

Western Historic Trails Center

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Prepare for an adventure along the western historic trails. Receive an orientation for trips north following the Lewis and Clark Trail or for trips west following the routes of early travelers on the Oregon, Mormon, and California Trails. Enter the Lied Historical Building on the Path of Names to enjoy educational exhibits, maps, films, and sculpture. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and operates the center which opened in 1997. It was designed and built by the National Park Service and local partners. 🌿 Photo Credit: Mike Whye

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Council Bluffs, Iowa

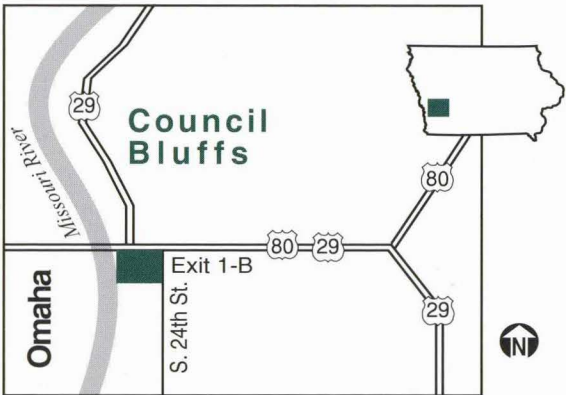
On the banks of the Missouri River in Council Bluffs, explore the Western Historic Trails Center. The center boasts new exhibits



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on the history of four western historic trails, original sculptures by Tim Woodman, contemporary photographs by Greg MacGregor and a film by award-winning filmmaker John Allen. The WHTC is an official Iowa Welcome Center. A museum shop offers books, maps, videos and souvenirs related to western history.

Other points of interest in the area include the General Dodge House, the Rails West Museum, the Squirrel Cage Jail, Lake Manawa State Park, the reconstructed log Mormon Tabernacle, the Western Heritage Museum, the Joslyn Museum, Boys Town and the Henry Doorly Zoo. There are three casinos in Council Bluffs, many fine restaurants and a wide choice of lodging.



Western Historic Trails Center – located in Council Bluffs on 24th Street south of I-80/I-29 (exit 1B) across from Bluffs Run Track & Casino

Hours: Oct. 1-Apr. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 1-Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Free admission.

Address: For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact the local manager: WHTC, 3434 Downing Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51501, (712) 366-4900 or fax (712) 366-5080.

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