

Southeast Iowa – Inspirational Historic Region

Ottumwa is located in the hub of Southeast Iowa. Conveniently located at the intersections of Highway 34 & 63, its central location in the region makes it ideal as a hub and spoke destination.

This four day tour takes you through Wapello, Davis, Appanoose, Monroe, Keokuk and Mahaska Counties. Days may need to be arranged depending on calendar of events schedule during your intended trip.

Lodging Opportunities:

AmericInn

222 W 2nd St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-684-8222

Web Site: www.hotelottumwa.com/americinn/index.htm

Hotel Ottumwa

107 E 2nd St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-8051

Web Site: www.hotelottumwa.com

Day 1: Morning

Wapello County: Eldon

American Gothic House Center

300 American Gothic St

Eldon, Iowa 52544

Phone: 641-652-3352

Web Site: www.wapellocounty.org/americangothic

Hours: Summer (May-October): Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM;

Friday-Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Sunday-Monday: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Winter (November-April): Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Saturday-Monday: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Closed major holidays

Come see the house that started it all and strike your own American Gothic pose in front of the place made famous by Iowan Grant Wood. Costumes and pitch fork available! Enjoy the collection of American Gothic parodies, educational exhibit and videos on Grant Wood's life, put together the magnet puzzles and check out the selection of prints, postcards, stationary, books, totes, T-shirts and other memorabilia in the gift shop.

Rock Island Train Depot

PO Box 68

Eldon, Iowa 52544

Phone: 641-652-3281**Web Site:** www.eldondepotmuseum.org**Hours:** by appt.

The exterior of the depot had been completely restored and most of the interior has also been completed. Restoration work continues, and plans for the future include use of the depot as a railroad museum. Many railroad artifacts are already on display, and we encourage your making arrangements to view them.

Wapello County: Agency**Chief Wapello Memorial Park**

Agency, Iowa

Hours: Outdoors

The site of the first Indian Agency in Iowa. Here, representatives of the U.S. government and the Territory of Iowa signed a treaty with the chiefs of the Sac and Fox Nation for the purchase of much of what is now Iowa.

Day 1: Lunch**The Agency Gallery Deli**

115 W Main St

Agency, Iowa

Phone: 641-937-5555**OR****Canteen Lunch in the Alley**112 ½ E 2nd St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-5320**Web Site:** www.wapellocounty.org/conservation**Hours:** Mon-Fri 8-4:30

Ottumwa is known for having many different historical locations around its downtown area. In central downtown the Canteen in the Alley has been a stopping point for Ottumwans since the 1920s. On the sitcom *Roseanne* starring Roseanne Barr and briefly Tom Arnold, Roseanne's restaurant was based on the Canteen Lunch in the Alley.

Day 1: Afternoon

Wapello County Historical Museum

210 W Main St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-8676

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-4 Closed major holidays.

View artifacts in natural like settings and Wapello County history exhibits. Don't miss the completely restored 1925 America La France fire truck or the Ottumwa Coal Palace Industrial Exhibit Hall of 1890-1891. Cost is \$2.00 per adult and \$.50 per child under 12.

The Beach Ottumwa

101 Church St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-7873

Web Site: www.beachottumwa.com

Hours: Mem Day-Labor Day 11 am-7 pm

Wet fun for everyone! Water recreation park features both indoor and outdoor facilities. Includes wave pool, body slide, free fall slide and more!

Day 1: Dinner

Second Street Café

107 E 2nd St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-684-5626

Day 1: Evening

Bridge View Center

102 Church St

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-684-7000

Bridge View Center is a multi-purpose event center in Ottumwa serving southeast and south-central Iowa.

Day 2: Morning

Pioneer Ridge Nature Center

1339 Hwy 63

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-3091

Web Site: www.wapellocounty.org/conservation

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-4:30

This two-story nature center, with displays and full-time naturalist, has three stocked ponds open for public fishing. Hiking, biking and horse back riding trails.

Davis County: Bloomfield

Historic Town Square

Downtown

Bloomfield, Iowa

Phone: 641-664-2300 Bloomfield's square comprising 43 buildings is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings constructed between the Civil War and the early 1900s retain much of their nineteenth century quality.

Day 2: Lunch

Ted's Pizza & Steakhouse

104 W Jefferson

Bloomfield, Iowa

Phone: 641-664-1505

Day 2: Afternoon

Appanoose County: Centerville

Appanoose County Historical & Coal Mining Museum

100 W Maple, Hwy 2

Centerville, Iowa

Phone: 641-856-8040

Web Site: www.appanoosehistory.org

Hours: Sundays 1-4 pm & Croatian Fest, Pancake Day, Mem Day, Labor Day & Homecoming

Former post office houses a pioneer farm and village, post office display, and history of Appanoose County. Working replica of a coal mine includes mining tools, photos and videos of local mines.

The Columns

107 East Washington St
Centerville, Iowa

Phone: 641-437-1178

Web Site: www.thecolumns.info

Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00-6:00

Sun Noon-4:00

The Columns sits just a block north of Centerville's historic town square. This gorgeous 1895 home stands out with its white columns, and it's the spot to find amber jewelry, unique gifts, antiques and a touch of the unexpected.

The Shoppes At Bradley Hall

519 Drake Ave

Centerville, Iowa

Phone: 641-856-5345

Web Site: www.bradleyhall.info

Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00-6:00

Sun Noon-4:00

The Shoppes at Bradley Hall offers 10,000 square feet of the most unique shopping in Iowa. Housed in a restored 1909 mansion, you'll love getting lost in the ambiance. Plan to spend a few hours with us!

Day 2: Dinner

One of a Kind Tea Room

314 W State St

Centerville, Iowa

Phone: 641-437-4540

Web Site: www.oneofakindbedandbreakfast.com

Hours: Breakfast and Lunch (Dinner by Reservations Only)

Located in the second oldest surviving house in Centerville, you will find many treasures both old and new. This elegant 3-story Italianate-style home was built in 1867 and is just one block west of the shops surrounding our town square. Shop in our first floor rooms for gifts, collectibles, (including many items by local craftsmen) and home decor. Or dine in our tea room on food that not only tastes good, but is good for you, made in our own kitchen.

Day 2: Evening

Wapello County: Ottumwa

On Your Own

Ottumwa 8

1215 Theatre Dr

Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone: 641-682-4935

Web Site: www.mrmovietimes.com/movie-theaters/CEC-Ottumwa-8.html

Day 3: Morning

Wapello County: Blakesburg

Antique Airpower Museum

SW of Ottumwa on Bluegrass Rd

Blakesburg, Iowa

Phone: 641-938-2773

Web Site: www.aaa-apm.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-5 & Sun 1-5

Closed Aug 31-Sept 4 and major holidays.

Visit the 20,000 square foot Antique Airpower Museum and library on 30 acres of land adjoining the Antique Airfield. The museum features a growing airplane collection including WWII models. The Library is one of the most comprehensive aeronautical libraries in America and houses many rare editions.

Monroe County: Albia

Historic Town Square

Downtown

Albia, Iowa

Phone: 641-932-5108

Email: albiachamber@albiachamber.org

Hours: Outdoors

Albia's 92-building business district, three-story stone courthouse and historic homes represent a living, architectural museum. Merchants and home builders in the late 1800s and early 1900s selected Victorian, Italianate, Gothic, Tudor and other distinctive building styles.

Day 3: Lunch

The White Buffalo Restaurant

100 Hwy 34 E

Albia, Iowa

Phone: 641-932-7181

Web Site: www.indianhillsinn.com

Hours: M-Sa 7a-2p, 5-9p; Su a7-2p; Holidays 8a-2p

Located within the Indian Hills Inn, the White Buffalo is the best choice in Southern Iowa for quality dining. Our restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as two buffets on Sunday.

Day 3: Afternoon

First Iowa State Bank

23 Benton Ave. E
Downtown Square
Albia, Iowa

Phone: 641-932-2144 or 641-932-5108

Email: albiachamber@albiachamber.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-3; Sat 9-noon

A beautifully restored building featuring original teller cage, outdoor terrace, antiques, paintings, and other artwork. Visitors welcome.

Monroe County Historical Museum

114 A Ave. East
Albia, Iowa

Phone: 641-932-3238 or 641-932-5108

Email: albiachamber@albiachamber.org

Hours: May-Oct Sat & Sun 1-4 and by appt.

Broad spectrum of early Iowa - from slippers that danced on the Ziegfeld Follies stage to reconstructed coal mine shaft with authentic equipment and real coal. A spacious museum with numerous authentic historical items and reconstructed setting of stores, homes, etc.

The Robert T. Bates Apartment

1 1/2 Benton Ave. W
Albia, Iowa

Phone: 641-932-5108

Email: albiachamber@albiachamber.org

Hours: Anytime by appt.

Robert Bates was an interior designer, member of the Terrace Hill Commission, and chairman of the First Iowa State Bank. Upon his death in 1995, he left his beautifully decorated apartment and outstanding collection of Victorian antiques and artwork to a foundation.

Day 3: Dinner & Evening

Wapello County: Ottumwa

Progressive Dinner

Court Hill Historic District
Ottumwa, Iowa

Phone for the Ottumwa Area Convention and Visitors Bureau: 641-682-3465

Day 4: Morning

Keokuk County: Sigourney

Dumont Museum of Dreamworld Collectibles

20595 255th St - Hwy 149 S

Sigourney, Iowa 52591

Phone: 641-622-2592

Email: oliver@lisco.com

Web Site: www.dumontmuseum.com

Hours: May-Oct Sat-Sun 10-5 or by appointment during the week.

Hundreds of restored antique tractors, implements, horse drawn items, gas engines, household items, toy trucks, tractors & dolls. Roy Roger's memorabilia, gigantic Lionel train display with hundreds of flashing lights & operating accessories, with 10 trains running at one time. A must see. All displayed in a 24,000 square foot building.

Delta

Delta Covered Bridge

5 1/2 miles SE of Delta off G48

Delta, Iowa

Hours: Outdoors

Constructed in 1867 by Joseph Merryfield and James Harlin, the bridge is unique because of its Burr Arch Truss design and is the oldest bridge of this type west of the Mississippi.

Day 4: Lunch

Mahaska County: Oskaloosa

Dr. Salami's Restaurant & Bar

2214 S 11th St

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Phone: 641-676-3737

Email: dr.salamis@yahoo.com

Web Site: www.dr.salamis.com

Full service restaurant, lounge, bar, located on golf course. Meeting room available. Casual dining atmosphere.

Day 4: Afternoon

Leighton

Tassel Ridge Winery

1681 220th Street
Leighton, Iowa 50143

Phone: 641-672-9463

Email: info@tasselridge.com

Web Site: www.tasselridge.com

Hours: Year round; Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; and Sunday 12-6; also by appointment.

"Taking Midwest winemaking to new heights," Tassel Ridge Winery is located in the heart of Iowa's wine country. Visitors can experience an exciting winemaking tour, enjoy a complimentary tasting and purchase wine. Groups may schedule tours Monday-Thursday by calling the winery.

Oskaloosa

Nelson Pioneer Farm

2211 Nelson Lane
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Phone: 641-672-2989

Web Site: www.nelsonpioneer.org

Hours: May-Oct Tues-Sat 10:00-4:00

The first museum in Iowa to honor the pioneer farmer. Stroll through the grounds which include 14 buildings, a 3-floor museum, and the only mule cemetery in Iowa. Annual festival held the third Saturday of September.

Day 4: Dinner

The Peppertree

2274 Hwy 63 N
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Phone: 641-673-9191

Email: info@thepeppertree.com

Web Site: www.thepeppertree.com

The Peppertree Restaurant has been a staple of the Oskaloosa community since 1994. The Peppertree has long been known for its extensive menu, comfortable elegant atmosphere, and its first class service.

Day 4: Evening

George Daly Community Auditorium

1800 North Third

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Phone: 641-672-0799 (tickets) or 641-672-0940 (office)

Web Site: www.georgedailyauditorium.com

This new auditorium is a world-class performance center with premium seating for 700. It offers quality local and professional programs year round, such as symphony orchestras, big bands, dance companies, and other cultural events. Contact ticket office for scheduled event information.

OR

Southern Iowa Speedway

701 North I St

Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Phone: 641-673-7004

Web Site: www.sispeedway.com

Hours: Races & events from Apr-Oct

Modified, stock and hobby car racing at its best on a 1/2 mile dirt track. Weekly races in addition to special racing including sprint cars, harness racing and Enduro. Visit www.southerniowafair.com for details about these events.