

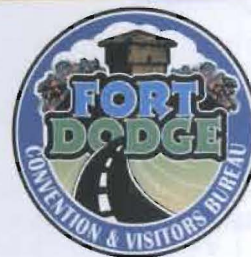
Tour Services

The Fort Dodge Convention and Visitors Bureau wants to help make your tour a success. Tour organizers can call us for possible seasonal tour options as well as events happening at the time of your visit. The Fort Dodge CVB will create a tour itinerary for the organizer's approval and make all the arrangements for the area stops. The Fort Dodge CVB will also provide a step-on guide to provide community information and directions while the bus is in the area.

Whether it's a day trip, overnight stay or a multi-day outing, we want to make your trip easy to organize and enjoyable to experience.

For more information or to set-up a tour, contact:

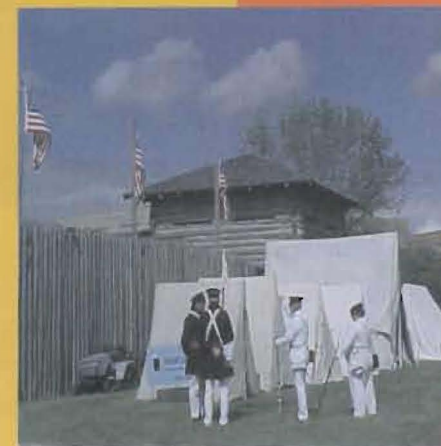
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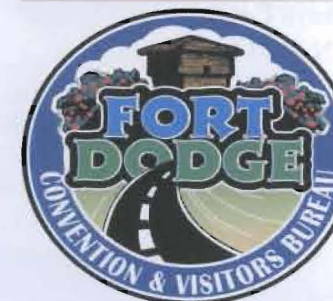
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Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Fort Dodge which lies in the heart of Webster County in the scenic Des Moines River Valley. Located on some of the most fertile ground in the world, this area offers beautiful parks with an abundance of clean air, wildlife and wide-open spaces.

Whether you enjoy spending time outdoors, experiencing fine arts or enjoying festivals, Fort Dodge and Webster County have a recreational opportunity for everyone. Join guests wandering through history at the Fort Museum and Vincent House, hiking the trails at Dolliver Memorial State Park or enjoying the arts at the Blanden Memorial Art Museum and Hawkeye Community Theatre.

Whether watching the Dayton Rodeo, enjoying indoor and outdoor concerts, picking out your own fresh apples at the Community Orchard, tantalizing your taste buds at Tea Thyme at Sadie's tea room or riding Dragon Boats at Kennedy Park, Webster County and Fort Dodge host some unique and spectacular experiences. We hope to see you soon in our community to let Fort Dodge and Webster County show you our hospitality because **...We Love Company!**



Area Attractions

Blanden Memorial Art Museum

920 South 3rd Street - (515) 573-2316

Free Admission

The Blanden Municipal Art Museum meets the highest museum standards of the American Association of Museums. Its permanent collection is recognized for its superb holdings of modern American and European paintings, African sculptures and 16th-20th century American, European and Japanese prints. Artwork from Hoffman, Beckman, Chagall, Klee, Kandinsky, Moore, Calder, Motherwell, Miro, Prendergast, Marini, and Tamayo are included in the museum's permanent collection. It is located in the heart of the Oak Hill Historic District south of the downtown area.

Community Orchard

2237 160th Street - (515) 573-8212

Open August 1 - Christmas

The Community Orchards is one of the largest orchards in Iowa and covers 50 acres and produces 13,000 bushels a year. More than 20 varieties of apples are sold in the retail market which also has a large variety of gourmet and unique Iowa food products. This facility also has an on-site café and bakery where visitors can enjoy delectable meals and treats. It also houses the Apple Attic Gift Shop and has the latest in home décor and seasonal items.

Fort Museum

One quarter mile east of the intersection of U.S.

Highway 20 & 169 - (515) 573-4231

Open daily from mid-April - October

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Fort Museum is a replica Civil War militia fort and a pioneer main street with original and replica buildings including an 1855 log home, chapel, one-room school house, cabinet shop, tinsmith shop, general store, drugstore, print shop, livery stable adjutant's office and sutler store. These buildings are filled with original fixtures, period furniture, military history displays and a collection of Native American artifacts. Guided tours are available but must be scheduled ahead of time.

Hawkeye Community Theatre

521 North 12 Street - (515) 576-6061

Local community theatre that performs various productions each year. Productions includes comedies, thrillers, dinner & dessert theatres and children's classics.

Mineral City Speedway

2298 South River Road - (515) 574-7223

Tucked into the scenic Des Moines River Valley, Mineral City Speedway features races every Friday night beginning in April through September. This year's seasons includes hobby stocks, 360 modifieds, stock cars, econo stocks, and hornets.

Oleson Park Bandshell

12th Avenue South and South 17th Street

The Oleson Park Bandshell was built in 1935-36 by the Federal Works Progress Administration. This structure is currently being restored to its formal glory while adding a handful of 21st century improvements. It has been and will continue to be a venue hosting high profile musicians and musical events.

Oleson Park Zoo

12th Avenue South and South 17th Street

The zoo showcases a variety of animals including llamas, muntjac deer, coatimundi, capybara, goats, bobcats, swans, wallabies, camels, bear and emus.

Tea Thyme at Sadie's

2021 6th Avenue South - (515) 576-2202

A Victorian-style tea room that serves meals and desserts to tantalize your taste buds. After a wonderful meal at the tea room, shop at the adjoining gift shop called Sister Sadie's of Iowa.

Vincent House

824 3rd Avenue South - (515) 573-3931

The Vincent House is located in the Oak Hill Historic District where you feel as if you wandered back to the 19th century. Built in 1871 this home is decorated with period furnishing. Guides provide tours through the home telling the history of the Vincent family and also of its connection to the Gypsum industry in Fort Dodge. Meals and entertainment are also an option in this beautiful setting.

Local Industries

Another option available in Fort Dodge is a driving tour of area industries including, the gypsum industry, Fort Dodge Animal Health production, ethanol plants, Friskies pet foods and Iowa Central Community College. Although entrance into these facilities is not allowed, a step-on tour guide can tell the history of the industries and show where their facilities are located.

Local Parks & Scenic Areas

Gypsum City OHV Park

(Off Highway Vehicle)

2390 Mill Road

This new Fort Dodge park attracts ATV riders from throughout the state. One of only 4 such parks in Iowa, Gypsum City OHV Park is being developed on gypsum mined areas and has been made possible through partnership between the gypsum companies, a local ATV club and the State of Iowa.

Brushy Creek Recreational Area

3175 290th Street, Lehigh (515) 543-8298

At 6500 acres Brushy Creek is Iowa's largest public outdoor recreation area. Brushy Lake Dam is the largest earthen dam built by the Department of Natural Resources and the deepest manmade permanent pool lake in Iowa.

Visitors can relax in the outdoors as well as participate in camping, hunting, biking, hiking, horseback riding, boating, fishing and swimming.

Kennedy Park

1415 Nelson Avenue - (515) 576-4258

This park covers 394 acres and includes many attractions including golf course, camping facilities, Badger Lake, nature trails, bird blind, butterfly gardens and an educational nature center.

Dolliver Memorial State Park

2757 Dolliver Park Avenue - (515) 359-2539

Located in the scenic Des Moines River Valley, Dolliver Park is a mix of bluffs, canyons and flatlands spread out over 450 acres.



Lodging

Lodging and meeting rooms are available in Fort Dodge with the following companies:

Lodging	Address	Phone Number area code (515)
 AmericInn Lodge & Suites	100W Kenyon Road	576-2100
 Best Western Starlite Village	Hwy 7 & 169	573-7177
 Budget Host Motel	116 Kenyon Road	955-8501
 Comfort Inn	2938 Fifth Avenue S.	573-5000
 Country Inn	3259 Fifth Avenue S.	955-2259
 Days Inn	3040 Fifth Avenue S.	576-8000
 Super 8	3755 Fifth Avenue S.	576-8788



Transportation



If your group is planning to visit Fort Dodge we can bring you here from anywhere in Iowa or across the Midwest aboard our comfortable, modern tour motor coaches. Seating from 35 to 56 passengers, all our coaches are equipped with audio and video systems, restrooms, and air conditioning. Most have window shades, foot rests, reclining seats with adjustable head rest, seat back and arm rests. If your group needs lodging, sight-seeing or entertainment suggestions our tour department will help plan your trip at no extra charge when you travel with us.

**It's a pleasure to welcome you to Fort Dodge . . .
our hometown since 1981.**

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Sample Itinerary

- 9:00 am Welcome at the Blanden Memorial Art Museum with rolls and coffee - guided tour to follow
- 11:00 am Fort Museum guided tour and browsing in the Trading Post
- 1:00 pm Lunch at Tea Thyme at Sadie's
- 2:00 pm Scenic and industrial tour of Fort Dodge and surrounding areas
- 3:00 pm Vincent House tour
- 4:30 pm Visit to the Community Orchard with light supper and dessert served

Spring

Annual Special Events

- Harmony Brigade Barbershop Chorus Concert
- Fort Dodge Area Symphony
- Karl King Municipal Band Concerts
- Hawkeye Community Theatre
- Tuff-N-Nuff Rodeo
- Mineral City Speedway Races
- Webster County Fairgrounds Flea Markets



Summer

Annual Special Events

- Frontier Days
- Dragon Boat Races
- Dayton Rodeo
- Gowrie 4th of July Celebration
- Couch Freak Boogie Skydiving Event
- Karl L King Municipal Band Concerts
- 2008 Nationally known entertainers
 - * "Shellabration" featuring **Chicago** in Concert
 - * Sticks and Stones Country Bash featuring **Tracy Byrd, Mark Wills, Buddy Jewell, Trent Williams, Ray Scott & Jason Brown**
 - * **Black Hawk** in Concert
- IGHS AU State Softball Tournament
- Mineral City Speedway Races
- Webster County Fair
- Hawkeye Community Theatre
- Blues Under the Trees
- Figure 8 Races
- Hillbilly Sale & Flea Markets
- Super Farm, Diesel Super Stock & Modified Tractor and Modified 2 WD Truck Pull



Fall

Annual Special Events

- Cruise to the Woods
- Hawkeye Community Theatre
- Fall Fest
- Apple Fest
- Chili Lovers Chili Cook-off
- Bruce Sommerfeld Memorial Race
- Figure 8 Races
- Hillbilly Sales & Flea Markets

Winter

Annual Special Events

- YWCA Holiday Showcase
- Fort Dodge Area Symphony Yule Walk
- Hawkeye Community Theatre
- Home and Garden Show
- Sportsmen Show
- Craft Show
- Karl L King Municipal Band Concert
- Webster County Fairgrounds Winter Flea Markets

