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Events

No matter the season, Dallas County and its communities offer much to explore and enjoy. The extensive trail system is enjoyed year-round by bicyclists, walkers and runners, who enjoy the scenery and its seasonal changes. Parks and Dallas County Conservation programs draw those interested in a myriad of outdoor activities. Museums and other entertainment venues invite visitors indoors for a break from

the cold — or the heat. Community festivals showcase the small-town friendliness and family fun that make Dallas County the place to enjoy summer fun. Art festivals, the Dallas County Fair, farmers markets and more add to the offerings. And, for a special holiday season, attend the open houses, parades and other celebrations offered. Enjoy Dallas County — where you will be greeted with a smile and are sure to make lasting memories.



Perry's Bike Ride to Rippey (BRR)
Saturday, Feb. 4

Before attending events, be sure to check for the latest updates in case of cancellations or changes.

WINTER EVENTS (January-early March)

Dallas County Conservation Board doesn't hibernate in the winter months! Typically, it offers programs and opportunities on a variety of topics such as owls, stargazing, cross-country skiing, survival shelter building, GPS orienteering and birdwatching. For details and to sign up, go to dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

January

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.
Redfield American Legion Hall,
1116 Thomas St.

Waukee FamilyFest 2023

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m. to noon
Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee, 305
N.E. Dartmoor Drive

Join Waukee Parks & Recreation for the annual FamilyFest. This free, family-friendly event will help the kids burn off some energy! Check out Waukee-area businesses, play games and jump on inflatables. Free. For more information, call 515-978-0007.

February

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.
Redfield American Legion Hall,
1116 Thomas St.

Perry's Bike Ride to Rippey

Saturday, Feb. 4
515-465-4601 • www.perryia.org/brr
BRR! It's the name and usual sentiment for the beloved winter bike ride that has become an annual tradition for thousands of bike riders since 1978. As the biggest annual fundraiser for the Perry Chamber of Commerce, The Original Winter Ride — always the first Saturday in February — rolls on no matter the weather!

Perry's Chocolate Walk

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
www.perryia.org

This Valentine's Day-themed shopping event encourages the exploration of Perry as a shopping destination — especially for a Girls' Day Out — as well as making it fun and easy to shop local! Get your event passport stamped at each participating business to be entered into a drawing! Contact the Perry Chamber for ticket information: 515-465-4601 or perrychamber@perryia.org.

SPRING EVENTS (March-May)

Dallas County Conservation Board has the cure to spring fever with enriching ways to get back into nature. Topics for spring programming and events may include birdwatching, woodland wildflower hike, the spring equinox celebration and spring constellations. For details and to sign up, go to dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

March

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.
Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

April

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.
Redfield American Legion Hall,
1116 Thomas St.

Dallas Center Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.
Heritage Park, Dallas Center
Facebook @DCSEASONALFUN

Waukee Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.
Centennial Park, Waukee
Bring your baskets and fill up on candy. The hunt will be split up into three different age groups: 4 and younger at the green space west of Field 3; ages 5-7 at Fields 2 and 3; and ages 8-10 at Field 1. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine.

Granger Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.
Granger Parks and Recreation Field
The Easter egg hunt is sponsored by Stone Bridge Church in Granger. Toddlers up to fifth graders will hunt for candy-filled eggs. Each age group will have a grand prize egg.

Redfield Development Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.
City Park, Redfield

Waukee Annual Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, April 29
On this designated day, garage-sale enthusiasts will find that many residents around town are holding their garage sales.

Events

May

Perry Fiber Art Fair

TBA

www.artontheprairie.org

Featuring all forms of textile artwork, this spinoff of Art on the Prairie's festival in November showcases Iowa artists who spin yarn, weave rugs, knit wearables and much more.

Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 29, 10 a.m.

Mound Park, Dallas Center

This annual event is sponsored by the Dallas Center Legion and Auxiliary members. Bring a lawn chair.

Winery events

TBD

Penoach Vineyard and Winery,
26759 N Ave., Adel
<http://penoach.com>.

Look for special events such as Art in the Vineyard, Sunset in the Vineyard and live music for a relaxing outing to this small, family-owned winery housed in a repurposed 1917 barn. The front porch overlooks the vineyard from which many of the handcrafted wines get their start. The tasting room is welcoming and cozy.

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall,
1116 Thomas St.

Area Farmers Markets



Perry's Downtown Farmers Market

Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. June - September

Josh Davis Plaza and Second Street
Between Willis Avenue and Warford Street

perryia.org/farmers-market

Locally grown produce, fresh flowers, honey, baked goods, handmade items and more, plus extended hours at nearby retailers and monthly events on the third Thursday with special guests.

Fresh Finds Market, Adel

Starts mid-June and runs through September

Located at Harmony Hall, 1015 Riverside Drive

Find the freshest ingredients while browsing with craft vendors.

Dallas Center Farmers Market

Fridays June through September, 4-7 p.m.

Mound Park

For more information, contact Nadine Stille at 515-468-5720 or email her at dallascenterfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Waukee Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June through September, 4-7 p.m., Triangle Park in downtown Waukee

Waukee Downtown Business Group
www.waukeedowntown.com

Produce, floral, baked goods, specialty items, crafts, prepared foods, merchants and more!

Van Meter Farmers Market

July through mid-August, Fridays, 5-8 p.m.

Parking lot of Veterans Reception Center

Live music and a food truck are planned in conjunction with farmers market vendors.

BRR Bike Ride to Rippey

Downtown Farmers Market

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June

SUMMER EVENTS (June-August)

Dallas County Conservation Board can help you beat the heat of summer with unique and educational opportunities and events. Explore what Dallas County has to offer with river floats, a rock bar ramble, prairie hikes and celebrating the summer solstice. For details and to sign up, go to dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Perry's Friday Fest

TBD

<http://perryia.chambermaster.com/events>

Rockin' summer series of live music events. Bring a lawn chair and pack a picnic or plan to purchase from onsite food vendors.

Dallas Center Art in the Park

TBD

Mound Park

Facebook @DCSEASONALFUN

Local food, live music, arts and crafts, fun and games.

Raccoon River Days

Dates TBA, Van Meter

www.vanmeteria.gov

Enjoy food, beverages, kids' activities, live entertainment and more at this community festival. Highlights include a parade and street dance.

Woodward Friends 'N' Neighbors Days

First weekend of June

www.facebook.com/WoodwardFNN

Just a stone's throw away from the home of the High Trestle Trail Bridge. Woodward Friends 'N' Neighbors Days is two days of family-friendly activities with a parade, vendors on Main on Saturday and ending with fireworks at the park on Saturday night.

Grimes Governors Days

Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10

South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St.

www.governorsdays.com

Let the summer begin! This three-day festival includes carnival and midway, two parades, live bands, bags tournament, craft and food vendors and more fun than you can imagine. Bring the whole family and check out all the fun. Kick your summer off right.

BACoon Ride

Saturday, June 17

Raccoon River Valley Trail

www.bacoonride.com

Like to ride bicycles? Like bacon? Like the Raccoon River Valley Trail? Put it all together and you have the BACoon RIDE starting and ending in Waukee. Take a 72-mile ride (or less by using optional starting points) on the Raccoon River Valley Trail featuring numerous bacon stops and numerous drink specials at establishments along the way.

Redfield Old Settlers Celebration


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This annual celebration includes a parade, carnival, various entertainers, fireworks and vendors throughout the park and fun for the kids.


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Events

June

Adel Garden Tour

Sunday, June 25, 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy a tour of five gardens sure to inspire and educate. A VIP package will be available with a visit to Penoch Vineyard and Winery. For updates, visit www.adelpartners.org or the Facebook page for Adel Partners Chamber for Commerce.

Movies in the Park

June 2 and June 30

Centennial Park, Granger

www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

Granger Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park. The film will be shown on a portable screen and will begin at sunset. Admission is free. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

Yoga in the Park

Saturdays in June, 8 a.m.

Centennial Park, Granger

www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

Yoga in the Park is designed for improving community health, energizing and relaxation. You are encouraged to bring a mat or a towel as well as some water and clothes you can move in. No registration for the class is required; just show up ready to relax, release and enjoy.

Waukee Movies in the Park

Check for dates at www.waukee.org/moviesinthepark
Centennial Park, Waukee

Enjoy Hollywood's biggest hits under the stars! Movies in the Park is free and provides an abundance of family fun. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready to make memories with family and friends.

Free Rollerskating

Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-9 p.m., June through August

Dallas Center rollerskating rink

Enjoy free skate rental, games and theme nights. Check the City's website for updates, dallascenter.com

July

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Waukee Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

July 4

Centennial Park, 1255 Warrior Lane

www.waukee.org

Waukee will host its annual celebration in honor of Independence Day! The annual parade travels through downtown and ends at Centennial Park, where the fun continues for the rest of the day and night with inflatables, music and plenty of food! Enjoy live music and an amazing display of fireworks after dusk.

Home Base Grimes Independence Day Fireworks Show

July 4

South Sports Complex, 750 S. James St.

www.grimesiowa.com

Come and celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence on July 4 at the Home Base Grimes Independence Day Fireworks Show! As an official Home Base Iowa community, this event not only honors our great country, but also the men and women who have defended our freedoms since the nation's inception.

Perry's 4th of July

July 4

Pattee Park

perryia.org/july-4th-celebration

A mile-long parade kicks off Perry's Independence Day festivities which include community activities, vendors at Pattee Park serving up authentic cuisine from around the world as well as your fair-food favorites, live music at the bandshell in the evening, and a fireworks finale. Cool off mid-day with Perry Fine Art's Music Extravaganza and Ice Cream Social at the First United Methodist Church.

Dallas County Fair

July 12-16

Dallas County Fairgrounds, Adel

Enjoy all that a county fair has to offer, from concerts to demolition derby, races, livestock shows, exhibits and so much more.

Waukee Movies in the Park

Centennial Park, 1255 Warrior Lane

www.waukee.org/moviesinthepark

Enjoy Hollywood's biggest hits under the stars! Movies in the Park is free and provides an abundance of family fun. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready to make memories with family and friends.

Waukee Arts Festival

July 14-15

Centennial Park, 1255 Warrior Lane

www.waukeeartsfestival.org

More than 100 artists are featured at the Waukee Arts Festival, one of the area's fastest-growing and most exciting summer events. Enjoy incredible art, great music and unique food.

Free Rollerskating

Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-9 p.m., June through August

dallascenter.com

Dallas Center rollerskating rink, Mound Park, 601 Percival Ave.

Enjoy free skate rental, games and theme nights.

Movies in the Park

July 28

Centennial Park, Granger

www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

Granger Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park. The film will be shown on a portable screen and will begin at sunset. Admission is free. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.



Yoga in the Park
Select Saturdays in June, July and August
Centennial Park, Granger
www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

August

Highway 141 garage sale

First weekend in August
From Grimes to Manning

Enjoy a garage sale that is miles long. Take Highway 141 and enjoy the scenery and the sales.

Hot Rods & Hogs

Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Centennial Park, Granger (along Highway 141)

www.iowahotrods.com

Car and motorcycle show with hog roast. Freewill donation for admission for attendees and participants.

Adel Sweet Corn Festival

Saturday, Aug. 12
Downtown Adel

www.adelpartners.org

The Sweet Corn Festival is held in downtown Adel. Friday evening join them for the shucking of the corn and Sweet Corn Princess contest. A full day of activities is held on Saturday with the Sweet Corn 5K run at 8 a.m., and parade at 9:30 a.m. followed by serving seven tons of fresh sweet corn — for free. Enjoy art, craft and food vendors around the historic square. Kids' games and live entertainment are held throughout the day on the Courthouse lawn. A street party begins at 7:30 p.m. It is a family-friendly event along with a beer garden. Don't miss this fun-filled day in Adel.

Yoga in the Park

Saturdays, Aug. 12, Aug. 19, 8 a.m.
Centennial Park, Granger
www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

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Movies in the Park

Aug. 26

Centennial Park, Granger
www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

Granger Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park. The film will be shown on a portable screen and will begin at sunset. Admission is free. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Dallas Center Fall Festival

Aug. 25-26

www.dallascentercelebrations.com/fall-festival.html

Activities begin Friday night and continue all day Saturday featuring a 5K run, Rotary breakfast, parade, carnival rides, car and tractor shows, garden tractor pulls, bag tournaments, sand volleyball tournament, food, vendors, live bands, fireworks and much more.

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Events

August

Granger Days Festival

Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. to midnight

Outside of Bud's Pub, 1912 Main St., Granger

Saturday, Aug. 28, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Centennial Park, Granger

Enjoy this annual celebration featuring some of the following events: bounce houses, inflatable rides, kid activities, train rides, 5K run, parade, bags tournament, sand volleyball tournament, vendors, great food, live bands, fireworks and much more!

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Redfield Legion Breakfast

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Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

FALL EVENTS (September-December)

Fall is an active season for Dallas County Conservation Board. The Prairie Awakening/Prairie Awoke Native American Celebration is an event to include as a tradition.

Other fall programs and events include monarch tagging, prairie seed harvest, hawk watch, fall equinox, salamander migration, winter solstice celebrations, and the Christmas Bird Count. For details and to sign up, go to dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

September

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

Van Meter Visitor Festival

Saturday, Sept. 30

www.facebook.com/vanmetervisitorfestival

This festival celebrates a strange and spooky legend of a "visitor" from long ago. Enjoy a little fright.

October

Dallas Center Halloween Hayday

Saturday, Oct. 28

Dallas Center

www.facebook.com/DCSeasonalFun

Follow Dallas Center Seasonal Fun Committee on Facebook for details and time of the parade, crafts, food, and then town-wide Trick or Treating.

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

November

Perry Art on the Prairie

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12

www.artontheprairie.org

Art on the Prairie is a unique festival celebrating art, music, literature, and the joys of small-town living, all wrapped up in a two-day event in historic downtown Perry during the second weekend in November. The event showcases 100 Iowa artists — both visual and performing — in eight venues in the Downtown Perry Historical & Cultural District, including the Hotel Pattee, La Poste and Carnegie Library Museum.

Perry's Lighted Parade & Holiday Celebration

Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.

The day after Thanksgiving brings the community together for a magical holiday spectacular in downtown Perry, featuring a lighted parade followed by visits with Santa.

Perry Tinsel Trot

Nov. 25, at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a festive 5K Fun Run/Walk on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to get into the holiday spirit. Costumes are encouraged along with a photo opp with Santa. Check-in and start at Raccoon Valley Bank Plaza in downtown Perry.

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 25

The Saturday after Thanksgiving is all about shopping local, and Dallas County communities join the nationwide movement to inspire area shoppers to purchase from small businesses, especially during the holiday season. Enjoy a day of shopping Dallas County's unique small businesses.

Redfield Legion Breakfast

Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.

December

Waukee WinterFest

Friday, Dec. 1, 4-8 p.m.

Downtown Triangle

www.waukee.org/winterfest

Santa Claus is coming to town! Come early and help Santa light the holiday tree in Triangle Park and then warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Join the downtown businesses for soup and open houses and enjoy a variety of activities!

Adel Hometown Holiday Celebration

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3

www.adelpartners.org

Enjoy a variety of holiday fun, including Sip & Sample and Holiday Home Tour. The Adel Partners Chamber members host their holiday open houses and offer "a sip and sample" of local recipes throughout the community. The event starts with a craft and book fair at the Adel Public Library at 2 p.m. Santa is present in the evening for children to visit. For updates, visit www.adelpartners.org or the Facebook page for Adel Partners Chamber for Commerce.

Dallas Center Hometown Christmas

TBD

www.facebook.com/DCSeasonalFun

Enjoy a festive evening of music, crafts, delicious treats, Library Basket Silent Auction and the big jolly guy arriving. Check online for details and updates.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 2, 8-11 a.m.

Location in Granger TBD

www.grangeriowa.org

The Granger Fire and EMS personnel will be serving pancakes, sausages, donuts, coffee, juice and milk. Proceeds from this freewill donation breakfast will be used to purchase supplies and provide training for the fire department. Each child will get the opportunity to visit Santa from 9-10 a.m. and receive a special treat from him. There will also be a vendor fair from 8 a.m. to noon featuring a large selection of vendors allowing you the opportunity to do some one-stop holiday shopping. Sponsored by the Granger Emergency Services Auxiliary.

Van Meter Sips and Snacks

Friday, Dec. 2

www.vanmeteria.gov

Enjoy holiday cheer at this event and shopping at the winter market Friday and Saturday.

Redfield Winterfest

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

www.facebook.com/groups/797838767062408/

Including a Chili Cookoff.

Grimes Holiday Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 3

www.grimesiowa.com

Enjoy the season with family fun.

Grinchmas

Date TBD

Granger Community Center, 515-999-2140

www.grangeriowa.org/parks-recreation

Come have your picture taken with the Grinch, enjoy some treats and stick around for "The Grinch" movie. All proceeds will go to Granger Parks & Recreation to expand our town's greenspace.

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Every Saturday, 6-9 a.m.

Redfield American Legion Hall, 1116 Thomas St.



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Few counties can provide such a range of unique shopping experiences as one will find in Dallas County. When a gift from the big box store simply won't do, seek out the independently owned shops and boutiques across the county.

2 Harts Boutique

250 W. First St., Suite A, Grimes

515-630-6800

2hartsboutique.com

Located in the growing town of Grimes, this new boutique offers a wide array of women's clothing, jewelry, handbags and other accessories including game day gear. Also look to 2 Harts Boutique for a wide variety of extended sizes.

Adel HealthMart Pharmacy

113 N. Ninth St., Adel

515-993-3644

www.adelhm.com

Adel HealthMart Pharmacy is much more than a hometown drugstore. The business hosts an ever-changing display of home décor, women's accessories including purses and jewelry, gifts, cards and candies. This is a family-owned pharmacy located in the heart of Adel's historic town square.



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www.adelwintersettv.com

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Azalea Lane Boutique

705 Main St., Adel

515-210-1450

www.azalealaneboutique.com

Azalea Lane Boutique is a locally owned Adel shop specializing in women's fashions. Trendy and unique, you can always find something fun. Clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories and gifts are stocked daily. The store is just a short drive from the metro and well worth the drive.




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Map and Guide to Area Parks and Recreation

1 Forest Park
Forest Park Museum and Arboretum
This park is the location of the administrative office of the Dallas County Conservation Board. Forest Park Museum and Arboretum was originally developed in the 1940s by Eugene Hastie, a farmer, local historian and author. The arboretum was planted in straight lines to allow farming between the rows of growing trees. His love of history prompted many local residents to donate artifacts to this private collection. Mr. Hastie's museum, portraying the history of Dallas County, opened to the public in 1953.



2 Sportsman Park
A forty acre tract of oak and hickory timber that offers electric and non-electric camping, year around cabins, enclosed shelter houses for reservation, an accessible playground, restroom facilities and shower building.



3 Dawson Depot
Dawson Depot-Restored 1880s
Depot is open from 8 am to 10 pm daily from May 1 to October 31. The building is adjacent to the Raccoon River Valley Trail and serves as a visitor center and restroom facility.



4 Fazel Wildlife Area



5 Voas Nature Area
This approximately 700 acre park is west of Minburn and about 1/2 mile east of the North Raccoon River. The original 265 acres were donated to the Dallas County Conservation Board by Lyle and Mae Voas. Both brother and sister had a desire to see their family farmland restored to woodland, wetlands, and prairie similar to conditions present at pre-Euro-American settlement. Additional acres have been added to the park through generous private donations and efforts



6 North Raccoon River Wildlife Area



7 Crellin Wildlife Area



8 Wagner Prairie



9 Raccoon River Valley Trail
Built on a former Chicago Northwestern Railroad right-of-way, this corridor is owned and managed by the Dallas Guthrie, and Greene County Conservation Boards. The completed 89 mile trail loop provides the opportunity for recreational activities such as biking, hiking, jogging, in-line skating, and cross country skiing.



10 Dawson Boat Ramp



11 Puckerbrush River Access



12 Trindle Park



13 Glissman Conservation Area
Enjoy this 62 acres of oak and hickory woodlands with a 7 acre pond and overnight lodge facility that sleeps 8.



14 Kuehn Conservation Area

This 780 acre park includes native prairie, upland forest and is located on the South Raccoon River. The Bear Creek Nature Center is also on this site.



15 Redfield Depot Trailhead



Redfield Depot facilities include restrooms, indoor resting area, railroad display area. The building is open from 8 am to 10:00 pm daily May 1 - Oct 21. Concession stand on weekends.

16 Grand Army of the Republic Post Historic Site

17 Hanging Rock
Located at the southwest corner of Redfield along the Middle and South Raccoon River, this site is over 600 acres and features a massive outcrop of sandstone that has been an important area landmark for many years.



18 Redfield Boat Ramp



19 Big Bend Wildlife Area
A joint project between the Dallas County Conservation Board and the DNR. This riparian woodland site is now approaching 1,000 acres.



20 Historical Markers
Dexfield Park
Barrow Gang Shootout and Capture
President Harry Truman's Visit to the National Plowing Match.

21 North Raccoon River Wildlife Area - Wagner Tract

22 Woodward Trail Head High Trestle Trail



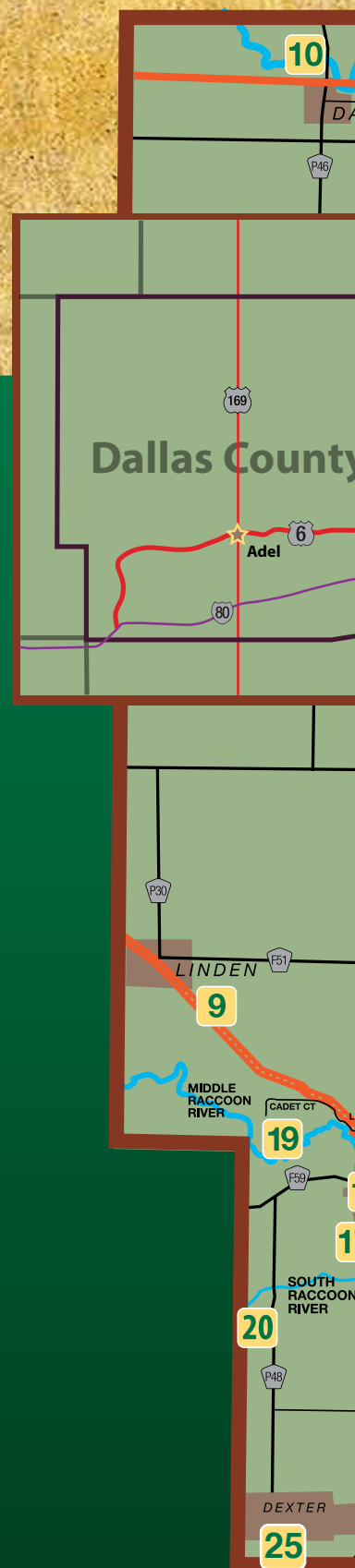
23 Booneville Access



24 Dayton Stagecoach Inn

Located along the old Des Moines to Fort Dodge stagecoach route, the Dayton Stagecoach Inn was built in 1868 and used as a combination inn, bar and private home. It is on 10 acres of secluded land that includes 150-year-old oak trees and some limited access to Beaver Creek. The Dayton Stagecoach Inn is available for overnight rental with a sleeping capacity of up to nine in three bedrooms.

25 Dexter Roundhouse





Museums, arts & parks

Much can be learned about Dallas County's history at its myriad of historic public buildings, cemeteries, museums, galleries, historic markers, century-old ballrooms and theaters. The arts abound, entertainment is plentiful, community festivals deliver family fun and memories, and outdoor recreational opportunities are plentiful and varied with numerous golf courses, trails, parks and attractions. Explore and enjoy the wide range of offerings. Be sure to check for updated hours of operation.



Adel Historical Museum

1129 Main St., Adel • 515-993-1032
adeliowa.org/visitors/adel-historical-museum

The property at 1129 Main St. was built in 1857 and served as the first two-story brick schoolhouse in Adel. The museum houses a collection of artifacts and documents representing a significant record of Adel history. The collection includes the desk and chair of George Clarke, an Adel native who served as governor of Iowa from 1913-1917. Clarke was the grandfather of 1939 Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick, who played for the University of Iowa. The Museum also has Kinnick information on display.

The Brenton Arboretum

25141 260th St., Dallas Center
 515-992-4211
www.thebrentonarboretum.org

An arboretum is a place where trees and shrubs are grown for research, demonstration and educational purposes. This unique 141-acre living museum in Dallas County combines the horticultural study of trees with a commitment to natural landscape management and conservation. Visitors can study the 2,500 trees, all suitable for planting in central Iowa, surrounded by a beautiful natural setting of native prairie, wetlands, a lake, pond and streams.

Carnegie Library Museum

1123 Willis Ave., Perry • 515-465-7713
www.perryia.org/carnegie-library-museum
 The 1910 restored Carnegie Library Museum tells the story of small towns and the immigrants who settled them with exhibits, writings of local and famous authors and live interpretation.

Dexfield Park

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Dexter Community House

(aka Dexter Roundhouse)

707 Dallas St., Dexter

mikjboyle@outlook.com • 515-210-3150

www.dexteriowa.org

Built in 1916, this building celebrated its 100th birthday in 2016. The unique elliptical-shaped building is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. The engineer who designed the building was Matthew Leander King, grandfather of actor Nick Nolte. The building features the original stage, box office and orchestra pit with accommodations for seating large groups for performances or for sit-down dining and dances. A display of historical pictures is now in place for all to enjoy. A historical marker on the Community House grounds was dedicated in August 2018. The Roundhouse, with a fully equipped kitchen, is available for reunions, receptions, meetings or other events small or large.

Bonnie and Clyde Shoot-out

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Visualize the Barrow gang camping at the site of the old Dexfield Amusement Park — resting and recuperating from a prior gun battle in Missouri — and then engaging in a shoot-out with approximately 50 area men and law enforcement officers leading to the mortal wounding of Buck Barrow and the capture of his wife, Blanche.

National Plowing Match

Historical marker 1.5 miles North of Dexter
rstanley@netins.net • (641) 757-9173

In September 1948, President Harry S. Truman addressed 100,000 people attending the plowing match at this site.

Dexter Museum

719 Marshall St., Dexter

rstanley@netins.net • (641) 757-9173 or 515-833-2717 • dexteria.org

Open May 7-Oct. 29 on Sundays, 1-3 p.m. or by appointment. Also open on Saturdays, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 from



10 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by tours to historical markers and the Stuart bank robbery site from 1:30-3 p.m. Just off I-80, the Dexter Museum welcomes visitors to southwestern Dallas County. Exhibits document President Harry S. Truman's visit to the National Plowing Match held in 1948, the former Dexfield Amusement Park, and the site of Dallas County's Barrow gang shoot-out in 1933. Three historical markers north of town on Dexfield Road represent a significant record of these events. The museum has an abundance of historic information, plowing match scoreboards, pictures, artifacts and scrapbooks on display.

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Dexter Centennial Park

Dexter's city park is located on the north side of White Pole Road just east of the fire station. Kids will enjoy the climbing tower, slides and merry-go-round while adults can use the paved walking trail around the perimeter with 10 low-impact wellness exercise stations. Kids and adults can take advantage of the 10-hole disc golf course. A shelter house with picnic tables and restrooms await summer visitors. Be sure to check out the rustic bridge built in 1916 to span a creek near the cemetery. The bridge was moved to the city park where it has resided for many years.

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Van Meter
515-996-9048

va.iowa.gov/cemetery

The Iowa Veterans Cemetery (IVC) is the only state-owned and operated veterans cemetery in the State of Iowa. The construction was federally funded. It opened in 2008 and has more than 100 acres of property and the capacity for more than 81,000 veterans and family members. The

cemetery serves Iowa's veteran population, as well as veterans from other states. There is no state residency requirement to be interred in the cemetery. It is available to families and visitors from 7:30 a.m. to sunset daily, dependent on weather conditions. The beautiful new building was built for American Legion Post #403 with a focus on providing a free venue for families of veterans before or after committal services at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. This facility is also available for use by the general public.

Iowa Jewish Heritage Society Casper Heritage Gallery

33158 Ute Ave., Waukee • 515-987-0899
www.jewishdesmoines.org

The history of the Jews of Iowa is beautifully displayed in the Casper Heritage Gallery. Located in the Bucksbaum Arts Wing, the gallery is a museum, augmented by office and archival space. Its display cases include items from the Society's permanent collection and will periodically showcase touring exhibits.

White Pole Road Scenic Byway

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Enjoy a day trip and plan your own tour along the White Pole Road (old Highway 6) starting in Dexter and traveling west. Download the map, and, when you pull up to attractions, look for them on the Audio Tour playlist to experience the backstories.

Lake Robbins Ballroom

26726 150th St., Woodward
515-438-2305 • www.lakerobbins.com

Established in 1931, the Ballroom has been inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame for the finest dance floor in Iowa. It has hosted well-known big bands since its inception. Lake Robbins has also set a world record when its ticket-taker, "Kip" Shannon, worked at the same job for 82 years. So step back in time and experience the magic of the original ballroom made for dancing. View the event calendar online.



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Washington Township School

Located at the junction of F31 and P58 in Dallas County (five miles west of Minburn and seven miles south of Perry) and built in the 1920s, the Washington Township Community Building is a wonderful place to hold your next reunion, wedding reception, birthday party or big meeting. Take a trip back in time and visit the history room on the first floor and the museum on the second.

Perry Welcome Depot

First and Willis Ave., Perry • 515-465-4601

The former railroad depot was renovated by the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce as a Welcome Center and displays railroad memorabilia from its history of the M&SL rail lines that passed through Perry. It provides area residents and visitors with information about Perry and area attractions. The Welcome Depot is adjacent to the Raccoon River Valley Trail located on the corner of First and Willis Avenue. Willis Avenue features four sculptures that pay tribute to the railroad, agriculture, industry and the arts.

The Redfield Historical Museum

814 First St. • 515-833-2929

Open Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. in the spring, summer and fall and by appointment. Opened in 2014, the Redfield Historical Museum displays items from long ago up to not so long ago. It has a large collection of school composite photos from the 1920s to the 1990s and many other photos.

Soumas Court

1112 Willis Ave., Perry • 515-465-2481 or 515-465-9941

Soumas Court is cradled between the Hotel Pattee and the Town/Craft Center. The court is named after George Soumas, son of Greek immigrants, WWII hero, a leading citizen and former mayor. A life-sized bronze sculpture of Soumas was created by Iowa artist Chris Bennett and serves as a focal point for this serene central parkway. Visitors entering Soumas Court pass through the gateways of New York's grand metal sculptures created by Albert Paley, the Reconfiguration Arches. The arches are an interpretation of Perry's history made of farm equipment, mining tools, railroad items and metal pieces that recall the stories of men and women whose labors built Perry and kept it thriving.

Wiese Park and Disc Golf Course

1800 Pattee St., Perry • 515-465-5621

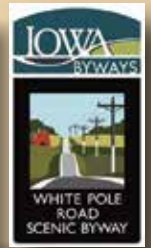
Wiese Park is adjacent to the McCreary Community Building. It features a shelter house, gazebo, playground equipment, sand volleyball court, soccer fields and a lighted 2-mile recreation trail. You can also play a round of disc golf on a 9-hole course. The course is open seven days a week at no charge. Maps, scorecards and golf discs are available inside the McCreary Community Center.

Granger Homesteads

Highway 141, Granger • 515-999-2210

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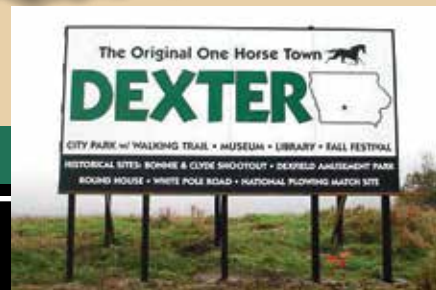
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- Dexter Historical Museum
- Dexter Community House
 - a.k.a. Roundhouse
- Old Dexfield Park Historical Markers
 - Site of the 1933 Barrow Gang Shootout
- White Pole Road Scenic Byway
- Plowing Match Historical Marker
 - Site of the 1948 President Truman visit



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lived in company-owned coal mining camp slums in the area so that families could move away from the decrepit mining camps and nearer to wholesome churches and schools. This building project of 50 homes on 224 acres was completed in conjunction with the Roosevelt Administration, the National Recovery Act, Eleanor Roosevelt and local priest Monsignor Ligutti. Many of the original homestead homes still exist. There is a National Historic Marker at the end of Estates Way located off Highway 141.

Jester Park

11407 N.W. Jester Park Drive, Granger
515-323-5366

Equestrian Center • 515-999-2818
Golf Course Clubhouse • 515-999-2903
www.jesterparknaturecenter.com

Since 1958, Jester Park, with 1,834 acres, has been one of central Iowa's favorite outdoor playgrounds. No other location in central Iowa offers such a variety in outdoor recreation opportunities such as camping, hiking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, picnicking and golfing. More than 250 campsites are available

along the lakeshore and among wooded hills. There are five picnic shelters within the park, a boat ramp, eight miles of hiking trails, five miles of snowmobile trails and playgrounds and natural playscapes. At the end of a three-mile-long park drive, you'll be rewarded with a vision of the wildlife that was abundant in Iowa more than 200 years ago. The bison and elk herds that live in the wildlife enclosures are always a popular attraction.

High Trestle Trail

www.hightrestletrail.org

The High Trestle Trail is built on a former railroad bed, previously owned by Union Pacific Railroad. The 25-mile-long trail connects the communities of Ankeny, Sheldahl, Slater, Madrid and Woodward. Its 13-story, half-mile-long bridge over the Des Moines River is one of the largest recreation trail bridges in the world. The original 1912 railroad trestle bridge was rebuilt in 1973 with the concrete piers that still stand. Art elements at the new bridge remind visitors of the area's coal-mining history while enjoying biking, hiking or running.

Woodward Hardware, Antiques and Toy Museum

123 S. Main St., Woodward • 515-371-9364

The storefront was created as a general grocery store in the early 1900s and turned into a hardware store in the late 1940s. Today it continues to serve as a hardware store for the locals. As you walk in, you'll see the history of the antique hand tools, machines, benches and parts from the early 19th century. There is also a hidden treasure in the attic of antique toys, games and rides that will take you back to your childhood and the fun you had playing as a child. Call for appointments.

Veterans Reception Center

910 Main St., Van Meter • 515-996-9166
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Minburn Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Depot

Minburn's brick Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Depot, rebuilt in 1914 after the original frame building burned down, has been relocated about a half a block but is still alongside the Raccoon River Valley Trail at the crossing with Highway 169. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A small park area nearby honors veterans and features a Freedom Rock.

Raccoon River Valley Trail

www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org

515-465-3577

The Raccoon River Valley Trail is a multi-use recreational trail built on a former railroad right-of-way and is 89 miles of paved trail passing through Dallas, Greene and Guthrie counties.

The trail passes through 14 communities: Jefferson, Cooper, Herndon, Yale, Panora, Linden, Redfield, Adel, Waukee, Dallas Center, Minburn, Perry, Dawson and Jamaica. A trail user permit is required for trail users 18 years of age and older.



Triumph Park Waukee

www.waukee.org/1138/About

The 66-acre Triumph Park features a sports complex with 12 softball/baseball fields, practice areas, concessions, accessible restrooms and 750 parking spaces. The complex serves local ball teams as well as large tournaments. The 11-acre pond is a fishing destination and a major

stormwater management feature. Green spaces are used for events, and three miles of trails connect to area neighborhoods and regional trail systems. Triumph Park includes many accessible park amenities, including the Greater Iowa Credit Union Miracle League® Field, 15,000-square-foot EPIC Inclusive Playground, and 11-acre pond with accessible fishing pier.

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*Hanging Rock Park

*The Depot Museum on the Raccoon River Valley Trail

*G.A.R. Museum

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Dallas County Conservation Board

14581 K Ave., Perry • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

The purpose of the Dallas County Conservation Board is to protect, preserve and enhance the county's natural resources by providing opportunities to improve the public's quality of life through environmental education, ecosystem management, outdoor recreation and historic preservation. Through a wide range of public programs and recreational venues, the board encourages an awareness and appreciation of the environment and cultural heritage.

• Big Bend Wildlife Area

Two miles northwest of Redfield

515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Big Bend is a 640-acre wildlife management area adjacent to the Middle Raccoon River and is open to hunting, fishing, bird watching, nature appreciation, canoeing and hiking on undeveloped trails through re-established prairie and an oak-hickory forest. The area teems with native game including rare, protected plant and animal species.

• Dawson Depot

307 Railroad Ave., Dawson • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

The old Milwaukee Railroad Depot in Dawson, which was built in 1889, is one of the few surviving Milwaukee Depots, possessing almost all of its original integrity. A historic restoration project on the old rail line directly connects to the Raccoon River Valley Trail and Highway 141. The Dawson Depot serves as a welcoming oasis for weary bicyclists, walkers and joggers and serves as one of the last reminders of a proud past. The old waiting room was converted into a restroom and resting area, while interpretive displays fill the former baggage room.

• Forest Park Museum

14581 K Ave., Perry • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

The Forest Park Museum exhibits natural, cultural and historical artifacts of central Iowa, with displays that include early transportation, farming, railroading, blacksmithing, local artists, genealogical references and library resources. On the museum grounds, visitors can explore the Alton School House, the 1860s Grabenhorst log cabin, and a 17-acre arboretum and restored prairie. The grounds connect to the Raccoon River Valley Trail, making it a great place for trail users to take a rest stop detour. Open weekdays year-round (weekends April-October). Free admission.

• Glissman Conservation Area

32185 Panther Creek Road, Adel • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Glissman Conservation Area is approximately 5 miles southwest of Adel along the Raccoon River Greenbelt. The property features 60 acres of oak and hickory woodlands, 2.5 acres of grasslands, and a 7.5-acre pond with plenty of fish. Enjoy the outdoors as you experience a diversity of wildlife and plant species in peaceful seclusion. The Glissman Lodge sleeps up to eight people and features a fully-equipped kitchen, two full bathrooms,

and a deck with a beautiful view. Fun for the whole family or a reunion with friends. Available to rent May 1 - Oct. 31, plus April and November when conditions permit.

• **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post and Military Museum**

1213 Thomas St., Redfield • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Built in the 1880s, The Grand Army of the Republic Post is the only such building remaining on its original location. The G.A.R. was created to assist widows and children of men who died during the Civil War. Veterans met here to discuss community events and honor their lost comrades. Today this completely restored structure houses a military museum on the ground floor and the refurbished Post Meeting Room on the second floor. Open by appointment.

• **Hanging Rock**

916 Redfield St., Redfield • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

On the south edge of Redfield, Hanging Rock is comprised of 469 acres and features a landmark, massive outcrop of sandstone. The north half of Hanging Rock features a wildlife refuge and the park, with a picnic shelter, astronomical rock clock and a spur to the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The south half is open for hunting on wetland, prairie and savanna areas.

• **Kuehn Conservation Area**

32828 Houston Trail, Earlham • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Located approximately 5 miles north of Earlham, Kuehn Conservation Area showcases 770 acres of native and reestablished prairies, riparian and upland forests, a nature center, bird blind, unique geological formations, archaeological sites and interpretive trails. Primitive camping and public hunting, including bow hunting, are available. Kuehn is the site for many outdoor and environmental education programs. Modern restrooms are available.

• **Redfield Depot**

624 First St., Redfield • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Just as today's four-lane highways provide Dallas County residents with easy access to Des Moines, the railroads of the early part of the 19th century served the same purpose. The Redfield depot stands as a reminder of Dallas County's remarkable railroad history. The Raccoon River Valley Trail was built on the abandoned Chicago Northwestern Railroad line. Now a resting spot for trail users, the depot still provides travelers entry and exit to the town of Redfield. Facilities include restrooms, an indoor rest area and a railroad display. The Redfield Development Commission operates a concession stand on weekends from June 1 - Oct. 30.

• **Sportsman Park**

13821 130th St., Dawson • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Adjacent to the North Raccoon River, the 40-acre Sportsman Park is ideal for nature trail hikes, picnicking and camping. Two all-season cabins and Sportsman Lodge — an enclosed shelter house that accommodates up to

120 people — are available for rent. The campground allows for primitive tent camping or RV camping and features an on-site camp host, modern shower house and restrooms, handicap-accessible playground and picnic shelters. Located minutes from the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

• **Trindle Park**

3555 Richland Circle, Van Meter • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Trindle Park is a beautifully wooded, secluded park just south of Van Meter, with shelterhouses, playground and modern restrooms. One picnic shelter is available for reservation, and the other is first-come, first-served. See website for seasonal hours.

• **Voas Nature Area**

19286 Lexington Road, Minburn • 515-465-3577

www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Voas Nature Area is a 705-acre park that is diverse in habitat, including oak and hickory forest, prairies and wetlands. The park has two hunting areas, one for youth only and the other for general public hunting. The habitats create an excellent stage for learning about our natural world. Interpretive programs include tours of the museum, bird watching hikes, prairie programs, geology presentations and cross-country skiing. Modern restrooms are available and museum is open by appointment only.

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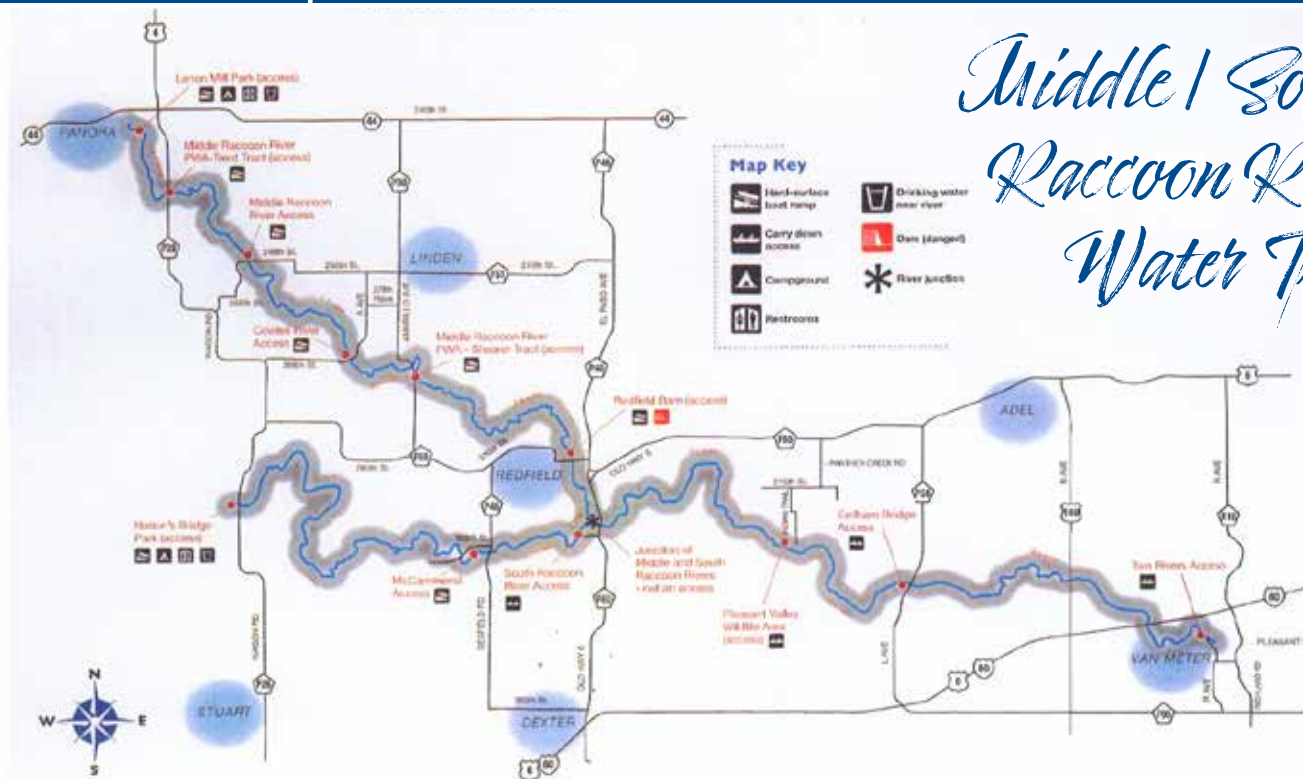
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Middle / South Raccoon River Water Trail

Middle / South Raccoon River Water Trail (Map above)

The Middle/South Raccoon River Water Trail starts as two water trails that join midway below Redfield. Paddlers can start their float as far upstream in Guthrie County as Lenon Mill Park in Panora on the Middle Raccoon River — just over 17 miles to confluence. This route includes a lowhead dam at Redfield that must be portaged around.

Nation's Bridge Park near Stuart is on the South Raccoon River — just over 15 miles to confluence.

After the two rivers join, the trail continues approximately 19 additional miles to the confluence with the North Raccoon River near Van Meter.

There are five public access areas along this water trail in Dallas County, two of which are managed by the Dallas County Conservation Board.

The Redfield Dam Access is located on the Middle Raccoon River, just upstream from where the two rivers join. The access is below the low-head dam and has a large parking area and concrete boat ramp.

The South Raccoon River Access is located south of Redfield, just off of F-60 before the confluence. This access area is small and users

must carry their watercraft down a gravel pad.

The Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area is managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. It is located south of F-60 at the end of Indian Trail. It includes a paved boat ramp and maintained parking area.

The Earlham Bridge Access is on the southwest side of the the P58 Bridge.

The Two Rivers Access is located in Van Meter at the end of this water trail.

North Raccoon River Water Trail Map on www.dallascountyiowa.gov/ conservation

The North Raccoon River Water Trail enables recreational paddlers to enjoy the North Raccoon River from Vogel Access in northern Sac County to the junction with the Des Moines River in Polk County, a distance of about 180 river miles.

Dallas County Conservation manages four of the nine public access areas along the North Raccoon River in Dallas County. All public accesses have a concrete boat ramp with the name of the access and the distance to the next access, including signs that point out any nearby amenities. To aide in navigation, each bridge over the North Raccoon River has visible signage on the upstream side of the bridge naming the road the paddler is passing under with the distance to the

next access.

- The furthest upstream access in Dallas County is the Dawson Boat Ramp. The Dawson Boat Ramp is located 1 mile north of Dawson along the east side of County Road P46.

- About 6 miles downstream is the Perry Boat Ramp located on the north side of the Highway 141 bridge at the west edge of Perry.

- The next stop is Spring Valley Access 4.5 miles down the river located at the east side of County Road P58.

- Another 5.6 miles takes you to Snyder Access which is on the south side of County Road F31 west of Minburn.

- Highway 44 Access is found 4.8 miles downstream.

- The next access is the Kinnick-Feller Park Access which is 6.4 miles downstream.

- Downstream 0.7 mile is Adel Island Park. Both Kinnick-Feller Park Access and Adel Island Park are found at the north edge of Adel. This route includes a lowhead dam that must be portaged around.

- Traveling 7.5 miles downstream from Adel Island Park brings you to Puckerbrush Access. This access is located on the west side of County Road R16 about two miles north of Van Meter.

- Booneville Access is the last access in Dallas County and is another 8.1 miles downstream.

Lodging & camping

Dallas County Conservation Board offers some lodging options for those visiting the county's parks.

• DAYTON STAGECOACH INN

14750 Pecos Court, Bouton • 515-465-3577

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Located along the old Des Moines to Fort Dodge stagecoach route, the Dayton Stagecoach Inn was built in 1868. In its history, the building has been an inn, bar and private home. The secluded 10 acres feature 150-year-old oaks, access to Beaver Creek, and is minutes from the High Trestle or Raccoon River Valley Trails. The inn sleeps nine people with three separate bedrooms, has a fully equipped kitchen, and two full bathrooms. Available to rent May 1 - Oct. 31, plus April and November when conditions permit.

• GLISSMAN LODGE

32185 Panther Creek Road, Adel

515-465-3577 • www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Glissman Conservation Area is approximately 5 miles southwest of Adel along the Raccoon River Greenbelt. The property features 60 acres of oak and hickory woodlands, 2.5 acres of grasslands, and a 7.5-acre pond with plenty of fish. Enjoy the outdoors as you experience a diversity of wildlife and plant species in peaceful seclusion. The Glissman Lodge sleeps up to eight people and features a fully-equipped kitchen, two full bathrooms and a deck with a beautiful view. Fun for the whole family or a reunion with friends. Available to rent May 1 - Oct. 31, plus April and November when conditions permit.

• KUEHN CONSERVATION AREA

32828 Houston Trail, Earlham

515-465-3577 • www.dallascountyiowa.gov/conservation

Located approximately 5 miles north of Earlham, Kuehn Conservation Area showcases 770 acres of native and reestablished prairies, riparian and upland forests, a nature center, unique geological formations, archaeological sites and interpretive trails. Public hunting, including bow hunting, is available. Kuehn is the site for many outdoor and environmental education programs. Modern restroom facilities and a water pump are available. Primitive camping is allowed in designated areas.

• SPORTSMAN PARK CABINS AND CAMPGROUND

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Adjacent to the North Raccoon River, the 40-acre Sportsman Park is ideal for nature trail hikes, picnicking and camping. Sportsman Lodge, an enclosed shelter house that accommodates up to 120 people, is available for rent year round. Two all-season cabins include a full bath, microwave, fridge, heating and air-conditioning. The park has a modern campground with electricity and also primitive tent sites near a modern shower house and restrooms. Sportsman Park has a handicap-accessible playground, on-site camp host, picnic shelters, and is minutes from the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

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Patrick's

211 S. Seventh St., Adel • 515-993-3884

Patrick's Restaurant is located along the Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail in Adel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served Tuesday through Saturday. Patrick's menu features "good Iowa food" including burgers, steaks and tenderloins. Check out the large selection of homemade pies for dessert.



Dining list

ADEL

- **Adel Family Fun Center**
1526 Greene St.
515-993-3350
- **Billy's Ice Cream Store**
308 Nile Kinnick Drive S.
515-238-2302
- **Brickyard Burgers & Brews**
1802 Greene St.
515-993-4200
- **Casey's Pizza**
816 Greene St.
515-993-5103
- **China Village**
628 Nile Kinnick Drive S.
515-993-3383
- **Corner Tap**
921 Main St.
515-993-2240
- **Fiesta Mexican Restaurant**
815 Main St.
515-993-4404
- **Keasey's Hideaway Lounge**
911 Court St., Suite C
515-993-3001
- **Kum and Go**
409 Nile Kinnick Drive S.
515-993-4236
- **Lemon Grass Restaurant**
909 Main St.
515-993-2031
- **The Morning Grind**
720 Prairie St.
- **Patrick's**
211 S. Seventh St.
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ADEL

- **Penoach Winery**
26759 N Ave.
515-993-4374
- **River to River Bakery & Pizza**
109 N. Ninth St.
515-478-1187
- **Scooter's Coffee**
708 Greene St.
(877) 719-1288
- **Subway**
310 Nile Kinnick Drive
515-993-3488

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- **Baker's Pantry**
904 Sugar Grove Ave.
515-992-3308
- **Casey's Pizza**
1202 Sugar Grove Ave.
515-992-3698
- **The HandleBar**
1607 Sugar Grove Ave.
515-992-8014
- **Korner Kone Eats N'Treats**
502 14th St.
515-992-4053
- **Sugar Grove Goods**
1404 Walnut St.
515-219-7073

DE SOTO

- **Ambro's Roadhouse**
917 Guthrie St.
515-834-9174

DEXTER

- **Casey's Pizza**
803 State St.
515-789-4284
- **Rusty Duck**
723 Marshall St.
515-789-4142

GRANGER

- **Bud's Pub**
1912 Main St.
515-999-2066
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- **Casa de Oro**
1211 Second St.
515-465-8808
- **Casey's Pizza**
2617 Willis Ave.
515-465-3738
- **1308 First Ave.**
515-465-3803
- **Common Wealth Provisions**
1215 Second St.
515-642-6200

PERRY

- **Crooked Rail**
1010 W. Second St.
515-349-7926
- **El Rey Market, Restaurant & Guns**
210 Willis Ave.
515-465-3050
- **El Sabor Mexicano Taco Truck**
1417 First Ave.
515-612-3726
- **Frio Ice Cream Shop**
1114 First Ave.
- **Gamble Block Brewery**
1203 Second St.
515-642-0044
- **Hy-Vee Deli**
1215 141st St.
515-465-5323
- **La Ventura**
1209 Lucinda St.
515-465-5265
- **Lou's Diner**
2720 Willis Ave.
515-465-5941
- **Mandarin Café**
1117 Second St.
515-465-2080
- **McDonald's**
325 First Ave.
515-465-9370
- **Metro Buffet**
405 First Ave.
515-465-9888
- **Mex-To-U**
1114 First Ave.
515-726-0691
- **Oasis Restaurant**
1223 Otley Ave.
515-465-4022

PERRY

- **Pattee Cafe**
1112 Willis Ave.
515-465-3511
- **Perry Perk Coffee Shop**
1201 Warford St.
515-897-8035
- **Pizza Hut**
2812 Willis Ave.
515-465-5666
- **Subway**
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515-465-3607
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515-726-0258
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- **Casey's Pizza**
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515-833-2983
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515-833-2927
- **The Dairy Shoppe**
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WAUKEE

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- **Caffrey's Sports Pub**
1320 Hickman Road
515-987-0512
- **Caribou Coffee**
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515-987-7405
- **Casey's Pizza**
20 Hickman Road
515-987-6753
870 N.E. Alice's Road
515-216-2297
- **Central Standard Craft Beer & Burgers**
1222 S.E. University Ave.
515-987-0095
- **The Coffeesmith**
770 S.E. Alice's Road
515-447-5137
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515-518-2820
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245 Hickman Road
515-987-4972
- **Kum and Go**
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515-987-2659
650 Hickman Road
515-300-2201
3105 Grand Prairie Parkway
515-987-0556
- **Los Tres Amigos**
63 N.E. Carefree Lane
515-987-0393
- **Marco's Pizza**
1202 S.E. University Ave.
515-400-1007
- **McDonald's**
125 E. Laurel St.
515-987-3621
- **Mickey's Irish Pub**
50 E. Laurel St.
515-987-9604
- **Monterrey Express**
757 S.E. Alice's Road
515-695-0191
- **Ninja Sushi Ramen**
765 S.E. Alice's Road
515-987-6663
- **Norm's Pub**
400 Sixth St.
515-630-0114
- **Pancheros Mexican Grill**
757 E. Hickman Road
515-987-7557
- **Papa Johns Pizza**
597 S.E. Alice's Road
515-461-9733
- **Pizza Hut**
276 W. Hickman Road
515-987-3637
- **Pizza Ranch**
448 S.E. University Ave.
515-978-6603
- **Poncho's Friendly Confines**
292 Hickman Road
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- **Rosati's Pizza**
1165 S.E. Alice's Road
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WAUKEE

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122 W. Hickman Road
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33 N.E. Carefree Lane
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2855 Grand Prairie Parkway
515-695-3092
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515-987-0262
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Communities

With traditional population centers in the north and central portions of the county and a booming suburban area on the east, Dallas County has unique and diverse traffic patterns. Located only minutes from the Des Moines metro, but still having cornfields in many backyards, Dallas County truly provides an unmatched combination of rural and urban living.



Adel

With a small-town vibe and proximity to Des Moines' metro, Adel is a vibrant, charming and thriving place to live, work and play. There's ample recreational opportunities at great city parks, the Dallas County Fairgrounds and the Raccoon River and the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Adel offers a great mix of culture and history, is the birthplace of Nile Kinnick, is the Dallas County seat and features a long-standing brickyard, brick structures and brick streets. Visit during the summer for monthly concerts and the Annual Sweet Corn Festival. Come and see for yourself why Adel is not just a place to visit, it's a place to thrive.

Dallas Center

"Quietly Progressive" is Dallas Center's city motto. The town was founded more than 125

years ago and has grown to more than 1,900 people. It is located about 20 miles northwest of Des Moines. The residents love and respect the past and are gently moving forward with plans to keep the city sound and fun while incorporating new ideas. The spiritual community is a comfort and collaboration of several churches and denominations that work together to make themselves better characters and provide support to those in need. Residents love the small town panache with all the seasonal activities that makes it feel like part of the Heartland.

Dawson

A quiet community with about 110 residents and located along Iowa Highway 141, Dawson offers a boat ramp at the North Raccoon River, a well-maintained city park, a fun play park and an

updated community center. The restored depot welcomes those using the Raccoon River Valley Trail to town. Dawson is only about 1 mile from Sportsman Park, a 40-acre park of oak and hickory timber overlooking the North Raccoon River where you might enjoy fishing, hiking along the nature trails, picnicking or camping.

De Soto

De Soto has a distinct identity — a family-friendly and economically strong community with a business-friendly atmosphere that offers great opportunities for both businesses and residents alike. De Soto is located at the intersection of Interstate 80 and Highway 169, just 15 miles from West Des Moines at exit 110. It is a wonderful community for families both large and small with an easy commute to work

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and entertainment in the greater Des Moines area. Established in 1868, De Soto takes great pride in its small-town values.

Dexter

Dexter, the “Original One Horse Town,” is one of the oldest towns in Dallas County. Having been platted in 1868, it celebrated its sesquicentennial in 2018. There is an amazing amount of history to explore as you begin the drive along the White Pole Road at I-80 exit 100. Travel west into town and stop at the Dexter Museum and Historic Roundhouse. A historical marker at the Roundhouse will give you a brief history of the 100-year-old building. A quick trip north of town will bring you to three more historical markers. The first marker indicates the site of the 1948 National Plowing Match with President Harry S. Truman in attendance. The second and third give information on the 1933 Bonnie and Clyde shoot-out and Dexfield Park, one of Iowa’s largest amusement parks from 1916 to the early 1930s. With its updated main street, Dexter provides a nice escape from the busyness, noise and bright lights of the metro area, which is a quick 25 minutes away.

Granger

Established in 1885, Granger’s history is rooted in agriculture, railroads, coal mines, circuses and the Granger Homesteads. Because of its location close to excellent recreational activities such as three golf courses, Jester Park and Saylorville Lake, there are ample opportunities for relaxing-to-vigorous activities for individuals of all ages. Located next to Highways 141 and 17, Granger has become one of the fastest growing cities in the state of Iowa and the metro area. It maintains the charm of a small town and is only minutes from Des Moines.

Grimes

Straddling the borders of Dallas and Polk counties, Grimes is a fast-growing community. As such, it has many destinations that make the community a great place to visit. Some of the many recreational opportunities include golfing, indoor climbing, camping, trampoline facilities, sports and fitness facilities, Pole Position Raceway, Old School Pinball & Arcade, and AmericInn. Stay for a weekend or a week and take advantage of all the fun and exciting things the community has to offer.

Linden

Located along the Raccoon River Valley, Linden has a well-maintained city park, community building, baseball field and shelter house. Water enthusiasts have two nearby access points to the Middle Raccoon River.

Minburn

True to its motto, Minburn is the “Small Town with a Big Heart.” Town residents and their rural neighbors maintain a strong sense of history and community. Volunteer efforts enable the traditional celebrations and events once found in small towns everywhere to continue to be enjoyed by generation after generation here. The town’s historic brick Railroad Depot was relocated and renovated into a trailhead for the Raccoon River Valley Trail. A park dedicated to honoring veterans is adjacent and the Dallas County Freedom Rock is its focal point. The area has become a popular resting area for those enjoying the trail with eating and drinking establishments near. Just west of Minburn is the Voas Nature Area, an excellent place to experience what the Minburn area landscape used to look like.

Perry

Designated as one of Iowa’s “Great Places,” Perry boasts a combination of arts, history, culture, commerce and recreation, unmatched by any other of its size. Perry’s walkable downtown is home to more than 30 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, multiple arts and cultural festivals, as well as several murals and public art pieces, including four sculptures along the Willis Avenue boulevard that pay tribute to Perry’s historical ties to the railroad, agriculture, industry and the arts. Discover the many treasures of the Downtown Perry Historical & Cultural District, including a boutique hotel, unique shops, destination dining, photo opportunities and access to miles of paved trails. Whether just for a day or as an extended stay: Perry will welcome and wow you!

Redfield

Redfield, established in 1860, sits on the Middle Raccoon River, site of one of the few low-head dams remaining in Iowa. The fishing is popular and usually successful. Named for Lt. Col. James Redfield, an early settler who served in

the 39th Iowa Infantry during the Civil War, the community boasts a rare Grand Army of the Republic Post with a military museum, the Raccoon River Valley Bike Trail and Depot, a fine library and City Park and Hanging Rock Park on the Raccoon River. The Redfield Historical Museum is now open Saturdays in the morning during spring, summer and fall and by appointment on other days and in the winter. Come see Redfield, and you’ll find hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing, bird watching, excellent rural scenery and friendly people.

Van Meter

Conveniently located just minutes from West Des Moines, Van Meter provides small-town living with access to “big city” amenities. A picturesque community situated near the Raccoon River, Van Meter prides itself on its quality of life and services provided by local foundations, volunteers and boards. It is neighbor to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Waukee

The City of Waukee is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in Iowa and is located in Dallas County — one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. The population now exceeds 26,000 residents. Waukee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. Triumph Park, with its accessible features, opened in 2022 and includes Miracle League fields, an accessible fishing pier, and accessible play equipment. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities. For more information, visit www.Waukee.org.

Woodward

Woodward was established in 1883 as a railroad community. Today, that railroad line bed has become the High Trestle Trail, a recreational trail from Woodward to Ankeny, which crosses the Des Moines River Valley on the spectacular High Trestle Bridge located just east of Woodward. People come to enjoy the view and artwork of the bridge. The old depot has been restored as the western gateway to the High Trestle Trail and Woodward Trailhead. Woodward also offers a unique combination of shopping and dining, as well as rural businesses offering handmade items, gifts, farm-fresh products and more.



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