 — toll-free
563-425-4447 — phone
Open daily from May to October.
www.fayettedecountyia.com

Buchanan County

Buchanan County Tourism Bureau
1111 5th Avenue N.E.
Independence, IA 50644
800-506-4470 — toll-free
319-334-3439 — phone
www.growbuchanan.com/tourism.htm

Howard County

Howard County Economic Development
101 2nd Ave. SW
Cresco, IA 52136
563-547-3434 — phone
563-547-2056 — fax
www.howard-county.com

Clayton County

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Area Travel Web Sites

Northeast Iowa Tourism Association (NEITA) — www.visitiowa.org
We could not possibly fit into one booklet all that Northeast Iowa's Bluff Country has to offer. Please visit our web site for additional travel resources.

Eastern Iowa Tourism — www.easterniowatourism.org

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