

 **Charge Admission**

 **Able to Handle Groups
Tours**

 **National Register Site**

Des Moines

(including the Altoona, Urbandale, Clive, Windsor Heights, Johnston, Polk City, West Des Moines, Bondurant, Ankeny, Pleasant Hill areas)

Adventureland Park

I-80, Exit 142A

Altoona, Iowa

Phone: 800-532-1286 or 515-266-2121

Web Site: www.adventurelandpark.com

Hours: Open daily late May-late Aug at 10 am Open weekends in May and Sept

Over 100 rides, shows and attractions. Royal Hanneford Circus with three shows daily June through September. Three major roller coasters, live shows, shops, delicious food, and much more.



Blank Park Zoo

7401 SW 9th St, Des Moines 50315

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-285-4722

Web Site: www.blankparkzoo.com

Hours: Open Year Round Daily 10-5 Fridays (May-Aug) 10-7

This beautifully landscaped zoological park's natural exhibits allow visitors to track the movement of 800 animals from five continents. Special attractions include the indoor Discovery Center; Australian walkabout; African boardwalk; underwater otter viewing; and animal contact area. Gift shop and snack bar.



Civic Center Of Greater Des Moines

221 Walnut St, Des Moines 50309

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-246-2300

Web Site: www.civiccenter.org

Hours: Call for specific dates, times & performance information.

The Civic Center of Greater Des Moines offers the best of Broadway, as well as an exciting variety of musical and theatrical entertainment. The Civic Center is also the home to many local and regional performing groups.



Des Moines Art Center

4700 Grand Ave, Des Moines 50312

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-277-4405

Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 11-4 ;Thurs & first Fri of each month 11-9 ; Sun 12-4; closed Mondays

Contemporary art museum with a nationally famous collection. Specializing in 19th & 20th Century artwork.



Des Moines Botanical Center

909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines 50316

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-323-6290

Hours: Open daily from 10 AM - 5 PM

Beneath its 150-foot diameter dome, the Botanical Center houses the largest collection of exotic plants in Iowa. Seasonal shows, koi, and special events ensure that more than a place for plants, this is a place for people. Riverwalk Cafe open for lunch Mon-Fri 11 AM - 2 PM & Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM. Gift shop open to the public.



Des Moines Metro Opera

106 West Boston Ave
Indianola, Iowa 50125

Phone: 515-961-6221

Email: dmmo@dmmo.org

Web Site: www.dmmo.org

Hours: June 23-July 16, 2006 -- 7:30 pm performances on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. 2:00 pm performances on Sundays.

The 34th Summer Festival of Opera offers 16 performances of three full-scale grand operas featuring Mozart's THE MAGIC FLUTE, Verdi's RIGOLETTO and Stravinsky's THE RAKE'S PROGRESS at Blank Performing Arts Center in Indianola from June 23-July 16, 2006.



Des Moines Playhouse & Kate Goldman Children's Theater

831 42nd St, Des Moines 50312
Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: Box Office: 515-277-6261

Web Site: www.dmplayhouse.com

Hours: Call for specific performance information

The Playhouse produces 12-24 shows annually. 2005-06 season features Broadway musicals "Chicago" and "Pump Boys and Dinettes," new comedies and dramas, family shows like "Pippi Longstocking" and the hilarious murder mystery "Shear Madness." Classes and workshops offered.



Fort Des Moines Memorial Park & Education Center

Army Post Rd & Chafee Rd
Des Moines, Iowa

Web Site: www.fortdesmoines.org

Hours: Tours by appt only

America's largest memorial to black and female soldiers. A 4.6 acre memorial park includes 20,000 sq. ft. museum and historic chapel.

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Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association

PO Box 110
Des Moines, Iowa 50301-0110

Web Site: www.ava.org/clubs/GreaterDesMoinesVolkssportAssn/

American Volkssport Association (AVA) sanctioned 10K (6.2 mile) year-round event (YRE) walk routes available in Ames, Big Creek State Park, Boone, Des Moines, Indianola, Marshalltown, Pella and Tama. Check website for YRE starting points and scheduled one-day events.

Hawkeye Antique Acres

West of Des Moines, I-80 Exit 117

Waukee, Iowa

Phone: 515-382-3740

Web Site: www.centralhawkeye.org

Join us July 14-16, 2006 for the 31st Annual Country Life & Power Show. Experience the past through demonstrations & entertainment, along with home made food. Also hosting annual Memorial Day weekend swap meet. Both events sponsored by the Central Hawkeye Gas Engine & Tractor Association.



Heritage Carousel

Union Park, Des Moines

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-362-5958

Hours: May-mid Sept Tues-Thurs 12-7, Fri-Sun 11-8

One-of-a-kind carousel made of wood features a three row menagerie with hand organ. Accommodates up to 35 riders on 30 animals and two chariots. Located in beautiful Union Park on Pennsylvania Avenue overlooking the Des Moines.



Historic Jordon House

2001 Fuller Rd, West Des Moines 50265

, Iowa

Phone: 515-225-1286

Hours: Wed & Sat 1-4 and Sun 2-5 (May-Oct) and by appt.to groups of 15 or more.

This renovated Victorian mansion was the home of Sen. James C. Jordon, the first settler in what is now West Des Moines. The basement rooms housed escaping slaves on their way to freedom in Canada.



Historic Valley Junction

5th Street

West Des Moines, Iowa 50255

Phone: 515-222-3642

Web Site: www.valleyjunction.com

Hours: Individual store hours may vary. Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat 10-6; Sun noon-5. Open late on event days.

Six blocks of antique and specialty shops, art galleries, fashion boutiques, hair salons, service businesses and eateries. Shop, dine, explore Historic Valley Junction - West Des Moines' oldest treasure! Over 120 diverse shops in one historic place.



Hoyt Sherman Place

1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines 50309

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-244-0507

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-4 & weekends by reservation

A grand manor home built in 1877 by prominent businessman Hoyt Sherman, the structure is now a museum and concert hall. An impressive collection of 19th and 20th century paintings, elaborately carved 17th century furniture, and rare ancient artifacts. Call for concert schedule.



Iowa Cubs Baseball

Sec Taylor Stadium

350 SW 1st St, Des Moines 50309

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-243-6111 or 800-GOICUBS (464-2827)

Web Site: www.iowacubs.com

Hours: Call for game schedule

Iowa's only AAA baseball team playing at Sec Taylor Stadium. Tours available all year round.



Iowa Gold Star Military Museum

7105 NW 70th Ave

Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824

Phone: 515-252-4531

Web Site: www.iowanationalguard.com

Hours: Mon-Sat 8:30-4:30. Closed holidays/holiday weekends

Iowa's premier military museum, honoring Iowans from all branches of service, plus the Iowa State Patrol. Indoor and outdoor displays include equipment, uniforms, 150+ weapons, flags, trench art, medals, insignia, scale models, vintage Jeep. Library with soldier records and memoirs, military reference books. Genealogical researchers welcome.



Iowa Hall of Pride

330 Park Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Phone: 515-280-8969

Web Site: www.iowaHallofPride.com

Hours: Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Experience Iowa from a fresh perspective at the Iowa Hall of Pride. Located within the Iowa Events Center, the Hall of Pride highlights Iowa's educational system, extracurricular activities, and history through games, trivia, and more!



Iowa State Capitol Building

East 9th St & Grand Ave, Des Moines 50319

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-281-5591

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-4:30; Sat 9-4:00

The 23-karat golden dome is a favorite of sightseers and houses legislative chambers, governor's office and the old supreme courtroom. Visitors enjoy original paintings, mosaic panels, Iowa First Lady dolls, a scale model of the Battleship Iowa, and war flags.



Iowa State Fairgrounds

Located at: E. 30th & University

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 57130 Des Moines 50317-0003

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-262-3111 or 800-545-FAIR (3247)

Web Site: www.iowastatefair.org

Hours: Hours vary by event; check web site for details

Home to world-famous Iowa State Fair August 10-20, 2006. More than 160 year-round events include concerts; arts, crafts and collectibles; swap meets; auto racing; horse and pet shows. 160-acre Campgrounds. Entire 400-acre Fairgrounds listed on National Register of Historic Places. For rental info call 515-262-3111 x203.



Jordan Creek Mall

www.jordancreektowncenter.com/

Living History Farms

2600 111th, Urbandale 50322

Urbandale, Iowa

Phone: 515-278-5286

Hours: May 1-Oct (3rd Sun) 9 am-5 pm daily

Learn the amazing story of how lowans transformed the fertile prairies of the Midwest into the most productive farmland in the world. See five historical time periods spanning 300 years including a 1700 loway Indian Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm, 1875 frontier town, 1900 Farm, and Wallace Crop Center.



Living History Farms Welcome Center

1-80/35, Exit 125

11121 Hickman Rd, Urbandale

Urbandale, Iowa

Phone: 515-334-9625

Hours: May thru mid-Oct Daily 9-5; Winter hours Daily 10-4

Closed New Years Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas

The visitor center at the main entrance to Living History Farms houses a welcome center with state-wide travel information and restrooms. The Marketplace gift shop features a variety of gift items including Iowa merchandise.



Merle Hay Mall

3800 Merle Hay Road

Des Moines, Iowa 50310

Phone: 515-276-8551

Web Site: www.merlehaymall.com

Hours: Mon-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun noon-5:30 pm. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, & Christmas. Special other holiday hours 10 am-5 pm.

Iowa's oldest and largest shopping center. Merle Hay Mall is always on the cutting edge of the latest trend so that customers can simply shop for all the latest things they want and need.



Metro Ice Sports Facility

5100

72nd Urbandale 50322

Urbandale, Iowa

Phone: 515-276-7200

Hours: Year-round activities - hours vary by event

Indoor public ice skating and lessons available. Figure skating club, youth amateur hockey, broom ball league, men's hockey, and sled hill available, weather permitting. Facility also available for private rentals.



Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino

I-80, Exit 142

Altoona 50009

Altoona, Iowa

Phone: 800-325-9015 or 515-967-1000

Web Site: www.prairiemeadows.com

Hours: Open 24 hours every day

The nation's first combination thoroughbred racetrack and slot machine casino. Prairie Meadows has 1,500 slot machines, table games, live horse racing April-October, year-round simulcast wagering, free entertainment (including nationally famous entertainers during the outdoor summer series), and delicious food selections throughout the day. Iowa's "Attraction of the Year" for 1999.



Salisbury House

4025 Tonawanda Drive

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-274-1777

Web Site: www.salisburyhouse.org

Hours: March-April: tours at 11 & 2 Tues-Sat;

May: tours at 11 & 2 Tues-Fri;

June-Sept: tours at 11, 1, & 2 Mon-Fri & Sun at 1, 2, & 3;

Oct-Nov: tours at 11 & 2 Tues-Sat;

December: tour at 2 Tues-Fri (plus Holly & Ivy public tours);

Closed January & February

42-room English Tudor-style mansion filled with world-class collection of original art, historic furnishings, textiles and rare books. Built in the 1920's by Iowans Carl and Edith Weeks, it's been called "a national treasure" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Reservations accepted for special tour times for groups of 10 or more.



Science Center Of Iowa

401 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Phone: 515-274-4138

Email: info@sciowa.org

Web Site: www.sciowa.org

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9-6

Thursday-Friday 9-8

Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-6

IMAX® Dome Theater may present films outside general facility hours. Please call for schedule at 515-274-IMAX (4689).

The Science Center of Iowa (SCI) features a variety of interactive experiences and fun for all ages. Live programs and hands-on activities encourage you to touch, play, discover and experiment. Experience one of SCI's three theaters: IMAX Dome Theater, John Deere Adventure Theater or Star Theater. Films shown in the IMAX theater in addition to regular hours, call or visit web site for schedule.



Sleepy Hollow Sports Park

4051 Dean Ave, Des Moines 50317

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-262-4100

Hours: Hours vary by season

This year-round outdoor sports park caters to all ages. Featuring snow tubing and boarding, mini-golf, sand volleyball, batting cages, driving range, and nine-hole golf course.



State Of Iowa Historical Building

600 E Locust St, Des Moines

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-281-5111

Hours: Tues-Sat 9-4:30, Sun 12-4:30, closed Mondays, New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, and December 25

Discover this modern-day treasure chest of Iowa's past. Featuring hands-on museum exhibits including Native American, wildlife, pioneer, political, transportation and more. Uncover your family roots in the research library or visit the Iowa gift shop or Terrace Cafe.



Terrace Hill

2300 Grand Ave, Des Moines 50312

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-281-3604

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-1:30, March through December. Closed Sun, Mon, holidays & the months of January and February

This National Historic Landmark was built by Iowa's first millionaire, B.F. Allen, in 1869. The Hubbell family purchased the Victorian mansion in 1884 and donated it to the state in 1971. Since 1976 it has served as the Iowa Governor's Residence.



Jordan Creek Mall

www.valleywestmall.com/

Wallace House

756 16th St

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-243-7063

Web Site: www.wallace.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-11:30 & 1:30-5

Restored 1882 Italianate home of Henry Wallace, founder and editor of Wallace's Farmer. Available for group tours and special events anytime by appointment. Admission and rental fee charged for group tours and events.



White Eagle 7th Generation Multicultural Pow Wow

725 38th St

Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Phone: 515-255-8544

A multi-cultural Pow Wow held annually in August. Culture, customs and beliefs of many different cultures are celebrated through dance, food and storytelling.



White Water University

5401 E University

Des Moines, Iowa

Phone: 515-265-4904

Hours: Waterpark - Mem Day-Labor Day 11-8

Mini-Golf & Go-Karts - extended hrs evenings & weekends Apr-Oct

Waterpark features wave pool, tube rides, lazy river and waterslides. A day of fun for swimmers and non-swimmers. Also 18 hole challenging mini-golf and Iowa's only twin engine go-karts for fast and furious fun.

