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FUN ADVENTURE RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE:

- Iowa Byways Travel Guide
- Iowa DNR Birding Guide in Iowa
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Activity Sheets
- Safe Bicycling Brochure
- Coloring sheets about travel, animals, and nature in Iowa

FUN IOWA DESTINATIONS

01 MAKOKE TRAIL

Pronounced “Mah-ko-kay,” twenty-two sites were selected to represent some of the region’s best birding opportunities, all within a 30-40 minute drive Des Moines.

02 KATE SHELLEY: BOONE HISTORY CENTER

Travel Iowa’s Scenic Byways and visit the site of Kate Shelly’s bravery. In 1881, she helped save train locomotive crew members after the crash of the Des Moines River Bridge.

03 TREE IN THE ROAD, BRAYTON

Visit Audubon County along the East Nishnabotna River to view this stunning cottonwood tree that stands at almost exactly 100 feet.

04 GHOST TOWN: CARROLLTON

Located in Carroll County, Carrollton used to be the county seat. Unfortunately, the Northwestern Railroad bypassed it in 1867 and the county seat was moved to Carroll.



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IOWA SCENIC BYWAYS PASSPORT



This fun, free program includes a free mobile passport, guides to famous Iowa Scenic Byways, and points to earn to secure limited edition Local Legend trading cards. Get yours at www.traveliowa.com.

IOWA WATERFALL ROAD TRIP



Writer Micheala Kendall maps out a summer road trip for anyone wanting to enjoy Iowa's natural wonders. Follow the map to all eight waterfalls or choose a few to visit this year. Find the road trip guide here: <http://tinyurl.com/iowawaterfalls>.

CITIZEN SCIENCE WITH INATURALIST



With a quick download of the free iNaturalist App on your phone or tablet, you can become a citizen scientist! Start recording and submitting photographs of local plants and animals. Share your findings with family and friends. <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

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FUN IOWA ACTIVITIES

01

STAR GAZING

Begin by learning the constellations and names of the stars using star wheels. Look at the sky with your unaided eye, then try binoculars or telescopes.

02

BIRD WATCHING

Iowa currently has three active birding trails that you can visit. Find them at www.iowadnr.gov. Many apps help identify birds in your own backyard, neighborhood, or park.

03

GEOCACHING

Join a hidden "treasure" hunt using GPS coordinates. This is a fun way to go on a local, outdoor adventure. Visit www.geocaching.com to learn more.

04

ROCKHOULDING

You can go rockhounding in any stream bed or rocky outcrop in Iowa. The Keokuk geode beds are especially popular and plentiful.

05

DISCOVER A WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge is just about an hour from Perry and features bison, elk, and grassland birds. Visit www.fws.gov.

GO ON AN ADVENTURE IN A BOOK!



DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SUMMER 2024 PUBLIC PROGRAMS

DCCB offers a variety of free naturalist-led public programs during the summer. Sign up for programs you are interested in to receive any relevant updates and to provide an estimated headcount for naturalists at <https://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/services/conservation-and-recreation/conservation>



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