The Iowa Great River Road National Scenic Byway

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER
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♦ ABOUT THE BYWAY ♦



The Mississippi River Great River Road stretches the 3,000 mile length of Mississippi River from Lake Itasca in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico.

Follow the Mississippi River between lowa's southern and northern borders on the lowa Great River Road National Scenic Byway, and you will find world-class vistas, charming river towns, magnificent limestone bluffs, and impressive interpretive centers along with much more.

As you travel this world-renowned route, you will hear stories of the Mighty Mississippi and the nation it helped build.



Driftless Area Education & Visitor Center

LANSING | ALLAMAKEE COUNTY

Towering glaciers passed around this very spot—scraping and scouring all but this land, a breathtaking region known as the Driftless Area. The new center is nestled beneath limestone bluffs with spectacular scenic river views and with interpretative exhibits to tell the local stories of cultural, recreational, natural, and historical interest.

Address: 1944 Columbus Road

Lansing, Iowa

Website: www.allamakeecountyconservation.org/

Phone: 563,538,0400

Features: ADA accessible fishing access, hiking, live

animals, bird watching, picnic tables, free of charge, two viewing decks of the

Mississippi River, and more.



Effigy Mounds National Monument A

National Park Service-operated Monument preserves more than 200 mounds built by Native Americans and is lowa's only National Monument. This park near Harpers Ferry features a Visitors Center, a variety of hiking trails and spectacular vistas of the Mississippi River.

Address: 151 Hwy. 76

Harpers Ferry, Iowa

Website: www.nps.gov/efmo/index.htm **Phone:** 563.873.3491 ext. 123

Features: ADA accessible areas and trails, Ranger

programs, Junior Ranger programs, hiking, bird watching, tables,

guided tours, pet friendly.



Motor Mill Historic Site

Nestled among the rugged bluffs of Clayton County in Northeast lowa stands a six-story limestone grist mill built in 1869. Constructed from local limestone and timber, Motor Mill and four other buildings are hidden in a picturesque river valley dominated by hardwood forests and wildlife.

Address: 23002 Galaxy Rd.

Elkader, Iowa

Website: http://motormill.org/

Phone: 563.245.1516

Features: Guided weekend tours, kayaking,

fishing, hiking, photography, and

camping.



Guttenberg Fish Hatchery & Aquarium of Guttenberg | CLAYTON COUNTY

The Guttenberg Fish Hatchery, is located in downtown Guttenberg, near Lock and Dam 10. Visitors can view a wide variety of fish and aquatic wildlife. The aquarium is on the National Register of Historic Places and is open May through October.

Address: 331 S. River Park Dr.

Guttenberg, Iowa

Website: http://www.iowadnr.gov/

Phone: 563.252.1156

Features: Walking path, bird watching,

nature hiking.



◆National Mississippi River Museum and Aguarium & National Rivers Hall of Fame

DUBUQUE | DUBUQUE COUNTY

Dubugue is home to large freshwater aguariums, live animal exhibits, hands-on historical exhibits, a working boatyard, wetland, National

Rivers Hall of Fame and the William M. Black Boat & Breakfast delights everyone from toddlers to grandparents.

350 F. 3rd St. Address:

Dubuque, Iowa

Website: https://www.rivermuseum.com/

Phone: 800.226.3369

Features: ADA accessible, interactive water

table, educational programs,

and more.



The Mesquakie Indians were some of the earliest inhabitants of this 1,470 acre park south of Dubuque. French-Canadian fur trader Julien Dubuque mined and traded lead here from 1788 to 1810. The 1,470 acres features a Visitors Center, walking trails and scenic vistas of the Mississippi River.

Address: 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd.

Dubuque, Iowa

Website: http://www.minesofspain.org/

Phone: 563.556.0620

Features: Hiking, cross country skiing,

snowshoeing, canoeing, watchable wildlife area, picnic, and bird

viewing.



Hurstville Interpretive Center Amaguoketa | Jackson County

The Hurstville Interpretive Center is one mile north of Maquoketa and features a 32 acre restored wetland and prairie available for public enjoyment. The center itself boasts over 20 exhibits highlighting local environmental and natural resources. People of all ages and abilities will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and the ability to explore nature at their leisure.

Address: 18670 63rd St.

Maquoketa, Iowa

Website: www.jacksonccb.com/

Phone: 563.652.3783

Features: Over a mile of level hiking trails, ADA accessible pollinator garden, natural playscape, captive Trumpeter Swans, full time educators available for programming, and the cleanest pit stop on Hwy 61.





Experience the American lumber saga when Clinton was lumber king. Features an interactive children's area, exhibits on Clinton's lumber, river and transportation history, a working sawmill, weekly programming and riverfront property with access to picnic areas and bike trails.

Address: 2231 Grant St.

Clinton, Iowa

Website: http://www.thesawmillmuseum.org/

Phone: 563.242.0343

Features: Floating Log Raft Simulator, Area

Legacy Blueprints, vintage sawmill wood shop equipment, animatronic

Lumber Barons.



Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center

CAMANCHE | CLINTON COUNTY

Located in Rock Creek Marina & Campground near Camanche, the center features educational displays and an 8,000 gallon aquarium with Mississippi River fish. The park provides river access, boat ramps, campsites, cabins, picnicking, fishing, a marina and naturalist-guided Blue Heron Eco-Cruises.

Address: 3942 291st St.

Rock Creek Marina

Camanche, Iowa

Website: www.mycountyparks.com/County/Clinton/

Content/Mississippi-River-Eco-Tourism-

Center.aspx

Phone: 563,259,1876



♦Buffalo Bill Museum & River Pilots Pier♦

LECLAIRE | SCOTT COUNTY

The Buffalo Bill Museum in Le Claire collects, preserves, interprets and exhibits artifacts depicting the heritage of the region, particularly life along the Mississippi River and its early pioneers, including Buffalo Bill (William F. Cody). Buffalo Bill Cody was born in LeClaire, Iowa. He became a pony express rider and a civil war hero before starring in his own Wild West Show!

Address: 199 N. Front St.

LeClaire, Iowa

Website: http://buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com/

Phone: 563.289.5580

Features: The Lone Star, a wooden hull steam

powered paddle wheel; Native American artifacts; 1990's ladies' fashion; Riverboat Pilot exhibit; and many more fascinating displays.



Putnam Museum of History & Natural Science Davenport | Scott County

Enjoy the Black Earth/Big River nature experience, the award-winning River, Prairie & People History Hall, treasures of the Asian/Egyptian Gallery, unique shopping and an IMAX theater - all in this Davenport museum.

Address: 1717 W. 12th St.

Davenport, Iowa

Website: http://putnam.org/ Phone: 563.324.1933

Features: Exhibits, ADA accessible.

movies, educational programs.



Nahant Marsh Education Center DAVENPORT | SCOTT COUNTY

Nahant Marsh is a 305-acre nature preserve nestled in southwest Davenport. The largest urban wetland on the upper Mississippi River, it is part of a 513 acre wetland complex that is home to 410 plant species, 151 bird species, 34 mammal species, 9 reptiles and amphibians, and numerous fish and invertebrate species.

Address: 4220 Wapello Ave.

Davenport, Iowa

Website: www.nahantmarsh.org

Phone: 563.336.3370

Features: Hiking trails and boardwalks; a bird blind,

dock, and raised platforms for wildlife viewing and photography; two picnic shelters; and an education center that offers various programs, animals, and

interpretation of the site.



Pine Creek Grist Mill Amuscatine | Muscatine |

Pine Creek Grist Mill was built in 1848 by Muscatine County's first settler and was closed in the 1920s. It has been restored to demonstration condition and is believed to be the oldest working grist mill between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.

Address: 1884 Wildcat Den Rd.

Wildcat Den State Park

Muscatine, Iowa

Website: http://pinecreekgristmill.com/

Phone: 563,554,4819



♦ Muscatine History & Industry Center ♦

MUSCATINE | MUSCATINE COUNTY

The Muscatine History and Industry Center proudly tells the town's story of becoming the Pearl Button Capital of the World. We continue in the $21^{\rm st}$ Century as a thriving manufacturing and entrepreneurial center. Our exhibits highlight the Pearl Button Industry and the creative entrepreneurs who led the manufacturing era.

Address: 117 W. 2nd St.

Muscatine, Iowa

Website: http://www.muscatinehistory.org/

Phone: 563,263,1052

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Features: Authentic pearl buttons display, located in Historic Downtown Muscatine with plenty of shopping and dining, and Mississippi Mist Statue just feet away on our beautiful riverfront



♦ Toolesboro Indian Mounds & Museum ♦

WAPELLO | LOUISA COUNTY

The Hopewellian mounds at Toolesboro near Wapello are among the best preserved and accessible remnants of an ancient culture that flourished from 200 B.C. to 400 A.D.

Address: 6568 Toolesboro Ave.

Wapello, Iowa

Website: http://louisacountyconservation.org/

Phone: 319.523.8381



Burlington Heritage Center Museum burlington/ des moines county

The Heritage Center Museum opened in 1898 as the Burlington Public Library. One hundred years later, the Des Moines County Historical Society renovated the historic building, preserving the DMC Heritage Center exhibits the detailed woodwork, the elegant, open spaces, and many other architectural features showcasing the local history and creative spirit of life in Des Moines County, Iowa.

Address: 501 N. 4th St.

Burlington, Iowa

Website: http://dmchs.org/museums/

welcome-to-the-des-moinescounty-historical-society/

Phone: 319-752-7449

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The Fort is an accurate reconstruction of the first military garrison on the Upper Mississippi and became home to the 1st U.S. Infantry from 1808-1813. The site located in the city of Fort Madison, features tours with period-dressed interpreters.

Address: 716 Riverview Dr.

Fort Madison, Iowa

Website: http://www.fortmadison-ia.com/

Phone: 319.372.7700



George M. Verity Riverboat Museum KEOKUK | LEE COUNTY

The Verity, now located in Keokuk, was the first of four steamships built in 1927 for the revival of cargo transportation on the Mississippi. Tour the engine room, sleeping quarters and galley.

Address: Victory Park

Mississippi Dr.

Keokuk, Iowa

Website: http://keokukiowatourism.org/

Phone: 319.524.4765

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Be inspired and motivated to visit Eastern lowa Interpretive Centers and Iowa Communities along The Iowa Great River Road National Scenic Byway. This Stamp Book serves as your guide and visual achievement. As you visit each location, you can collect a stamp unique to the site you experience. As a result of your diligent work, you will have this stamp book as a souvenier to remember your great adventure. You'll know which sites you want to return to again and again.

The Iowa Great River Road National Scenic Byway Stamp Book is available free-of-charge in the Eastern Iowa Tourism Offices and Interpretive Centers. Have fun exploring!



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