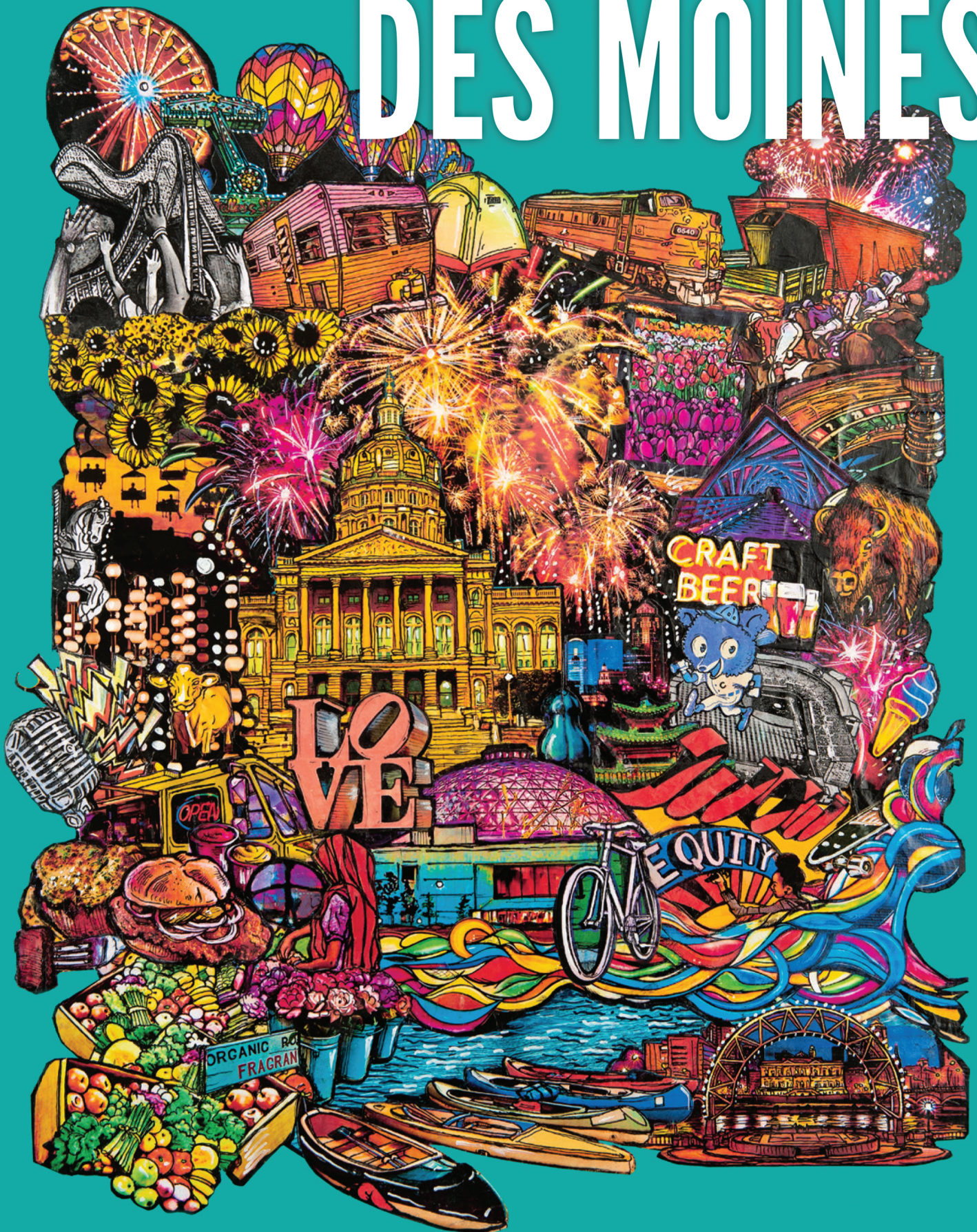


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The airport, hotels, restaurants, and attractions have implemented extensive cleaning procedures, staff and guest health screenings, and adjustments to accommodate social distancing recommendations. We assure you; your health and safety are and always will be our number one priority. You can learn about community precautions here: catchdesmoines.com.

In the Art issue of the Catch Des Moines Guide, we shine a light on the community's rich cultural experiences, from the international award-winning Des Moines Arts Festival and the six-mile Art Route to the Hamilton-hosting Des Moines Civic Center to the world-class Des Moines Metro Opera. Art permeates nearly every corner of the city, from Instagram-ready murals to the thought-provoking (and free!) Des Moines Art Center. Whether you prefer the Nomade at the Sculpture Park or the Butter Cow at the Iowa State Fair, we have something for everyone, assuring that while taste is subjective, we'll never go out of style.

Greater Des Moines is an emerging arts destination in the Midwest and throughout the pages that follow, you'll find colorful and creative ways to experience the city, such as things to do, authentic international cuisine, and relaxing places to stay.

One thing you'll notice while you explore the city: Our people are eager to get to know you and share their love of the city. ("Iowa Nice" is a real thing!) We're exceptionally proud of our community, and our businesses are grateful for your patronage.

We hope you enjoy your trip and leave feeling rejuvenated, hopeful, and inspired. If there is anything we can do to improve your visit, please reach out anytime.

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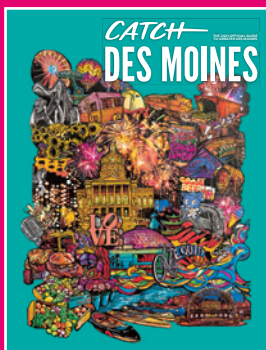


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ON THE COVER

Mollie Wallace is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines (2000) and the Pratt Art Institute in Brooklyn, New York (2004). Her public art can be viewed in Des Moines and New Orleans, and includes everything from murals and portraits to Mardi Gras costumes and food trucks. Her in-progress work as well as examples of past work can be viewed at Mollie Wallace Art on Facebook and Instagram.



MARIA VINCENT BOUTIQUE

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

Whether you like your weather paired with shorts and sunscreen or sweaters and cider, Greater Des Moines has you covered with can't miss attractions during every season; no matter how many layers it takes.

SPRING



THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE HALL OF LAUREATES

This beautifully restored, century old building serves as both a museum celebrating food security and a unique event space.



IOWA STATE CAPITOL

100 rooms of awe-inspiring history and camera-ready beauty.



BLANK PARK ZOO

Lions and tigers and red panda bears, oh my!



SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

Virtual learning is exhausting. Take the kids to the Science Center of Iowa, where learning is REAL fun!



PRINCIPAL PARK

Catch a rising star, or a hot dog, at the AAA affiliate of the Cubs. Go Cubs go!



SALISBURY HOUSE

Go back in time in this beautiful 42-room mansion built in the 1920s, filled with art, rare books, and antique furnishings.

SUMMER

IOWA STATE FAIR

70 foods on a stick, 500 exhibitors, and a million other reasons to check out the number one state fair in the country.



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4.4 acres of awe-inspiring art and selfie opportunities.



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Social entertainment venue that boasts Iowa's largest patio, 70 HD TVs, pickleball, ping pong, cornhole, and bar food that's far from ordinary.

ADVENTURELAND

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DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

Food, music, murals, more than 300 vendors, and lots of dogs. It's one of the best-rated Farmers' Markets in America for a reason.

SAYLORVILLE LAKE

Pontoon rentals, a beach, and two bar and grills to float your boat.



FALL

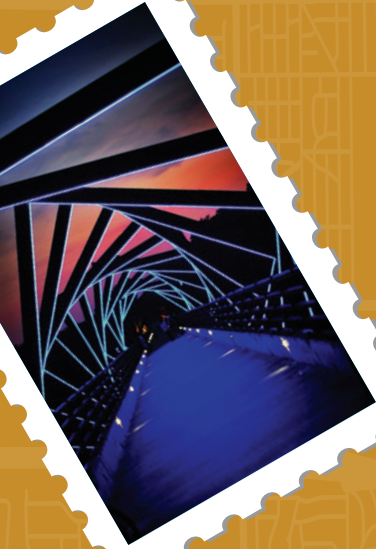
GEISLER FARMS

In September and October, enjoy more than 30 family-friendly activities, including farm favorites like the big slide, jumping pad, ring the hook game, and a corn-maze. And cider donuts. Lots of cider donuts.



HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL

25 miles of exploration, anchored by an illuminated bridge, and never far from a bite or brew.



LIVING HISTORY FARMS

We're not all farms you know, but the ones we do have are pretty epic. This 500-acre outdoor museum includes everything from milking cows to old-timey baseball.

BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

For a taste of Americana, go south to Winterset to see the famed covered bridges featured in The Bridges of Madison County.



BOONE & SCENIC VALLEY RAILROAD & MUSEUM

Take a ride through spectacular scenery on a classic train car and learn about the history of railroading in Iowa.



WINTER



GREATER DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN

Rain or shine, things are always in bloom at this beautiful, seven-acre public garden in the heart of downtown.



BRENTON SKATING PLAZA

Skyline skate and then shop and sip your way through a winter weekend where the fun heats up even when the temperature drops.

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPORTS PARK

Here you'll find snow tubing and two different sledding experiences to fit your family or thrill level. Enjoy the park after dark under lit sledding and tubing courses, then grab a snack or drink at the lodge to warm up.



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ART IN ACTION AT MAINFRAME STUDIOS

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF MAINFRAME STUDIOS? We provide permanent, affordable workspaces for artists of all disciplines—75 nonresidential studio spaces for creatives and arts nonprofits. Artists include game developers, glass blowers, art conservation, clothing design, letterpress, music, animation ... you name it. Currently, we serve 90 artists every day.

WHAT MAKES MAINFRAME STUDIOS SO SPECIAL? Mainframe is the largest nonprofit creative workspace in the nation, and our affordability (\$5,000 annual studio rental) blows people away. Affordability is our mission, and we mean it. We reduce the barriers to starting and sustaining a creative career. Demand is high—occupancy is near 100%, and there are 100 people on the waiting list.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CENTRAL IOWA ARTS COMMUNITY? It surprises people. We have an artist who works for Warner Bros. on projects including “Secret Life of Pets” and “Batman.” We have game developers making the next generation of science education tools. We have an artist who developed album covers for Van Halen, Prince, and Stevie Wonder.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR MAINFRAME STUDIOS? We're building out one more floor and plan to announce an artist residency program. It's tailored for artists working in New York City to see what it's like creating art in Des Moines. The studios will have a public art installation on the roofline, and we're also painting a 360-degree mural on the exterior walls this summer.

HOW CAN THE PUBLIC EXPERIENCE THE SPACE AND INTERACT WITH ARTISTS? First Fridays—when the space is an open house (held the first Friday evening every month). It's a great way to experience the studios for the first time. Also, a lot of our artists offer workshops and demonstrations. You can see a glass-blowing demonstration, then sign up to do a workshop. I highly recommend it. There's also a new art supply store, Block, that supplies materials to local artists. We encourage people to have events here. We have artists who can do decor, invitations, gifts, and art experiences for couples. We also have custom art services.

As executive director of Mainframe Studios, Siobhan Spain works to provide affordable studio space for working artists. She's been in the industry for two decades, including at art meccas Santa Fe and Santa Monica, and returned to Des Moines in 2009.

Spain believes creatives play a vital role in the community's economic resilience. Through Mainframe Studios—a 160,000-square-foot space with five floors—artists in myriad disciplines find room to express their talents. “People don't realize how much creativity we have in Des Moines,” she says.

For more information and a list of artists, visit mainframestudios.org.

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Devise your Des Moines bucket list with our curated "Best of" lists from those who know best. Locals. From the best brunch and tenderloins to the best boutiques and hidden gems, it's never been easier to start planning your Des Moines getaway. Visit catchdesmoines.com/desbest to get a taste of Des Moines. It's Des Best resource around!

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MURALS AROUND TOWN

As a celebrated arts destination in the Midwest, Greater Des Moines is full of public art just waiting to be discovered. From commissioned pieces by world-famous artists to tucked-away surprises by local creators, Greater Des Moines is a city rich with public art that is free for all to enjoy.





📍 "Love Blooms"
Court & 2nd Ave, Des Moines



📍 "Untitled"
3506 University Ave, Des Moines



📍 "Martin"
300 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines



📍 "Cheers from Des Moines"
1514 Walnut St, Des Moines

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THINGS TO DO



THE CITY OF FESTIVALS

Greater Des Moines boasts a busy social calendar this year! Whether you're into music, the arts or pork chops on a stick, you'll find numerous reasons to experience central Iowa's culture.

June 25-27, the **Des Moines Arts Festival** takes over Western Gateway Park downtown. Juried artists (180 from all over the country) display their visual arts — paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculptures, and more. While strolling through the art displays, enjoy food, adult- and kid-friendly beverages, and live tunes. The two performance stages feature 25 local, regional, and national artists. Kid activities are always part of the fun.

The city's premiere music festival, **80-35**, lights up Western Gateway Park with music from top touring artists as well as regional, and local bands. This year's event is July 9-10. Tickets are essential for accessing the main stage, while free stages highlight a mix of artists, including local bands and Gen Z upstarts. Food and drink vendors, as well as a kids' zone, are included with the popular event. Bring a picnic blanket or camp chairs to stake out a spot on the lawn. And come early to grab a slice of shade!



THINGS TO DO



Hosted annually in Indianola, the **National Balloon Festival**, is a perennial family favorite. July 24 through August 1, more than 100 balloons in a rainbow of colors and shapes will light up the sky each morning and night. At Night Glows, fans get up close and personal as the pilots fire the burners and balloons dazzle with their gorgeous glow in the night sky. In addition to the views, find food, live music, and a play zone for the kids.

Iowa farm roots run deep, and nowhere is that more evident than the **Iowa State Fair**. This year, the event runs August 12-22. Tasty food on a stick is always a top draw, as is the Giant Slide, animal displays, and live music (hello, Chris Stapleton and The Beach Boys!). Be sure to check out the Iowa Craft Beer Tent to sample local brews and enjoy good company.

DES MOINES WELCOMES IRONMAN!

The iconic race is coming to downtown and West Des Moines June 20! Whether you're an athlete, a family cheering squad, or a sports fan looking to see athletes at their peak performance, the event promises to be fun and action-packed.

The Certified Piedmontese IRONMAN 70.3 Des Moines centers on Gray's Lake and downtown, so there are plenty of opportunities to see athletes swim, bike, and run around the city. The average race time for the 70.3 miles is about six hours.

The event starts with a 1.2-mile swim at Gray's Lake. With a paved trail around the lake, there's ample space to see the freestyle swimmers. Next up is the 56-mile bike courses through Water Works Park, brand new roads in West Des Moines and highlights some rural Iowa farmland. And phase three: The 13.1-mile run tracks athletes through Gray's Lake to downtown. Find a spot in downtown's sculpture park for a prime viewing spot.

2021 MAJOR EVENTS

APRIL **IOWA STATE 8 & 9 BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

April 7-11, 2021
Hy-Vee Hall
ispa-billiards.org

DRAKE RELAYS PRESENTED BY XTREAM POWERED BY MEDIACOM

April 22-24, 2021
Drake Stadium
drakerelays.org

JUNK JUBILEE SPRING SHOW

April 23-25, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
junkjubilee.com

MAY **VALLEY JUNCTION FARMERS MARKET**

Thursdays, May - September, 2021
Historic Valley Junction
valleyjunction.com

DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

Saturdays, May - October, 2021
Historic Court District
desmoinesfarmersmarket.com

CO-ED STATE TRACK MEET

May 20-22, 2021
Drake Stadium
iahsaa.org/ighsau.org

JUNE **BOYS STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

June 1-5, 2021
James Cownie Soccer Park
iahsaa.org

GREEK FOOD FAIR

June 2021
Greek Orthodox Church of St. George

DES MOINES BEER WEEK

June 2021
Greater Des Moines
dsmbeerweek.beer



WINEFEST

June 1-12, 2021
Downtown Des Moines
winefestdesmoines.com

PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

June 1-6, 2021
Wakonda Golf Course
principalcharityclassic.com

GIRLS STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

June 8-9, 11, 2021
James Cownie Soccer Park
ighsau.org

WORLD PORK EXPO

June 9-11, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
worldpork.org



30 DAYS OF PRIDE

June 2021
Historic East Village
capitalcitypride.org

CERTIFIED PIEDMONTESE IRONMAN 70.3 DES MOINES

June 20, 2021
Downtown Des Moines
ironman.com/im703-des-moines

IOWA JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE

June 19, 2021
Greater Des Moines
iowajuneteenth.org

JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

June 20-26, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
nhsra.com/juniorhighfinals

DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL

June 25-27, 2021
Western Gateway Park
desmoinesartsfestival.org

ARTFEST MIDWEST 2021

June 26-27, 2021
Iowa Events Center
artfestmidwest.com

JULY **ALL IOWA BASH**

July 2021
Historic Valley Junction
valleyjunction.com

YANKEE DOODLE POPS

July 2, 2021
Iowa State Capitol
dmsymphony.org/concerts-events/yankee-doodle-pops

GOODGUYS HEARTLAND NATIONALS

July 2-4, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
good-guys.com

US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP

July 7-11, 2021
James W. Cownie Soccer Park
usyouthsoccer.org/national-presidents-cup

80/35 MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 9-10, 2021
Western Gateway Park
80-35.com

BOYS STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

July 23-31, 2021
Principal Park
iahsaa.org

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF IOWA

July 24, 2021
Western Gateway Park
italianfestivalofiowa.com



NATIONAL BALLOON CLASSIC

July 30 - August 7, 2021
Indianola Memorial Balloon Field
nationalballoonclassic.com



AUGUST **DES MOINES RESTAURANT WEEK**

August 2021
Greater Des Moines
desmoinesrestaurantweek.com

HINTERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 6-8, 2021
St. Charles, Iowa
hinterlandiowa.com

**IOWA STATE FAIR**

August 12-22, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
iowastatefair.org

EMC DAM TO DSM

August 28, 2021
Saylorville Dam & Cowles Commons
damtodsm.com

SEPTEMBER**WORLD FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

September 17-19, 2021
Downtown Des Moines
dsmpartnership.com/worldfoodandmusicfestival

IOWA LATINO HERITAGE FESTIVAL

September 25-26, 2021
Western Gateway Park
latinoheritagefestival.org

OCTOBER**CELEBRASIAN**

October 1-2, 2021
Western Gateway Park
iowaasianalliance.com

IMT DES MOINES MARATHON

October 16-17, 2021
Downtown Des Moines
desmoinesmarathon.com

USA WRESTLING PRESEASON NATIONALS

October 30-31, 2021
Iowa Events Center
preseasonnationals.com

NOVEMBER**DES MOINES TURKEY TROT**

November 25, 2021
Downtown Des Moines
desmoineskeytrot.com

IOWA'S PREMIER BEER, WINE & FOOD EXPO

November 11-14, 2021
Iowa Events Center
iowaeventscenter.com/events/iowas-premier-beer-wine-food-expo

JUNK JUBILEE FALL SHOW

November 11-14, 2021
Iowa State Fairgrounds
junkjubilee.com

JOLLY HOLIDAY LIGHTS

November 27 - January 3, 2021
Adventureland
iowa.wish.org

**FESTIVAL OF TREES & LIGHTS**

November 17-28, 2021
Iowa Events Center
unitypoint.org/blankchildrens/festival-of-trees.aspx

HOLIDAY PROMENADE EAST VILLAGE

November - December 2021
Historic East Village
dsmpartnership.com/downtowndsmusa/experiencing-downtown/festivals-and-markets/holiday-promenade

DECEMBER**CHRISTKINDMARKET DES MOINES**

December 2-5, 2021
Principal Park
christkindmarketdsm.com

IOWA DANCE & DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION STATE TEAM COMPETITION

December 1-3, 2021
Iowa Events Center
isdta.net

JANUARY**DES MOINES RV & OUTDOOR SHOW**

January 2022
Iowa Events Center
dmrvshow.com

IOWA PORK CONGRESS

January 26-27, 2022
Iowa Events Center
iowaporkcongress.org

FEBRUARY**IOWA AAU KIDS STATE FOLKSTYLE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

February 2022
Wells Fargo Arena
aauiowa.org

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

February 2022
Wells Fargo Arena
iahsaa.org

IOWA AG EXPO

February 1-3, 2022
Iowa Events Center
ineda.com

DES MOINES HOME + GARDEN SHOW

February 10-13, 2022
Iowa Events Center
desmoineshomeandgardenshow.com

IOWA BEEF EXPO

February 12-19, 2022
Iowa State Fairgrounds
iowabeefexpo.com

GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

February 28 - March 5, 2022
Wells Fargo Arena
ighsau.org

**MARCH****BLUE RIBBON BACON FESTIVAL**

March 2022
blueribbonbaconfestival.com

IOWA HOME SHOW

March 2022
Iowa State Fairgrounds

IOWA DEER CLASSIC

March 2022
Iowa Deer Classic
iowadeerclassic.com

NATIONAL ARCHERY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 2022
Iowa State Fairgrounds
iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Shooting-Sports/Archery-in-the-Schools-NASP

BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 7-11, 2022
Wells Fargo Arena
iahsaa.org

IOWA FLOWER, LAWN & GARDEN SHOW

March 2022
Iowa State Fairgrounds
facebook.com/IowaFlowerShow

AAU MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING DUALS

March 2022
Hy-Vee Hall
aauwrestling.net

MAYOR'S ANNUAL RIDE AND RUN

Spring 2022
Principal Park
dmgov.org/departments/parks/pages/MARR.aspx



 ADVENTURELAND PARK

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adventurelandpark.com

Adventureland Park has more than 100 rides, shows, and attractions, including the new family spinning roller coaster, The Phoenix! Rides for all ages are available, from mild to wet-and-wild. Shows throughout the park feature a variety of family entertainment. Don't miss Iowa's newest water park, Adventure Bay. Water park admission is included with admission to Adventureland Park. Please see adventurelandpark.com for the Park and Water Park operation dates.

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Historic Valley Junction
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5959 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
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dmacc.edu/ci

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DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL

Western Gateway Park
15th & Locust Streets, Des Moines
(515) 286-4950

desmoinesartsfestival.org

The internationally-recognized Des Moines Arts Festival returns June 25-27, 2021 to downtown Des Moines' Western Gateway Park. The Festival features visual arts, live music, performing arts, interactive arts activities, Interrobang Film Festival, Jazz and Wine Pavilion, and plenty of eclectic food and beverage booths providing guests with an arts experience to remember!

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downtowndesmoines.com

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Court District, Des Moines
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GREATER DES MOINES PUBLIC ART FOUNDATION

Greater Des Moines

dsmpublicartfoundation.org

Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation recognizes that art belongs not just in galleries/museums, but in streetscapes, parks, buildings, and infrastructures of a thriving community. The Foundation collaborates with artists and local entities to create a world-class destination for public art. For a spectacular, self-guided tour of public art explore our interactive website and the DSM PUBLIC ART app.

HERITAGE CAROUSEL

Union Park
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(515) 323-8200

heritagecarousel.org

HISTORIC SWANSON HOUSE & CLIVE DEPOT

8641 Swanson Boulevard, Clive
(515) 635-5247

clivehistoricalsociety.org

The Clive Historical Society manages the Swanson House, Clive Depot, and railroad cabooses properties located at 8641 Swanson Boulevard. This is the historic center of Clive which was platted in 1882. The Swanson House served as a general store and post office for the period from 1911 to 1929.

HISTORIC VALLEY JUNCTION

4th - 7th blocks of Railroad Avenue & Locust Street, West Des Moines

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IOWA HALL OF PRIDE

Iowa Events Center
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Downtown Des Moines Bridges
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latinoheritagefestival.org

IOWA STATE CAPITOL

E 9th Street & Grand Avenue, Des Moines
(515) 281-5591

legis.iowa.gov/resources/tourcapitol

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IOWA STATE FAIR

Iowa State Fairgrounds
E 30th Street & E University Avenue, Des Moines
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iowastatefair.org

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Wells Fargo Arena at Iowa Events Center
730 3rd Street, Des Moines
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iowawild.com

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JOHN & MARY PAPPAGJOHN SCULPTURE PARK

Western Gateway Park
1330 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
(515) 277-4405

desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park

In September 2009, the 4.4-acre John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park opened in Des Moines' Western Gateway Park. Philanthropists John and Mary Pappajohn provided funding for and donated 31 sculptures by internationally acclaimed contemporary artists to the Des Moines Art Center. The Pappajohn Sculpture Park is a collaboration of the Pappajohns, the City of Des Moines, the Des Moines Art Center, and numerous corporate and private donors.

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MAINFRAME STUDIOS

900 Keosauqua Way, Des Moines
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nightingale.bar

Nightingale Cocktail brings comfortable cocktail culture to Des Moines with a level of sophistication and accessibility unlike any other nightlife venue in Iowa. Located directly on Grand Avenue in the heart of the Historic East Village neighborhood, our focus is fresh, handcrafted cocktails served in a comfortable but unique upscale atmosphere. It's the perfect destination for date night, night out on the town, an after work cocktail, or anything in between.

OUTLETS OF DES MOINES

801 Bass Pro Drive, Suite 125, Altoona
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Iowa State University
1407 University Boulevard, Ames
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SALISBURY HOUSE & GARDENS

4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines
(515) 274-1777

salisburyhouse.org

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6170 NW Polk City Drive, Polk City
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401 W Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines
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sciowa.org

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SMASH PARK

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smashpark.com

Smash Park is a one-of-a-kind social entertainment venue with backyard-style street food and hand-crafted cocktails. Featuring Iowa's largest patio & 40 HD TV's, it's Des Moines' new game day home base! Don't forget games: Smash Park is equipped with eight pickleball courts + shuffleboard, bocce ball, ping pong, bags & more! Smash Park includes four bars with wine & premium spirits, a selection of over fifty beers, & tempting hand-crafted cocktails. While you're here, treat yourself to delicious black Angus burgers, savory fire-roasted rotisserie chicken & plenty of shareables for your entire group!

STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF IOWA

600 E Locust Street, Des Moines
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TERRACE HILL

2300 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
(515) 281-7205
terracehill.iowa.gov

Terrace Hill, a National Historic Landmark and Iowa Governor's Residence, is among the finest examples of Victorian Second Empire architecture in the United States. Guided tours of the first floor and historic gardens and carriage house take visitors back to the Victorian lifestyle of the late 1880s. Please visit terracehill.iowa.gov for complete information about tour times, admission, and reservation guidelines.

TWISTED VINE BREWERY

3320 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines
(515) 720-2940
twistedvinebrewery.com

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WINEFEST DES MOINES

Various Greater Des Moines Locations
(515) 244-0039

winefestdesmoines.com

Winefest Des Moines is an annual festival celebrating the food and wine industry. The week-long event attracts thousands to its food and wine workshops, pairing dinners, and tasting events. Regarded as one of the most anticipated events of the year, Winefest offers something for beginning wine drinkers and connoisseurs alike. Winefest will take place June 1-12, 2021.

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100 Locust Street, Des Moines
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Since 1973, the Indianola-based organization has lured visitors from 40 states and several countries for its summer festival. This year, the event runs the month of July with 15 performances. The DMMO attracts some of the top talent in the industry and is renowned for an apprentice program where many famous singers got their start. Past performers have come from all over the United States, Great Britain, and more.

Visitors to the 467-seat **Pote Theater at the Blank Center for the Performing Arts** on the Simpson College campus get up close and personal with the performers. In fact, every seat is closer to the stage than the front-row seats at the Metropolitan in New York or Lyric Opera in Chicago.



The opera's focus is showcasing a contemporary, creative art form. This year's performances include a Russian ghost story, "The Queen of Spades," an ancient Greek tale, "Platée," a Victorian villain saga, "Sweeney Todd," and a history of the Lavender scare, "Fellow Travelers," when LGBTQ+ individuals were purged from the U.S. government.

In 2019, the **Lauridsen Opera Center** also opened in Indianola. Located in the city's former Carnegie library, the center's addition is clad in glass and exudes a sleek, modern vibe. Check out desmoinesmetroopera.org for more information.

BALLET DES MOINES

As Iowa's resident ballet company, Ballet Des Moines enriches lives through inspiring dance performances, education, community outreach, and partnerships. More than 10,000 Iowans engage with the Ballet's programming each year through educational programs at public schools, mainstage productions, free performances for local students, regional touring, and broadcast and digital streaming.

The Ballet, founded in 2012, attracts world-class professional artists. Over the past decade, it's employed artists from more than 10 countries. Thousands of local students engage with the programming each year, attending free Nutcracker school shows and in-school workshops, and performing alongside the professional company in story ballets.

For more information, visit balletdesmoines.org/season.

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artisangallery218.com

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hoytsherman.org

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**WELLS FARGO ARENA
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A HARBINGER OF TASTE

Chef Joe Tripp of Harbinger is making his mark on the Des Moines food scene. Nominated as Best Chef Midwest five times by the James Beard Foundation, the Des Moines native brings creative, Asian-inspired flavors to his cozy Ingersoll Avenue restaurant.

Opened in 2017, **Harbinger** has a primary focus on local, seasonal flavors. In fact, 50% of the restaurant's produce comes from the Downtown Des Moines Farmers' Market on Saturdays. "We hand-pick produce and have conversations with the people who grow it," Tripp adds.

The restaurant preserves the season's bounty through canning and other methods. Small plates loaded with flavor, texture, and umami are top draws, as are the tasting menus with wagyu

beef tartare, goat's milk cheesecake, and pork loin smoked over local applewood. You can also sample cocktails with an Asian twist: Strawberry Smash with strawberry basil or mezcal spiked with pepper and garlic. The restaurant allows diners to bring their own wine with a corkage fee.

During the pandemic, the small, cozy restaurant shifted to takeout with "**Basic Bird**" — Korean fried chicken and sides available for takeout. The concept proved so popular that Tripp is currently looking for a brick and mortar location. Harbinger is planning to return to in-person dining later, emphasizing small plates and tasting menus. "We're extremely excited to be getting back to doing what we do," Tripp says. "It's the perfect time to bloom."

Check out **harbinger.com** for current offerings and information.



PROOF

JAMES BEARD-NOMINATED CHEFS

Des Moines' food scene keeps evolving, thanks to these chefs and their restaurants, all nominated by the prestigious James Beard Foundation. In addition to Joe Tripp of **Harbinger**, check out these top local restaurants and their esteemed chefs.

Aposto, located in a Victorian mansion in Sherman Hill, is known for Italian dishes such as cavatelli, osso buco, and pizza. Chef Tony Lemmo was nominated for the former on-site restaurant, Cafe di Scala. The front porch is a favorite spot to enjoy a glass of wine and share a few small plates.

Known for its creative pizzas, **Eatery A** on Ingersoll Avenue also dishes up Mediterranean cuisine, including Moroccan Beef Kofta, Spanish Octopus, and Fattoush Salad. Come for happy hour and enjoy pizza and drinks on the patio. Chef Jason Simon leads the casual restaurant and also heads **Alba**, a top fine-dining spot in the East Village. His James Beard nomination came from this warm and cozy corner restaurant, which features an ever-changing menu based on fresh, local ingredients.

With views of downtown's sculpture park, **Proof** provides a memorable dining experience. The bright, casual restaurant's innovative menus include a melting pot of flavors. Start with a signature cocktail or glass of wine, then sample plates of creative dishes such as chile Verde



EATERY A



APOSTO

cauliflower. Executive chef Diego Rodriguez, who is originally from Mexico, infuses the menu with family flavors.

Another area favorite, **Table 128** in Clive serves updated American cuisine made with seasonal local ingredients. Owners Lynn and Sarah Pritchard created a relaxed vibe. Share a cheese and charcuterie plate or brussels sprouts with la Quercia prosciutto, then dive into a burger or grilled ribeye (plus vegetarian options).



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Set to become the largest skatepark in the nation, the Lauridsen Skatepark grand opening is scheduled for May 22. The world-class skatepark is destined to become the spot to watch locals and skate enthusiasts attempt ollies and kickflips.

Edging the Des Moines River downtown — with views of bridges, the Robert D. Ray Asian Gardens, and Wells Fargo Arena — the park has five skating areas, with the potential to host world-class professional events. (Fun fact: Skateboarding debuts as an Olympic sport Summer 2021 in Tokyo!)

The 88,000-square-foot park runs adjacent to Principal Riverwalk Park just south of the

interstate. Cruise the promenade on your longboard or enjoy spectating with your knees and elbows unscraped. The skatepark is accessible from the 5-mile urban trail, connecting to the 800-mile central Iowa trail network (find BCycle bike rentals throughout downtown).

Also part of the Skatepark, a fire engine red “WOW” sculpture (the city’s latest art installation) serves as a focal point. At 80 feet long and 12 feet high, skaters can ride the metal structure forming the letters, while casual strollers can snap photos for their social feeds.

For more information about the specific features, visit dmskatepark.com.





 RACCOON RIVER BOATHOUSE



ON THE WATER

With two rivers converging in the heart of the city — the Des Moines and the Raccoon — plus lake escapes, there are plenty of ways to get out on the water.

Edging the east-flowing Raccoon River in West Des Moines, Raccoon River Park is a top destination for families, fitness fans, and fishing and boating enthusiasts. New as of last year, the **Raccoon River Boathouse** offers even more reasons to visit the park, thanks to watercraft rentals available for exploring the 232-acre Blue Heron Lake. Operated by Indianola's **Canoe Sport Outfitters**, the structure houses single and double kayaks, fishing kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and paddleboats to cruise the lake. Rent boats by the half-hour, hour, or full-day (cash or credit accepted; prices start at \$10).

For another water experience without much effort, spend a day tubing through **Raccoon River Excursions**. Trips include a rental tube, life jacket, cooler, and a shuttle on the businesses' party bus.

As part of the Central Iowa Water Trails project, new art installations are being installed throughout the metro highlighting water safety at the trail's various access points.





QUARRY SPRINGS OUTFITTERS

Quarry Springs Outfitters provides other shuttle services throughout the area. As of press time, they were working to provide trips on the Des Moines River just south of Saylorville Lake and half-day excursions on Johnston's meandering, tree-lined Beaver Creek. Find rentals at Terra Park in Johnston. This winter, the business also developed a new community-based app, *Kayakventure*, in which users can leave or receive information about area rivers. quarryspringsoutfitters.com

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WILD RIDE ON ICE

Several minor league teams call Greater Des Moines home, previously named the No. 1 minor league sports market in the nation! Sports fans can see up-and-coming stars in hockey, hoops, baseball, and soccer in affordable, family-friendly environments.

An American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's Minnesota Wild, the **Iowa Wild**, has skated the frozen floor at **Wells Fargo Arena** since 2013.

Iowa Wild games are full of fun! Individual tickets are available as well as ticket packages. Make sure to experience a fan favorite — seeing Crash, the mascot, in addition to pre-game entertainment. Plus, there's a guarantee of

top-notch hockey (they were one of the top teams in the league last year), says Ben Gislason, manager of media relations with the Wild.

"One thing we take pride in is our family-first environment," Gislason says. "Come in and see great hockey and get a fast-paced, action-packed event. ...We take a lot of pride in putting on a great show."

The season this year runs February through May and includes 14 weekend games (the typical season is October through May). Concession deals occur throughout the week, including discounted brews.



PRINCIPAL PARK

MORE SPORTS ON DECK

Located near the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers' confluence, **Principal Park** is home to the **Iowa Cubs**, the Triple-A Chicago Cubs affiliate. An afternoon or evening at the ballpark is an essential family event. Kids love playing in the splash pad, diving for free hot dogs and I-Cubs swag shot from a canon, scoring high-fives from Cubby Bear the mascot, and running the bases after Sunday games. Adults enjoy Chicago dogs and other tasty eats and beverages. Pick up same-day tickets at the stadium or purchase in advance. The season runs May through early September.

For an action-packed game, check out the **Iowa Barnstormers** at **Wells Fargo Arena**. Playing May through August, the high-octane Indoor Football League promises big scores and big athletics. The Barnstormers play seven home games this year, and single-game tickets are available.

Soccer fans can get their fix at **Drake University's** stadium. The **Des Moines Menace**, Iowa's premier soccer team, consistently sends players to higher professional leagues, provides local flair in addition to plenty of activity on the field. During a typical summer game (the season runs May through July), see area dancers and musicians, throw a "chuck for a buck" to win local prizes, and maybe even get a chance to take the Jethro's Wing Eating Contest during halftime.

And for hoops lovers, the **Iowa Wolves**, an affiliate of the Minnesota Timberwolves, also plays at Wells Fargo Arena. The team typically plays 40 games in a season, which runs November through March.



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STYLE OF THE CITY

There's plenty to love in Greater Des Moines for those seeking retail therapy. Find independent boutiques with fun finds and large national chains featuring the latest styles and trends.

The **Historic East Village**, home of the magnificent Iowa State Capitol, provides an array of stores — clothing, gourmet foods, cooking supplies, jewelry, botanicals, beauty, interior design, and home décor, and even “The Greatest Store in the Universe,” as **Raygun** bills itself. Make a stop at the popular t-shirt and accessories business to find silly, edgy, and irreverent novelties commenting on current headlines.

On your walkable tour of the district, stop by favorites including **Eden** for beauty products, **Kitchen Collage**, **Gong Fu Tea**, and **AllSpice Culinarium** for culinary essentials, and **Indie House**, **Petal + Moss**, **Sticks**, and **West Elm** for home decor. Runners and cyclists — stop by **Fleet Feet** and **Ichu Bike**.

For antiques and boutiques, galleries, and home goods, as well as crafts and hobbies, **Historic Valley Junction** in West Des Moines is a go-to destination, just a short drive west of downtown.

On the National Register of Historic Places, Fifth Street and the surrounding side streets

make up **Historic Valley Junction**, which offers numerous independent businesses to explore. Top stops include **Artisan Gallery 218**, the **Heart of Iowa Market Place**, and **Hinge**, recently voted best boutique.

Jordan Creek Town Center, Central Iowa's largest mall and surrounding shops and restaurants, is the place to find top national retailers. At the enclosed mall, check out the latest technology at the **Apple** store; find clothing for working out and dressing up; and browse department stores like **Dillard's** with a little of everything.

New to the metro as of 2018, the Altoona-based **Outlets of Des Moines** entices bargain-hunters with popular brands including Nike, Le Creuset, Lucky Brand, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Ralph Lauren, and Vera Bradley. The outlets are tucked behind **Bass Pro Shop** off Interstate 80.

Ankeny's **The District at Prairie Trail** is another top spot to shop for decor, crafting, and clothing before grabbing a bite to eat in the District. If you're looking for modern furniture or home accessories, stop by **Elements at Prairie Trail** for transitional-style decor. Hop on the hot houseplant trend at **Adina Blooms**, and then shop home decor kits such as painted signs and chunky knit throws at **AR Workshop**.



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Consistently ranked as a top farmers' market in the nation (No. 2, but who's counting?), the Saturday morning event on Court Avenue is a perennial favorite for locals and visitors alike. Shop the state's bounty: fresh produce, cheese and meat, wine and smoothies, live plants and flowers, coffee and tea, and tasty treats such as breakfast burritos and international eats (not to mention a plethora of custom art and other creations). Here are a few stats to whet your appetite:

- 300:** Vendors participating each weekend
- 25,000:** Average number of visitors each Saturday
- 32:** Number of weeks the market runs — from the first week of May through the end of October
- 50:** Iowa counties represented by farmers, artists, producers, and more
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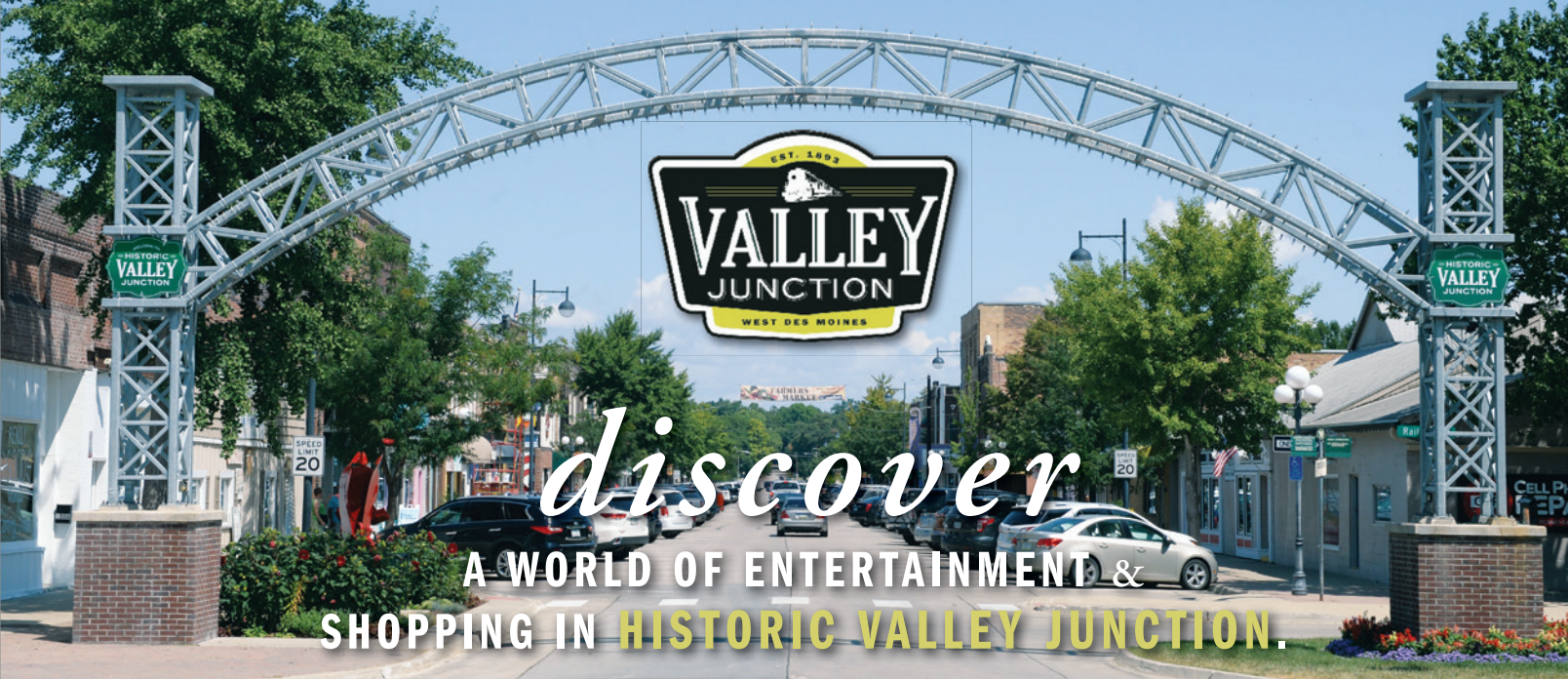
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Bike trails are a top area attraction—the 90-mile Raccoon River Valley Trail cruises through Perry. Cyclists can also ride the 20 miles from Woodward to Ankeny on the High Trestle Trail—a stop for photos and views of the Raccoon River Valley at the iconic bridge is a must. The hotel provides free bike storage.

For those who prefer a more relaxed weekend, the hotel features a spa as well as a bowling alley. Also, find on-site dining at the Pattee Café, with local favorites including filet mignon de Burgo and bone-in pork chop.

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Located in a century-old building downtown, **Surety Hotel** is the new “it” place for dining, overnights, and even a little decor inspiration.

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Step into the lobby and be greeted with “Des Moines’ living room,” says Minneapolis-based designer Stacy Patton. With buttery-soft leather sofas, hip side chairs and tables, and textural linens, the decor might have you rethinking your own home’s look.

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Also on the main level, **Mulberry Street Tavern** has emerged as a delicious new dining option downtown. The restaurant, which is open for dinner and Saturday brunch, serves upscale pub fare, including oysters on the half shell, a pub burger, local tomahawk steak, and decadent mac ‘n’ cheese. Find local beers on tap, as well as cocktails and wine.

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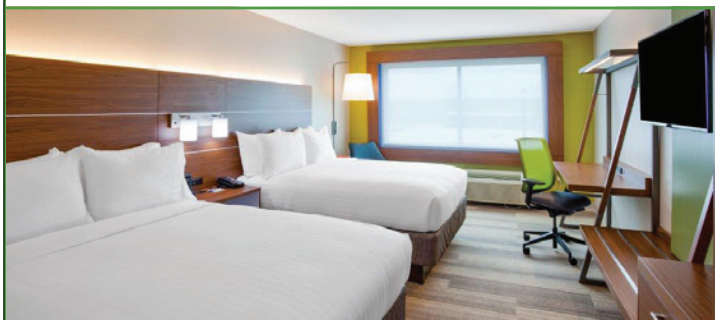
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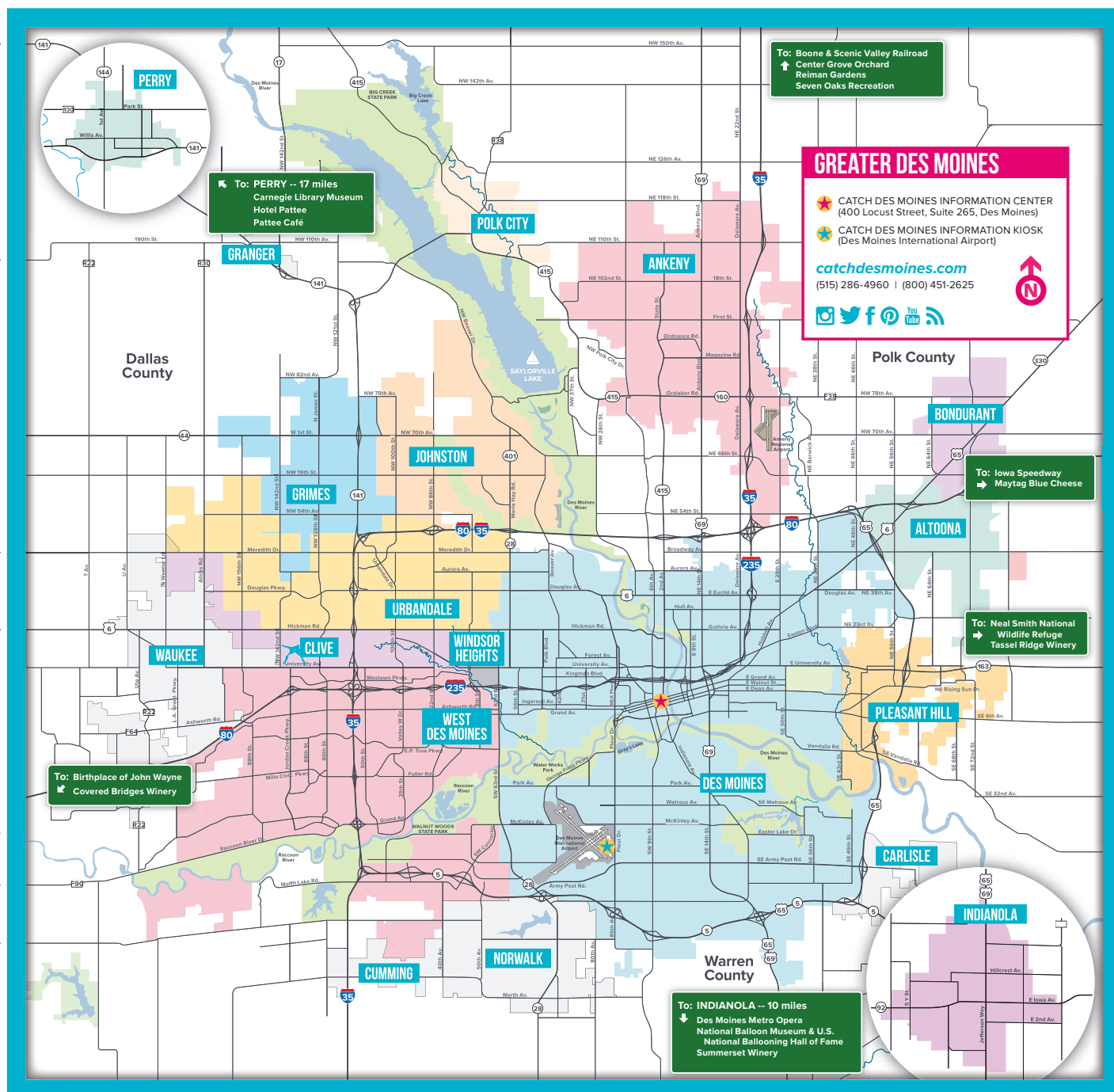


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