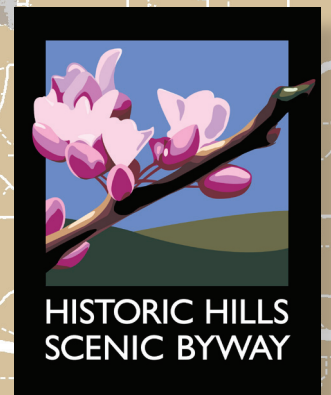


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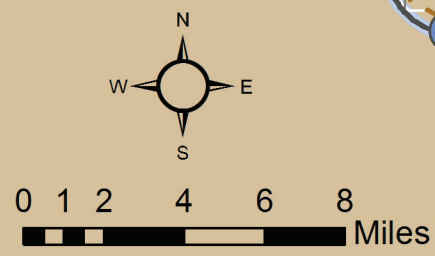


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## WELCOME TO THE BYWAY!

### 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.
- 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.antiqairfield.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.
- Davis County Historical Complex** Complex of museum, and historic buildings, including a barn, school, church, Mormon log cabin, and house. 205 S Dodge St. 641-799-7463.
- Guerilla Raid Civil War Monument** Monument marks northern point of a Confederate incursion. 5 miles S of Bloomfield on Cty Rd 20. www.daviscountyrmaid.com
- 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.

- 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
- Eldon Carnegie Public Library** Historic Carnegie-funded library. 608 W. Elm St. 641-652-7517.
- Eldon Depot Museum** Restored depot and museum. 405 KD Ave. 641-652-3120. www.eldondepotmuseum.org
- 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.
- Lockkeeper'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.
- 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.
- Schulz Conservation Area** 11-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
- 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. 11251 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. www.dutchmansstore.com
- 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 Area** 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.
- GAR Park Monument & Cannons** Civil War monuments & cannons at Van Buren County Courthouse.
- Ely Ford Mormon Crossing** Memorial to Mormon migration on Des Moines River bank in Lacey Keosauqua State Park. S of Keosauqua. 319-293-3502.
- 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.
- Daugherty Timber** 83-acre wildlife area. Forest. S of Keosauqua. 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 Iowa, Western Illinois and NE Missouri. 21929 Des Moines St. Open Sat and Sun after church. 319-592-3579.
- Bentonsport Historic District** Restored 1840s structures including: shops, artisans, museum, B&Bs, fudge/sandwich shop, community center. 319-592-3579.
- 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 10AM-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
- Bonaparte Riverfront Historic District** Restored and unrestored historic buildings along the Des Moines River including restaurant in old mill. 319-592-3400.
- Aunty Green Hotel Museum** First brick building in 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 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, 1-4PM (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.
- Sharon Cemetery Historic District** Historic cemetery, grounds & building. 7.5 miles NE of Farmington on County Road J40.
- 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. 1 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

### DONNELSON

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 forested 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.desmoinesriverwt.com
- 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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