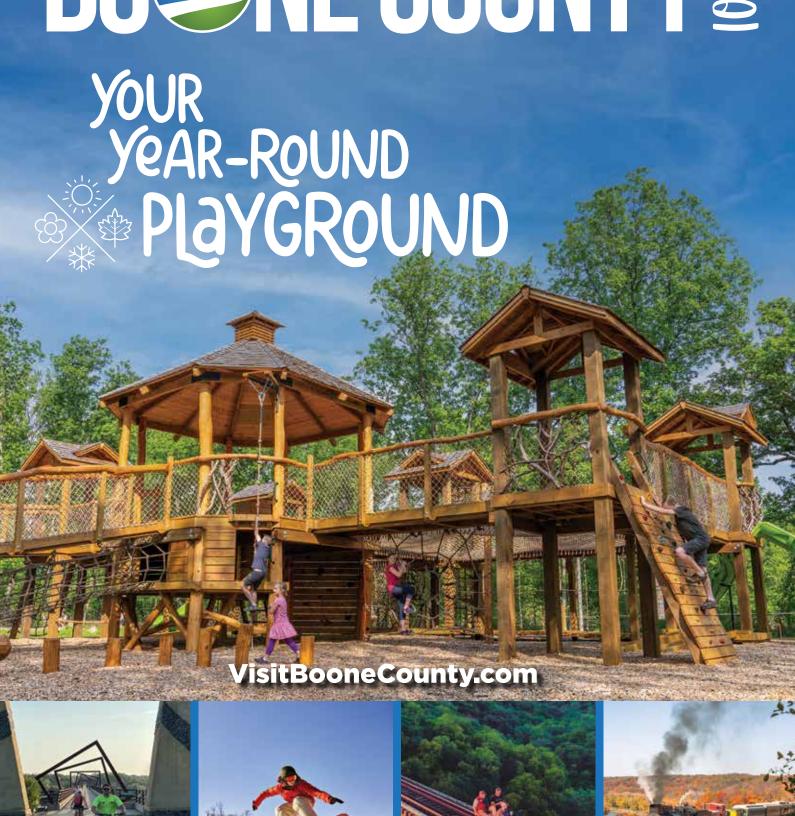
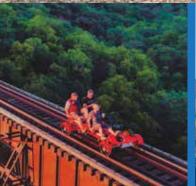
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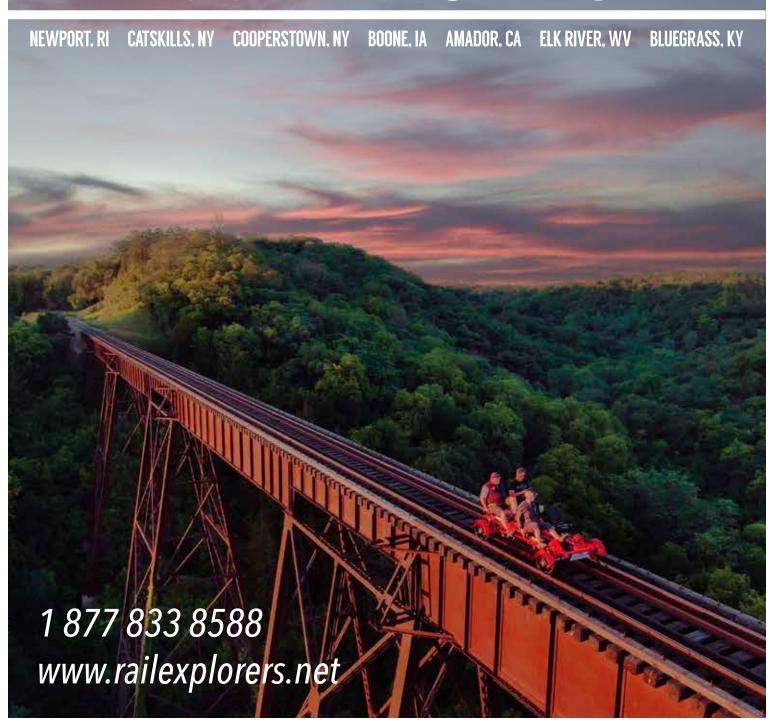




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# WELCOMe To Boone county!





We invite you to come experience endless adventures. This great outdoor region allows you to take a step back in time with a lot of rich history. Explore miles of trails for hiking and cycling. Take a drive through the scenic backroads. Enjoy a peaceful float down the river, a memorable train ride, or a

visit to Iowa's largest treehouse. When it comes to places to stay, you can find everything from cozy cabins to modern hotels, or opt for a unique stay at an Airbnb or rough it at one of the many campsites. Boone County is easily accessible off Highway 30 and only minutes from Interstate 35 & 80.

The guide is full of great places to stay, eat, and experience, as well as many fun-filled activities to enjoy. Come experience everything that makes Boone County AMAZING and like nowhere else in the state.

Kris Blocker Executive Director Kris@visitboonecounty.com

#### Where to find Boone **County tourism information**

We've made finding your way around Boone County easy! Use our detailed Boone County Visitors Guide, visit our website at www.visitboonecounty.com, or follow the large Family Fun signs scattered around the county at various attractions. You can also visit us at our home office at Central Iowa Expo (1827 217th Rd, Boone) or give us a call at (515) 433-6900. We'd love to help you plan your trip!









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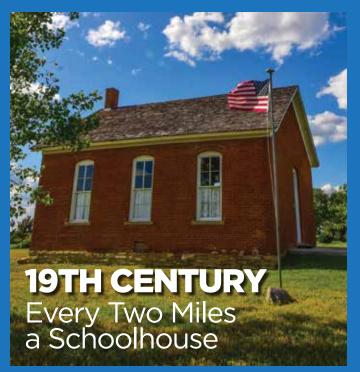
**Ogden Legacy** Ogden is always looking for ways to attract and promote, offering grants to beautify the community's homes and business district. Ogden Legacy is an organization committed to supporting local businesses and community activities, such as Ogden Fun Days, city-wide garage sales, Oktoberfest, and holiday celebrations. Fareway Meat & Grocery opened its doors in 2022.

**Certified Connected Community** In 2015, Ogden was recognized as a "Certified Connected Community," a testament to its achievements in technology and fiber readiness. Their success has paved the way for expansion to rural Ogden.

**Go Bulldogs** Ogden takes a great deal of pride in its school district. The Ogden Community School District underwent a transformative \$10 million renovation in 2017, repurposing the new high school addition to accommodate grades 6-8, while the former middle school became the new elementary school. A new high school gymnasium followed in 2020.

Always Something to Do Ogden offers access to its City Park, which features a playground, a band shell, two open shelter houses, one enclosed shelter house, and a beautiful nature trail. Other popular attractions include Spinning Wheels Skating Rink and The Lucky Pig Pub & Grill, which was awarded the "Best Pork Tenderloin in Iowa" in 2014!

**Contact Us!** For further information, please contact cityofogden@netins.net, ogden.legacy@gmail.com or 515-275-2917.



### **COLE SCHOOL**

# The Little Brick Schoolhouse on the Prairie

Cole School operated from 1888-1933 and is located northeast of Boone on R Avenue. This school is a historic structure that is notable for its unique three-layer brickwork. The De Shon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) adopted the school and completely and accurately restored the site. The restoration process at Cole School included extensive masonry work with complete tuck pointing, a brand-new floor to replace the floor lost to time and elements, and thorough cleaning due to housing sheep for some time. New blackboards from a local high school, school desks from local auctions, a potbelly stove, and a variety of books, school-related artifacts, and teacher supplies are part of the Cole School collection. The Country School Association of America has recognized the facility on their national registry of rural schoolhouses. DAR maintains the site, and visits to Cole School can be arranged by contacting DAR Member Barb MacDougall at (515) 298-2212.

### **BATTIN HERITAGE PARK**

If these walls could talk! The Battin Heritage Park features not one, not two, but three historic gems all from Boone County!



# THE BATTIN CHAPEL

The Battin Chapel was built in 1887 at its original location and was active until closing in 1975. The Battin Heritage Association was formed in 1995 to restore and preserve the historic chapel after sitting empty for two decades.



# THE BERKLEY DEPOT

The Berkley Depot was built in 1882 and was located in the town of Berkley in southwest Boone County. It was on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway, which also ran through Ogden. The depot was abandoned in 1938 and shuffled around multiple locations across the county before being purchased, moved and restored by the association from 1995 to 2005.



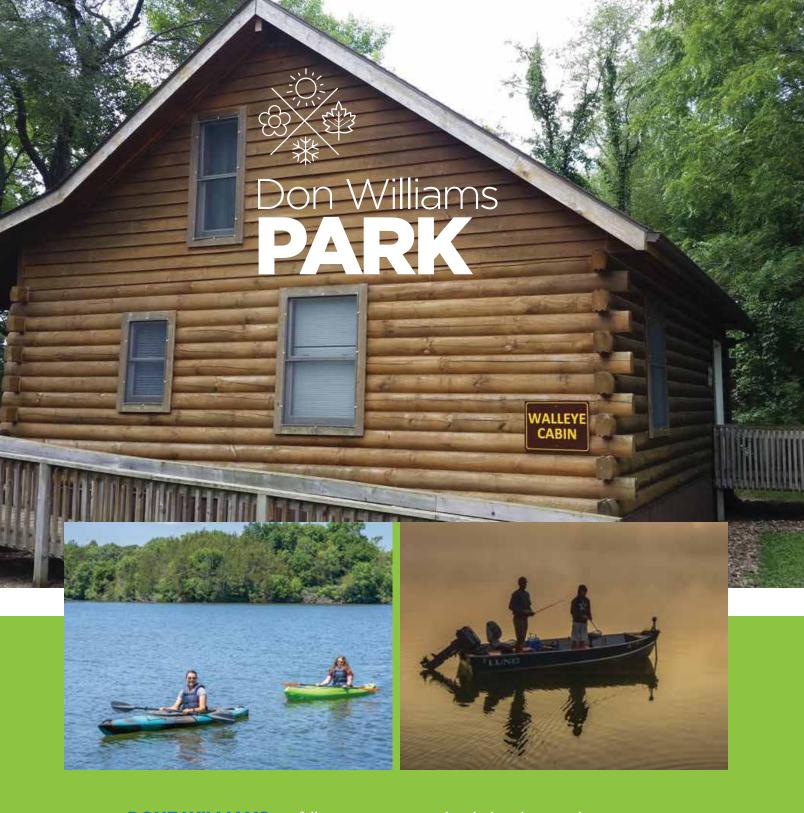
#### HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL

The Hickory Grove School was built in 1889 and was originally located northeast of Ogden in Yell Township. The school closed in May of 1956 and was eventually moved to Don Williams Recreation Area in 1964 and restored in 1972. The Battin Heritage Association acquired it in 2005 and added the schoolhouse to the park in 2006.

The Battin Heritage Association hosts an annual old-fashioned Christmas Sing-along and welcomes gatherings for weddings and other life events. Tours can also be scheduled!

These three buildings, brimming with history, are all conveniently located on the corner of the Historic Lincoln Highway (216th Dr.) and J Avenue, just 2 miles east of Ogden.

To learn more and schedule a visit, message the Battin Heritage Association on Facebook or call Doug Nebbe at 515-230-8497.

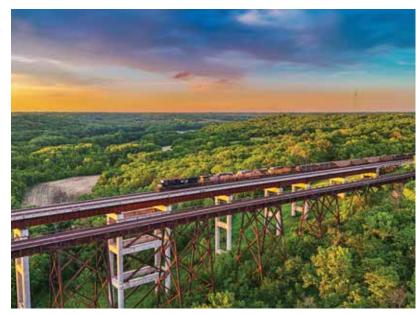


DONE WILLIAMS is a full-service campground with three luxury cabins open April through November. The rolling hills and valleys of this 600-acre park contain 150 campsites, many of which offer electric hookups and water. This full-service campground features three luxury cabins, a 150-acre lake, a swimming beach, hiking trails, a fishing dock, a nine-hole golf course, and more! Located in the northwest corner of the county, just six miles north of Ogden, Iowa, the recreational oasis draws outdoor enthusiasts from near and far. Campsites are booked on a first-come, first-served basis, so keep this in mind when traveling to Boone County.

# Kate Shelley Memorial High Bridge

July 6, 1881 is a date forever rooted in Boone County's history. As the shadow of midnight encroached on the landscape of the river valley of Moingona, Iowa and a ferocious storm raged in the vicinity of the Shelley Homestead, 15-year-old Kate Shelley was considering the fates of others.

Dressed in a simple prairie dress, Kate Shelley left the safety of her home in the pelting rain. Crawling across the Des Moines River Bridge under thundering skies and over churning black waters, she ventured to save the lives of those on an oncoming train. Kate Shelley's bravery made her instantly famous from California to New York, with her story being featured in national headlines. The medals she received for heroism are on display at the **Boone Co. History Center**, along with the lantern she carried that night. Other mementos and accolades of her heroic act can be viewed at the Boone County History Center.



"If you must go, do what you can."





**Founded in 1866**, the city of Boone was originally named Montana. By 1871, it had been renamed **BOONE** after Capt. Nathanial Boone, the youngest son of Daniel Boone, who led Company H of the Dragoons across what became the state of Iowa back in 1835. Nearby, another small town called Boonesboro had emerged. Eventually, it became a part of its larger neighbor. The railroad played a pivotal role in the incorporation and growth of Boone for the first century of its existence. Boone also laid claim to a **rich coal mining** operation for the better part of the early twentieth century. Fueled by these two industries, Boone rapidly expanded to a community of 12,000 people by 1920, with a bustling Main Street adorned by two domineering (at the time) bank

buildings, First National Bank (now US Bank) and Boone National Bank. The city remains intrinsically tied to its railroad heritage, with numerous displays reflecting this history. A major attraction, the **Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad**, operates tourist excursions throughout the year into the nearby Des Moines River Valley. Boone also hosts one of the state's largest community festivals, appropriately named "Pufferbilly Days" after the little steam engines that were used in coal mines. With an abundance of specialty shops and numerous places to eat, drink, or enjoy time with family, Boone is an exceptional destination nestled in the heart of Boone County.

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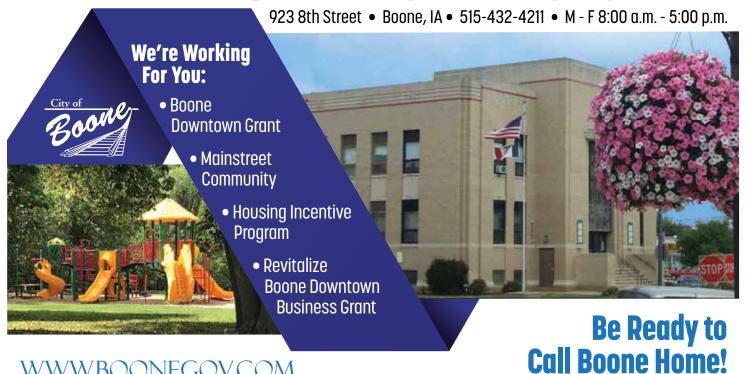
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Located four miles west of Boone on U.S. Highway 30, **SEVEN OAKS RECREATION** offers **outdoor activities during the spring, summer, fall and winter months**.

During the winter season, Seven Oaks features a **snow tubing** park, 11 **ski** and **snowboard** runs, and two terrain parks ranging from beginner to expert. Two triple chairlifts, two rope tows, and two handle tow lifts whisk you to the top. Ski and snowboard equipment is available for rent in a wide variety of sizes. Free beginner ski and snowboard lessons and private lessons are available. Weekly specials are offered

From mid-June through mid- August, Seven Oaks visitors may embark on a full-service **canoe**, kayak, or **river tube** float down the scenic Des Moines River. Their river floats will take you under one of the longest and highest double-track railway bridges in the world.

Make a reservation to spend a few hours at their action-packed **paintball** field.

In the non-winter months, The Lodge at Seven Oaks and Conference Center seats up to 400 guests for **weddings**, receptions, parties, and meetings.

In May, Seven Oaks will host the annual Gladiator Assault Challenge, a challenging mud run.

Visit **SevenOaksRec.com** or follow them on Facebook for complete and detailed information.

#### Mamie Doud Eisenhower

# Birthplace

Mamie Geneva Doud was born on November 14, 1896, at 718 Carroll St. in Boone. Mamie was the second of four daughters born to Elvera Mathilde (Carlson) and John Sheldon Doud. She grew up to become the wife of the 34th president of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower.

While Mamie was still an infant, the Douds moved from Boone to Cedar Rapids. In 1905, after making a fortune in the meat packing industry, Doud moved his family



"Mamie Eisenhower is fondly expected to touch off a social renaissance and to lend a new warmth to the affairs of the presidency."

—TIME MAGAZINE, JANUARY 19, 1953

to Colorado, where they eventually settled in Denver. However, Mamie never lost contact with her mother's Boone family, the Carlsons. Throughout the 1940s and 1960s, the Eisenhowers regularly visited Boone. Following Ike's passing in 1969, the Eisenhower family continued to visit frequently. Mamie herself preserved her connection to Boone, making her final visit in 1977, two years before her own death.

Over the years, the Birthplace was inhabited by many families, at one time housing three individual apartments, resulting in extremely close quarters for residents. By 1970, the Eisenhower Birthplace home was set for demolition, and local citizens were quick to sound the alarm. The Friends of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace raised thousands of dollars to restore the home, and the land was donated for the relocation of the Birthplace in 1975 to a location across the street. Following five years of restoration, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace opened on June 22, 1980.

To schedule a tour, email mdebf1896@gmail.com.

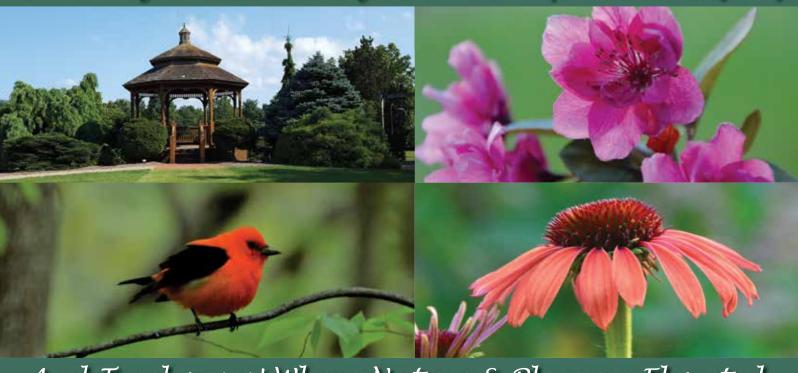


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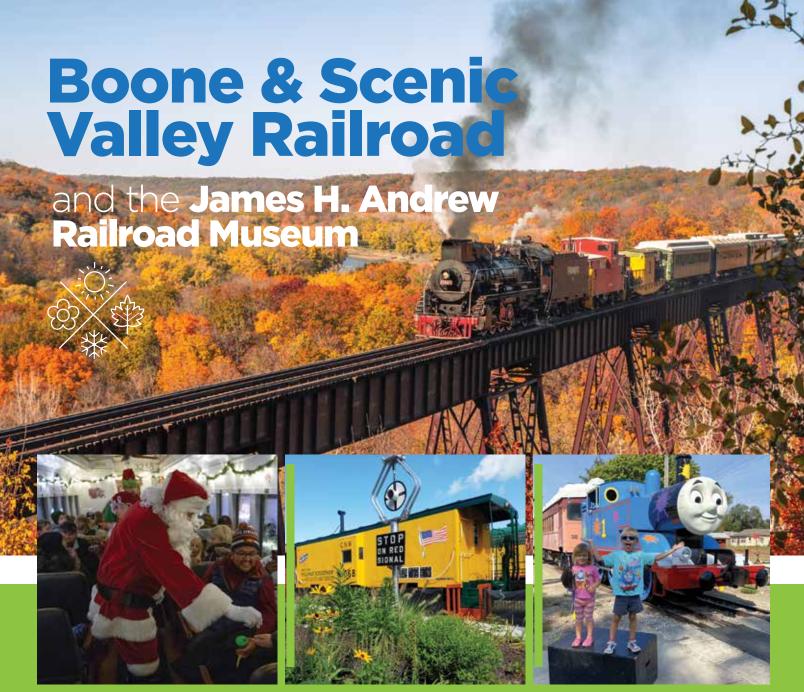
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special events, there's something for everyone.

Originally built to transport coal from the Des Moines River Valley, the railroad now operates from Memorial Day weekend through October 31, Thursdays through Sundays. Special events like Day Out with Thomas, Santa Express, Pumpkin Express, and Valentine Trains add to the year-round excitement. The expansive James H. Andrew Railroad Museum offers a glimpse into railroad relics of the past and showcases new rotating exhibits on a regular basis.



**Track,**" is once again the place to be for racing this year. The 3/8-mile high-banked dirt oval hosts regular weekly racing programs and serves as the epicenter of thrilling special events, drawing spectators from across the region and country.

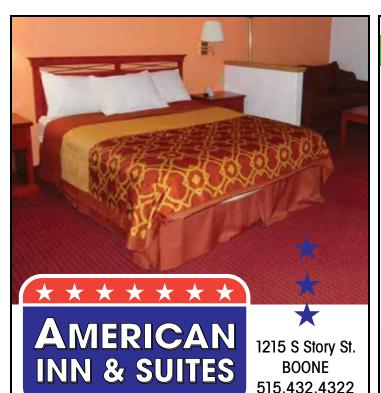
As the home of the International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) **Super Nationals**, Boone Speedway hosts hundreds of race teams for six days of racing action, beginning on Labor Day and running through Saturday. Modified, Stock Car, Late Model, Hobby Stock, Northern SportMod, Southern SportMod and Sport Compact champions will be crowned

throughout the week during the season-ending special event.

Before the Super Nationals excitement, gear up for weekly racing action on Saturday nights from April through August. IMCA Modifieds, Stock Cars, Sport Mods, Hobby Stocks, and Mod Lites battle it out on the track, with the season kicking off in mid-April.

Throughout the season, Boone Speedway hosts a variety of special events, including World of Outlaws Late Models, the Salute to Veterans Race, the Hawkeye Challenge, and the Watermelon Classic, as well as the annual Eve of Destruction on July 4th.

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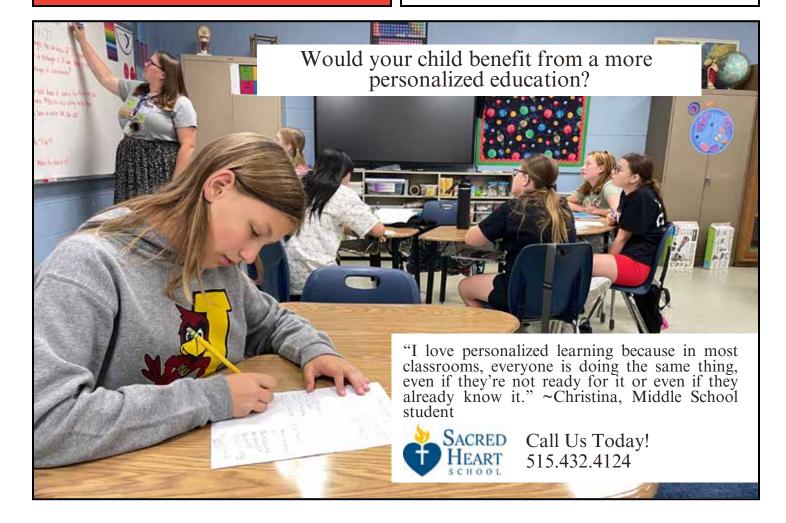
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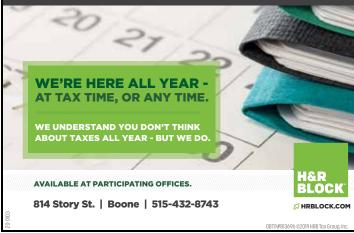


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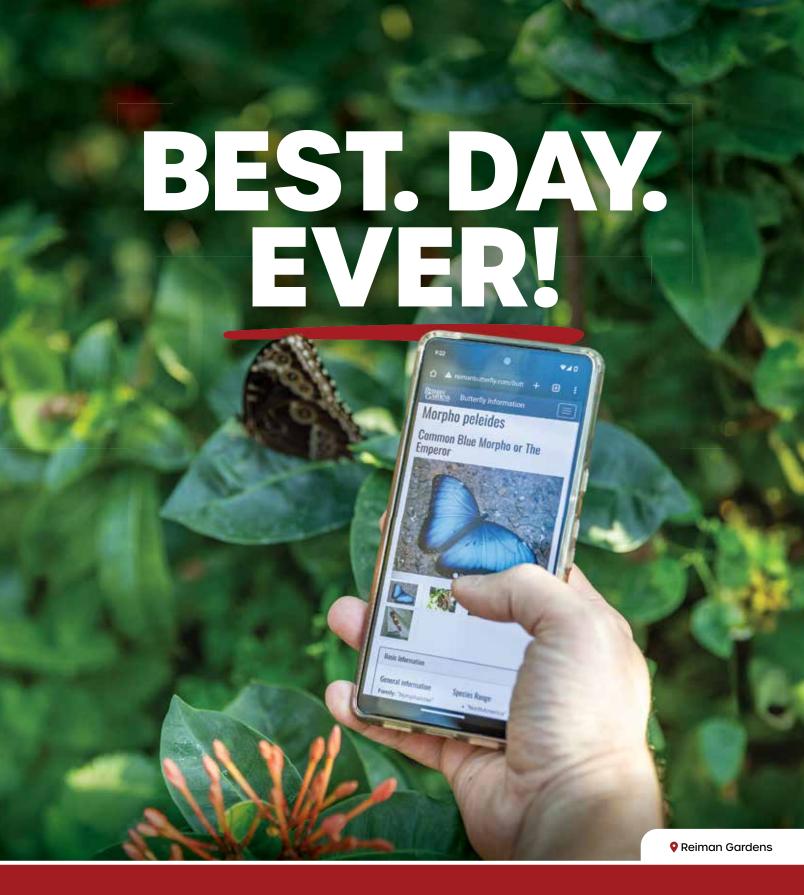








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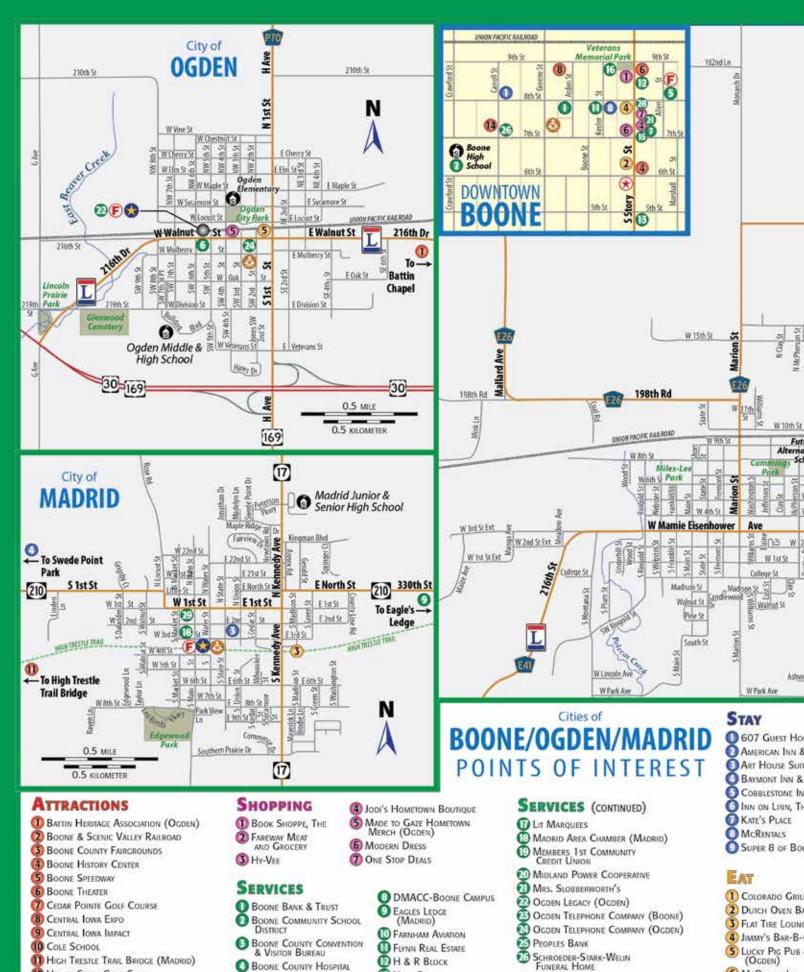
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the evening, the grandstand lights up with motorsports like tractor and truck pulls and demolition derbies, and you will want to catch the free concerts at the beer tent each night. Explore commercial vendors indoors and outdoors. Test your culinary skills with BBQ and baking contests, or simply enjoy the delicious fair food options. Whether you crave thrills, shows, farm animals, or family time, the Boone County Fair has it all. Visit the Fair's website or social media for the full schedule of events.

For more information, visit our website at **boonecountyfairia.com** or follow Boone County Fairgrounds on Facebook or X.



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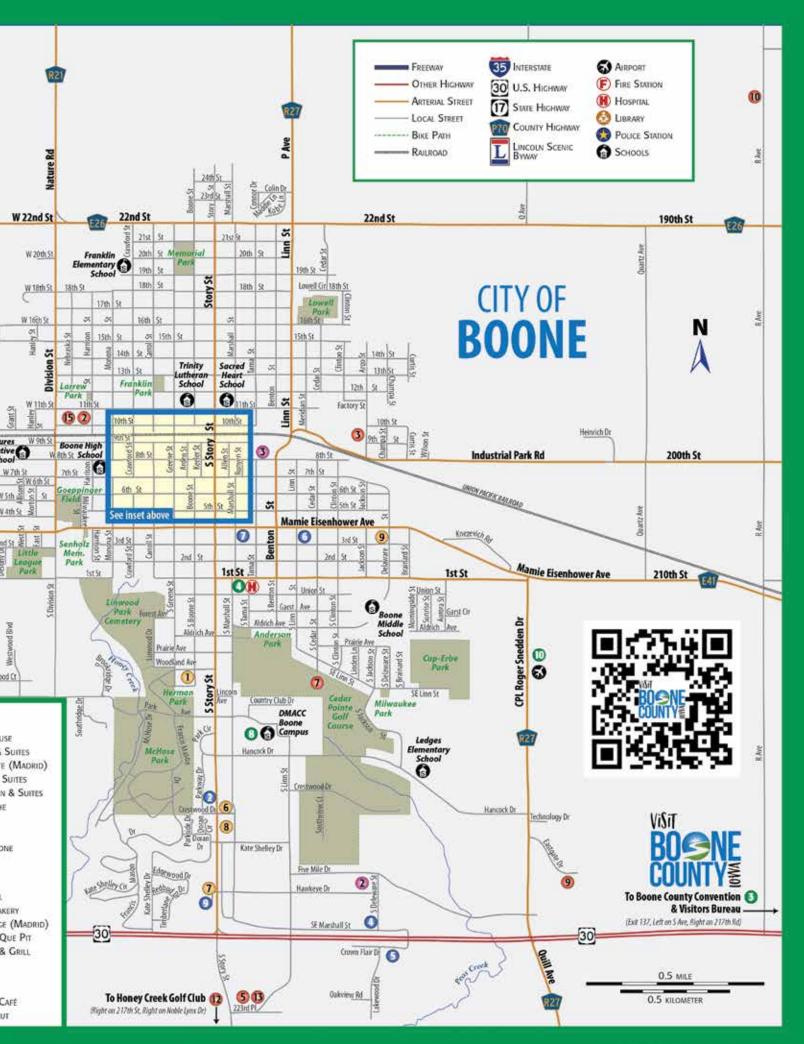
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Battin Heritage Association 713 W. Cherry Street, Ogden

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad 225 10th Street, Boone

Boone County Fairgrounds 1601 Industrial Park Road, Boone

Boone History Center

602 Story Street, Boone Boone Speedway

1481 223rd Place, Boone Boone Theater

818 Story Street, Boone

Cedar Pointe Golf Course 601 S. Cedar Street, Boone

Central Iowa Expo 1827 217th Street, Boone

Central Iowa Impact 2520 Eastgate Drive, Boone

Cole School

843 R Avenue, Boone



Don Williams Recreation Area 610 H Avenue, Ogden

Farm Progress Companies 13751 Bay Hill Drive, Clive

High Trestle Trail Bridge

2335 QF Lane, Madrid Honey Creek Golf Club

1323 Noble Lynx Drive, Boone

1800 W. D Street, Boone

Iowa Arboretum & Gardens 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid

Ledges State Park 1515 P Ave, Madrid

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace

709 Carroll Street, Boone

Rail Explorers

123 10th Street, Boone

Seven Oaks Recreation 1086 222nd Drive, Boone



#### SHOPPING

Book Shoppe, Inc., The 817 Story Street, Boone

Ciccotti Art Glass 2306 258th Street, Ames

Fareway Meat & Grocery 1711 Hawkeye Drive, Boone

Hy-Vee

1111 8th Street, Boone

Jodi's Hometown Boutique 702 Story Street, Boone

Made to Gaze Hometown Merch 325 W Walnut Street, Ogden

Modern Dress

701 Story Street, Boone One Stop Deals 714 Story Street, Boone

#### SERVICES

1868 Farmhouse 1411 160th Street, Boone

Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau

1601 Golden Aspen Drive, Ames

Boone Bank & Trust 716 8th Street, Boone

Boone Community School District

500 7th Street, Boone

Boone County Convention & Visitor Bureau

1827 217th Road, Boone

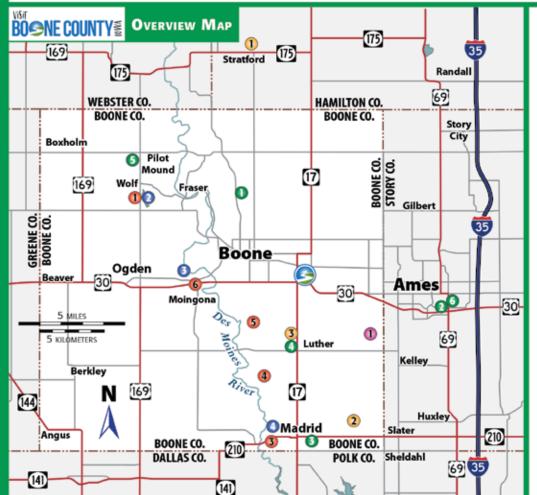
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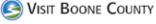
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City of Ogden

513 West Walnut Street, Ogden



# **BOONE COUNTY**POINTS OF INTEREST



#### Attractions

- Don Williams Recreation Area
- PARM PROGRESS COMPANIES
- 3 HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL BRIDGE
- IOWA ARBORETUM & GARDENS
- 5 LEDGES STATE PARK
- 6 Seven Oaks Recreation

#### SHOPPING

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#### SERVICES

1868 FARMHOUSE

2 Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau

EAGLE'S LEDGE

PORTABLEPRO, INC.

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#### STAY

CAMP HANTESA

Don Williams Recreation Area Campground

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1 BACKCOUNTY WINERY & BREWERY

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3 WHATCHA SMOKIN' BBQ & BREW



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Chrysalis Holistic Healing Center

700 Story Street, Boone

DMACC-Boone Campus 1125 Hancock Drive, Boone

Eagle's Ledge

1892 330th Street, Madrid

**Farnham Aviation** 

424 Snedden Drive, Boone

Flynn Real Estate

804 8th Street, Boone H & R Block Inc

814 Story Street, Boone **Hear Sound** 

428 Story Street, Boone

Hitting Hut, The

848 P Avenue, Boone Hunziker & Associates,

Realtors

700 Story Street, Boone

KWBG

824 Keeler Street, Boone

Lit Marquees

1919 22nd Street, Boone

Madrid Area Chamber

PO Box 133, Madrid

Members 1st Community Credit Union

1021 S. Marshall Street, Boone



Midland Power Cooperative 2005 S. Story Street, Boone

Mrs. Slobberworth's

708 Story Street, Boone

**Ogden Legacy** 

513 W Walnut St, Ogden

Ogden Telephone Company

202 W. Walnut, Ogden 1117 Kate Shelley Drive, Boone

People's Bank

1212 Hawkeye Drive, Boone

Portable Pro Inc.

1880 Opal Lane, Madrid

Sacred Heart School

1111 Marshall Street, Boone

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home

607 7th Street, Boone

Scott Amusements, LLC

345 H Avenue, Pilot Mound

Trinity Lutheran School

712 12th Street, Boone

United Bank of Iowa

1609 Hawkeye Drive, Boone

**US Bank** 

724 Story Street, Boone

VisionBank

904 5th Street, Boone

Wilcox Printing & Publishing, Inc.

102 S. Main Street, Madrid



607 Guest House

607 8th Street, Boone

American Inn & Suites

1215 S. Story Street, Boone

**Art House Suite** 

221 S. State Street, Madrid

**Baymont Inn & Suites** 

1745 SE Marshall Street, Boone

**Boone County Conservation** 

610 H Avenue, Ogden

**Boone County Fairgrounds** 

1601 Industrial Park Road, Boone

Camp Hantesa

1450 Oriole Road, Des Moines

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

1900 Lakewood Drive, Boone

Inn on Linn, The

203 Linn St, Boone

Kate's Place

314 Marshall St, Boone

**Ledges State Park** 

1515 P Avenue, Madrid

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814 8th Street, Boone

Sunstream Retreat Center

1130 Juneberry Road, Ogden

Super 8 of Boone

1715 S. Story Street, Boone



**Swede Point Park** 1601 322nd Lane, Madrid

#### EAT AND DRINK

**Backcountry Winery & Brewery** 3533 Fenton Avenue, Stratford

Cellar Winery, The

2183 320th Street, Boone

Colorado Grill

1514 S. Marshall Street, Boone

**Dutch Oven Bakery** 

605 Story Street, Boone

Flat Tire Lounge

304 S. Madison, Madrid

Jimmy's Bar-B-Que Pit

717 Story Street, Boone

Lucky Pig Pub & Grill

113 W. Walnut Street, Ogden

McDonald's

1227 S. Marshall Street, Boone

Pizza Ranch

1703 S. Story Street, Boone

Saints Avenue Café

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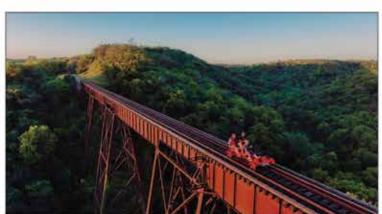
1639 3rd Street, Boone

Whatcha Smokin' BBQ & Brew

403 Iowa Avenue, Luther











# Boone County **History Center**

Where brave deeds & heroes meet



For more information, visit bchsiowa.org

Uncover the intriguing stories of Boone County as you journey back to central Iowa's bygone era in the scenic Des Moines River Valley. Housed in a historic 1907 Masonic Temple, the Boone County Historical Society's central collections set the stage for your discovery of the past. The History Center is a perfect stop for visitors of all ages who delight in history. Step back in time with the fascinating stories of Kate Shelley and Carl Fritz Henning, the history of Fareway Meat & Grocery, Boone's military heroes, and the early history of Boone. Observe the handwritten journals and photographs of the first and longest-serving caretaker of Ledges State Park.

Learn about early American industries developed at the turn of the 20th Century, the importance of Boone County's natural resources, and the bustling beginnings of downtown Boone. Delve into local history in the Larry Adams research room, where you'll find cemetery records, city directories, family and military history, and much more.

The **Wayne Erickson Community Room** in the lower level is available to rent for meetings, reunions, and social events. This fully furnished space boasts a modern commercial kitchen equipped to serve up to 130 guests. The Boone County Historical Society is also bus-tour friendly, and special arrangements can be made to meet your tour schedule.

The Historical Society has recently expanded its offerings and opened the second floor to include displays on the Kate Shelly and Carl Fritz Henning stories, as well as the railroad, the school, and a growing agricultural display. The first floor now features displays on the dragoons and Boone County merchants.

Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, with free entry for children under 12 and members. For rentals, bus tours, or more information, contact the Society at 515-432-1907 or info@bchsiowa.org.





# Central Iowa **Expo**

One of the nation's newest and largest outdoor event venues, the Central Iowa Expo, was constructed in 2008. It serves as the biennial host of the Farm Progress Show, held the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Labor Day in every even-numbered year. The Expo is laid out like a miniature city with a network of roads and utilities readily available across the site. This makes hosting events of virtually any size a breeze to plan and execute. Concerts like Luke Bryan's Farm Tour and Lazerfest, agricultural equipment and automobile auctions, technology demonstrations, and **company meetings** and **retreats** are just a few examples of the events the Expo has accommodated. The Expo's Administration Building is perfect for gatherings that need to be held indoors, or as a complement to the outdoor event, and features space for meetings that can seat up to 160 people. Additionally, a small conference room is available for breakout sessions, and a full kitchen allows event planners to coordinate their own meals or host a catered event.

Visit **CentrallowaExpo.com** for a list of upcoming events.



Looking to celebrate with live entertainment, fun activities, delicious food, and unforgettable moments with family and friends? You've come to the right place!

Ogden Fun Days - June 20-21

Madrid Labor Day Celebration - Aug 29-Sept 1

Pufferbilly Days - September 19-21



From beginners to pros, Boone County offers golf for all skill levels. **CEDAR POINTE GOLF COURSE** is a beautiful and unique course known to be fun, regardless of your style or skill. The original front nine holes were designed in the early 1900s, making it one of Iowa's oldest courses. The back nine were added a century later and are more moderate. After your round, be sure to unwind in the lounge with refreshments. The 9-hole "Boone

County" course at **DON WILLIAMS** features a par 36. This course was opened in 1962 and continues to stay busy every season. **HONEY CREEK GOLF CLUB**, nestled in the Des Moines River Valley, offers beautiful trees, rolling hills, and scenery of Ledges State Park. Create lasting memories on these exceptional courses. Add golfing to your Boone County itinerary!





For more information about Boone County Hospital services and providers, log on to **boonehospital.com.** 

# Boone County Hospital

**BOONE COUNTY HOSPITAL** (BCH) offers a wide array of healthcare services, state-of-the-art technology, and a caring staff. Whether you're a local resident or visiting the community, you can count on receiving quality care when you need it.

BCH owns and operates the Boone County Family Medicine Walk-in Clinic. The Clinic is available for individuals that need medical care but their illness or injury is not serious enough to be seen in the emergency room. The Clinic is located at 120 S. Story St. in Boone, and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Other BCH facilities include Boone County Family
Medicine (BCFM) North in Boone, BCFM South in Boone,
BCFM in Ogden, and the Madrid Family Practice Clinic
in Madrid. The BCH medical staff provide medical care to
patients of all ages and will address any healthcare concerns
you or your family member may have. BCH also boasts a
team of dedicated specialists who visit the BCH Specialty

Clinic in Boone each month, reducing the need to travel for specialized care.

If you're expecting a new member of your family, BCH offers obstetric care and delivery services through the BCH Family Birth Center. Five family medicine providers specialize in obstetrics (OB) and offer primary care for all ages: Dr. J. Lindsey Hay (North Clinic), Dr. Haydee Hernandez (Ogden Clinic), Dr. Kelsie Holmes (South Clinic), Dr. Kate Linkenmeyer (North Clinic), and Dr. Rienera Sivesind (North Clinic).

Other BCH services include cardiac and pulmonary rehab, comprehensive specialty care (e.g., orthopedics, urology, foot and ankle surgery, general surgery), emergency services, F. William Beckwith adult day services, home care services and public health, hospice suites, lab, medical/surgical/pediatrics care, outpatient infusion, pain services, radiology, rehabilitation services, sleep disorders and tech services, surgery, and hyperbaric wound care.

# Strike up the **Band**



#### THE BOONE MUNICIPAL BAND

has hosted the Iowa Municipal Band Festival for the past several years on the second Saturday in July in Boone, Iowa, at the beautiful Herman Park Pavilion. Eight community bands from across the state and the Midwest will perform at the Pavilion that Saturday, captivating audiences with their 45-minute concerts, beginning at 11:00 a.m. This event is FREE to the public. Visit "Boone Municipal Band Iowa" on Facebook. The Boone Municipal Band also performs every Wednesday at the Herman Park Pavilion from the Wednesday after Memorial Day through mid-July, starting at 7:30 p.m. Each concert is followed by an ice cream social hosted by local churches. Enjoy good music, good treats, and good company at the Herman Park Pavilion. We invite you to join us for these free community events!

Tour the Birthplace of

# Mamie Doud Eisenhower

709 CARROLL ST, BOONE

OPEN JUNE 1 - OCTOBER 31
THURSDAY - SATURDAY 10-5
SUNDAY 1:30-5
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

Mamie Eisenhower Birthplace www.mamiebirthplaceboone.org





Walk-in Clinic

9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday — 120 South Story Street, Boone —

#### Treated conditions:

- Sore throat and sinus infection
- Nausea/diarrhea
- Sprains
- Splint application
- Urinary tract infection
- Migraine
- Upper respiratory infection
- Simple wounds
- Skin rash

- Nose bleed packing
- Cuts and minor burn
- Allergic reaction
- Ear infection
- Superficial foreign body removal

More serious illnesses/injuries need to be seen in the ER.

Please check local Pharmacy times if you need a medication, as they may vary. The BCH website offers a current wait time for the Walk-In Clinic at www.boonehospital.com.



(515) 433-8585 / www.boonehospital.com



#### **DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

(**DMACC**) in Boone provides an excellent and affordable community college education with the feel of a private college. Founded in 1966, the campus is set among mature trees and red brick buildings. Within this collegiate setting, students find academic and athletic programs steeped in tradition.

DMACC offers small classes taught by full-time professors. Students may choose from many academic pathways, including transfer and career-based education. Check out PATHWAYS.DMACC.EDU for a full listing.

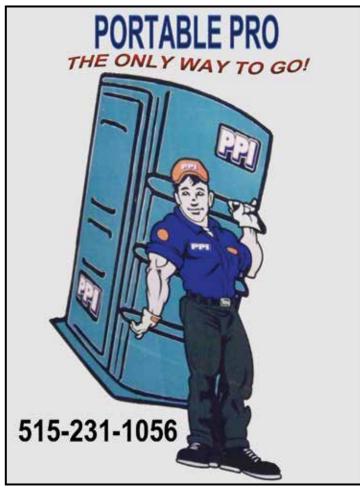
DMACC Boone students excel academically, as evidenced by the DMACC Honors Program and national research opportunities.

The apartment-style living and a vibrant array of extracurricular activities promote student engagement and personal growth. The state-of-the-art Fareway Fieldhouse, a 28,500-square-foot recreation center, is a hub for student recreation. Intramural sports and DMACC's eight intercollegiate athletic teams utilize this high-quality facility for training and competition.

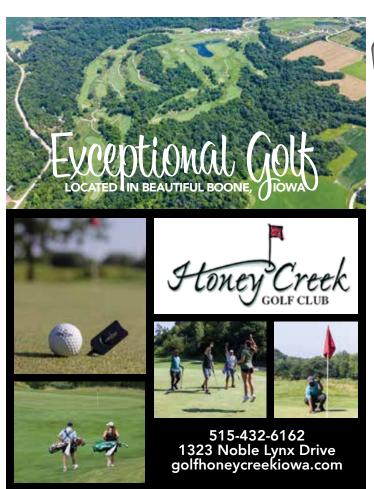
The DMACC Bears compete in men's baseball, basketball, cross country, and golf; women's basketball, cross country, golf, softball, and volleyball; and esports.

No matter the season, there's always an opportunity to get involved and show your Bear pride. DMACC is Bear Country!









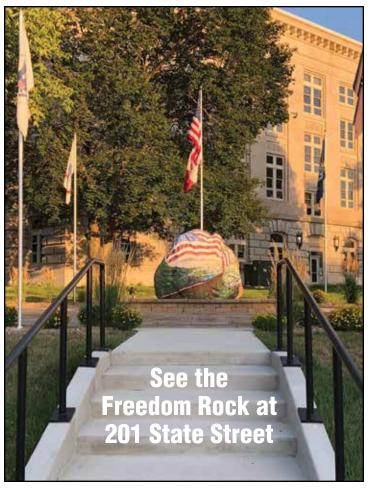


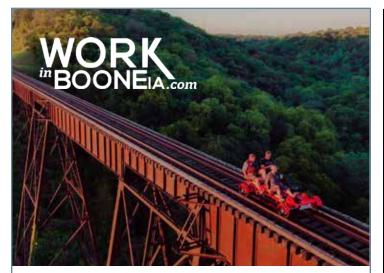


# Win a FREE Boone County t-shirt

Find the three tiny "**B**" placed in ads.
Each month two lucky winners will be drawn. To get in the drawing, send a note listing the pages and which ad where you found all three "B's to: Visit Boone County, 1827 217th Road, Boone, IA 50036. Print your name, address, daytime phone number and email address.

One entry per person per envelope.

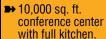




# The Boone, Iowa Region



The Boone region offers diverse job opportunities in healthcare, IT, manufacturing, and other in-demand industries. Entertainment opportunities include concerts, hundreds of dining options, ample outdoor recreation, diverse shopping options, Big XII athletics, and more. Find your dream job today at WorkinBoonelA.com



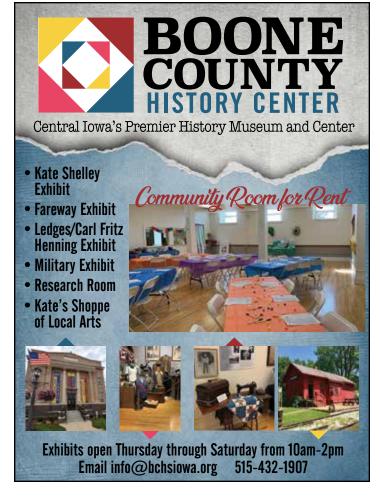
- Great for meetings from 15 to 120 people.
- ⇒ 102-acre site perfect for trade shows, concerts, auctions, or any large outdoor event.

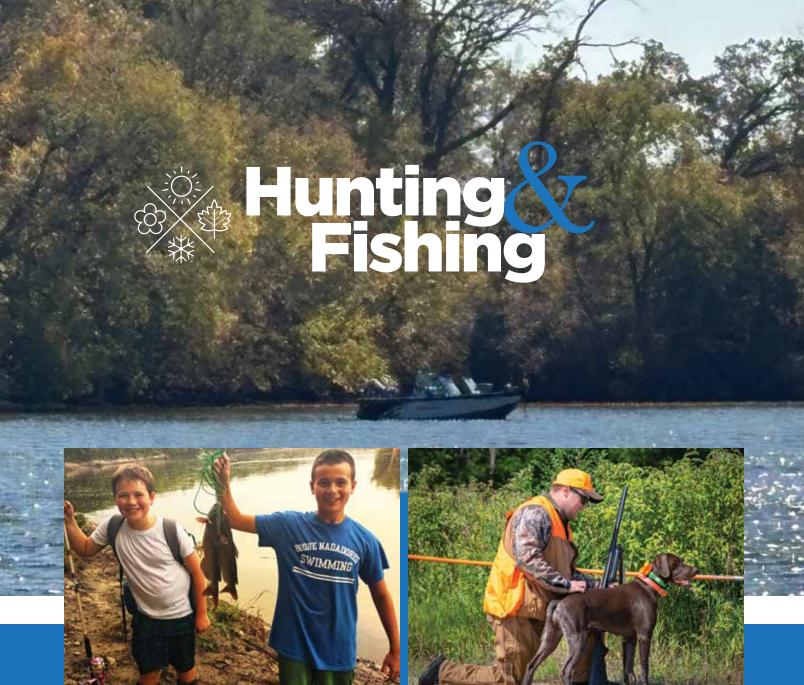












Boone County is one of the **RICHEST AREAS IN IOWA FOR HUNTING ACCESS,** boasting over 10,000 acres of public land. Opportunities to find deer, turkey, waterfowl and all types of small game are plentiful. Areas like the rugged Barkley and Holst State Forests, the McCoy Wildlife Area, Harrier Marsh, and the forests and floodplains along the Des Moines River Valley provide some incredible settings for any hunting excursion. Access points, aerial maps and more can be found online at iowadnr.gov/hunting/places-to-hunt-shoot/wildlife-management-areas.

**GREAT FISHING** can be found in Boone County at any time of year. The spring and fall are particularly good for hungry walleyes in the Des Moines River at places like the Fraser Dam and Tilley's Hole. You'll pull catfish out of most any stretch of the river throughout the summer months, too. Don't overlook Don Williams Lake either; you'll keep your lines tight in the summer with bass and through the winter ice with an abundance of crappie and bluegill.

Basecamp for any hunting or fishing expedition begins with the **CABINS AT DON WILLIAMS RECREATION AREA**. These rustic 4-season cabins provide a cozy place close to some of the best hunting and fishing the county has to offer. Visit mycountyparks.com/County/Boone/Facility/Search. aspx to find out more on their details and availability.

# ENJOY YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES AT SEVEN OAKS RECREATION



# www.SevenOaksRec.com

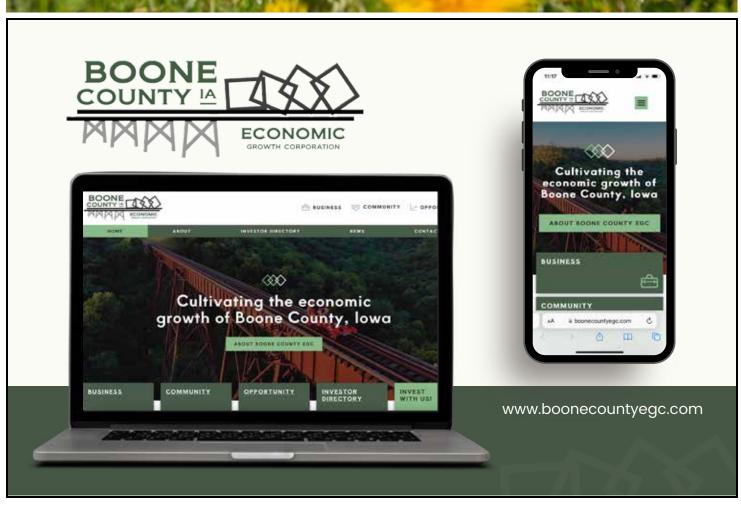
515-432-9457 • Only 15 miles west of Ames on Hwy 30





Online Reservations at: www.boonecountyfairia.com - Walk Up Sites also available Site types: Primitive, Electric Only, Water & Electric & Full Hookup (water electric & sewer)

Bathroom & Shower House Available





Experience the freedom of the outdoors and the captivating allure of the railroad like never before with **RAIL EXPLORERS**, the pioneers of the first railbike experience in the Midwest. The Boone, Iowa division offers an unparalleled Rail Explorers experience that will transport you to a world of untamed beauty and historical significance.

Embark on a scenic 12.5-mile round-trip journey that will carry you through picturesque open farmlands and along the majestic Des Moines River. As you glide along the rails, marvel at the awe-inspiring "Bass Point Creek High Trestle," a breathtaking engineering marvel spanning 750 feet in length and soaring 156 feet above the landscape.

Enrich your adventure by packing a picnic lunch and refreshing beverages to savor at Rose's Landing Turnaround, a designated rest stop along the route.

All Rail Explorers feature the innovative REX Propulsion System, an electric motor that ensures a truly effortless journey. These scenic tours are designed to accommodate all ages and abilities, making them an ideal family-friendly outing.

Limited seats available. Bookings are highly recommended.

#### CHURCHES

#### **Boone**

#### **Boone Open Bible**

1224 Hancock Drive (515) 3329

#### **Augustana Lutheran Church**

309 S. Greene Street (515) 432-5910

#### **Central Christian Church**

803 Greene Street (515) 432-3540

#### **Boone Church of Nazarene**

1427 Story Street (515) 432-8834

#### **First Baptist Church**

612 8th Street (515) 432-5981

#### **Boone Evangelical Free Church**

1407 Kate Shelley Drive (515) 432-7690

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

712 12th Street (515) 432-5140

### **Boone Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

628 Linn Street (515) 432-3411

#### **Stonebridge Church**

921 W. 2nd Street (515) 298-1119

#### **First Presbyterian Church**

703 Greene Street (515) 432-2174

## **Boone First United Methodist Church**

703 Arden Street (515) 432-4660

#### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

915 12th Street (515) 432-1971

# The Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints

1516 E. 22nd Street (515) 432-4298

#### **Grace Episcopal Church**

707 8th Street (515) 432-7586

#### **Grace Community Church**

625 S. Division Street (515) 433-6133

## Marion Saint United Methodist Church

717 W. 5th Street (515) 432-5850

#### **Berean Baptist Church**

720 S. Montana Street (515) 432-6028

#### **Church of God of Prophecy**

2104 Greene Street (515) 432-3354

#### **First Assembly of God**

1201 Noble Hills Place (515) 432-9405

#### **Bethel Church**

1726 L Avenue (515) 275-4091

# Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness

1328 Division Street (515) 432-8228

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

281 Spruce Lane (515) 432-4470

#### **Calvary Chapel Ames**

2219 229th Place (515) 720-1544

#### **Ogden**

#### **Ogden Church of Christ**

502 W. Walnut (515) 275-3151

#### **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

119 SW 2nd Street (515) 275-2164

#### **Ogden Baptist Church**

619 NW 2nd Street (515) 275-4162

#### **Community United Methodist**

337 SW 2nd Street (515) 275-4015

#### **Waters Edge Church**

341 W. Walnut Street (515) 275-4434

#### **Zion Lutheran Church**

319 W. Elm Street (515) 275-2234

#### **Madrid**

#### **Madrid Evangelical Free Church**

2243 S. Avenue (515) 795-2604

#### **Madrid Church of God**

319 E. 1st Street (515) 346-8622

#### St. Paul's United Church

115 S. Cedar Street (515) 795-2112

#### St. John's Lutheran Church

104 S. Market Street (515) 795-3463

#### St. Malachy's Catholic Church

207 Gerald Street (515) 795-2731

#### **Hopkin's Grove United Methodist**

14605 NW Madrid Drive (319) 939-6788

#### **Boxholm**

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

502 2nd Street (515) 846-6277

#### **Boxholm United Methodist Church**

303 3rd Street (515) 846-6352

#### **Napier**

#### **Napier United Methodist Church**

1598 Xenia Drive (515) 292-1482







**SUNSTREAM RETREAT** is located along the Des Moines River Valley. Its camps and retreat centers cater to a wide range of needs, including schools, non-profit organizations, student groups, churches, and off-site business meetings. They offer day events, weekend retreats, and full camp opportunities. Guests can choose from a variety of lodging options, activity/meeting spaces, and adventure and recreation experiences. The beautiful venue has challenge courses, rock wall climbing, blacklight dodgeball, ziplining, campfires (think s'mores!), and quiet reflections. Each camp setting is unique. Whichever site you choose, know that you'll be greeted and treated, "IOWA nice!" Come and be refreshed, refocused and renewed! Other places for camps or retreats include **CAMP HANTESA**, Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea, Camp Mitigwa, Hidden Acres and Des Moines Y Camp.



# The Cellar **Winery**

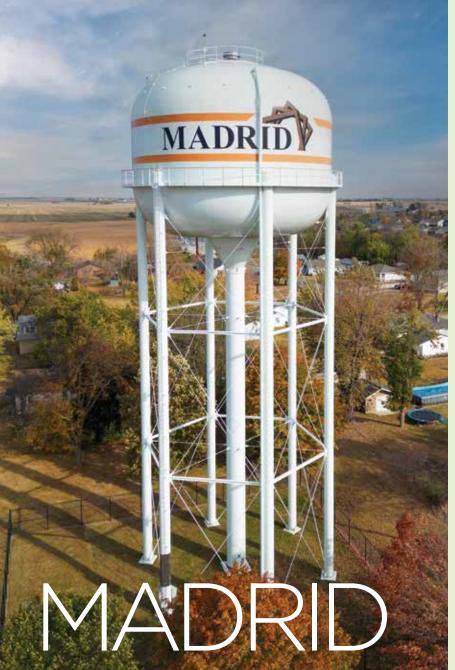
Escape the daily grind and allow **THE CELLAR WINERY'S** peaceful setting to melt away the occasional confines of the world. Experience pastoral views from the veranda and sunsets you can't look away from. Join for summertime Fire Pit Fridays from 6-9 p.m., or spend your Sunday afternoon dancing on The Lawn to live music from the "Notes" stage from 2-5 p.m. The Cellar's **TASTING ROOM** is open Wednesday-Thursday by appointment and Friday-Sunday from 2-7 p.m. Enjoy wine flights, charcuterie, pizzas, and more – the menu keeps expanding! Weather permitting, relax in the shaded bistro seating or sit in a rocking chair on the veranda with music playing in the background. Savor your time with wine, beer, or an array of cocktails from the full bar. They are open year-round with music shows every Sunday! Check out The Cellar at thecellarwinery.com or their social media for the latest lineup.

**BOONE VALLEY BREWING** is another option for craft beer located downtown Boone.

# Back Country Winery & Brewery

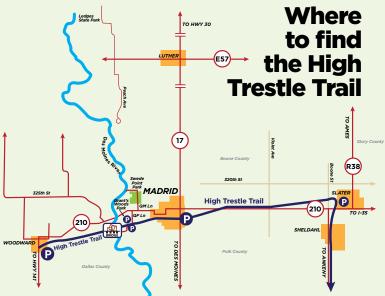
Preston & Amber Gable purchased the property on Fenton Avenue near Stratford, Iowa in August 2014. After months of pouring their heart into the space, they opened **BACK COUNTRY WINERY** and hosted the first wedding at **THE LOFT**. They've built their family there, and can't wait to share the space to celebrate with your family and friends!

Back Country Winery's taproom is another option for brewed beer. For additional information, see their ad on page 31.





MADRID (pronounced (MAD-rid) is an energetic, growing community in the southeast corner of Boone County. The continued development of the High Trestle Trail, which cuts through its center along the downtown's south side, attracts tens of thousands of people each year. This 25-mile trail has received international recognition for its centerpiece, the High Trestle Trail **Bridge**, which sits just over two miles to Madrid's west and at 130' high, spans the valley at one-half mile long! Dalander Park is a favorite spot to park, offload the bikes and head down the trail in either direction. Plenty of food and beverages are available from many local establishments situated a stone's throw from the trail. Didn't bring a bike? Don't worry, they've got bike rentals covered too! Madrid hosts a Labor Day Celebration (Friday through Monday) and a Christmas Kickoff in early December.

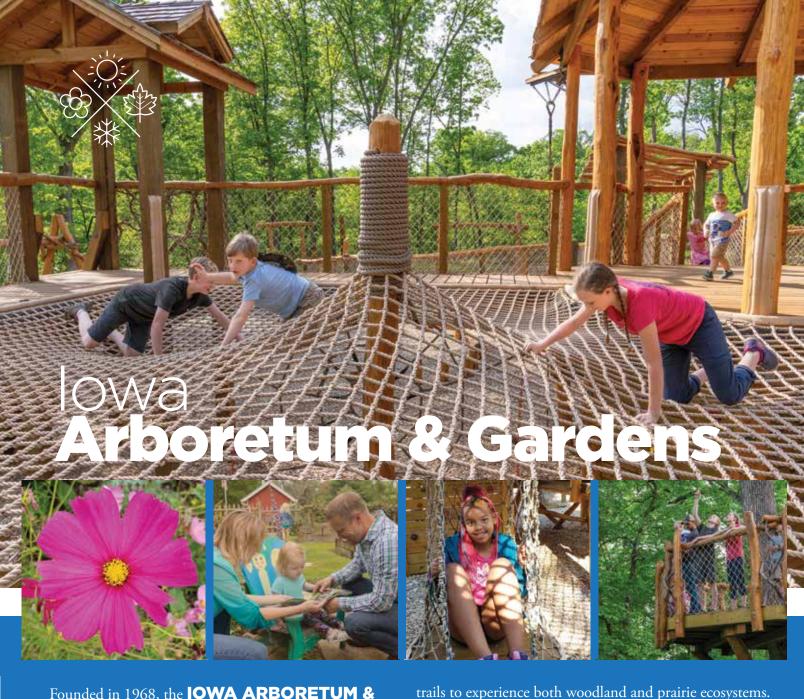


The paved recreational trail opened on April 30, 2011. Since then, countless pedestrians have admired the beauty of the thirteen-story bridge overlooking the Des Moines River Valley. The 25-mile trail extends from Ankeny to the south, through the cities of Slater and Madrid, and ends in Woodward, lowa to the west. A trail extension to Perry opened in 2024.

The focal point of the High Trestle Trail is the bridge itself, which features cribbing on the deck directly above the water, lined with blue LED lights. These lights illuminate the deck and mirror the water flowing below. The lights are designed to minimize disruption to the wildlife in the valley and can be turned on and off for special events. From April 1st to October 31st, the bridge lights are on from sunset to 12 a.m., while during the winter months from approximately November 1 through March 31 from sunset until 9 p.m.

The elevated columns supporting the bridge are gently down-lit, casting an aura of light onto the valley floor. Entering the bridge, two 36-foot-tall monoliths stand on either side, forming an enormous V. More than 16,000 custom-glazed ceramic tiles, created in the RDG Art Studio, were placed on the monoliths to represent the veins of coal running through the region.

The High Trestle Trail Bridge has been named the best bike-accessible bridge in Iowa by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition several times and was named one of the world's eight most amazing footbridges by the BBC. Come see this amazing attraction in Boone County!



Founded in 1968, the **IOWA ARBORETUM & GARDENS** has blossomed into Iowa's premier public garden. Spanning 160 acres, it offers a haven to connect with nature and discover a variety of trees and plants.

Located just minutes from Boone and a few miles north of Madrid, the main campus features beautifully landscaped gardens, tree groves, and grounds showcasing both native and introduced to Iowa. Walk the trail system to see major collections of trees, shrubs, and perennials. The arboretum also houses significant collections of dwarf conifers, hostas, irises, and daylilies. One of the main attractions is the **Children's Garden,** sure to entertain young visitors with a secret tunnel, a one-room school playhouse, musical instruments, hammocks, a little library, and stepping stones. Across from the main campus, guests can stroll along

The Arboretum's newest feature is the **Treehouse Village,** which offers four distinctive areas with elevated treehouses and a quarter-mile accessible trail. The treehouse play area caters to children of all ages and abilities with its multi-level activities. The Nature Fort Building and Forest Floor Creation Stations provide improvisational play areas, encouraging boundless creativity! The grounds are connected with a paved walkway, making it easy to navigate with a stroller or wheelchair. Admission tickets are available on the Arboretum website.

Find unique home and garden décor in the Arboretum's gift shop. Modern facilities are available for hosting meetings, family events, and even weddings with three dedicated venues.

# Madrid History Museum

#### THE MADRID HISTORY MUSEUM

showcases the development of the community from its early years as a Swedish settlement (then known as Swede Point) to the arrival of the railroad and the coal mining industry. The Museum is also known for its extensive Keigley doll collection and Genealogy Center. Visit the Museum website for a virtual tour at Madridiamuseum.com.

The Museum is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and by appointment by calling (515) 795-3249.







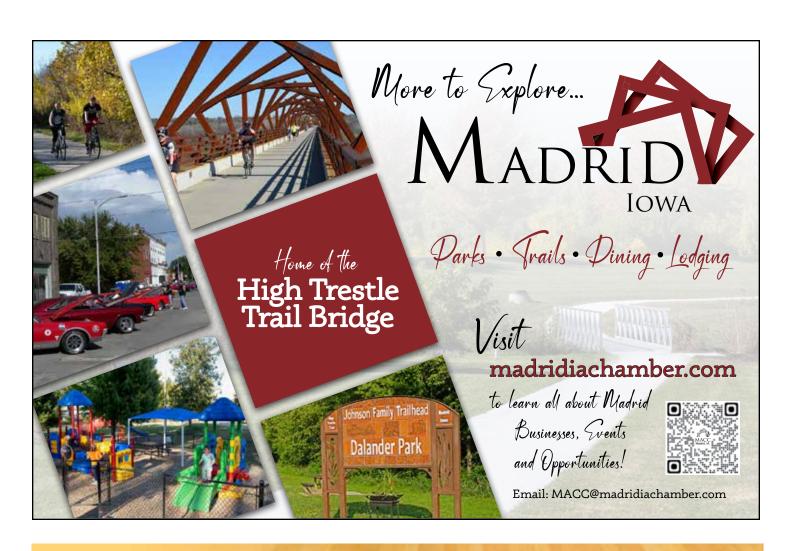
# Swede Point Park



This little known piece of heaven is located in southern Boone County, just a mile north of state Highway 210 near the Des Moines River Valley. **SWEDE POINT** gets its name from the Swedish settlers who relocated their families near this area in 1846.

The park features 24 electric camping sites with new gravel pads and two non-electric camping areas. A modern bathroom and showering facility, two hiking trails, picnicking areas, updated playground equipment, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and an enclosed shelter house (reservations required) are also available.

The area terrain is a mix of prairie, streams, and oak-hickory woodlands and savannas. You will find a large array of wildlife here from deer and coyotes to owls and hummingbirds. The Des Moines River is just a short but challenging hike down into the deep valley, but well worth the effort. At the river you might find bald eagles, raccoon, pelicans, and more. If you are looking for a quiet getaway, look no further than Swede Point Park.





**TIGER BOWL** is a family-oriented business located 20 minutes northwest of Des Moines on Highway 17 in Madrid, Iowa. They offer leagues, cosmic bowling and meals for all to enjoy and are open seven days a week! People travel to Tiger Bowl to enjoy great bowling, famous handbreaded tenderloins, and their patted burgers! Come see this amazing establishment!



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Join us for FREE family fun at 8th & Story Street on the Community Green Space! Enjoy kids' activities, food trucks, drinks, and live music from 5-9 p.m. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the fun!

May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1 and September 5



