

Let the Good Times Roll in Hamilton County

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Looking for a mystery tour destination? Hamilton County invites you to experience Iowa's rural heritage in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Our nine communities are conveniently located only 60 miles north of Des Moines on the crossroads of Interstate 35 and Highway 20. Hamilton County is an easy day-trip for most Iowans. Those from our neighboring states will want to plan on staying overnight. Visitors are warmly welcomed with the hospitality Midwesterners are known for. Discover what central Iowa has to offer from a rich heritage to farming legacy to exciting events. Try out one of our sample itineraries or put them all together for an extended stay.

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Historical Tour

- 10:30 Arrive at Stratford. Alternately tour the **Swedish Immigrant Museum** and the **Swedish Log Cabin**. Enjoy a variety of gift shops to tempt and delight. [515-838-2440](tel:515-838-2440) [museum donation \\$1/person](#)
- 11:30 Dine at **In Good Company**, luncheon and tea room. Housed in a historic building that showcases the original tin ceiling, wood floors and shelves. Lunch is served in a charming atmosphere of times gone by. [515-838-2750](tel:515-838-2750) [\\$7.95 + drink + tax = estimate \\$10/person](#)
- 12:30 Board bus & depart for Stanhope
- 12:45 Travel back in time at the Stanhope Locker.
- 1:15 Board bus & travel to Webster City
- 1:30 Arrive at **Bonebright Museum Complex**. Restored depot anchors complex including school, church, courthouse and two log cabins. [515-832-9193](tel:515-832-9193) [museum donation \\$1/person](#)
- 2:30 Board bus & depart for Blairsburg.
- 3:15 Arrive at **Blairsburg Opera House**. Tour the historic building and be entertained on the original stage. Snacks provided [515-325-6356](tel:515-325-6356) [Opera house donation \\$1/person, school donation \\$1/person](#)
- 4:30 Board bus to depart for Williams.
- 4:45 Arrive in Williams. **Hemken Collection** The site is home to a collection of 1947 & 48 American-made convertibles featuring a rare 1948 Playboy. [515-854-2749](tel:515-854-2749) [\\$5/person](#)
- 5:30 Dinner at **Cheaper by the Dozen**. Dine in the elegantly restored turn-of-the-century building. [515-854-9008](tel:515-854-9008) [\\$5/person](#)
[Meal: soup, sandwich, drink & ice cream](#)
- 7:00 Depart for Hotel – Best Western Norseman Inn, Williams
[515-854-2281](tel:515-854-2281) [\\$58 + tax double occupancy \(non-commissionable\)](#).
[Comes with continental breakfast and a buy one get one free drink at the Lounge](#)

Hotel Accommodations

AmericInn Motel & Suites

411 Closz Drive, Webster City
1-800-667-9877
Indoor pool, whirlpool, arcade, meeting & hospitality rooms, high speed internet access, and enhanced continental breakfast, adjacent to restaurant.

Best Western Norseman Inn

I-35 and Highway 20
Williams
515-854-2281
Continental breakfast, truck parking, lounge, king-sized beds available.

Boondocks

I-35 and Highway 20
Williams
515-854-2201
Truck parking, next to TH cafe.

Executive Inn

1700 Superior Street
Webster City
515-832-3631
Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, meeting room, continental breakfast, all entrances on interior.

Interesting Shopping

Aunt Blanches Attic, 1525 DeWitt St, Ellsworth, 515-836-4525.

C&H Vintage Treasures, 600 Main St., Jewell, 515-827-6252

Classic Carpets and Interiors, 631 Second St, Webster City. 515-832-1219

Family Pharmacy, 633 Main, Jewell, 515-827-5134.

Family Pharmacy, 803 Shakespeare, Stratford, 515-838-2232.

Favorite Things, 450 Main St., Randall, 328-3116.

Gilbert Jewelers, 604 Second St, Webster City, 515-832-4424

Junction on Main, 720 Main St, Jewell. 515-827-6065.

Osweiler's, 627 Second St, Webster City, 515-832-2733.

Prairie Rose Quilts & Gifts, 629 Main St, Jewell. 515-827-6151.

Romancing the Home, Second St., Webster City, 515-832-5161

Scrappier's Dream, 606 Second St, Webster City, 515-832-4422.

Sister Act, 642 Dubuque St, Ellsworth. 515-836-4747.

Stoney Creek Landscaping, East Second St., Webster City

Sweet Williams Station, US 20 & Fourth St, Williams. Open 10-6 Wed.-Fri. June thru October. 515-854-2351.

More Interesting Eating

Morning Glory Coffee Shop, 719 Des Moines St., Webster City, 832-1897

Mischelle's Food & Spirits, 621 Main St., Jewell, 827-6162

Whoop-ti-Do's, 626 Second St., Webster City, 832-FOOD

Events/Entertainment

Dances

- Tues. evenings in Stratford

Farmers Market

- Tuesdays 4-6, Jewell
- Saturdays 8-12, Webster City

Golf

- Briggs Woods Golf Course, rural Webster City
- Private courses in Jewell and Webster City

Hamilton County Speedway

- Located at the Fairgrounds, Sat. night races and some mid-week races held April thru Oct.

Hiking

- Trails in Jewell, Webster City and Briggs Woods Park

Hamilton County Fair

- Full line-up of events - July

Outdoor Movies

- Summer Saturday nights,

Hospital

Hill, Webster City

Ventriloquism by Elaine

- Entertainment for all ages

Webster City Community

Theatre

- Quarterly productions, encore performances by request & cast availability

Webster Theatre

- Nightly movies at 7 & 9

Wednesday Night in the Park

- Eight Wed. June-July at Stanhope City Park
- Third Wed. of the month June thru Aug at Williams City Park

BINGO

- Sun. and Wed. evenings at Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds
- Fri. night in Kamrar
- Sat. night in Ellsworth

Blairsburg Opera House Blairsburg

Restored turn-of-the-century opera house used for events or stage productions.

Call 515-325-6356

- Tours by appt. only
- Donations appreciated
- Local entertainment by arrangement

Bonebright Museum Complex Webster City

Pioneer village includes restored Illinois Central depot, courthouse, school, church and two cabins. (515)832-9193.

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- Motorcoach parking.
- Tour length: 1 hour
- Group size: 50 in depot
- Hours by appointment only
- Donations appreciated

Cheaper by the Dozen- Williams

1901 historic building with recent renovation including tin ceiling, wood floor and many original features of the building. Houses operating soda fountain.

Open Tues.-Thur. 7:30-9:00, Fri.-Sat. 7:30-10:30, Sun. 1:00-6:30

- Available for rental for groups
- Accommodate 60 people

Hemken Collection--Williams

Car enthusiasts will enjoy this museum displaying 65 vintage autos & featuring convertibles of American marques from 1947 and 1948. The museum is housed in a 1901 building with 2001 addition. Open Wed. & Fri. afternoons and by appt

(515)689-1047.

- Admission: \$5/person
- Driver & escort complimentary.
- Reservations required.

Dragoon Trail

This scenic auto tour route was first traversed by the Dragoons, a lightly armed cavalry unit, who used the rivers as their guide. Today this 200-mile corridor along the Des Moines, Boone and Raccoon Rivers, offers many points of interest including lovely fall foliage.

In Good Company--Stratford

Luncheon and gift shop. Serving delightful homemade lunches and desserts. Lunch 11-2, Dessert 2-4. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5.

(515)838-2750.

- Luncheon cost per person: \$7.95 (does not include drink)
- Reservations required.
- Lunch: 1 hour.
- Accommodate 45 people per sitting.
- Wheelchair accessible.

Kendall Young Library Webster City

1905 Beaux Arts library features gold marble columns, terrazzo floors, and stained glass windows. Abastenia St. Leger Eberle sculptures, Foster doll collection and Van Ness Native American collection.

Open Mon.-Thur. 10-8, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5 (515)832-9100

- \$1/person donation appreciated.
- Reservations required.
- Tour length: 1 hour.
- Motorcoach parking.
- Wheelchair accessible.

7 B Ranch-Webster City

An outdoor experience comprised of 70 acres including 7 ponds with illuminated fountains, gardens featuring many varieties of annuals and perennials, and natural prairie and wildflowers. Available anytime for groups.

(515)297-0852

- Admission: \$200/day to view gardens no time limit snacks can be added at cost.
- Reservations required
- Motorcoach parking.

Stanhope Locker- Stanhope

Family-owned meat processing facility. Taste of Iowa designated business. Nationally recognized for its beef jerky and participation in Iowa Folklife Festival. (515)826-3280.

- No admission charge
- Tour length: 30-45 min.
- Reservations required
- Motorcoach parking.
- Free sampling

The Stratford Gallery of Art Stratford

This renovated building was the State Bank of Stratford from 1894-1916 and a post office for many years. Original oils and watercolors by James L. Ward, Jr. are on display.

Open 1-5 Sat. & Sun or by appointment (515)838-2247.

- No admission charge
- Reservations required

Swedish Immigrant Museum Stratford

Sharing the story of Swedish immigrants as they became Swedish-Americans and/or Americans.

(515)838-2440 or (515)838-2810

- Motorcoach parking.
- Tour length: 1/2 hour
- Group size: 20
- Hours by appointment only
- Donations appreciated

Uncle Charlies-Farm Williams

Visit a historical restored 1940s tongue and groove redwood barn with vertical boards and a rope-and-pulley system in the haymow. Features the wee grape patch vineyard. 1100 Evergreen Lane, Williams. (515)356-1678.

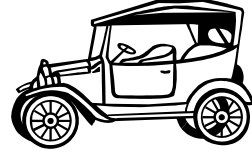
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- Hours by appointment only

Treat your group to a great time in Hamilton County!

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Farm/Barn Quilt Tour

- 8:30 Tour Blairsburg Wind Farm
- 9:30 Board bus & travel to Williams
- 9:45 Visit Uncle Charlie's Farm
- 10:45 Board bus & travel through Ellsworth to Jewell. On the way see Danielson Barn Quilt, Taylor Barn Quilt, Maass Barn Quilt and Erickson Barn Quilt.
- 11:30 Arrive in Jewell. Lunch at Mischelle's Food & Spirits.
- 12:15 Tour **Prairie Rose Quilts & Gifts** and explore the community's gift shops including Junction on Main, Jewell Farm & Home, and C&H Vintage Treasures. [515-827-6151](tel:515-827-6151)
- 1:00 Board bus & depart for rural Jewell
- 1:15 Plant tour of Horizon Ethanol
- 2:15 Board bus & travel through Stanhope to Stratford. On the way see Engelby Barn Quilt and Westrum Barn Quilt.
- 2:45 Dessert at In Good Company, luncheon and tea room. Housed in a historic building that showcases the original tin ceiling, wood floors and shelves. Lunch is served in a charming atmosphere of times gone by.
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Art/Cultural Tour

- 9:30 Begin the day at The Stratford Gallery of Art
- 10:00 Board bus for Lu's Glass Art, rural Stratford
- 10:15 Explore with Dean & Lu VanLangen
- 11:00 Board bus for Webster City
- 11:30 Lunch at Whoop-ti-Do's. Shopping in downtown Webster City.
- 1:45 Tour **Kendall Young Library**. Home to Abastenia St. Leger Eberle Sculpture collection, Foster Doll collection and Van Ness Native American collection.
[515-832-9100](tel:515-832-9100) library donation \$1/person
- 2:45 Jane Young House
- 3:15 Board bus for 7B Ranch
- 4:30 Board bus for Stoney Creek Landscaping
- 4:45 Enjoy a pottery demonstration at Stoney Creek Landscaping.
- 5:45 Board bus for dinner
- 6:00 Dinner at **Second Street Emporium**.
[515-832-3463](tel:515-832-3463) \$7.50 per person Meal sandwich, soup or salad, drink



Prices as of January 2008 and prices and policies subject to change

