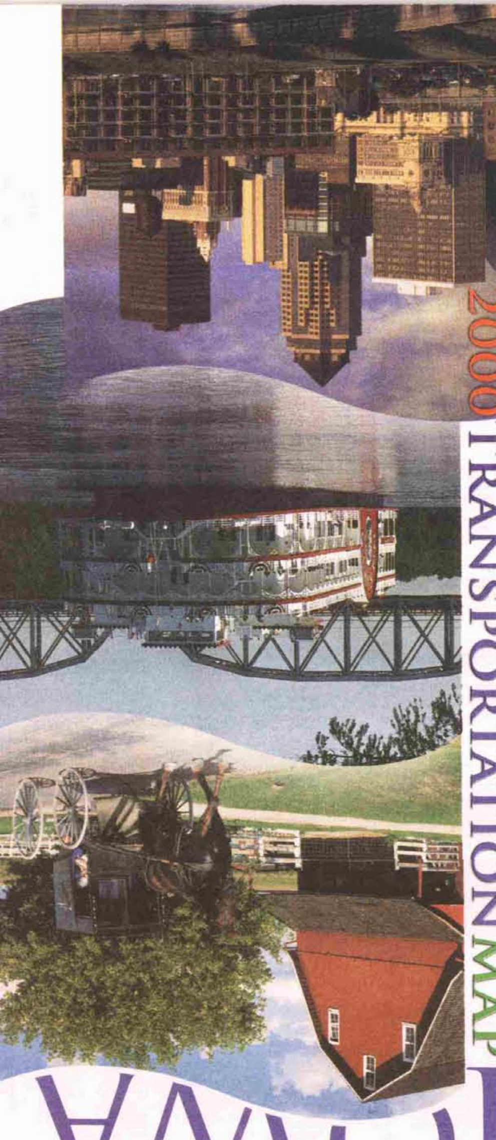

KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE

Iowa's Cultural and Ethnic Heritage

To travel across Iowa is to journey into many lands. We are a people from distant places and long ago. Our communities are rich in treasured traditions that were carried across prairies by natives and across oceans by immigrants who had little else. Our architecture, arts, crafts and foods celebrate our roots and ancient rites. Nationally acclaimed museums and historic sites preserve our past. Generation to generation, our people keep tradition alive — a legacy that helps shape our future.

We invite you to explore our history, join us as we celebrate our heritage, and share our pride in keeping traditions alive. Use this *Iowa Transportation Map* and the *Iowa Travel Guide* on your journey, and **Come Be Our Guest**.™

Welcome To Iowa!

Our state map is full of treasures because Iowa has more communities — large and small — than almost any other state in the nation. As you travel our highways, we urge you to take time for side trips to explore Iowa's many historic and cultural attractions.

Iowa is rich in college towns and river towns, in wonderful architecture and unique geography. From border to border, our many recreational opportunities include large lakes and reservoirs and an extensive network of bike trails.

Iowa's people are proud of our state. They are renowned for their friendliness and sense of community. As you travel in Iowa, make a point of stopping often and experiencing Iowa hospitality firsthand.

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor of Iowa

The Honorable Sally J. Pederson
Lt. Governor of Iowa

Iowa
Fields of Opportunities

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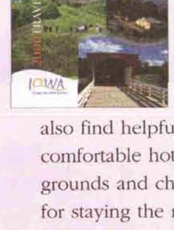
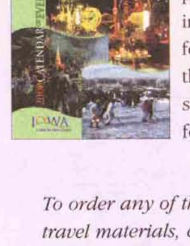


The ***Iowa Travel Guide*** is 176 big colorful pages filled with everything you need to know for planning your Iowa visit. This is your travel guide to friendly communities, historic sites, fun family attractions, scenic trails, and outdoor adventures. You'll also find helpful lists of accommodations — from comfortable hotels and motels to modern campgrounds and charming bed-and-breakfast inns — for staying the night or spending a while.



The ***Iowa Calendar of Events*** is your month-by-month social planner for good times happening in Iowa. Learn about festivals, events and holidays that highlight Iowa's sensational seasons, amazing arts, fantastic foods and friendly folks.

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Immigrant Museums Honor Iowa's Heritage

Iowa's newest ethnic museum, the **National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library** 1, was dedicated in 1995 by the presidents of the United States, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. Located in Cedar Rapids' charming Czech Village, this national museum features a 4,000-square-foot multimedia exhibit entitled *Homelands: The Story of the Czech and Slovak People.* The theme reaches beyond the exhibit, expressing the essence of this place of pride.

National Czech & Slovak Museum, Cedar Rapids

The museum collection includes the largest array of authentic handmade national costumes outside the Czech and Slovak republics — nearly 50 costumes representing all regions of the country that was Czechoslovakia.

The museum is designed with multiple pitched roofs, arches and colored brick typical of the architecture of Czech cities. Next door, a restored immigrant home allows visitors to walk in the footsteps of new Americans of the 19th century. Beyond the home, treasure-filled gift shops and fragrances from the Czech bakery and ethnic restaurants invite exploration of the neighborhood.

Call **319-362-8500** for information about museum hours and special events at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is located at 30 16th Avenue SW in Cedar Rapids.

A visit to the **Danish Immigrant Museum** 2 in Elk Horn is a journey "across oceans, across time." That's the promise made by this international cultural center, which is "protected" by the queen of Denmark. Here Danish artifacts and traditions are collected, preserved, studied and interpreted in order to preserve a rich heritage.

Many of the 360,000 Danes who immigrated to America are recognized on the museum's Danish Immigrant Wall of Honor. Descendants seeking their roots come to the museum's Family History and Genealogy Center from all over the nation. Their heritage thrives in the neighboring villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton — the largest rural Danish settlement in the United States.

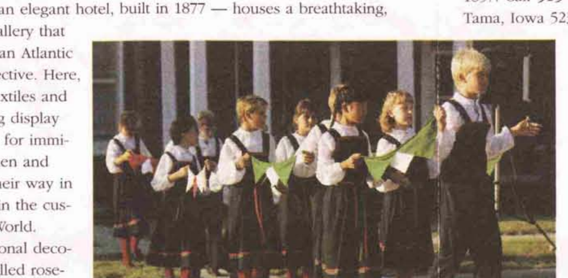
Tivoli Fest, Elk Horn & Kimballton

Elk Horn and Kimballton are two miles apart and an ocean away from their Danish homeland, yet these twin villages celebrate their heritage on a daily basis. Twice a year the celebration reaches a peak of pride: Tivoli Fest in May and Julefest in November.

Any Iowa-style Danish journey is incomplete without: a climb to the top of the massive 1848 windmill that also came from Denmark; a shopping spree in the largest Danish import gift shop; and a visit to Bedstemor's House — "grandmother's" Danish-American home.

Call **712-764-700** for information about museum hours and special events at the Danish Immigrant Museum. The Danish Immigrant Museum is located at 2212 Washington Street, on the western edge of Elk Horn.

To visit **Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum** 3 in Decorah is to relive the saga of Norwegian immigrant life in America. Vesterheim, which means "western home" in Norwegian, is the nation's largest and oldest museum dedicated to a single immigrant group. The museum's main building — an elegant hotel, built in 1877 — houses a breathtaking, three-story ship gallery that puts the perils of an Atlantic crossing in perspective. Here, too, Norwegian textiles and traditional clothing display the "fabric" of life for immigrants — brave men and women making their way in a new land, clad in the customs of the Old World. Displays of traditional decorative painting, called rosemaling, contrast with the Spartan pioneer furnishings of their new western homes.



Nordic Fest, Decorah

Vesterheim offers many other historic buildings and places of interest to tour, including a restored 1851 stone mill, two pioneer log houses, a house and grist mill from Norway, a blacksmith shop, a log school, a prairie house, a Lutheran church, and a farmstead.

Special exhibits and special events make Vesterheim's calendar inviting. Join in the celebration of Scandinavian heritage at the Nordic Fest, Syttende Mai (Norwegian Independence Day), Norwegian Christmas and Scandinavian Food Fest.

Call **319-382-9681** for information about museum hours and special events at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum is located at 523 West Water Street in Decorah.

Iowa's Underground Railroad Stations Celebrate the Spirit of Freedom

Sympathetic Iowans opened their hearts and homes to fugitive slaves who passed through Iowa on their way to freedom. Breaking the federal Fugitive Slave Act of 1854, Iowans sent secret signals in the language of the Underground Railroad — which was neither underground nor a railroad — to indicate safe shelter.

Today, travelers retrace the historic "tracks" by visiting a number of Iowa "stations" open to the public on the escape route that carried "passengers." Each Underground Railroad home offers unique insight into the times and antislavery sentiments that helped precipitate the Civil War.

Considered the "main office" of the Underground Railroad, the **Lewelling House Quaker Shrine** 4 is one of the best-known stations on the escape route. Visitors follow the stone steps leading underground from the Civil War-era kitchen to the hiding place in the cellar. With little imagination, one can almost hear the baying bloodhounds and angry shouts of armed slave owners approaching the Lewelling House in an attempt to reclaim their human property. The Lewelling House is located at 401 S. Main in Salem. Call **800-421-4282** for tour information.

The **Hitchcock House** 5 is located at the hub of numerous historic trails, offering a unique perspective on the settlement of the American West. The Pottawattamie Indian Trail, the Iowa annex of the Oregon Trail, and the famous Mormon Trail of 1846 ran close to the house. Prospectors lured by silver in Colorado and gold in California also passed nearby, but it was the unknown travelers and their abolitionist friends who gave the Hitchcock House its historic significance. Hitchcock House is located about one mile west of Lewis on State Road 44. Call **712-769-2323** for tour information, or write to the Hitchcock House at P.O. Box 5, Lewis, Iowa 51544.

Hitchcock House, Lewis

The **Todd House** 6 — built in 1853 — was Iowa's most famous station on the Underground Railroad. Here insurrectionist John Brown stored arms and ammunition. Brown also trained his freedom fighters in Tabor for action in Kansas. The Todd House is located at 705 Park Street in Tabor. Call **712-629-2675** for tour information.

The stately Victorian **Jordan House** 7 is one of the oldest structures in Polk County and the oldest in West Des Moines. This historic, "haunted" home was built by West Des Moines' first white settler. In a time of secrecy, when most participants were anonymous, Jordan was regarded as Polk County's "chief conductor" for the Underground Railroad. His home became a secret stopover, where "passengers" and movement leader John Brown stayed. The Jordan House is located at 2001 Fuller Road in West Des Moines. Call **515-225-1286** for tour information.

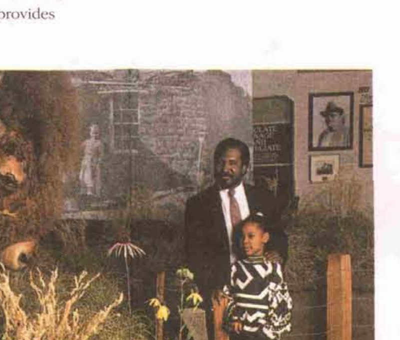
Jordan House, West Des Moines

Tribal Traditions Preserve Native Pride

The **Meskwaki Indian Settlement** 8 in Tama, home of the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi, hosts its annual Powwow. Now in its 85th year, the Powwow is a colorful celebration of the traditions, music, dance and heritage of the Meskwaki people, who purchased their Iowa land in 1857. Call **515-484-6767** for information, or write to 349 Meskwaki Road, Tama, Iowa 52339.

Iowa's only American Indian settlement also offers visitors a Las Vegas-style casino hotel and an authentic souvenir trading post. The Tama County Historical Museum, located at 200 N. Broadway in nearby Toledo, provides American Indian displays.

The **Iowa Historical Building** 9 in Des Moines transports visitors to another time, tracing the history of Iowa's native people from prehistoric American Indians to the Meskwaki tribe. Museum displays include handmade items, intricate beadwork, tools and ceremonial artifacts. A large walk-through bark lodge and replica of a dugout canoe show how American Indians lived and traveled. To learn about these and other Iowa heritage displays at the Iowa Historical Building, call **515-281-5111**. The Iowa Historical Building is located at 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines.



Iowa Historical Building, Des Moines

Around 1700, the Ioway Indians — part of the Oneota Indian Culture — dominated central Iowa. The **Ioway Indian Village** 10 at Living History Farms in Des Moines brings their culture to life. Oval bark lodges called "tcakiduthan," pottery, and tools of stone and bone show how Iowa's "first farmers" lived. The Ioway were admired for their gardening skills, and a major theme of this interpreted site is American Indian food. To learn about special events and other attractions at Living History Farms, call **515-278-5286**. Living History Farms is located at 2600 NW 111th Street in Urbandale, a suburb of Des Moines.

One of the oldest American Indian sites in Iowa is **Effigy Mounds National Monument** 11, located three miles north of Marquette at 151 Highway 76. Here, 200 prehistoric American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds dating from 500 B.C. to 1300 A.D. are located on 1,500 acres of forested land along the Mississippi River bluffs. Hiking trails, tall-grass prairies and wetlands are natural attractions at this national monument. Call **319-873-3491** for more information.

Iowa Festivals Celebrate Tradition

Seasons change, but traditions endure in Iowa. Every season invites new reason to celebrate — old cultures to rediscover, new customs to explore. Sample the calendar of festivals below, then order your FREE copy of the *Iowa Calendar of Events* for hundreds of event invitations to **Come Be Our Guest**™. Call **800-345-IOWA** (Extension 616), or order from the Iowa Tourism Web site at **www.traveliowa.com**. Find specific events on the Web *Calendar of Events* by subject or month.

SPRING

Spring arrives in Iowa with shamrocks and tulips. Saint Patrick's Day "springs" out the Irish in everyone. March 17th isn't the only day for Gaelic pride and Celtic celebration in Iowa; check the *Iowa Calendar of Events* — in print or on the Web — for fun-filled Irish festivals, including Emmetsburg's *St. Patrick's Celebration*, Dyersville's *St. Patrick's Day Parade and Gaelic Gallop*, and Davenport's *Irish Heritage Day*.

Tulip Time in Orange City

Czech and Slovak Easter Customs and Traditions in Cedar Rapids brings colorful Old World crafts to traditional Easter celebrations.

Two Dutch-influenced communities — Pella and Orange City — celebrate the arrival of spring with colorful tributes to the Netherlands. Circle May on your calendar for the *Pella Tulip Time Festival* and Orange City's *Annual Tulip Festival*. Join Belmond in welcoming May 5th with *Cinco de Mayo Mexican Celebration*. In Decorah, Norwegian Independence Day, *Syttende Mai*, is cause for celebration. *Maifest* in Davenport this year marks the official opening of the German American Heritage Center.

SUMMER

Each year, Des Moines' Greek families invite the public to celebrate their heritage with them at the *Greek Food Fair*. Folk dancing and ethnic food in Story City highlight that community's heritage at *Scandinavian Days*. In St. Olaf, *Uff Da Daye* promises Swedish meatballs and a Leftsa throwing contest. Summer also brings *Juneteenth*, a celebration of African American emancipation, in Burlington and Des Moines.

Traditional music, native dance and colorful costumes express the proud heritage of the people in Protivin at *Czech Days* and in Tama — Iowa's American Indian settlement — at the *Meskwaki Powwow*. These annual events transport visitors to another time and place.

FALL

Iowa's harvest days are a harvest of festivals, too. *Italian-American Heritage Day* in Oelwein features Italian food and a bocce ball tournament. Muscatine's *Fiesta 2000* offers authentic Mexican food, music and dance on the riverfront. In eastern Iowa, the accent is on German heritage: *German-American Oktoberfest* in Bettendorf, *Germanfest* in Guttenberg and *Schneberfouer* in St. Donatus.

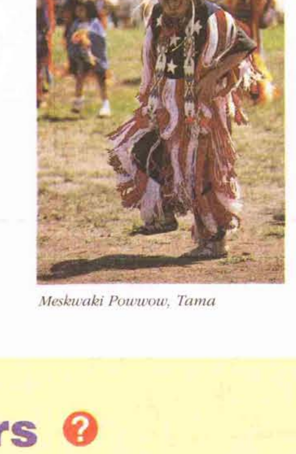
In keeping with German tradition, Iowa celebrates fall with German music, beer and brats at *Oktoberfests* in many communities throughout the state, including the Amana Colonies. In nearby Cedar Rapids, October is all things Scottish and highland traditions at *Celtic Fest*. Decorah's *Scandinavian Food Fest* is Norwegian-American hospitality at its best.

WINTER

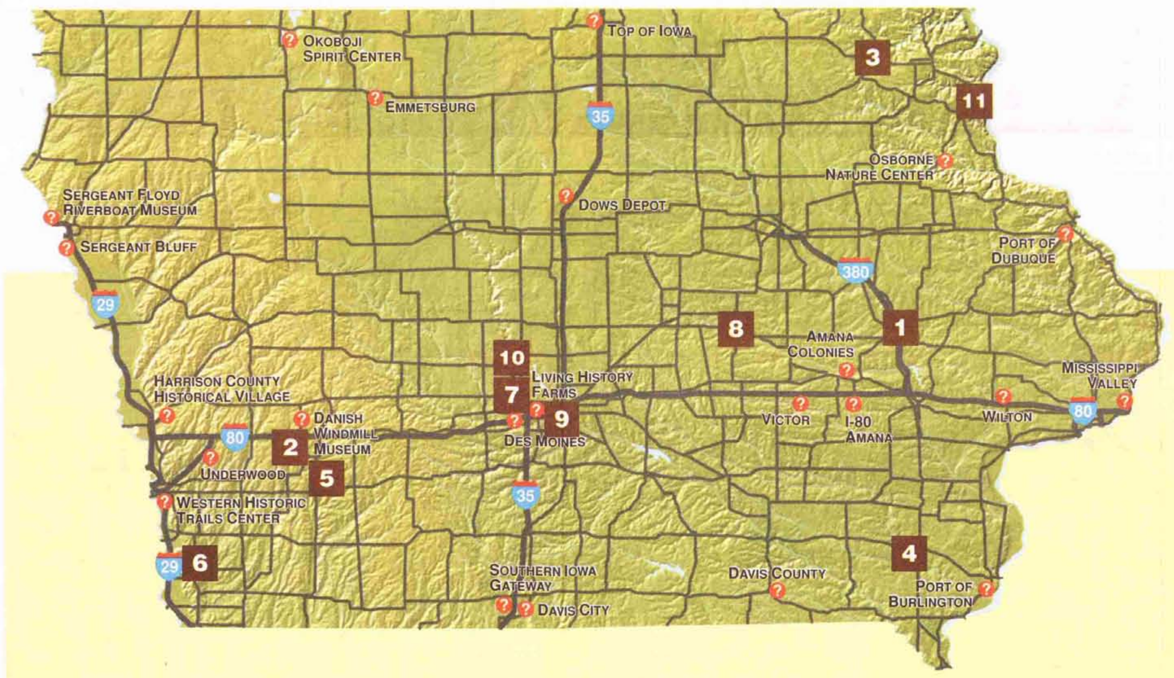
A month-long prelude to the holidays brings festivals steeped in ethnic tradition. *Julefest* in Elk Horn and Kimballton is a season opener with Danish flair. A parade of costumed children welcomes Dutch Santa to *Sinterklaas Party* in Pella. Christmas is celebrated German-style at *Weihnachtsfest* in Manning.

Regardless of season, "heritage" and "holidays" are major ingredients in Iowa festivals. They blend perfectly during the year-end holiday season, when Iowa's winter festivals appeal to the child in everyone. Festivals of trees, winter wonderlands, Christmas walks and holiday tours across the state are enriched with Old World customs. For example, *Sinterklaas Day* in Orange City marks an annual visit from the Dutch Santa. St. Nicholas makes another appearance in Cedar Rapids at *Svaty Mikulas Day*. In Decorah, the Christmas elf, Julenisse, appears at *Norwegian Christmas*. The Swedish holiday season is celebrated with traditional music and dance at *Santa Lucia Festival* in Stanton.

Iowa's cultural and ethnic festivals offer so many invitations it's hard to choose. For more information about these and other ways to celebrate Iowa's cultural and ethnic heritage, order your FREE copy of the *Iowa Calendar of Events*. Call **800-345-IOWA** (Extension 616).



Meskwaki Powwow, Tama



Regardless of cultural or ethnic heritage, Iowans all practice one very important tradition: hospitality. You are invited to experience Iowa-style hospitality online or in person. Visit us at **www.traveliowa.com**, *or travel our "home site" between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.*

"Welcome!" Centers

Welcome Centers are friendly places where Iowans welcome your travel questions about area travel attractions, accommodations and routes. The centers are open year-round unless indicated seasonal.

Amana Colonies
Hwys. 151 and 220
Amana

Danish Windmill Museum and Welcome Center
4038 Main St.
Elk Horn

Davis City
I-35 north of Exit 4

Davis County Welcome Center
301 N. Washington
Bloomfield

Des Moines
I-80 west of Exit 121
Des Moines
Open seasonally

Dows Depot Welcome Center
West Train and Depot Sts.
Dows

Emmetsburg
1121 Broadway St.
Emmetsburg

Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center
Hwy. 30, three miles east of Missouri Valley

I-80 Amana
I-80, Exit 225 east of Williamsburg

Living History Farms Welcome Center
I-80/I-35 and Hickman Rd.
Des Moines

Mississippi Valley Welcome Center
900 Eagle Ridge Rd.
Le Claire

Okoboji Spirit Center
243 W. Broadway
Arnolds Park

Osborne Nature and Welcome Center
Hwy. 13, five miles south of Elkader

Port of Burlington Welcome Center
400 Front St.
Burlington

Port of Dubuque, Iowa, Welcome Center
Third St. and Ice Harbor
Dubuque

Sergeant Bluff
I-29 south of Exit 141
Sioux City

Sergeant Floyd Welcome Center and Museum
1000 Larsen Park Rd.
Sioux City

Southern Iowa Gateway Welcome Center
I-35, Exit 4 and Hwy. 69
Lamoni

Top of Iowa Welcome Center
I-35, Exit 214
Northwood

Underwood
I-80 north of Exit 17
Council Bluffs
Open seasonally

Victor
I-80 east of Exit 205, west of Iowa City
Open seasonally

Western Historic Trails Center
I-80, Exit 1B
Council Bluffs

Wilton
I-80 west of Exit 271, west of Davenport

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Bixby	I-6	515-281-8676	184	Rugged woodland with stream, ice cave and trails																	
Black Hawk	C-5	712-657-8712	86	M	68	108	●			●	●	H		●	L	P	925N		●		●
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Browns Lake	A-5	712-946-7114	1335	N-M	42	20	●		●			H		●	L	P	475A		●	●	●
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Nine Eagles	E-1	515-442-2855	1119	M	46	54	●					H-E	S	●	L		67A		●		●
Oak Grove	A-6	712-552-2685	100						●	●		H			S						
Oakland Mills	I-2	319-986-5067	108	N-M	24	22				●		H		●	S				●		●
Okamanpedan	D-7	712-337-3211	19							●				●	L		981N		●		
Palisades-Kepler	I-4	319-895-6039	840	M	26	18	●	S		●		H			S				●		●
Pammel	E-3	515-462-3536	281	N	22	2			●			H			S	J					
Pikes Peak	I-6	319-873-2341	970	M	66	10	●			●		H MB	S								●
Pikes Point	C-7	712-337-3211	15							●				●	L		3847N		●		●
Pillsbury Point	C-7	712-337-3211	6											●	L		3847N				●
Pilot Knob	F-7	515-581-4835	700	M	48	12	●			●		H-E			L		15A				●
Pine Lake	G-5	515-858-5832	572	M	76	52	●	Y	●	●	●	H		●	L	J	69-50A	●	●		●
Pleasant Creek	I-4	319-582-0881	1927	M-E	41	28	●	S		●	●	H-E		●	L		410A	●	●	●	●
Pleasant Creek *	K-4	309-794-5338	32	N		60	●								S				●		
Prairie Rose	C-3	712-773-2701	661	M	61	30	●			●	●	H		●	L		204A		●		●
Preparation Canyon	B-4	712-423-2829	344	H								H									
Rathbun Lake *	G-2	515-647-2464	34*	N-M-G	239	357	●	S		●	●	H-B		●	L		11,000R	●	●	●	●
Red Haw	F-2	515-774-5632	420	M	60	20	●			●	●	H		●	L		72A	●	●		●
Red Rock Lake *	F-3	515-828-7522	52.5*	M-E-G-H	613	139	●	S		●	●	H-B-E	●	●	L	J	19,000R		●	●	●
Rice Lake	F-7	515-581-4835	47												L		612N		●		
Rock Creek	G-4	515-236-3722	1697	M	100	100	●			●		H		●	L	J	602A	●	●		●
Saylorville Lake *	E-4	515-276-4656	26*	N-M-H	483	79	●			●	●	B		●	L	P	5950R	●	●	●	●
Shady Creek *	J-3	319-263-7913	15	N-M	53		●								S				●		●
Sharon Bluffs	G-1	515-856-8528	146	M	6	2			●		●	H-B			S				●		●
Sheeder Prairie	D-3	515-281-8676	25																		
Shimek Forest	I-1	319-878-3811		N-E		38				●		H-E			L		20A			●	
Spring Lake	E-4	515-738-5069	240	N-M	64	75	●		●	●		H		●	L		40A	●	●		●
Springbrook Rec. Area	D-4	515-747-3591	786	M-G	55	145	●	S		●	●	H		●	L	J	16A		●		●
Steele Prairie	B-6	712-225-5959	200																		
Stephens Forest	F-2	515-774-4559		N-E		80				●	●	H-E			L		10A			●	
Stone	A-5	712-255-4698	1069	M	9	21			●	●	●	H-E			L-S		12A				●
Swan Lake	D-4	712-792-4614	510	M	150	75	●		●	●	●	H		●	L	J	115A	●	●		●
Templar Park Rec. Area	C-7	712-337-3211	10							●				●	L		4169N		●		●
Three Mile Lake	E-2	515-782-7111	3100	M-N	48	38	●	Y		●				●	L	J-P	800A		●		●
Trappers Bay	C-7	712-337-3211	57											●	L		1041N		●		●
Triboji Beach	C-7	712-337-3211	5											●	L		3847N		●		●
Turkey River Mounds	H-6	515-281-8676	62																		
Twelve Mile Lake	E-2	515-782-7111	1506												L		640A		●	●	
Twin Lakes	D-5	712-657-8712	15							●				●	L		569N		●		●
Union Grove	G-4	515-473-2556	172	N	15	17				●		H		●	L	J	110A		●		●
Viking Lake	C-2	712-829-2235	1000	M	88	42	●			●	●	H		●	L		137A	●	●		●
Volga River Rec. Area	H-6	319-425-4161	5422	N-E		42					●	H-E			L-S	P	135A		●	●	●
Walnut Woods	E-3	515-285-4502	300	N	8	20			●			H-E			S						●
Wanata	C-6	712-337-3211	160									H			S						
Wapsipinicon	I-4	319-462-2761	390	M	15	15			●	●	●	H			S				●	●	
Waubonsie	B-1	712-382-2786	1254	M-E	22	73	●			●	●	H-E MB									●
White Pine Hollow	J-5	515-281-8676	712																		
Wildcat Den	J-3	319-263-4337	417	N		28				●	●	H			S						
Wilson Island Rec. Area	B-3	712-642-2069	577	N-M	61	70	●	Y		●	●	H			S				●	●	●
Woodman Hollow	E-5	515-281-8676	63																		
Yellow River Forest	I-7	319-586-2548	76	N-E		176						H-E MB			S					●	

* in thousands of acres.

■ color indicates facilities accessible to the mobility impaired.

Recreation areas operated by the Corps of Engineers are indicated by a large asterisk. These facilities vary from highly developed to primitive, and there are some accessible sites and facilities for people with disabilities at various areas. For more information on a specific lake managed by the Corps of Engineers, contact the phone number listed above. For information on the Corps managed Mississippi River recreation areas, contact the Mississippi River Visitor Center, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. Phone: 309-794-5338. For information about Rathbun Lake, contact the Corps of Engineers, Rathbun Lake Information Center, 20112 Hwy J5T, Centerville, IA 52544. Phone: 515-647-2464.

In addition to the parks and recreation areas listed above, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources manages more than 300 wildlife management areas, as well as numerous river and lake boating access sites. For more information, contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Phone: 515-281-5145.

Iowa's 99 county conservation boards manage more than 1,500 areas that offer a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. For information contact the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, 405 SW 3rd St., Suite 1, Ankeny, IA 50021. Phone: 515-963-9582.

CONTACTING THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Location	Phone	Mailing Address
Main Office	515-239-1101	800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010
Central Iowa Transportation Center	515-239-1635	1020 S. Fourth St. Ames, IA 50010
Northeast Iowa Transportation Center	515-423-7584	Box 741 Mason City, IA 50402-0741
Northwest Iowa Transportation Center	712-276-1451	Box 987 Sioux City, IA 51102-0987
Southwest Iowa Transportation Center	712-243-3355	Box 406 Atlantic, IA 50022
Southeast Iowa Transportation Center	515-472-4171	Box 587 Fairfield, IA 52556-0587
East Central Iowa Transportation Center	319-364-0235	Box 3150 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-3150

IOWA DOT WEBSITE ADDRESS

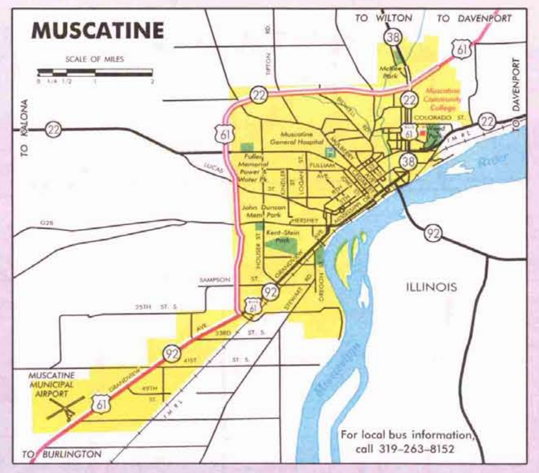
www.dot.state.ia.us.

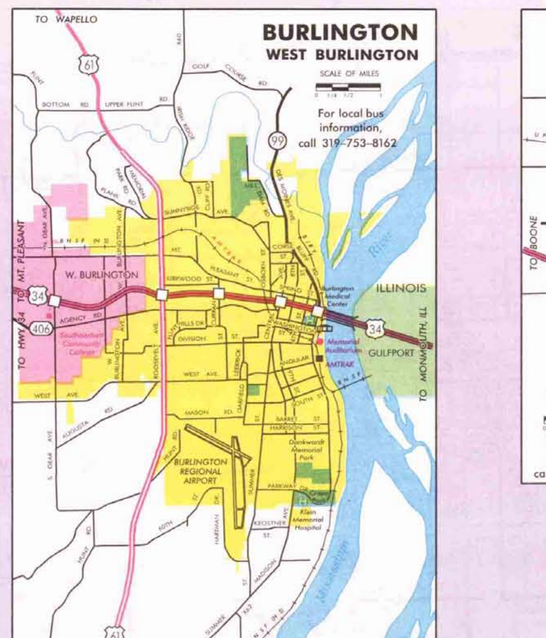
IOWA DOT DIRECTORIES

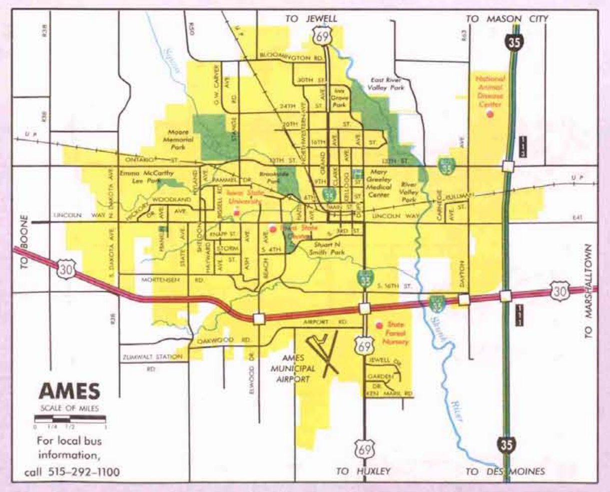
Information on bus and taxi service is published in a directory titled the "The Iowa Public Transit Directory." Copies of the directory are available by writing the Director's Staff Division, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, or calling 515-239-1372. An "Iowa Airport Directory," "Aeronautical Chart," and "Barge Terminal Directory," are also available from the DOT's Director's Staff Division.

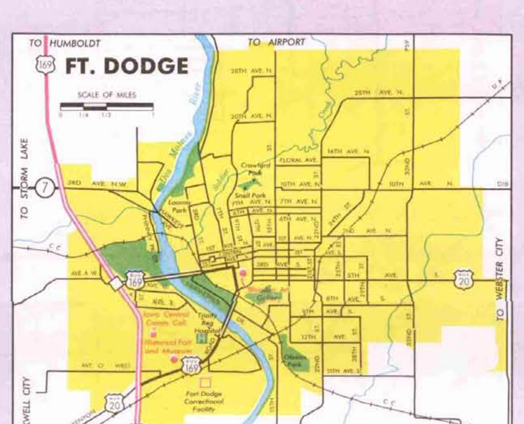
Algona, Ames, Atlantic, Boone, Burlington, Carroll, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Chariton, Charles City, Chicago, Ill., Clarinda, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Creston, Davenport, Decorah, Denison, Des Moines, Dubuque, Estherville, Fairfield, Forest City, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Grinnell, Indianola, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Kansas City, Mo., Keokuk, Knoxville, Lamoni, Le Mars, Lincoln, Nebr., Manchester, Maquoketa, Marshalltown, Mason City, McGregor, Minneapolis, Mn., Missouri Valley, Mount Pleasant, Muscatine, Newton, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Red Oak, Rock Rapids, Sabula, Shenandoah, Sioux City, Spencer, Spirit Lake, St. Louis, Mo., Storm Lake, Washington, Waterloo, West Union, Winterset

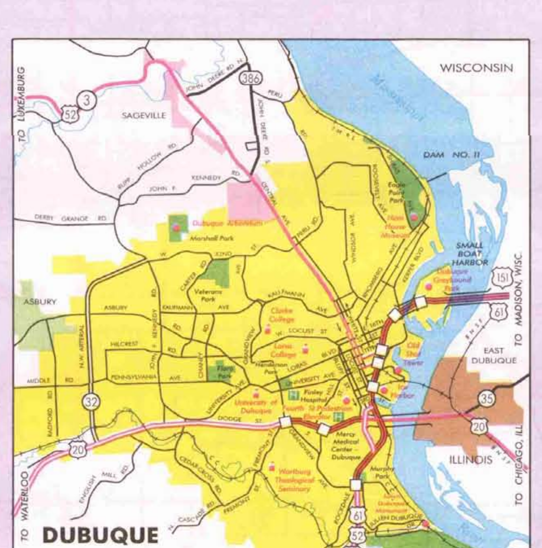
Example: Clinton to Fort Dodge 247 miles











IOWA STATE PATROL

EMERGENCY PHONE: 800-525-5555
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State Headquarters	Des Moines	515-281-5824
District No. 1	Des Moines	515-246-8389
District No. 2	Osceola	515-342-2108
District No. 3	Council Bluffs	712-328-8001
District No. 5	Denison	712-263-4621
District No. 5	Cherokee	712-225-5119
District No. 6	Spencer	712-262-1424
District No. 7	Fort Dodge	515-972-4213
District No. 8	Mason City	515-424-3625
District No. 9	Cedar Falls	319-266-2677
District No. 10	Oelwein	319-283-5521
District No. 11	Cedar Rapids	319-396-1944
District No. 12	Stockton	319-284-9501
District No. 13	Mount Pleasant	319-385-8715
District No. 14	Ottumwa	515-682-4589
District No. 15	Des Moines	515-266-7022

Winter Road Conditions

Between November 15 and April 15, call 515-288-1047 from outside Iowa, or call 800-288-1047 (toll free) in Iowa (288-1047 in the Des Moines area).

DETOUR AND BRIDGE EMBARGO MAPS

The highways shown on this map allow you, the traveler, to get to your destination quickly and safely. However, repairs must be made to keep these routes safe and efficient. Therefore, you may encounter road maintenance or repair operations that could affect your travel.

To assist you in planning a route which avoids highway repairs and possible travel delays, the Iowa Department of Transportation publishes the "Iowa Detour and Road Embargo Map." This map, published biweekly from March to December, identifies roads under construction, road closures and their approximate detour or alternate route, and roads having a lower than normal vehicle weight restriction. The Iowa Department of Transportation also produces the "Iowa Bridge Embargo Map," especially useful to truck and bus operators, showing bridges that have a lower than normal weight restriction.

For more information about these maps, or to obtain single copies or a year's subscription, contact the Maintenance Division, Office of Maintenance Management, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010. Phone: 515-239-1471. Detour and bridge embargo map information is also available on the Iowa DOT's website at www.dot.state.ia.us.

Between April 16 and November 14, call 515-288-1047 from outside Iowa, or 800-288-1047 toll free in Iowa for detour information, or visit the Iowa DOT's website.

IOWA'S DRIVING LAWS

Bicyclists: Bicyclists share the same roadways and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. At night your bicycle must be equipped with a white light on the front, and a red light or reflector on the rear.

Child Restraints: Children under age 3 are required to be protected in a car safety seat whenever they are transported. Children between the ages of 3 and 6 must be secured in a safety seat or by a seat belt. Safety seats must meet federal motor vehicle standards and must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The law also applies to nonresidents of Iowa.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Information: Information concerning commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations is available Monday through Thursday. Call 800-925-6469. The Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement Office also has two District Motor Vehicle Enforcement offices for information related to commercial vehicles – District 1 in Cedar Rapids at 319-373-5242 or District 2 in Carroll at 712-792-1968.

Insurance: All motor vehicles registered and operated in Iowa must be covered by liability insurance. Proof of insurance or financial liability must be carried in the motor vehicle.

Motor Vehicle Information: Information is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, through the Iowa DOT's Customer Service Center at 800-532-1121 or 515-244-9124.

Moving Traffic Violations: Fines are doubled for traffic violations in work zones.

Operator's License: An Iowa operator's license is required of all residents driving motor vehicles on public roadways. Nonresident drivers must be properly licensed in their home states.

Operating While Under The Influence: It's unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in Iowa while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or other drug, or a combination of such substances, or while having a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or more. For persons under age 21, the blood alcohol concentration limit is .02. Iowa has an implied consent law that means any person who operates a motor vehicle in the state agrees to to have a blood, breath or urine test performed to determine alcohol level or presence of drugs when-ever a peace officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person is operating under the influence.

Reporting Crashes: The operator of a motor vehicle involved in a crash within the state of Iowa in which there is a death, personal injury, or damage to property of $1,000 or more shall immediately report the matter to the nearest available law enforcement officer who has jurisdiction, and file a report with the Iowa DOT within 72 hours of the crash.

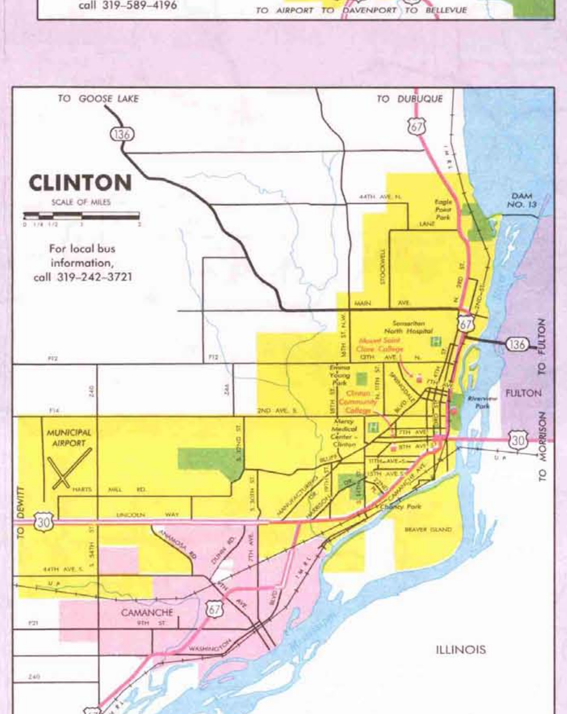
Seat Belts: Vehicle drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts.

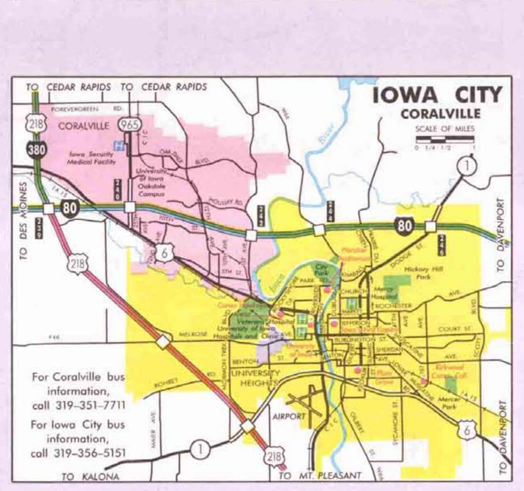
Buckle Up Iowa It's Our Law

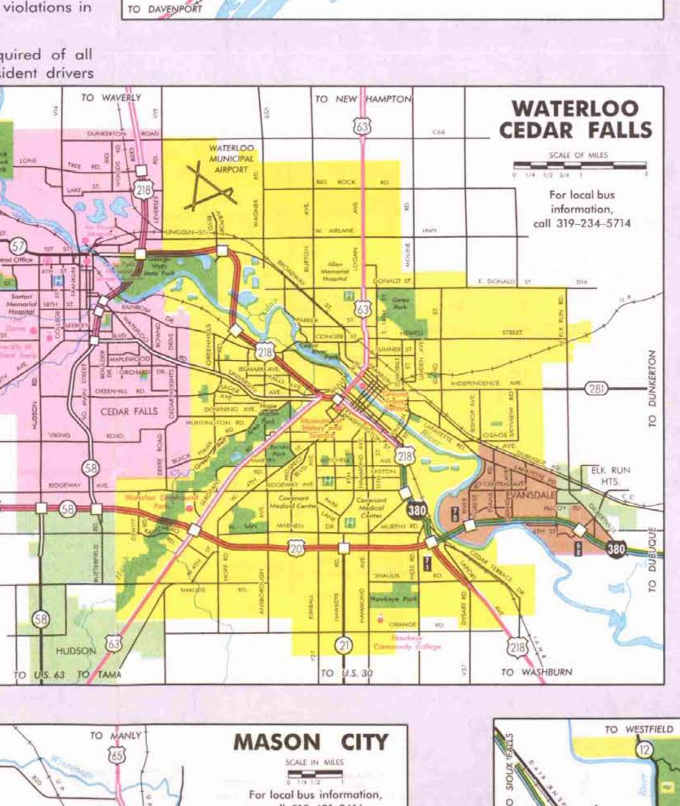
School Buses: Your vehicle must stop and remain stopped behind or in front of a school bus that is stopped to discharge or take on school children. You may proceed when the school bus resumes moving and the flashing lights go off.

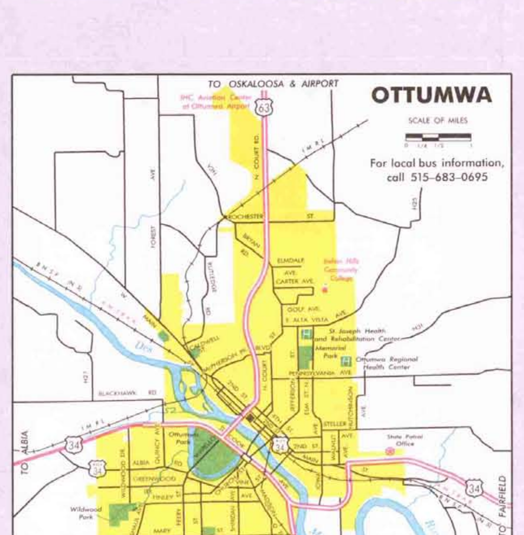
Truck Permits: An Iowa Department of Transportation commercial vehicle permit center is located at Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA 50313-0382, one mile south of Interstate 35/80. To reach the center, go south on Northeast 14th Street (U.S. 69) from Interstate 35/80 Exit 136 to Euclid Avenue, and then west on Euclid to Second Avenue. The office entrance is on the north side of Park Fair Mall. Service is available on reciprocity, trip, overdimension and overweight permits, and fuel permit applications for Iowa and other states. Call 515-237-3264.

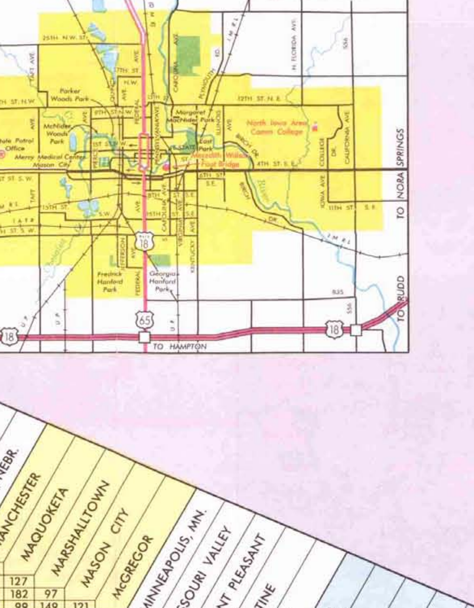
Vehicle Registration: Vehicles owned or operated by a resident of Iowa must be registered in the state.

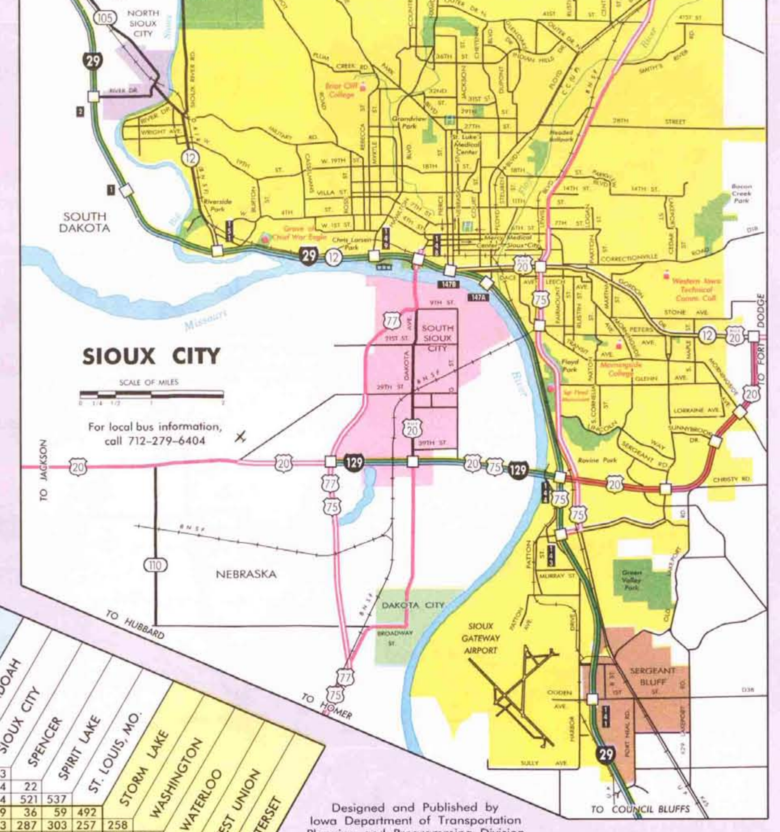












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