

State of Iowa Historical Building

❖ Built in 1987 ❖



Airplanes in our atrium! There's too much to see and do at the museum showcase of the State Historical Society of Iowa: a replica coal mine, military and Native American items, a huge exhibit dedicated to the horse, and the famous tongue-in-cheek "Never Put Things Into Your Mouth" display. Many first-time visitors get their bearings by "looking up" at three historic airplanes. The building is also home to the state historical library and archives, a gift shop, and the Terrace Café, the restaurant with a view. 🐦

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Des Moines, Iowa

Experience history through sight, sound and touch at one of Iowa's premier attractions, the State Historical Building.

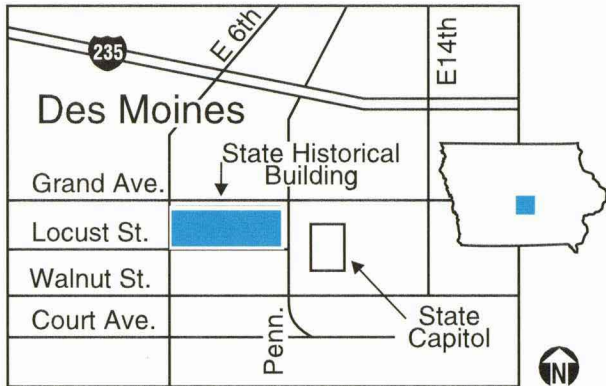
Featuring fresh temporary exhibits and all the permanent favorites in surprisingly lifelike settings.

Educational programming features games, tours and other opportunities for families. Special events for kids, always free, including Friday Fests in summer, spring-break activities, Halloween party, and Cabin Fever getaway at winter holiday time. Call (515) 281-6412 for details. Researchers can uncover Iowa's past or their own family roots at the historical library and archives.

Enjoy lunch or a snack at the third floor Terrace Café, the restaurant with the spectacular view of the Capitol and downtown Des Moines, and visit our gift shop.



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Hours: Open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday.
Noon – 4:30 p.m. Sunday (museum only). Open Mondays during summer. Free admission.

Address: For more information contact the State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Call (515) 281-5111. For group tours, call (515) 242-5193.

The State Historical Society of Iowa invites you to visit all of Iowa's historic sites.