



# Vacation Iowa!

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about places to go and things to see in Iowa.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- [Iowa Travel Guide](#), 2010 (917.77 IOW)

## Key Resources at a Glance:

- Travel Iowa website: <http://www.traveliowa.com> The Iowa Tourism Office's site with information about vacationing in Iowa, group travel, business travel, and more.
- [Iowa Travel Guide](#)- This award-winning annual guide from the Iowa Tourism Office (see above) is free!
- Roadside America: Iowa  
<http://www.roadsideamerica.com/map/ia.html> A site with fun and sometimes quirky things to see in Iowa--Albert, the World's Largest Bull, World's Crookedest Street, Field of Dreams, etc.
- Kids Connect: Iowa <http://www.kidskonnnect.com/subject-index/33-states/179-iowa.html> Iowa's section on a website for kids, teachers, and parents; broad range of links to facts about Iowa, and places of interest.

## Reference Background

- [World Book Encyclopedia](#), "Iowa"
- [World Almanac and Book of Facts](#), "States and Other Areas of the U.S.: Iowa" (310 WOR)

## Resources

### Books

- [Great Iowa Touring Book: 27 Spectacular Auto Tours](#), by Mike Whye, 2004, (917.77 WHY)
- [Fun With the Family in Iowa](#), 2003 (917.77 FUN)
- [Great Iowa Walks: 50 Strolls, rambles, Hikes and Treks](#), by Lynn Walters, 2005 (796.51 WAL)
- [Iowa Off the Beaten Path](#), by Lori Erickson, 2010 (917.77 IOW)
- [Iowa, Simply Beautiful](#), by Lauren K. Bristol, 2004 (977.77 BRI)

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Iowa travel
- Iowa tourism

### Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Iowa--Guidebooks
- Iowa--Description and Travel

### Call Number

- 917.77 (Dewey Decimal)

### Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost  
<http://search.ebscohost.com>
- First Search  
<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

### Library catalogs

- Urbandale Public Library  
<http://www.urbandalelibrary.org>
- SILO - (Iowa Locator) - State-wide catalog  
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us/cgi-bin/zform.CGI?SILO>
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog <http://worldcat.org>

## Journals

- [\*The Iowan\*](#)
- [\*The Iowa Conservationist\*](#)

## Web Pages and Web Portals

- Fairs of Iowa, by Region (members of Association of Iowa Fairs)  
<http://www.iowafairs.com/>
- Iowa Dept. of Transportation Travel Information--Road work, traffic  
<http://www.511ia.org/>
- Iowa Museums Association: Museums search  
<http://www.iowamuseums.org/asp/museum/search.aspx>
- Iowa State Parks  
<http://www.iowadnr.com/parks/index.html>
- Iowa State Preserves  
<http://www.iowadnr.com/preserves/>

## Organizations and Special Collections

- Iowa Museums Association  
<http://www.iowamuseums.org>
- State Historical Society of Iowa  
<http://www.iowahistory.org>
- Association of Iowa Fairs  
<http://www.iowafairs.com>
- Iowa Historic Sites  
<http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-sites/index.html>
- State Historical Museum  
600 East Locust  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0290  
(515) 281-5111  
<http://www.iowahistory.org/museum>

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<http://www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html> \*\*

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