



# River Bluffs

## SCENIC BYWAY

Group Travel Itinerary



Clayton and Fayette Counties in Northeast Iowa

Find mesmerizing views, majestic limestone bluffs and small town charm





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The 109-mile River Bluffs Scenic Byway is aptly named as it weaves in and out of three different river valleys - the Turkey, Volga and Mississippi Rivers. The views along and through the dramatic area won't disappoint. Natural areas including parks, caves, campgrounds, hiking and water trails abound. However, the unique personality of the attractions will prove the route is not the only reason for visiting. Contact Clayton County Development Group for more information.

### Unique Adventures



Located on the banks of the Turkey River, **Motor Mill** is home to five historic limestone rock structures, a stable, inn, icehouse, cooperage and the six-story Motor Mill Historic Site as well as a reconstructed historic bridge. The structures were constructed from limestone quarried on-site between 1840 and 1870. The park encompasses over 155-acres and harbors cultural landscapes of native prairie, savanna, woodland and riverine habitats, interpretive programming, trails, camping and canoe access.

Stop in Marquette for a Tom Sawyer Adventure of the Mississippi River. The 49-passenger **Maiden Voyage** will take you on a unique experience you'll never forget! Listen to local musicians on the Friday Night Music Cruise, or view eagles and other birds in their natural habitat on the Bird Eco Tour.

### Scenic Spots



On the bluffs of the Mississippi River, **Pikes Peak State Park** has beautiful overlooks and trails that provide different perspectives of the river including views of Wisconsin and the Mississippi River Valleys for as far as the eye can see.

The overlook of the Turkey River Valley in **Goeken Park** encapsulates iconic and picturesque small town Iowa. The community of Eldorado is located in the wide valley along the banks of the meandering Turkey River. The bluffs, forested hillsides along both sides of the valley and even the church steeple towering above the community can be seen from the overlook.

### Points of Discovery



**Effigy Mounds National Monument** is the only National Monument in Iowa. This archeological wonder provides a glimpse into the human activity in the Archaic period, 10,500 – 2,800 years ago. Although the Effigy Mounds National Monument is well known for its bird and bear effigies, including the Marching Bears, there are actually more than 200 mounds located at the North and South Units of the park.

On the east side of Elgin beside the Turkey River, the **Gilbertson Conservation & Education Area** is a 946-acre park lined with streams surrounded by limestone bluffs. This park has riverside camping, horseback riding trails, bike trails, water trail access, historic collections, touchable wildlife, natural history collections, a petting zoo, fishing pond and many other visitor amenities.

### Local Flavors



Nestled in the Southern hills of Guttenberg, **PromiseLand Winery** offers a one-of-a-kind winery experience with a spacious tasting room and five boutiques. Take a walk or drive up to the vineyard to see where their award-winning wines begin. Enjoy some music in the front courtyard when the weather is nice or warm up by a cozy fire when it's too cold to be outside.

You seriously should try **Shrubb's Street Eatery** in Fayette. They use fresh, local and superior quality ingredients to create a culturally diverse living menu that changes daily. They specialize in elevated street foods from a global perspective, but do not limit culinary emphasis to any one genre of cuisine.

### Lodging Locales



While in Marquette stay at the **Cobblestone Inn & Suites** located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The hotel allows access to the Mississippi observation deck and boardwalk. This universally accessible overlook is situated on a forest bluff above the community extending over historic downtown.

**Boarders Inn & Suites (Fayette)**





## For More Group Tour Options

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