

WELCOME TO THE BYWAY!

MORAVIA

www.moraviaiowa.com

- Moravia Historical Complex Church, depot, museum. Open 1st Sat. June-Sep, 2PM-4PM or by appt. 800 W. North St. 641-856-7015/641-724-3571/641-895-0288.
- Honey Creek State Park 759 acres. Camping, trails, picnicking, fishing, boating. 8 miles SW of Moravia. 641-724-3739.
- Rathbun Lake 16,451 acres. Camping, fishing, swimming, boating, hunting. SW of Moravia. 641-647-2464.
- Rathbun Fish Hatchery State fish hatchery raising channel catfish, walleye and muskellunge. Open to public. 5 miles SW of Moravia. 641-647-2406.
- 5 Honey Creek Resort State Park Cabins, hotel, golf, trails, boating, camping, 7 miles SW of Moravia. 877-677-3344. www.honeycreekresort.com
- Trussell Park City park with ballfields, basketball & tennis courts and playground. Trussell Ave. 641-724-9811.
- Moravia City Park Playground, picnic shelter, community center. S. William and E. Chariton St. 641-724-9811.
- **Cottonwood Pits Wildlife Area** 55-acre upland wildlife area. 6 miles NE of Moravia. 641-414-1513.
- Tubaugh Wildlife Area 533-acre forested wildlife area. 8 miles E of Moravia. 641-414-1513.

UNIONVILLE

- Unionville United Methodist Church Oldest active church in Appanoose County, built 1856, By appt., 641-724-3195/641-452-6498.
- Stephens State Forest Unionville Unit. 2,396 acres. Hunting, hiking. Seven units N and E of Unionville. 641-774-5632.
- Soap Creek Wildlife Area 768-acre forested wildlife area. Two units NE of Unionville. 319-293-7185.

BLAKESBURG

- Blakesburg Community Museum Display of local artifacts in old post office, 205 N Main St. 641-777-5092. www.blakesburghps.org
- Air Power Museum Artifacts & displays relating to aviation history. 22001 Bluegrass Rd. 641-938-2773. www. antiqueairfield.com
- Blakesburg City Park Picnic tables and shelter. N.
 Main St. 641-938-2413

DRAKESVILLE

www.visitdaviscounty.com

- Mormon Cabin Mormon cabin built 1848. In Drakesville City Park. 641-722-3859.
- **Drakesville Park** Camping, picnicking, shelter, playground, horse arena. 641-722-3859.
- Lake Wapello State Park 1,150 acres with 289-acre lake, Camping, picnicking, trails, cabins. 5 miles NW of Drakesville, 641-722-3371.

BLOOMFIELD

www.cityofbloomfield.org

Heritage Barn Quilts of Davis County Quilt blocks on area buildings. Map at Davis Co. Welcome Center (#32) or download at www.visitdaviscounty.com

- West Grove United Methodist Church Historic church c, 1904, 7 miles W of Bloomfield on Hwy 2.
- Bloomfield Public Library Historic Carnegie-funded library, 107 North Columbia St. 641-664-2209.
- Bloomfield Driving Tour Historic locations in Bloomfield. Map at Davis County Welcome Center. (#32)
- Davis County Courthouse & Bloomfield Square
 Courthouse c. 1877. Still in use today. In beautiful, historic town square.
- Guerilla Raid Civil War Monument Monument marks northern point of a Confederate incursion. 5 miles S of Bloomfield on Cty Rd 20. www.daviscountyraid.com
- 25 **Troy Academy** One of earliest academies in Iowa c. 1853. Museum. Eleven miles E of Bloomfield on County Rd. J40. By appt. 641-675-3862,
- 26 Mars Hill Historic log church (1820-1857) and cemetery. 1011 100th Ave. 641-684-8113.
- Pioneer Ridge Nature Area 995-acre county park. Nature center, camping, ponds, trails. 1339 Highway 63. 641-682-3091.
- McGowen Recreation & Wildlife Area 301 acres.
 Camping, cabins, ponds, hunting. 22893 215th St. 641-664-2572. www.daviscountyconservation.org
- Lake Fisher Park 310-acre city park with 110-acre lake. Camping, picnicking, playground, fishing, boating, shelters, disc golf. 19658 W. Lake Fisher Rd. 641-664-2260.
- Bloomfield City Park Pool, shelter, playground, restrooms. 625 East Locust Street. 641-664-2260.
- West Grove Community Park Township hall, restroom, picnicking, playground. 7 miles W of Bloomfield on Highway 2. 641-929-3379.
- Davis County Welcome Center Official Iowa
 Welcome Center in Historic Sears and Roebuck House c.
 1910. 301 N.Washington St. Open Mon-Sat, 10AM-4PM &
 Sun, 1-4PM. 641-664-1104. www.visitdaviscounty.com

FLORIS

www.visitdaviscounty.com

- Floris Veterans Memorial Monument with names of all Davis County veterans. Across from Floris City Park.
- Floris City Park Picnicking, shelter, playground and bell tower. Main St. 641-459-2228.

PULASKI

www.visitdaviscounty.com

Pulaski City Park & Historic Depot City park with historic school & depot.

ELDON

www.cityofeldon.org

- American Gothic House House made famous in Grant Wood's iconic painting. 300 American Gothic St. 641-652-3352, www.americangothichouse.net
- 37 Eldon Carnegie Public Library Historic Carnegiefunded library. 608 W. Elm St. 641-652-7517.
- **Eldon Depot Museum** Restored depot and museum. 405 KD Ave. 641-652-3120, www.eldondepotmuseum.org
- 39 Chief Black Hawk Gravesite Memorial Marker in lowaville Cemetery, 3 miles SE of Eldon on Highway 16.
- lowaville Cemetery One of oldest cemeteries west of the Mississippi. 3 miles SE of Eldon on Highway 16.
- Lockheeper's House Considered to have been built (but never used) as part of planned Des Moines River locks & dams improvement project. 2 miles SE of Eldon. 641-652-3352.

- Eldon City Park Picnicking, playground, shelter. KD Ave & 2nd St. 641-652-7510.
- Eldon Access Boat ramp on Des Moines River. Water St. 641-652-7510.
- Eldon Wildlife Area 1,290-acre upland and forested wildlife area. 2 miles S of Eldon. 319-293-7185.
- Selma Log Cabin Park Picnicking, shelter, toilets and historic log cabin c. 1846 in unincorporated town SE of Eldon. Log cabin open by appt. 641-936-8822.
- Shidepoke Access Boat ramp on Des Moines River. Four miles downstream from Eldon, 319-293-3589.
- American Gothic House Center Visitor center for American Gothic House and area. 300 American Gothic St. 641-652-3352, www.americangothichouse.net

Douds-Leando

www.villagesofvanburen.com

- Oak Grove Historic School & Church Unique church/school combination. By appt, 3.5 miles SE of Douds, 319-293-3066
- Mount Moriah Methodist Church Unique church/ cemetery combination. 1.5 miles N of Douds. By appt. 319-293-3129/641-936-4485.
- Douds Depot Mining and railroad museum in restored depot. In Douds. By appt. 319-293-3129/641-936-4485.
- Valley School No. 3 Restored school c. 1928. with period furnishings. In Leando. By appt. 319-293-3129.
- 52 Selma Wildlife Area 135-acre forested wildlife area.
 3.5 miles NW of Douds, 319-293-7185.
- Van Buren Wildlife Area 438-acre forested wildlife area, miles E of Douds, 319-293-7185.
- Douds Boat Ramp Boat ramp on Des Moines River. 319-293-3589.
- 55 Schulz Conservation Area | I-acres accessible only from river. 3 miles SE of Douds. 319-293-3589.

BIRMINGHAM

www.villagesofvanburen.com

Birmingham City Park Picnicking, log cabin, shelter, restrooms, playground. 319-498-4296.

STOCKPORT

www.villagesofvanburen.com

- Peavine Line Railroad Depot & Museum Museum in restored depot, By appt, 319-796-2245.
- Morris Park 60-acres. Camping, picnicking, shelter, historic buildings, museum, pond, playground, hiking trails, dump station. 4 miles NE of Stockport. 319-796-2253.

MILTON

www.villagesofvanburen.com

- Milton Creamery Award-winning cheeses made with milk sourced from local Amish farmers. 202 E Hwy 2. Open Mon-Sat. 641-656-4094 www.miltoncreamery.com
- 60 Milton Depot Restored railroad depot c. 1871. By appt. 641-656-4007.
- Milton Heritage House Restored historic c. 1898 Presbyterian church. By appt. 641-656-4926.
- Richardson's Point Mormon campsite and gravesites of the first deaths along the Mormon Trail in 1846. Private property but access allowed to visitors. I 1251 Rt. J-40.
- Milton Trail Park Picnicking, shelter, 1.5-mile gravel trail. Hwy 2. 641-656-4454

CANTRIL

www.villagesofvanburen.com

- Dutchman's Store General store offers bulk foods, candy, produce, fabrics, shoes, homemade items, outdoor plants. 103 Division St. Open Mon-Sat. 319-397-2322.
- Wickfield Round Barn Unique barn was sale bldg in early 1900s for largest Hampshire hog farm in the world. 11251 Rt. J-40. Tours by appt. 319-293-7111.
- Waubonsie Trail Park & Cabins 23-acre city park with trail, camping, cabins, playground, showers, disc golf, shelter. 601 W. North St. 319-397-2193.
- De Voss-Foster Wildlife Area 330-acre wetland, timber and forest. N of Cantril. 319-293-7185.

MOUNT STERLING

www.villagesofvanburen.com

Fox River Wildlife Areα 745-acre wildlife area. Wetland, bottomland. S of Mount Sterling. 319-293-7185.

KEOSAUQUA

www.keosauqua.com

- Van Buren County Courthouse Built in 1843, oldest courthouse in Iowa still in use. 902 4th St. 319-293-3129,
- Hotel Manning Built 1854 and has housed a hotel since 1899. 100 Van Buren St. 319-293-3232,
- **Twombly Museum** Museum in former mercantile building c. 1875. 801 1st St. By appt. 800-868-7822.
- Pearson House Museum Complex Home was stop on Underground Railroad. Complex includes a one-room schoolhouse and 1800s furnished cabin. 718 Dodge St. Sun 1-4 PM (May-Oct) or by appt. 641-431-0581.
- 73 GAR Park Monument & Cannons Civil War monuments & cannons at Van Buren County Courthouse.
- 74 Ely Ford Mormon Crossing Memorial to Mormon migration on Des Moines River bank in Lacey Keosauqua State Park. S of Keosauqua. 319-293-3502.
- 75 Civilian Conservation Corps buildings and exhibit Historic lodge, bath house and other structures in Lacey Keosauqua State Park c. 1933-38. Display about the CCC. S of Keosauqua. 319-293-3502.
- Keosauqua City Park Boat ramp, picnicking, playground, trail. 319-293-3536.
- Keo Loop & Riverfront Trails 3-mile trail; paved, crushed rock, shared road, 319-293-3536.
- Lacey Keosauqua State Park 1,653-acres. Camping, trails, boating, cabins, picnicking, swimming, shelters, lodge, fishing. S of Keosauqua. 319-293-3502.
- Daughrity Timber 83-acre wildlife area. Forest. S of Keosaugua. 319-293-3532.
- Lake Sugema Campground Camping, picnicking, shelter, trail on 574-acre lake. 8 miles SW of Keosauqua. 319-293-3532. www.vbcountyconservation.com
- Lake Sugema Wildlife Area 3,775-acre wildlife area adjacent to 574-acre lake. Forest, upland, fishing, boat ramps. 5 miles W of Keosauqua. 319-293-7185.
- **Austin Park** Camping (primitive), boat ramp on Des Moines River. 3 miles NW of Keosauqua. 319-293-3589.
- Chequest Wildlife Area 21-acre upland and forested wildlife area. 3 miles NW of Keosauqua. 319-293-3589.

 Van Buren County Welcome Center & McCoy
- Historical Museum Regional visitor center, small museum & Village Folk School office. Rotating displays of items from Van Buren County. 809 1st St. 800-868-7822. www.villagesofvanburen.com

BENTONSPORT

www.bentonsport.com

- Indian Artifact Museum Over 4,000 artifacts from SE lowa, Western Illinois and NE Missouri. 21929 Des Moines St. Open Sat and Sun after church, 319-592-3579.
- 86 Bentonsport Historic District Restored 1840s structures including: shops, artisans, museum, B&Bs, fudge/sandwich shop, community center. 319-592-3579.
- 87 Bentonsport Bridge Bridge over Des Moines River built 1882 and now a pedestrian bridge.
- Historic Presbyterian Church One of four churches that served the town. Dedicated in 1855. Open 10 AM-5 PM daily (May-Oct). 319-592-3222.
- Bentonsport Nature Trail 1-mile hiking trail. N edge of Bentonsport. 319-293-3589.
- Bentonsport Timber 60-acre upland and forested wildlife area. N of Bentonsport. 319-293-3589.
- Bentonsport Riverside Park & Campground
 Boat ramp, restrooms, picnicking, camping. 319-592-3579.
- Paddle, Pedal and More Rentals of kayaks, canoes, bicycles, 4-person surrey, and conservation tours on deluxe pontoon boat. 641-919-9414.

BONAPARTE

www.bonapartemainstreet.com

- Bonaparte Pottery Pottery manufacturing facility 1865-1896. View and purchase pottery made from original molds, hands-on demonstrations, tours. 411 First St. By appt. 319-592-3620. www.bonaparte-pottery.com
- 94 Bonaparte Riverfront Historic District Restored and unrestored historic buildings along the Des Moines River including restaurant in old mill. 319-592-3400.
- Bonaparte c.1844. Now library & museum. 210 Washington St. Sun, 1-4 PM (May-Oct) or by appt. 319-592-3677.

 Bonaparte Mormon Trail River Crossing Historic marker commemorating major crossing for Mormon

Aunty Green Hotel Museum First brick building in

- migration. On bridge in Bonaparte.

 Riverside Park Boat ramp, butterfly garden, old lock walls, bandshell and playground, 319-592-3400.
- Lindsay Wilderness Area 200-acre wildlife area. Hiking trails. NE edge of Bonaparte. 319-293-3589.
- Reno Timber 55-acre forested wildlife area. NE of Bonaparte, 319-293-3589.

FARMINGTON

www.farmingtoniowa.com

- Hel-Mart Store & museum with miniature railroad and dollhouses in former Sterling Woolen Mill. 301 State St. Open Sat, 9AM-5PM. 800-868-7822.
- Pioneer Museum Museum in historic (1848) church. 205 S. 4th St. Open Sat & Sun, I-4PM (April-Oct) or by appt. 319-878-3785.
- Croton Civil War Park Site of northern-most battle west of the Mississippi fought August 5, 1861. 3 miles S of Farmington. 319-463-7673.
- 103 Sharon Cemetery Historic District Historic cemetery, grounds & building. 7.5 miles NE of Farmington on County Road |40.
- Farmington Park Picnicking, boat ramp, restroom. 319-878-3711.
- Indian Lake Park 177-acre city park with 44-acre lake, camping, cabins, trails, lodge, picnicking, fishing, 28163 Willow Ave. 319-878-3706. www.indianlakepark.com
 - Rent A Horse Guided horseback trail rides in Shimek State Forest. 1116 Highway 2.319-878-3596.

- River Valley Lodge Campground & Horse
 Camp Camping, lodge, horse camp 29932 Hawk Dr.
 319-878-3888. www.rivervalleylodgeandcampground.com
- White Timber 11-acre forested wildlife area. I mile W of Farmington. 319-293-3589.
- Des Moines River Access Boat ramp on Des Moines River. 2 miles NE of Farmington, 319-293-3589.
- Turkey Run Access Boat ramp on Des Moines River. 6 miles S of Farmington. 319-463-7673.

 Turkey Run Wildlife Area 166-acre forest, upland,
- and wetland. 6 miles S of Farmington. 319-463-7673.

 Shimek State Forest 9,418 acres. Hiking, camping, hunting, equestrian trails, Five units in Lee & Van Buren

counties, 319-878-3811, www.iowadnr.gov

DONNELLSON

- www.donnellsoniowa.org

 Harvestville Farm Farm related hands-on activities for all ages, fresh produce. 1977 Hwy 2. Hours vary seasonally. 319-470-1558. www.harvestvillefarm.com
- Appleberry Orchard Iowa's oldest working orchard. 2469 Highway 2. Hours vary seasonally. 319-372-1307. www.appleberryorchard.com
- Railroad Park & Museum Restored depot, museum, playground. Main & Mill St. 319-835-5714.

 Donnellson Westview Park Playground, ballfields.
- Highway 2.319-835-5714.

 Wilson Lake Park 116-acre park with 6-acre lake.

Camping, cabins, fishing, trail, picnicking, 319-463-7673.

Sugar Creek Bottoms 107-acre wetland and foresed wildlife area. 4 miles SW of Donnellson. 319-463-7673.

FRANKLIN

Herschler Winery & Historic District Winery and B&B in historic limestone buildings. 503 6th & Green St. Open Thurs-Mon, 9AM - 5PM. 319-835-9432. www.christianherschler.wix.com/winery

OTHER

- Des Moines River Water Trail 44-mile paddle route starts in Eldon, ends in Farmington. 641-472-6177. www.
- Mormon Pioneer Trail National driving route crossing five states along the route 70,000 Mormons traveled from 1846 to 1869 to escape religious persecution. www.nps.gov/mopi

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