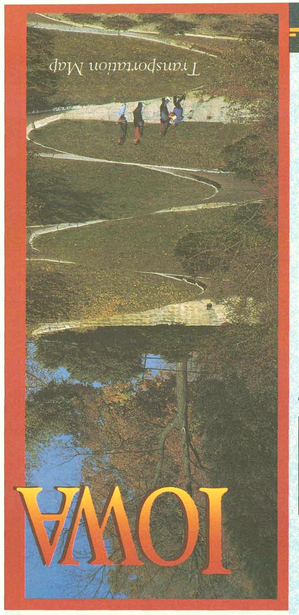


WELCOME

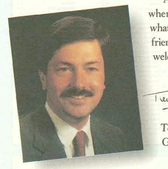
Dear Traveler,

Welcome to Iowa – the rolling land between the mighty Mississippi and the wide Missouri, where there is more to see and do than you ever imagined. Iowa is alive with celebrations, history, hospitality, festivals, fairs and fun.

Let this map be a starting place for your travels through our state. Visit Iowa's cities where the first-rate shopping, fine dining and exciting attractions make any stay a vacation. Then explore the scenic countryside and small towns that reflect the genuine personality of America's heartland.

As you travel, visit Iowa's Welcome Centers. They're as diverse as the state's many attractions and offer valuable maps and brochures that will help make your Iowa trip even more memorable.

And remember wherever you travel, whatever you do, friendly Iowans welcome you.



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AMANA ■ ●
Highways 151 & 220, Main Amana

BLOOMFIELD ■ ●
301 N. Washington, Bloomfield

BURLINGTON ■ ●
400 Front Street, Burlington

DOWS ■ ●
West Train and Depot streets, Dows

DUBUQUE ■ ●
3rd Street & Ice Harbor, Dubuque

ELK HORN ■ ●
4038 Main Street, Elk Horn

ELKADER ■ ●
Highway 13, 5 miles south of Elkader

EMMETSBURG ■ ●
1013 Broadway Street, Emmetsburg

LAMONI ■ ●
I-35, Exit 4 and Highway 69, Lamoni

LE CLAIRE ■ ●
900 Eagle Ridge Road, Le Claire

MISSOURI VALLEY ■ ●
Highway 30, 3 miles east of Missouri Valley

SIOUX CITY ■ ●
1000 Larson Park Road, Sioux City

INTERSTATE WELCOME CENTERS

CLEAR LAKE ●
I-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, Des Moines

SERGEANT BLUFF ●
I-29 south of Exit 141, Sioux City

UNDERWOOD ●
I-80 north of Exit 17, Council Bluffs

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

WILTON ●
I-80 west of Exit 271, between Davenport and Iowa City

● Open all year ● Open seasonally

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AN IOWA TRAVELER'S COMPANION

1. Venture into Western Iowa

One We There Yet?

Sgt. Floyd Monument, Sioux City — Pays striking tribute to Lewis and Clark expedition. **River-Cade** sets Siouxland skies ablaze with fireworks, hot air balloons and skydiving shows.
Sgt. Floyd Riverboat Museum/Welcome Center, historic landmark dry-docked on Iowa's "West Coast," offers Iowa information and Missouri River history.
Tulip Festival, Orange City — A tapestry of tulips, a parade of Dutch delights: pastries, dancing, street scrubbing and wooden shoes.
Iowa Great Lakes, Okoboji — Iowa's six great lakes include Okoboji and Big Spirit. Resorts, roller coaster thrills, waterfront fun.

Orange City Tulip Festival

Emmetsburg Welcome Center — Irish heritage and greetings, Iowa products and information.
The Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend — A $2.5 million marvel of precious gems and stones commemorating the life of Christ. Nearby is the reconstructed **Sod House**, a reminder of rugged pioneer life in western Iowa.
Fort-Museum, Fort Dodge — Frontier fort replica, school, jail, print shop, blacksmith shop and general store.

Sergeant Floyd Welcome Center

Buena Vista County Historical Museum, Storm Lake — Highlights: parlor, general store and icehouse that kept its cool before the days of electric refrigeration.

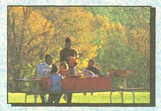
2. Westward Expedition

Can't Miss It!

General Dodge House, Council Bluffs — Grenville Dodge built a railroad empire and this extravagant 1869 mansion. At **Bluffs Run**, bet on greyhound racing year-round, in climate-controlled comfort.
Iowa's Antique City, Walnut — A treasury of antiques. Timeless keepsakes, shops, museum and year-round special events.
Danish Windmill Welcome Center, Elk Horn — Authentic 1848 Danish windmill welcomes you to Iowa and largest Danish settlement in the U.S.
Swan Lake State Park, Carroll — One of western Iowa's many scenic parks. Camp, picnic, swim or sail. Live buffalo, Farmstead Museum.

Danish Windmill

Historic McHenry House, Denison — Victorian architecture, museum and Donna Reed's Oscar. **Donna Reed Festival for the Performing Arts**, June.
Lewis and Clark Festival, Onawa — Every summer at Lewis and Clark State Park. Lewis and Clark keelboat replica.
Loess Hills Bluffs — A natural wonder. Windswept bluffs along Missouri River Valley have inspired Iowans, from early trappers to modern-day travelers.
De Soto Bend National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri Valley — A "rest stop" for migrating birds, from blue geese to wood ducks to eagles. 1865 *Steamboat Bertrand* artifacts. **Harrison County Welcome Center** features quilting and pioneer history, harness shop, broom factory, 19th century log cabin and school.


Picnicking in Western Iowa

3. Sights of Southern Iowa

Wish You Were Here!

Albia — Turn-of-the-century storybook charm! Walking tours of Courthouse Square. Ninety-two buildings feature architecture from Italianate to Gothic to Tudor Revival. A living reminder of Albia's coal-mining years.
Lake Rathbun, Centerville — Camp, windsurf, sail or ski, catch channel catfish, watch for wild turkeys or Canada geese. The two-mile-long Rathbun Dam forms Iowa's largest lake.
Lamoni — The quilt capital of Iowa. Mormon history and Liberty Hall Victorian museum, former home of Mormon leader Joseph Smith III.
Southern Iowa Gateway Welcome Center — Farm silo/observation tower, petting zoo and rural displays.

Lamoni, Iowa's Quilt Capital

Clarinda Museum, Glenn Miller Festival — Birthplace of Glenn Miller is "in the mood" to celebrate. Miller films, music, shows in June.
Championship Rodeo, Sidney — Cowboys compete on nationally ranked rodeo stock. Clowns, carnival, home-cooked food.
Red Oak Heritage Hill — Walking or driving tours past beautiful, turn-of-the-century residences and buildings.
Creston Restored Depot — Brings back rural memories of the days of school bells, train whistles and church chimes. Log cabin, schoolhouse, railroad depot and caboose depict Creston's history as a railroading community.
Lucas County Historical Museum, Chariton — Early mining days history. John L. Lewis Building, 1900s home, old school and church.

Sidney Championship Rodeo

4. The Heart of the Heartland

Having A Great Time!

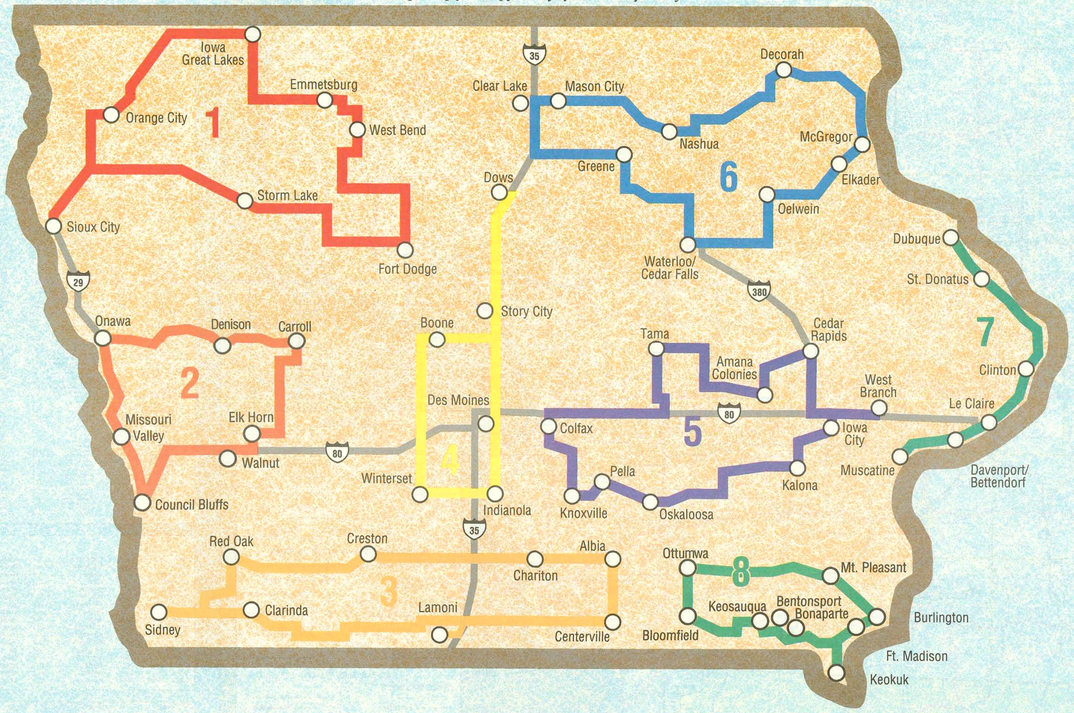
Dows Welcome Center — An 1896 restored Rock Island Depot and Welcome Center will keep you on track. Gift shop, museum, free travel information.
Story City Antique Carousel — Iowa's only operating antique carousel, built in 1913, has 26 hand-carved figures.
Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad, Boone — Ride the rails above Des Moines River Valley across 156 foot high trestle. Nearby, visit the restored birthplace of **First Lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower** in an 1890s Victorian home.
Covered Bridges, Winterset — Rare, century-old covered bridges dot the countryside near restored birthplace of **John Wayne**.

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

National Balloon Classic, Indianola — In August, see 100 colorful balloons soar above Iowa. The **National Balloon Museum** traces the history of this sport.
Living History Farms, Des Moines — Fully operating period farms. Visit 1870s-inspired Walnut Hill. Craftsmen teach trades from basketry to woodcarving.
Prairie Meadows/Adventureland, Des Moines — Twice the fun! Bet on thoroughbreds at Prairie Meadows; enjoy more than100 rides and attractions at neighboring Adventureland Park.
Iowa State Fair, Des Moines — The blue-ribbon August harvest of Iowa's agricultural heritage. Stage shows, midway rides.

Living History Farms

Great tour ideas! Just a sample of all the things to see and do in Iowa. Chart a path with this map and the FREE Iowa Visitors Guide. Call 800-345-IOWA, or pick up your copy at any of Iowa's 19 friendly Welcome Centers.



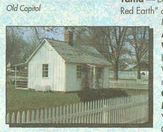
5. An Iowa Cross Section

On Must See List!

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, West Branch — Hoover birthplace, museum. One of only seven Presidential Libraries in the United States.
Iowa City — Study break: Big Ten **University of Iowa** campus, **Old Capitol** and **Coralville Reservoir**.
Kalona — Site of the largest Amish settlement west of the Mississippi River. Quilts, horse-drawn buggies, blacksmith shops and Old World charm.
Nelson Pioneer Farm, Oskaloosa — A 17-acre tribute to pioneer farming. Log cabins, quilts, military items and other historical collections.

Old Capitol

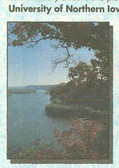
Pella Tulip Festival — *A Touch of Holland* in May, from Dutch lace to Delft. Visit home of western hero Wyatt Earp at scenic **Pella Historical Village**.
National Sprint Car Championships, Knoxville — August event on one of America's fastest tracks. Fishing and boating on nearby **Red Rock Lake**.
Trainland USA, Colfax — Trainland is toyland! Operating toy train museum shows frontier, steam and diesel railroad eras.
Mesquakie Indian Powwow, Tama — Each August "People of the Red Earth" celebrate their heritage at Mesquakie Settlement.
Amana Colonies/Amana Welcome Center — Hand-crafted treasures and Old World hospitality are trademarks of seven quaint villages.
Czech Village and Museum, Cedar Rapids — Year-round celebrations of Czech customs.


Herbert Hoover Birthplace

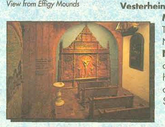
6. Northern Highlights

Lots to See Here!

Effigy Mounds, McGregor — This 1,475-acre national monument preserves prehistoric Indian mounds constructed in bird and animal shapes. Museum artifacts and tours or self-guided trails.
Osborne Welcome and Nature Center, Elkader — Hiking and exercise trails, wildlife exhibit, historic displays and Iowa products.
Oelwein — Attractions include Amish community with quilt shops, bakeries and country store.
Grout Museum of History and Science, Waterloo — Pioneer life, natural history exhibits and planetarium.
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls — Art gallery, museum, campanile, theater and UNI-Dome on campus.


View from Effigy Mounds

Spirit of Greene Paddlewheeler, Greene — River cruises include dinner at a turn-of-the-century farmstead.
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City — Hometown of "Music Man" Meredith Willson. Art museum includes Bil Baird puppets. Outdoor recreation in nearby **Clear Lake**.
Little Brown Church, Nashua — Popular wedding chapel, inspired the hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood."
Vesterheim Norwegian/American Museum, Decorah — Traces immigrant life from Norway to America.
Nordic Fest in July celebrates Norwegian heritage with traditional costumes, music, art and Scandinavian food.


Vesterheim Norwegian/American Museum

7. An Eastern Excursion

We'll Be Back!

Great River Road — Follow Iowa's eastern border past scenic Mississippi River views, charming towns and intriguing locks and dams. Ride the wave of riverboat casino gambling and family cruises aboard luxurious, vintage-style steamboats and paddlewheelers.
Woodward Riverboat Museum/National Rivers Hall of Fame, Dubuque — Life-size exhibits portray river history. Tributes to heroes from Mark Twain to Lewis and Clark. Enjoy the river view from the fifth floor observatory of the **Port of Dubuque Welcome Center**.
St. Donatus — Picturesque village with century-old Luxembourg stone architecture, bakery and shops.

Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Festival

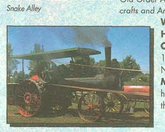
Clinton Area Showboat Theater — Stage shows and river views on the banks of the Mississippi River.
Mississippi Valley Welcome Center, Le Claire — Designed in the style of an old riverboat captain's home on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Historical displays, gift shops and slide shows introduce you to Iowa attractions.
Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Festival, Davenport — Jazz greats jazz up this world-famous July festival honoring Davenport virtuoso Bix Beiderbecke. The nationally ranked *Bix 7* race carries on the Bix tradition.
Muscatine — Visit an Edwardian mansion/contemporary gallery in Muscatine, where Mark Twain lived and worked.

Mississippi Riverboat Cruises

8. Souvenirs of Southeast Iowa

Great Vacation!

Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, Mount Pleasant — America's largest steam show. Steam engines, electric trolleys, antique tractors.
Snake Alley Historic District, Burlington — Historic 19th century buildings line "the crookedest street in the world."
The Port of Burlington Welcome Center, once used to distribute coal, now distributes warm welcomes and information on where to discover Iowa treasures.
County Courthouse, Fort Madison — Historic courthouse and jail converted to law enforcement museum. **North Lee County Historical Museum** in the old Santa Fe railroad station in Riverview Park.
Keokuk River Museum — River history aboard the *George M. Verity*, Mississippi sternwheel towboat.
Villages of Van Buren County — Restored, steamboatera shops, restaurants and inns in quaint ports of call, such as Keosauqua, Bentonsport and Bonaparte.
Davis County Welcome Center, Bloomfield — Tours given, including Old Order Amish community. Local crafts and Amish handiwork for sale.
Wapello County Historical Museum, Ottumwa — Includes early 1900s doctor's office. Nearby **Antique Airpower Museum** covers aviation history, from 1903 to the jet age.


Snake Alley

Midwest Old Threshers Reunion

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS		Camping (No. of Sites)	Cabins/Lodges	Trailer Sewage Disposal	Electrical Hook-ups	Picnicking	Hiking Trails	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Motor Carriers Prohibited	Snowmobiling
Ambrose A. Call	E-6	37				●	●		●			
Backbone	I-5	182	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Badger Creek	E-3						●	●				
Beaver Lake	I-3						●	●				
Beeds Lake	F-4	164	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Bellevue	K-5	82	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Big Creek	E-4					●	●					●
Bixby State Park	I-6					●	●					●
Black Hawk Lake	C-5	176	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Brdownie	F-1	32				●	●	●	●	●		
Browns Lake	A-5	60	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Brushy Creek	E-3	125				●	●	●	●			●
Cedar Prairie	C-7											●
Clinks Ferry ✱	I-3	45	●	●	●	●		●	●			
Cold Springs	C-3	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Camanche Lake ✱	I-4	654	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Crystal Lake	F-3	68	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Dallinger Memorial	I-5	42	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●
Echo Valley	I-6					●		●	●			
Elk Rock (Red Rock)	E-3	66	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	
Emerson Bay	C-7	94	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	
Fairport	I-3	43	●	●	●	●		●	●			
Fals Farm Mounds	I-7										●	
Fort Atkinson	H-7										●	
Fort Defiance	C-1	30				●	●				●	●
Geode	I-2	205	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
George Wyth Memorial	G-5	44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Green Valley	D-2	159	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Gull Point	C-7	70	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Hawthorne Lake	G-3							●	●			
Hayden Prairie	H-7										●	
Heery Woods	G-4	30				●	●	●				
Hickf Forest	E-4										●	
Honey Creek(Rathbun)	G-2	150	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●
Informal Access	G-7							●	●		●	●
Kalsow Prairie	D-5						●				●	●
Lacey-Keosauqua	H-7	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Lake Ahquabi	F-3	98	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Lake Anita	C-2	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Cornelia	E-5	30	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Darling	H-7	80	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Keomah	G-3	88	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Macbride	I-4	129	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Manawa	B-2	68	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake of Three Fires	D-3	170	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lake Wapello	G-2	84	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Ledges	I-4	129	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Lewis and Clark	A-4	10	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Little Sioux Park	E-4						●	●				
Loess Hills Pioneer Forest	B-4										●	
McIntosh Woods	F-2	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Manjquketa Caves	I-4	32					●					
Marble Beach	F-2	24			●			●	●			●
Marion Prairie Woods	F-3					●						
Mill Creek	B-6	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Mines of Spain	J-3					●	●		●	●	●	●
Mini-Wakan	C-7					●	●	●	●			●
Nine Eagles	E-3	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Oak Grove	A-5	70	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Oakland Mills	I-2	40					●	●	●			
Otter Creek	D-7						●	●				
Palisades-Kepler	I-4	75	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Pammel	E-3	10				●		●				
Pine Creek	F-4	80	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Pleasant Creek	C-4					●	●	●	●			
Pillsbury Point	F-7	24	●	●		●	●	●	●			
Pilot Knob	F-2	29	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Pine Lake	G-5	125	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Pleasant Creek	L-4	29	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Prime Rose	C-3	6	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Preparation Canyon	D-4					●	●					●
Rathbun Lake ✱	G-2	1015	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Red Haw	F-2	86	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Red Rock Lake ✱	F-3	420	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Rice Lake	F-7						●	●	●			
Rock Creek	G-4	200	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Shadyville Lake ✱	E-4	496	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Shady Creek ✱	J-3	79	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Sharon Bluffs	G-1	12		●	●	●	●	●	●			
Sheeder Prairie	D-3										●	
Shimek Forest	L-5	38				●	●					●
Spring Lake	E-4	40	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Springbrook	D-4	200	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Stone Prairie	B-6						●					●
Stephens Forest	F-2	60				●	●					●
Stone	A-5	44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Swan Lake	D-4	200	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Sweyers Bay	C-7					●	●					
Turkey River Mounds	H-6					●					●	
Twelve Mile Lake	F-2							●	●			
Twin Lakes	D-5					●	●	●	●			
Union Grove	C-4	52				●	●	●	●			
Viking Lake	C-2	120	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Volga River	H-6	68	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Walnut Woods	E-3	21				●	●					
Wapello	I-5					●	●					
Wapsipinicon	L-4	30	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Wildcat Den	L-3	38				●	●					●
White Pine Hollow	J-2										●	●
Wildcat Den	L-3	38				●	●					●
Wilson Island	B-3	152	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●
Woodman Hollow	I-5										●	●
Yellow River Forest	L-7	176				●	●				●	●

In addition to the parks and recreation areas listed above, the Department of Natural Resources manages over 300 wildlife management areas as well as numerous river and lake boating access sites. The 99 county conservation boards of Iowa provide over 1,000 areas offering a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. For more information, contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50310. Phone: (515)281-5145.

✱ Recreation areas operated by the Corps of Engineers are indicated by an asterisk. These facilities have highly developed camping sites and are accessible to 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, Illinois 61204-2004. Phone:(309)794-5446.

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DETOUR MAP

The highways shown on this Transportation Map allow you, the traveler, 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 maintenance or repair operations that could affect your travel.

To allow you to plan a route that would avoid areas where highways are being worked on, the Iowa Department of Transportation publishes the "Iowa Detour and Road Embargo Map". This map shows which roads are being worked on; where traffic is restricted, roads closed, and the approximate route of the detour or alternate route, and which roads are restricted to vehicles weighing less than the maximum allowable limits. The detour map is published biweekly from March through December.

For truck and bus operators, there is also an "Iowa Bridge Embargo Map" which shows the bridges restricted to weights less than the maximum limits.

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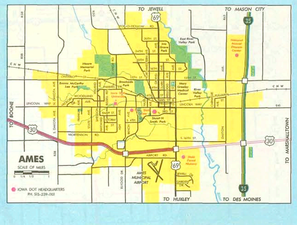

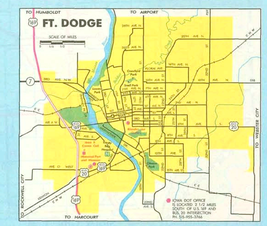

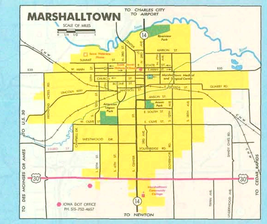

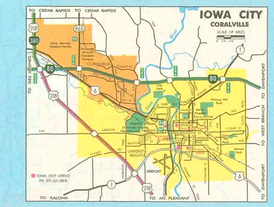

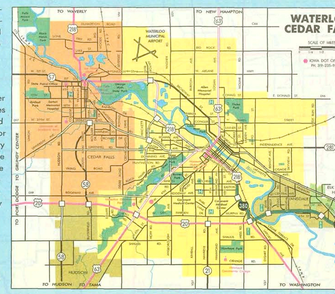

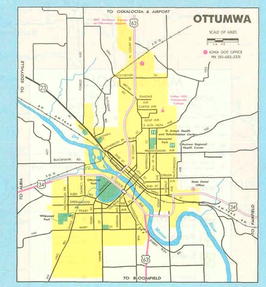

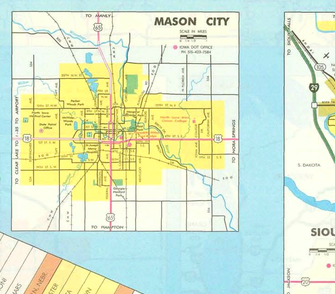

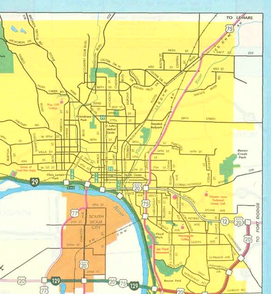
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