



The CatchList

HISTORY BUFF

Discover the unique stories of influential people and the (sometimes literal) groundwork they laid to build Greater Des Moines into the rich cultural destination it is today. From helping escaped slaves on the path to freedom to establishing the “Nobel Prize of food,” early Des Moines leaders left incredible legacies and a challenge to future generations to continue to support the advancement of the region.

MUSEUMS			
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
State Historical Museum of Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Iowa and the Civil War, Iowa History 101, Hollywood in the Heartland exhibits, and more. ▶ Free admission. 	Tue - Fri: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m	600 E Locust Street, Des Moines iowaculture.gov/history/museum
World Food Prize Hall of Laureates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Free museum, home to beautiful artwork, photography, mosaics, and stained glass, all paying tribute to achievements in agriculture and food security. 	Tue: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	100 Locust Street, Des Moines halloflaureates.org
Historic Jordan House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An official site on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. ▶ Built in the 1850s, it is one of five preserved underground railroad stops in Iowa. 	Refer to website.	2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines wdmhs.org
Bennet School Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ One-room schoolhouse built in 1926, was used until 1941. ▶ Eventually sold and used as a private home, now available to tour. 	Refer to website.	4001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines wdmhs.org/the-bennett-school
Historic Swanson House & Clive Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Historic Center of Clive – created in 1882. ▶ Swanson House served as a general store and post office from 1911 – 1929. 	Refer to website.	8641 Swanson Boulevard, Clive clivehistoricalsociety.org
Living History Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Learn about how Iowans transformed prairies into productive farmland. ▶ 500-acre open-air, interactive museum, throughout four different time periods. 	Refer to website.	11121 Hickman Road, Des Moines lhf.org



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John Wayne Birthplace Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Museum is adjacent to his childhood home that features original memorabilia. ▶ Catch a John Wayne western in the museum's theater. 	Refer to website.	205 S. John Wayne Dr. Winterset johnwaynebirthplace.museum
Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Take a ride on a classic train car and learn about the history of railroading in Iowa. ▶ Turns into the Santa Express train around the holidays. 	Refer to website.	225 10th Street, Boone bsvrr.com

ATTRACTIONS AND LANDMARKS

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Terrace Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Visit the home of the governor that was built in 1869. ▶ Was once the tallest home owned by Des Moines' wealthiest man. 	Refer to website.	2300 Grand Avenue, Des Moines terracehill.iowa.gov
Salisbury House & Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Built from 1923 – 1928 by Iowa native Carl Weeks. ▶ Tour the American 42-room estate full of art and literature. 	Refer to website.	4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines salisburyhouse.org
Hoyt Sherman Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ One of Des Moines' most magnificent entertainment facilities with a 1,400-seat theater. ▶ Take a tour and see where people such as Hellen Keller, Amelia Earhart, and Grant Wood have admired shows. 	Refer to website for showtimes.	1501 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines hoytsherman.org
Bridges of Madison County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recreate scenes from your favorite Romantic Drama at the Bridges of Madison County in Winterset. ▶ Tour six different bridges. 	May through October: Mon - Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun: Noon - 3 p.m.	73 Jefferson Street, Winterset madisoncounty.com/the-covered-bridges



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Principal Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Catch a rising star (or a hot dog) with the Chicago Cubs AAA affiliate at beautiful Principal Park, built in 1992. ▶ Enjoy views of the Iowa State Capitol Building and the Des Moines River while you cheer. 	Refer to website for schedule.	Principal Park, Des Moines milb.com/iowa
Historic Valley Junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Built in the 1890s upon a historic railroad district, Historic Valley Junction is now a popular shopping and dining destination. 	Refer to website	137 5th Street, West Des Moines valleyjunction.com
Woodland Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cemetery that was established in 1848, rich with history and stories. 	Year-round	2019 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines dsm.city/departments/parks_and_recreation-division/places/cemetery_history_-_woodland.php

DINE AND DRINK

ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Aposto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Enjoy a modern, classical dinner in an 1880 Victorian mansion. 	Wed - Thur: 5 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 5 - 10 p.m.	644 18th Street, Des Moines apostodm.com
Malo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Historic Fire Station No. 1 turned Latin Cuisine Restaurant. ▶ Stop in for dinner and a delicious mango margarita. 	Tues - Thur: 4 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	900 Mulberry Street, Des Moines malodesmoines.com
Christopher's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A family-owned Beaverdale landmark that has been serving up Italian specialties since 1963. 	Mon - Thur: 5 - 10 p.m. Fri - Sat: 5 - 11 p.m.	2816 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines christophersdsm.com
Graziano Brother's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ This grocery store opened in 1912, and their famous Italian sausage is sold nationwide and featured on restaurant menus throughout the Midwest. 	Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1601 S Union Street, Des Moines grazianobrothers.com



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Hello, Marjorie	▶ This 70's living room themed cocktail bar took over the former headquarters of the Des Moines Register offering up some of the best cocktails in the city.	Mon - Thur: 4 p.m. - midnight Fri - Sat: 4 p.m. - 1 a.m.	717 Locust St, Des Moines hellomarjorie.com
Hessen House	▶ Horse barn turned Brauen Pub in what was once an old train station, Hessen Haus serves up delicious German traditions.	Sun - Thur: 10:30 - midnight Fri - Sat: 10:30 a.m. - 2 a.m	101 SW 4th Street, Des Moines hessenhaus.com
The Hall DSM	▶ A rail car repair shop built in 1899, The Hall DSM has transformed into a large German style beer hall.	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
Smitty's	▶ Lovable tenderloin shop that has been serving up the unofficial sandwich of Iowa since the 1950s.	Mon - Sat: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	1401 Army Post Road, Des Moines smittystenderloin.com