

# Welcome to Historic Northeast Iowa

*Free Visitor Guide 2021*

*Allamakee - Clayton - Winneshiek Counties*



## Welcome to Northeast Iowa!

This guide will give you a glimpse of the people, places and experiences here in Northeast Iowa, and, specifically, the counties of Allamakee, Clayton, and Winneshiek. We offer many opportunities for outdoor fun, many along the beautiful Mississippi River, as well as, other lakes and rivers.

The rolling bluffs provide perfect sites for camping, fishing, hiking and bike riding. Swimming at area aquatic centers, and golfing at several beautiful golf courses are excellent ways to spend an afternoon.

Each of the counties offer many parks, and recreational areas including, but certainly not limited to, the Yellow River State Forest near Harpers Ferry, the Osborne Nature Center near Elkader, Pikes Peak State Park in and just outside McGregor, Lake Meyer Park just outside Calmar and the state of Iowa's only national monument, the Effigy Mounds National Monument, located on the Mississippi River just north of Marquette.

History is preserved in museums in each of our counties. Museums in Monona, Strawberry Point, and Decorah showcase our heritage and ethnicity. Postville, known as 'Hometown to the World' has residents from over 20 countries as well as, a large community of ultra-orthodox Jews. They invite visitors to their Jewish Welcome Center and Kosher Market.

There is also dining at its finest at several restaurants, cafes and coffee shops. Don't miss the wineries and breweries along the Mississippi River as well others throughout the area.

There are also several locally-owned motels and bed and breakfasts for your overnight stays.

Each of our counties showcase a county fair, with the Big Four Fair in Postville celebrating its 100th anniversary June 18-20, 2021. To honor the occasion all entertainment and admission is free.

We have collaborated to make this visitor's guide a great way for you to enjoy and explore our area. We are sure it will help you discover where you want to visit and where you want to relax and play in beautiful Northeast Iowa.

Come often and stay a while. You will be glad you did.

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# CALMAR

Calmar is a city in Winneshiek County with a population was 978 as of the 2010 census. It is at the junction of U.S. Highway 52 and State Highways 150 and 24, both of which terminate in Calmar. Calmar was platted in 1854. It was named after Kalmar, a city in Sweden.

The settlement experienced growth in 1868 when the railroad was built through it. Calmar was incorporated on July 14, 1869.

Norwegians Thore P. Skotland and his family came to the area in the spring of 1850. Perhaps his heart was warmed by terrain that reminded him of the rugged beauty of Norway. Whatever his reason, he put his roots down in a piece of land two miles north of the town to be known later as Calmar, on a tract of land called the Rhuben Boe Farm. His descendants still occupy on part of this land. A German settler in the southern part of the township had preceded Skotland, but nothing is known of him.

Skotland and his family, Calmar's first recorded settlers, were soon joined by others. In 1851, seven other settlers arrived. In the period of the 1870's through the 1890's, Calmar showed a population gain from 700 to almost 1,100 people.

While the City of Calmar, continued to grow and flourish, Thore P. Skotland took on many new endeavors. One of those would be to become one of the three incorporators of Luther College in Decorah. He was also a member of its first Board of Trustees and a member of its first building committee. In 1874, he sold out and moved to Otter Tail County, Minn., where he died in 1903 at the age of 81.

Swedish-born Alfred Clark and his pals referred to the area as "Marysville" after a mining town they had admired in California. When it was found that another Marysville already existed in Iowa, another named had to be found for the town. Half a mile east was an area commonly referred to as "Whiskey Grove," where the flower brothers, two Canadian traders, did business with Indians, soldiers and all others seeking "fire water." This was an area where bootleggers reportedly operated and always managed to evade the law of the time.

While some used this name to refer to the Calmar area at the time, it was actually never the name applied to the town location. There was debate between Englishmen and Norwegians on what name to choose, and they decided to let Landin and Clark decide, as they were Swedish and would not take either party's side. Their decision was to name the town Calmar, after Kalmar Sound on the south-east coast of Sweden. This had been Alfred Clark's original hometown.

Calmar, at one time, was a major railroad hub of the Milwaukee Road between Marquette and Mason City. Passenger trains ran on this line up until sometime in the 1960's. These passenger trains ran between Madison, Wis. and into South Dakota. At Madison, there were connections with other passenger trains, including those going into Milwaukee and Chicago. In addition to hauling pas-

sengers, these trains handled express shipments for all the stops along the line. There was also a direct line running northwest to Austin, Minn.

The station in Calmar was staffed 24 hours a day, every day of the year. There was a station agent, clerks and four operators to handle the station duties. The operators received train orders for each passing train and for the trains originating in Calmar.

Fortune smiled on Calmar, in 1868, when it became the eastern terminus and junction with the main line for the I & D branch of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, which was built as far as New Hampton. This added value to Calmar's, location, and in 1869, the train terminal was transferred from Conover, Iowa to Calmar. Decorah was happy and held a sizeable celebration at Luther College, which was now a few years old and going strong. The stagecoach was no longer needed and the county seat had access to railroad facilities.



*"Population ~ 917"*

*2019 Estimate - US Census*



The facilities in Calmar included a well-equipped freight depot and a passenger depot with a hotel. Passengers could get meals and lodging as well as train tickets at the hotel. Plans for a 10-stall roundhouse were completed in 1911. Once this was built, large engines could be switched to fall another direction by use of the turntable. There were also pits within the roundhouse that allowed workers to do repairs under the engines. East of the roundhouse, a tall coal chute provided fuel for the steam engine fires, and a nearby water tower and pump house kept water readily available for direct connection to the engine.

Calmar is home to one of two campuses of Northeast Iowa Community College. South Winneshiek High School is in Calmar. Its elementary and middle schools are in Ossian.

Lake Meyer Park and Campground is located northeast of Calmar off Highway 24. The lake covers 38 acres and offers opportunities for fishing, boating, and canoeing or kayaking. A network of trails offers hiking, and picnic shelters and a playground make it the perfect spot for family gatherings and events. The campground does not accept reservations. It is generally open from April through October, depending on weather. Lake Meyer Park is open year round, though road access to the Nature Center is not always maintained in the winter. Road access to the lake for ice fishing is maintained throughout the winter.

# MONONA

The name Monona is of American Indian origin. The community was organized in 1916. At that time Monona contained a public house, two stores and several mechanic shops. As of the 2010 census, there were 1,549 residents, 675 households and 440 families living in the city.



*“Population ~ 1,471”*  
*2019 Estimate - US Census*

Monona is located in the geological area known as the “Driftless Area”, sitting atop the Paleozoic Plateau.

The city is surrounded by abundant natural resources such as Pikes Peak, the Effigy Mounds and the Yellow River Forest, all nearby just a short drive away. Monona has been recognized as Iowa’s first “Garden City of Iowa” since 1931 and the “Gateway to the Yellow River Forest.” Along

with its wooded hills and prairies and farm fields, the City of Monona sits on one of highest locations in Clayton County at more than 1,200 feet in elevation. It sits atop four main watersheds for the Turkey River, Bloody Run, and Yellow River.

Year-round recreational and sporting activities include camping, canoeing and kayaking; fishing and ice fishing; hunting; snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; hiking; biking or motorcycling; and, much more.

The city, donors, and volunteers built the area’s first all-inclusive handicapped-accessible children’s playground at City Park. It is the only park of its kind in the area. This park provides stimulating, educational, entertaining and playful opportunities for tri-state children of all ages and abilities, some of whom may be discovering for their very first time the ability to play alongside all other children in a state-of-the-art, safe and secure playground setting.

The MFL MarMac Community School District provides outstanding K-12 education for about 800 students in two locations. Jointly, the cities of Monona and McGregor and school district provide excellent day care facilities in both Monona and McGregor. Head Start offers programs for preschool children in Monona.

The city features four beautiful parks with butterfly and flower gardens; woodland and prairie trails; all-inclusive children’s playground; picnic tables, shelters, charcoal grills; old-fashioned city park band shelter; a basketball court transformed into a community ice skating rink. Gateway Park features both campsites and a combined restroom and shelter facility that were renovated in 2019. The park will be home to the area’s newest playground this spring. The park is connected to the Monona Family Aquatic Center and Butterfly Garden via the Butterfly Trail that was built in 2018 with state grant money.

Monona is also home to the largest-known display of hand-carved wooden chains, plus interesting, local, historic artifacts at Monona Historical Museum.

The all-volunteer Monona Fire Department and M-F-L Ambulance Service are equipped with modern equipment. The ambulance service purchased its newest rig in 2019 and the Volunteer Fire Department will place a new rescue truck into service in 2020. Law enforcement is performed by three full-time police officers of the Monona Police Department who are responsible for Monona’s consistently-low crime rate.

Notable people who call Monona their hometown are Leighton Abel, Iowa State politician and businessman; photographer Alexander Gardner and retired National Basketball Association star Raef LaFrenz.

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# POSTVILLE

Known as the “Hometown to the World,” Postville contains a diverse ethnic population that includes people of Jewish, Hispanic, Russian, Ukrainian, Filipino and Norwegian heritage. The diversity in Postville is reflected in the local authentic restaurants, businesses and neighborhoods.

Postville was platted in 1853 and was named for Joel Post, a pioneer settler

In 1987, a group of Hasidic Jews started a Kosher slaughterhouse called Agriprocessors. After numerous accusations of mistreatment of cattle, pollution, and violations of labor law, the facility was raided by the federal government in May 2008, resulting in hundreds of arrests of undocumented workers. Agriprocessors filed for bankruptcy on November 5, 2008; the plant was bought at auction in July 2009 by SHF Industries and has resumed production under the new name Agri Star.

As of the census of 2010, there were 2,227 people, 744 households, and 497 families residing in the city.

In 2017 about one quarter of Postville’s population was made up of recent immigrants from Latin America and Somalia.

Orthodox Jews established Agriprocessors in 1987. The founders of the plant came from New York City. At its peak, there were about 100 Orthodox Jewish families in Postville. After the 2008 raid the number declined, and in 2017 there were about 50 Orthodox Jewish families. Postville has services for Jewish families typically seen in larger communities. Postville also has a Jewish elementary school and a yeshiva. A Judaic Welcome Center and library opened in 2019.

As of 2017, 700 people, more than 30 percent of the total population, work at Agri Star; about one hundred are of Somali origins.

Postville is also the home of a composites factory, Norplex-Micarta, started in 1975. The Norplex factory produces laminated plastics plate, sheet, and profile shapes. As of 2007 it employed between 150 and 200 workers.

The Postville Community School District operates public schools for children grades K-12 in Postville, Castalia and Frankville.

Mesivta of Postville is the area yeshiva for area Jewish children.

Visitors to Postville may tour the John R. Mott House, a two-story Victorian style house which was the home of the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize winner, John R. Mott and the other historic places in Postville.

Children and adults alike may enjoy visiting the Northeast Iowa Wellness and Recreation Center for a pick-up game of basketball, swimming at the city pool and picnicking at the local parks in town.

Turner Hall was constructed in 1913 and shows the predominance of the German-American settlement;

located at 119 East Green Street, it was added to National Register of Historic Places in 2000.

Clinton F. Meyer Park, Murdock Street, Postville. Located on the northwest side of Postville on Murdock Street. Playground equipment, a basketball court, shelter and portable rest rooms are available. (Free Admission)

Robert’s Park is located adjacent to the business district in Postville, the area is lighted by decorative globe lights and contains picnic tables and benches for relaxation. (Free Admission)

Lull’s Park, east side of Postville. The park contains playground equipment, shelters with electricity, grills and tables, rest rooms, swimming pool and ice-skating rink. An extension of Lull’s Park has been improved to include a nature/walking trail. Handicap accessibility. (Free Admission)

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# Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum one of the most prominent landmarks in Northeast Iowa

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Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum is located on West Water Street in Decorah, Iowa the county seat of Winneshiek County. Vesterheim, the national Norwegian-American museum and heritage center, has over 33,000 artifacts, 12 historic buildings, a Folk Art School, a library and archives. The museum showcases the most extensive collection of Norwegian-American artifacts in the world. The museum's exhibitions explore the diversity of American immigration through the eyes of Norwegian-American experiences and highlights the best in historic and contemporary Norwegian folk and fine arts.

The museum, founded in 1877 as the Norwegian-American Historic Museum, was originally part of Luther College. In 1967, the Norwegian-American Museum incorporated, as it was separated from Luther. The name Vesterheim was adopted in 1977, the same year the museum moved to downtown Decorah, into a building vacated by a publishing company.

The name Vesterheim translates to 'western home' in Norwegian. Vesterheim now offers educational events, publications and lectures related to its mission. Vesterheims' Folk Art School offers classes in painting, woodworking, knife making, fiber arts, Nordic cooking and more in the Norwegian tradition. Each year it presents "The National Norwegian Folk Art Exhibition" in traditional folk arts including knitting, rosemaling, weaving, woodcarving, knife making and metalworking.

The Heritage Park is a collection of historic buildings



located behind the museum's main building. Painter-Bernatz Mill is located in Heritage Park. The Old Stone Mill was built by William Painter, one of Winneshiek County's earliest European settlers, in 1851. It is also believed to be the oldest building in Decorah.

The Norris Miller House is also in Heritage Park. Norris Miller, a carpenter from Ohio, built the house in 1856; it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

The Haugan House was built by Hans and Anna Haugan on a farm southeast of Decorah during the 1860's. The house is a representative example of the Husmann dwelling used in Norway during the 19th century. Husmann is the name for the Norwegian tenant farmer. The house used by Husmann tenant farmers was often a simple log cabin or cottage made of rough hewn lumber.

The Valdres House represents a typical Norwegian landowner's home. The Valdres House was built circa 1795 on a farm in Oppland, Norway. The house was enlarged and a covered entry added in the 1860's. Vesterheim acquired the house through the efforts of the resembler, Sigmund Aarseth and of Kolbein Dahle, director of the Valdres Folk Museum in Valdres, Norway. The house was taken down and shipped to Vesterheim in 1975-76. The house was reassembled by Norwegian carpenters commissioned by the Valdres Folk Museum.

The Egge-Koren House was built in 1852 by Erik Egge on his farm five miles southeast of Decorah. In July 1853, he married Helen Pedersdatter, a widow with two small children. From December 1853 to March 1854, the newlyweds, Rev. U. Vilhelm Koren and his wife Elisabeth, lived with the Egges. Ulrik Vilhelm Koren was a pioneer Lutheran minister, who played a significant role in the development of the spiritual and intellectual development of Norwegians in America. Elisabeth Koren was an author of The Diary of Elisabeth Koren, 1853-1855 which provides detailed insight into what it was like for four adults and two children to spend the winter in a one-room 14-by-16-foot log house.

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# Fort Atkinson Continues Bearing Silent Witness

By Michael Hohenbrink  
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With the morning sun shining on a clear December day ahead of impending snowfall, Fort Atkinson is impressive.

Of course, that is true any time of the year.

Commanding a view of the community bearing the same name, the fort's location was well chosen, a premium vantage point to oversee the area.

Now a state preserve, Fort Atkinson's history is worth the time to explore. The fort was built to protect Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Indians from other tribes.

In service from 1840 to 1848, the fort was serviced by men and supplies moving along the "Military Trail," to this day a name that lives on in the area.

Native limestone was quarried to build the fort, a material readily available at hand.

Ron Franzen, a volunteer with preservation efforts, pointed to an area just outside the fort, once a former quarry and now partially filled in.

That limestone was to be used for a variety of building purposes throughout the area, from homes to churches.

A tiny Congregational church, right next to the steps leading visitors up to the fort, and the larger St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, a few blocks away, both bear testament to the material's use.

Still, Franzen pointed to some cracks visible in a couple of buildings as the limestone shows some of its age, an area that is a focal point for some renovations volunteers hope to see coming up.

Fort Atkinson is in the process of a three-year grant effort, with a goal of assessing site needs and then proceeding to stabilization work.

The effort took a pause during 2020 with COVID-19, including the first cancellation of the site's annual celebration, Rendezvous Days, in roughly half of a century.

"We [were] there in spirit," said Franzen.

Raising and lowering the flag, even if by himself, was an act of keeping the faith for the beloved community treasure.

Indeed, Fort Atkinson is a neat site, an example of there being "a lot of history locally," said Franzen.

What Franzen does not want to see is Fort Atkinson reduced to "a pile of limestone rocks," a fate volunteers aim to prevent.

Sites such as Fort Atkinson offer much, from the big festival of Rendezvous Days down to smaller visits.

With the pandemic, there has been a spike in small groups of visitors, families perhaps, taking advantage of having such a venue right at hand that they can explore.

Boy Scouts visit Fort Atkinson. Wedding photos use the site as a backdrop.



▲ Historic Fort Atkinson stands on high ground overlooking the modern community of the same name. Photo by Michael Hohenbrink



▲ The dates Fort Atkinson was in service, 1840 to 1849, can be seen above the main gate. Photo by Michael Hohenbrink

People know the site and come to visit.

Even the big festival of Rendezvous Days is not about making a dime but rather seeks to educate visitors, said Franzen.

Keeping Fort Atkinson around and open to the public is the goal.

Should it fall apart like so many historic locations have done, that would be the end of it.

"Once they're lost, they're gone," said Franzen.

Coming up, volunteers will be spearheading a return of Rendezvous Days for its 2021 iteration.

Information will be forthcoming as volunteers figure out details of the event that annually draws re-enactors, vendors and eager visitors to the site.



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Superintendent — Jay Mathis

Phone # — 563-568-3466

## Central, Elkader

County — Clayton

Primary communities served — Elkader, Elkport, Garber,

Saint Olaf, Volga City

Enrollment\* — 425

Superintendent — Nicholas Trenkamp

Phone # — 563-245-1750

## Clayton Ridge

County — Clayton

Primary communities served — Garnavillo, Guttenberg,

Clayton, Osterdock, North Buena Vista

Enrollment\* — 595

Superintendent — Shane Wahls

Phone # — 563-252-2341

## Decorah

County — Winneshiek

Primary communities served — Decorah

Enrollment\* — 1,548

Superintendent — Mark Lane

Phone # — 563-382-3643

## Eastern Allamakee

Commonly referred to as Kee

County — Allamakee

Primary communities served — Lansing, New Albin

Enrollment\* — 322

Superintendent — Dr. Dale Crozier

Phone # — 563-538-4201

## Edgewood-Colesburg

County — Clayton

Primary communities served — Colesburg, Edgewood

Enrollment\* — 401

Superintendent — Rob Busch

Phone # — 563-926-6412

## MFL MarMac

County — Clayton

Primary communities served — Marquette, McGregor,

Monona, Farmersburg, Luana

Enrollment\* — 794

Superintendent — Dr. Dale Crozier

Phone # — 563-539-2031

## Postville

County — Allamakee

Primary communities served — Postville, Castalia

Enrollment\* — 728

Superintendent — Tim Dugger

Phone # — 563-864-7651

## South Winneshiek

County — Winneshiek

Primary communities served — Calmar, Ossian,

Spillville, Festina

Enrollment\* — 507

Superintendent — Kris Einck

Phone # — 563-562-3269

## Turkey Valley

County — Winneshiek

Primary communities served — Fort Atkinson, Jackson

Junction, Lawler, Protivin, Saint Lucas, Waucoma

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# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge presents a unique feature for the region. Running 261 river miles from Wabasha, Minn. to Princeton, Iowa, the refuge draws visitors from throughout the United States to see its unique wildlife and terrain.

Within the Refuge is the Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge, which parts of an eight-county area of Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, including Allamakee and Clayton Counties. Five of the nine units of the Driftless Area NWR are located in Clayton County.

## Canoeing and Kayaking

Paddling along the backwaters is an outstanding way to enjoy the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. Bring your fishing pole (and Iowa or Wisconsin fishing license) or a pair of binoculars and enjoy both the wildlife and beauty.

The Johnson Slough Canoe Trail is located in Pool 10 with access just south of McGregor. Follow Highway X56 south to the Sny Magill Unit of Effigy Mounds National Park and Sny Magill River access. This 6.1-mile trail is of moderate difficulty with paddling against the current about half the way.

Other trails are located on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River.

## Fishing

Some of the world's best fishing can be found in the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. Whether you are fishing for walleye, bass, crappie, catfish, bluegill, northern pike or anything in between, Refuge areas located along Allamakee and Clayton County likely have it.

Though many people prefer fishing from boats, there are plentiful opportunities to catch fish from shore.

Walleye and sauger are two of the most sought after recreational fish on the river. There are good numbers of walleye ranging from 15 to 27 inches and sauger of 12 to 18 inches are plentiful. Bluegill populations are also healthy and provide some of the most consistent enjoyment due to their numbers. Catfish are also plentiful in to area, as are largemouth and smallmouth bass. Northern pike are also plentiful in this part of the Mississippi River, with fish ranging up to 40 inches common.

Ice fishing is also popular along backwaters of the Mississippi River during colder months. Be sure to check ice conditions frequently to ensure safety. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources recommends that you ice fish only when new, clear ice is at least four inches thick and that ice must be at least five inches



▲ Lansing's Black Hawk Bridge can be seen in the background in this photo of the Mississippi River taken from the Driftless Area Visitor Center *Photo by John Jensen*

thick to support a snowmobile or ATV. It also advises to always ice fish with a friend.

A great resource for fishermen is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' weekly fishing report that can be found at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/fishing/fishing-reports>

## Hunting

Established in 1924, the 240,000-acre refuge provides for the needs of fish, wildlife and millions of annual visitors. The Upper Mississippi River is open to hunting. Most hunting opportunities are in wetlands, on islands and in floodplain forest accessible mainly by boat.

More than 75 percent of the world's canvasback ducks use the Refuge for migration, while bluebills, bufflehead, gadwall, goldeneyes, mallards, redheads and widgeon, and goldeneyes are also common in the refuge.

## Wildlife Viewing

The area is popular among bird watchers, particularly during the spring and fall migration seasons when thousands of birds make their way to and from their wintering grounds.

April and May are some

of the best times to see songbird migration. Stop at a boat landing or river walk and use either spotting scopes (available at many locations along the Great River Road) or your own binoculars.

Fall is a popular time for visitors to come not only for the wildlife, but also to see spectacular fall colors that grace the steep cliffs of both Allamakee and Clayton Counties. Migrating tundra swans stop in the area in late October and early November and stay until the river begins to freeze. During peak fall migration in late October, hundreds of thousands of canvasbacks, common mergansers, goldeneyes, mallards, shovelers, blue-winged teal, and coots gather on the refuge.

Bald eagles are also common in the area. According to the National Fish and Wildlife Service, there are more than 250 active bald eagle nests within the refuge. In addition to the nesting eagles, many migrating eagles are seen on the refuge. The best area spot to see eagles is at or near Lock and Dam No. 10 in Guttenberg, though they are frequently seen anywhere along the refuge.

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# Allamakee County

Allamakee County is the northeastern-most county in the state of Iowa. As of the 2010 census, the population was 14,330. The county seat is Waukon.

## History

Allamakee County was formed on February 20, 1847. The derivation of the name is debated, some believing it was the name of an Indian chief, others think it was named for Allen Magee, an early historic trader. The first Allamakee County Courthouse in Waukon, built in 1861, now serves as the Allamakee County Historical Museum. The present Allamakee County Court House was built in 1940. Both courthouse buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Geography

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 659 square miles of which 639 square miles (1,660 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 20 square miles is water.

In the northern part of the county is the Upper Iowa River. In the southern part is the Yellow River. The eastern boundary is the Mississippi River. All offer scenic and recreational opportunities, particularly in Yellow River State Forest.

French Creek flows north of Waukon, outside the city limits. Paint Creek, named after Paint Rock Bluff, flows out of the south of Waukon. Norfolk creek originates in the western outskirts of Waukon and is effluent to the Yellow River. Clear Creek flows into Lansing. Village Creek flows through essentially rural terrain. All are tributary to the Mississippi River.

## Tourism

Yellow River State Forest is mostly forested land owned by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. It is located in the southeastern corner of Allamakee County, the most northeasterly of Iowa's counties. It is a forested area with creeks for fishing, a campground and hiking, horseback riding and snowmobile trails. Effigy Mounds National Monument preserves more than 200 prehistoric mounds built by Native Americans. Numerous effigy mounds are shaped like animals, including bears and birds. These were built mostly in the first millennium, by peoples of the Woodland Culture. The site has 14 miles of trails plus exhibits and ranger-led talks. The park is located at 151 IA-76, Harpers Ferry.

Mount Hosmer is a bluff overlooking Lansing, Iowa. It is located directly adjacent to the Upper Mississippi River and offers a panoramic view of the river, including the Black Hawk Bridge. Mount Hosmer rises 450 feet above downtown Lansing.

The Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center is located at 1944 Columbus Road in Lansing. The cultural, recreational, natural, and historical significance of the Driftless Area is the primary focus of the interpretive exhibits at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Featuring three levels and 10,000 sq. ft., the building is nestled beneath limestone bluffs with scenic river views. The Center is open seven days a week.

## Communities in Allamakee County

Waukon, a community of approximately 4,000, is the county seat of Allamakee County. The community is home to one golf course, a 46-acre city park with wooden playground, hiking and biking trails, aquatic center and wellness center. Waukon has three full service banks, two local

radio stations, a weekly newspaper, a municipal airport and churches of many denominations.

The Allamakee Community School District serves children in grades PK-12. St. Patrick's Catholic School also provides a parochial education for students in grades PK-6.

Postville, a community of approximately 2,100, is located in Allamakee and Clayton Counties. It lies near the junction of four counties and at the intersection of U. S. Routes 18 and 52 and Iowa Highway 51. The population of Postville was predominantly German and Norwegian for much of its existence; however, in recent years, following the purchase of the meat packing plant by a group of Hasidic Jews of the Lubavitch movement from New York, the community has become a melting pot for people from all over the world including, but not limited to Eastern Europe, Israel, Somalia, Guatemala and Mexico.

The Postville Community School District serves children who live in Postville, Castalia, Frankville and the outlying areas in grades PK-12. The Jewish Community is also served by both a girls' and boys' Yeshiva.

Lansing is a city Lansing Township with a population of approximately 1,000. The Mississippi river town not only retains all of its historic charm and elegance, but also offers a resort-like setting for visitors. Located on the Mississippi River Lansing has been designated a National Historic District by the National Register of Historic Places.

The Eastern Allamakee School District serves youth from Lansing in grades PK-12.

New Albin is a city in Iowa Township in Allamakee County. It is the farthest northeast town in Iowa and is located on the Mississippi River and the Minnesota border. New Albin has a population of approximately 640.

New Albin Elementary School serves students in grades PK-6 while students in grades 7-12 attend the Eastern Allamakee School District in Lansing.

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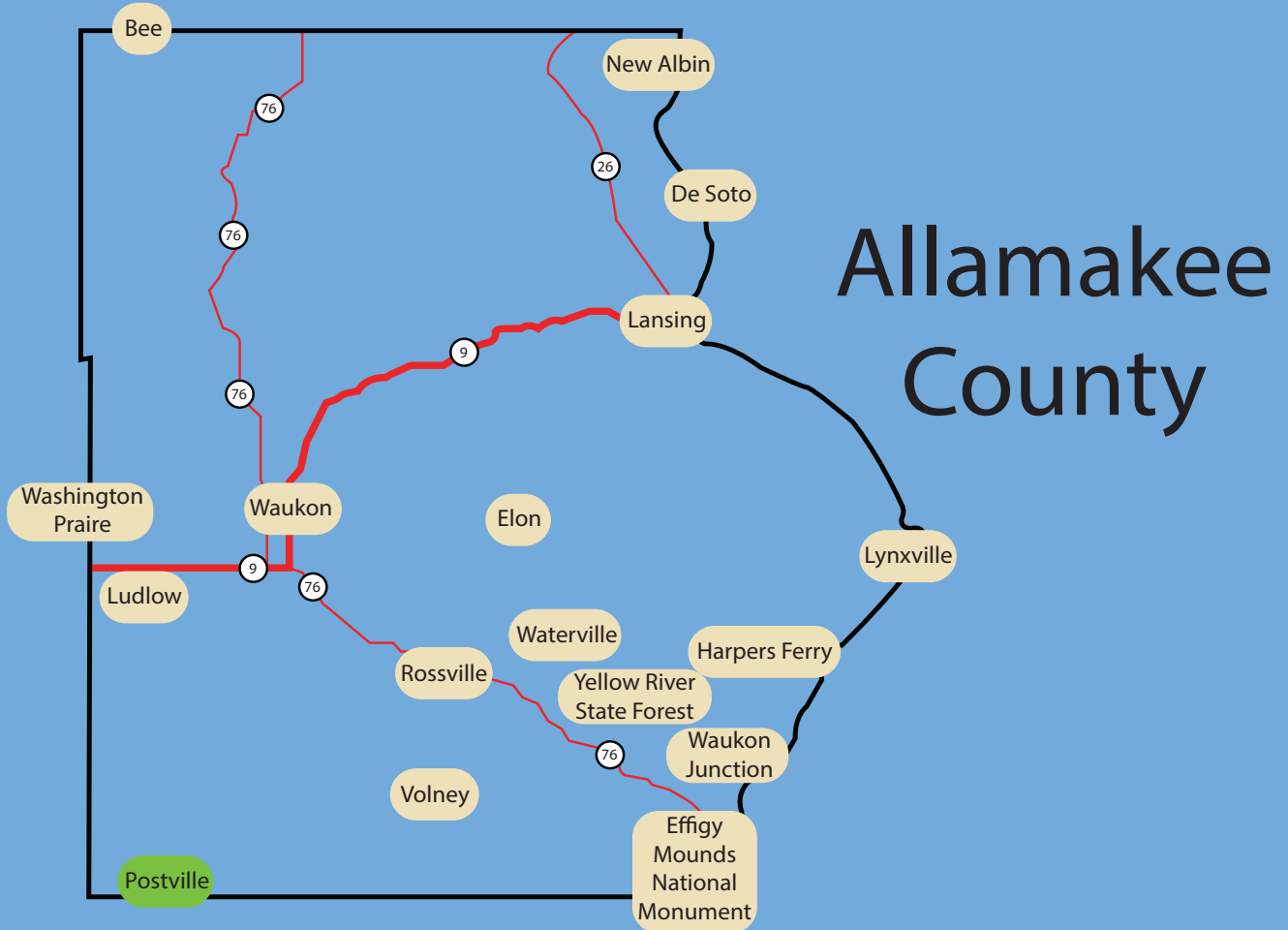
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# Winneshiek County

Winneshiek County is located in Northeast Iowa. As of the 2010 census, the population was 21,056. The county seat is Decorah which is also the largest city in the county. The county was founded in 1848.

## History

A largely rural and agricultural county, Winneshiek County has a rich cultural history from Czech, Slovak, English, Irish, German, Swiss, and Norwegian immigrants that have settled within its boundaries.

The county was originally settled in 1848 in present-day Bloomfield Township (near Castalia) and in Washington Township (near Fort Atkinson). It was organized in 1847, and named after a chief of the Winnebago tribe.

In 1980, Winneshiek County reported a population of 21,842. Like much of Iowa during the 1980s it witnessed a population loss, dropping to 20,847 according to the 1990 United States Census. However, during the 1990s the county experienced some mild growth and was able to rise above the 21,000 mark once again.

## Geography

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 690 square miles, of which 690 square miles is land and 0.3 square miles is water. Major highways are Iowa Highways 9, 24, 139 and 150. Adjacent counties in Iowa are Allamakee County to the east; Fayette County to the south; Chickasaw County to the southwest; Howard County to the west and Clayton County to the southeast.

## Tourism

Among the tourist attractions in Winneshiek County are Calmer Trail Depot; Bily Clocks Museum and Antonin Dvorak Exhibit, Spillville; Iowa's Dairy Center, Calmar; Fort Atkinson State Preserve; Decorah Eagles; Trout Run Trail, Decorah; Decorah Parks and Recreation; Siewers Springs State Park; Ten Mile Creek Bridge, Decorah; Decorah's Historic Architecture Tour Freedom Rock, Calmar; Vesterheim The National Norwegian Museum; Dunning's Spring Park, Decorah; Barnhart-Van Peenan Park, Decorah; Cold Water Spring State Preservative, Decorah; Seed Savers Exchange, Decorah; St. Wenceslaus Church, Spillville; Steyer Opera House, Decorah; Ice Cave Hill Park, Decorah; Winneshiek Wildberry Winery; Locust School; Museum, Decorah; Phelps Park, Decorah; Upper Iowa River Access, Decorah; Twin Springs Park, Decorah and Porter House Museum, Decorah

## Communities in Winneshiek County

The county seat of Winneshiek County is Decorah, which has a population of 8,127. Other communities in Winneshiek County are Calmar, Ossian, Spillville, Fort Atkinson, Ridgeway, Castalia, Burr Oak and Jackson Junction.



▲ Winneshiek County Freedom Rock

# Winneshiek County Fair

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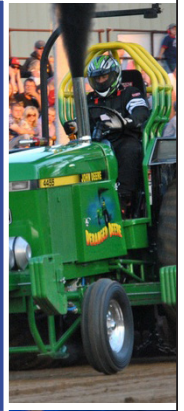
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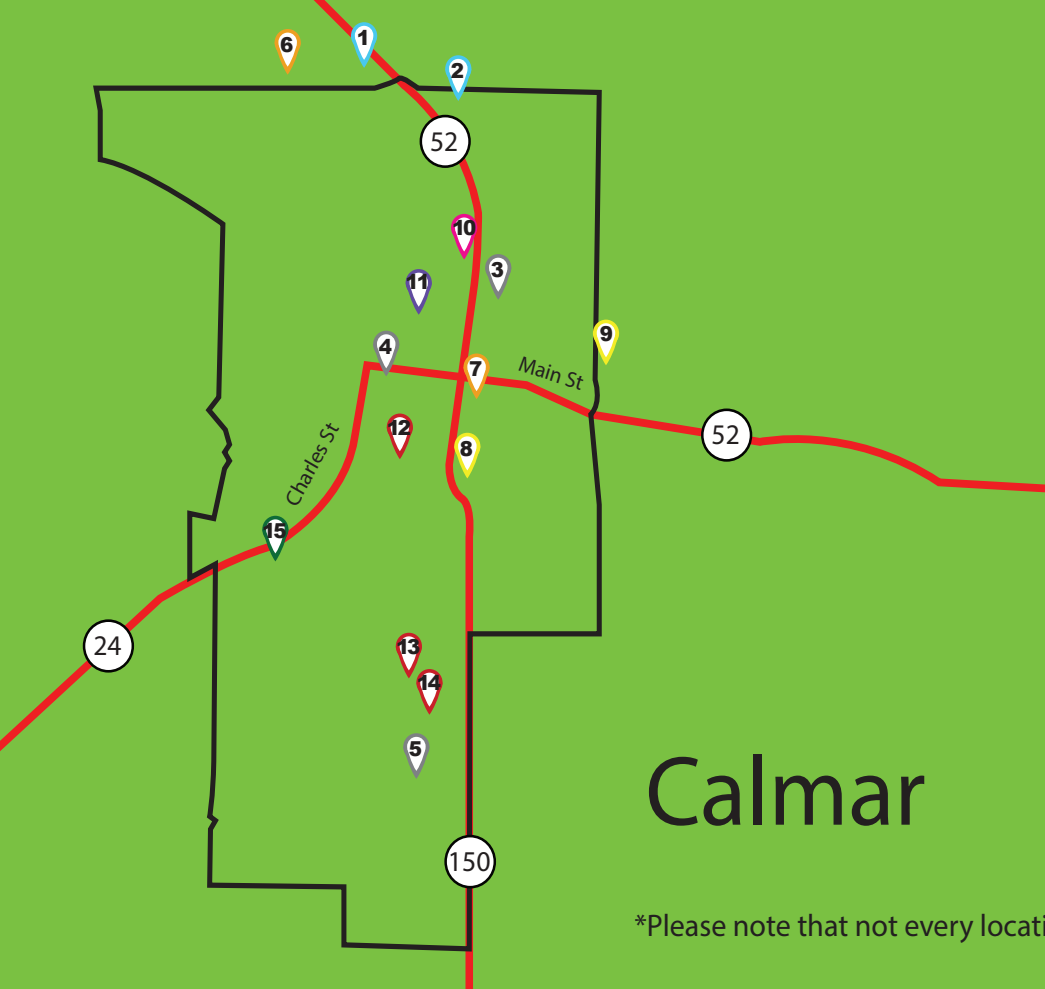
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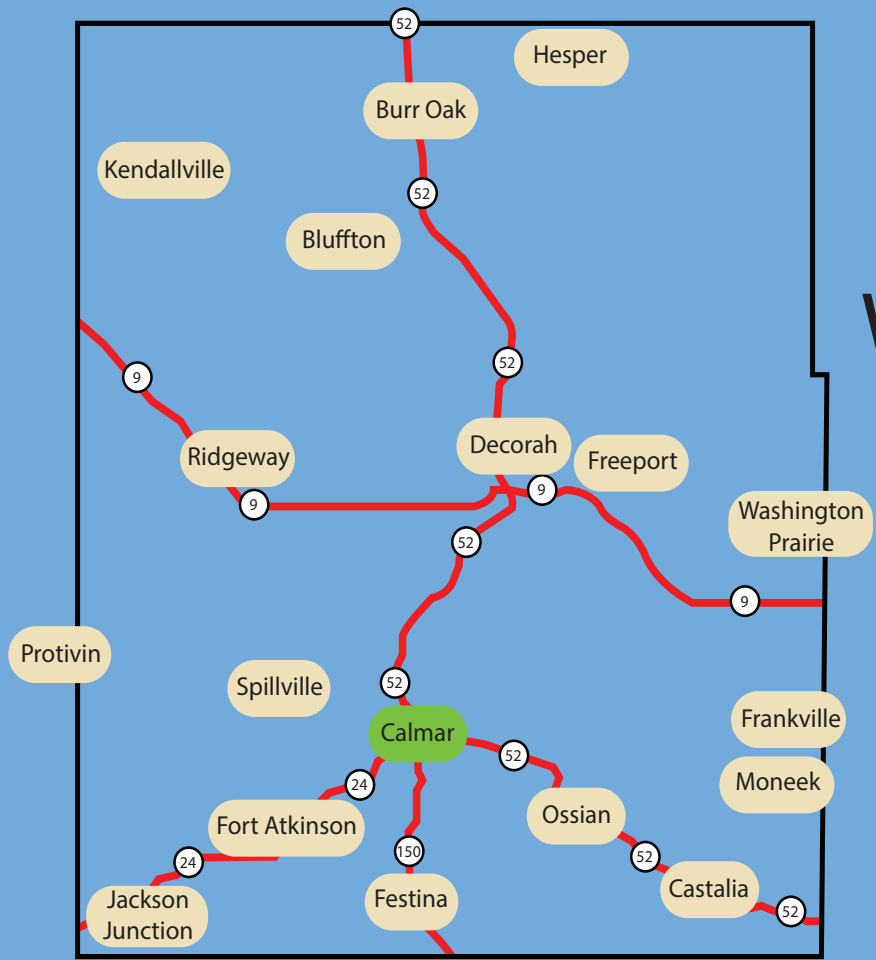
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# Winneshiek County

# Clayton County

Clayton County is a county located in the state of Iowa's Northeast quadrant. As of the 2010 census, the population was 18,129. Its county seat is Elkader and the largest city is Guttenberg. The county was named for its founder John M. Clayton.

## History

Clayton County was established on December 21, 1837 when it split from Dubuque County. It was named in honor of John Middleton Clayton. Clayton was a lawyer, politician, and U.S. Senator from Delaware. He later served as Secretary of State under President Zachary Taylor. The first courthouse was built in Prairie La Porte in 1840, now known as Guttenburg. The second courthouse was built in 1844 in Jacksonville, later renamed to Garnavillo. This building was sold in 1866 to help fund a courthouse to be built in the new county seat of Elkader. The Clayton County Courthouse, located in Elkader was built in 1878. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976 as a part of the County Courthouses in Iowa.

## Geography

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), the county has a total area of 793 square miles of which 779 square miles is land and 14 square miles (1.8 percent) is water. It is the fifth-largest county in Iowa by area. Adjacent counties are Allamakee to the north, Buchanan to the southwest, Fayette to the west and Winneshiek to the northwest. National protected areas are the Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge, Effigy Mounds National Monument and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Clayton County is part of the Driftless Area, a re-

gion that completely missed being ice-covered in the last ice age. Streams have deeply carved valleys, while the Mississippi River has spectacular bluffs.

## Tourism

Among the tourist attractions in Clayton County are: Pikes Peak State Park, Nature and recreation site with camping; Casino Queen Marquette, Riverboat Casino with more than 500 slot machines; Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, a refuge for hunting, fishing and canoeing; Wyalusing Hardwood Forest, scenic recreational park with camping; Backbone State Park, Nature reserve with diverse activities; Bixby State Preserve, nature reserve, outdoor recreation and nature; Effigy Mounds National Monument, scenic archaeological and hiking site; Turkey River Mounds State Preserve, park; Driftless Area Wetlands Center, Visitor Center; Nelson Dewey State Park, park and camping; Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge, US fish and wildlife department services, park and wildlife; World's Largest Strawberry, Strawberry Point; Joy Spring County Park, camping; Motor Mill Historic Site; Bloody Run County Park; McGregor Historical Museum; Froelich Museum; Wilder Memorial Museum; The Edgewood Museum; Bloody Run Wildlife Management Area; Wyalusing State Park; Backbone State Park.

## Communities in Clayton County

The communities in Clayton County include portions of Postville, with the majority of Postville being in Allamakee County; Guttenberg, the largest city in the county and Elkader, the county seat. Other communities are Monona, Strawberry Point, McGregor, Marquette, Farmersburg, Luana, Volga, North Buena Vista, St. Olaf, Garber, Osterdock, Clayton, Elkport and Millville.

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Meat Goat Show  
Mutton Busting  
7:00p.m. Bull Bash



## Thursday, August 5

Swine Show  
Dog Show  
7:30p.m. Mark Wills



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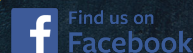
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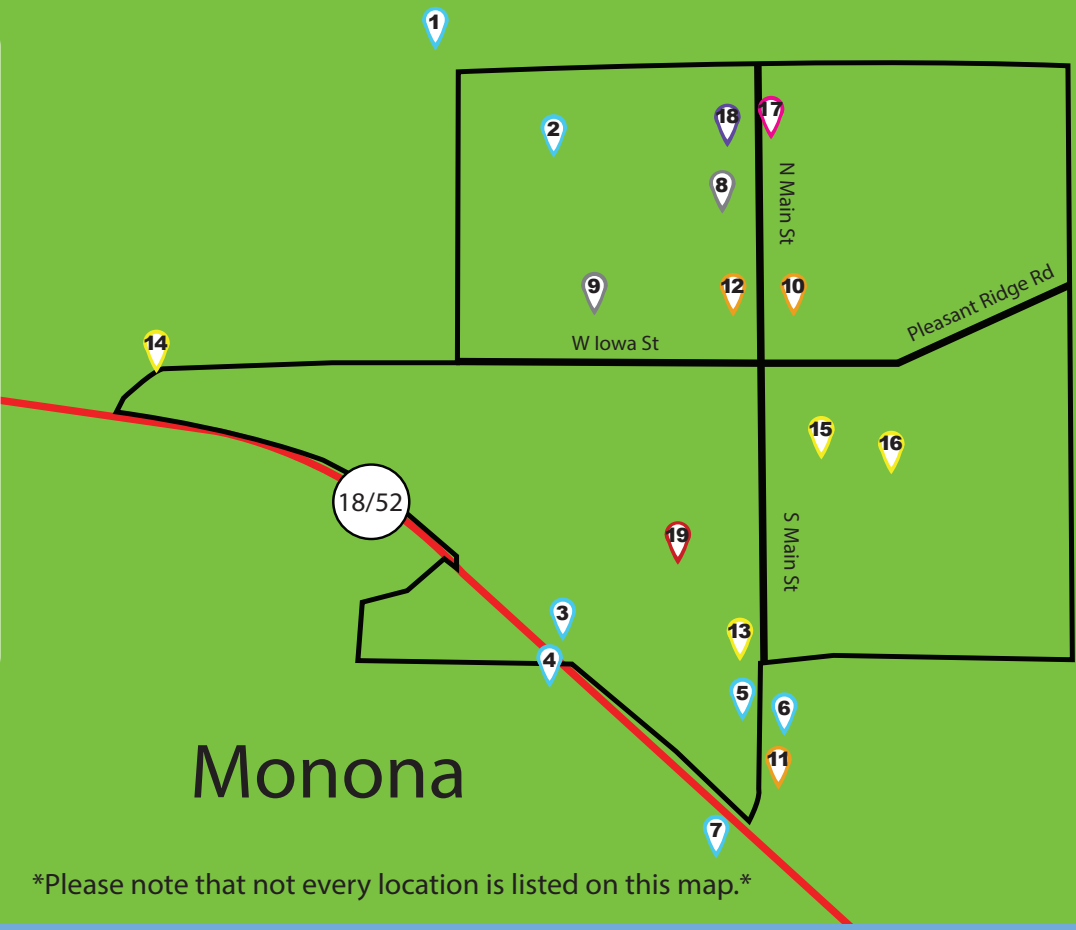
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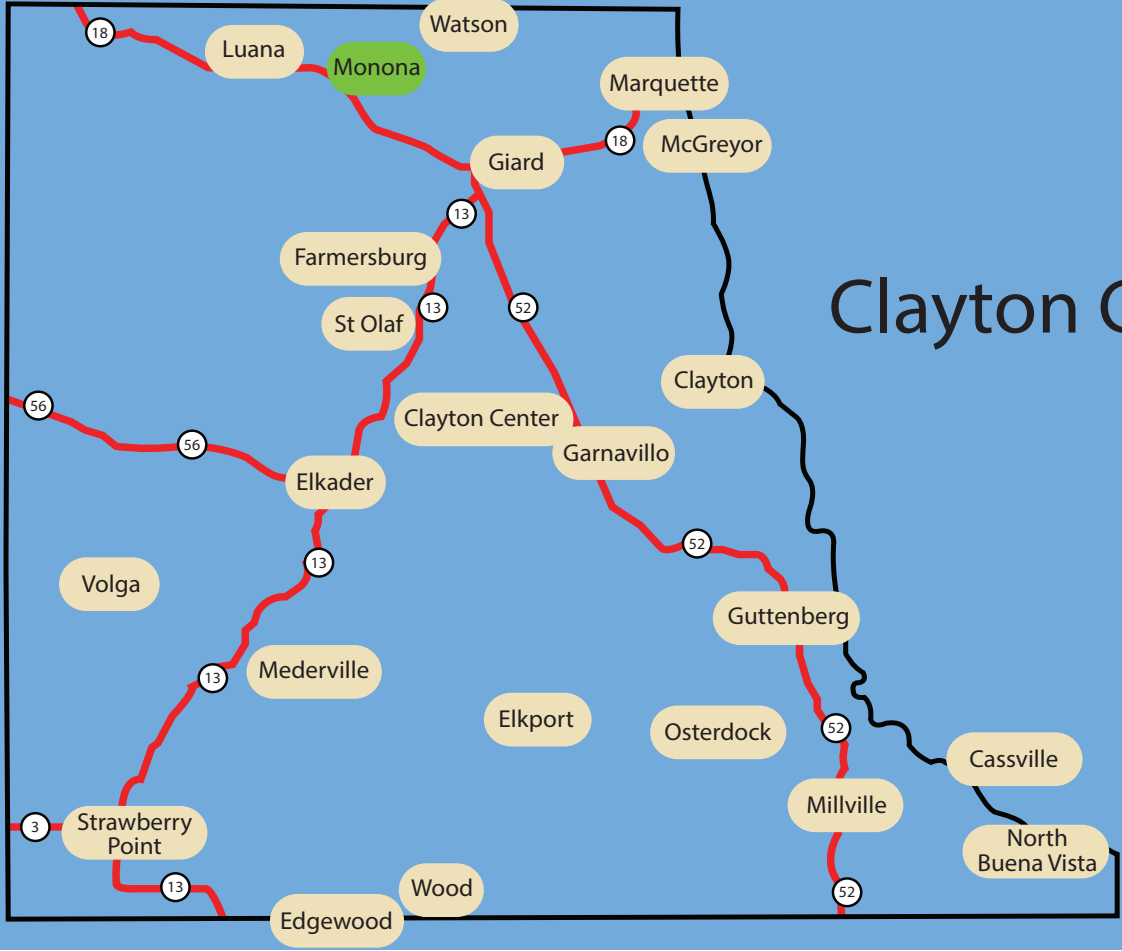
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# German-American Museum Expanding Collection, Space

By Michael Hohenbrink  
news@calmarcourier.com

Some big work at the German-American Museum in St. Lucas has paid off, with even more work expected to come in the future.

Big repairs, heavy cleaning and opening of new display area have taken place at one of the area's most special attractions.

The former schoolhouse was turned into a museum space after the school closed in 1996.

For years, two main floors were available to house a variety of artifacts.

"Society volunteers provided over 1,475 hours of effort to completely empty and then refresh the attic space," said Joyce Moss, vice president of the St. Lucas Historical Society. "Dan Kuennen led the grueling volunteer team effort to scrub the 110-year-old red cedar roof beams and hardy Douglas fir attic flooring. Dan has scars to prove it."

Military history, artifacts from area churches and some unique offerings have been available for years for public viewing.

Of late, some substantial additions have also been made.

The museum's textile collection has grown, with an assortment of wedding gowns a highlight.

One piece, over a century old, is available for viewing as are other items, including a kimono taken back by a former member of the armed services from his time in Japan.



▲ St. Lucas Historical Society President Clair Blong Shows off part of the military collection at the German-American Museum. Photo by Michael Hohenbrink

An ornate altar and tabernacle, once housed in a little side chapel at an area parish, can now be seen.

A German spinning wheel that is 160 years old and a German Milano concertina, from the Elizabeth Boeding Estate, spotlight the area's German heritage. Items from the Elaine Kuennen Sloan Estate include materials covering three members of the family who entered Religious life.

The military collection has been growing as well, with materials covering a number of conflicts.

In addition to the two main floors, the

museum's basement, once used as a chapel, has been made into a conference area, a use that has been on hiatus but which volunteers want to see return.

Down the road, the museum's roof will be the next big project tackled by the historical society, said President Clair Blong.

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**Allamakee County Freedom Rock**  
206 Henry Street, Calmar  
Open Daily  
[www.thefreedomrock.com/iowa-fr-tour-info/](http://www.thefreedomrock.com/iowa-fr-tour-info/)

**Big Four Fair**  
327 North Maple Street, Postville  
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**Clayton County Fair**  
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**Clayton County Freedom Rock**  
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**Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center**  
1944 Columbus Road, Lansing  
Open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
[www.allamakeecountyconservation.org/driftless-center](http://www.allamakeecountyconservation.org/driftless-center)

**Driftless Area Wetlands Centre**  
509 Highway 18, Marquette  
Open April-October, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Admission is free  
[www.driftlessareawetlandcentre.com/](http://www.driftlessareawetlandcentre.com/)

**Effigy Mounds National Monument**  
151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry  
Grounds open daily, Sunrise - Sunset  
Visitor Center open daily, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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**Froelich General Store & Tractor Museum**  
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**Iowa DNR Fish Hatchery**  
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<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-Staff-Offices/Fish-Hatcheries>

**Iowa's Dairy Center**  
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**Lockmaster's House Museum**  
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**Motor Mill Historical Site**  
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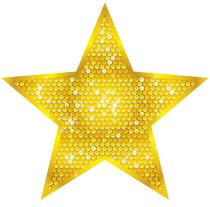
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# More than 100 northeast Iowa sites on Historic Registry

By **JOHN JENSEN**

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Northeast Iowa is ripe with locations on the National Register of Historic Places. Ranging from national to local significance, most are open for the public to visit.

Ranging from barns to bridges to

courthouses to mills, the sites represent a cross section of ...

The first area location to be placed on the Registry was the Effigy Mounds National Monument, located north of Marquette, in 1966. The Lansing Stone School (Lansing) followed in 1973 and the Painter-Bernatz Mill in Decorah and Clayton School (Clayton) followed

in 1974. The most recent entry was the West Paint Creek Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery in Waterville in 2019.

The following list is arranged by county and community. Listings include address (where available) and date of entry on the Register.

## Allamakee County

Allamakee County has 22 current listings on the Register as well as one former listing. Though most listings are buildings, they also include bridges, effigy mounds, survey markers and two historic districts.

### Dorchester

#### Upper Iowa River

**Bridge** – Mays Prairie Road over Upper Iowa River; Listed June 25, 1998;

#### Waterloo Ridge

**Lutheran Church** – 169 Dorchester Drive; Listed July 21, 2015;

### Hanover Township

#### Slinde Mound Group –

Address not publicly listed; Listed Nov. 1, 1989;

### Harpers Ferry

#### Effigy Mounds National

**Monument** – Three miles north of Marquette on Highway 76; Listed Oct. 15,

1966; Extends into Clayton County;

### Lansing

**G. Kerndt and Brothers Elevator and Warehouses** – Front Street; Listed Oct. 18, 1979;

**G. Kerndt and Brothers Office Block** – Fourth and Main Street; Listed Nov. 10, 1982;

### Lansing Fisheries

**Building** – Between Highway X-52 and Mississippi River in south part of Lansing; Listed Dec. 23, 1991;

### Lansing Main Street

**Historic District** – 100-401 Main Street, 1 block north and south on Front and Second Streets and 190 John Street; Listed Sept. 17, 2014;

**Lansing Stone School** – Southwest corner of Center and Fifth Streets; Listed

Dec. 18, 1973;

**Old Allamakee County Courthouse** – Second Street; Listed Feb. 24, 1983;

**Ludlow Fred W. Meier Round Barn** – Off Highway 9; Listed July 30, 1986; New Albin

**Fish Farm Mound Group** – Fish Farm Mounds State Preserve; Listed July 25, 1988;

**Iron Post** – Northern end of Main Street; Listed Sept. 29, 1976; Survey marker that legally defines Iowa-Minnesota border;

**Thomas Reburn Polygonal Barn** – Off Highway 26; Listed June 30, 1986; Postville

**Red Bridge** – Fuel Hollow Road over the Yellow River; Listed June 25, 1998;

**Turner Hall** – 119 East Greene Street; Listed Dec. 11, 2000;

### Waterville

**Monsrud Bridge** – Swebakken Road over Paint Creek; Listed June 25, 1998;

**Old East Paint Creek Lutheran Church** – North of Waterville on County A-52; Listed July 7, 1983;

**West Paint Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery** – 1351 Elon Drive; Listed March 7, 2019;

### Waukon

**Allamakee County Courthouse** – 110 Allamakee Street; Listed Aug. 28, 2003;

**Allamakee County Courthouse** – 107 Allamakee Street; Listed April 11, 1977;

**Otto J. Hager House** – 402 Allamakee Street; Listed June 27, 1985.

## Clayton County

Clayton County has 54 current listings on the Register as well as two former listings. Though most listings are buildings, they also include bridges, effigy mounds, and several historic districts.

### Ceres

**St. Peters United Evangelical Lutheran Church** – U.S. Highway 52; Listed Dec. 12, 1976;

### Clayton

**Clayton School** – First Street; Listed July 30, 1974;

**Cox Creek Township Mederville Bridge** – County Road over Volga River at Mederville; Listed June 25, 1998;

### Elkader

**Carter House** – 101 High Street SE; Listed Nov. 7, 1976;



▲ The Kinney Octagon Barn is located off Highway 52 near Burr Oak in Winnebago County

# Historic Sites

**Clayton County Courthouse** – 111 High Street; Listed Oct. 8, 1976;

**Elkader Downtown District** – Portions of 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street and side streets; Listed March 13, 2012;

**Elkader Keystone Bridge** – Bridge Street; Listed Nov. 7, 1976;

**Elkader Opera House** – 207 N. Main; Listed Oct. 8, 1976;

**J.C. Stemmer House** – 113 Oak Street NW; Listed Oct. 21, 1976;

**Motor Mill Historic District** – Six miles south-east of Elkader on Grain Road; Listed June 9, 2014;

**Motor Townsite** – East of Elkader; Listed Aug. 2, 1977;

**Rialto Price House** – 206 Cedar Street NW; Listed Nov. 21, 1976;

**St. Joseph Church and Parish Hall** – 330 First Street NW; Listed Nov. 21, 1976;

**Schmidt House** – 101 Oak Street NW; Listed March 25, 1977;

**Timothy Davis House** – 405 First Street NW; Listed June 22, 1976;

**Garnavillo First Congregational Church** – Washington Street; Listed March 25, 1977;

**I.O.O.F Hall** – Centre Street; Listed June 18, 1979;

**Valley Mills** – East of Garnavillo; Listed Dec. 12, 1976;

**Garnavillo Township Bridge** – County Road over unnamed stream; Listed June 25, 1998;

**Garnavillo Township Culver** – County Road over

unnamed stream; Listed June 25, 1998;

**Guttenberg Albertus Building** – 222 Park River Drive; Listed April 26, 1979;

**Eckert House** – 413 S. First Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Front Street (River Park Drive) Historic District** – River Park Drive between Lessing and Pearl Streets; also South First, Prince, Goethe, Herder and Schiller Streets; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Fuerste House** – 503 South First Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Guttenberg Corn Canning Company** – 413 N. Third Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Guttenberg National Fish Hatchery and Aquarium District** – 315 S. River Park Drive; Listed Dec. 23, 1991;

**Guttenberg State Bank** – 15 S. Goethe Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Kolker House** – 110 Goethe Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Lakeside Ballroom** – 1202 N. Fourth Street; Listed Feb. 4, 2002;

**Matt-Bahls House** – 615 S. Third Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**McClaine House** – 300 S. First Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Moser Stone House** – 211 S. First Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Nieland House** – 715 S. First Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Parker House** – 1015 S. Second Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**St. Mary's Catholic Church Historic District** – 502, 518 and 520 S. Second Street, and 214 Herder Street; Listed Aug. 12, 2004;

**Stone Barn** – 12 Goethe Street; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Weber House** – 822 S. River Park Drive; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Wehmer House** – 910 S. River Park Drive; Listed Sept. 24, 1984;

**Littleport Dry Run Bridge** – Local Street over Dry Run; Listed June 25, 1998;

**Mallory Township Mallory Township Bridge** – County road over an unnamed stream; Listed June 25, 1998;

**American House** – 116 Main Street; Listed Aug. 30, 2001;

**American School of Wildlife Protection Historic District** – McGregor Heights Road, north of McGregor; Listed Dec. 23, 1991;

**Christian Bloedel**

**Wagon Works** – 524-526 Main Street; Listed Sept. 23, 2009;

**Goedert Meat Market** – 322 Main Street; Listed Oct. 18, 1996;

**McGregor Commercial Historic District** – 100-300 blocks of Main Street and the 100 and 200 blocks of A Street; Listed Dec. 10, 2002;

**Joseph "Diamond Jo" Reynolds Office Building and House** – A and Main Streets; Listed Feb. 19, 1982;

**Peter Stauer House** – 629 Main Street; Listed Sept. 13, 2003;

**Millville Turkey River State Preserve Archeological District** – Estes Point Road; Listed May 30, 1990;

**Millville Township Round Barn** – U.S. Route 52; Listed June 30, 1986;

**Read Township**

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**Read Township Culvert**  
– County road over an unnamed stream; Listed March 12, 1999;

**St. Olaf**

**St. Olaf Auditorium** – 118 S. Main Street; Listed Dec. 9, 1994;

**Strawberry Point**

**Franklin Hotel** – 102 Elkader Street; Listed June 25, 1999;

**Volga**

**Farmers State Bank** – 502 Washington Street; Listed Sept. 4, 2018.

**Winneshiek County**

Winneshiek County has 32 current listings on the Register as well as six former listings. Though most listings are buildings, they also include bridges, a farm, a swimming pool, a cave and three historic districts.

**Bluffton**

**Gillece Bridge** – Cattle Creek Road over Upper Iowa River; Listed May 15, 1998;

**Upper Bluffton Bridge** – Ravine Road over Upper Iowa River; Listed May 15, 1998;

**Burr Oak**

**Burr Oak House/Masters Hotel** – State Street; Listed Jan. 27, 1983;

**Burr Oak Savings Bank** – 3608 236<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Listed Aug. 8, 2001;

**Kinney Octagon Barn** – Off U.S. Route 52; Listed Nov. 19, 1996;

**Calmar**

**Calmar Passenger Depot** – 201 N. Maryville Street; Listed March 21, 2011

**Decorah**

**Birdsall Lime Klin** – Northeast of Decorah; Listed March 21, 1979;

**Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District** – West Broadway from Winnebago Street to Park Drive; Listed Nov. 13, 1976;

**Cooley-Whitney House** – 305 Grove Street; Listed Jan. 25, 1980;

**Decorah Commercial Historic District** – Blocks



▲ A piece of Burr Oak's history can be glimpsed in this historic structure. - N. Hohenbrink

500-100 W. Water Street, 100-200 E. Water Street, 100 Washington Street, 100 Winnebago Street, parts of W. Main, Court and W. Day Spring Street; Listed Aug. 21, 2017;

**Decorah Ice Cave** – Ice Cave Road; Listed Dec. 20, 1978;

**Decorah Municipal Bathhouse and Swimming Pool** – 701 College Drive; Listed Jan. 30, 2012;

**Decorah Woolen Mill** – 107 Court Street; Listed Jan. 26, 2001;

**Ellsworth-Porter House** – 401 West Broadway; Listed Aug. 6, 1975;

**Highlandville School** – 3499 Highlandville Road; Listed Feb. 5, 2014;

**Horn House** – Northwest of Decorah; Listed March 25, 1977;

**Jacobson Farm** – Junction of County Road W-42 and 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, southeast of Decorah; Listed June 14, 1982;

**Korean Library** – Luther College campus; Listed Jan. 12, 1984;

**Locust School** – North of Decorah; Listed May 22, 1978;

**Luther College Farm**

– Luther College campus; Listed July 17, 1979;

**Norris Miller House** – 118 N. Mill Street; Listed June 8, 1976;

**Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway combination depot** – 203 W. Pearl Street; Listed Sept. 12, 2016;

**Painter-Bernatz Mill** – 200 Mill Street; Listed Jan. 11, 1974;

**Steyer Bridge** – Oneata Road off U.S. 52; Listed Jan. 4, 1983;

**Steyer Opera House** – 102-104 W. Water Street; Listed Jan. 24, 1980;

**Washington Prairie Methodist Church** – Southeast of Decorah; Listed Jan. 29, 1980;

**Fort Atkinson**

**Fort Atkinson Bridge** – 150<sup>th</sup> Street over the Turkey River; Listed May 15, 1998;

**Fort Atkinson Historic District** – Second Street and Eighth Ave.; Listed Feb. 27, 2013;

**Frankville**

**Frankville School** – State Street; Listed Nov. 14, 1978;

**Jackson Junction**

**Lawrence Bridge** – 330<sup>th</sup> Avenue over Turkey River; Listed May 15, 1998;

**Ossian**

**Ossian Opera House** – Main Street; Listed June 18, 1979;

**Spillville**

**Wenzil Taylor Building** – Main Street; Listed March 21, 1979.

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# Northeast Iowa

## Golf Courses

Golf is one of America's favorite warm-weather activities and is popular in parts of Northeast Iowa. More than a dozen courses cover the area, with many providing picturesque views of the Driftless area's hills and valleys.

Information was taken from local and online sources.

### **Backbone Golf and Country Club**

*Public nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1960

**Location** — 1244 400th Street, Strawberry Point

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 3,039 yards

**On the Web** — Facebook/Backbone Golf Course and Country Club

**Contact:** 563-933-4545

### **Big Rock Country Club**

*Semi-private 18-hole course*

**Opened** — 1966

**Location** — 9684 146th Street, Fayette

**Par** — 35-36 — 71 (36-36 from red tees)

**Length** — 6,085/5,815/5,102 yards (blue/white/red)

**Amenities** — Driving range; Clubhouse available for events

**Season** — Traditionally April 1 – Oct. 31

**On the Web** — bigrockcountryclub.org

**Contact:** 563-425-3687; bigrockcountryclub@gmail.com

### **Elkader Golf and Country Club**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1964

**Location** — 24361 Gunder Road, Elkader

**Par** — 35

**Length** — 2,897 yards

**Amenities** — Driving Range;

Banquet facility

**Season** — April 1 – Oct. 31

**On the Web** — elkadergolf.com

**Contact** — 563-245-2230

### **Guttenberg Golf Course**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1963

**Location** — 28126 Highway 52, Guttenberg

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 3,187 yards

**Amenities** — Driving Range;

Clubhouse available for banquets

**On the Web** — guttenberggolf.com

**Contact** — 563-252-1423

### **Jackson Heights Golf Course**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1992

**Location** — 3249 Golf Course Lane, Jackson Junction

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 3,169 yards

**Amenities** — Driving range

**Season** — April - October

**On the Web** — jacksonheightsgolf.com

**Contact** — 563-776-9181

### **Oneota Golf & Country Club**

*Semi-private 18-hole course*

**Opened** — 1921

**Location** — 1714 Golf Road, Decorah

**Par** — 36-36 — 72

**Length** — 6,472 yards

**Amenities** — Driving Range;

Clubhouse available for events

**On the Web** — Facebook/Oneota Golf & Country Club

**Contact** — 563-382-4407; oneotagolf@mchsi.com

### **Silvercrest Golf & Country Club**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1935

**Location** — 2772 College Drive, Decorah

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 2,880 yards

**On the Web** — silvercrestgolf.com

**Contact** — 563-282-5296

### **Silver Springs Golf & Country Club**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1990

**Location** — 1302 County Road W42, Ossian

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 2,880 yards

**On the Web** — Facebook/Silver Springs Golf & Country Club

**Contact** — 563-532-8904

### **South Winn Golf and Country Club**

*Semi-private nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1960

**Location** — 2585 175th Street, Calmar

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 2,876 yards

**Season** — April – Mid-November

**On the Web** — Facebook/South Winn Country Club

**Contact** — 563-562-3191

### **Tri-City Golf Club**

*Public nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1945

**Location** — 16739 Diplomat Road, Luana

**Par** — 34

**Length** — 2,821 yards

**Amenities** — Clubhouse available for events

**On the Web** — golftricity.com

**Contact** — 563-539-4435; TriCityGolf@neitel.net

### **Waukon Golf and Country Club**

*Semi-private 9-hole course*

**Opened** — 1923

**Location** — 308 1st St SE, Waukon

**Par** — 35

**Length** — 3,017

**Amenities** — Clubhouse available for rent

**On the Web** — waukongolfcc.com

**Contact:** 563-568-9939; waukongolfcc@hotmail.com

### **Woods Edge Golf Course**

*Public nine-hole course*

**Opened** — 1970

**Location** — 504 W. Union Street, Edgewood

**Par** — 36

**Length** — 3,286 yards

**On the Web** — woodsedgegolf.com

**Contact** — 563-928-6668



▲ Tri-City Golf Club, located just outside Luana, serves golfers from Postville and Monona as well as its home community. - John Jensen



# Northeast Iowa Trout Streams

Some of the biggest outdoor draws to northeast Iowa are cold water streams that provide habitat for brook, brown and rainbow trout. While some fish are wild, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources also stocks trout streams between April and November.

Iowa's trout season is open year-round, though the best times to catch them are during insect hatches, many of which occur in the spring.

Reminder: a trout stamp is required in addition to a fishing license in order to fish for trout. Length limits also apply. The daily bag limit for trout is five, with a possession limit of 10.

A great resource for trout fishermen is the Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development group, which had published maps of trout streams for all three counties covered in this guide. Guides are available for purchase or can be downloaded free of charge.

The following information was gathered from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov), and the Trout Streams of Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette and Winneshiek County Fishing Guides, published and distributed by Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation.

For more information about Iowa's stocking season, including a list of streams

that are scheduled for stocking, call the Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324, stocking hotline at 563-927-5736 or visit the DNR website at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov).

## Allamakee County

Allamakee County features 15 spring-fed creeks and more than 77 miles of fishable water. It has three of the state's 10 most visited trout streams and one of the state's three trout hatcheries. On average, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources annually stocks approximately 60,000 catchable trout into catchable stocked streams in Allamakee County.

Note: Only streams that feature public access are listed in this guide.

## Bear Creek

Northwest Allamakee County off Tahigwa Drive

**Length** - 3/4 mile

**Stocked** - No.

**Amenities** - Trails; Good shoreline fishing

## Clear Creek

Stream runs along Highway 9 through Lansing. Public access at County Park off South Road Drive

**Length** - 2 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Restrooms; Easy shoreline fishing.

## French Creek

French Creek Wildlife Management Area, six miles northeast of Waukon

**Length** - 5.6 miles

**Stocked** - No

**Amenities** - Trails; Good Shoreline fishing

## Hickory Creek

One mile southeast of Volney off Hickory Crook Road

**Length** - 1 1/2 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April

through October

## Lansing Wildlife Area Creek

Lansing Wildlife Area, off Spring Valley Drive

**Length** - 1.7 miles

**Stocked** - Not regularly

## Little Paint

Located in Yellow River State Forest, three miles west of Harpers Ferry, just off Highway B25 (State Forest Road)

**Length** - 3 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April

through October

**Amenities** - Handicap accessible; Picnic Area; Trails; Restrooms; Non-electric Camping; Good Shoreline fishing

## Paint Creek

Located in Yellow River

State Forest, three miles west of Harpers Ferry, just off Highway B25 (State Forest Road)

**Length** - 11 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Trails; Restrooms; Non-electric Camping; Good Shoreline fishing

## Patterson Creek

Four miles northwest of Waukon

**Length** - 1.4 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October. Some natural reproduction of brown trout.

**Amenities** - Good Shoreline fishing.

## Pine Creek

Located on Pine Creek Management Area, two miles northeast of Sattre on Highway W60 (Balsam Road).

**Length** - 2 1/2 miles

**Stocked** - Annually with fingerling brown trout

**Amenities** - Good Shoreline fishing; Primitive camping.

## Waterloo Creek

Runs through Dorchester along Waterloo Creek Drive and Highway 76

**Length** - 10 1/2 miles

**Stocked** - Portions stocked weekly, April through October. Wild brook trout populations are present.

**Amenities** - Good Shoreline fishing.

## Special regulations -

Waterloo creek below Highway 76 is posted catch-and-release only with artificial lure required.

## West Branch French Creek

Located on French Creek Wildlife Management Area, six miles northeast of Waukon

**Length** - 4/10 mile

**Stocked** - No. Contains naturally-reproducing populations of brook and brown trout.

**Amenities** - Primitive

camping allowed.

**Special regulations** - Catch-and-release rule for brown trout; Artificial lures required.

## Wexford Creek

Five miles north of Harpers Ferry on Highway X52 (Great River Road)

**Length** - 1.4 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October

## Yellow River

Public access points at Volney Canoe Access, Stonebrook Park and Forest Hills Road.

**Length** - 25 miles

**Stocked** - Fingerling rainbow trout stocked annually. Brown trout reproduce naturally.

**Amenities** - Carry-down boat launch

**Note** - With the exception of the access points listed above, fishing via canoe or kayak is the only legal means to trout fish much of the Yellow River



▲ Northeast Iowa's cold-water trout streams attract anglers from throughout northeast Iowa, southwest Wisconsin and southeast Minnesota. - John Jensen

without landowner permission.  
**Clayton County**

Clayton County features 12 spring-fed creeks and more than 28 miles of fishable water. It has three of the state's 15 most visited trout streams and one of the state's three trout hatcheries. On average, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources annually stocks approximately 60,000 catchable trout into catchable stocked streams in Clayton County.

Note: Only streams that feature public access are listed in this guide.

**Bear Creek**

Located at Bixby State Preserve, two miles north of Edgewood just east of Fortune Road.

**Length** - 1/2 mile

**Stocked** - No. Low density brown trout population is present.

**Amenities** - Picnic Area

**Bloody Run Creek**

Located two miles west of Marquette off Highway 18

**Length** - 6.5 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October.

**Special regulations** - There is a 14-inch minimum size limit

and artificial lure rule on brown trout.

**Amenities** - Picnic area; Restrooms; Camping; Good shoreline fishing.

**Buck Creek**

Located three miles northeast of Garnavillo

**Length** - 1.7 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April, May, June, September and October

**Amenities** - Restrooms, Camping, Good shoreline fishing

**Ensign Hollow**

Located on Ensign Hollow Wildlife Management Area, approximately five miles north of Strawberry Point. Access is on north side of 322nd Street.

**Length** - 1.3 miles

**Stocked** - No. Supports a moderate-density brown trout population that appears capable of sustaining itself through natural reproduction

**Amenities** - Primitive camping

**Joy Springs**

South of Alpha Ave. off Highway 3 about three miles west of Strawberry Point in Joy Springs County Park.

**Length** - 0.8 miles

**Stocked** - April through October

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Primitive camping  
**Maquoketa River** (Joy Springs to Backbone Lake)

Area three miles southwest of Strawberry Point off 400th Street is stocked with catchable trout.

**Length** - 8 miles

**Stocked** - Unannounced stocking, April through October

**Amenities** - Good shoreline fishing

**Sny Magill Creek**

Located in Sny Magill Wildlife Management Area, three miles southwest of McGregor along Keystone Road

**Length** - 5 miles

**Stocked** - April through October

**Amenities** - Good shoreline fishing

**South Cedar Creek**

Two miles south of Garnavillo. Access via Jigsaw Road

**Length** - 1/2 mile

**Stocked** - Unannounced, April, May, June, September and October

**Turkey River & Big Spring Trout Hatchery**

**Trout Streams**

Six miles northwest of Elkader at Big Spring Fish Hatchery

**Length** - 1 mile

**Stocked** - Twice weekly, April through October

**Amenities** - Restrooms, Camping, Carry-down boat launch, Good shoreline fishing

**Winneshiek County**

Winneshiek County features 19 spring-fed creeks and more than 32 miles of fishable water. It has four of the state's 10 most visited trout streams and one of the state's three trout hatcheries. On average, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources annually stocks approximately 76,000 catchable trout into catchable stocked streams in Winneshiek County.

Note: Only streams that feature public access are listed in this guide.

**Bohemian Creek**

1 1/2 miles east of Protivin

**Length** - 0.3 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April

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# Trout Streams

through October

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Shoreline Fishing

## Canoe Creek

*East-central Winneshiek County*

**Length** - 1.8 miles

**Stocked** - Fingerlings only

**Amenities** - Primitive

## Casey Springs

*Access at Sindelar Wildlife Access Area, northwest of Decorah*

**Length** - 1/2 mile

**Stocked** - No.

**Special regulation** - Brook trout are catch-and-release only. Artificial lures only.

**Amenities** - Primitive

## Coldwater Creek

*Three miles northwest of Bluffton off Coldwater Creek Road*

**Length** - 4 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April

through October

**Amenities** - Shoreline

Fishing; Primitive camping

## Coon Creek

*Seven miles northeast of Decorah*

**Length** - 2.6 miles

**Stocked** - Twice monthly,

April through October

**Amenities** - Trails; Primitive camping

## Dunning Spring

*North side of Decorah off Ice Cave Road*

**Length** - 0.2 miles

**Stocked** - Annually with brook trout

**Amenities** - Picnic area; Trails; Good/Excellent Shoreline fishing

## North Bear Creek

*2 1/2 miles northeast of Highlandville*

**Length** - 6 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April

through October.

**Amenities** - Shoreline

Fishing

## Pine Spring Creek

*6 1/2 miles north of Decorah off Highway W34 (on Seed Savers Exchange Heritage Farm)*

**Length** - 2 miles

**Stocked** - No. Has naturally-reproducing populations of

brook trout and brown trout.

**Special Regulations** - Brook trout catch-and-release only. Artificial lures only. No alcohol or tobacco use allowed.

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Trails; Shoreline Fishing

## South Bear Creek

*Highlandville*

**Length** - 5.2 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October

**Amenities** - Camping; Shoreline Fishing

## South Pine Creek

*1 1/2 miles southeast of Sattre*

**Length** - 2 miles

**Stocked** - No. Has naturally-reproducing brook trout population

**Amenities** - Primitive camping

## Trout River

*Five miles southeast of Decorah off 133rd Avenue*

**Length** - 5 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October. Has self-sustaining brown trout population.

**Amenities** - Primitive camping.

## Trout Run

*South side of Decorah off Trout Run Road*

**Length** - 2.2 miles

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October

**Amenities** - Picnic Area; Trails; Restrooms; Shoreline Fishing; Handicapped Accessible

## Twin Springs

*West side of Decorah at Twin Springs City Park*

**Length** - 1/2 mile

**Stocked** - Weekly, April through October. Has naturally-reproducing population of brown trout.

**Amenities** - Electric and non-electric campsites; Picnic Area; Trails; Playground; Restrooms; Easy-access shore fishing.

## West Canoe Creek

*5 1/2 miles north of Decorah off Highway W34, 320th Street and Fox Hollow Road*

**Length** - 3 miles

**Stocked** - Stocked in April, May, June, September and October. Lower 1 3/4 miles of the creek is not stocked but contains wild brown trout

**Amenities** - Shoreline fishing.



## Pond and Lake Fishing

While northeast Iowa is better known for its trout and Mississippi River fishing, there are also limited opportunities for pond and lake fishing.

Many opportunities are at small farm ponds. The following listing is of public fishing areas only and does not include trout streams or the Upper Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Be sure to get landowner permission before fishing on private property. Iowa hunting regulations are available at [www.iowadnr.gov/fishing](http://www.iowadnr.gov/fishing).

### Clayton County

#### Norwegian Lake

Acres — 130

Popular species — Bluegill, Blowfin, Carp, Freshwater drum, Largemouth bass, Northern Pike, Shortnose Gar, Yellow Perch  
Amenities — None listed

### Winneshiek County

#### Lake Meyer

Acres — 38

Maximum depth — 27 feet

Popular species — Stocked with Northern Pike, Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass and Channel Catfish. Also features Carp and Yellow Perch

Amenities — 60-foot fishing jetty, shoreline access, handicap-accessible dock, boat ramp (electric motors only), fish habitat improvements, picnic shelters, camping and hiking trails

#### Sliver Springs Park

Acres — 2

Popular species — Stocked with Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie and Channel Catfish

Amenities — Bridge across pond, pit toilets and picnic areas

# Northeast Iowa Hunting

Northeast Iowa is full of opportunities for those who enjoy hunting, whether it is for deer, raccoons, squirrels or many game birds that frequent rural areas.

Whitetail deer are particularly prevalent in Allamakee and Clayton Counties, both of which feature deer herds that rank among Iowa's top 10 according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Spotlight Survey conducted last spring. The count showed 6.9 deer per observed survey mile in Allamakee County and 6.1 in Clayton County. Both counties rank behind only a group of counties in south central Iowa. Winneshiek County featured a robust 4.2 whitetails per survey mile while Fayette County had just 1.8, the lowest number in this part of the state.

Those interested in hunting raccoons will see some success in northeast Iowa. The Spotlight survey found 1.4 raccoons per survey mile in Fayette County and 1.1 in Clayton County. Winneshiek County recorded one raccoon per survey mile and Allamakee County had just 0.7.

Abundance of small game such as pheasants, gray partridge and cottontail rabbit varies in this part of Iowa. The DNR's 2019 August Roadside Survey found the best pheasant distribution in northern Winneshiek County and much of Fayette County. Most of Clayton and Allamakee Counties were rated as having poor pheasant distribution. Gray partridge distribution was best in northern Winneshiek County and the northeastern three quarters of Allamakee County while cottontail rabbit distribution was rated good in most of Clayton, Fayette and Winneshiek Counties and Fair through most of Allamakee County.

The following listing is of public hunting areas only and does not include the Upper Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Be sure to get landowner permission before hunting on private property. Iowa hunting regulations are available at [www.iowadnr.gov/hunting](http://www.iowadnr.gov/hunting).



## Allamakee County

### Black Hawk Point Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 320

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland, river

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

### Clear Creek Fish and Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 953

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland, creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

### English Bench Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 29

*Habitat* – Floodplain marsh

*Species* – Deer

### Fish Farm Mounds Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 977

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, waterfowl

### French Creek Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 1,674

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland, creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

### Lansing Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 1,951

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

### Pine Creek Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 695

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland, creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

### Pool Slough Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 708

*Habitat* – Mississippi

River Floodplain

*Species* – Deer, waterfowl

### Tahigwa Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 263

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some grassland

*Species* – Deer, Turkey, Squirrel

### Upper Iowa River – Iverson Bottoms

*Acres* – 633

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, Turkey Squirrel, Grouse

### Waterloo Creek Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 1,980

*Habitat* – Forest and upland

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

### Waukon Junction Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 196

*Habitat* – Mississippi

River, floodplain marsh

*Species* – Deer, waterfowl

### Yellow River State Forest – Luster Heights Unit

*Acres* – 764

*Habitat* – Forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, waterfowl

### Yellow River State Forest – Mud Hen Unit

*Acres* – 196

*Habitat* – Forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, waterfowl

### Yellow River State Forest – Paint Creek Unit

*Acres* – 5,804

*Habitat* – Forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, waterfowl

### Yellow River State Forest – Paint Rock Unit

*Acres* – 777

*Habitat* – Forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, waterfowl

### Yellow River State Forest – Yellow River Unit

*Acres* – 1,048

*Habitat* – Forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, waterfowl

## Clayton County

### Becker East/West

*Acres* – 108/172

Managed by Clayton County Conservation Board

### Bloody Run Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 909

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

### Buck Creek Park

*Acres* – 97

Managed by Clayton County Conservation Board

### English Hollow Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 118

*Habitat* – Upland, forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel

### Leonard Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 335

*Habitat* – Upland, forest

*Species* – Deer, turkey, pheasant, dove

### Motor Mill Access

*Acres* – 76

Managed by Clayton County Conservation Board

### North Cedar/Sny Magill Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 1,904

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

### Volga River Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 256

*Habitat* – Timber, floodplain grassland

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel

## Winneshiek County

The Winneshiek County Conservation Board manages several areas for public hunting.

### Black Oak Hollow

*Acres* – 33

*Habitat* – Upland timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel



# Hunting

## Bluffton Bluffs

*Acres* – 20

*Habitat* – Upland bluffs

*Species* – Deer, turkey

## Bluffton Fir Stand State

### Reserve

*Acres* – 93

*Habitat* – Timber, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Canoe Creek Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 495

*Habitat* – Timber, Canoe Creek, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Cardinal Marsh

*Acres* – 1,173

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, marsh, Turkey River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasant, grouse, waterfowl, rabbit, dove

## Chipera Prairie

*Acres* – 90

*Habitat* – Prairie, grassland

*Species* – Pheasant, rabbit

## Coldwater Creek Wildlife

### Area

*Acres* – 313

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Coldwater Creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Coon Creek

*Acres* – 1,713

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Falcon Springs Wildlife

### Area

*Acres* – 256

*Habitat* – Timber, upland

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Kendallville Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 217

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Malanphy Springs State

### Preserve

*Acres* – 64

*Habitat* – Timber, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel

## Marilie Educational Forest

### Reserve

*Acres* – 20

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel

## North Bear Creek Wildlife

### Area

*Acres* – 826

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, North Bear Creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## South Bear Creek Wildlife

### Area

*Acres* – 586

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, South Bear Creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

## South Pine Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 217

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, South Pine Creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasant, dove

## Trout River Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 171

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Trout River Creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse, dove

## Trout Run Wildlife Area

*Acres* – 106

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel



## Upper Iowa River – Bolson Bridge

*Acres* – 146

*Habitat* – Floodplain timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel

## Upper Iowa River –

### Chimney Rocks

*Acres* – 434

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River, Coldwater creek

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasant, dove

## Upper Iowa River – Loras

*Acres* – 234

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Upper Iowa River – Malli

*Acres* – 141

*Habitat* – Timber

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Upper Iowa River –

### McCabe

*Acres* – 77

*Habitat* – Mostly timber, some upland, Upper Iowa

River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Upper Iowa River –

### Plymouth Rock

*Acres* – 65

*Habitat* – Floodplain timber, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer

## Upper Iowa River –

### Seegmiller

*Acres* – 130

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Upper Iowa River – TNC

### Engbretson

*Acres* – 162

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

## Upper Iowa River – Upper

### Dam

*Acres* – 202

*Habitat* – Timber, upland, Upper Iowa River

*Species* – Deer, turkey, squirrel, grouse

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## Strawberry Point

### Franklin Hotel

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### Fiesta Vallarta

9 East Main Street, Waukon

### Green Valley Getaway

78 16th Avenue NW, Waukon

### Harmon's High Chararrall

247 Ross Avenue, New Albin

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### Center Street Bar and Grill

103 East Center Street, Monona

### Clayton Lighthouse

100 N. Front Street, Clayton

### Country Rose Café

112 Commercial Street, Strawberry Point

### Dam Riverview Sports Bar

431 South River Park Drive, Guttenberg

### Elkader Pizzeria

127 North Main Street, Elkader

### Franny's

113 North Washington Street, Edgewood

### Fennelly's Irish Pub

105 First Street NW, Elkader

### General Store and More

107 North Main Street, Elkader

### Joe's Pizza

608 River Park Drive, Guttenberg

### Johnson's Restaurant

916 High Street NE, Elkader

### Josie's River Queen

216 Main Street, McGregor

### Lakeside Ballroom Restaurant and Bar

1202 North Fourth Street, Guttenberg

### Latino's Mexican Restaurant

213 Main Street, McGregor

### Luana Tap

301 Main Street, Luana

### Maggie's Diner

28534 Highway 18, McGregor

### Market Street Buffet – Casino Queen

100 Anti-Monopoly Way, Marquette

## Places To Eat



**Marquette Café**  
87 East First Street, Marquette

**Osterdock Store Restaurant and Bar**  
3559 Kiln Road, Osterdock

**Picket Fence Café**  
531 South River Park Drive, Guttenberg

**Quillin's Food Market & Deli**  
808 South Main, Monona

**Rausch's Cafe**  
123 North Highway 52, Guttenberg

**Rod & Cal's Pub & Grub**  
109 West Mission Street, Strawberry Point

**St. Olaf Tavern**  
106 Main Street, St. Olaf

**Sadie's Sweet Shop**  
126 Main Street, McGregor

**Schera's Algerian-American Restaurant**  
107 South Main Street, Elkader

**Sodes Green Acre Country**

**Market & Café**  
7 Goethe Street, Guttenberg

**Stadium Bar & Grill**  
915 South Highway 52, Guttenberg

**Steve's Silver Dollar**  
229 Main Street, McGregor

**TD's Sports Bar & Grill**  
203 Main Street, Elkader

**The Franklin Hotel**  
102 East Mission Street, Strawberry Point

**The Old Man River Restaurant and Brewery**  
123 A Street, McGregor

**The Treats on Bridge Street Bistro**  
110 West Bridge Street, Elkader

**Thoma's Dairy Bar**  
103 North Main Street, Garnavillo

**TJ's Pizza**  
107 E. Center Street, Monona

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**Bambino's**  
102 N. Lydia St., Ossian

**Don Jose Family Mexican Restaurant**  
201 E. Water St., Decorah

**Ede's and the Angry Pickle**  
213 W. Water St., Decorah

**Family Table**  
817 S. Mechanic St., Decorah

**Great Dragon Chinese Restaurant**  
915 Short St. #129, Decorah

**High, Wide and Handsome Pizzeria**  
105 E. Water St., Decorah

**Hotel Winneshiek**  
104 E. Water St., Decorah

**Impact Coffee Bar**  
101 W. Water Street, Decorah

**Java John's Coffeehouse**  
400 W. Water Street, Decorah

**Koreana Japanese Restaurant**  
207 W. Water St., Decorah

**La Rana**

120 Washington St., Decorah

**Mabe's Pizza**  
110 E. Water St., Decorah

**Magpie Café and Coffeehouse**  
202 W. Water St., Decorah

**McCaffrey's Dolce Vita**  
2149 Twin Springs Road, Decorah

**Old Armory BBQ**  
421 W. Water St., Decorah

**Oneota Deli**  
312 W. Water Street, Decorah

**PIVO Brewery**  
101 Huber Drive, Calmar

**Rubaiyat Restaurant**  
117 W. Water St., Decorah

**Stone Hearth Inn**  
811 Commerce Dr, Decorah

**Sugar Bowl**  
410 W. Water Street, Decorah

**T-Bock's**  
206 W. Water St., Decorah

**The Fireman's Inn**  
660 County St., Ridgeway

**The Fort**  
100 Oak St., Fort Atkinson

**The Zipper**  
1225 Highway 150, Fort Atkinson

**Two Trees Pizza**  
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