



A QUAINT VILLAGE WITH QUITE A PAST

WELCOME HOME TO THE ORIGINAL KRAFT
CHEESE PLANT, PIONEERING WOMEN,
MAGNIFICENT MURALS AND MUCH MORE.

Originally a quiet farming community, the Village of Stockton was incorporated in 1890 due in large part to the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company establishing a stop here. The rails brought trailblazers whose ideas, businesses and beautiful Queen Anne architecture can still be experienced today, reminding us of the glamor and ingenuity of the Gilded Age. As part of the Driftless Area, Stockton is also home to beautiful rolling hills, scenic farmland and vistas that stretch far and wide. Plan your getaway and let the adventures begin.

ABOUT ADVENTURES IN STOCKTON

Adventures in Stockton is a self-guided interactive tour using informational signage and QR codes to introduce you to our many historical places, people and curiosities. As you're traveling around our town visiting these sites, check out our marvelous murals, grab a bite or drink at one of our wonderful restaurants, cafes or bars, and pick up something special at one of our unique shops.



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1 J. HOWARD SMITH
& STOCKTON
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
140 W Benton Ave

2 KRAFT CHEESE
114 S Main St • L. Kraft &
Bros. Co. opened their very
first cheese factory here in
1914.

3 HARDWARE STORE
116 N Main St • The Glanville
Brothers built this hardware
store in 1887.

4 HARTIG'S DRUG STORE &
ORIGINAL MASONIC
LODGE
117 N Main St • Constructed
in 1912, the building is still in
use as a gathering place for
Masons and the location of a
Hartig Drug Store.

5 STOCKTON FIRE OF 1896
111 N Main St

6 KRINGLE BUILDING
101 N Main St • Designed by
Peter "Pete" Schroeder, this
building is one of many
Queen Anne-style structures
found in Stockton.

7 HERMANN
CLOTHING STORE
100 N Main St • In 1887,
Charles Hermann opened
Stockton's first business.

8 DR. LORETTA
BACKUS LYONS &
MARY PITCHER PETERS
107 W Front Ave • Ahead of
their time, these two women
were both pioneers in
medicine and business.

9 NIEMEYER DRUG STORE
107 W Front Ave • Opened
in 1891, it served as the
area's only drug and general
store. The Stockton Heritage
Museum is now partially
housed in the old storefront.

10 VILLAGE HALL
155 W Front Ave

11 SITE OF THE FORMER
DALES OPERA HOUSE
116 E Front Ave

12 THE STOCKYARDS
122 E Front Ave • The
stockyards were completed
in November 1887, a month
after the rail depot was
opened.

13 RAY'S HOTEL
105 S Main St

14 EADES BUILDING
102 S Main St

15 LYNCH'S CONFECTIONERY
118 W Front Ave

16 BLAIR LUNCHROOM
& ICE CREAM PARLOR
117 W Front Ave

17 STOCKTON
BOWLING LANES
102 S Ward St • Built in 1949,
the lanes are now Stockton's
oldest continually operated
business.

18 GREAT WESTERN HOTEL
132 S Main St • Named after
the Chicago Great Western
Railroad, it opened its doors
in 1899 with 40 rooms.

19 CHICAGO GREAT
WESTERN RAILWAY
E Queen Ave • Stockton was
essentially created because
of the railroad, for which the
first depot was built here
in 1887.

20 THE STOCKTON HERALD
119 S Main St • Vol. 1, No. 1
was published here by J. N.
Klock on May 11, 1888.

21 SITE OF THE FORMER
STOCKTON THEATER
124 S Main St

22 BIG SKY NATURE RESERVE
5557 S Massbach Rd

23 VALLEY OF EDEN
BIRD SANCTUARY
5559 E Rush Creek Rd