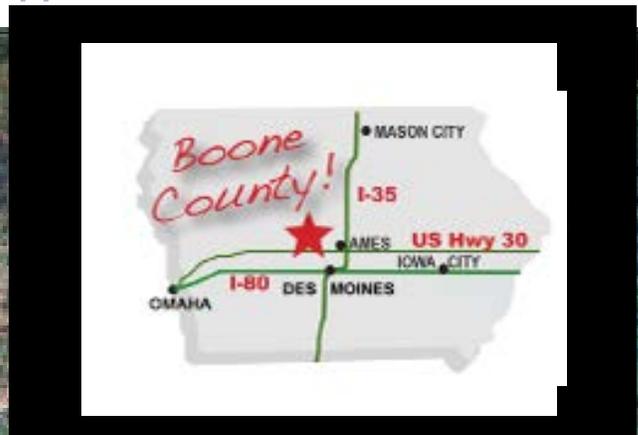
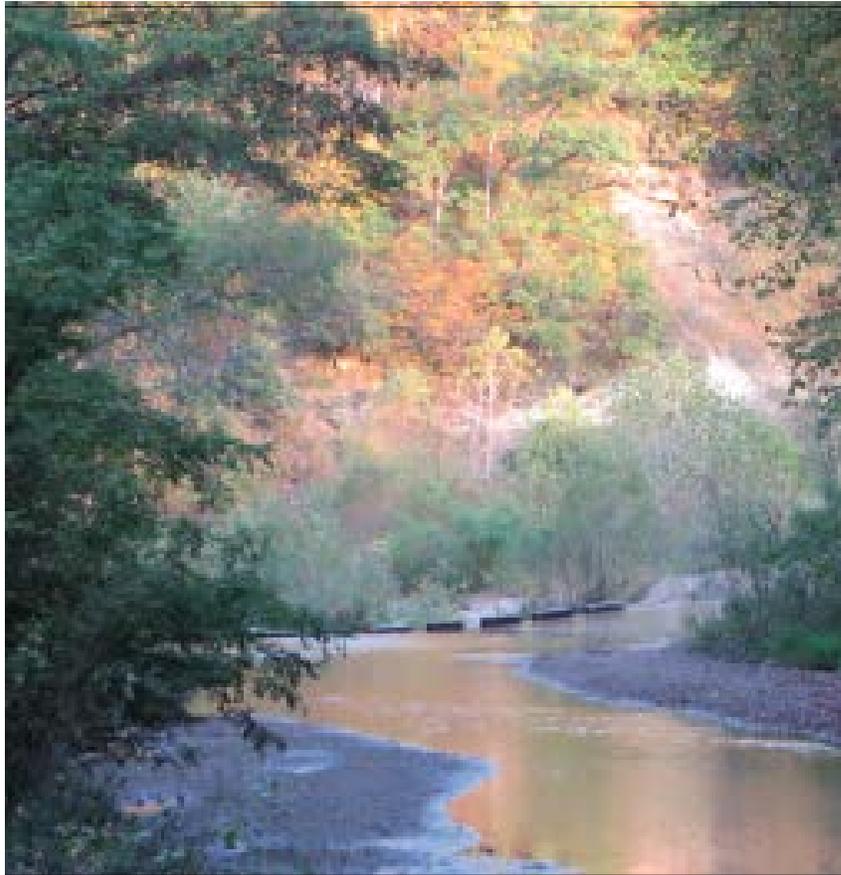


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Madrid



u Looking for small town ambience close to metro area attractions? Check out Madrid!

Madrid is a growing community of about 2,500 people located just northwest of the Des Moines metro area in southeastern Boone County, less than a half hour's drive from Iowa's capital city Des Moines, as well as Ames, Ankeny and Boone – where Boone, Dallas and Polk counties come together with access to all that central Iowa has to offer. Situated next to the scenic Des Moines River Valley, Madrid is a great place to live, work and raise a family with many recreational, cultural and economic opportunities.

A proud history

Madrid boasts a proud history of farming and mining. Successive waves of immigrants from a multitude of countries contribute to our local culture and economic base. Immigrants from Scandinavia, particularly Sweden, arrived in the mid-1800s and settled the community of Swede Point. Swede Point slightly changed its location to accommodate the railroad and was incorporated as the City of Madrid in 1883. Immigrants continued to settle the area, including many from Italy and eastern Europe.

Visit the Madrid Historical Museum to get a glimpse of the Madrid area's heritage, including a full-size replica of a portion of a coal mine and a scale model of one of the local mines.

Community events

Madrid's major celebration is the Labor Day Celebration beginning the Friday before Labor Day and running through the three-day weekend. Madrid also hosts a Christmas Extravaganza the first Monday in December. Join our community as it celebrates the season with a lighted parade, a tour of decorated homes, drawings for prizes and other fun activities. Check the

city's website www.madrioiowa.com for more information on these and the many other events that occur during the year.

Schools

The Madrid Community School District is growing and remains unconsolidated. Planning for the future has allowed Madrid's schools to maintain moderate class sizes, even while the number of students increases.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that suit their interests. Madrid's football team consistently ranks high among schools its size, and several other sports are available for both boys and girls. The Performing Arts Council supports and encourages vocal and instrumental music and theater programs in the schools.

Madrid is home to many active youth organizations including 4-H and scouting. The school district's community service requirement for graduation has helped Madrid students experience the rewards of volunteerism.

Easy access to DMACC, in Boone and Ankeny, Iowa State University, in Ames, and several institutions of higher education in the Des Moines area provides more options for residents.

Active lifestyles

Madrid is home to several parks and green spaces as well as two fitness centers. Jensen Park is a small park in the center of Madrid with playground equipment and a bocce ball court. Edgewood Park is a larger wooded park that provides picnic and playground areas and softball and other sports facilities. It is currently being expanded to provide additional softball and soccer fields and is home to a top Frisbee golf course.

High Trestle Trail: Madrid is connected to other Iowa communities through the 25-mile long High Trestle Trail. This new paved trail, located on a rail-banked railroad corridor, is ideal for non-motorized sports including bicycling,

hiking, running, skating and horseback riding (east-west section only) on a parallel natural surface trail. A highlight of the trail is the high bridge over the Des Moines River just west of Madrid. This trail is part of the Central Iowa Trail Network. Get on the trail at the Johnson Family Trailhead at Madrid's new Dalander Park at the intersection of Iowa Highway 17 and the trail.

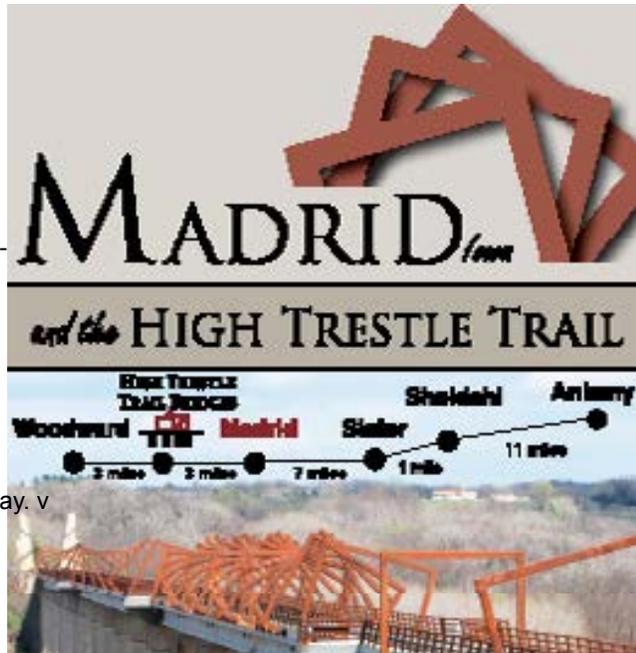
Swede Point Park: Only a couple miles from Madrid, next to the Des Moines River Valley, is Swede Point Park, operated by the Boone County Conservation Board. The park, which consists of both woodland and prairie, lends itself to outdoor activities including hiking, camping (both tent and camper) and learning about nature.

Nearby outdoor areas include Big Creek State Park, Ledges State Park, the Iowa Arboretum and several youth camps in the Des Moines River Valley.

Eight 18-hole golf courses are only a 30-minute drive away. v

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Iowa Arboretum



Founded in 1968, the Iowa Arboretum has become Iowa's premier public garden. Located near Luther, the 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and grounds features plants both native and introduced to Iowa. Visitors walking the circular trail system can see the Arboretum's major collections of trees, shrubs and owers along with significant collections of dwarf conifers, hos-

tas and daylilies. The Children's Garden will delight the youngest of guests with a secret tunnel, one-room schoolhouse playhouse and gardens.

Across from the main 40 acres, visitors can stroll along extensive trails in a native Iowa woodland and restored prairie.

Modern facilities are available for hosting meetings, retreats, par-

ties and weddings. Find unique home and garden decor at the arboretum's gift shop. Special events, educational workshops and plant sales are oered throughout the year. Guided tours are available for individuals of all ages (call for a reservation).

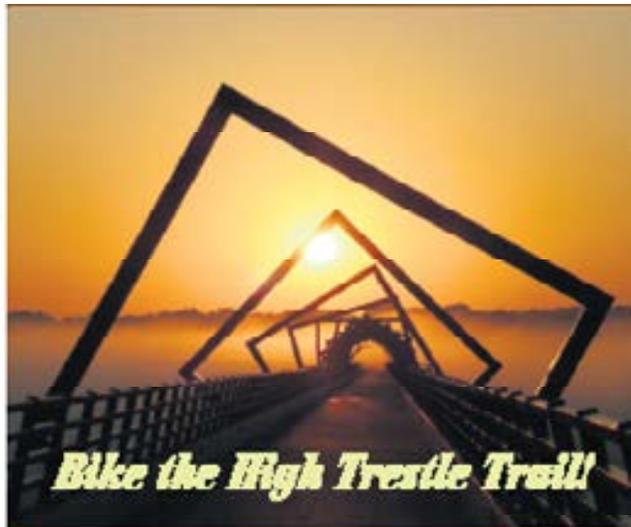
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Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad and the James H. Andrew Railroad Museum & History Center

The history of the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad is a colorful one.

The railroad, a division of the Iowa Railroad Historical Society - a non-profit, historical and educational railroad museum - is located in Boone and carried its first passengers in 1983. It was the first time in nearly 30 years that passengers could venture on the line. Just as they had in the bygone years, passengers could once again descend into the Des Moines River Valley, crossing the 136-foot tall Bass Point Creek High Bridge, and the Des Moines River bridge, while making their way to the town of Fraser.

The line's rich history traces back to the Newton and North Western Railroad, which became the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern Railroad in 1906. This 150-mile-long line ran electric interurban passenger and freight service between Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Rockwell City, Ames and Webster City.

It prospered through both World Wars as well as a nationwide depression. The beginning of the end came in 1953 when the Fraser power plant, built

by the line to supply its power, was engulfed by a massive flood from the Des Moines River.

By 1968, the line became part of the Chicago & North Western Railway, but 12 years later it proved no longer profitable and was abandoned. In order to preserve the scenic portion of the railroad, a group of residents created the Boone Railroad Historical Society and acquired more than 11 miles of track and bridges for \$50,000.

Since its inaugural passenger trip, the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad has grown into a massive attraction, drawing visitors worldwide. Its well-known and popular train rides provide excitement, fun and adventure for people of all ages.

Every September, the "Day Out with Thomas" event jumps into full swing. Children and their families are taken on a train ride by Thomas the Tank Engine, the hero from the "Railway Series" children's books. Children can enjoy playing with toy trains, coloring, the reading of Thomas the Tank Engine stories, singing, a bouncing castle, a food court and having their photos taken with Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt, one of the story's

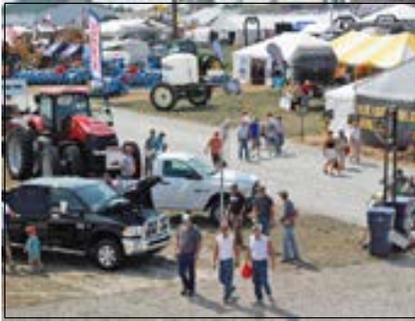
colorful characters.

Initially opened in 1999, the Dinner Train is a two-hour ride and a favorite among adults. The train takes passengers on a scenic ride through the Des Moines River Valley and offers elegant dining. Other popular train rides include the Dessert & Picnic Trains, Santa Express and the Pumpkin Express.

In July 2012, the James H. Andrew Railroad Museum & History Center opened to the public. The 9,000-square-foot museum is jam packed with railroad memorabilia and artifacts, the collection of James H. Andrew of Jeerson, for whom the museum was named. Many railroad fans considered his collection to be one of the largest in the country.

Along with the railroad artifacts and exhibits that display Iowa's rich railroad legacy, including many items used daily by workers who laid out, built and operated the state and nation's vast railroad system, the museum features a theater, children's area and a large library.

For more information about the museum, train rides, fares, schedules and preservation efforts, visit www.bsvrr.com or call (515) 432-4249 or toll free at 1-800-626-0319. v



Farm Progress Show

The Central Iowa Expo, located just east of Boone off of Highway 17, is the home to outdoor music festivals, expos and more, but is most well-known as the home of the Farm Progress Show.

The show is held every two years, switching locations between Boone and Decatur, Ill. This year, it is Boone's turn to host the three-day show. The event is scheduled to take place Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2016, at the Central Iowa Expo.

The Farm Progress Show is the nation's largest outdoor farm event, and annually hosts more than 500 exhibitors displaying new farm equipment, tractors, combines and farm implements; seed and crop protection products; and many additional farm supplies and services.

The show is an excellent learning opportunity for producers and includes a wide variety of marketing, management and production seminars.

For more information on the event, visit www.farmprogressshow.com or become a fan of the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/farmprogressshow.



Puerbilly Days™

Puerbilly Days™ celebrated 39 years in 2015 with huge crowds, great weather and fantastic entertainment and events. The 2016 celebration will follow the same template as the festival kicks off Thursday, Sept. 8, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 11. Held in the center of downtown Boone on Ninth and Story streets, Puerbilly Days™ got its name from the small steam trains that were used in coal mines in Australia. Starting out as Billy Goats, they then became known as Pung Billys, before ultimately being referred to as Puerbillys.

Puerbilly Days™ has established itself as one of Iowa's largest community festivals. Always held the first weekend after Labor Day, it features the trademark parade up Story Street, live music Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, kids activities, 5k and 10k road races, a huge mud volleyball tournament, classic car and motorcycle show, a large outdoor craft fair and market, food court, special train rides, and more!

Summer hasn't officially ended until the lights go down on another great Puerbilly Days™ celebration. Make plans to join us in downtown Boone for Puerbilly Days™, Sept. 8-11. Call the Boone County Chamber of Commerce for more information at (515) 432-3342, or find us on the web at www.visitboonecounty.com.

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BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL CENTER



Take a look into the **EXCITING** past of Boone County! From heroes and heroines to fascinating critters, there is something here for everyone. Visitors may also enjoy conducting research in the Center's historical and genealogical records.

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Admission: \$3.00, children 17 and under free

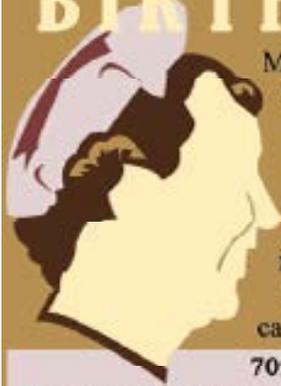
KATE SHELLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

During a disastrous storm on July 6, 1881, the young Kate Shelley, in an attempt to stop an oncoming passenger train from crashing through a downed bridge, crawled across a railroad trestle spanning the Des Moines River. See the site of the station or walk the trail to the bridge that Kate heroically climbed on that perilous night!



Located in Moingona. Tours are available by appointment; grounds are open daily.
Admission: \$2.00, children 17 and under free

MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE

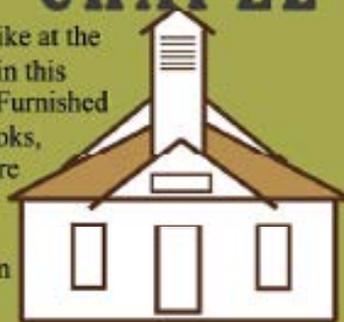


Mamie Doud Eisenhower, wife of the 34th President of the United States, was born in Boone in 1896. Carefully restored to its Victorian elegance, the birthplace includes family heirlooms, a library, an exhibition, and a carriage house with classic cars.

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Hours: June through October, 10 to 5 Mon. - Sat,
1:30 to 5 Sun, or available by appointment.
Admission: \$5.00, children 17 and under free

HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL & BATTIN CHAPEL

Learn what school was like at the turn of the 20th century in this one-room schoolhouse! Furnished with authentic desks, books, and more, these sites were once a common part of life for farm children in rural Iowa. Maintained in partnership with the Battin Chapel Association.



Located at the juncture of Old Highway 30 (E41) and J Avenue in Ogden. Museum tours available by appointment, grounds are open daily.
Admission: \$2.00, children 17 and under free

Boone County Historical Center

Take a look into the EXCITING past of Boone County! From heroes and heroines to fascinating critters, there is something here for everyone.

A feature exhibition on the main floor honors Boone's very own railroad heroine, Kate Shelley, telling the story of her bravery on the night of July 6, 1881, when she alerted Chicago & Northwestern officials that a pusher engine had crashed into Honey Creek. Though two men had been swept away, two had survived and needed to be rescued. Children and visitors are able to cross a model of the Des Moines River bridge, like that which Kate crawled across on that stormy night. A narrative details that night, the flooding between Boone and Moingona, as well as Kate's life before and after her brave deed. An additional feature of this exhibit is an overview of Boone's railroading past and the building of both High Bridges, which were named for Kate Shelley.

Other exhibits include a special exhibit exploring the early military exploits of the Dragoons who mapped out the territory which became Boone County in 1847 and a military gallery which demonstrates Boone County's involvement in U.S. wars from the Civil War to Desert Storm.

The northeast gallery features a natural history exhib-



it highlighting the collections of local naturalist Carl Fritz Henning, who was the first custodian at Ledges State Park. Interesting dioramas display animals native to the Boone County area and exhibits of shells, fossils, and Native American artifacts, some of which are thousands of years old.

On the museum's second floor, explore the 20th century through a fascinating decade-by-decade view of the world. It includes a timeline of events on a local, state, national, and international level. This exhibition is a blast from the past!

Visitors may also enjoy conducting research in the Center's historical and genealogical records which include artifacts, newspapers, correspondence and more. For the past 24 years, the Boone County Historical Society has operated this county-wide museum on the northeast corner of Sixth and Story streets in downtown Boone. Located in the 108-year-old Champlin Memorial Masonic Temple, the Boone County Historical Center is home to the Society's offices, as well as its archives, collections, library and museum.

Each year the Historical Society sponsors special events commemorating local heritage, which allow participants to discover local landmarks and their history, as well as an annual quilt show and community-wide dinners. The Society also offers a monthly heritage lecture series, presents programs to community organizations, mounts special museum exhibits, and makes traveling exhibits and study materials available to schools, libraries and other facilities.

The Historical Center's lower level meeting room, which contains a kitchen and large meeting space, is available for use by the public for meetings, meals, special programs and social events.

Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from November – January, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9-12 Saturdays from February - October. Other times available by appointment. For more information about the Historical Society, its museums, programs, and services, contact the Boone County Historical Center, 602 Story St., Boone, Iowa. By phone: (515) 432-1907 or by email: director@boonecountyhistory.org.



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Mamie Doud Eisenhower

Mamie Geneva Doud was born Nov. 14, 1896, at 718 Carroll St. in Boone, the second of four daughters born to Elivera 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 to Colorado where they eventually settled in Denver. However, Mamie never lost contact with her mother's Boone family, the Carlsons. Throughout the 1940s to the 1960s, the Eisenhowers regularly visited Boone. After Ike's death in 1969, Mamie continued to return to Boone, making her last trip in 1977, two years before her death.

Over the years, the Birthplace was inhabited by many families, at one time housing three individual apartments. By 1970 it was in danger of being demolished, so over the next few years, concerned citizens raised sufficient funds to obtain and move the home in 1975 to a location across the street. Following five years of restoration, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace opened on June 22, 1980.

The restored house contains many Eisenhower and Carlson family heirlooms and includes a library and exhibits on its lower level. A detached summer kitchen and barn also are located on the property. The barn, erected in 1982, contains the Chrysler Windsor Sedan given to the Carlsons by the Eisenhowers in 1948 and Mamie's 1962 Plymouth Valiant. A commemorative marker was placed at the Birthplace by the DeShon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1954. Recent renovations include a grounds expansion, facility improvements and plans for new exhibitions are currently underway.

The Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace, operated by the Boone County Historical Society, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. June 1 through Oct. 31. Also available other times by appointment. To book special tours contact the Boone County Historical Center, 602 Story St., Boone, Iowa, by phone: (515) 432-1907 or by email: director@boonecountyhistory.org.

Kate Shelley Memorial

July 6, 1881, is a date forever embedded in Boone County's history. As midnight drew near and a wild storm raged, 15-year-old Kate Shelley crawled across the ties of the railroad bridge that spanned the Des Moines River to alert officials a train had crashed into Honey Creek. The lives of four men hung in the balance.

After inching her way across the wind and rain swept bridge while thunder, lightning, and trees crashed around her, Kate Shelley finally arrived at Moingona's Chicago and Northwestern Depot and warned of the peril faced by the passenger train due later that night.

Kate Shelley's bravery made her an

instant heroine. She had stopped a train and somehow found the strength to lead a rescue party back to the two survivors of the wreck in Honey Creek. The medals she was presented for her heroism, along with the lantern she carried on that fateful night, can be seen at the Boone County Historical Center in Boone.

Located in a wooded valley five miles southwest of Boone and outside the town of Moingona, the Kate Shelley Memorial Park and Railroad Museum marks the site where Kate Shelley arrived on that evening. A railroad museum, furnished as a depot would have looked during Kate Shelley's life, and a diorama of Kate's 1881 exploits



are located at the park. Hiking trails run through the park and lead to the remains of the Des Moines River Bridge.

The museum is open by appointment. The site and the trails are open year around. To book a tour or arrange a family visit, contact the Boone County Historical Center, 602 Story St., Boone, Iowa, by phone: (515)432-1907 or email: director@boonecountyhistory.org.

Kate Shelley High Bridge

Sitting just west of the city of Boone in Boone County, the Kate Shelley High Bridges are some of North America's tallest and longest, double-track high trestle railroad bridges.

The original bridge was completed in 1901 by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, spanning the historic Des Moines River Valley, also home to a Woodland Period Native American

burial mound. Construction on the new bridge began by Union Pacific in 2006 and was commemorated on Oct. 1, 2009.

The new bridge, which is 2,813 feet long and 190 feet high, was designed for two trains to operate on the bridge at the same time, traveling at speeds up to 70 miles per hour. For a bridge on one of the busiest rail corridors in the world, with between 60 and 70 trains traveling the

tracks on average each day, the new bridge was a much-needed improvement over the industry landmark that sits just south of it.

"When we sat down to design this bridge, we knew that we had to make it something truly magnificent in terms of what it was replacing," Union Pacific Chairman and CEO Jim Young said. "I hope you agree with me if you have a chance to see it. It's truly an amazing structure."

The bridge cost Union Pacific more than \$50 million to construct, and took more than three years to complete.



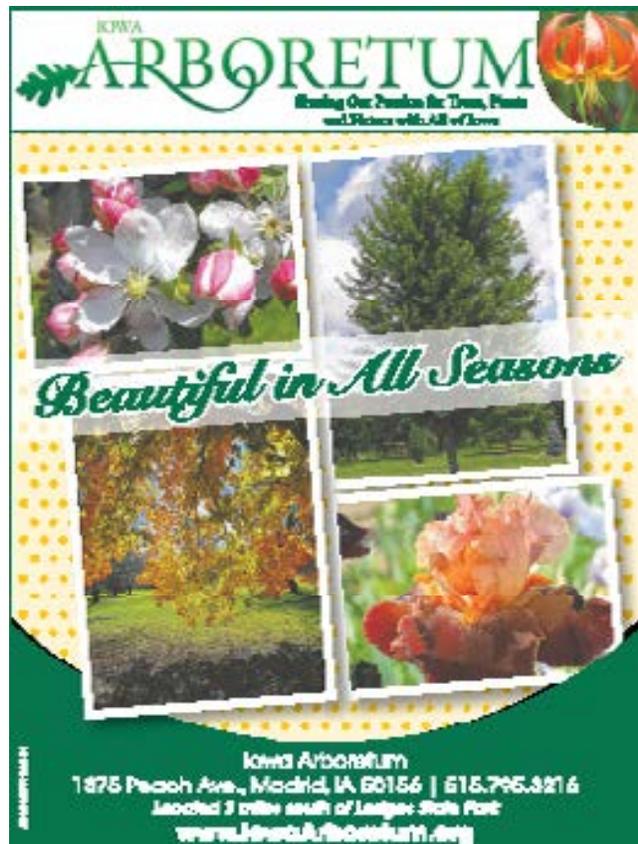


Hickory Grove School

The school, originally built in 1889 in the northeastern corner of Yell Township, allows visitors to sit in desks once occupied by school children, peruse books they read, and see the school house's potbelly stove. The building's furnishings span the history of its 77 years. It nally closed its doors on May 11, 1956. Slates, historic maps and globes, teacher's tools and many textbooks, encyclopedias, children's books and other school memorabilia are contained in the collection displayed within the building.

The museum was formerly located at Don Williams Recreation Area, but was moved in late 2006 to the site of the Battin Chapel, which contains a well-preserved railroad depot in addition to the chapel and school. The Boone County Historical Society and the Battin Heritage Association jointly sponsor the museum located at the juncture of old Highway 30 (E41) and J Avenue between Ogden and Boone.

To arrange a tour of the school and the other attractions on the site, contact Boone County Historical Society, 602 Story St., Boone, Iowa, by phone: (515) 432-1907 or by email: director@boonecountyhistory.org. The Battin Heritage Association can be reached at P. O. Box 759, Ogden, Iowa 50212. v



The Boone County Fair

The Boone County Fair will once again open its gates to the spectators, exhibitors, thrill-seekers, and fair-goers of Boone County and beyond from July 21-24, 2016.

While fun comes in many forms, you will surely find your kind of fun at the fair. You are sure to find thrills riding the great rides from the new carnival. Yep, you heard it right! We have booked legendary clean and friendly Sam's Amusements Carnival for the Fair! From traditional favorites such as food on a stick, to the 4-H and FFA livestock shows and exhibits and queen coronation, the award-winning Boone County Fair will provide entertainment for everyone. Daytime fun will include free kids shows, pedal tractor pull, and the helping hands farm. In the evening the Grandstand will light up with exciting events like the truck pull. The commercial exhibits, both inside and out, will have lots of things to look at and the

crafters will have countless handmade items available. You will also want to take time to join in the fun by participating in one of our many contests, from photography, to horticulture, and the Little King & Queen Contest to the Bill Riley Talent Search, everyone can get involved.

Not only does the Boone County Fairgrounds host the annual fair, there are numerous activities held throughout the year. Such events include craft shows, auctions, civic group fundraisers, political events, wedding receptions and banquets, just to name a few. The fairgrounds have recently expanded the campgrounds for camping throughout the summer months. In the winter months, the buildings on the fairgrounds are a great place to store your boat or camper.

As you can see, there is something going on at the Boone County Fairgrounds every part of year. For more information about activities held



throughout the year and the Boone County Fair, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or visit us on the web at www.boonecountyfairia.com or give us a call at (515) 432-5899. v

Iowa Municipal Band Festival



The Iowa Municipal Band Festival was born on a cool summer evening in 1991 when Ted Erickson, a longtime musician and teacher in the Boone school system, and Dave Richardson, then the high school band director, began discussing band festivals after a concert by the Boone Municipal Band. Their idea became reality the following year and has grown each year since.

The Iowa Municipal Band Festi-

val quickly transformed into a one-of-a-kind celebration of band music. During this one day each year, musicians representing their communities have an opportunity to perform to a wonderful audience in a non-competitive performance that continues the century-old tradition of community band music in the Hawkeye State.

This year, the 25th Annual Municipal Band Festival will be held Saturday, July 9, at the Herman Park

Pavilion in Boone. The festival is held each year on the second Saturday of July. The full line-up for the day-long festival will be announced at a later date.

The Boone Municipal Band also performs weekly summer evening concerts at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday and a Fourth of July concert that attract residents from Boone and the surrounding area.

Each concert features an ice cream social hosted by a local church. v



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For more information about Boone County Hospital, log on to www.boonehospital.com.

Boone County Hospital

Boone County Hospital (BCH) offers a wide array of services, state-of-the-art technology, and caring physicians and staff for all of your healthcare needs. Whether you live in Boone County or are visiting the community, it's nice to know you can receive quality care when you need it.

Boone County Hospital offers an Emergency Room, Radiology and Lab, the Family Birth Center, a Wound and Hyperbaric Center, a Diabetes Center, Rehabilitation Services, including physical, occupational and speech therapies, and Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. In addition, the hospital owns and operates



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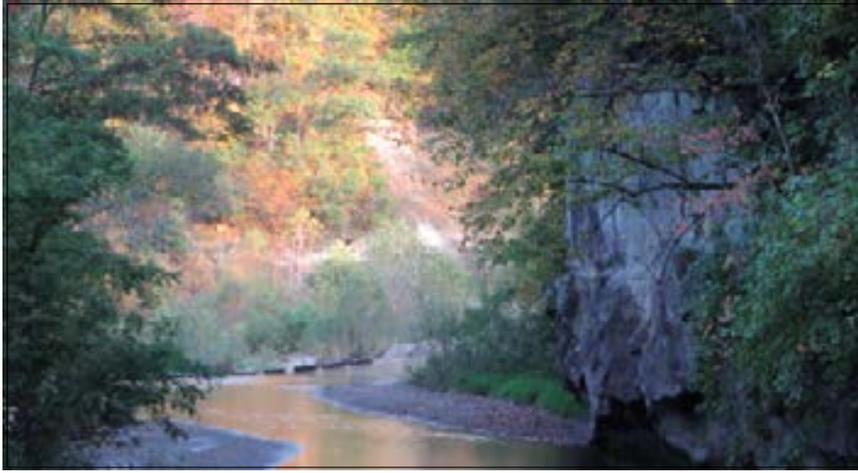
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Ledges State Park chock full of outdoor activities

Whether it is an afternoon of hiking or a family picnic, Ledges State Park, nestled in the hillsides and woods of Boone County, offers a wide array of outdoor activities.

Just a short drive from the City of Boone, Ledges is named for its unique sandstone rock formations - the "ledges" that rise approximately 100 feet above the Pea's Creek stream bed in the Canyon. Motorists navigating the Canyon Drive can travel through several low water creek crossings - the water is just inches deep. Children, adults and pets alike or just dipping in their feet while basking in the sun in the spring, summer and fall.

Blessed with 1,200 acres of stunning, spectacular scenery, Ledges offers some of the best hiking, camping, picnicking, wildlife viewing, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in central Iowa.

Ledges has thrilled millions of visitors with its 4.5-mile network of trails that lead hikers up and down steep slopes and overlooks that spy out upon breathtaking views of the Pea's Creek Canyon and Des Moines River valley. Although most of its 4.5 miles of trails are on steep and rugged terrain, there is an accessible interpretive trail near Lost Lake, which is located at the southern tip of the park.

The Des Moines River, Pea's Creek,

(which is named after John Pea, one of the first settlers in the Boone area) and Davis Creek weave in and around the park, enhancing its natural beauty.

Following the retreat of the shallow sea that once covered the Midwest, approximately 13,000 years ago, glacial melt water began to cut down through the sandstone, forming the park's drainage basins and valleys.

The beauty of the Canyon and its lush quickly became a major attraction for many in the early 1900s. Proposals to make it a state park were made as early as 1919. That became a reality in 1924 when state legislators officially deemed it one of Iowa's first state parks.

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A portion of The Boone County Historical Society's museum, located in downtown Boone, is dedicated to Henning, complete with a life-size, cardboard cutout photo of him, one of his journals, and many of the artifacts, including birds eggs and nests that he collected during his 16 years as Ledges custodian.

Park facilities were created by the Civilian Conservation Corps out of native timber and eldstone in the 1930s and are still intact today. Examples of the craftsmanship include an arch stone bridge, a shelter house created out of oak wood, stone steps, as well as a stone & timber shelter dedicated to Carl Fritz Henning.

Ledges State Park has a history of being flooded from the nearby Des Moines River. Significant flooding occurred in the summers of 1993, 2008 and 2010. Following the 2010 floods, a large culvert damaged near the exit of the Canyon Drive in Lower Ledges was replaced with a new, larger bridge. Crews also cleaned up portions of Lower Ledges that were damaged by flooding.

Ledges State Park offers camping facilities that will suit both beginners and avid outdoorsmen. The park has 95 campsites; 40 with electrical hook-ups, 42 non-electric and 12 hike-in sites. The campground also offers a Youth Group campsite for chaperoned youth groups.

The campground is fully equipped with modern restrooms, showers, an RV dump station, a trailer for recyclable materials and a playground.

Advance campsite and shelter reservations can be made through the park reservation system online at <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or by calling toll free to (877) 427-2757.

There are ample opportunities for volunteer activities at Ledges with the Friends of the Ledges. The group meets the third Thursday of every month (January-October) at 6:30pm at the Ledges park office. Information about the Friends of the Ledges can be found at www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLedges

For more information about Ledges State Park, visit the DNR's Website at www.exploreiowaparks.com or call the park office at (515) 432-1852. v



Our Town Make it Yours!

Ogden is an attractive and friendly community of 2,044 people nestled in the heart of Iowa. Just 25 miles from Ames and 45 miles from Des Moines, Ogden residents can easily travel to big city amenities and come home to a small town where neighbors are friends.

Rich History

Ogden will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2016. The town was laid out by the railroad in 1866 and Ogden's main street was part of the famous Lincoln Highway, the first highway to cross the continent from New York City to San Francisco. Today, Ogden's downtown has the look and feel of those early days and offers goods and services to antique bus and modern shoppers. A fun downtown activity for newcomers is to search for the "foot prints" that were mysteriously cast in the wet Lincoln Highway pavement in 1929. Watch for weekly articles about Ogden's 150-year history and monthly presentations on specific historical topics at the McGraw Center. Come and learn about our town today!

Local Amenities

Ogden offers many amenities such as affordable housing, a vital business district, local utility and telephone services and the security of a small town. The community is extremely proud of its modern and up-to-date schools, including Howe Elementary School, North Middle School and Ogden High School. The City of Ogden provides modern services too, with an attractive City Hall, a well-equipped Fire Department and a recently renovated Leonard A. Good Community Library. The City also provides a beautiful and spacious Leonard A. Good Community Center for corporate meetings, reunions and wedding receptions. Come and enjoy our facilities!

Moving Forward

Ogden seeks out opportunities to grow, prosper and move forward. Each year, the local economic development group Ogden Legacy sponsors great promotions like Ogden Fun Days, the City-Wide Garage Sale, Oktoberfest and the Christmas Celebration. Ogden Legacy is also working to help local businesses expand and grow. Today, virtually anything

you need - from medical services to groceries, from hardware to owners - can be found in downtown Ogden. Come and shop in Ogden today!

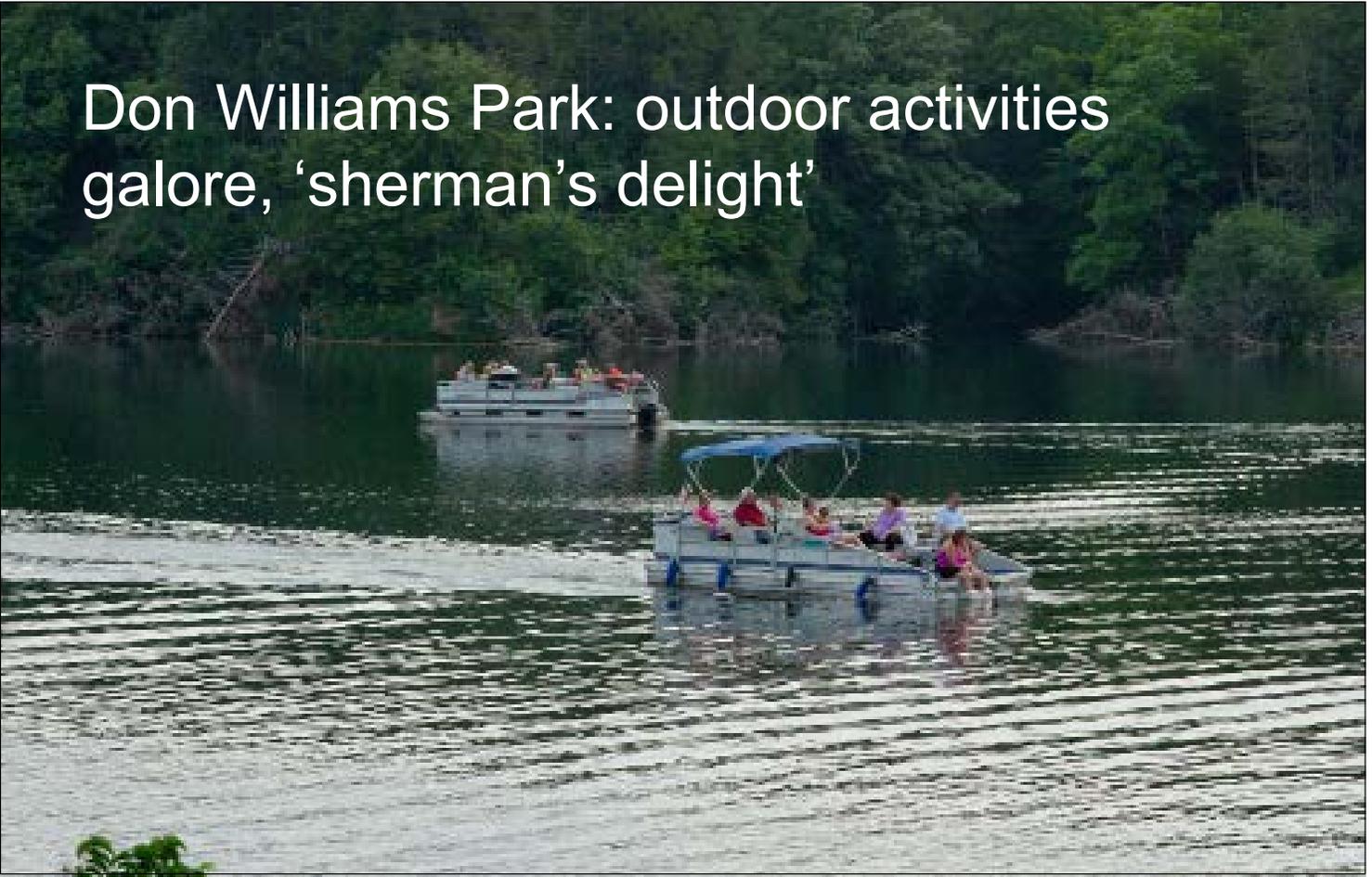
Area Recreational Opportunities

Ogden is blessed with many scenic recreational opportunities. In Ogden you can enjoy city parks with a band stand, shelters, children's play equipment and basketball courts. You can also enjoy a recreational trail that connects the city parks, the Community Center and the Ogden High School. You can even meander through a prairie wildflower area! Outside of town, you can enjoy a beautiful lake, modern campgrounds, and a challenging golf course at Don Williams Recreation Area. Also near Ogden is Seven Oaks Recreation Center, offering skiing in the winter and hiking and canoeing in the summer and fall. And just east of Ogden is the Hickory Grove School Museum and the Battin Chapel, and a collection of historic bridges including the Humpback Bridge, the Wagon Bridge and the Kate Shelley High Bridge. Come and enjoy these great amenities today!

Contact Us!

Ogden is proud of its small town and welcomes you and hopes that you will visit soon! For more information, visit our Website at: www.ogdeniowa.net or contact Ogden Legacy, Box 694, Ogden, Iowa 50212, or Ogden City Hall at cityofogden@netins.net or (515) 275-2917.

Don Williams Park: outdoor activities galore, 'sherman's delight'



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The honey comfort of a log cabin on the lakeshore are waiting for you at Don Williams Lake!
 Nestled in the woods overlooking the water, these cabins have all the amenities of home.

- AC/Heating and Open Year Round
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- TV & DVD • Living Room with 2 Fold-Out Couches
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- One Restaurant in the Park Open During the Summer Season

High 'Tropic' Trail Bridge:



(1/2 mile long and 140 ft. high) One of the longest and tallest pedestrian bridges in the world.



Landed within 1 mile of the High Tropic Bridge, electric and gas electric outlets, and indoor pool, shower, playground, apt. rooms.



Don Williams Lake



Don Williams has 120 electric and 50 gas electric outlets, 25 air air units with high speed fans, water, coffee, blenders, crock pot, 9 cabins, 9 hole golf course, restaurant, 3 outdoor central electric, playground equipment.

Reserve Your Dates By Calling:
Boone County Conservation Board
515-353-4237

Cabins may be rented weekly or by the night, (2 night minimum on weekends).



Boone County Conservation Board is located north of Ocala. This area is open to the public.

Don Williams Park, located five miles north of Ogden on County Road P70, boasts 600 acres of pristine park land of prairies, meadows and woods. For many, it is the destination for a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, camping and golfing.

The campground includes 150 sites with electric hook-ups and 30 without, as well as three log cabins on the 149-acre lake that can be rented year-round.

In addition to the campsites and luxury log cabins, facilities also include two open air shelters, playgrounds, and modern bathrooms and showers. The park also has a nine-hole golf course, hiking trails, swimming beach, fishing and bait shop, docks for pontoon boats – the lake is no-wake boating – and two enclosed shelters, which are available for weddings, reunions and anniversaries.

The open shelters and campgrounds are “first-come, first-served.”

Don Williams Lake, commonly



referred to as a “sherman’s delight,” is well known for its channel catfish and crappies. The lake also has a substantial large-mouth bass population, as well as bluegill and walleye – providing vast possibilities for both experienced

anglers and beginners.

For more information, contact Boone County Conservation, 610 H Ave., Ogden, Iowa 50212, or call (515) 353-4237 or visit www.boonecounty.iowa.gov/conservation.



Boone County Camps and Retreat Centers

Camp Hantesa, Campre Heart of IA 1405 Oriole Rd. Boone, IA	Church of God Camp 1952 QL Ln. Madrid, IA	Y Camp 1192 166th Dr., Boone, IA
Camp Mitigwa, Boy Scouts of America 1820 Magnolia Rd. Woodward, IA	Iowa 4H Camp 1991 Peach Ave. Madrid, IA	
Camp Sacajawea, Girl Scouts of Greater IA 638 L Ave. , Boone, IA	Sunstream Retreat Center 1130 Juneberry Rd., Ogden, IA	

Boone County Campgrounds

Boone Co. Campgrounds	# sites	Electricity	Water*	Restrooms	Showers	Cabins
Boone Co. Fairgrounds 1601 Industrial Park Rd.	50	X	X	X	X	
Don Williams Lake 672 Hawkeye Lane, Ogden IA	150 30	X	X X	X X	X X	3
Ledges State Park 1515 P Ave. Madrid, IA	40 54	X	X X	X X	X X	
Seven Oaks Recreation O Hwy. 30 between Boone & Ogden	tent only			X(Lodge)	X(Lodge)	
Swede Point Recreational Area 601 322nd Ln, Madrid IA	24 4	X	X X	X X	X X	
Sunstream Retreat Center 1130 Juneberry Road, Ogden	31 13	X X	X	X X	X X	X

*water is accessible not necessarily on site