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The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is Iowa’s portion of this historic road. Your route is marked with modern byway signs and historic Lincoln Highway markers. Specially marked loops take you off the main byway and onto early Lincoln Highway routes for a historic and sometimes graveled side trip. Set off today on your own adventure on the Main Street across America!

What is a Byway?

The DOT designates a route as a State Byway on the basis of scenic and historic qualities, using an established criteria.

A Byway is made up of six intrinsic qualities: Archaeological, Cultural, Historic, Natural, Recreational, and Scenic. Use this Information Guide to find what interests you.

Favorite Places

We have compiled favorite or “sacred” spaces given to the Byway during community input meetings, followed by research. It is by no means a complete list of what to “see” and “do” along the Byway. Share what you find on your Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway adventure on our Facebook page.

There is something for everyone along the Lincoln Highway!

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Carl Fisher, who also created the Indianapolis 500, was the idea man behind the Lincoln Highway. His vision for a “Coast-to-Coast Rock Highway”, running from Times Square to San Francisco, would, in his words, “stimulate as nothing else could the building of enduring highways everywhere that will not only be a credit to the American people, but that will also mean much to American agriculture and American commerce.”

Fisher and Henry B. Joy, the President of the Packard Car Company, as well as other auto enthusiasts and industry officials created the Lincoln Highway Association and laid out the most direct route using existing roads, dirt roads, and wagon trails. In Iowa, the route stretches from the Mississippi River in Clinton to the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. Towns along the way were honored to be designated a Lincoln Highway community and soon gas stations, repairs shops, restaurants, motels, and tourist camps developed to accommodate the traveler.

The Association felt local people should improve their own roads and to encourage this, a “Seedling Mile” was paved in each state. The Association felt, “One permanent mile established and built under proper specifications will lead to further connecting miles of the same standard.” In Iowa, the Seedling Mile was paved in 1918-1919 just outside of Cedar Rapids, between Mount Vernon and Marion. By 1928, the entire Iowa section was paved when Cedar County, the last county, was completed.

The road was named as a tribute to Abraham Lincoln prior to the building of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., as both Fisher and Joy admired Lincoln.

As roads were improved and new bridges built, the route has changed alignments. Today, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway signage directs the traveler on much of the original sections, but some loops are still graveled.
Archaeological Intrinsic Quality

The Office of the State Archaeologist has record of approximately 27,000 sites. Most people are unaware of the vast majority. Some are completely gone or badly disturbed by plowing, by erosion, or by roads & other development. Large rivers were the highways of prehistoric people. Archaeological sites are documented, but exact locations are not shared with the public in order to aid preservation.

Clinton County
Oneonta culture (1299-1700 AD) remains are possibly still in Clinton County

Possible Native American burial ground near Clinton County Admin building, skeletons found in the 1960’s & 2010’s

Cedar County
Large cache of Clovis points from Paleo-Indian time (12,000-10,000 years ago), Rummells-Maske site

Linn County
Early Woodland Period (500 BC to 99 BC) pottery, Spring Hollow

Group of mounds from Woodland Period, inside the entrance of Palisades-Kepler State Park

Fragments of pottery & triangular points, Late Prehistoric Period (Oneonta), near Pleasant Creek reservoir

Single sherd (fragment) of pottery, near Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center

Story County
Bowls, weapons, toys & utensils found along the river bank north of Ames; Indian tribes hunted, fished, & planted crops

Boone County
Woodland Period (500 BC to 1000 AD) burial mound excavated in 1908, near Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge

Mammoth tusk (12,000-8,000 years ago), arrowheads & stone tools from Archaic Period (10,000-5,000 years ago), Boone Historical Center

Ledges State Park, archaeological evidence from 4,000 years ago & Native American mounds
**Greene County**
Indian mounds & artifacts found along the Raccoon River

**Carroll County**
A north & south Indian warpath divided Meskwaki/Pottawattamie from the Sioux; Indian artifacts, Carroll County Museum

**Crawford County**
Evidence at the M.A.D. site proved tobacco cultivated, Late Woodland Period (500-1700 AD)

Evidence of campfires & bones from meat eaten found near the Boyer River

**Harrison County**
Excavation of bison hunted & killed in large numbers during Archaic Period (10,000-5,000 years ago)

Indian mounds at several locations; hatchets, stone hammers, pottery, copper, tools, & cups found along old Indian trail

**Pottawattamie County**
Lewis Central School site, Council Bluffs, evidence of communal graves, Archaic Period (10,000-5,000 years ago)

Glenwood, subculture of Late Woodland Period (900-1300 AD), lived along the Loess Hills with earthen lodges, partial subterranean pits, & cache pits to store food

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**FUN FACT:**

There are 1,144 Byway signs marking the route of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway: 956 marking the main route and 188 marking loops. There are another 566 “auxiliary” signs, like directional arrows, along with these byway signs.
After the Blackhawk Wars, the land west of the Mississippi River opened up for settlement. Not only were there pockets of German & Czech towns, but a variety of religions with Quaker, Amish, & Mormon leaving their influences along what would become the Lincoln Highway. The Meskwaki Indian tribe also settled near the Iowa River in Tama County. Each brought celebrations, arts, foods, & their way of life.

Clinton County
- Clinton Area Showboat Theater, Riverview Park Area
- Clinton Symphony Orchestra, concerts at Riverview band shell, Juneteenth celebration, 4th of July
- Mural: U.S. Post Office, 618 9th St, Shucking Corn
- Wide River Winery, 1776 E Deer Creek Rd, 563-519-9463, along the bluffs of the Mississippi River

Events: Felix Adler Days, June, complete with a circus; Lumberjack Festival, June, Sawmill Museum; Lyons Farmers’ Market, (Lyon’s District), May- November on Wednesday afternoons & Saturday mornings

DeWitt
- Tycoga Vineyard & Winery, 2585 195th St, 563-249-2704

Events: Tunes in Town, Tuesdays from June to August in Lincoln Park, between 2 alignments of the Lincoln Highway

Grand Mound
Events: Steam Thresher Show & Car Show, July

Cedar County

Clarence
- Murals, downtown buildings including a Grant Wood

Lowden
- A victim of a small pox epidemic in 1867, Elliott Parr’s father deeded land for his burial after locals refused burial in the town cemetery. (41.8446017,-90.9544769), marker & flag by the grave, surrounded by a high-wire fence

Tipton (Not on the Lincoln Highway)
- Tiffany’s Tipton Bakery, 405 Cedar St, 563-886-2558

Linn County

Grant Wood is an iconic American artist from nearby Anamosa. His art can be seen on the side of barns & buildings.
The hills in his paintings are reflective of the Linn County countryside.

**Lisbon**
Pennsylvania Dutch settled here 1847, Lisbon nicknamed “Dutch Town”

- **Sutcliff Cider Company**, 382 Sutcliff Rd, 319-455-4093
- **Sauerkraut Days**, August; games, brats & kraut, music, bathtub race, tractor pull, parade, dances

**Mount Vernon**

- **Peter Paul Luce Art Gallery**, McWethy Hall, Cornell College, 600 1st St SW, 319-895-4491, rotating displays
- **Belvedere Vines & Pines**, 1191 Museum Rd, 319-895-6067, upstart winery & Christmas Tree Farm
- **Kimmel Theatre**, 601 1st St SW, Cornell College, 319-895-4293, performances by Theater Dept
- **Lincoln Wine Bar**, 125 1st St SW, 319-895-9463, craft beer, wine by the bottle or glass, wood-fired pizza
- **Mt Vernon-Lisbon Community Development**, PO Box 31 319-210-9935

**Events:** **Antique Extravaganza**, 4th of July, open air market, vendors from all over; **Chalk the Walk**, first full weekend in May, over 200 artists using Main Street as the canvas; **Heritage Days**, July; three days of live music; **Lincoln Highway Art Festival**, September, over 30 artists

**Marion**

- **Another Road Brewing**, 1175 8th Ave, 319-212-8563
- **Klopfenstein Amphitheater**, 4901 Alburnett Rd, Lowe Park, 319-447-3580
- **Marion Sculpture Trail**, 4901 Alburnett Rd, Lowe Park
**Cedar Rapids**

Large group of Czechs & Slovaks immigrated to Cedar Rapids in the 1850’s, found steady work in the slaughterhouse & packing plant. Word got out in Europe & waves of new Bohemians arrived, settling between downtown & the plant. Later entire blocks of the Czech settlements were cleared to make way for a wholesale/warehouse district. Today, NewBo is home to restaurants, residents, & shopping.

- **Granite City Food & Brewing**, 4775 1st Ave SE, 319-395-7500, chain, 34 restaurants in 14 states
- **Lion Bridge Brewing**, 59 16th Av SW, 319-200-4460, 10 barrel brewery in Czech Village/ New Bo District brewing both beers & sodas
- **Third Base Brewery**, 500 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, 319-378-9090, Cedar Rapids’ first microbrewery
- **The Winery at Kirkwood**, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd, 319-398-5899 ext. 5390, Kirwood Community College, wines sold locally

**Events:** Iowa Junior Amateur Golf Championship, June, Ellis Park Golf Course

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**Benton County**

Trains bought entertainment to Belle Plaine in the form of traveling musicians, acting troupes, & circuses, & also the undesirable of thieves, criminals, & “snake oil” salesmen, usually following the circus. Hobos became common. If you offered food to one, they would mark your home for others. Scoop Shovel Scotty was among the regulars in Benton County.
**Belle Plaine**

- **Lincoln Cafe**, 1214 8th Ave, 319-444-2228
- **Murals**, Cannery label/Locomotive, 7th Ave & Main (12th St); Jumbo Well, 8th & Main; 150th for Veterans, 8th & Main; Lincoln Highway 9th & Main; & north of town grain bin advertising Belle Plaine (Lincoln Highway/Hwy 30 separation)

**Events:** National Train Days, May; Jumbo Well Days, September

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**Tama County**

**Meskwaki Nation:** The Black Hawk Wars ended in 1803 allowing settlers & the Meskwaki to enter Iowa. In treaties over the years, land & property was ceded away & in 1845, the Meskwaki were removed to Kansas. Some Tama County residents hid a few people from the authorities. Wishing to live in Iowa, 317 Meskwaki returned from Kansas causing the State of Iowa Legislature to ask Tama residents if they would allow the Meskwaki to stay. After a “yes” vote, the tribe bought 80 acres along the Iowa River. Today, they own 7,779 acres in Tama & Palo Alto County & are their own sovereign nation & settlement. They are the only Indian Tribe to live directly along the Lincoln Highway.

**Czech Influence:** Communities were built to north of Tama in the “Bohemian Alps.” The Czech influence is still very strong as local cafes, businesses, & social gatherings often serve their specialty- kolaches, a jelly-filled pastry, to visitors.

**Events:** Meskwaki Pow Wow, August, at the Pow Wow grounds with dancing & ceremonies
Chelsea

- **Periwinkle Place Manor**, 704 Main St, 319-551-3660, B&B, Murder Mystery dinners, antique & car shows

Tama

Tama, being a railroad town, was rowdy & hid out a large number of bad people in the early part of the 20th Century, earning the name “Little Chicago.”

- **John Ernest Vineyard & Winery**, 329 N Avenue, 641-484-8048
- **Events**: Lincoln Highway Bridge Festival, May; Lincoln Highway Bridge Park & downtown area; **Lincoln Highway BuyWay Yard Sale**, August, various locations, including Lincoln Highway Bridge Park

Montour

- **Rube’s Steakhouse**, 118 E Elm, 641-492-6222, “grill your own” concept

Marshall County

Quakers settled here in 1850, largest Friends meeting in the world in 1860, helped with the Underground Railroad.

LeGrand

- **Friend’s Academy**, 1873, built a grade school
- **LeGrand Quarry** brought 50 Italian stonemasons from Chicago to work at the quarry, housed in company housing & boarding quarters, area became known as “Little Italy”

Marshalltown

- **Fisher Art Gallery**, 709 South Center Street, 641-753-9013
- **Fisher Community Center**, 709 S Center St, 641-753-6645, bronze sculptures, including Christian Petersen’s final work “Dedication to the Future”
- **Martha Ellen Tye Playhouse**, 709 S Center St, 641-752-4164
• Mural in Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum, 20 West State St, 1958 depicting 100 years of area history

• Orpheum Theater, 220 E Main St, 641-844-5919, U.S. premiere of “Saint Joan”; star Jean Seberg from Marshalltown

• Quakerdale Wolfe Ranch, 2932 240th St, 641-752-6446, part of Philadelphia Quaker Josiah White’s idea to operate a shelter & give guidance to orphaned youth, White’s Manual Labor Institute expanded to Marshalltown. Today, youth & families at the Ranch find “solutions to problems as they care for horses.”

Events: BacktoBacktothePark BBQ Bash, August, Riverview Park; Linn Creek Art Festival, July, Fisher Community Center; Iowa Mid-Amateur Golf Championship Tournament, May, Elmwood Country Club; Oktemberfest, September

State Center
Events: State Center Rose Festival, June, town is “Rose Capitol of Iowa” & near the geographical center of Iowa

Story County

Colo
• Colo Crossroads Festival, July

Nevada
• Seventh Day Adventists built a school, sanitarium (hospital), student & teacher housing. Students came from the Midwest to attend K-12th grade. Junior & high school closed, student housing converted to apartments, teacher residences to private residences, sanitarium burned down many years ago.
Events: Lincoln Highway Days, August

Ames
- Alluvial Brewing Company, 3715 West 190th St, 515-337-1182
- Dela Viti Wine Bar, 323 Main St, 515-232-0421
- Downtown art sculptures, fountain 5th & Kellogg St
- Iowa State University mascot, “CY” sculptures around town
- Olde Main Brewing Company, 316 Main St, 515-232-0553
- Prairie Moon Winery & Vineyards, 3801 W 190th St, 515-232-2747
- Torrent Brewing Company, 504 Burnett Ave, info at www.torrentbrewing.com
- “Woman’s Head,” Lincoln Way & Grand Ave, made of redwood in 1976, re-constructed 1998 in steel

Events: Iowa Masters Golf Tournament, July, Veenker Memorial Golf Course; Iowa Senior Amateur Golf Championship, August, Ames Golf & Country Club

Boone County

Boone
Boone, a railroad town, still sees its share of hobos riding the rails.
- Whistle Stop Cafe, 1102 Story St, 515-432-9422

Ogden
- Lucky Pig, 113 W Walnut St 515-275-9946

Events: Pufferbilly Days, September; “Pufferbilly,” slang term for a small old-time steam engine; Farm Progress Show, Biannual event, Hwy 30 & 17 at Central Iowa Expo Center
Greene County

Barn Quilts, 20 barns across Greene County, designs painted on square frame over 8 ft. in size

Jefferson

- **Rooftop Art**, atop downtown buildings, viewed from Mahaney Bell Tower
- **Wild Rose Casino & Resort**, Hwy 30 & Hwy 4, 515-386-7777

Events: Deal’s Orchard Fall Festival, October; Mahanay Bell Tower Festival, June

Scranton

- **John 15 Vineyard**, 343 180th St, 712-652-3760

Carroll County

Known for its **Bootlegging History** during Prohibition years. Around 1920, as a way to feed kids & save farms, Templeton residents crafted a bootlegged keg whisky that found its way to Chicago & into hands of Al Capone. Became his personal favorite, called the “Good Stuff.” At least 30 Templeton-area family rye whisky recipes have been passed down. Area buildings had false floors as hiding places to store the “Good Stuff.”

Carroll

- **Iowa Legendary Rye**, 707 N Main St, 712-830-1174, rye from Carroll County farmers
- **Santa Maria Winery**, 218 W 6th St, 712-775-2013, bottles a Lincoln Highway wine
Events: Carrollfest, August, crafts, art, farmers market, car show, tournaments, & evening bands; Carroll Amateur Golf Championship, June, Carroll Country Club; Carroll, Iowa RPM Car Club Show, July, classic & vintage automobiles

Templeton (Not on the Lincoln Highway)
- Templeton Rye, 209 E 3rd St, 712-669-8793, whisky producer

Glidden Quakers settled south of town & were known to help operate the Underground Railroad. Legend says the home in Swan Lake State Park was part of the Underground Railroad.
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Fun Days, August, parade, walk/run, games, & a street dance

Crawford County

Westside
Event: King Shoot, first Sunday in June, over 100 year-old event, area men belong to “Schuetzen Vernin,” (shooting club)

Vail
Events: Back Road Bash, September, schoolyard of old elementary, country bands; Vail Fun Days, September

Denison
Events: Crawford County Fair, mid-July, fairgrounds; “Red, White, & Boom” 4th of July, Yellow Smoke Park; Tri City BBQ Fest, September, competitors from Omaha, Des Moines, & Sioux City

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Downtown Denison, home of the 2017 National Lincoln Highway Conference.
Arion
Events: Buffalo Day, Sunday before Labor Day

Harrison County

Mormons, under Brigham Young, came through Harrison County in 1847 from Nauvoo, IL, disagreements regarding polygamy led to some breaking from the wagon train & settling in the area.

Outlaws Frank & Jesse James hid in the hills of Harrison County for a bit.

Dunlap
Events: Barn Festival, 4th of July, Dunham Barn/McLean Museum, 1211 Iowa Ave, 712-643-5908

Woodbine

- Woodbine’s Main Street District, annual exhibit of original outdoor sculptures
- Sculpture on grain elevator, Lincoln Way & 2nd St, iconic steel sculpture of cornstalk

Events: Applefest, September

Missouri Valley

Mural, U.S. Post Office, 116 N 5th St, 712-642-3436, Iowa Fair, 1938

Events: Country Western Festival, August, Wisecup Farm Museum, 1772 305th St, 712-642-3925, picking & grinning sessions earlier in summer; Harvest Spoon Tour, first Sunday May-October; home grown businesses/locations; Mighty Mo Rodeo, May, competitors across the Midwest

Pottawattamie County

- Harvest Spoon Tour, first Sunday May-October; home grown businesses/locations
- “Living Loess,” collaboration of 9 artisan attractions nestled in Loess Hills
- Mormons left a large impression through their tabernacle, naming of towns.
Crescent
- Loess Hills Vineyard & Winery, 1120 Old Lincoln Highway, part of the Western Iowa Wine Trail

Council Bluffs
- “100 Block”, downtown Council Bluffs on West Broadway with many unique shops & restaurants
- Ameristar Casino, 2200 River Rd, 712-328-8888
- Bayliss Park, 1st Avenue & Pearl St, fountain, Veteran’s memorial, child-friendly touchable art
- Council Bluffs Downtown Art: Broadway Fountain-Broadway & Pearl St; Grant Wood Corn Room Memorials & Louis Grall Paintings (Pottawattamie County Courthouse); Grant Wood paintings at Iowa Western Community College; Sidewalk mosaics & streetscape tiles-Pearl St & Main, W Broadway
- Harrah’s Casino, 1 Harrah’s Blvd, 712-329-6000
- Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23rd Ave, 712-323-2500
- Prairie Hawk Vineyards, 21496 Chestnut Rd, 712-256-6770

Fun Fact:
Over 400,000 motor vehicles were registered in Iowa and only 25 miles of paved roads outside of towns in the 1920’s.
Historic Intrinsic Quality

The Lincoln Highway is best known for its place in history as the first improved transcontinental road. But, even before the Lincoln Highway inception, the area it would travel through the midsection of the state was full of histories of Indian tribes, early European settlers, and the building of railroads. When the Lincoln Highway was created, it tied communities of different backgrounds together and made a history of its own.

Clinton County

Towns of Lyons and Clinton were known as the “Lumber Capitol of the World” from 1850-1900. Huge log rafts floated down from WI/MN to be cut into lumber, then shipped by rail or by river. Clinton had more millionaires per capita than any other town in the nation. By 1900, northern forests were depleted and mills closed.

Clinton

- **Curtis Mansion**, 420 5th Ave S, 563-242-8556, built for a lumber baron
- **Clinton County Historical Society and Museum**, 601 South 1st St, 563-242-1201
- **Sawmill Museum**, 2231 Grant St (Lyons District), 563-242-0343
- **Walking Tour**, starts at Clinton County Museum

DeWitt

- **1727 German Hausbarn**, 1010 6th St, 563-659-8500, from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, re-assembled
- **1878 Opera House**, 712 6th Ave, 844-567-5292
- **Intersection of Blues Highway (#61) and Lincoln Highway (#30)** at 10th St and 6th Ave
- **Central Community Historical Museum**, 628 6th Ave, 563-659-9717
- **W. F. Coan Memorial**, US 30 and 67, Lincoln Highway marker and a brick pillar/plaque, initial consul of the Lincoln Highway Association for Iowa
Wheatland
• Historic Bridges (3) west on the Lincoln Highway, one blocked from traffic, remains of early alignment can be seen deep in the woods

Cedar County

Lowden
• Corner Café, 600 Main St, 563-941-5642
• Lincoln Highway travels in a “stair steps” fashion east of town
• Lincoln Hotel, 408 Main St, 563-941-7563, operates as a B&B

Clarence
• Mill Creek Café, 517 Lombard St (Lincoln Highway), 563-452-1010
• Wendt Realty, 115 Lombard St, (Lincoln Highway) building was once a gas station

Stanwood
• Last canopy gas station in Iowa

West Branch (Not on the Lincoln Highway)
• Herbert Hoover Highway, from West Branch westward into Iowa City
• Herbert Hoover National Historic Site/Presidential Library, 210 Parkside Dr, 319-643-5301

Linn County

Lisbon
• Heritage Hall, 101 E Main, 2nd floor Lisbon Public Library, 319-455-2800
• Lincoln Highway Association interpretive sign, Lisbon History Center

Open Daily 9:00-5:00 210 Parkside Dr, West Branch, IA

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The historic service station, last in Iowa of its kind.
• **Lincoln Hwy-era Gas Station**, 502 E Main St & another converted into private residence
• **Lincoln Hwy-era Service Garage**, 422 E Main St
• **Lisbon Cemetery**, boulder from Gettysburg placed in 1916, 5 ft. tall, honor Civil War veterans
• **Lisbon History Center**, 102 E. Main St, 319-455-2714

**Mount Vernon**
• **Abbe Creek School Museum**, W Mt Vernon Rd, (41.9410667,-91.4565386), 1856 one-room schoolhouse
• **Grant Wood barn painting**, (41.9178318,-91.4896412)
• Lincoln Highway Association **interpretive signs** in Prairie Park and Abbe Creek School
• **Cornell College**, Steamboat Gothic architecture, King Chapel & clock tower

**Marion**
• **Bloomington Road**, connected river port Bloomington (Muscatine) and Marion, later part of Lincoln Highway
• **First jail**, 1840, first prisoner arrested for horse stealing, confined before the logs were laid higher than their shoulders

**Cedar Rapids**
• **Brucemore Mansion**, 2160 Linden Dr, 319-362-7375, Queen Anne style Mansion on 10 acres, managed by National Trust for Historic Preservation
• Lincoln Highway Association **interpretive signs** in Thomas Park, Squaw Creek Park, Haskell Park (Johnson Ave NW), on Mount Vernon Road, outside and inside the fire station, NW corner 16th Ave SW and W Post Road
• **Linn County Courthouse**, 50 3rd Ave Bridge, 1925, on May’s Island in middle of Cedar River
• **Masonic Library**, 813 First Ave SE, 319-365-1438, only Masonic Library in U.S.
• **National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library**, 1400 Inspiration Place SW, 319-362-8500
• **Palisades-Kepler State Park**, 700 Kepler Dr, 319-895-6039, structures built by Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC)
• **Seedling Mile**, (41.9744416, -91.5005139)

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**Benton County**

**Watkins**

• **Youngville Café**, 2409 73rd St, (Highways 218 and 30), 319-573-0720, operated select days by volunteers

**Belle Plaine**

• **Belle Plaine Area Museum/ Henry B. Tippie Annex and Auditorium**, 901 12th St, 319-434-6093
• **King Theater**, 720 Main St, 319-434-6025
• **Lincoln Café**, 1214 8th Ave, 319-444-2228
• **Preston’s Station**, 400 IA21 (13th St), adorned by stickers
• **Sankot’s Garage**, 807 13th St, 319-444-2262

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**Tama County**

**Chelsea**

• **Otter Creek Bridge**, lampposts from 1929 bridge

**Tama**

• **1915 Lincoln Highway Bridge**, E 5th St, (41.9635673, -92.5776296), words “Lincoln Highway” spelled out in the concrete side panels
• **Cherry Mansion**, 1412 State Street, had a golf course, gardens, reflecting pool, & private landing strip.
- **Lincoln Highway Bridge Park**, E 5th St, (41.9635673, -92.776296)
- **King Tower** (restaurant), 1701 E 5th St, 641-484-5970, has one tourist cabin left
- **Tama Paper Company** (1878-present), 117 Siegel St, 641-484-2884, in operation now under name Caraustar, once owned by the Cherry family & near Cherry Lake
- **Lincoln Land Grant Marker**, 5 miles N & W few miles, (42.066153,-92.629573), Lincoln received 40 acre tract in 1852 for his services during the Black Hawk War
- **Tama County Museum**, 200 N Broadway, Toldeo 641-484-6767, former county jail

**Meskwaki Nation**
- **Meskwaki Tribal Museum**, 349 Meskwaki Rd, 641-484-3185

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**Marshall County**

**Marshalltown**
- **Glick-Sower Historical 1859 Homestead**, 201 East State St, 641-752-6664, pre-civil war home
- **Henry Anson Statute**, the founder of Marshalltown, corner of Main and Center St
- **Iowa Veteran’s Home**, 1301 Summit St, 641-752-1501, home to 565+ residents
- **Marshall County Courthouse**, 1 East Main St, 641-844-2700, 1884 Italian Renaissance style, LeGrand Quarry limestone used
- **Marshall County Historical Society Museum**, 202 E Church, 641-752-6664
- **Marshalltown Public Library**, 105 W Boone St, 641-754-5738, Carnegie
- **Stagecoach Road**, Marengo to Fort Dodge, travels on the east side of Shady Oaks, became part of the Lincoln Highway
• **Taylor #4 Country School**, 60 N 2nd, 641-752-6664
• **Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum**, 20 West State St, 641-754-5746
• **Vietnam-Era F-4C Phantom**, American Legion Grounds (42.0502994,-92.9314498)
• **West Main Street Area Walking Tour**: Binford House, 110 North 2nd Ave, 641-753-5450, open by apt; Carmean Home, 607 W Main, built 1927; Hopkins Building, 32-4 W Main St; The Tremont, 20-8 W Main; Times Republican Building, 135 W Main St; Willard Building, 101-3 W Main; Willard Mansion, 609 W Main St

**LaMoille**
• Famous picture of Henry B. Joy, President of the Packard Company, getting stuck in the mud during his inaugural trip across the Lincoln Highway (placed on first page)

**State Center**
• **Frickville Antiques**, 108 Main St, 641-485-7663
• **State Center’s Main Street**, restored 1895 grocery store, depot, schoolhouse, barbershop, and 1937 gas station

**Story County**
• Reed-Niland Corner/Café/Motel, 24 Lincoln Hwy, crossroads of Jefferson Hwy (“Pines to Palms”, Winnipeg to New Orleans) and Lincoln Highway

**Nevada**
• **1861 Rifled Cannon**, 900 6th St, Story Co. Admin Bldg
• **1941 Community Building**, 571 Ave, WPA (Works Progress Administration) built, on fairgrounds
• **Brigg’s Terrace/Evergreen Lane**, 1204 H Ave, 515-382-6684 NRHP, 8 acres, George Child Log Cabin, Halley one-room school house
• **Dyer-Dowell Victorian House**, 922 5th St, 515-382-6684
• **Nevada’s Downtown** on the NRHP
• **Nevada History Center**, 624 J Ave, 515-382-6684
• **Queen Anne B&B**, 1110 9th St, 515-382-3022
• **Tourist Cabins**, east end of town, cabins now private residences, gas station now auto repair shop

**Ames**
• **1862 Hoggatt School**, 18th St and Burnett, on Meeker School grounds, 515-232-2148
- **Ames History Center**, 416 Douglas #101, 515-232-2148
- **Bandshell Park**, E 5th and Duff Ave, Ames first city park
- **Hotel Sheldon Munn**, 301 Main St, control point for early Lincoln Highway travelers to check mileage
- **Iowa State Agricultural College and Model Farm**, (42.0244987,-93.6469804), now Iowa State University of Science and Technology, many buildings on NRHP
- **McMicheal Pioneer Cemetery/Stagecoach Trail**, (42.0852432,-93.5934427) Stagecoach Rd
- **Tip-Top Lounge**, 201 E Lincoln Way, 515-232-8980, 1950's look, neon signs

### Boone County

**Boone**

First called “Montana,” city merged with Boonesboro (county seat to the west), two distinct downtowns

- **Boone County Museum**, 602 Story St, 515-432-1907
- **Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad and James H. Andrew Railroad Museum**, 225 10th St, 800-626-0319, picnic/dinner/group rides
- **Dragoons**, 1835 forerunners of U.S. Calvary mission to trace Des Moines River from Fort Des Moines to SE Minnesota, 200-mile signed “Dragoon Trail”
- **Kate Shelley High Bridge**, (42.0593212,-93.9693673), highest U.S. double track railroad bridge (185 ft.), named for 15-year-old Kate Shelley, who in 1881, crawled across the tracks during a storm to warn oncoming train a bridge had washed out
- **Kate Shelley Railroad Depot and Memorial Park**, (42.016609,-93.9371511) 515-432-1907
- **Mamie Dowd Eisenhower Birthplace**, 709 Carroll St, 515-432-1907
Ogden
- **Footprints** in Lincoln Highway 1929 pavement, still visible to this day
- **Hickory Grove School**, Lincoln Hwy & J Ave, 515-432-1907

Greene County

Grand Junction
- **Bridges**, L-Bridge, just inside Greene County, (42.049098,-94.171557) West Beaver Creek Lincoln Highway Bridge, (42.0326309,-94.2086684), Lions’ Tree Club Park
- **Canopy Gas Stations**, 13th and Main; W Main and Lincoln Hwy, residence
- **Fire Department Museum**, 107 Main St, appt only
- **Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum**, 201 Main St, 515-370-2844, garden in shape of U.S.
- **Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum & Garden**, 201 Main St E
- **Higgins Museum**, 515-738-2323, appt only
- **Janco Motel and Tanning**, 902 US 30, 515-370-0739
- **Kennedy Museum**, 515-738-2564 appt only
- **Lion’s Club Tree Park**, Hwy 30 and Lincoln Highway (42.0326309, -94.2086684), LHA interpretive panels, many generations of bridges over Beaver Creek
- **Visible Remains**, Star Motel, Camp Cozy, Dales Standard (42.0229441,-94.2421715)
- **Watts Home**, 1100 East Main St, built 1910

Jefferson
- **Abraham Lincoln Statue**, 114 N Chestnut St
- **Bridges to the East**: Butterick Creek Bridge (42.015139, -94.325280); Hardin Creek Bridge (42.017929,-94.294317)
- **Bridges to the West**: Tunnel Bridge and Eureka Bridge (42.012031,-94.4292613); Union Pacific Railroad High Trestle Bridge, over Raccoon River
- **Deep Rock Canopy Gas Station**, East Lincolnway and S Cedar St, restored
- **Doreen Wilbur Olympic Plaza and Statue**, Lincolnway and Vine, 1972 Archery Gold Medalist
- **George H. Gallop House**, 703 S Chestnut St, 515-386-3238, boyhood home of pollster
- **Greene County Courthouse**, 114 N Chestnut St, 515-386-5670, built in 1917
- **Greene County Historical Museum and Garden**, 219 E Lincolnway, 515-386-8544
• Jefferson Public Library, 200 West Lincolnway, 515-386-2835, 1903 Carnegie
• Lincoln Hotel, 117 E Lincoln Way, once called Head Hotel, now Lincoln Square
• Lincoln Theater, 101 N Chestnut, now housing the All Abilities Bike Shop
• Mahanay Bell Tower, 100 E Lincolnway, 515-386-2155, 168-foot tower
• Milwaukee Depot, East Lincolnway, (42.0151668, -94.3702592), trailhead for the Raccoon River Valley Trail
• Murals: U.S. Post Office, 106 W Harrison, 515-386-2061, 1938, The New Calf by Tom Savage; Green County Courthouse, 114 N Chestnut, 515-386-5670, depicting the “progress of civilization as recorded in Iowa”
• Redwood Motel, 209 E Gallup Rd, 515-386-3116
• RVP~1875, 115 S Wilson Ave, 515-370-4306, period furniture maker
• Sally’s Alley, E of 111 East Lincoln Way, quaint pocket park
• Telephone Museum, 105 W Harrison, basement of Jefferson Telecom
• Trailside Lodging, Old Lincoln Way Hotel, 502 E Lincolnway, 515-370-2465; Little House on Russell; both on Raccoon River Valley Trail
• War Memorial Tank, across from Milwaukee Railroad Depot (42.015299,-94.3681603)

Scranton
• Eberle Gas Station, Hwy 25, example of early gas station
• Moss Markers, curve on E39 (Lincoln Hwy) (42.048836, -94.552115), 2 markers with Abraham Lincoln busts, installed by J. Moss, decorated Civil War veteran
• Scranton Water Tower, Madison and Main St, oldest working water tower in Iowa and the 9th in U.S.
• Skew Bridge, (42.049059,-94.620822), over Otter Creek, near Carroll County line
**Carroll County**

**Glidden**
- Merle D. Hay, first Iowa soldier killed in WWI. Born here, buried in cemetery on Lincoln Highway, (42.0639304, -94.739226)

**Carroll**
- Carnegie Library, 123 E 6th St (Lincoln Highway), now the Carroll County Historical Society, 712-792-1582
- Carroll Depot, 112 E 5th Street, used by Carroll Chamber of Commerce 712-792-4383
- Carroll Stadium, Merchant’s Park, built 1949 for Carroll’s semi-pro baseball team, the Merchants
- Driving Tour, south part of town, brochures at Chamber of Commerce and Carroll County Historical Society
- Farmstead Museum, 22676 Swan Lake Dr, Swan Lake State Park, 712-792-4614
- Lakers Basketball Court, 2100 N Grant Rd, Veteran Memorial Park, honors 1960 near-fatal crash of MN Lakers
- Lincoln Highway Trading, 110 W 6th, 712-792-0011
- Trapper’s log cabin and school house, 8th and Grant Rd, Graham Park, 712-792-1582, appt only
- Walking Tour, Carroll Historic Preservation Commission, plaques on Adams St in 3 yr program, more streets later

**Crawford County**

**Westside**
- Five Mile House, 2401 390th St, home of “King Shoot,” annual shooting event

**Vail**
- Restored Standard gas station, west side of Lincoln Hwy
- Outlaws Frank and Jesse James eluded authorities for 16 years, sometimes laid up in hills near Stagecoach Road

**Denison**
- 1919 Army Convoy included a young Dwight Eisenhower, Denison was a stop as the convoy traveled the Lincoln. This trip may have given him the idea for the interstate system to move traffic quickly across the nation.
- Abraham Lincoln Land, 7 miles N, two miles E (dirt road) (42.094682, -95.420208) 1923 DAR marker, Lincoln received land as payment for his services during the Black Hawk Wars
- Cronk’s Restaurant and Lounge, 812 4th St S, 712-263-4191, landmark in Denison, started when Lincoln
Highway was but a dirt path, now classic diner

- **Denison** formed from *settlers from the East*, Mormons traveling near the Missouri River and the Providence Western Land Company who purchased 70,000 acres to sell to new settlers

- **Donna Reed Performing Arts Center, 1305 Broadway, 712-263-3334**, includes Donna Reed Theatre & Museum, once an opera house. Donna Reed was a TV star (Donna Reed Show) and movie star (*It’s a Wonderful Life*)

- **McHenry’s House, 1428 1st Ave N, 712-674-3750, built 1885**

- **Walking Tours, 1870’s to 1900’s home, list of 35 homes, [www.denison.com](http://www.denison.com), under “Things to Do”

**Dow City**

- **Dow House Historical Site, 513 S Prince St, 712-263-2748**, built 1874, 13-room brick prairie farm home overlooking Dow City and Boyer Valley, was a haven for travelers

- **Dow City Park, Prince & Park St, 712-674-3350, Rock Island Caboose, country schoolhouse, & town’s original jail**

**Harrison County**

**Dunlap**

- **Dunlap Public Library, 1912 Carnegie (no longer a library)**

- **Dunham Barn, 130th St, (41.8673957,-65.6215407)**

- **McLean Museum and Dougal House, 1211 Iowa Ave, 712-643-5908**

**Woodbine**

- **Brick Street, 11 blocks of original Lincoln Highway in the downtown, largest portion of original Lincoln Highway remaining in Iowa**

- **Woodbine Public Library, 58 5th St, 712-647-2750, on original bricked Lincoln Highway, 1909 Carnegie**

- **Zell Millard Historic Preservation Park, 313 Walker St, 712-647-2550, includes Merry Brook Rural School Museum, Welcome Center**

**Logan**

- **Logan Public Library, 121 E 6th St, 712-644-2551, 1915 Carnegie building**
• **Harrison County Courthouse**, 111 N 2nd Ave, 712-644-2990, built in 1911
• **Wisecup Farm Museum**, W 1200 Canal St, 712-642-3925, farm equipment

**Missouri Valley**

- **Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center**, 2931 Monroe Ave, 712-642-2114, intersection of 3 Iowa Scenic byways- Loess Hills, Western Skies, Lincoln Highway; official Iowa Welcome Center; indoor and outdoor Lincoln Highway displays; video showing early Lincoln Highway road building
- **Missouri Valley Library**, 2931 Monroe Ave, 712-642-2114, built in 1909
- **Steamboat Bertrand Museum**, 1434 316th Lane, in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, 712-388-4800, Bertrand carried cargo up Missouri River to Montana, sank in 1865 north of Omaha, NE, half of cargo recovered 100 years later and on display
- **Watson Steam Train**, City Park, W Huron and Shawmutt Ave, miniature steam train for kids to ride

**Pottawattamie County**

Lewis and Clark Expedition started in 1804 from St Louis, MO and traveled up the Missouri River to its source. While Lewis and Clark were in Pottawattamie County, Indians flocked to examine the boats and equipment. Frequent meetings (or “councils”) of expedition commanders and local Indians were held. One favorite meeting place became known as “Council Bluffs.”

Mormons, led by Brigham Young, came from Nauvoo, IL after Pottawattamie Indians left. Mormons named the county seat “Kanesville,” after a friend of the Mormons. The Mormon Trail through the area eventually led to Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1849, Council Bluffs became a large Gold Rush outfitting port for those seeking to gain fortune in the West.

By 1853, Kanesville reverted back to Council Bluffs.

**Council Bluffs**

- **August Borsheim House**, built 1897 for a banker/state legislator, part of Dodge Museum Complex
- **Block House Site Marker**, Pierce/Franklin and Union Streets, marker constructed by Dragoons in 1837
• **Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge**, 705 Riverfront Drive, a 3,000 ft. bridge across Missouri River, part of the Lewis and Clarke Trail, managed by the National Park Service

• **California Gold Rush Trail Historic Site**, Pioneer Trail and Dumfries Ave, (41.1964022,-95.7387253)

• **Fairview Cemetery**, 308 Lafayette Ave, Mormon pioneer graves; gravesite of Amelia Bloomer, a suffragette credited with promoting the wearing of the “bloomers”

• **Frontier Heritage Library and Museum**, 622 S 4th St, 712-325-9368

• **Golden Spike Monument**, S 21st St and 9th Ave, 56 ft. golden concrete spike erected 1937 in conjunction with premiere of film “Union Pacific”

• **Grand Encampment Mormon Battalion Mustering Grounds Marker**, 1600 S Highway 275, location where Mormons met after traveling across Iowa, 12 days after arriving 500 men (Mormon Battalion) volunteered with the U.S. Army.

• **Great Plains Wing Museum**, (Commemorative Air Force Museum), 16803 McCandless Rd, 712-322-2435

• **Historic General Dodge House**, 605 S 3rd St, 712-322-2406, 1869 Victorian home for the “greatest railroad builder of all time”- Gen. Greenville M. Dodge

• **Historic Squirrel Cage Jail**, 226 Pearl St, 712-323-2509, 1855, 3-story jail, 1 of 3 left in U.S., prisoner cells rotate to allow entrance or exit

• **Kanesville Tabernacle and Visitor Center**, 222 E Broadway, 712-322-0500, built by 20 pioneers in 2½ weeks

• **Lewis and Clark Park and Scenic Overlook**, 19962 Monument Rd, 712-328-4650

• **Lincoln Monument**, 399 LaFayette Ave, erected 1911 to commemorate Lincoln’s visit to the site

• **RailsWest Railroad Museum**, 1512 S Main, 712-323-5182, housed in 1899 Rock Island Depot

• **Ruth Ann Dodge Memorial**, Lafayette Ave and N 2nd St, edge of Fairview Cemetery, also known as the “Black Angel”

• **Union Pacific Railroad Museum**, 200 Pearl St, 712-329-8307, unique Beaux Arts-style building

**FUN FACT:**
A dedicated motor enthusiast, President Woodrow Wilson, contributed $5 whereupon he was issued the first Lincoln Highway Certificate.
Natural Intrinsic Quality

Iowa was once under a warm sea near the equator. As land forms shifted and the Ice Age melted away, Iowa was created with varying topography. The major rivers, as well as many other smaller rivers and streams were used early on by people for travel or as a food source. Early settlers used streams to grow crops and turn wheels in mills. Much of Iowa was “swampy”, so tiles were laid to drain the land for farming. Today, many natural areas are preserved with native habitats for a variety of creatures. Some of these areas include recreational opportunities.

**Clinton County**


**Clinton**

- **Bulger’s Hollow Recreational Area**, 4686 170th St, 815-259-3628
- **Lock and Dam #13**, Mississippi River, (41.5353N, 90.0921W) viewed best from Eagle Point Park

**DeWitt**

- **Killdeer Recreation Area**, 2471 330th Ave
- **Malone Park**, 2524 330th Ave, (41.813185,-90.45531127)
- **Wapsi Wildlife Area**, 270th Ave. (41.7679715, -90.5669804)

**Grand Mound**

- **Barber Creek Wildlife Area**, 278th St, 563-357-2035
- **Grand Mound Conservation Area**, (41.825243, -90.6252546)

**Calamus**

- **Syracuse Wildlife Area**, 563-357-2035, (41.8297139, -90.7958897)

**Wheatland**

- **Syracuse Access**, (41.831624, -90.794641)

**Lowden**

- **Massillon Park**, (Hoover Highway) (41.8880371, -90.9442772)
- **Townsend Wildlife Area**, 563-886-6930, (41.8151126, -90.9591696)
Linn

Lisbon
- Built at intersection of Iowan Surface region and Southern Iowa Drift Plain. Large fieldstones or glacial erratics across the ground surface are typical.

Mount Vernon
- Built atop a Paha (erosional remnants of Pre-Illinoian glacial plain preserved by thick, windblown Loess deposits)
- Palisades-Kepler State Park, 700 Kepler Dr, 319-895-6039
- Cornell College, first Iowa College to establish a Geology Department
- Norton Museum Geology Center and Anderson Museum, Carnegie Library-style, houses over 20,000 rocks, minerals, and fossils

Marion
- Squaw Creek County Park, (42.0069568, -91.5613324)

Cedar Rapids
- Chain-O-Lakes Wildlife Area, (42.0739899, -91.7893928)
- Indian Creek Nature Center, 6665 Otis Rd, 319-362-0664.
- Kepler-Palisades Park. Fossils found from Salurian Epoch (425 million years ago) when area was a shallow sea in the southern tropics. Also found a molar here from a mastodon in Paleo-Indian Period. (41.9110261, -91.504686)
- Palisades-Dows Preserve, (41.9016504, -91.5618132)
- Vecny Woods, 44th St and Otis Rd SE, inside Indian Creek Nature Center
• **Vertical cliffs** (palisades) were created by lime mud deposits with crinoids (sea lilies) debris and locally common corral. Through chemical changes due to weathering processes, some bedrock dissolved and created small caves and overhanging rock ledges.

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**Benton**

**Belle Plaine**
Water-bearing stratum discovered in 1886 under Belle Plaine. “**Jumbo Well**” struck at 8th Ave and 8th St, 14 months to harness it. Several artesian wells are still in the area.

• **Bloomsbury Farm**, 3260 69th St, 319-446-7667

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**Tama**

• **Paths** created by the Meskwaki and early settlers followed the hills and the Iowa River. The original Lincoln Highway skirted around the many hills and traveled in the low land near the Iowa River. The residents lovingly call the hills to the north, the “Bohemian Alps”.

• **American White Pelicans** follow a path from southern MN to Tama and the Iowa River, then fly west to the Missouri River before heading south through NE and KS.

• **Iowa River Corridor**. Runs from Otter Creek Marsh to Marengo, along the Iowa River. Bird conservation area, (41.960682, -92.447427)

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**Marshall**

**LeGrand**

• **LeGrand Quarry**, 2238 Zeller Ave, oldest quarry in Iowa, producing limestone. Crinoid (sea lily) fossils found here in a 600 lb. stone. Cut into slabs, the fossils are on display at the Smithsonian, Iowa State Historical Society, and the Marshall County Historical Society Museum in Marshalltown.

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**Marshalltown**

• **Alliant Energy’s Sutherland Generating Station**, 3001 East Main St Rd, 641-754-4900, emerging prairie forested wetlands in the floodplain of the Iowa River

• **American Discovery Trail**, Links the Atlantic and Pacific
Coasts by bike trail, in Grimes Farm and Conservation Center

- **Grimes Farm and Conservation Center**, 2349 233rd St, 641-752-5490
- **Marietta Sand Prairie Preserve**, sand prairie remnant (42.0987014, -93.0385286)
- **The Marshalltown Public Library**, 105 W Boone St, 641-754-5738. Gone “green” with its solar panels
- **Shady Oaks Campground**, 2370 Shady Oaks Rd, 641-752-2946, oldest private campground in Iowa, 12-level Big Treehouse, some of the oldest trees in Iowa
- **Three Bridges County Park**, 1885 Quarry Bridge on NRHP listing. (42.03510, -92.806717)

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**Story**

**Colo**

- **Colo Bogs**, 2 miles E on Lincoln Highway. Famous Lincoln Highway photo taken near here of an early motorist trying to get out of the mud, or “gumbo”. (42.0223895, -93.2610849)

**Nevada**

- **Hertz Family Woods and Nature Preserve**, 25369 Country Club Rd
- **Walkabout Gardens**, 26391 595th Ave, 515-382-6269

**Ames**

- **Ada Hayden Heritage Park**, (42.067935, -93.6315684)
- “Much beloved” **American Sycamore tree**. Est. life of 200 years, Lincoln Highway and University Blvd in Ames
- **Ames High Prairie State Preserve**, 1921 Ames High Drive

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Colo Bogs outside of Colo on the Lincoln Highway.
• Cooper’s Prairie Marsh, (42.063677, -93.538607)
• Jim Ketelson Greenwing Marsh, 21162 570th Ave.
• McFarland Park, (42.0957333, -93.5720701)
• Skunk River Flats, 26995 Sand Hill Trail
• Soper’s Mill, 56501 170th St, 515-232-2516
• Wakefield Woods, Junction of E29 and Dayton Rd

Boone
The Monarch Migration Path runs in the spring through Boone and counties to the west. In the fall, monarchs travel from Wisconsin into eastern Iowa before heading to Mexico for the winter. Boone County is also in the flight pattern for spring and fall migration for the American White Pelican. Their path is along the Des Moines River Valley to Des Moines, then south through either St. Louis or Kansas City.

Boone
• Des Moines River Valley, runs between Hwy #30 and the Lincoln Highway
• Ledges State Park, 1515 P Ave, views of the river valley

Ogden
• Don Williams Recreation Area, 610 H Ave, 515-353-4237

Greene
Greene County land scores a 76.4 in the Corn Suitability Rating, (indicator of the suitability for the soil for row crops), which is 5th highest county in Iowa.

Grand Junction
• Pounds Pits Wildlife Area, (42.0710351, -94.242412)

Jefferson
• Daubendiek Park, 515-386-3412 (42.0053471, -94.389237)
• Goose Lake Wildlife Management Area, (42.1138201, -94.6079293)
• Perkins Prairie, remnant prairie (41.992131, -94.396998)
• Spring Lake Park, 1847 195th St, 515-738-5069
Arcadia

In 1867, the Chicago Northwestern Railroad entered Council Bluffs and established switch stations in Carroll County. One to the east, called Eastside (no longer exists) and on the west side, a town called Westside (still exists). In the middle, was Tip-Top. A wealthy New Englander traveling from CA to NY was impressed with the area and bought 4,000 acres, platted the town, and persuaded the railroad to rename it from Tip-Top to Arcadia.

The Missouri and Mississippi Divide, east of the town of Arcadia, in a roadside park, N side of Lincoln Highway. Large rock monument and DOT Historic Sign, 1429 ft above sea level. Rivers and streams on the east side flow southeasterly to the Mississippi River and those to the west flow southwesterly to the Missouri River. (42.0773914,-95.0290375)

Carroll

• **Swan Lake State Park**, 22676 Swan Lake Trail, 712-792-4614
• **Sauk Rail Trail** runs from Swan Lake State Park to Black...
Crawford County has the northern-most point of the entire Lincoln Highway as it travels coast-to-coast.

**Denison**
- Milwaukee Road Habitat, 6 miles S on Hwy 59, (41.945096, -95.4353746)
- Neal Moeller Environmental Education Center, in Yellow Smoke Park, 712-263-3409, (42.0300845, -95.3251832)
- Terrace Farming, east side of town, first glimpse of row crops planted around the hills
- Yellow Smoke Park, 2237 Yellow Smoke Road, 712-263-2070, (42.0300845, -95.3251832)

After the last Ice Age and the last of the melted waters receded, strong winds picked up dust and deposited it to create the Loess Hills. Soil is called “sugar clay,” as it is very hard when dry, but by no cohesion when wet. Only Shaanxi, China has a larger deposit of loess soil.

**Dunlap**
- Schaben Park, (41-8046753, -95.6896002)

**Woodbine**
- Willow Lake Recreational Area, (41.7714999, -95.79932)

**Missouri Valley**
- DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, 1434 316th Ln, 712-388-4800

Trails were first created by ancient civilizations, including Native Americans, followed by Mormons. Paths used later for automobile as roads developed. Grapes, raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries and crab apples grew wild.

**Crescent**
- Named for the shape of the bluffs.
Honey Creek
- Named for the many wild bees found there.

Council Bluffs
- **Lake Manawa State Park**, 1100 S Shore Dr, 712-427-2757
- **Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park**, at the base of Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge in Council Bluffs
- **Western Historic Trails Center**, 3434 Richard Downey Ave, 712-366-4900

**FUN FACT:**
As much as 85% of Iowa’s original Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway is still drivable today! (Some parts including gravel)
Recreational Intrinsic Quality

As man settled in Iowa, natural areas have been developed for recreational purposes. Many of these locations could have been filed under the Natural Intrinsic Quality, but they are used for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, skiing purposes as well as the enjoyment of the outdoors.

**Clinton**
- **Bickelhaupt Arboretum**, 340 S 14th St, 563-243-3600
- **Discovery Trail**, 14-mile trail starts at Eagle Point Park, through downtown Clinton, ends in Camanche
- **Emma Young Park**, 11th Ave N and N 14th St
- **Felix Adler Children’s Discovery Center**, 332 8th Ave S, 563-243-3600
- **Fishing Access**: (1) between 5th and 6th Ave, N on Riverview Dr. (just south of the Showboat Theater) handicapped accessible. (2) Discovery Trail Riverview Drive and 9th Ave N
- **Lyons Four Square Park**, Main Ave and Roosevelt St- Historic Lyons District
- **Public boat ramps**: 30th Ave North and McKinley, 25th Ave North and Harding St, 9th Ave N on Riverview Drive and 19th Ave S and Fifth Ave
- **Riverfront Marina**, 511 Riverview Dr. 563-242-3600
- **Soaring Eagle Nature Center**, 4201 N 3rd St, 563-242-9088 (off-leash dog park)
- **Wild Rose Casino**, 777 Wild Rose Dr, 563-243-9000

**Cedar**
- **Lowden**
  - **3/30 Golf and Country Club**, 101 Country Club Lane, 563-941-7695

**Linn**
- **Lisbon**
  - **Lincoln Square Park**, Main St
- **Mount Vernon**
  - **Farmers’ Market**, Community Center, 221 1st St NE, Thurs
  - **Palisades Natural Area**, 319-892-6450 (41.916085, -91.572475)
  - **South Cedar Natural Area**, (41.8728566, -91.4480107)

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Marion

- **Farmers’ Markets**: City Park, 2200 31st St, Wed/Sat
- **K-9 Acres Dog Park**, Squaw Creek Park, 5200 Golf Course Rd, 319-286-5760
- **Legion Park Disc Golf**, Thomas Park, 343 Marion Blvd
- **Squaw Creek Park**, 4305 Squaw Lane, 319-892-6450, groomed ski trails
- **Thomas Park**, 343 Marion Blvd, Marion’s largest park

Cedar Rapids

- **Farmers’ Markets**: (1) Green Square Park Wed/Sat, (2) New Bo area, Sat/Sun, (3) Noelridge M/W/F
- **Hawkeye Downs** (Speedway), 4400 6th St SW, 319-365-8656
- **Jones Park Disc Golf**, (41.9505, -91.6532)
- **Mount Trashmore**, on C St SW, site of the former Otis Quarry, later known as “Site 1 Landfill.” Hiking trails including Cedar River Trail, (41.9622384, -91.6538742)
- **Semi Professional baseball team**, the Cedar Rapids Kernels
- **Semi Professional hockey team**, the Roughriders
- **Rock Island Preserve**, (42.026346, -91.725759)
- **Shaver Park Disc Golf**, Shaver Rd and J Ave
- To see all the Trails available visit: linncountytrails.org/maps

Benton

Belle Plaine

- **Franklin Park Disc Golf**, 815 13th Ave

Tama

Chelsea

- **Dufus Landing**, 2711 360th St
- **Iowa River Natural Wildlife Area**, (41.920860, -92.428413)
Tama
• ATV Park, (41.9573001, -92.5766752)
• Columbia Wildlife Area, 2171 370th St
• Longpointe Landing, 3469 P Ave
• Manatt’s Landing, 1974 340th St
• Meskwaki Bingo, Casino, Hotel, Hwy 30 West, 800-728-4263

Montour
• McCoy Landing, (42.0069135, -92.7318642)

Marshall

LaMoille
• Bear Grove Forest Management Area, 2204 Hart Ave

LeGrand
• Mag Holland Access Area, 2283 Zeller Ave

Marshalltown
• Furrow Access, 2991 Main St Road
• Linn Creek Recreational Trail, one of the trailheads is at Grimes Farm, 233rd St (42.022435, -92.971366)
• Marshall County Conservation Board Headquarters, 2349 233rd St, 641-752-5490
• Marshalltown Skate Park, 901 S 6th St
• Marshalltown Speedway, E Olive St and S 12th Ave, on the Central Iowa Fairgrounds, 515-432-04703
• Nicholson - Ford Access, 2814 E Marion St
• Riverview Park, 402 Woodland, 641-754-5715, off-leash dog area, 18-hole championship caliber disc golf course
• Sand Lake Recreation Area, 2901 Main St Road
• Wickersham Forest Mgmt West, 2563 Starry Grove Rd
State Center
• Lincoln Golf Course, 1538 235th St, 641-483-2054

Story
• Twin Anchors Campground, 68132 US Hwy 30, 641-377-2243

Nevada
• Harrington Park, E Lincolnway, Disc golf, skate park
• Nevada trail system, around town and along Indian Creek (42.012000, -93.444677)
• SCORE (Story County Recreation for Everyone) Park, 1543 Fawcett Parkway, soccer fields, ball diamonds

Cambridge (Not on the Lincoln Highway)
• Center Grove Orchard, 32835 610th, 515-383-4354

Ames
• Ames Bikeways, bike paths and bike lanes around town
• Ames Dog Park, 605 Billy Sunday Rd, 515-239-5350
• Ames/ISU Ice Arena, 1507 Gateway Hills Park Dr, 515-292-5434 ext. 7
• Carroll Marty Disc Golf Course, 1500 Gateway Hills Park Dr
• Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Blvd, 515-294-2710
• Skate Park, Brookside Park, 1330 6th St, 515-239-5350
• Skunk River Greenbelt Recreational Trail System, Trailheads at McFarland Park, Peterson Park, Soper’s Mills, Bear Creek, Anderson Canoe Access, E18 Greenbelt Access, Pedestrians and bikes
• Skunk River Water Trail, access points for canoeing: Story City, E18, Anderson Canoe, Soper’s Mill, Peterson Park, Sleepy Hollow (616 W Riverside Rd), North River Valley Park, SE 16th St, 265th St, Askew Bridge/Cambridge
Boone

- Boone Speedway, 1481 223rd Pl, 515-432-1795
- Camp Hantesa (Camp Fire), 1450 Oriole Rd, near north gate Ledges State Park, 515-432-1417
- Camp Sacajawea (Girl Scouts), 638 L Ave, 515-729-1843
- Dickcissel Recreation Area, 1701-1799 219th St, 515-353-4237
- Holst Forest Area, 170th St and Kale Rd.
- Saylorville Wildlife Area, between Hwy #30 and E52
- Seven Oaks Recreation, 1086 222nd Drive, 575-432-9457

Ogden

- Harrier Marsh, (42.0306409, -94.0329983)

Greene

Jefferson

- Deal’s Orchard, 1102 244th St, 515-386-8279
- Finn Pond, (42.0320859, -94.4214739)
- Greene County Community Center, 204 W Harrison St, 515-386-3412
- Henderson Park, (42.0022127, -94.2817426)
- Raccoon River Canoe Access at Hyde Park, Brown Bridge, McMahon Access, Henderson Park, Squirrel Hollow, and Adkins Bridge
- Raccoon River Valley Trail, trail head at Jefferson Depot (42.015303, -94.368132)
- Seven Hills Park, (42.002404, -94.383967)
- Squirrel Hollow Park, (41.94927, -94.2899215)
- Squirrel Hollow Wildlife Area, (41.9492618, -94.2942989)
- Waters Wildlife Area, (42.029612, -94.300192)

Scranton

- Community Center, 900 Eagle St 712-652-3888, renovated school & gym

Carroll

- Carroll County Rec Center, 716 N Grant Rd, 712-792-5400
- Mid-Prairie Park, (42.0700452, -94.8978565)
• **Sauk Rail Trail**, runs from Swan Lake State Park to Black Hawk State Park (42.0637358, -94.88002007)

**Glidden**
- **Dickson Timber**, (42.1171908, -94.6924445)
- **Hazelton Wildlife Area**, 3 miles west on Hwy 30, (42.06943,-94.78082)

**Crawford**

**Arion**
- **Arion Access**, carry-in only, Boyer River access (41.942750, -95.58782)
- **The County Farm**, (41.9562966, -95.4644157)

**Dow City**
- **Nelson Park**, (41.9398623, -95.5928011)
- **Ahart/Rudd Natural Resource Area**, (41.9147322, -95.5353276)

**Harrison**

**Woodbine**
- **City Park**, 6th and Park St, includes rodeo grounds

**Missouri Valley**
- **City Park/Fairgrounds**, 800 W Huron
- **Fish Lake Wildlife Area**, (41.5777696,-95.9358443)
- **Loess Hills Lavender Farm**, 2278 Loess Hills Trail, 712-642-9016
- **Mushroom hunting**, popular in Harrison County and the Loess Hills, locations are a secret
- **Sawmill Hollow Organic Farms**, 2159 Kennedy Ave, 712-648-2432
- **St. Johns Wildlife Area**, (41.5834066, -95.9456607)

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*Parks, Camping, Fishing, Shelters, Trails, Dow House*

For more information or reservations, call 712-263-2748, email crawfco@frontiernet.net, or visit www.crawfordcountyconservationboard.com
• *Summitt Park*, Summitt St between N 3rd St & N 4th St
• *Willow Park*, Park Ave and W Superior
• *Wilson Island Recreational Area*, 32801 Campground Lane, 712-642-2069

**Pottawattamie**

**Honey Creek**

- *Birding*, popular activity in the Loess Hills
- *Honey Creek Creamery*, 25593 Old Lincoln Highway, 402-594-5111
- *Mount Crescent Ski Hill*, 17026 Snowhill Lane, 712-545-3850

**Crescent**

- *Iowana Farm*, 17747 Badger Ave, 712-545-9300

**Council Bluffs**

- *Blackbird Marsh*, I 29 and 16th St
- *City of Council Bluffs Trails*, many trails and bike lanes
- *Dittmer’s Orchard and Vineyard*, 19475 225th St, 712-256-7053
- *Indian Creek Stable*, 23136 Mudhollow Road, 712-545-3534
- *Narrows River Access*, 2500 N 25th St, off I29, 712-323-1342
- *Pottawattamie Conservation* has many hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in their parks
- *Shady Lane Ranch, Inc.*, 17744 Shady Lane, 712-323-1932
- *Vincent Bluff State Preserve*, 2200 Thallas St
- *Wabash Trace Nature Trail*, starts in Council Bluffs & ends MO and IA border (41.218697, -95.817652)
- *Welch’s Orchard and Pumpkin Patch*, 17676 Sunnydale Rd, 712-323-4723

**FUN FACT:**

In addition to creating the Lincoln Highway, Carl Fisher was a creator of the Dixie Highway, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the primary developer of Miami Beach, Florida.
Travelers will find several scenic places along the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway. From high bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River to the Loess Hills overlooking the Missouri River, from the hills near Tama to the many river valleys, there are diverse locations along the way to stop and enjoy the sights.

**Clinton County**

*Clinton*
- Eagle Point Park, 3900 N. 3rd St, Panoramic views of the Mississippi River, Bald eagles and other birds and animals, Barges and water craft travel through the Lock and Dam #13.

**Cedar County**

*Lowden*
- “Stair Step” section of the Lincoln Highway outside of town

**Linn County**

- Countryside looks like a Grant Wood painting
- Has a strong roadside vegetation plan for the county - colors change with the seasons

*Mount Vernon*
- Approaching Mount Vernon from the Lincoln Highway, views from high points within the city

*Cedar Rapids*
- “Seedling Mile” views (41.9744416, -91.5005139)
- Highest point in Linn County on Springville Road. Great views

**Benton**

- View along the Lincoln Highway showcases the Iowa River Corridor and its expansive low prairies

**Tama**

- Lincoln Highway from Belle Plaine, through Chelsea and on into Tama, wide expanses of the river bottom area and marshes
- Meskwaki Settlement, south side, area is undisturbed for the most part and wildlife abundant along the Iowa River.
Marshall
- Geometrics of undulating waves of row crops
- Iowa River Valley
- JB Swift Meatpacking Plant, 402 North 10th St, Marshalltown when lit at night

Story
- West of Colo towards Nevada. Railroad overpass with the Lincoln Highway curving underneath and the rolling hills

Boone
- Kate Shelley Bridge view overlooking the Des Moines River Valley, (42.0593, -93.9694)
- Travelers on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad cross the 156 ft. tall Bass Point Creek High Bridge, views of valley, deer, turkeys, and eagles
- Ledges State Park, canyons and bluffs, scenic overlook in the park, (41.9922, -93.8738)

Greene
- Mahanay Bell Tower, On a clear day, view 5-6 counties. Rooftop art on downtown Jefferson buildings only viewed from the tower, (42.005598, -94.222823)

Carroll
- Scenic Views of Mount Moses, named by locals, north of Carroll on Hwy 71, (42.0869293, -94.8747083)

Crawford
- Yellow Smoke Park hills looking down on Boyer River Valley, (42.0305433, -95.3224971)
- Hills by Job Corps, (42.010356, -95.193885) east side of Denison. Views of the Boyer River Valley

Harrison
- Loess Hills offer many scenic views, Yucca plants, native flowers, and wind-swept formed Loess Hills
• **Historical Village and Welcome Center in Missouri Valley**, overlook with spectacular views of the Boyer River Valley, (41.583248, -95.8475097)

• **Sawmill Hollow Organic Farm**, high elevations, good views, (41.393940, -95.534555)

• **Willow Lake**, high elevations, good views, (41.461740, -95.472604)

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**Pottawattamie**

• **Fairmont Park**, Council Bluffs, Panoramic views, (41.150718, 95.503112)

• **Vincent Bluff State Preserve**, Panoramic views, (41.142942, -95.500606)

• **Lewis and Clark Monument Scenic Overlook**, views of Council Bluffs, Missouri River, and landscape

• **Hitchcock Nature Center**, north of Crescent, observation tower, views of Council Bluffs, Omaha, & countryside

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**FUN FACT:**

There was a Lincoln Highway board game made in 1926 by Parker Brothers. It was a double board game, Lincoln Highway and Checkers.
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The byway is managed by Prairie Rivers of Iowa, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a better environment for the citizens of Iowa through educational services and building awareness.

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