

Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop

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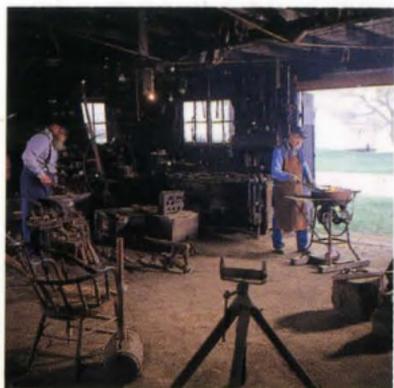
Journey into the past to a uniquely preserved blacksmith shop, exactly as German immigrant Matthew Edel left it the day he died. Edel, a skilled blacksmith and inventor, operated the shop until his death in 1940. See his tools and wares and hear stories about blacksmithing during the age before tractors and automobiles. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop and House. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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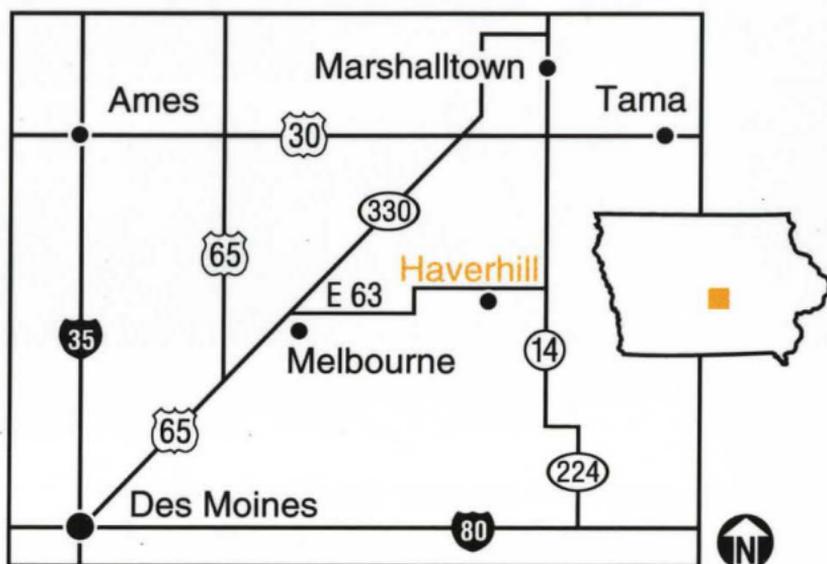
Haverhill, Iowa

The Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop is located in the charming town of Haverhill (pop. 173). Edel produced most of his own tools for forging, repairing farm implements and shoeing the horses of local farmers. Among Edel's inventions on display are a dehorning clipper that he patented, wedge cutter, nut pliers, garden hoes and iron cemetery crosses.



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In nearby Marshalltown, you can visit the Susie Sower Homestead (1870), the Marshall County Courthouse (1884), the Binford House (1874), and the Marshall County Historical Museum. Enjoy camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, hunting and horseback riding along the Iowa River. Choose from a wide variety of overnight accommodations and area restaurants. The Mesquaki Bingo and Casino is just minutes away in Tama.



Edel Blacksmith Shop Historic Site — Southwest of Marshalltown in Haverhill

Hours: Open noon to 4 p.m. daily, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Free admission.

Address: For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact the local manager: Historical Society of Marshall County, Box 304, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. Call (515) 752-6664.