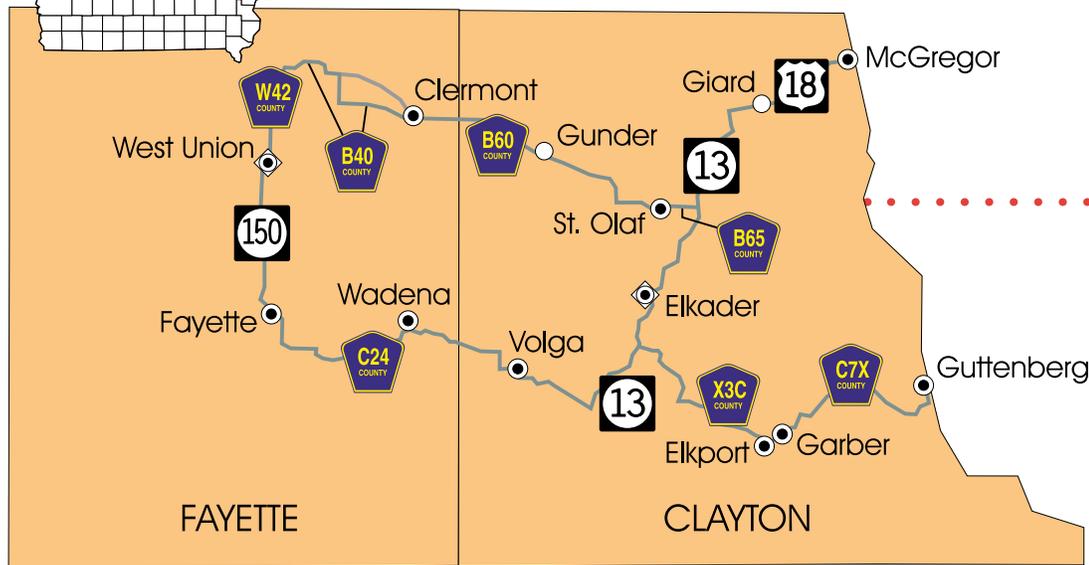


River Bluffs Scenic Byway



— Hard-surfaced road

The River Bluffs Scenic Byway is found in northeast Iowa in Fayette and Clayton counties in what is locally known as “Little Switzerland.”

A 20-mile branch of the route in Clayton County begins south of Elkader on County Road X-3C and winds eastward through Elkport and Garber. From there it continues easterly on County Road C-7X ending in Guttenberg on the Mississippi River.

The balance of the approximate 109-mile River Bluffs Scenic Byway forms the shape of an old-fashioned ladle. The end of the handle, or beginning of the route, starts in McGregor on the Mississippi River in Clayton County. The route continues southwestward along U.S. 18 and Iowa 13 to Elkader. Helping form the ladle’s cup, the route continues on Clayton and Fayette County Road C-24 through the cities of Volga, Wadena and Fayette. The route then switches to the north following Iowa 150 through West Union, and continuing north on Fayette County Road W-42 to the intersection with County Road B-40. Taking County Road B-40, the route continues to Clermont. From there it winds on County Road B-60 through Gunder and St. Olaf ending at Iowa 13 just east of Elkader in Clayton County.

The hallmarks of this byway are its breathtaking bluffs, panoramic hillsides, manicured farmland, secluded caves and rushing streams. Watch for spectacular rock formations and rugged limestone outcroppings that hug the road. The same stone, mined from rich quarries, lends a unique character to area barns, homes and churches.

For more information about attractions along the River Bluffs Scenic Byways, contact the Osborne Visitor, Welcome and Nature Center, 29862 Osborne Road, Elkader, IA 52043, 563-245-1516.

Fayette County’s rolling landscape northwest of Clermont

