



The CatchList

BEST OF THE BURBS

When it comes to Greater Des Moines, the burbs are anything but boring. We have some of the fastest-growing suburbs in the nation (Ankeny, West Des Moines), and it's not just because it's a great place to live (although it's that too); it's a great place to play!

Altoona/Bondurant/Pleasant Hill

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Adventureland Resort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iowa's largest amusement park with over 100 rides; includes Adventure Bay waterpark with slides and a swim-up bar. 250,000 annual visitors. 	Refer to Website.	3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona adventurelandresort.com
Prairie Meadows Casino and Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy live horseracing May - September, year-round sports betting, and 85,000 square feet of non-stop casino action. Includes on-site hotel, event center, and AJ's Steakhouse. 	Mon - Sun: Open 24 hours	1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona prairiemeadows.com
Outlets of Des Moines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save big at over 50 outlet stores, including American Eagle, Nike, Kate Spade, and Eddie Bauer. 	Mon - Sat: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun: 12 - 6 p.m.	801 Bass Pro Drive NW, Altoona outletsofdesmoines.com
Brightside Aleworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family run brewery known for refreshing beers like Cran-Orange Wheat. 	Wed: 4 - 9 p.m. Thur: 4 - 10 p.m. Fri: 2 - 10 p.m. Sat: 12 - 10 p.m. Sun: 12 - 7 p.m.	480 Center Place, Altoona brightsidealeworks.com
Reclaimed Rails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun taproom located on Chichaqua Valley Trail with live music and trivia nights. 	Mon - Thur: 4 - 10 p.m. Fri: 4 - 11 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: 12 - 6 p.m.	101 Main Sreet SE, Bondurant reclaimedrailsbrewing.com
Johnny's Italian Steakhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old-school steakhouse with speakeasy and Sinatra vibes. 	Mon - Thur: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	550 Bass Pro Drive NW, Altoona johnnysitaliansteakhouse.com/altoona
Great Escape - The Ultimate Experience and Social - Eats & Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boutique bowling alley, laser tag, arcade, and virtual reality adventures all under one roof. Also includes on-site restaurant with 30 draft beers, burgers, and flatbreads. 	Mon: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Wed: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Wed - Thur: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Fri: 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	655 NE 56th Street, Pleasant Hill greatescapeiowa.com



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Ankeny

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
District at Prairie Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Entertainment district featuring shopping, restaurants, and bars. ▶ Includes AR Workshop (DIY crafting), B&B Theaters & B-roll Bowling, Fong's Pizza, and The Operating Room (arcade). 	Refer to website.	3200 Adventureland Drive, Altoona adventurelandresort.com
Whiskey River	▶ Popular bar and grill with rooftop patio, outdoor seating, and you guessed it...whiskey.	Mon - Sun: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.	1350 SW Vintage Parkway, Ankeny whiskeyriverankeny.com
Waterfront Seafood Café	▶ Fresh seafood is flown in daily, making this the place to go for a seafood or sushi feast.	Mon: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tues - Thur: 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	2414 SE Tones Drive, Ankeny waterfrontseafoodmarket.com
Urban Air	▶ More than just a trampoline park they also have a Sky Rider (think zipline, but cooler), ropes course, climbing wall, and virtual reality activities.	Mon - Thur: 4 - 8 p.m. Fri: 12 - 9 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	2829 S Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny urbanairtrampolinepark.com/locations/iowa/ankeny
High Trestle Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Iconic 25-mile trail with "can't miss" 13-story illuminated bridge. ▶ Refuel at bars and restaurants in the five towns along the way. 	Year-Round	Trailheads in Madrid, Woodward, Slater, Ankeny. catchdesmoines.com/things-to-do/outdoor/trails/high-trestle-trail
Saylorville Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Most popular lake in Central Iowa for boating with rentals available. ▶ 26,000 acres of boating, beaches, and lakeside bars. 	Refer to website.	6170 NW Polk City Drive, Polk City, IA saylorvillelakemarina.com
Firetrucker Brewing	▶ Popular brewery along High Trestle Trail with a killer patio.	Tues - Thur: 3 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 12 - 10 p.m. Sun: 12 - 8 p.m.	716 SW 3rd Street, Ankeny firetrucker.com



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Indianola

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
National Balloon Classic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 9-day event in July features over 100 hot balloons that paint the sky, no filter required. ▶ Features food vendors and children's activities. 	Refer to website.	15335 Jewell Street, Indianola nationalballoonclassic.com
Des Moines Metro Opera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ World class opera with a picturesque setting in Indianola. ▶ Annual summer festival in June - July that the Chicago Tribune dubbed one of the most "enterprising summer opera fests in the nation." 	Refer to website for showtimes.	106 W Boston Avenue, Indianola desmoinesmetroopera.org
Crouse's Café	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Popular mom and pop café with potentially life-changing breakfast. 	Tues - Wed: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thur - Sat: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	115 E Salem Avenue, Indianola crousecafeia.com
Summerset Winery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Iowa's oldest winery offers tours and wine tastings of award winning Iowa wines. 	Wed - Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun: 12 - 5 p.m.	15101 Fairfax Street, Indianola summersetwine.com

Polk City/Perry

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Tournament Club of Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stunning golf course that is only Arnold Palmer Signature Course in the state. ▶ Known for bold elevation changes and beautiful vistas. 	Mon - Sun: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	1000 Tradition Drive, Polk City tcofiowa.com
Jester Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ One of Central Iowa's favorite outdoor playgrounds. ▶ Features a nature center, natural playscape, equestrian activities, golf, and more, along with elk and bison herds. 	Mon - Sun: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	11121 NW Jester Park Drive, Granger jesterparknaturecenter.com
Hotel Pattee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Known as one of the Finest Historic Boutique Hotels in the World, with 40 uniquely designed rooms. 	Refer to website.	1112 Willis Ave, Perry hotelpattee.com



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Urbandale/Johnston/Grimes

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Machine Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Popular restaurant decorated with farm tools dedicated to the American Farmer. ▶ Try the hashbrown casserole or giant cinnamon rolls. 	Mon - Thur: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	11151 Hickman Road, Urbandale machineshed.com
Living History Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Interactive, 500-acre outdoor museum with four different working farms. ▶ Tour the 1700 Ioway Indian Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm, 1900 Horse Powered Farm, and the 1876 Town of Walnut Hill. 	Fri - Sat: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sun: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale lhf.org
Climb Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Iowa's largest indoor climbing offers more than 10,000 square feet of climbing and bouldering. 	Mon - Fri: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	3605 SE Miehle Drive, Grimes climbiowa.com
Trostel's Greenbriar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ One of the best restaurants in the burbs, known for their prime rib and pan-fried walleye. 	Mon - Fri: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4:30 - 9 p.m. Sat: 4:30 - 9 p.m.	5810 Merle Hay Road, Johnston greenbriartrostels.com
The Beerhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A local favorite sports bar with a large patio, 35 taps, and tons of TVs. 	Mon - Wed: 3 - 8 p.m. Thur - Fri: 3 - 11 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: 12 - 8 p.m.	4810 NW 86th Street, Urbandale beerhouseia.com

West Des Moines

Historic Valley Junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Walkable West Des Moines shopping district featuring unique antique and home goods shops and hidden gem restaurants. 	Refer to website.	137 5th Street, West Des Moines valleyjunction.com
The Hall DSM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ German-style beer hall with four food menus, 54 beers on tap, and board games for the kids. 	Mon - Wed: 3 - 9 p.m. Thur - Fri: 3 - 11 p.m. Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.	111 S 11th Street, West Des Moines thehalldsm.com



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West Des Moines Continued

ACTIVITY:	WHY VISIT:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Jordan Creek Town Center	▶ Giant lifestyle mall filled with upscale brand names in a park-like atmosphere, complete with a lakefront boardwalk.	Refer to website	101 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines jordancreektowncenter.com/en/directory
Smashpark	▶ Iowa's largest patio has pickleball, boccee ball, cornhole, shuffleboard, ping pong, Giant Jenga, and great food and fun drinks to boot.	Mon - Thur: 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. Fri - Sat: 8 - 12 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.	6625 Coachlight Dr, West Des Moines smashpark.com
Gilroy's Kitchen + Pub + Patio	▶ Stylish American comfort food and the best patio in the burbs.	Mon - Thur: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fri: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	1238 8th Street, West Des Moines gilroyskitchen.com
The Chicken	▶ Classic roadhouse joint with a focus on chicken, from Nashville Hot Chicken to Chicken and Waffles.	Sun - Thur: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	SE Orilla Road Suite A, West Des Moines thechickenorilla.com
Raccoon River Park	▶ Kayak and canoe rentals. ▶ Easy access to beautiful Blue Heron Lake.	Sun - Fri: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sat: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines iowa.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/158/1433