



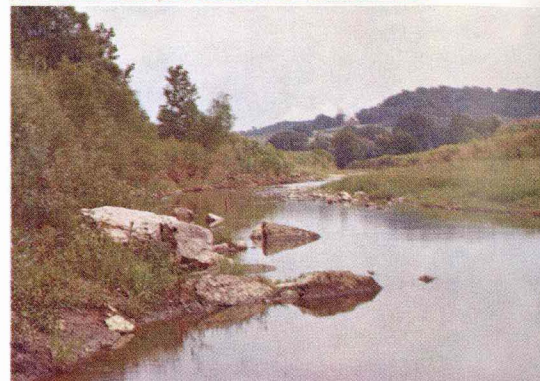
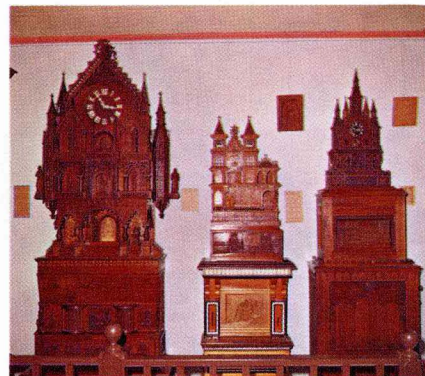
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IOWA
"BEAUTIFUL LAND"

<i>land of leisure living</i>	<i>historical heritage</i>
<i>fabulous fishing</i>	<i>state park camping</i>
<i>farm vacations</i>	<i>exciting events</i>



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WELCOME TO INVITING IOWA



Iowa is a land of many traditions, handed down from generation to generation by the people who settled here from many lands. One of those traditions of which we are proud is that no one is a stranger very long in Iowa. As you visit the ever-changing variety of scenery, culture, history and leisurely living which mirror Iowa as it is today, I am sure you will find this tradition reflected by our people. The gracious hospitality and warm welcome which await you will quickly make you feel at home, though you may be far from home.

Within the pages of this booklet you will find some hint of the beauty, some indication of the historical heritage left by the pioneers who were first drawn to this "land between two rivers." Much of our landscape has undergone the inevitable changes brought about by time, yet you will still find here the spirit of the past, as well as the confidence of the future which led the Indian and the white man to bestow on Iowa its ancient name—"Beautiful Land."

It is my earnest hope that your visit to our state will be a warm experience which you will carry for many years in your heart. May your journey be a safe and pleasurable one.



Iowa's Only President

The first President of the United States born west of the Mississippi River, Herbert C. Hoover, established his presidential library at his birthplace, West Branch. Many of his official papers are here, together with his desk and mementoes of his long service to government. On the grounds are the humble cottage where he was born, and a restoration of his father's blacksmith shop.

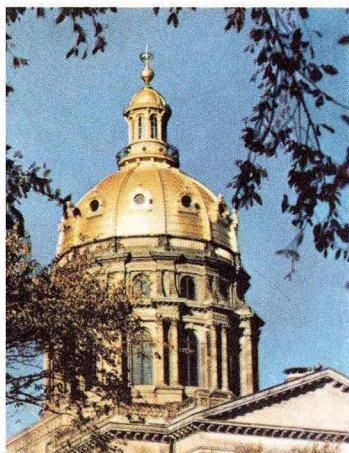
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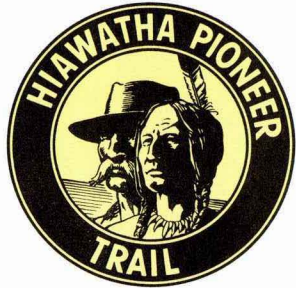
Governor of Iowa



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Mesquakie Indians pay tribute to the past in age-old ceremonies at their annual pow-wow each summer at Tama. The generations-old rituals are held on their 3,000-acre settlement amid all the color and splendor initiated by their forefathers.



HIAWATHA PIONEER TRAIL

The Hiawatha Pioneer Trail winds through Iowa from Davenport on the east to the Iowa Great Lakes area and the site of the Spirit Lake Massacre in the northwest. Along it are areas of scenic beauty and points of historic interest, complemented by modern facilities, which have become part of the heritage of Iowa and of the nation. The southern section of the Trail joins the northern route at Tama, site of the Mesquakie pow-wow.



Magnificent Grotto

The unique Grotto of the Redemption at West Bend depicts man's fall and redemption in the world's largest collection of rocks and semi-precious stones. The lifetime work of two men, the Grotto covers an area of a city block and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

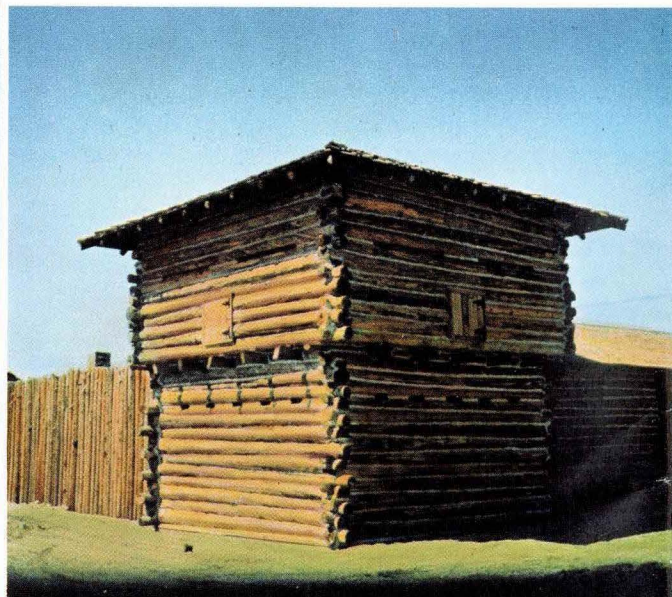
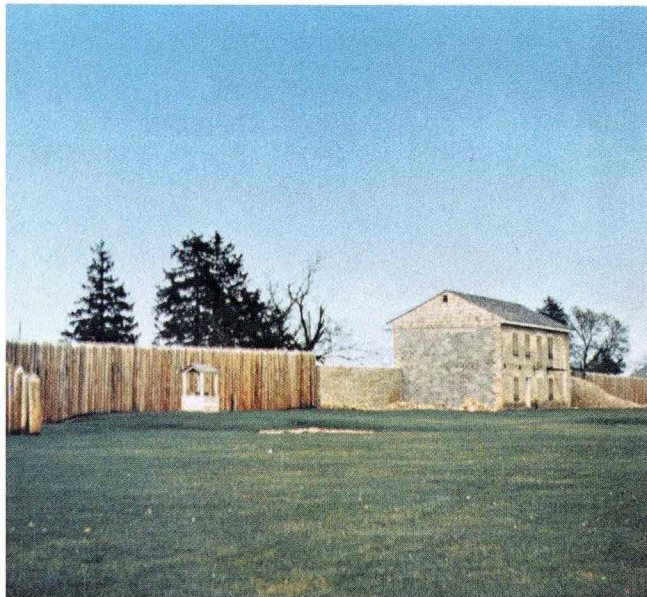
Pioneer Forts

Restored Fort Atkinson is the only government fort built to protect one Indian tribe from another. The replica of Fort Dodge houses historical museum.



Pella Tulip Festival

Traditional street-scubbing scene is typical of Old World heritage brought alive each May in the Dutch communities of Pella and Orange City during their Tulip Festivals.





Resort Areas

Iowa's major resort regions are centered around Clear Lake in the north-central part of the state and the Iowa Great Lakes in the Spirit Lake-Okoboji area. The inviting waters provide plenty of boating, swimming and fishing. All types of accommodations are available.



Mighty Miss'

Majestic hills along the Mississippi and towering bluffs along the Missouri rivers provide some of Iowa's most beautiful scenery. The two rivers, which border the state on the east and west, also are noted for fishing and river sports. Excursion rides are available at some Mississippi river ports. Both waterways have contributed to Iowa's vacation areas.

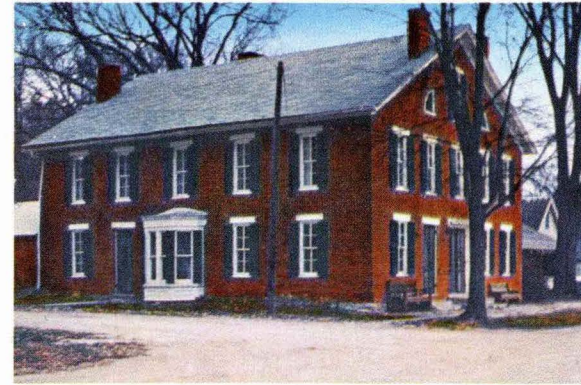
River Boat Museum

Memories of Mark Twain and his early days on the river are brought quickly to mind aboard the steamboat "Verity," now berthed snugly at Keokuk where it serves as a museum for the by-gone part of the mighty Mississippi. Old stern-wheeler, though diesel-powered for modern traffic, was typical of early-day transportation.



Lively Ghost Town

Bentonsport in southeastern Iowa was once a thriving river terminal. Today it is the state's lively ghost town, featuring historic Mason House, old Mormon homes restored with loving care, and nostalgic remnants of its former steamboat-era glory.



Lavish early Victorian furnishings in an authentic setting give testimony to the grandeur and luxury provided to the weary traveler of a century ago. The old hotel, now a museum, was a stopping place for many a famed personage. Hotel Manning in nearby Keosauqua is an outstanding example of Steamboat Gothic architecture and is famous now for its excellent food service.

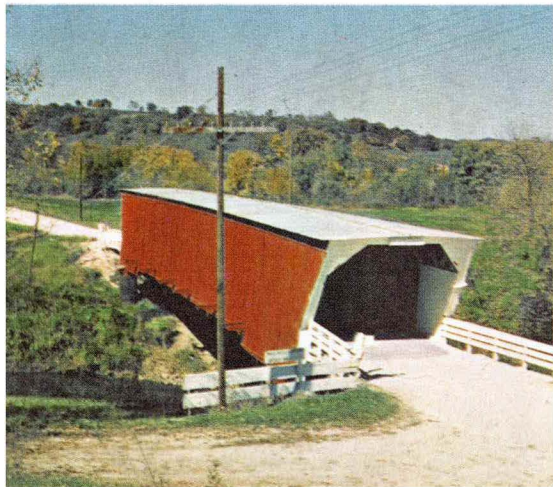
The Heritage Of The Past Is Preserved Throughout Iowa

Iowans are conscious of the legacy handed down to them through the ages—from the intrepid Marquette and Joliet through Lewis and Clark through the westward-bound pioneers of covered wagon days. The spirit of the explorer and frontiersman is preserved in scores of public and private museums throughout the state, ranging in size from a typical country store of bygone days to the State Historical Building in Des Moines.



Vanishing America

Relics of the initiative and enterprise of early Iowa settlers dot the countryside. Best-known of the old grist mills still remaining is one in Wildcat Den State Park near Muscatine, with many others scattered throughout the eastern part of the state.



More than a dozen of the rapidly-vanishing covered bridges are located in Iowa. Though off the beaten path, most are easily accessible in Madison, Keokuk and Marion counties. Covered bridges were built to prevent horses from slipping on timbered floors during rainy weather.

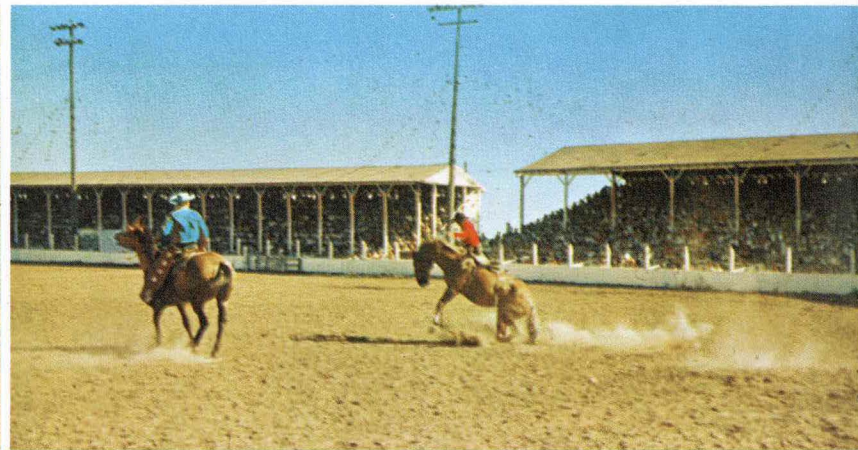


Broad Vista

A panoramic view encompassing three states—Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois—greet the visitor who rides the famed inclined cable car known as the Fourth Street Elevator in Dubuque. Steep journey is every-day occurrence for residents of the hilly Mississippi River city.

Rodeo Circuit

Thrills and spills are commonplace amid the atmosphere of the Old West generated in championship rodeos each year at Sidney and Fort Madison in July and August. Stars of the national rodeo circuit compete in the best traditions of the Wild West.



Nature's Beauty

From the unique loess bluffs of the Missouri River in Western Iowa to the rugged hills of "Little Switzerland" in the northeast, Iowa is a land of ever-changing variety. Nature stages one of its most spectacular shows in early fall. Weekend excursions provide the traveler with breath-taking view of fall foliage.





Golden Splendor

The golden dome of the Iowa State Capitol building in Des Moines towers above the city and is a favorite of sightseers. Main dome, flanked by four smaller ones, is covered with 22-karat gold leaf. Building houses major state offices, is of typical Romanesque design.



Old Capitol

The pride of statehood is reflected in the stately grandeur of Old Capitol at Iowa City. The building, which served as Iowa's statehouse until seat of government was moved to Des Moines, now houses administrative offices of the State University of Iowa and is focal point of bustling campus.



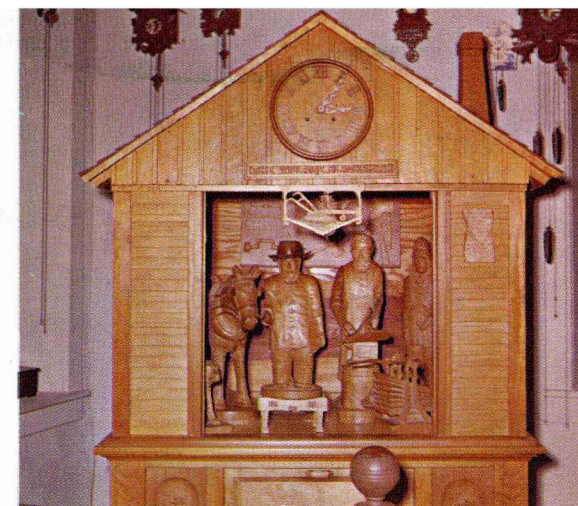


The Church in the Wildwood

Mecca for hundreds of altar-bound couples and thousands of travelers each year is famed "Little Brown Church" at Nashua, memorializing nostalgic hymn, "Church in the Wildwood." Placid beauty of Nashua area served as inspiration for the well-known hymn.

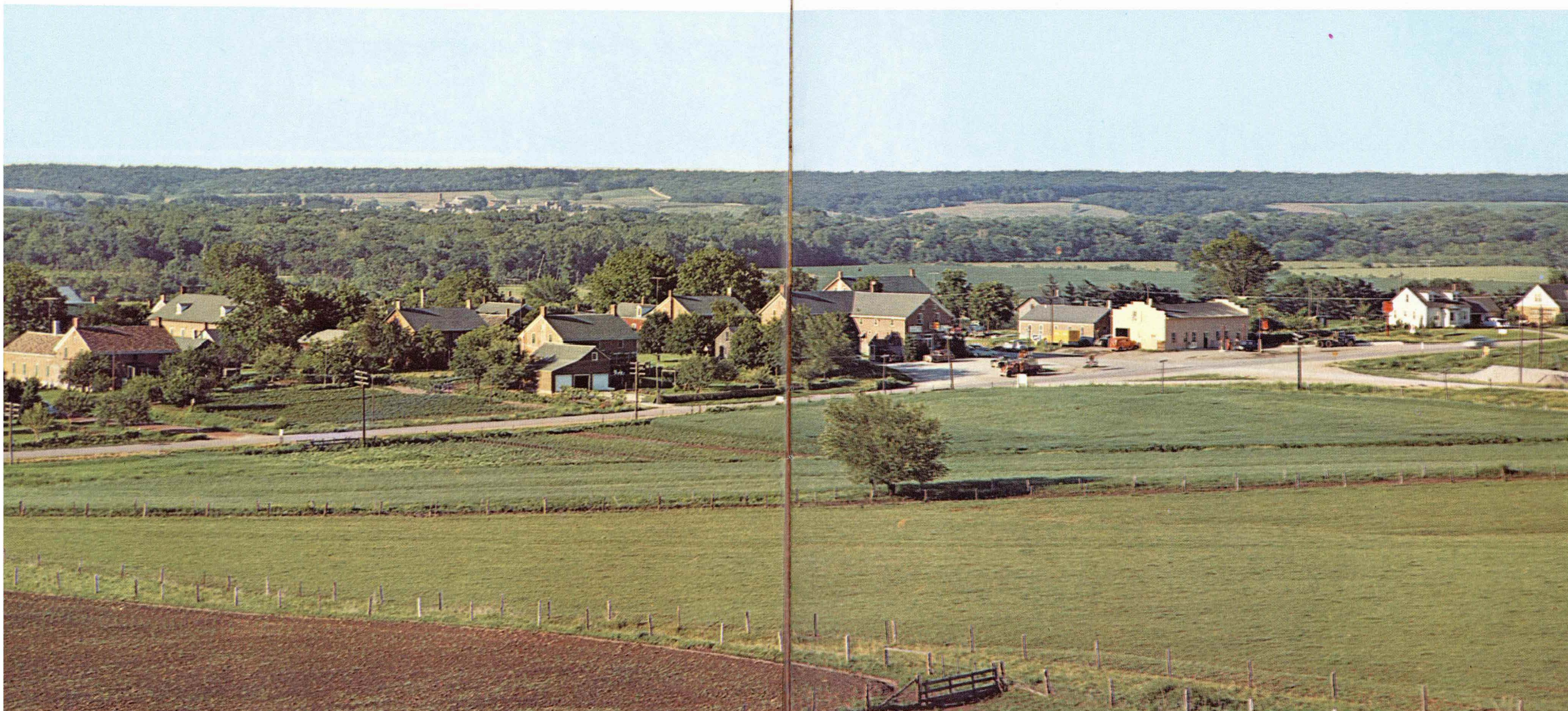
Clock Museum

Patience—endless patience—and native skill were combined by two brothers who constructed intricate, hand-carved automated clocks now housed in the Bily clock museum at Spillville. The tiny hamlet was also the residence of composer Antonin Dvorak and inspired key movement in his famous "New World Symphony."



The Amana Colonies

Old-World life and customs are preserved in all their flavor in the midst of modern-day technology in the seven villages of Amana. The colonies are famed for their bountiful food, beautiful woolens, careful wine-making and fine furniture. Religious traditions unique to the Amana sect are faithfully followed. The colonies, comprising 25,000 acres, are known throughout the country for their warm hospitality and generous welcome.



PILLARS OF THE PAST



Towering monument overlooking the Missouri River at Sioux City marks the grave of Sergeant Floyd, who was the only member to die on the Lewis Clark expedition which opened up the West. A national monument, one of two in Iowa. The other is Effigy Mounds, prehistoric Indian burial ground on the Mississippi near Marquette.



Powder and ball were precious when this old Shot Tower was constructed at Dubuque. Molten lead dropped from the top through screens formed the shot in the old days of black powder and percussion rifles, more than a century before the dawn of the atomic age. Historic structure was built in Civil War days.



A Touch of Abe Lincoln

Harlan House, on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, evokes memories of the Great Emancipator. President Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, was married to the daughter of Iowa Senator Harlan. Civil War era atmosphere is preserved throughout the house.

Wyatt Earp Home

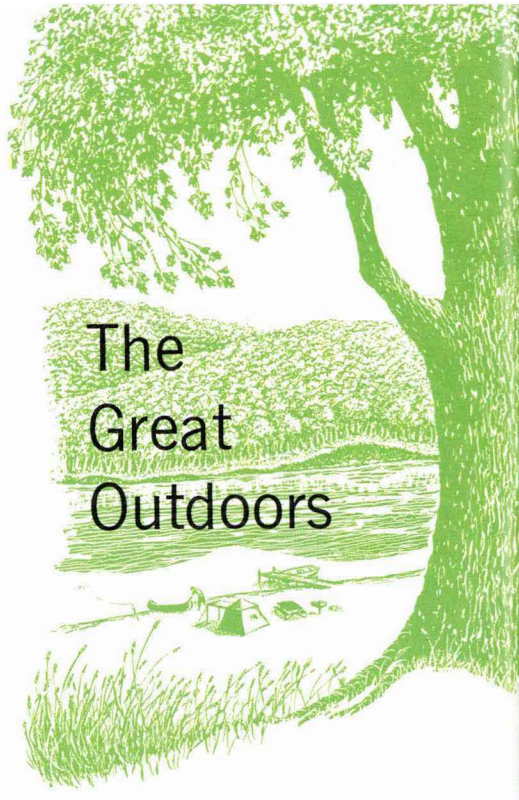
Wyatt Earp, western marshall of TV fame, was given his first gun at the age of 11 while he lived in this home at Pella.



Modern, Productive Farming

Iowa's agricultural fame has spread throughout the world. Farm productivity has led to visits by heads of state and agricultural experts from many foreign lands. For the visitor, many Iowa farms offer the opportunity for rest and relaxation from the cares of city life, close to nature but with easy access to the comforts of modern living. The list of Iowa farms which provide vacation accommodations, true hospitality and congenial living is growing rapidly. Information is available from the Iowa Development Commission.





The Great Outdoors

SCENIC STATE OWNED RECREATION AREAS			Picnicking	Swimming	Camping	Boating	Fishing	Hiking	Showers
Name of Area	County Location	Nearest City							
Ambrose A. Call	Kossuth	Algona	●		●			●	
Backbone*	Delaware	Strawberry Point	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Barkley	Boone	Frazer							
Beed's Lake*	Franklin	Hampton	●	●	●	●	●		●
Bellevue	Jackson	Bellevue	●		●			●	
Bixby	Clayton	Edgewood	●					●	
Black Hawk Lake†	Sac	Lake View	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bob White*	Wayne	Allerton	●	●		●	●		
Browns Lake†	Woodbury	Salix	●	●		●	●		
Brush Creek Canyon	Fayette	Arlington	●					●	
Cayler Prairie	Dickinson								
Clear Lake†	Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake	●	●	●	●	●		●
Dolliver Memorial	Webster	Lehigh	●		●		●	●	●
Echo Valley	Fayette	West Union	●				●	●	
Fish Farm Mounds	Allamakee	New Albin							
Fort Atkinson	Winneshiek	Ft. Atkinson							
Fort Defiance	Emmet	Esterville	●		●			●	
Galland School	Lee	Montrose							
Gardner Sharp Cabin	Dickinson	Arnold's Park							
Geode*	Henry	Danville	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Geo. Wyth Memorial	Black Hawk	Cedar Falls	●		●		●	●	
Gitchie Manitou	Lyon	Larchwood	●						
Green Valley*	Union	Creston	●	●	●	●	●		
Gull Point†	Dickinson	West Okoboji	●	●	●	●	●		●
Hayden Prairie	Howard	Lime Springs							
Heery Woods	Butler	Clarksville	●				●	●	
Indian Village	O'Brien	Southerland							
Inn Area†	Dickinson	West Okoboji							
Kalsow Prairie	Pocahontas	Manson							
Lacey-Keosauqua	Van Buren	Keosauqua	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Ahquabi*	Warren	Indianola	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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Lake Darling*	Washington	Brighton	●	●	●	●	●		
Lake Keomah	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake MacBride*	Johnson	Solon	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Manawa†	Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs		●		●	●	●	
Lake of Three Fires*	Taylor	Bedford	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Wapello*	Davis	Drakesville	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ledges	Boone	Boone	●		●		●	●	●
Lennon Mill	Guthrie	Panora					●		
Lewis and Clark†	Monona	Onawa	●	●	●	●	●		●
McGregor Heights	Clayton	McGregor						●	
McIntosh Woods†	Cerro Gordo	Ventura	●	●	●	●	●		●
Maquoketa Caves	Jackson	Maquoketa	●		●			●	
Margo Frankel Woods	Polk	Des Moines	●					●	
Mill Creek	O'Brien	Paullina	●	●	●	●	●		
Mini-Wakan†	Dickinson	Orleans	●			●	●		
Nine Eagles	Decatur	Davis City	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oakland Mills	Henry	Mt. Pleasant	●				●	●	
Okamanpedan†	Emmet	Dolliver	●			●	●		
Palisades-Kepler	Linn	Mt. Vernon	●		●	●	●	●	●
Pammel	Madison	Winterset	●		●		●	●	
Pikes Peak	Clayton	McGregor	●		●			●	●
Pikes Point†	Dickinson	West Okoboji	●	●		●	●		
Pilot Knob	Hancock	Forest City	●		●			●	
Upper pine Lake*	Hardin	Eldora	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lower Pine Lake		Eldora	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pioneer	Mitchell	Riceville	●						
Plum Grove	Johnson	Iowa City							
Point Ann	Clayton	McGregor							
Prairie Rose Lake*	Shelby	Harlan	●		●	●	●		
Preparation Canyon	Monona	Moorehead	●					●	
Red Haw Lake	Lucas	Chariton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rice Lake†	Winnebago	Lake Mills	●	●		●	●		
Rock Creek*	Jasper	Kellogg	●	●	●	●	●		
Sharon Bluffs	Appanoose	Centerville	●					●	
Sheeder Prairie	Guthrie	Guthrie Center							
Spring Lake	Green	Grand Junction	●	●		●	●		
Springbrook	Guthrie	Guthrie Center	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steamboat Rock	Hardin	Steamboat Rock	●				●		
Stone	Woodbury	Sioux City	●		●		●	●	●
Trappers Bay†	Dickinson	Lake Park	●			●	●		
Turkey River Mounds	Clayton	Guttenberg							
Twin Lakes†	Calhoun	Rockwell City	●	●		●	●		
Union Grove*	Tama	Gladbrook							
Viking Lake*	Montgomery	Stanton			●	●	●		
Walnut Woods	Polk	W. Des Moines	●		●		●		
Wanata	Clay	Peterson	●					●	
Wapsipinicon	Jones	Anamosa	●		●		●	●	
Waubonsie	Fremont	Sidney	●		●		●	●	●
Wild Cat Den	Muscatine	Fairport	●		●			●	●
Woodman Hollow	Webster	Lehigh					●	●	

STATE FOREST AREAS			Picnicking	Swimming	Camping	Boating	Fishing	Hiking	Showers
Name of Area	County Location	Nearest City							
Pilot Mound Forest	Boone	Pilot Mound	●					●	
Holst Forest	Boone	Fraser						●	
State Forest Nursery	Story	Ames							
Stephens Forest	Lucas, Monroe	Chariton	●		●		●	●	
Shimek Forest	Lee, Van Buren	Farmington	●		●		●	●	
Yellow River Forest	Allamakee	Waukon Junction	●		●		●	●	
White Pine Hollow	Dubuque	Luxemburg						●	

*State-owned artificial lakes over 100 acres. (Outboard motors, not over 6 H.P., allowed.)

†Natural lake, any size motor allowed.

A collage of four scenic illustrations: a road winding through autumn-colored trees; a sailboat with people on a blue lake; a family sitting at a picnic table in a park; and a man fishing in a stream with another person kneeling nearby.

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