



# Delaware Crossing

## SCENIC BYWAY

Group Travel Itinerary



Delaware County, Iowa

Enjoy civil war history, outdoor recreation and spectacular views of the Maquoketa River Valley





## DCSB

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The Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway is a 36-mile loop route that can take you back in time or plant you firmly in the present. The short journey will take you through the heart of Iowa farm country and past many charming farmsteads. Make sure to notice the 70-plus painted Barn Quilts of Delaware County as you travel through the rolling hills and past the limestone bluffs. The Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway attractions will tantalize the history buff and the avid recreationalist alike, so whether you come for the history, fishing or scenic views, you're sure to enjoy your visit on the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway.

### Unique Adventures

Avid angler? Even if you aren't, you'll love this stop! Located down a short gravel road removed from the world is the **Manchester Fish Hatchery**. This is Iowa's only true trout brood stock station where hundreds of thousands of rainbow, brook, and brown trout are spawned, incubated, and hatched before being sent to other hatcheries for rearing and eventual stocking in streams across Northeast Iowa. Cast a line in the cold waters of Spring Branch Creek, check out the trout from the observation deck, or bring your quarters to buy a handful of fish food to toss in the water.

A steadily increasing and expanding market in the DCSB Corridor is the formation of **Amish Cultural Hubs**. These clusters of Amish businesses allow byway visitors to easily interact with Amish community members and develop a better understanding of Amish culture. Near Lake Delhi there is an established cultural hub that includes a general store, a bakery, a bulk foods store, and a greenhouse where travelers can purchase authentic Amish goods.

### Scenic Spots

One of Iowa's most celebrated and unique scenic destinations, encompassing over 2,000 acres of forested bluffs, **Backbone State Park** is the oldest State Park in Iowa. Originally referred to as the Devil's Backbone for its narrow and steep ridge of bedrock carved by the Maquoketa River, the park offers byway travelers

an abundance of spectacular views. The rocky cliffs, limestone columns, and spires towering 80 feet above the roads, trails, and cold-water trout streams are a "must-see" when passing through the DCSB Corridor.

Created by a dam on the Maquoketa River, **Lake Delhi** is nine miles of meandering water surrounded by wooded bluffs and wildlife areas. The dam and associated Labyrinth Spillway are impressive, unusual, and award-winning structures that demonstrate an exceptional degree of innovation and offer a wide range of recreation opportunities.

### Points of Discovery

Step back in time at the **Lenox College Campus**. Together the entirety of the buildings, artifacts, collections, and oral histories are as extensive as they are fascinating. The history of the school and other components of this site are a microcosm of U.S. history. This historic treasure includes natural and transportation history, details of infrastructure development in small towns, and changes in community, farming, church, civic life and engagement.

Stop by **Bailey's Ford Nature & Wildlife Center** to experience a variety of interpretive nature displays. Learn about Iowa's wildlife and natural world from live exhibits, including white-tailed deer, reptiles, turtles & fish.

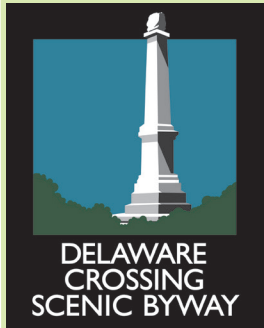
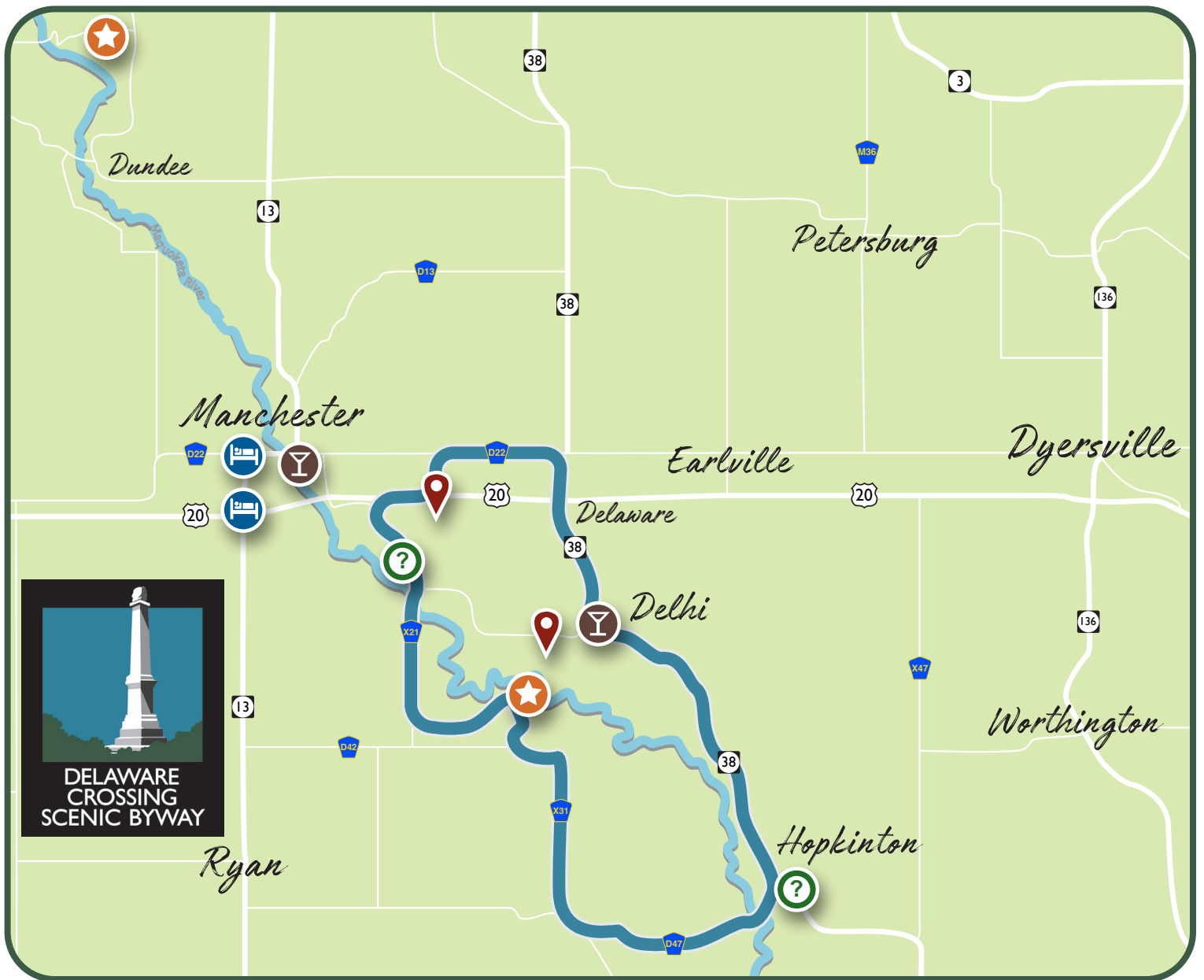
### Local Flavors

If you are looking for genuine midwestern hospitality stop in the heart of downtown Delhi to have a bite. **Delhi Landing** features good home cooked meals and a full bar.

Founded by brothers Kyle and Chad Sands in 2012, **Franklin Street Brewing Co.** is located in vibrant downtown Manchester. With a tap house situated in the historic Masonic Lodge building, the Sand brothers aim to provide a variety of exceptional handcrafted ales and lagers in a relaxing and comfortable environment. This small-batch craft brewery is a fun stop on the Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway.

### Lodging Locales

**Days Inn by Wyndham (Manchester)**  
**Cobblestone Inn and Suites (Manchester)**



## For More Group Tour Options

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