

Iowa Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway™ – A National Scenic Byway



Activity Guide

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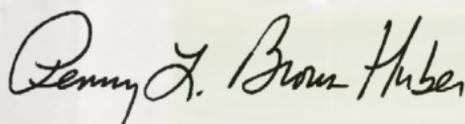
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We hope you enjoy using this activity guide to explore all the historical places in the counties along the byway. Although not a complete list, we have done our best to capture the significant areas and encourage you to seek out all the hidden treasures the byway has to offer.

Be sure to share your adventures on our Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Facebook page! There is always something for everyone along the Lincoln Highway!

Enjoy your travels!



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IOWA'S LINCOLN HIGHWAY HERITAGE BYWAY A NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

More than a century ago, travel by car in Iowa was dangerous and difficult. Roads were rarely improved and were a muddy mess in wet conditions. Getting stuck in the “gumbo” was common. Established in 1913, the Lincoln Highway transformed automobile travel in the United States. As the first coast-to-coast improved highway, the Lincoln Highway demonstrated the power of good roads for transportation and commerce. Travel became a new kind of adventure instead of a difficult journey. The highway provided travelers with a safer and easier way to explore the nation.



Army Convoy, 1919

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway – A National Scenic Byway is Iowa’s portion of this historic road. Your route is marked with modern byway signs and historic Lincoln Highway markers. Specially marked loops take you off the main byway and onto early Lincoln Highway routes for a historic and sometimes graveled side trip. Set off today on your own adventure on the Main Street across America!

WHAT IS A BYWAY?

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway became a National Scenic Byway in 2021, meaning the byway has a high level of at least one of six significant qualities. Our byway’s focus is on the historic quality and now joins the Lincoln Highway in the states of Nebraska and Illinois as National Scenic Byways. This makes over 1,000 miles of continuous Lincoln Highway Byways with national designation.



THE HISTORY OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Carl Fisher, who also created the Indianapolis 500, was the idea man behind the Lincoln Highway. His vision was for a “Coast-to-Coast Rock Highway,” running from Times Square to San Francisco.



“Stimulate as nothing else could, the building of enduring highways everywhere that will not only be a credit to the American people, but that will also mean much to American agriculture and American commerce.”

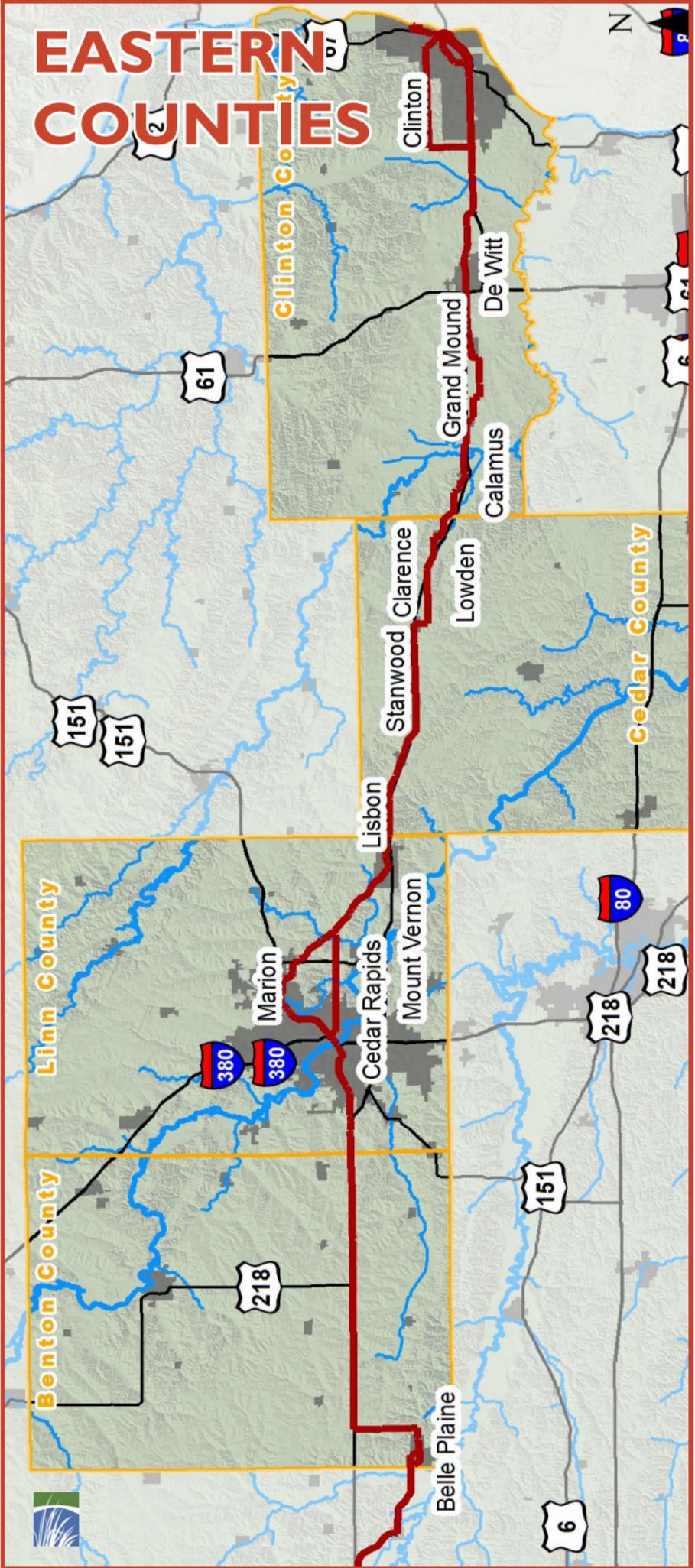
Carl Fisher

Fisher and Henry B. Joy, the President of the Packard Car Company, as well as other auto enthusiasts and industry officials created the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) and laid out the most direct route using existing roads, dirt roads, and wagon trails. In Iowa, the route stretches from the Mississippi River in Clinton to the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. Towns along the way were honored to be designated a Lincoln Highway community and soon gas stations, repair shops, restaurants, motels, and tourist camps developed to accommodate the traveler. The LHA leadership felt local people should improve their own roads, and to encourage this a “Seedling Mile” was paved in each state. Iowa’s Seedling Mile was paved in 1918-1919 just outside of Cedar Rapids, between Mount Vernon and Marion, and is still there today. By 1928, most of Iowa was paved. Cedar County was the last county to pave rural areas of the Lincoln Highway. The road was named as a tribute to Abraham Lincoln prior to the building of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., as both Fisher and Joy admired Lincoln.

As roads were improved and new bridges built, the route has changed alignments. Today, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway signage directs the travelers on much of the original sections, but some loops are still graveled.



EASTERN COUNTIES



CLINTON COUNTY

Remains of the Oneota culture (1299-1700AD) are still in Clinton County including a possible Native American burial ground found near the Clinton County Administration building. Construction work led to skeletons found in the 1960's and 2010's.

CALAMUS

Calamus was named for the Calamus Creek which received its name for the sweet flag growing in it (botanical name *Acorus Calamus*), commonly called sweet flag or calamus. A location was sought for a post office at the crossroads of stage coach lines and Native American trails. Avoiding hazardous swamp conditions, the site for Calamus was chosen and platted in 1860.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Syracuse State Wildlife Magement Area**
235th St, 563-357-2035, (41.8297139, -90.7958897)

CAMANCHE (ON THE 2ND ROUTE OF THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY)



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Mississippi River Eco-Tourism Center**
3942 291st, 563-259-1876



Mississippi River Eco-Tourism Center

CLINTON COUNTY

CLINTON

As European settlers came west, many settled along the Mississippi River and became entrepreneurs. The towns of Lyons and Clinton were once known as the “Lumber Capitol of the World” (1850-1900). Huge log rafts floated down from Wisconsin and Minnesota to be cut into lumber, then shipped by rail or by river. Clinton at that time had more millionaires per capita than any other town in the nation. By 1900, northern forests were depleted and the mills closed. Lyons became part of the city of Clinton in 1895.



Bridge over Mississippi at Clinton, 1926



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Clinton Area Showboat Theatre**
Riverview Park Area
- » **Clinton County Courthouse**
1900 N Third St, built in 1897 with a central tower of weathered copper
- » **Clinton County Historical Society & Museum**, 601 S 1st St, 563-242-1201
- » **Curtis Mansion**
420 5th Ave S, 563-242-8556, built for a lumber baron
- » **Felix Adler Children’s Discovery Center**
332 8th St Ave South, 563-243-3600
- » **Historic Walking Tour**
starts at Clinton County Museum,
www.clintoniowatourism.com/historic-walking-tour
- » **The Sawmill Museum**
2231 Grant St (Lyons District), 563-242-0343
- » **Wide River Winery**
1776 E Deer Creek Rd, 563-519-9463, along the bluffs of the Mississippi River



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Bickelhaupt Arboretum**
340 S 14th St, 563-242-4771



CLINTON COUNTY

- » **Bulger's Hollow Recreational Area**
4686 170th St, 815-259-3628 (41.935310, -90.184010)
- » **Discovery Trail**
14-mile trail starts at Eagle Point Park, along the Mississippi River, through downtown Clinton, and ends in Camanche, Iowa.
- » **Eagle Point Park**
3923 N 3rd St, panoramic views of the Mississippi River, bald eagles and other birds and animals, barges and watercraft travel through the Lock and Dam #13.
- » **Emma Young Park**
11th Ave N and N 14th St
- » **Fishing Access** (1) Lyon's Chute, below Eagle Point Park (2) Willow Brook, between 25th and 26th Ave N, on Riverview Dr (north of Elijah Buell Terrace) (3) Joyce's Slough, off the Discovery Trail/ Riverview Drive (4) New handicap accessible between 5th and 6th Ave N (just south of the Showboat Theater).
- » **Lock and Dam #13, Mississippi River**
(41.898060, -90.155830) best viewed from Eagle Point Park.
- » **Lyons Four Square Park**
Main Ave and Roosevelt, Historic Lyons District
- » **Public boat ramps**
30th Ave N and McKinley, 25th Ave N and Harding, 9th Ave N on Riverview Dr, 19th Ave S and 5th Ave
- » **Riverfront Marina**
511 Riverview Dr, 563-242-3600
- » **Riverview Park**
6th Ave N and Riverview Dr
- » **Soaring Eagle Nature Center**
3923 N 3rd St, 563-242-9088, entrance inside Eagle Point Park (off-leash dog park).
- » **Wild Rose Casino**
777 Wild Rose Dr, 563-243-9000

DEWITT

DeWitt was named to honor DeWitt Clinton, former governor of New York and the protector of the Erie Canal. This city was the first Clinton County seat, but because more citizens settled near the Mississippi the towns of Lyons and Clinton vied for the title. In 1869 a new courthouse was constructed in Clinton in just 23 days. It was replaced in 1878 and again in 1892.



CLINTON COUNTY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **1727 German Hausbarn**
1010 6th St (Lincoln Park), 563-659-8500 from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, reassembled
- » **1878 Operahouse Theater**
716 6th Ave, 563-659-8213
- » **Blues Highway (#61)** intersects Lincoln Highway (#30) at 10th St and 6th Ave
- » **Central Community Historical Museum**
628 6th Ave, 563-659-9717
- » **Mural: Former US Post Office now City Hall**
510 9th St, Shucking Corn
- » **Tycoga Vineyard and Winery**
2585 195th St, 563-659-1443
- » **W.F. Coan Memorial**
U. S, 30 and 67, Lincoln Highway marker and brick pillar/plaque, initial state consul of the Lincoln Highway Association for Iowa



Central Community Historical Museum



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Killdeer Recreation Area**
2471 330th Ave
- » **Lincoln Park, also known as Water Tower Park**
Home to DeWitt Chamber and Economic Development. Development.
- » **Malone Park**
2524 330th Ave (41.81607, -90.45013)
- » **Wapsi Wildlife Area**
270th Ave (41.76848, -90.56767)



CLINTON COUNTY GRAND MOUND

Named for a nearby mound, Sand Mound, but a recording error made the name Grand Mound.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Grand Mound Fire Station Museum**
613 Clinton St, 563-847-2190



Grand Mound Fire Station Museum



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Barber Creek Wildlife Area**
278th St, 563-357-2035 (41.77131, -90.61802)
- » **Duke Prairie**
215th Ave and 275th St

WHEATLAND

The town was named for President James Buchanan's estate, Wheatland, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Historic Bridges (3)**
West on Lincoln Highway, blocked from traffic creating a dead end loop, remains of early alignment can be seen deep in the woods.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Syracuse Boat Access**
235th St (Old Lincoln Highway), on dead end (41.831624, -90.794641)
- » **Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge**
Savanna District Office in Ingersoll Wetlands, 7071 Riverview Rd, Thomson, IL, 815-273-2732. Includes four states: WI, IL, IA and MN. Refuge for fish, wildlife, and plants. Breeding place for migrating birds.



CEDAR COUNTY

Cedar County is named for the Cedar River that runs through it. It is the only Iowa county that shares the name of a tree. In an archaeological excavation in a Cedar County cornfield (Rummells-Maske site), a large cache of Clovis spear points were found in the mid-1960s. This type of point is the oldest found in North America from the Paleo-Indian time (12,000-10,000 years ago).

CLARENCE

Clarence is the smallest town in the Main Street Iowa program. Some of their community projects include bringing new business to the community, maintaining large planters with seasonal decorations, painting crosswalks in the Lincoln Highway logo colors of red, white, and blue, grouping colorfully painted vintage metal chairs as benches downtown, and adding a splash park to the main city park. Clarence is one of two towns left in Iowa where Highway 30 still follows the Lincoln Highway through the downtown.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Highpoint Event Center**
509 Lombard St, 563-370-2765, adaptive reuse of a Ford Motor company garage and showroom.
- » **Hound Dog Rock Shop**
115 Lombard St, 563-452-1150, originally built as a gas station.
- » **Mill Creek Café**
517 Lombard St (Lincoln Highway), 563-452-1010, restored to the appearance of a late 1800's building
- » **Mural of historic scenery** painted on the side of the original city hall. Grassy area next to it locally called Mural Park.
- » **Onion Grove Mercantile**
511 Lombard St, 563-452-0404, built as a service garage.
- » **Raymond Conrad Memorial Park**
521 Lincoln Highway
- » **Sisters on 30 Antiques & Resale**
514 Lombard St, 563-370-3997, late 1800's typical brick row structure
- » **Stay Golden Sunless Boutique**
601 Lombard St, 563-452-0405, late 1800's bank building re-clad in 1960's mid-century modern style



CEDAR COUNTY

- » **The Loose Brick**
602 Lombard St, 563-452-3274,
in original Masonic Building
- » **Victory Lane Bar & Grill**
628 Lombard St, 563-452-0048, built as a service
garage and gas station
- » **Wendt Realty**
115 Lombard St (Lincoln Highway), building was once
a gas station



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Raymond Conrad Memorial Park**
516 Lombard St (Lincoln Highway), Lincoln Highway
cement marker, reflection garden with benches, stone
veterans memorial.
- » **Clarence City Park**
1st Ave, walking trail, modern event center, shelters,
restrooms, horseshoe pits, disc golf, splash pad, ball
diamonds, replica of Statue of Liberty, massive stone
plaques honoring military veterans.



Mural of historic scenery

LOWDEN

Lowden was once covered by blue-stemmed prairie grass and flowers. The Chicago, Iowa, and Nebraska railroad platted the town and it became the main station between Clinton and Cedar Rapids, offering passenger services until 1950.



CEDAR COUNTY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Corner Café**
600 Main St, 563-941-5884
- » **Elliott Parr Burial Site**
As a local victim of a small pox epidemic in 1867, Elliott Parr's father deeded land for his burial after locals refused burial in the town cemetery. A marker and flag by the grave surrounded by a high-wire fence. (41.844099 -90.460023)
- » **Lincoln Hotel**
408 Main St, 563-484-6645
- » **Lowden Historical Society**
503 Main St, in the Lowden Depot at the city park
- » **Mural**
Hwy 30 and Washington Ave/Hoover Hwy



Lincoln Hotel



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **3/30 Golf and Country Club**
101 Country Club Lane, 563-941-7695
- » **"Stair Step"**
section of the Lincoln Highway outside of town
- » **Townsend Wildlife Area**
920 Hoover Hwy, 563-886-6390
(41.862026 -90.926689)



CEDAR COUNTY MECHANICSVILLE

A petition in 1867 merged the towns of Iroquois and Mechanicsville. The town was named Mechanicsville as most of the men were mechanics. Today the community uses the tagline “Heaven Amongst the Cedars” to describe this small Iowa town.

Alice Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the nation, in 1909 (prior to the Lincoln Highway) got stuck here in a torrential rainstorm. Stashing her car in a livery, she ran through the rain to a restaurant (now Bubba’s Bar and Sports Grill).

STANWOOD

The city of Stanwood once boasted several gas stations on both the north and south sides of the Lincoln Highway. On the north of the Lincoln Highway, at the corner of Maple Street, was the 1920s dance hall Highway Gardens. A lunch room and bar were added to make it a year-round popular gathering spot.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Last canopy gas station in Iowa**
1114 Hwy 30



Last canopy gas station in Iowa

WEST BRANCH

(NOT ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY)

Although not directly on the Lincoln Highway, a history buff might make the 22-mile trip south on the Herbert Hoover Highway to visit the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. Hoover served as the 31st President of the United States (1929-1933).



CEDAR COUNTY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Herbert Hoover Highway**
from West Branch westward into Iowa City.
- » **Herbert Hoover National Historic Site Presidential Library and Museum,**
210 Parkside Dr, 319-643-5301

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HERBERT HOOVER
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY ★ MUSEUM

LINN COUNTY

Linn County and the Cedar River have several archaeological finds such as pottery from the Early Woodland Period (500 BC to 99 BC) at Spring Hollow, groups of mounds from the Woodland Period inside the entrance of Palisades-Kepler State Park, fragments of pottery and triangular points from the late Prehistoric period (Oneota) near Pleasant Creek reservoir, and a single shred (fragment) of pottery found near Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center.

Linn County has a strong roadside vegetation plan for county roads, making for scenic views of the changing of colors each season. The rolling hills were an inspiration for famed painter Grant Wood, the iconic American Gothic artist from nearby Anamosa. His art is not only in museums, but has been painted on the side of barns and buildings.



LINN COUNTY

CEDAR RAPIDS

Large groups of Czechs and Slovaks immigrated to Cedar Rapids in the 1850's and found steady work in the slaughterhouse and packing plant. Word got out in Europe and waves of new Bohemians arrived, settling between downtown and the plant. Later entire blocks of the Czech settlements were cleared to make way for a wholesale warehouse district. Today, this area is called "New Bo" and is home to restaurants, residents, and shopping.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **African American Museum of Iowa**
55 12th Ave SE, 319-862-2101
- » **Brucemore Mansion Museum**
2160 Linden Dr SE, 319-362-7375, Queen Anne style mansion on 10 acres, managed by National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- » **Coe College**
1220 First Ave NE, 319-399-8500
- » **George B. Douglas House**
800 2nd Ave SE
- » **Granite City Food & Brewery**
4775 1st Ave SE, 319-395-7500,
- » **Grant Wood Studio Museum**
810 2nd Ave SE, 319-366-7503
- » **Interpretive Signs,**
Lincoln Highway Association, Cleveland Park (16th Ave SW), Mount Vernon Road (Seedling Mile), Outside and Inside Fire Station NW corner of 16th Ave SW and W Post Rd



African American Museum of Iowa



LINN COUNTY

- » **Lighthouse Inn**
6905 Mount Vernon Rd SE, 319-362-3467,
1912 supper club
- » **Linn County Courthouse**
51 3rd Ave Bridge, 1925 on May's Island in middle of
Cedar River.
- » **Lion Bridge Brewing**
59 16th Ave SW, 319 200-4460,
10-barrel brewery in Czech Village/New Bo District
brewing both beers and sodas.
- » **Masonic Library**
813 First Ave SE, 319-365-1438, only
Masonic Library in U.S.
- » **National Czech and Slovak Museum and
Library**
1400 Inspiration Place SW, 319-362-8500
- » **Palisades-Kepler State Park**
700 Kepler Dr, 319-895-6039, structures built by
Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC).
- » **Seedling Mile Lincoln Highway**
(41.9744416, -91.5005139) marker and signage.
- » **Third Base Brewery**
500 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, 319-378-9090,
Cedar Rapids first microbrewery.
- » **The Winery at Kirkwood**
6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Washington Hall,
319-398-5899, Ext 5390



National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library



LINN COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Chain-O-Lakes Wildlife Area**
Chain Lakes Rd, (42.05343, -91.76723)
- » **Hawkeye Downs Speedway**
4400 6th St SW, 319-365-8656
- » **Indian Creek Nature Center**
5300 Otis Rd SE, 319-362-0664
- » **Jones Park Disc Golf**
201 Wilson Ave SW
- » **Mount Trashmore**
2250 A St SW, site of the former Otis Quarry, later known as "Site I Landfill." Hiking trails including Cedar River Trail, (41.96142, -91.65057)
- » **Rock Island Preserve**
4501 Preserve Lane "Seedling Mile" views
- » **Shaver Park Disc Golf**
710 J Ave NE
- » **Springville Road**
highest point in Linn County, great views
- » **The Cedar Rapids Kernels**
Semi-Professional baseball team
- » **The Cedar Rough Riders**
Semi-Professional hockey team
- » **Vency Woods**
44th St and Otis Rd SE, inside Indian Creek Nature Center

LISBON

Lisbon is built at the intersection of the Iowa Surface region and Southern Iowa Drift Plains. Large fieldstones or glacial erratics across the ground surface are typical. Pennsylvania Dutch settled here in 1847 giving the town of Lisbon the nickname of "Dutch Town."



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Heritage Hall**
101 E Main St, 2nd floor, Lisbon Public Library, 319-455-2800
- » **Interpretive sign**
Lincoln Highway Association, Lisbon City Park
- » **Lincoln Hwy-era Gas Station**
502 E Main St, converted into private residence
- » **Lincoln Hwy-era Service Garage**
422 E Main St, private residence



LINN COUNTY

- » **Lisbon Cemetery**
6.5 ft. boulder from Gettysburg placed in 1916 to honor Civil War veterans.
- » **Lisbon History Center**
Washington & E Main St, 319-455-2714
- » **Sutcliff Cider Company**
382 Sutcliff Rd, 319-455-4093



Lisbon Cemetery



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Lincoln Square Park**
Main Street

MARION

Marion was platted as the Linn County seat in 1839 and became an important railroad hub in 1864. The first jail was built in 1840. The first prisoner was arrested for horse stealing and confined before the logs were laid higher than his shoulders. In 1919, the county seat was moved to an island on the Cedar River, inside Cedar Rapids, where it is today. Marion was platted as the Linn County seat in 1839 and became an important railroad hub in 1864.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Another Road Brewing**
1175 8th Ave, 319-212-8563
- » **Bloomington Road,**
Connected river port Bloomington (Muscatine) and Marion, later part of the Lincoln Highway.
- » **Granger House Museum**
970 Tenth St, 319-377-6672
- » **Interpretive Panel,**
Lincoln Highway Association, Wanatee Park, Thomas Park
- » **Klopfenstein Amphitheater**
4500 N 10th St, 319-447-3590



LINN COUNTY

- » **Marion Heritage Center and Museum**
590 10th St, 319-447-6376
- » **Marion Sculpture Trail**
4500 N 10th St, Lowe Park



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **K-9 Acres Off-Leash Dog Park, Wanatee Park**
5200 Golf Course Rd, 319-286-5760
- » **Legion Disc Golf Course, Thomas Park**
335 Marion Blvd
- » **Thomas Park (Marion's largest park)**
343 Marion Blvd, 319-447-3580,
- » **Wanatee County Park**
4305 Squaw Creek Lane, 319-892-6450

MOUNT VERNON

Nearby vertical cliffs (palisades) were created by lime mud deposits with crinoids (sea lilies) debris and locally common coral. Through chemical changes due to weathering processes, some bedrock dissolved and created small caves and overhanging rock ledges. The city is built atop a Paha (erosional remnants of Pre-Illinoian glacial plain) preserved by thick windblown loess deposits.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Abbe Creek School Museum**
845 W Mt Vernon Rd 1856 one-room schoolhouse
(41.940372, -91.447620)
- » **American Gothic Barn**
replica of Grant Wood painting.
(41.91776, -91.48941)
- » **Belvedere Vines & Pines**
1191 Museum Rd, 319-895-6067,
upstart winery & Christmas tree farm.
- » **Cornell College,**
Steamboat Gothic architecture King chapel and clock tower. First Iowa college to establish a geology department.



LINN COUNTY

- » **Interpretive Sign**
Lincoln Highway Association, in Prairie Park and Abbe Creek School
- » **Kimmel Theatre**
601 I St SW, Cornell College, 319-895-4293, performances by Theatre Department
- » **Lincoln Wine Bar**
125 1st St NW, 319-895-9463, craft beer, wine by the bottle or glass, wood fired pizza
- » **Mt Vernon-Lisbon Visitor Center**
Memorial Park, 311 First St NW, 319-210-9935
- » **Peter Paul Luce Art Gallery**
McWethy Hall, Cornell College, 809 1st St SW, 319-895-4334



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

Approaching Mount Vernon from the Lincoln Highway, scenic views visible from high points.

- » **Norton Museum Geology Center and Anderson Museum**
Carnegie Library-style, houses over 20,000 rocks, minerals, and fossils.
- » **Palisades-Dows Preserve and Observatory**
1365 Ivanhoe Rd, 319-848-2068
- » **Palisades-Kepler State Park**
700 Kepler Dr, 319-895-6039, fossils found from Salurian Epoch (425 million years ago) when area was a shallow sea in the southern tropics. Also found a molar here from a mastodon in Paleo-Indian Period.
- » **South Cedar Natural Area**
south on Spring Creek Rd (41.87960, -91.43304)

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BENTON COUNTY

Trains brought both entertainment such as traveling musicians, acting troupes, and circuses, and undesirables like thieves and “snake oil” salesmen, usually following the circus. Hobos riding the rails stopped to find odd jobs. Famed hobo king Scoop Shovel Scotty was a Benton County regular.

BELLE PLAINE

Belle Plaine, french for “beautiful plain,” was founded in 1862 in preparation for the railroad to be extended.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Belle Plaine Area Museum/Henry B. Tippie Annex and Auditorium**
901 12th St, 319-434-6093
- » **“Jumbo Well”** struck at 8th Ave and 8th St. Water-bearing stratum was discovered in 1886 under Belle Plaine. It took 14 months to harness it. Several artesian wells are still in the area.
- » **King Theatre**
720 Main St (12th St), 319-434-6025
- » **Lincoln Café**
1214 8th Ave, 319-444-2228
- » **Main Street Historic District**
revitalization projects in 2012.
- » **Murals: Cannery Label/Locomotive**
7th Ave & Main (12th St); Jumbo Well, 8th & Main; 150th for Veterans, 8th & Main; and Lincoln Highway 9th & Main
- » **Preston’s Station Historic District**
402 13th St, 319-444-2631, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel
- » **Sankot’s Garage**
807 13th St, 319-444-2262



Belle Plaine Area Museum Henry B. Tippie Annex

www.bpiowahistory.com

BENTON COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Bloomsbury Farm** 3260 69th St, Atkins,
319-446-7667
- » **Franklin Park Disc Golf** 815 13th Ave



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Youngville Café** 2409 73rd St (Hwy 218 and 30),
319-223-5289, operated select days by volunteers.



Preston's Station
Belle Plaine, IA

Stop for a visit as you
travel the Lincoln Highway.

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402 13th Street, Belle Plaine, IA
prestonsstation.com

YOUNGVILLE CAFE

JUNCTION OF HWY 30 & 218

EXIT 231 NORTH ON 218



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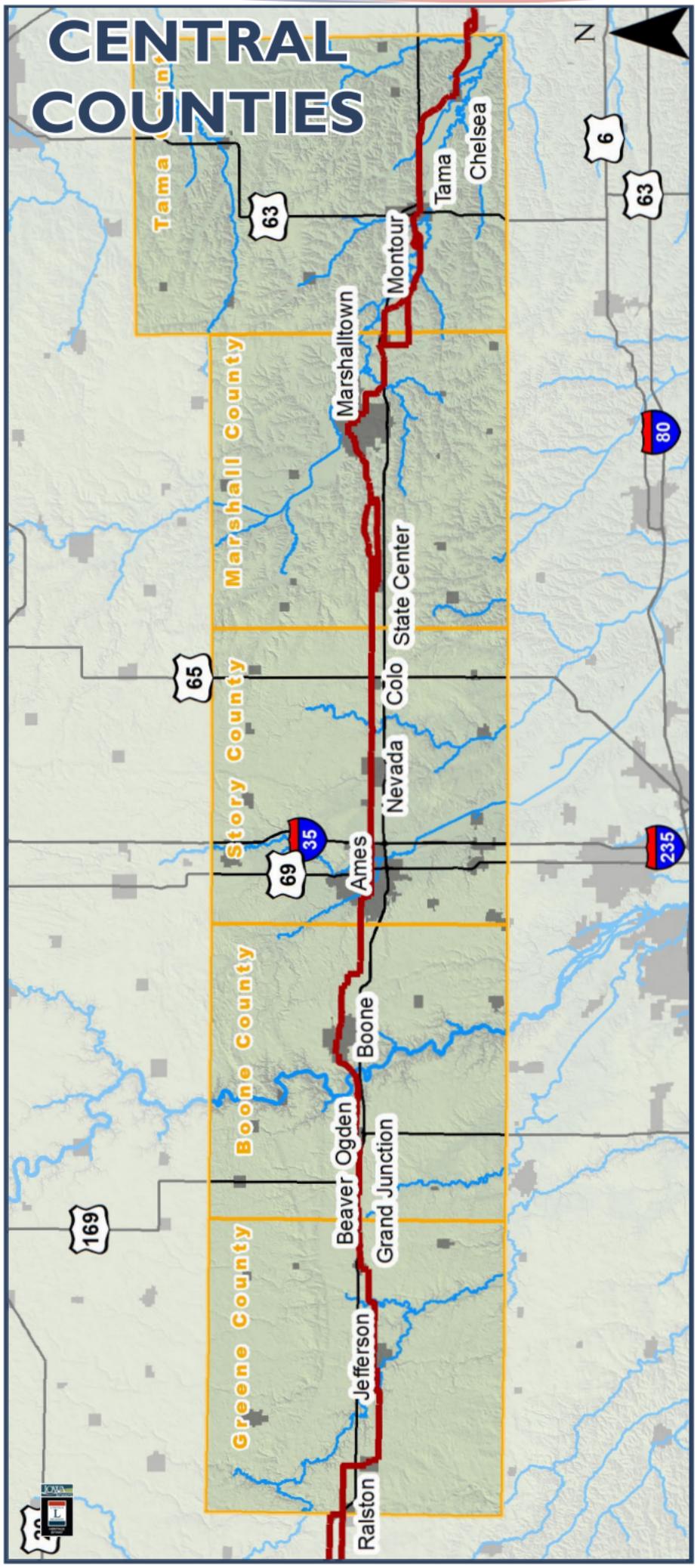
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CENTRAL COUNTIES



CENTRAL COUNTIES

TAMA COUNTY

Czech communities built north of Tama in what the locals lovingly call the “Bohemian Alps.” The Lincoln Highway skirted around the many hills and traveled in the low land near the Iowa River. The Czech influence is still very strong as local cafes, businesses, and social gatherings often serve their specialty kolaches, a jelly-filled pastry, to visitors. The Iowa River valley travels from Belle Plaine, through Chelsea, Tama, and on to the Meskwaki Settlement. The Lincoln Highway travels the wide expanse of the Iowa river bottom area and marshes, following paths created by the Meskwaki and early settlers.



Downtown Tama County

Meskwaki Nation:

The Black Hawk Wars ended in 1803 allowing settlers and the Meskwaki to enter Iowa. In treaties over the years, Meskwaki land and property was ceded away. In 1845, the Meskwaki were removed to Kansas. Some Tama County residents hid a few people from the authorities. Wishing to live in Iowa, 317 Meskwaki returned from Kansas causing the State of Iowa to ask Tama residents if they would allow the Meskwaki to stay. After a “yes” vote, the tribe bought 80 acres along the Iowa River. Today they own 7,779 acres in Tama and Palo Alto County and are their own sovereign nation and settlement. They are the only Native American tribe to live directly along the Lincoln Highway.

TAMA COUNTY

The Iowa River is home to much wildlife. Notably, the American White Pelicans follow a path from southern Minnesota to Tama and the Iowa River, then fly west to the Missouri River before heading south through Nebraska and Kansas.



TAMA COUNTY CHELSEA



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Otter Creek Bridge**
lampposts from 1929 bridge re-installed on new bridge.
- » **Periwinkle Place Manor**
704 Main St, 319-551-3660, B&B, Murder Mystery dinners, antiques, & car shows.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Chelsea Boat Access**
South of town on T Ave
- » **Dufus Landing**
West of town on 360th St
- » **Otter Creek Marsh State Wildlife Refuge**
viewing platform of the Iowa River valley,
(41.94097, -92.44394)

MESKWAKI SETTLEMENT



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Meskwaki Cultural Center & Museum**
349 Meskwaki Rd, 641-484-3185
- » **Powwow Grounds, Battleground Road**
home to 4-day celebration since 1913, open to the public.



Powwow Grounds



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Meskwaki Bingo, Casino, Hotel**
1504 305th St (Hwy 30), 800-728-4263
- » **Meskwaki Settlement**
South side area is undisturbed for the most part and wildlife is abundant along the Iowa River





Meskwaki Cultural Center & Museum

MONTOUR

Henry Ostermann was the idea man behind the 1919 Army Convoy. He had a fatal accident in 1920 on his beloved Lincoln Highway near Montour, Iowa.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Henry Ostermann Interpretive Panel, Maple Hill Cemetery**
Lincoln Highway (E49) and County T47, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway panel installed 2019.
- » **Rube's Steakhouse**
118 Elm St, 641,492,6222, "grill your own" concept.



Rube's Steakhouse



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **McCoy Landing**
2970 C Ave

TAMA COUNTY

TAMA

Tama, being a railroad town, was rowdy and hid out a number of bad people in the early part of the 20th Century, earning the name “Little Chicago.”



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **1915 Lincoln Highway Bridge**
E 5th St (41.96448, -92.56217), “Lincoln Highway” spelled out in the concrete side panels.
- » **Cherry Mansion**
1412 State Street, one time had a golf course, gardens, reflecting pool, & private landing strip.
- » **King Tower Historic District**
cabin, Lincoln Highway Bridge
- » **Lincoln Highway Bridge Park**
E 5th St (41.96448, -92.56217)
- » **Lincoln Highway Interpretive Panel**
Lincoln Highway Bridge Park on E 5th St, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway panel installed as Eagle Scout project
- » **Lincoln Land Grant Marker**
5 miles N and W few miles. (42.06563, -92.63000)
Abe Lincoln received 40 acres in 1852 for his service during the Black Hawk War
- » **Tama Paperboard**
117 Siegel St, (1878-present), 641-484-2884, once owned by the Cherry family and used water from Cherry Lake



1915 Lincoln Highway Bridge



TAMA COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Columbia Wildlife Area**
2171 37th St
- » **Iowa River Corridor**
Runs from Otter Creek Marsh to Marengo, along the Iowa River. Bird conservation area.
- » **Long Point Landing**
3469 P Ave
- » **Manatt's Landing**
1974 340th St
- » **Scenic Overlook**
Iowa River Valley (41.96020, -92.44585)
- » **Tama County Off-Highway Vehicle Park**
South on Hwy 63

TOLEDO

(NOT ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY)



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Butter Cow/Calf Sculpture**
898 US Hwy 63, tribute to Norma "Duffy" Lyon, local resident who sculpted the traditional Iowa State Fair cow among other things out of butter.
- » **Tama County Courthouse**
104 W State St, 1866 Romanesque style building on town square, with original clock tower.
- » **Tama County Historical Museum**
200 N Broadway, 641-484-6767
- » **Toledo Stoplight**
Town's first stoplight in 1949, was moved to the intersection of High St and Broadway.



Toledo Stoplight

- » **Wieting Theatre**
101 South Church, 1912 Colonial Revival brick opera house



MARSHALL COUNTY

Quakers settled here in 1850. The largest Friends meeting in the world was held in Marshall County in 1860. This group is often known for their help with the underground railroad, of which Marshall County was no exception. Marshall County scenery, as in much of Iowa, includes geometrics of undulating waves of row crops. It is hard to imagine that 80% of Iowa was once covered by prairie.

HAVERHILL

(NOT ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY)



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop**
214 1 St St, 641-752-6664

LA MOILLE

In the Lincoln Highway Association's archives is a legendary picture of Henry B. Joy, President of the Packard Motor Car Company, getting stuck in the mud near LaMoille during his 1915 inaugural trip across the Lincoln Highway in his official Packard.



Henry B. Joy, President of the Packard Motor Car Company

LE GRAND

A Friends Academy was established in LeGrand in 1873, but the brick building no longer stands.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **LeGrand Pioneer Heritage Library**
204 N Vine St, 641-479-2122

MARSHALL COUNTY

» **LeGrand Quarry**

2238 Zeller Ave, 641-479-2435,
is the oldest quarry in Iowa producing limestone. Crinoid (sea lily) fossils were found here in a 600 lb. stone. Cut into slabs, the fossils are on display at the Smithsonian, Iowa State Historical Society, and the Marshall County Historical Society Museum in Marshalltown. Brought 50 Italian stonecutters from Chicago to work at the quarry

MARSHALLTOWN



Cultural and Historic Resources

» **Fisher Community Center**

709 S Center St, 641-753-6645, bronze sculptures, including Christian Petersen's final work, "Dedication to the Future"

» **Glick-Sower Historical 1859 Homestead**

201 East State St, 641-752-6664, pre-civil war home

» **Henry Anson Statue**

the founder of Marshalltown, Marshall County Courthouse, corner of Main & Center St.

» **Historical Society of Marshall County**

Mowry Irvine Mansion, 503 West Main St.
641-752-6664

» **Iowa Veteran's Home**

1301 Summit St, 641-752-1501,
home to 565+ residents.

» **Marshall County Courthouse**

1 East Main St, 641-754-6330,
1884 Italian Renaissance style, LeGrand Quarry limestone used. Survived 2018 tornado and 2020 derecho (in-land hurricane).

» **Marshall County Freedom Rock**

American Legion Golf Course, W Ingledue St, depicts lives of 5 local soldiers who lost their lives in WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and Iraq War.

» **Marshalltown Downtown Historic District**

listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Between 2nd St and 3rd Ave, includes courthouse.

» **Marshalltown Public Library**

105 W Boone St, 641-754-5738.

LEED-certified with solar panels

MARSHALL COUNTY

- » **Martha Ellen Tye Playhouse**
709 S Center St, 641-752-4164
- » **Mowrie Irvine Mansion**
503 W Main St, M-F 10-4, tours and private events by appointment
- » **Mural in Veteran's Memorial Coliseum**
20 West State St, 1958 depicting 100 years of the area history.
- » **Orpheum Theater**
220 E Main St, 641-844-5919, U.S.
hosted the premiere of "Saint Joan", starring Jean Seberg from Marshalltown
- » **Quakerdale Wolfe Ranch**
2932 240th St, 641-752-6446, part of Philadelphia Quaker Josiah White's idea to operate a shelter & give guidance to orphaned youth. White's Manual Labor Institute expanded to Marshalltown.
- » **Stagecoach Road**
Marengo to Fort Dodge, travels on the east side of Shady Oaks, became part of the Lincoln Highway.
- » **Taylor #4 Country School**
201 East State St, 641-752-6664
- » **Taylor's Maid-Rite**
106 S 3rd St, 641-753-9684, serving loose-meat sandwiches since 1928.



Taylor's Maid Rite

- » **Veteran's Memorial Coliseum**
20 West State St, 641-754-5743
- » **Vietnam-Era F-4 Phantom Fighter Jet**
American Legion Golf Course Grounds,
1301 S 6th St

MARSHALL COUNTY

- » **West Main Street Area Walking Tour:**
Binford House, 110 N 2nd Ave, 641-753-5450, tours and private events by appointment; **Carmean Home**, 607 W Main, built 1927; **Glick-Sower House and Taylor #4 Country School House**, 201 East State St, tours by appointment; **Hopkins Building**, 30-32 W Main St; **The Tremont**, 24 W Main; **Times Republican Building**, 135 W Main St; **Willard Building**, 101 W Main St, Willard Mansion 609 W Main St



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **American Discovery Trail**
links the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts by bike trail, in Grimes Farm and Conservation Center.
- » **Furrow Access**
2291 Main St Road
- » **Grimes Farm and Conservation Center**
2349 233rd St, 641-752-5490
- » **Iowa River Valley**, great views
- » **Iowa River Wildlife Management Area**
north of town on Sand Rd.
- » **JB Swift Meatpacking Plant**
402 N 10th St, spectacular when lit at night
- » **Linn Creek Recreational Trail**
one of the trailheads is at Grimes Farm, 2359 233rd St
- » **Mag Holland Access Area**
2283 Zeller Ave
- » **Marietta Sand and Prairie Preserve**
1744 Knapp Ave, sand prairie remnant.
- » **Marshalltown Skate Park**
901 S 6th St
- » **Marshalltown Speedway**
1308 E Olive, on the Central Iowa Fairgrounds.
- » **Nicholson – Ford Access**
2814 E Marion St
- » **Riverview Park**
402 Woodland St, 641-754-5715, off-leash dog area, 18-hole championship-caliber disc golf course
- » **Sand Lake Recreation Area**
2901 Main Street Rd



MARSHALL COUNTY

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- » **Shady Oaks Campground**
2370 Shady Oaks Rd, 641-752-2946, oldest private campground in Iowa, 12-level Big Treehouse, some of the oldest trees in Iowa.
- » **Three Bridges County Park**
2272 Three Bridges Rd, Marshall County's first county park, on National Register of Historic Places listing.
- » **Wickersham Forest Areas**
2563 Starry Grove Rd

STATE CENTER



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **1941 Home Oil Restored Gas Station**
118 Main St E, now home to the State Center Police Department.
- » **Frickeville Antiques**
108 Main St, 641-485-7663
- » **State Center's Historic District**
Main Street, restored 1895 grocery store, depot, schoolhouse, barbershop, and 1937 gas station.
- » **State Center Rose Garden**
300 3rd St SE, since 1950's giving the town the claim "Rose Capitol of Iowa".
- » **Watson's Grocery Store Museum**
106 W Main St, built in 1895 and restored in 1989.



Watson's Grocery Store Museum



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Bear Grove Forest Management Area**
2204 Hart Ave
- » **Lincoln Valley Golf Course**
1538 235th St, 641-483-2054





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STORY COUNTY

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Native American tribes hunted, fished, and planted crops here. Bowls, weapons, toys, and utensils have been found along the river bank north of Ames. The area streams are known to flood and water exposes new archaeological finds quite often, as discovered by area river paddlers.

AMES



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Alluvial Brewing Company**
3715 West 190th St, 515-337-1182
- » **Ames History Center**
416 Douglas #101, 515-232-2148
- » **Bandshell Park**
E 5th St and Duff Ave, Ames first city park
- » **Della Viti Wine Bar**
323 Main St, 515-232-0421
- » **Downtown art sculptures**
fountain on 5th & Kellogg St
- » **Farm House Museum**
ISU campus, National Historic Landmark, built in 1861
- » **Hoggatt School, Meeker**
18th Street and Burnett Ave, on Meeker Elementary School grounds, built in 1862, 515-232-2148
- » **Hotel Sheldon Munn**
301 Main St, control point for early Lincoln Highway travelers to check mileage
- » **Iowa State University mascot**
“CY” sculptures around town
- » **McMichael Pioneer Cemetery/Stagecoach Trail**
East Peterson Park (42.08769, -93.59310)
- » **Mural: U.S. Post Office**
525 Kellogg
The Evolution of Corn, 1938
- » **Prairie Moon Winery**
3801 W 190th St, 515-232-2747
- » **Tip-Top Lounge**
201 E Lincoln Way, 515-232-8980,
1950's-look, neon signs
- » **Torrent Brewing Company,**
504 Burnett Ave, 515-233-3155
- » **Woman's Head,**
Lincoln Way & Grand Ave. Made of redwood in 1976,
reconstructed 1998 in steel



STORY COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Ames Bikeways**
bike paths and bike lanes around town, see Park and Rec page on the city's website cityofames.org
- » **Ames Dog Park**
605 Billy Sunday Road, 515-239-5350
- » **Ames/ISU Ice Arena**
1507 Gateway Hills Park Dr, 515-292-6835
- » **Ames High Prairie State Preserve**
1921 Ames High Drive
- » **Ada Hayden Heritage Park**
(42.06462, -93.62799)
- » **American Sycamore Tree**
"much beloved", 200 years old, Lincoln Highway and University Blvd.
- » **Carroll Marty Disc Golf Course**
1500 Gateway Hills Park Dr
- » **Georgie Tsushima Memorial Skate Park**
Brookside Park, 1330 6th St
- » **Jack Trice Stadium**
1800 S 4th, home to Iowa State University Football, named for first African-American player at ISU who died from injuries during a football game at the University of Minnesota in 1923.
- » **Jim Ketelson Greenwing Marsh**
21163 570th Ave
- » **McFarland Park**
56461 180th St
- » **Petersen Park**
55756 180th St, 515-232-2516, Pioneer cemetery, remains of a stagecoach trail
- » **Reiman Gardens**
1407 University Blvd, 515-294-2710



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- » **Skunk River Flats**
26995 Sand Hill Trail
- » **Skunk River Greenbelt Recreational Trail System**, Trailheads at Anderson Canoe, Bear Creek, Crooked Bend, E18 Greenbelt Access, McFarland Park, East and West Peterson Park, Soper's Mill, pedestrians and bikes
- » **Skunk River Water Trail**, access points for canoeing: Story City, Lekwa, Anderson, Soper's Mill, West Peterson Park, Sleepy Hollow, North River Valley Park, SE 16th St, 265th St, Askew Bridge/Cambridge.
- » **Soper's Mill**,
56501 170th St, 515-232-2516
- » **Wakefield Woods**,
2480 E 190th St, junction of E 39 and Dayton Rd

COLO



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Colo Bogs Wildlife Management Area**
2 miles E on Lincoln Hwy. A legendary Lincoln Highway photo in the Lincoln Highway Association's archives taken near here shows the flooding of the roadway and an early motorist finding it impassable. (42.02278, -93.26104)
- » **Reed-Niland Corner Cafe/Motel**,
24 Lincoln Highway, crossroads of Jefferson Hwy ("Pines to Palms," Winnipeg to New Orleans) and Lincoln Highway
- » **Hickory Grove Park**
67464 250th St, camping, canoe rentals, beach, concessions.



STORY COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Twin Anchors Campground**
68132 US Hwy 30, 641-377-2243
- » **West of Colo**
towards Nevada, railroad overpass with the Lincoln Highway curving underneath and views of the rolling hills.

NEVADA

Seventh Day Adventists built a school, sanitarium (hospital), student & teacher housing on the Oak Park Academy campus. Students came from the Midwest to attend K-12th grade. The sanitarium burned down in 1943. The Academy school closed in 1980, the student housing was converted to apartments, and the teacher residences converted to private residences. Today, classes for K-9th grade are held across the street at 324 6th Street.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **1861 Rifled Cannon**
900 6th St, Story County Station Administration Building.
- » **1941 Community Building**
57 I Ave, APA (Works Progress Administration), built on fairgrounds.
- » **Brigg's Terrance/Evergreen Lane**
1204 H Ave, 515-382-6684
- » **Dyer-Dowell Victorian House**
922 5th St, 515-382-6684





Dyer-Dowell Victorian House, built in 1879

- » **Nevada's Downtown Historic District**
on National Register and part of Main Street program.
- » **Nevada's History Center**
624 J Ave, 515-382-6684
- » **Queen Anne B&B**
1110 9th St, 515-382-3022
- » **Tourist Cabins**
East end of town, cabins now private residences, gas station now auto repair shop.

Queen Anne Bed and Breakfast

*Built in 1878
National Historic Register*



Larry & Barbara Howard
1110 Ninth Street
Nevada, Iowa 50201
Phone (515) 382-3022

STORY COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Cooper's Prairie Marsh**
58249 200th St
- » **Harrington Park**
E Lincolnway, disc golf, skate park
- » **Hertz Family Woods and Nature Preserve**
25369 Country Club Rd
- » **Lincoln Highway and Jefferson Highway Heritage Park**
1209 6th St, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panels.
- » **Nevada trail system**
around town and along Indian Creek.
(42.012, -93.4447)
- » **SCORE (Story County Outdoor Recreation for Everyone) Park**
1543 Fawcett Parkway, soccer fields, ball diamonds.
- » **Walkabout Gardens**
26391 595th Ave, 515-382-6269



Lincoln Highway marker located at Harrington Park

BOONE COUNTY

Boone County, home to the Des Moines River Valley, the largest river in the interior of Iowa. A mammoth tusk from 8,000-12,000 years ago and arrowheads and stone tools from Archaic Period (5,000-10,000 years ago) are on display at the Boone Historical Center. Archaeological evidence from 4,000 years ago and Native American mounds have been found in Ledges State Park, near Madrid.

A burial mound from the Woodland Period (500 BC to 1000 AD) was excavated in 1908, near the Kate Shelley High Bridge.



BOONE COUNTY

The Des Moines River Valley offers desired habitat to much wildlife. Notably, the Monarch Migration Path runs in the spring through Boone and counties to the west. In the fall, monarchs travel from Wisconsin into eastern Iowa before heading to Mexico for the winter. Boone County is also in the flight pattern for spring and fall migration for the American White Pelican. Their fall path is along the Des Moines River Valley to Des Moines, then south to either St. Louis or Kansas City.

Travelers of the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad will cross the 156 ft. tall Bass Point Creek High Bridge and enjoy scenic views of the river valley and wildlife including deer, turkey, and eagles.

BEAVER



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge,** over Beaver Creek, built in 1919 on the 1914-1922 alignment of the Lincoln Highway, north of town on 210th St.



Marsh Rainbow Arch Bridge

BOONE

Boone County was named in honor of Nathan Boone, the youngest son of Daniel Boone. The city of Boone was first named "Montana" and changed its name in 1871 to Boone. In 1887, Boone merged with Boonesboro, the county seat 1 ½ miles to the west. Today, you will see two distinct downtowns, with the courthouse still in the western portion, and multi-story buildings showing economic growth due to the railroad in the eastern portion.

Boone, being a railroad town, saw its share of hobos riding the rails.



BOONE COUNTY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Boone County Courthouse**
201 State St, built in 1917, on National Register of Historic Places.
- » **Boone County Historical Center**
602 Story St, 515-432-1907, former Masonic Temple.
- » **Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad and James H. Andrew Railroad Museum**
225 10th St, 515-432-4249, picnic/dinner/group rides
- » **Dragoons**
formed in 1883, were the forerunners of the U.S. Calvary. Their mission was to trace the Des Moines River from Fort Des Moines to SE Minnesota. Travelers will often see signs along the 200-mile "Dragoon Trail."
- » **Hickory Grove School/ Battin Chapel**
1889 one-room school house, 1887 chapel open for special occasions
- » **Kate Shelley High Bridge**
190th St, (42.078200, -93.849650) This is the highest U.S. double track railroad bridge (185 ft.), named for 15-year-old Kate Shelley, who in 1881 crawled across the tracks during a storm to warn an oncoming train that a bridge had washed out.
- » **Kate Shelley Park & Museum**
1198 232nd St, 515-432-1907, restored depot with exhibits and video
- » **Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace**
709 Carroll St, 515-432-1907, former First Lady



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Boone Speedway**
1481 223rd Pl, 515-987-1220
- » **Camp Hantesa (Camp Fire)**
1450 Oriole Rd, near north gate Ledges State Park, 515-432-1417
- » **Camp Sacajawea (Girl Scouts)**
638 L Ave, 515-278-2881
- » **Dickcissel Recreation Area**
Hwys 30 and 17, 515-353-4237
- » **Des Moines River Valley**
runs between Hwy #30 and the Lincoln Highway.



BOONE COUNTY



- » **Holst State Forest**,
170th St and Kale Rd
- » **Des Moines River Valley**
runs between Hwy #30 and the Lincoln Highway.
- » **Holst State Forest**,
170th St and Kale Rd
- » **Kate Shelley High Bridge**,
great views overlooking the Des Moines River Valley.
- » **Ledges State Park**
1515 P Ave, views of the river valley and rock ledges,
hiking trails, and stream wading
- » **Lincoln Highway Corner Post Marker**
intersection of Snedden Dr and Mamie Eisenhower
Ave (Lincoln Highway), 1914
- » **Saylorville Wildlife Management Area**
North of Boone along the Des Moines River, then
south to Granger, 515-432-2545
- » **Seven Oaks Recreation**
1086 222nd Dr, 515-432-9457

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Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **High Trestle Trail and Bridge**
25-mile trail from Ankeny to Woodward, lit at night. half-mile long, 13 stories high bridge spanning the Des Moines River Valley between Madrid and Woodward
- » **Iowa Arboretum**
1875 Peach Ave, 515-795-3216

ODGEN



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Footprints in Pavement**
324 W Walnut. interpretive panel and salvaged footprints in original 1929 Lincoln Highway pavement
- » **Leonard Good Community Center**
Walnut and SW 8th St, named for famed figure, portrait, and landscape painter.
- » **Lucky Pig Pub & Grill**
113 W Walnut St, 515-275-9946



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Don Williams Recreation Area**
610 H Ave, 515-353-4237
- » **Harrier Marsh**
E51 and 220th St
- » **Ledges State Park,**
1515 P Ave (Madrid), 515-432-1852
- » **Lincoln Prairie Park**
on original section of Lincoln Highway.
(42.03345, -94.04743)

While you are traveling the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, visit beautiful Don Williams Recreation Area! We offer a variety of recreational opportunities as well as three campgrounds and three cabins to take a break from your travels along the newest National Scenic Byway's! Camping is first come first, first serve but our cabins and shelters can be reserved at www.mycountyparks.com



Boone County Conservation Board
610 H Avenue | Ogdén, IA 50212
515-353-4237

GREENE COUNTY

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Native American mounds and artifacts have been found along the Raccoon River. Greene County's land scores a 76.4 in the Corn Suitability Rating (suitability for the soil to grow row crops, ranging from 5 to 100). Greene County pays homage to its agricultural heritage with "barn quilts" painted on 20 barns across Greene County. The one-of-a-kind designs painted are attached to the upper section of the barn and are over 8 feet in size. Look for them as you drive.

GRAND JUNCTION



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Bridges, L-Bridge**
just inside Greene County (42.04908, -94.17726);
West Beaver Creek Lincoln Highway Bridge, Lions
Club Tree Park. (42.0326309, -94.2086684)
- » **Canopy Gas Stations**
13th and Main; 308 Main St W, residence
- » **Fire Department Museum**
107 Main St, appt only
- » **Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum &
Garden**
201 Main St E, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
interpretive panel
- » **Higgins Museum**
515-738-2323, Appt. only
- » **Janco Motel and Tanning**
902 US 30 E, 515-370-0739
- » **Kennedy Museum**
104 Hager St E, 515-738-2564, appt only
- » **Lion's Club Tree Park**
Hwy 30 and Lincoln Highway
(42.0326309, -94.2086684), Iowa Lincoln Highway
Association and Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
interpretive panels
- » **Milo's Mobil Station**
315 E Main St, known as Martin's DX in 1946.
- » **Visible Remains Star Motel, Camp Cozy,
Dale's Standard**
(42.0229441, -94.2421715)
- » **Watts Home**
1100 Main St E, built in 1910.



GREENE COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

» **Pounds Pits Wildlife Area**

1000 block of U Ave



Cultural and Historic Resources

» **Abraham Lincoln Statue**

114 N Chestnut St, donated by E.B. Wilson in 1918.

» **Bridges to the East: Butterick Creek Bridge**

(42.01798, -94.29429);

Hardin Creek Bridge (42.01506, -94.32522)

» **Bridges to the West: Tunnel Bridge and Eureka Bridge** (42.01216, -94.42908); Union Pacific Railroad High Trestle Bridge, over Raccoon River.

» **Deep Rock Canopy Gas Station**

East Lincolnway and S Cedar St, restored by City, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel.

» **Doreen Wilbur Olympic Plaza and Statue**

Lincolnway and Vine, 1972 Archery Gold Medalist (target diagonally across the street).

» **Eureka Arch Bridge**

422-foot bridge built in 1913. Widened 2008, restoration led to the creation of the Greene County Lincoln Highway Association and ultimately the re-formation of the national Lincoln Highway Association.

» **George H. Gallop House**

703 S Chestnut St, 515-386-3239, boyhood home of pollster.

» **Greene County Courthouse**

114 N Chestnut St, 515-386-5660, built in 1917, rotunda has stained-glass ceiling.

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Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Greene County Freedom Rock, by Milwaukee Railroad Depot**
depicts the 1919 Army Convoy.
- » **Greene County Historical Museum**
219 E Lincolnway, 515-386-8544
- » **Jefferson Public Library**
200 West Lincolnway, 515-386-2835, a 1903 Carnegie Building.
- » **Lincoln Hotel, 119 E Lincoln Way**
once called Head Hotel, now Lincoln Square
- » **Lincoln Theater**
101 N Chestnut, now housing All Abilities Bike Shop
- » **Mahanay Bell Tower**
100 E Lincoln Way, 515-386-2155
- » **Milwaukee Depot**
507 E Lincoln Way, 515-386-4629
- » **Murals: U.S. Post Office-** two mural sites
 - 1) 106 W Harrison, 515-386-2061, 1938, The New Calf by Tom Savage; Greene County Courthouse,
 - 2) 114 N Chestnut, 515-386-5660, depicting the “progress of civilization as recorded in Iowa”
- » **Quirks Cabins**
(restoration on-going), 700 135th St
- » **Redwood Motel**
209 E Gallop Rd, 515-386-3116 CLOSED
- » **RVP~1875**, 115 S Wilson Ave, 515-975-3083,
period furniture maker
- » **Rooftop Art**
atop downtown buildings, viewed from Mahanay Bell Tower
- » **Sally’s Alley**
East of 111 East Lincoln Way, quaint pocket park
- » **Telephone Museum**
105 W Harrison, basement of Jefferson Telecom
- » **Trailside Lodging**
Mason House, 502 E Lincoln Way, 515-370-1952; Little House on Russell, 202 E Russell, 515-370-2465; both on Raccoon River Valley Trail
- » **War Memorial Tank**
across the Milwaukee Railroad Depot, 504 E Lincoln Way



GREENE COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Daubendiek Park**
515-386-3412 (42.0077611, -94.3838575)
- » **Deal's Orchard**
1102 244th St, 515-386-8279
- » **Eureka Bridge Access**
(42.01209, -94.42853)
- » **Finn Pond Wildlife Management Area**
Hwy 30 and L Ave
- » **Greene County Community Center**
204 W Harrison St, 515-386-3412
- » **Henderson Park**
1636 N Ave
- » **Jefferson Historical Plaque Walk**
plaques on brick pillars around historic district with QR codes
- » **Perkins Prairie,**
on M Ave across from Seven Hills County Park,
remnant prairie

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- Mahanay Carillon Bell Tower
- Historic Shopping District & Square
- Bell Tower Festival
- Cruisin' to the Square
- Thomas Jefferson Gardens
- Greene County Historical Museum
- Public Sculptures & Rooftop Art
- RVP-1875 & History Boy Theatre
- Deal's Orchard
- Wild Rose Casino & Resort
- Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail
- Spring Lake Park

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- » **Raccoon River Valley Trail**
trail head at Jefferson Depot, 539 E Lincolnway.
- » **Seven Hills County Park**
1625 M Ave (41.989960,-94.394200)
- » **Spring Lake Park,**
1847 195th St, 515-738-5069
- » **Squirrel Hollow Wildlife Area**
1800 block of R Ave
- » **Thomas Jefferson Gardens of Greene County**
1 block E of the town square, on Lincoln Highway,
515-386-9822
- » **Waters Wildlife Area**
1300 block of R Ave
- » **Wild Rose Casino & Resort,**
Highway 30 & 4, 515-386-7777

SCRANTON



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Community Center**
900 Madison St, 515-370-5605, renovated school and gym.
- » **Eberle Gas Station**
Hwy 25, example of early gas station.
- » **John 15 Vineyard**
343 180th St, 712-652-3760
- » **Moss Markers**
north of town on curve of E39 (Lincoln Hwy), 2 markers with Abraham Lincoln busts, installed on fence line side of ditch by J. Moss, a decorated Civil War veteran. Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel.
- » **Scranton Water Tower**
Madison and Main St, oldest working water tower in Iowa and 9th oldest in the nation, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel.
- » **Skewed Bridge**
(42.04917, -94.62088), over Otter Creek near Carroll County line.

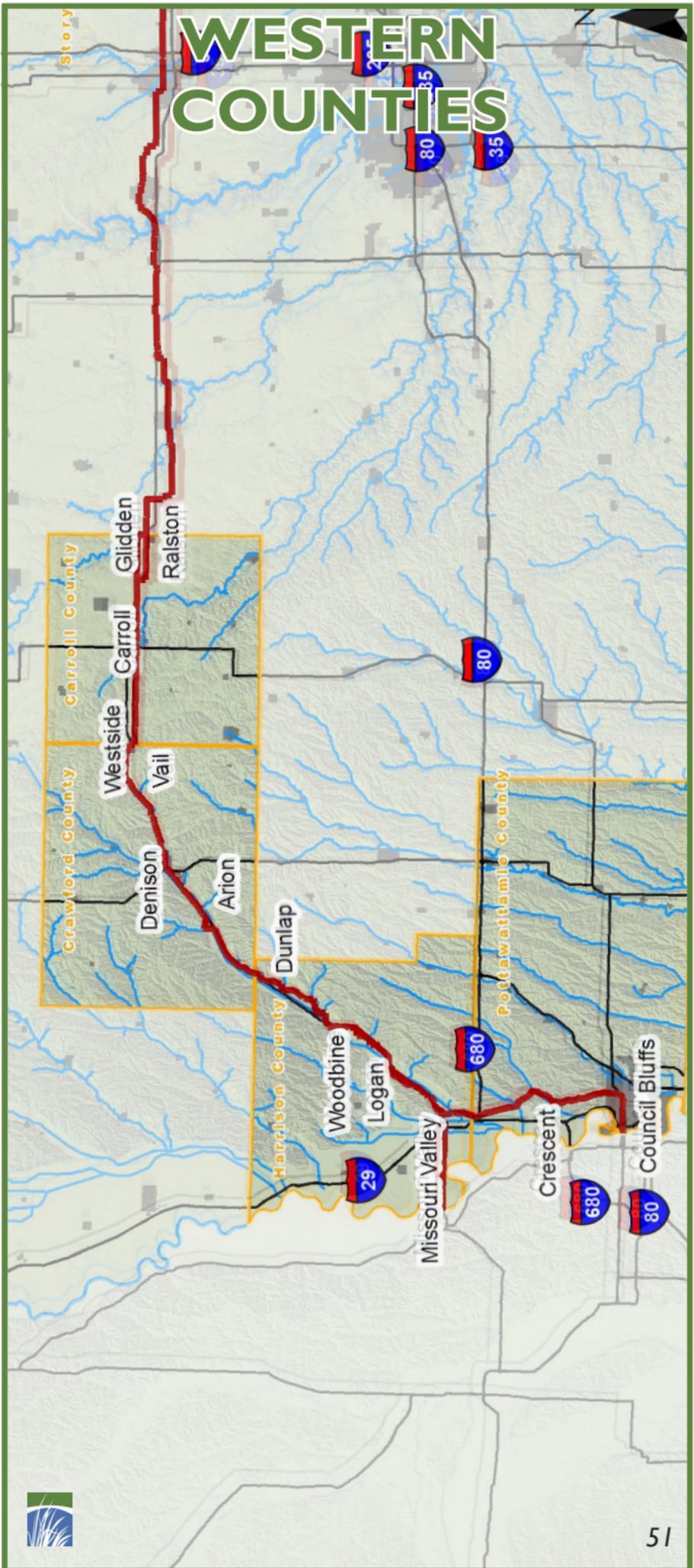


Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Dunbar Slough Wildlife Management Area,**
(41.98755, -94.60585)
- » **Hyde Park,**
(42.11207, -94.57406)



WESTERN COUNTIES



CARROLL COUNTY

A north and south Native American warpath divided Meskwaki/Pottawattamie tribes from the Sioux. Native American artifacts are housed in the Carroll County Museum. This area was known for its “bootlegging history” during the Prohibition years. Around 1920, as a way to feed kids and save farms, Templeton residents crafted a bootlegged keg whiskey that found its way to Chicago and into the hands of Al Capone. It soon became his personal favorite as he called it the “Good Stuff.” At least 30 Carroll County family rye recipes have been passed down. Area buildings had false floors as hiding places to store the “Good Stuff,” as did a headstone in the local cemetery.



Downtown Carroll

ARCADIA

In 1867, the Chicago Northwestern Railroad entered Council Bluffs and established switch stations in Carroll County. One to the east of the elevation highpoint, called Eastside (no longer exists) and on the west side of the highpoint, Westside (still exists). The highpoint in the middle was called Tip-Top. A wealthy New Englander traveling from California to New York was impressed with the area and bought 4,000 acres, platted the town, and persuaded the railroad to rename it from Tip-Top to Arcadia. Arcadia is 1429 feet above sea level and the rivers and streams on the right side flow to the Mississippi River and those on the west side flow to the Missouri River.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **M and M Divide (Missouri and Mississippi)**
East of the town of Arcadia in a roadside park on the north side of the Lincoln Highway. Large rock monument, DOT historic sign, and Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel (42.07664, -95.02845)



CARROLL COUNTY CARROLL



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Carroll County Historical Society**
123 E 6th St (Lincoln Highway), 712-792-1582, in a former 1903 Carnegie Library, has a guide to WPA constructed stone walls and buildings in Carroll and at Swan Lake State Park.
- » **Carroll Depot**
407 W 5th St, 712-792-4383, built in 1896, now used by Carroll Chamber of Commerce.
- » **Carroll Revolutions Per Minute (RPM)**
Car Club Show, July, classic & vintage automobiles.
- » **Carroll Stadium, Merchant's Park**
627 N Adams, built 1949 for Carroll's semi-pro baseball team, the "Merchants."
- » **Driving Tour, South Part of Town**
brochures at Chamber of Commerce and Carroll County Historical Society.
- » **Farmstead Barn**, 22676 Swan Lake Dr, Swan Lake State Park, 712-792-4614
- » **Graham Park**
N Grant Rd, 712-792-5400, one-room schoolhouse and trapper's cabin, by appt only.
- » **Iowa Legendary Rye Distillery**
707 N Main St, 712-775-2793,
- » **Lakers Basketball Court**
2100 N Grant Rd, Veteran's Memorial Park, honors 1960 near-fatal crash of MN Lakers Basketball team.
- » **Lincoln Highway Trading Co**
110 W 6th, 712-792-001, vintage and antiques
- » **Santa Maria Vineyard & Winery**
218 W 6th St, 712-775-2013, former car dealership.
- » **Veteran's Memorial Park**
2100 N Grant Rd, memorials to all branches of service.
- » **Walking Tour, Carroll Historic Preservation Commission** plaques on Adams St and 5th St.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Carroll County Rec Center**
716 N Grant Rd, 712-792-5400
- » **Mid-Prairie Park**
(42.0700452, -94.8978565)



CARROLL COUNTY

- » **Sauk Rail Trail**
runs from Swan Lake State Park to Black Hawk State Park, (42.034328, -94.847567)
- » **Scenic views of Mount Moses**
named by locals, north of Carroll on Hwy 71 (42.0869293, -94.8747083)
- » **Swan Lake State Park**
22676 Swan Lake Trail, 712-792-4614, guide to WPA constructed stone walls and buildings in the park.



Sauk Rail Trail

GLIDDEN

Quakers settled south of town and were known to help operate the Underground Railroad. Glidden was named for North Western Railroad director Joseph Farwell Glidden, who invented barbed wire in 1873.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Merle D. Hay Monument**
first Iowa soldier killed in WWI, born here, buried in cemetery on Lincoln Highway (42.064717, -94.740616)



Monument dedicated to Merle D. Hay



CARROLL COUNTY



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Dickson Timber**
16249 Velvet Ave
- » **Hazleton Wildlife Area,**
(42.0694296, -94.7808163)

TEMPLETON

(NOT ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY)



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Templeton Rye**
209 E 3rd St, 712-669-8793, whiskey producer

ARION



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Arion Access**
Milwaukee Rd, carry-in only, Boyer River access for floating enthusiasts (41.94364, -95.45744)

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Archaeological evidence proves tobacco was cultivated in the area in the late Woodland Period (500-1700 AD). Evidence of campfires and bones from meat eaten have also been found near the Boyer River. Crawford County has the northernmost point of the Lincoln Highway as it travels coast-to-coast.

DENISON

Denison was settled by European people from the East and Mormons traveling near the Missouri River. The Providence Western Land Company purchased 70,000 acres to sell to these new settlers. Denison was a 2-day stop for the 1919 Army Convoy as it traveled the Lincoln Highway, which included a young Lt. Col Dwight D. Eisenhower. This trip may have reaffirmed his idea for the interstate system to move men and equipment quickly across the nation.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Abraham Lincoln Land**
Lincoln received land as payment for his services during the Black Hawk War, located 7 miles north and 2 miles east on a dirt road. (Caution if raining or road is wet.) In 1923, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) placed a marker here.
(42.094682, -95.420208)



CRAWFORD COUNTY

- » **Crawford County Courthouse**
1202 Broadway, 1859 Beaux-Arts style.
- » **Donna Reed Performing Arts Center**
1305 Broadway, 712-263-3334,
- » **Theatre & Museum**, once an opera house. Donna Reed was a TV star (Donna Reed Show) and a movie star (It's a Wonderful Life)
- » **McHenry House**
1428 1st Ave N, 712-263-5113, built in 1885. On National Register. Donna Reed's Oscar on display



Donna Reed Performing Arts Center,

- » **Park Motel**
803 Hwy 30, 1940 Spanish-Revival Style
- » **Walking Tours**
1870's to 1900's homes, list of 35 homes at denisonia.com, under "Things to Do"



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Denison Job Corps Center**
10 Opportunity Dr, hills east side of Denison, views of the Boyer River Valley
- » **Milwaukee Road Habitat**
6 miles south on Hwy 59, (41.91734, -95.35079)
- » **Neal Moeller Environmental Education Center, in Yellow Smoke Park**
712-263-3409, (42.02909, -95.32138)
- » **Terrace Farming**
East side of town, first glimpse of row crops planted around the hills
- » **Yellow Smoke Park**
2237 Yellow Smoke Park Road, hills looking down on Boyer River Valley. Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel 712-263-2070, (42.03007, -95.32300)



CRAWFORD COUNTY

DOW CITY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Dow City Park, Prince & Park St.**
712-674-3655, Rock Island caboose, country schoolhouse & town's original jail
- » **Dow House Historical Site**
513 Prince St, 712-674-3734, built 1874, 13-room brick prairie farm home overlooking Dow City and Boyer Valley, on the National Register, a haven for travelers.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Ahart/Rudd Natural Resource Area,**
185th St, (41.90947, -95.50812)
- » **County Farm Park,**
(41.9610995, -95.4461111)
- » **Nelson Park,**
1450 Nelson Park Rd, 712-643-5426

VAIL

Outlaws **Frank and Jesse James** eluded authorities for 16 years, sometimes laid up in hills near Stagecoach Road.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Restored Standard Gas Station**
119 E US 30, future Byway interpretive panel

WESTSIDE



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Eugene Kock Memorial Park,**
Cedar Street and US Highway 30th, soldier statue
Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway interpretive panel
- » **Five Mile House**
2401 390th St, home of the "King Shoot" annual shooting event
- » **World War I Soldier Monument**
was near the high school, now moved to the Westside Cemetery, north of town



HARRISON COUNTY

After the last Ice Age and the last of the melted waters receded, strong winds picked up dust and deposited it to create the Loess Hills. Soil is called “sugar clay,” as it is very hard when dry, but no cohesion when wet. Only Shaanxi, China, has a larger deposit of loess soil in the world.

An excavation found bison were hunted and killed in large numbers in the area during the Archaic Period (10,000-5,000 years ago). Native American mounds have been found at several locations and hatchets, stone hammers, pottery, copper, tools, and cups found along an old Native American trail. Mormons, under Brigham Young, came through Harrison County in 1847 from Nauvoo, IL. Disagreements regarding polygamy led to some Mormons breaking from the wagon train and settling in the area, the rest traveling on to settle Salt Lake City in Utah.

Take a ride on the Lincoln Highway!



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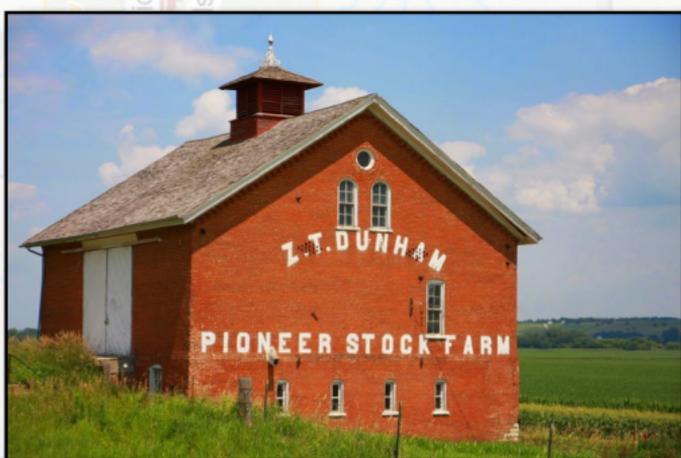
Harrison County Iowa Welcome Center

HARRISON COUNTY DUNLAP



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Dunlap Downtown Historic District**, numerous buildings on the National Register of Historic Places
- » **Dunlap Public Library**, 1912 Carnegie Library, 802 Iowa Ave, now home to Word of Life Church
- » **Dunham Barn**, 130th St & Hwy 37, 712-643-5908, built in 1870, one of the earliest brick barns in Western Iowa
- » **McLean Museum and Dougal House**, 716 Iowa Ave, 712-643-5908



Dunham Barn, built in 1870



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Schaben Park**, 3345 141st Lane, (41.80464, -95.67203)

LOGAN



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Logan Public Library**, 121 E 6th St, 712-644-2551, 1915 Carnegie building
- » **Harrison County Courthouse**, 111 N 2nd Ave, 712-644-2990, built in 1911, murals inside of old courthouses in Magnolia and Logan.
- » **Stair-Step Lincoln Highway**, between Woodbine and Logan, includes Byway loops of gravel and dirt roads.



HARRISON COUNTY MISSOURI VALLEY



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center**
2931 Monroe Ave, 712-642-2114, intersection of 3 Iowa Scenic Byways: Loess Hills, Western Skies, Lincoln Highway; official Iowa Welcome Center; indoor and outdoor Lincoln Highway displays; video showing early Lincoln Highway road building.
- » **Missouri Valley Public Library**
420 E Huron St, 712-642-2114, a Carnegie Library built in 1909
- » **Mural, U.S. Post Office**
116 N 5th St, 800-275-8777, Iowa Fair, 1938
- » **Steamboat Bertrand Museum**
1434 316th Lane, in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, 712-388-4800
- » **Watson Steam Train, City Park**
800 W Huron, miniature stream train for kids to ride.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **City Park/Fairgrounds**
800 W Huron St
- » **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge**
1434 316th Lane, 712-388-4800
- » **Fish Lake Wildlife Area**
295th St and Italy Ave
- » **Little Willow Dog Park**
1101 W Superior St, 712-642-4793, off-leash dog park
- » **Loess Hills**
offer many scenic views. Home to yucca plants and native flowers. Wind-swept soil formed Loess Hills.
- » **Loess Hills Lavender Farm**
2278 Loess Hills Trail, 712-642-9016
- » **Sawmill Hollow Family Farm**
2159 Kennedy Ave, 712-648-2432, first organic aronia berry farm
- » **Sawmill Hollow Wildlife Area**
2076 Kennedy Ave
- » **St. Johns Wildlife Area**
Isles Ave, viewed from I-29 Rest Stop Northbound
- » **Summit Park**
N 4th St and Summit St



HARRISON COUNTY

- » **Willow Park**
800 W Huron, shelters, arenas, home to Harrison County Fair.
- » **Wilson Island Recreational Area**
32801 Campground Lane, 712-642-2069
- » **Wisecup Farm Museum,**
1200 W Canal, 402-689-1984



Wisecup's Farm Museum

WOODBINE



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Grain Elevator Sculpture**
50' steel cornstalk, night light at city gateway
- » **Woodbine Main Street District**
11 blocks of original Lincoln Highway in downtown, largest portion of original brick-paved Lincoln Highway remaining in Iowa.
- » **Woodbine Public Library**
58 5th St, 712-647-2750, on original bricked Lincoln Highway, 1909 Carnegie building

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HARRISON COUNTY

- » **Zell Millard Historic Preservation Park**
313 Walker St, 712-647-2593, includes Merry Brook Rural School Museum, Welcome Center, and Harrison Co Genealogical Society Office.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **City Park,**
6th and Park St, includes rodeo grounds.
- » **Willow Lake Recreational Area**
2725 Easton Trail, (41.76881, -95.78517)

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

The Lewis Central School site in Council Bluffs has evidence of communal graves from the Archaic Period (10,000-5,000 years ago.) Glenwood, a subculture of Late Woodland Period (900-1300 AD), shows they lived along the Loess Hills with earthen lodges, partial subterranean pits, and cache pits to store food.

Trails in the area were first created by ancient civilizations, then Native American tribes, followed by the Mormons. Some paths used later for automobiles as roads, such as the Lincoln Highway. Grapes, raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries, and crab apples grew wild in Pottawattamie County. The area soil in the Loess Hills has been found to nurture and sustain grape growing. This led to the Loess Hills AVA (American Vitaculture Area) Wine Trail, approved in 2016.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Lewis and Clark Expedition started in 1804 from St. Louis, MO, and traveled up the Missouri River to its source. While Lewis and Clark were in Pottawattamie County, Native Americans flocked to examine the boats and equipment. Frequent meetings or “councils” of expedition commanders and local Native Americans were held. Favorite meeting areas along the Missouri River bluffs became known as “Council Bluffs.”

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY Z

Mormons, led by Brigham Young, came from Nauvoo, IL, after Pottawattamie Native Americans left. Mormons named the county seat “Kanesville” after a friend of the Mormons. The Mormon Trail through the area eventually led to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1849, Council Bluffs became a large Gold Rush outfitting port for those seeking to gain fortune in the West. By 1853, Kanesville reverted back to the name Council Bluffs.



Lincoln Monument in Council Bluffs



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **“100 Block”**
downtown Council Bluffs on West Broadway with many unique shops & restaurants.
- » **Ameristar Casino**
2200 River Road, 712-328-8888
- » **August Borsheim House**
built 1897 for a banker/state legislator, part of Dodge House Museum Complex.
- » **Bayliss Park**
100 Pearl St, fountain, Veteran’s Memorial, child-friendly touchable art.
- » **Block House Site Marker**
Pierce/Franklin & Union Streets marker of first building constructed by Dragoons 1837.
- » **Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge**
in Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park, a 3,000 ft. bridge across the Missouri River, part of the Lewis and Clark Trail, managed by the National Park Service
- » **California Gold Rush Trail Historic Site**
Pioneer Trail and Dumfries Ave
(41.19786, -95.73832)



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

- » **Council Bluffs Downtown Art**
Broadway Fountain, Broadway & Pearl St; Grant Wood Corn Room Memorials & Louis Grall Paintings (Pottawattamie Courthouse); Grant Wood paintings at Iowa Western Community College; Sidewalk mosaics & streetscape tile Pearl & Main St, W Broadway
- » **Fairview Cemetery**
308 Lafayette Ave, Mormon pioneer graves; gravesite of Amelia Bloomer, the suffragette credited with promoting the marketing of “bloomers.”
- » **Frontier Heritage Library and Museum**
622 S 4th St, 712-325-9368
- » **Golden Spike Monument**
S 21st St and 9th Ave, 56 ft. golden concrete spike erected 1937 in conjunction with the premier of film “Union Pacific”.
- » **Great Plains Wing Museum (Commemorative Air Force Museum),**
16803 McCandless Rd, 712-322-2435
- » **Harrah's Casino**
1 Harrah's Blvd, 712-329-6000
- » **Historic General Dodge House**
605 S 3rd St, 712-322-2406, 1869 Victorian home for the “greatest railroad builder of all time” General Greenville M. Dodge.
- » **Historic Squirrel Cage Jail**
226 Pearl St, 712-323-2509, 1855, 3-story jail, 1 of 3 left in U.S., prisoner cells rotate to allow entrance or exit.
- » **Horseshoe Casino**
2701 23rd Ave, 712-323-2500
- » **Kanesville Tabernacle and Visitor Center**
222 E Broadway, 712-322-0500, built by 20 pioneers in 2 ½ weeks.
- » **Lewis and Clark Park and Scenic Overlook**
19962 Monument Rd, 712-328-4650
- » **Lincoln Monument**
304 Lafayette Ave, erected 1911 to commemorate Lincoln's visit to the site.
- » **RailsWest Railroad Museum**
16th Ave and S Main St, 712-323-2509, housed 1899 Rock Island Depot.
- » **Ruth Ann Dodge Memorial**
Lafayette Ave and N 2nd St, edge of Fairview Cemetery, also known as the “Black Angel”.



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

- » **Union Pacific Railroad Museum**
200 Pearl St, 712-329-8307, unique Beaux Arts-style building.



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Blackbird Marsh**
Nash Blvd and 16th St
- » **City of Council Bluffs Trails**
40 miles of trails within the city, listing <https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2166/trails>
- » **Dittmer's Orchard & Vineyard**
19475 225th St, 712-256-7053
- » **Fairmont Park**
99 Park Circle Entrance, panoramic views.
- » **Indian Creek Stable**
23136 Mudhollow Rd, 712-545-3534
- » **Lake Manawa State Park**
1100 S Shore Dr, 712-366-0220
- » **Lewis and Clark Monument Scenic Overlook**
19962 Monument Rd, views of Council Bluffs, Missouri River, and landscape.
- » **Narrows River Access**
2500 N 25th St, 712-741-5465
- » **Pioneer Trail Orchard - Winery/Bar & Grill, Pumpkin Patch**
21534 Chestnut Rd, 712-366-1505
- » **Pottawattamie County Conservation**
has many hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in their parks, www.pottconservation.com
- » **Shady Lane Ranch, Inc.**
17744 Shady Lane, 712-323-1932
- » **Vincent Bluff State Preserve**
2200 Thallas St, panoramic views
- » **Wabash Trace Nature Trail**
starts in Council Bluffs and ends at Missouri/Iowa border.
- » **Welch's Pumpkin Patch**
17676 Sunnydale Rd, 712-323-4723
- » **Western Historic Trails Center**
3434 Richard Downey Ave, 712-366-4900



POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

CRESCENT

Crescent is named for the shape of its bluffs near the Missouri River.



Cultural and Historic Resources

- » **Old Lincoln Highway Veterans Monument** south end of town, featuring a bronze bald eagle monument, "Road of Honor"



Old Lincoln Highway Veterans Monument



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Iowana Farm**
17749 Badger Ave, 712-545-9300

HONEY CREEK



Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Opportunities

- » **Hitchcock Nature Center/Loess Hills Interpretive Facility/Observation Tower**, 27792 Ski Hill Loop, 712-545-3283. Original Honey Creek grade Lincoln Highway. Managed by Pottawattamie County Conservation, see observation tower, views of Council Bluffs, Omaha and countryside.
- » **Honey Creek Creamery**, 25593 Old Lincoln Highway, 402-690-9252
- » **Mount Crescent Ski Area**, 17026 Snowhill Lane, 712-545-3850

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Youngville Cafe circa 1936

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