



From yonder Mississippi's

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he words of Iowa's traditional state song reflect the pride we Iowans feel for our beautiful state. We want to share that pride with you, and we invite you to visit Iowa on your next vacation. Iowans are proud of their immersed in the traditions of farming and the Iowa way of life from pioneer days to the present. Gain an appreciation of the hard work and enterprising spirit that made Iowa the breadbasket of the world. That same spirit was present in the immigrants who

settled in Iowa, melding their Old World traditions with the Iowa lifestyle. Those traditions are kept alive at museums that highlight cultures from around the world, and through colorful costumes, song and dance at ethnic festivals and celebrations across the state. Iowa's four seasons inspire a greater appreciation for nature - and visitors find that Iowa offers recreation year-

round, whether your sport is hunting, fishing or trailblazing, water-skiing or cross-country skiing. Our state's extensive network of trails, plus a well-maintained system of secondary roads, makes Iowa a top bicycling destination. And whether you're traveling on two wheels or four, it's never very far to the next friendly small town. Iowans are known for their hospitality — you'll find a friendly face and a warm welcome wherever you travel!

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad Governor, State of Iowa

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You make me smile.🛂

1997 IOWA MAP FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION ONLY

. . . IOWA WELCOME CENTERS Open all year. Amana Colonies Hwys. 151 and 220, Main Amana I-80, Exit 225 east of Williamsburg BLOOMFIELD 301 N. Washington 400 Front St. West Train and Depot Sts. Third St. and Ice Harbor 4038 Main St. ELKADER
Hwy. 13, 5 miles south of Elkader 1013 Broadway St. I-35, Exit 4 and Hwy. 69 LE CLAIRE 900 Eagle Ridge Rd. MISSOURI VALLEY Hwy. 30, 3 miles east of Missouri Valley SIOUX CITY 1000 Larson Park Rd. INTERSTATE WELCOME CENTERS 1-35 south of Exit 197, Clear Lake/Mason City Davis City
I-35 north of Exit 4, state line DES MOINES I-80 west of Exit 121 SERGEANT BLUFF
I-29 south of Exit 141, Sioux City UNDERWOOD
I-80 north of Exit 17, Council Bluffs

I-80 east of Exit 205, west of Iowa City

and Iowa City

I-80 west of Exit 271, between Davenport

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LEWIS AND CLARK GREAT RIVER ROAD

lowa's historic trails are

well-marked journeys

where families can follow

in the footsteps of great

figures of history —

Mormon pioneers,

American Indian chiefs,

rugged military scouts

and intrepid explorers.

LOWA'S HISTORIC AND SCENIC TRAILS LEAD TO family travel

ADVENTURE! YOU KNOW THIS ROAD ... WHERE MISSISSIPPI BARGES PASS

INTO FOG, CAVES DUITOW INTO A HICKORY-DENSE DELL,

WHERE EAGLES HUNTED SKIES ABOVE TRAIL-BLAZING PIONEERS,

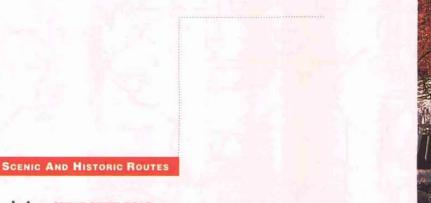
WHERE eagles still hunt today. A ROAD TO ANCIENT

MOUNDS AND ANTIQUE SHOPS, THROUGH GOLD-CROWNED PRAIRIES,

OVER GREEN TOller-coasting hills. THIS ROAD TAKES YOU

TO AN AMERICA YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN — THOUGH YOU SEE IT FOR

THE FIRST TIME TODAY. WELCOME TO AN IOWA HISTORIC AND SCENIC TRAIL!



as one of the most famous — and longest cenic and historic drives in the United States, the GREAT RIVER ROAD is a federally designated route covering 3,000 miles of federal, state and county roads that generally follow the Mighty Mississippi FROM CANADA TO THE GULF OF MEXICO. Look for the pilot wheel signs to guide you along Iowa's segment. Pass through national wildlife refuges, observe the workings of the immense system of locks and dams, discover some of Iowa's oldest communities, ride

Highways 26, 52 and 99 make up segments of the route, along with many county roads. This route is marked on the official Department of Transportation map on the reverse side

ragoons were lightly armed cavalry soldiers who (1832) put the area under the control of the United States government. Following the course of the Des Moines River, the Dragoons blazed a trail through newly acquired lands that would soon become the state of Iowa. Dragoons established outposts from presentday Des Moines to Fort Dodge in the spring and summer of 1835.

Today, you can again travel this BEAUTIFUL "GREENBELT" area, a 200-mile corridor along the Des Moines, Boone and accoon rivers. By following the Dragoon Trail signs, you can trace the most scenic portion of their route, from just below Lake Red Rock to Fort Dodge and Webster City. Points of interest along the way include Lake Red Rock, Ledges State Park, the Kate Shelley High Bridge and Dolliver Memorial Park.

Look for signs in downtown Des Moines on the east side of the Des Moines River, on Highway 316 and County Road G40 near Lake Red Rock/Knoxville, Highway 415 near Polk City, and Highway 20 near Fort Dodge.

LOESS HILLS SCENIC BYWAYS eplore the rare and spectacular natural landscaping of the Loess Hills region of Western Iowa, a fragile place of unique prairie flora and wildlife, farms and villages, nestled together among the catstep hills. Bluestem and scarlet sumac ripen under the big skies atop this rich yellow-brown loess — ancient soil gathered by winds of a receding age of ice into a high wall that follows the vast Missouri River Valley. The rugged range rises abruptly from the

flatlands on the west and melts into the rolling plains on the east, extending 200 miles. The Loess Hills Scenic Byway is a mosaic of designated roads that pass through this region in a general north/south direction, paralleling Interstate 29.

Follow the Loess Hills Scenic Byway signs along extreme western Iowa counties. North of Sioux City, follow Highway 12. Take Highway 982 south of Sioux City; highways 175 from Onawa, 127 between Magnolia and Logan, 183 between Soldier and Council Bluffs, and Highway 275 south of Council Bluffs.

The Mormon Pioneer Trail — blazed from Illinois to Utah, eginning in 1846 — is one of the most important journeys made in America's history. As the intrepid people braved the HAZARDOUS JOURNEY WEST, they passed through the southern tier of Iowa counties, leaving a lasting impression on the area's cultural history. From 1846 to 1869, tens of thousands of Mormons followed the early trail from Nauvoo, Illinois, across southern Iowa and onward to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, a 1,200-MILE ADVENTURE. They traveled west to find a place where they could maintain their religious and cultural identity in peace. In so doing, the "Saints" — as the Mormons called themselves — opened new lands once considered worthless desert and created thriving communities. The auto tour route is marked with the Iowa Mormon Trail signs, and

follows highways 2, 34, 25 and 92 from Nauvoo in the east to Council Bluffs LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL To find a passage from the Mississippi River to the Pacific, resident Thomas Jefferson was eager to explore new lands the Louisiana Territory — recently acquired from Napoleon Bonaparte. From 1804 to 1806, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led 40 soldiers and boatmen on an EPIC JOURNEY sponsored

by the United States, under Jefferson's directive. On this historic adventure, Lewis and Clark mapped the land, recorded its resources and made contacts with native inhabitants. The Lewis and Clark Trail follows the Missouri River along the western border of Iowa. Here, the explorers held a council with chiefs of the Oto and Missouri tribes at a place they would call "Council Bluffs." Travelers can follow the trail along the Missouri by interstate that takes the 1990s explorer to marinas, nature preserves and historic parks. SERGEANT CHARLES FLOYD'S was the only death to occur during the historic expedition. A monument stands in Sioux City near where Floyd was buried.

Watch for the Lewis and Clark Trail signs along Interstate 29 as it follows the

IOWA SCENIC BYWAYS

Look for the Iowa Scenic Byways signs on each route.

eave traffic behind. YIELD TO PANORAMIC VIEWS. Brake for amish buggies. Iowa Scenic Byways detour toward river alleys, wildlife refuges and countryside inns. Along these surely lanes, the only ones speeding are white-tailed deer; the only ones honking are geese.

GRANT WOOD SCENIC BYWAY Iowa native Grant Wood is celebrated as the painter of America's most famous work of art, "AMERICAN GOTHIC," the archetype of the regionalist artistic movement. Travel eastern Iowa's rounded hills and colorful woodlands, and you'll see the places that inspired "Stone City" and other

legendary Grant Wood paintings. A PICTURE-PERFECT PLACE: adventurous caves, relaxing bed-and-breakfast inns, canyonlike cliffs and barges navigating the mightiest river of them all. Take Highway 64 from Anamosa to Maquoketa; follow the 428 loop or take Highway 62 to Andrew, then E17 and Z15 to Springbrook

RIVER BLUFFS SCENIC BYWAY The northeast Iowa "loop tour" is its own destination. Breathtaking bluffs, tree-topped hills, roller-coaster roads and meandering rivers pull you along on a northeast Iowa adventure. EAGLES SOAR above prehistoric American Indian mounds — mysterious effigies created in the shapes of birds and bears. Link up to the Great River Road, a long, winding path along the scenic and LEGENDARY MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Experience main street charm, dig into

Follow bighways 18, 13 and 150 in a loop from McGregor through Elkader, Fayette, West Union and Clermont.

WOODLANDS SCENIC BYWAY Magnificent state forests welcome you to southeast Iowa. Back roads curve among vast hills, deep forests of sturdy hickory and oak, and mirrorlike farm ponds that reflect TOWERING EVERGREENS. Follow the westward trek of early Mormon pioneers. You may meet a horse-drawn buggy near Bloomfield, where Old Order Amish go about their traditional ways. Nearby Amish shops offer keepsake quilts and homebaked goods. Visit the historic VILLAGES OF VAN BUREN steamboat ports of call on the Des Moines River.

Stay on highways 2, J40 and 63 between Donnellson, Keosauqua, Bloomfield and Blakesburg.

WESTERN SKIES SCENIC BYWAY Go west for wide-open roads, fresh country air and generous sunshine. Under a prairie sunset, experience larger-than-life horizons, rolling meadows, quiet valley communities, terraced fields and riverbanks along roads that stretch through miles of Americana. Western Iowa's open roads and boundless horizons invite exploration. Watch for AUTHENTIC WINDMILLS and Danish villages, apple orchards and nature preserves. East of I-29, pick up Highway 30 at Missouri Valley. F32 takes a northern route through Woodbine, Panama and Westphalia to Highway 59; or follow 30 east to Highway 44 through Portsmouth, Harlan and Kimballton. Elk Horn is south of 44 on 173; or stay on 44 to Guthrie Center

and Panora; pick up P28 south to Stuart to get back on I-80.

Take the road less

PARK AND

DIRECTORY

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Fish Farm Mounds

Swan Lake Templar Park Rec. Area Trappers Bay Triboji Beach

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color indicates facilities accessible to the mobility impaired.

Center, R.R.3, Box 269, Centerville, IA, 52544. Phone: 515-647-2464.

Recreation areas operated by the Corps of Engineers are indicated by a large asterisk. These facilities have highly developed

camping sites and are accessible by the handicapped. For more information about these facilities contact the Natural Resource

Management Branch, Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL. 61204

2004. Phone: 309-794-4522. For information about Rathbun Lake, contact the Corps of Engineers, Rathbun Lake Information

In addition to the parks and recreation areas listed above, the Department of Natural Resources manages more than 300 wildlife

management areas as well as numerous river and lake boating access sites. For more information, contact the lowa Department

lowa's 99 county conservation boards provide more than 1,300 areas offering a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

For information contact the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards, 117 E. Main St., Elkhart, IA. 50073. Phone: 515-

Transportation Center

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Northeast Iowa

Southwest Iowa

Southeast Iowa

East Central Iowa

DETOUR MAP

Transportation Center

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IA 50010, telephone 515-239-1471.

GENERAL INFORMATION

are also available from the DOT's Director's Staff Division.

Phone:

515-239-1101

515-239-1635

515-423-7584

712-276-1451

712-243-3355

515-472-4171

319-364-0235

maintenance or repair operations that could affect your travel.

The highways shown on this Transportation Map allow you, the traveler,

To allow you to plan a route that would avoid areas where highways

to get to your destination quickly and safely. However, repairs must be made

to keep these routes safe and efficient. Therefore, you may encounter road

are being worked on, the lowa Department of Transportation publishes the "lowa Detour and Road Embargo Map."

This map shows which roads

are being worked on; where traffic is restricted; which roads are closed;

are restricted to vehicles weighing less than the maximum allowable limits.

The detour map is published biweekly from March through December.

the approximate route of the detour or alternate route; and which roads

For truck and bus operators, there is also an "lowa Bridge Embargo

Map," which shows the bridges restricted to weights less than the maximum

For more information about these maps, or to obtain single copies or

a year's subscription, contact the Maintenance Division, Office of Mainten-

ance Services, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames,

of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, IA. 50319. Phone: 515-281-5145.

Find out the places to be

and see in lowa! Stop in

at any lowa Welcome

Center and ask about

local scenic routes.

For complete family

travel information, call

for your free lowa Travel

lowa Calendar of Events.

Guide and the current

Call 1-800-345-IOWA.

RECREATION AREA

traveled — the road everyone seems to be

searching for. An Iowa Scenic Byway takes you

off life's busy lane and puts you on a peaceful

path through beautiful and varied lowa

MUSCATINE TRUCK PERMITS - A commercial vehicle permit center is located at Park Fair Mall, 100 Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA 50313-0382, which is one mile south of Interstate 35/80. To reach the center go south on Northeast 14th Street (U.S. 69) from I-35/80 Exit 136 to Euclid Avenue, and then west on Euclid to Second Avenue. The office entrance is located on the north side of Park Fair Mall.

Service is available on reciprocity, trip, overdimension and overweight permits, and fuel permit applications for Iowa and other states. Call 515-237-3264. MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION - Information about driver's licen-

ses and vehicle registration is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, through the Customer Service Center. Call 800-532-1121 or 515-244-9124. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION - Information con-

cerning commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations is available Monday through Friday. Call 800-925-6469. The Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement Office also has two District Motor Vehicle Call District 1, (Cedar Rapids) 319-377-7779; or District 2, (Fort Dodge)

IOWA STATE PATROL

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State F	leadqu	parters Des Moines	515-281-5824
District	No. 1	Des Moines	515-246-8389
District	No. 2	Osceola	515-342-2108
District	No. 3	Council Bluffs	712-328-800
District	No. 4	Denison	712-263-462
District	No. 5	Cherokee	712-225-5119
		Spencer	
		Fort Dodge	
		Mason City	
District	No. 9	Cedar Falls	319-266-2677
District	No.10	Oelwein	319-283-552
District	No.11	Cedar Rapids	319-396-1944
District	No.12	Davenport	319-284-9501
District	No.13	Mt. Pleasant	319-385-8715
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515-288-1047 Winter Road Conditio November 15 - April 15 **Detour Information** April 16 - November 14 his is a Recorded Messo NOT TOLL FREE

EMERGENCY PATROL 800-525-5555 CELLULAR *55

Buckle Up?

For Life

CLINTON

CAR TROUBLE - If you have trouble with your vehicle, drive off the roadway to an emergency area such as the shoulder; turn on the emergency flashers; raise the hood; and tie a cloth to the antenna or door handle. Passing motorists are encouraged to help, or to notify law enforcement officers.

ACCIDENTS - Notify law enforcement officers if an accident results in injuries, death or damage to property on or adjacent to the accident scene. Do not move injured persons unless they are in further danger; seek qualified help for them. If you are involved in the accident submit a written report to the lowa DOT within three days. Report forms are available from local police departments, county sheriffs or the Iowa State Patrol.

TAKE A SECOND AND DEVELOP A LIFETIME HABIT

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800 Lincoln Way

1020 S Fourth St.

Mason City 50402

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Box 741

Box 406

We hope you are among the growng number of motorists who are IOWA DOT DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Information on BUS and TAXI service complying with lowa's seat belt and can be obtained in a directory entitled TRANSIT ATLAS by writing the Director's Staff Division, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA, 50010, or calling 515-239-1372. An IOWA AIRPORT DIRECTORY and an AERONAUTICAL CHART

It's Our Law child safety seat laws. Since lowa's seat belt law went into effect in 1986, 3,000 men, women and children survived life-threatening crashes because they were buckled up. lowa's life-saving seatbelt and child safety seat laws are working. Make them work for you.

BICYCLISTS share lowa's roadways with other vehicles. They have all the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. A head lamp and rear reflector are required for night operation. lowa's extensive paved county road system, local city streets and special bicycle paths provide excellent route selections for bicyclists. Bicycling the rolling Iowa countryside is fun and energy efficient. Motorists, please have patience and share the roadway safely with your fellow taxpayers.

MILEPOSTS

Mileposts, installed at one-mile intervals along lowa's rural interstate highways and some primary highway routes, aid motorists and traffic officers in accurately locating and reporting accidents or emergencies. The markers may also be used by motorists for trip reference. lowa's interstate interchanges are now referenced on



BURLINGTON



For local bus

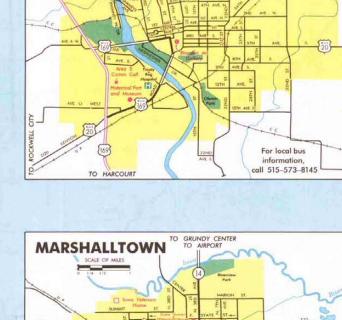


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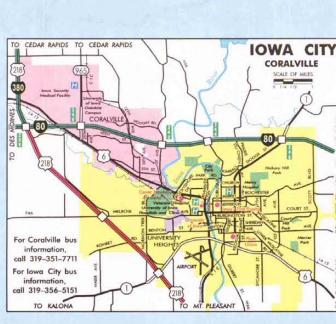
WATERLOO

CEDAR FALLS

For local bus



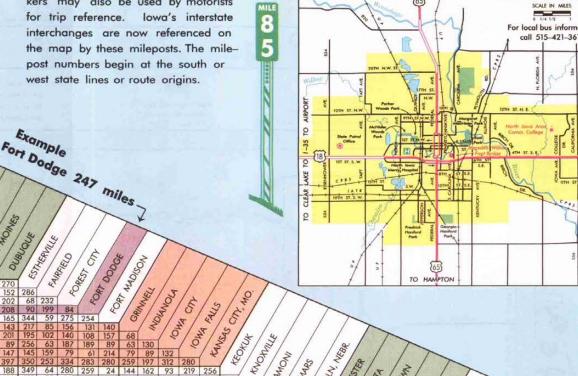














MASON CITY

