

# Chapter 2

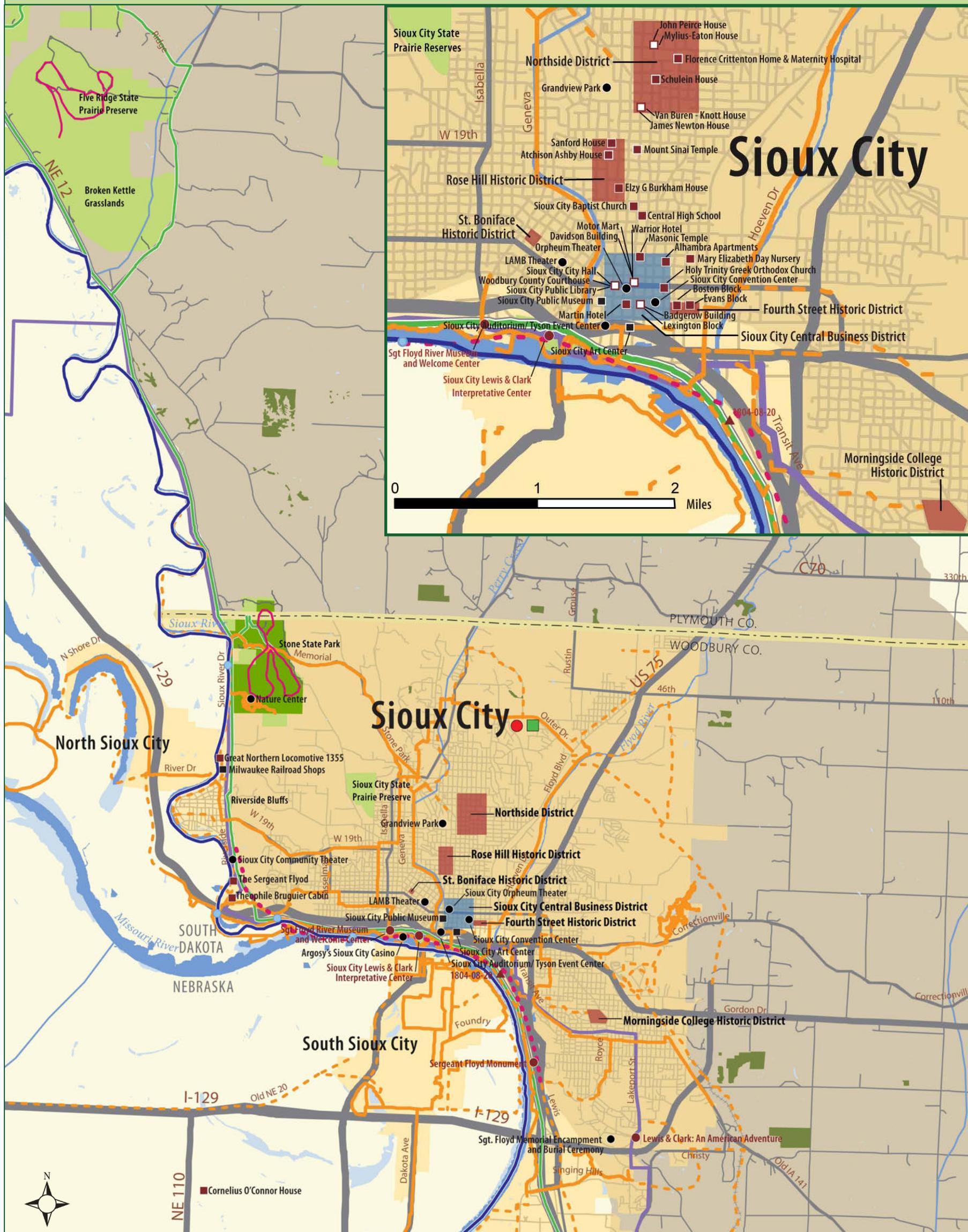
## Trail Determinants

This chapter presents an atlas of features that influence the nature and location of a Lewis and Clark Multi-Purpose Trail. These resources include:

- *Historic Resources, with an emphasis on districts and sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places*
- *Lewis & Clark Heritage Sites*
- *Natural Features and Trails*
- *Regional Attractions and Museums*
- *Lodging and Dining*

This chapter is not a comprehensive guide to features in the study area, but suggests the types of resources available along the trail route. For example, historic resources include sites and groupings that are likely to be of primary interest to probable trail users, but do not include all National Register listings. Similarly, lists of natural features, attractions, and support facilities are not exhaustive, but indicate groupings of features and services. This atlas of the area's many resources helps define alternative trail alignments, and provides information to readers following the trail planning process.

# WOODBURY COUNTY - North



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### National Register Districts and Other Concentrations of Historic Resources

■ **Fourth Street Historic District (NRHP District).** Historic Fourth Street contains a high concentration of late 19th century commercial buildings. Many of the larger buildings within this 12 building district are distinguished by their Richardsonian Romanesque style. Individual National Register listings in the Fourth Street District follow.

■ **Boston Block.** Constructed in 1890 this five-story, pink-hued stone building is one of four developed by Boston Investment Company. The building was designed by local architect Edward W. Loft in the Richardsonian Romanesque style.  
*Address: 1005-1013 East 4th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Evans Block.** One of the few surviving buildings of Sioux City's building boom that occurred during the 1880s and early 1890s.  
*Address: 1126-1128 4th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Sioux City Central Business District.** While not designated as a National Register District, Downtown Sioux City features a wide variety of architectural styles, some of which are noted below.

■ **Alhambra Apartments.** A six-story, 48-unit apartment building located near the central business district was constructed in 1929 in the Spanish/Moorish Revival Style.  
*Address: 801 5th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Badgerow Building.** 12 Story early twentieth century office building, constructed in the Gothic Revival Style.  
*Address: 622 4th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Davidson Building.** Early twentieth century department store building in a neo-classical revival style. The building housed Davidson & Company, once considered the largest department store in the state of Iowa. *Address: 506 6th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.** Designed by noted architect William Steele and built in 1928 to serve the expanding Greek community of Sioux City, Iowa. *Address: 900 6th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Lexington Block.** *Address: 815 4th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Martin Hotel.** The Chicago style building was erected in 1912.  
*Address: 410 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Motor Mart.** Constructed in 1912 by the CF Lytle Company and designed by company architect EF Henriques for Ralph A Bennett to display and repair automobiles.  
*Address: 520 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA*

■ **Municipal Auditorium.** Modern building designed by Knute E. Westerlind, now a part of the Tyson Event Center and the Long Lines community recreation center.  
*Address: 500 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA*

■ **Orpheum Theatre.** Built in 1927 as a vaudeville theatre and movie palace, restored in 1999 and is the home of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra.  
*Address: 520-528 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Sioux City Free Public Libraray.** Designed by New York architect Edward L Tilton, a nationally recognized figure in the field of library design and designer of the Immigrant Station at Ellis Island. *Address: 705 6th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Masonic Temple.**  
*Address: 820 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Warrior Hotel.** Built for the Eppley Hotel Company in 1930 and designed by Alonzo Gentry. Features terra cotta details derived from Native American designs.

■ **Woodbury County Courthouse (NHL).** Designed by leading Prairie Style architects Purcell and Elmsley, in association with William Steele, and built between 1916 and 1918, featuring superb associated art and an iconic 157-foot tower. Fully restored by Woodbury County and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1996.

■ **Rose Hill Historic District (NRHP District) and Adjacent Areas.** Register district incorporates 130 structures, mostly residential and civic buildings, on the 1400 through 1700 blocks of Douglas, Grandview, and Summit north of Downtown Sioux City. Other individual designations located on nearby sites to the east. A sampling of individual designations include:

■ **Atchison Ashby House.**  
*Address: 1807 Summit Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Elzy G Burkam House.**  
*Address: 1525 Douglas Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Mount Sinai Temple.** Originally built as United Orthodox Synagogue and designed by GW Burkhead and William Steele.  
*Address: 1320 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa*

■ **Sanford House.** *Address: 1925 Summit, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Sioux City Baptist Church.**  
*Address: 1301 Nebraska Avenue, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Central High School.** Gothic "castle" educational monument, now seeking alternative uses and designed by Eric Lund and F.S. Allen. *Address: 1212 Nebraska Avenue, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Morningside College Historic District (NHRP District).** Founded in 1894, Morningside is a private, 68-acre liberal arts college. The Morningside College Historic District includes most of the campus' grounds, including Grace United Methodist Church.

■ **St. Boniface Historic District (NHRP District).** Three building campus west of Downtown Sioux City, designed in the Romanesque Revival style by William Steele and Br. Leonard Darscheid.

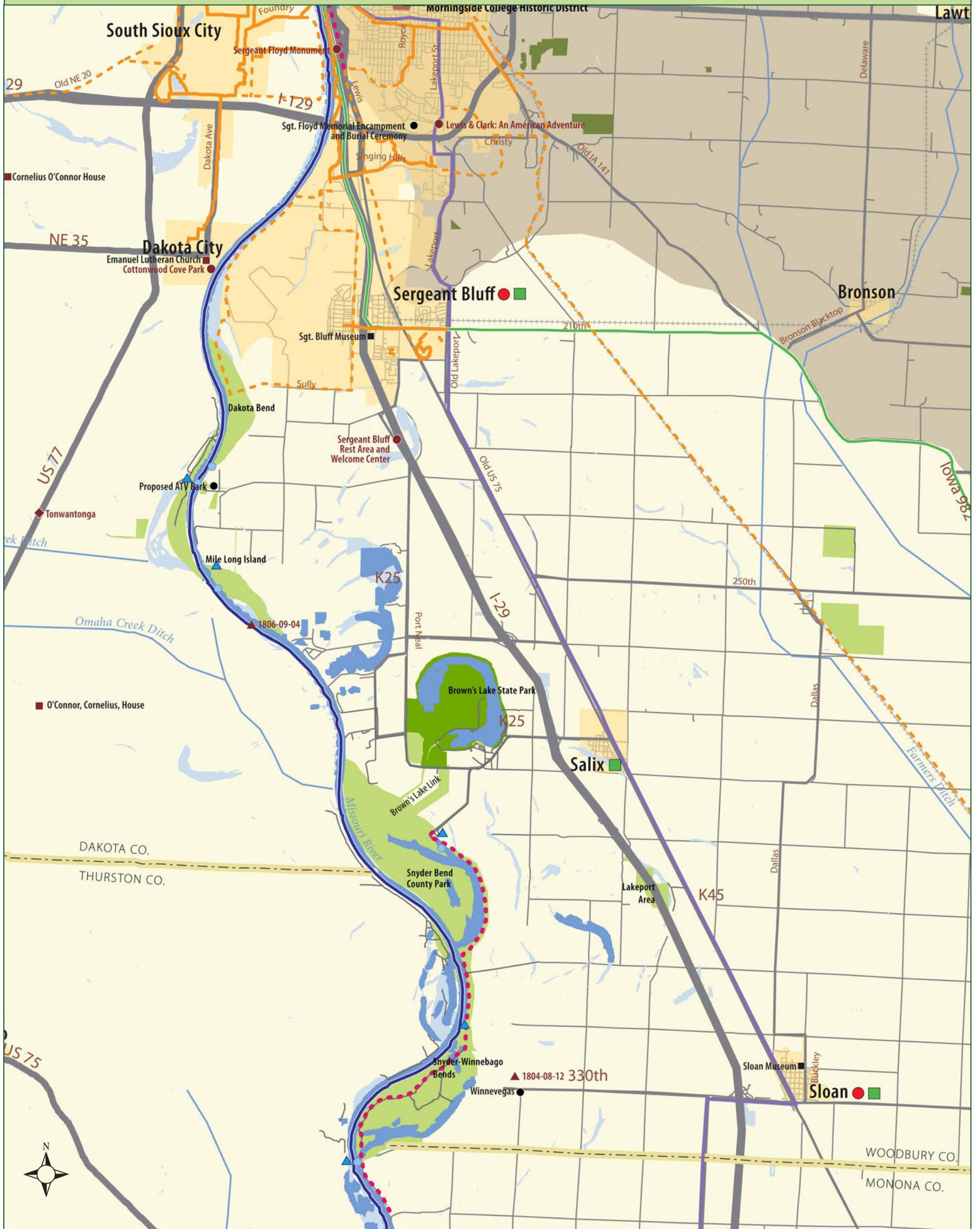
■ **Northside Neighborhoods.** While not a designated district, the area features excellent examples of high-style homes and significant civic uses. Jackson Street is a wide residential avenue with the greatest concentration of significant houses. A sampling of National Register listings within this broad district includes:

■ **Florence Crittenton Home and Maternity Hospital.** Constructed under the guidance of Dr. Agnes Eichelberger, the hospital was designed to care for women and their children.  
*Address: 1105-1111 28th Street, Sioux City, IA.*

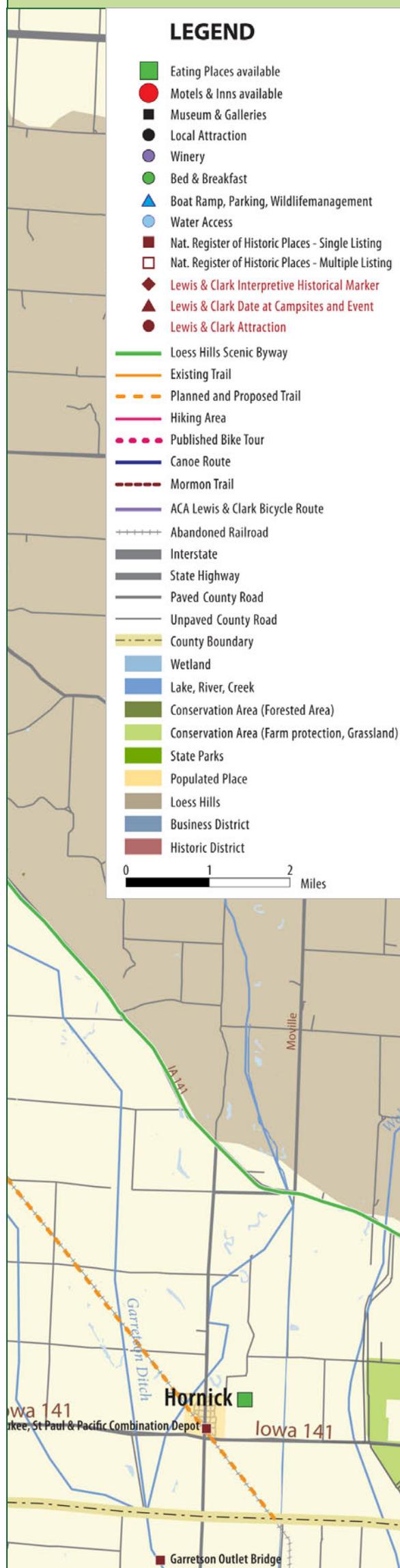
■ **James Newton House.**  
*Address: 2312 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **John Pierce House.** Twenty-one room gothic revival mansion constructed of Sioux Falls Granite in 1890 for financier John Pierce, a major promoter of Sioux Falls during the city's boom years and a force in the development of the Northside. House is the home of the Sioux City Public Museum, which is scheduled to relocate Downtown. *Address: 2901 Jackson Street, Sioux City, IA.*

# WOODBURY COUNTY - South



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## LEGEND

- Eating Places available
- Motels & Inns available
- Museum & Galleries
- Local Attraction
- Winery
- Bed & Breakfast
- ▲ Boat Ramp, Parking, Wildlifemanagement
- Water Access
- Nat. Register of Historic Places - Single Listing
- Nat. Register of Historic Places - Multiple Listing
- ◆ Lewis & Clark Interpretive Historical Marker
- ▲ Lewis & Clark Date at Campsites and Event
- Lewis & Clark Attraction
- Loess Hills Scenic Byway
- Existing Trail
- - - Planned and Proposed Trail
- Hiking Area
- - - Published Bike Tour
- Canoe Route
- - - Mormon Trail
- ACA Lewis & Clark Bicycle Route
- - - Abandoned Railroad
- Interstate
- State Highway
- Paved County Road
- Unpaved County Road
- - - County Boundary
- Wetland
- Lake, River, Creek
- Conservation Area (Forested Area)
- Conservation Area (Farm protection, Grassland)
- State Parks
- Populated Place
- Loess Hills
- Business District
- Historic District

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■ **Mylius-Eaton House.**  
Address: 2900 Jackson Street, Sioux City, IA.

■ **Schulein House.**  
Address: 2604 Jackson Street, Sioux City, IA

■ **Van Buren-Knott House.**  
Address: 2323 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA.

## Other National Register Sites with Significance to the Trail

■ **Theophile Bruguier Cabin.** Built as one of a cluster of log cabins by Bruguier for his fur trading post near the bluffs at the mouth of the Big Sioux River. The cabin was moved to its present location in 1934. *Riverside Park, Sioux City, IA.*

■ **Great Northern Railway Locomotive #1355.** Steam locomotive built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1909, for both passenger and freight service. Operated on such famous Great Northern passenger trains as the *Empire Builder* and *Oriental Limited*. *Located at the Milwaukee Railroad Shops historic district at 3400 Sioux River Road.*

■ **The Sergeant Floyd (NHL).** See listing under Lewis and Clark Heritage Sites.

■ **Sergeant Floyd Monument (NHL)** See listing under Lewis and Clark Heritage Sites.

■ **Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul & Pacific Combination Depot.**  
*Located on Main Street, South of Railway Street, Hornick, IA.*

■ **Mary Elizabeth Day Nursery.**  
Address: 814 Court Street, Sioux City, IA.

## Related Nebraska Resources

■ **Meisch House.** An elaborate example of the one-story "cubic" style brick house that is indicative to Nebraska.  
Address: 213 17th Street, South Sioux City, NE.

■ **Cornelius O'Connor House.** 1875 Italianate Mansion near Homer built by Captain Cornelius O'Connor. The home is open to the public the first and second weekend of November and operated by the Dakota County Historical Society (402-698-2288)

■ **Emmanuel Lutheran Church.** Classical revival structure designed and built by Augustus Haase in 1860.  
Address: 1500 Hickory, Dakota City, NE.

## LEWIS AND CLARK HERITAGE SITES

### Woodbury County

#### Attractions

● **Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center.** The center is housed in a decommissioned Army Corps of Engineers inspection boat, built by Howard Shipyards and named after Sergeant Floyd. Now serves as a tourist information and river museum in Chris Larsen Park.  
*Located at 1000 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, Iowa; (712)279-0198.*

● **Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center.** This 20,000 square foot, private non-profit cultural complex, commemorates the history and encounters that occurred before, during, and after the expedition between the native tribes, explorers, traders and early settlers.  
*Located at 900 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, Iowa; (712) 224-5242.*

● **Sergeant Floyd Monument.** Constructed in 1901 this 100 foot high stone obelisk memorializes Sergeant Charles Floyd, the only fatality on the Lewis and Clark expedition. Located at Floyd's gravesite, at the crest of Floyd's Bluff off Lewis Boulevard, the site was the nation's first designated National Historic Landmark.

● **Lewis & Clark: An American Adventure.** A series of murals tracing the entire route of the Corps of Discovery, executed by Split Rock Studio for Southern Hills Mall. Includes 38 different mural scenes, stretching 296 feet in length.  
*Located at 4400 Sergeant Road, Sioux City, Iowa.*

● **Sergeant Bluff Rest Area and Welcome Center.** Rest area south of Sioux City on I-29 includes enhancement features such as sculptural steel birch bark canoes, picnic areas and a nature walk with narrative tiles. Other features include terra cotta panels illustrating scenes from the Lewis and Clark expedition and interior mosaic tiles illustrating the Missouri River.

## Related Nebraska Resources

### Attractions

▲ **Cottonwood Cove Park, Dakota City.** The Corps of Discovery camped near here on August 18, 1804, and celebrated Lewis's birthday, and also held the court martial for private Moses Reed. On August 19th the expedition met with Otoe and Missouri Indians before continuing on their way. Cottonwood Cove Park includes camping, picnicking, river access, and an interpretive overlook of the river.  
*Located at S 14th and Hickory Streets, Dakota City, Nebraska.*

### Campsites

▲ **August 13th 1804 – Tonwantonga.** Nebraska State Historical Marker on US Highway 77, 2.5 miles northeast of Homer, Nebraska. The Lewis and Clark expedition visited the Omaha village of Tonwantonga on August 13th 1804, finding it deserted. The expedition stayed near the site for nearly a week. While encamped at this location the expedition held a council with chiefs from the Otoe Tribe who had come to the village seeking peace with the absent Omaha tribe.

## NATURAL FEATURES & TRAILS

### Woodbury County

#### State Parks and Conservation Areas

##### Broken Kettle Grasslands.

**Deer Creek Lake.** DNR 1,036 acres, uplands, deer, pheasant, rabbit, quail.

**Stone State Park.** 1,096 acres, (712) 255-4698, camping, (9 electrical campsites, 21 nonelectric campsites), lodge rental, nature trail, bridle and hiking trails, lake and stream fishing, 2 acres man-made lake, snowmobile.

**Sioux City State Prairie Preserve.** 64 acres, DNR, stream fishing, hunting, deer, pheasant.

**Five Ridge Prairie State Preserve.** 790 acres, hiking and cross-country skiing trails, hunting.

**Dakota Bend.** 109 acres, DNR, hunting, marsh, waterfowl, deer, pheasant, access by river only.

**Snyder-Winnebago Bend Park.** 2,865 acres, DNR. Hunting, marsh, timber, upland, waterfowl, deer, pheasant. Boat ramp to Missouri River.

**Mile Long Island WMA.** 230 acres, DNR. Hunting, deer, pheasant, rabbit.

**Browns Lake State Park.** 24 acres, tent and trailer camping, electricity, drinking water and showers, flush toilets, trailer dump station, picnicking, hiking trails, swimming beach, lake fishing, (475 acre lake), boat ramp, baseball field, winter sports, facilities for handicapped.

# Chris Larsen Park

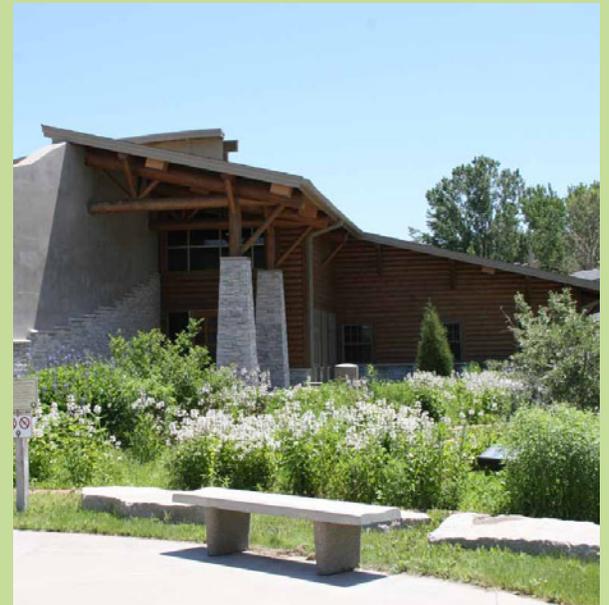
## Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center & Betty Strong Encounter Center

The Interpretive Center opened in 2002 to commemorate the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. In 2007 the center was expanded with the opening of the adjoining Betty Strong Encounter Center. The center's permanent mission is to commemorate the history of encounters that have occurred along the Missouri River in the times before, during and after the expedition.

Joined by the symbolic Crossroads Garden, these two facilities are home to exhibits, programs, and activities that explore the themes of cultural diversity, land conservation, and heritage and history of the Missouri River.



"Spirit of Discovery"



Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

### Sioux City & Sergeants Bluff Community Trail Network

**The Point Trail.** This 5.18 mile trail is located within the Pointe Nature Preserve at the southeastern most corner of South Dakota, along the confluence of the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers. The Point Trail can be accessed via the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

**Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.** The Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail travels for more than 11 miles along the banks of the Missouri River, through the cities of Sergeants Bluff, Sioux City, and North Sioux City. A 1 mile section of the trail remains to be completed between Sergeants Bluff and Sioux City. Parks facilities connected by the trail include:

- Prairie Park
- Riverside Park
- Larsen Park
- War Eagle Park
- Chris Larsen Park
- Chatauqua Park

**Bacon Creek Park.** Included in this 240 acre park are more than 4 miles of trails that traverse wooded areas and the shores of the park's lake.

**Floyd River Trail.** Linked to the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail, the Floyd River Trail continues northeast for eight miles along the channelized Floyd River. Parks served by the Floyd River Trail include:

- Chris Larsen Park
- Headid Park

**Perry Creek Greenway Trail.** This 2.65 mile trail connects northern residential districts, parks and schools with downtown Sioux City. Parks along the Perry Creek Greenway include:

- Sanford Park
- Center Street Park

**Energy Greenway/Pierce Street Link.** This half mile trail link that utilizes an abandoned railroad right-of-way connects the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and Perry Creek Greenway Trail.

### Related Nebraska Resources

#### South Sioux City Community Trail Network

**Scenic Park Trail.** Starting at the foot of Veterans Bridge, the Scenic Park trail follows the Missouri River to the southeast, before turning towards the west and traveling through rich agricultural land. At the intersection of Foundry Road and G Street, the trail links with the Alleyway Trail.

**Alleyway/ South Sioux City High School Link.** This 1.25 mile trail link connects the Scenic Park Trail with the 39th Street and Dakota City Trails.

**Sergeant Floyd Underlook Trail.** Starting at 29th and G Streets this 1 mile trail that follows a drainage canal westward out of the city. At the western end is an underlook where Trail-users can observe the Sergeant Floyd Monument on the Iowa side of the Missouri River.

**Crystal Cove Trail.** Located in Crystal Cove Park, this network allows access to the lake, wetlands, and wildlife areas located in the park. The trail is connected to the city's trail network via the 39th Street Trail.

**39th Street Trail.** Following the grade of 39th Street, the trail allows access between Crystal Cove Park and Cardinal Park. The 39th Street Trail also provides linkages between South Sioux City and Dakota City, via the Dakota City Trail.

**Dakota City Trail.** This 2.25 mile trail links the cities of South Sioux City with Dakota City, by following the grade of Dakota/IBP Avenue.

### ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

#### Woodbury County

● **Orpheum Theatre.** Originally built in 1927 and beautifully restored in 1999, the theatre is one of the largest in Iowa and a favorite of area residents. Since reopening, the theatre has hosted performances by Bill Cosby, Sheryl Crow, BB King, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Jewel, Alison Kraus, and Jerry Seinfeld.  
528 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA; [www.orpheumlive.com](http://www.orpheumlive.com).

● **Sioux City Auditorium/Tyson Events Center.** Featuring the new 10,000 seat Gateway Arena, the events center is an extremely flexible venue for a wide variety of entertainment and sporting events located in Downtown Sioux City.  
401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA; [www.tysoncenter.com](http://www.tysoncenter.com).

● **Sioux City Convention Center.** With a combined 60,000 sq. feet of meeting room and exhibit space, as well as an exclusive in-house caterer, the Sioux City Convention Center prides itself on quality service. The Center is also home to the Tourism Bureau for the area, and can assist with programs, maps, and hotel accommodations.

801 4th Street, Sioux City, IA;  
[www.siouxcitytourism.com/convention.htm](http://www.siouxcitytourism.com/convention.htm)

● **Woodbury County Fair.** Annual August event including local food products, carnival rides, 4-H competitions, and live entertainment. Located in Merville, IA.

● **Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment and Burial Ceremony.** A living history encampment featuring re-enactors, tents, camp equipment and firearms like those used by the Lewis and Clark expedition during their stay along the banks of the Missouri River. Renactors in full dress uniform re-create the 1804 burial of Sergeant Floyd, the only member of the expedition to die during the journey.

● **Argosy's Sioux City Casino.** Casino is a replica side-wheel steamboat offering gaming, and dining options on three deck levels. Located at 100 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City, IA.

● **Grandview Park.** Dedicated in 1935 the park grounds contain an award winning music pavilion and rose garden. Home to Saturday in the Park and summer evening concerts by the Sioux City Municipal Band. 24th Street and Grandview Boulevard, Sioux City, IA.

● **LAMB Theater.** Founded in 1979 the LAMB Theater is Sioux City's premier independent live performance theatre, featuring new and classic plays. 417 Market Street, Sioux City, IA.

● **Sioux City Community Theater.** Featuring seven productions a year the Sioux City Community Theater has been providing the community with quality live theatrical productions since 1948. The theater is located in the historic Shore Acres Ballroom which was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, and has hosted such musical acts as Glenn Miller, Chubby Checker and the Beach Boys. 1401 Riverside Boulevard, Sioux City, IA; 712-233-2788.

● **Winnavegas Casino.** Casino owned and operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska offering a variety of gaming and entertainment options. Winnevegas offers an annual Riverfest event designed for families and including camping, food vendors, arts and crafts, and concerts. Address: 1500 330th Street, Sloan IA; (712) 428-4219.



Crossroads Garden



Betty Strong Encounter Center



Exhibit Space at the Betty Strong Encounter Center, courtesy DesignSchool.com

■ **Sioux City Arts Center.** Founded in 1938 as a Works Progress Administration project, the art center serves people of all ages and backgrounds. The Sioux City Art Center is one of only four WPA art centers in Iowa to survive to the present without interruption. The Art Center features a permanent collection, exhibits, education, and hosts community events.

225 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA; (712) 279-6272.

■ **Sioux City Public Museum.** The Public Museum, currently located in the John Pierce House offers exhibits on the development of Sioux City and the Siouxland area. Exhibits interpret the life of Pierce, and the evolution of Sioux City and its growth from a frontier town at the edge of the Dakota Territory to the current city. It also includes exhibits that detail the lives and material culture of the Lakota Sioux, Winnebago, and Omaha tribes. The Public Museum will relocate to a new downtown home in the former JC Penney department store. The Pierce House will be renovated as a period house as part of the museum system. Other elements of the public museum system include the Loren Callendar Museum at City Hall and the *Sergeant Floyd* river museum.

Address: 2901 Jackson, with relocation to 607 4th Street in Fall, 2010.

■ **Milwaukee Railroad Shops.** This historic complex, including the Milwaukee Road roundhouse is operated by the Siouxland Historical Railroad Association and includes both museum and restoration components. The facility includes static displays of equipment, including Great Northern locomotive #1355, listed on the National Register.

Address: 3400 Sioux River Road, Sioux City, IA; (712) 233-6996

▲ **Art Galleries.** The Siouxland area includes a number of galleries in addition to the Sioux City Art Center. Rural Woodbury County galleries include:

▲ **Loftus Gallery & Pottery.** Features fine art and utilitarian ceramics, made by hand or on a potter's wheel.

202 West Main Street, Lawton, IA; (712) 944-5870.

## Nebraska Resources

▲ **Art Galleries.** The Siouxland area includes a number of galleries in addition to the Sioux City Art Center. Rural Nebraska galleries in the overall trail region include:

▲ **The Village Potter.** A contemporary ceramic studio, that also provides lessons. (outside the mapped area)

108 Elk Street, Jackson, NE; (402) 632-4028.

▲ **Woodland Trails Arts & Crafts.** Features the arts and crafts of the Winnebago Ho-Chunk and other Woodlands Tribes. The retail store/art studio and feature authentic art and craft products created by Native Americans. *Ho-Chunk Village, Winnebago, NE.*

## LODGING & DINING

The Sioux City metropolitan area provides a rich variety of lodging and dining opportunities. Outside of the immediate metropolitan area, lodging and dining facilities are available in or near the following communities:

### Lodging

- **Sloan, Iowa** (multiple facilities)
- **Sergeant Bluff, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

### Bed & Breakfasts

- **Grace Corner B&B Retreat House.**  
123 East Main Street, Lawton, IA;  
(712) 944-5696 or (877) 944-5696

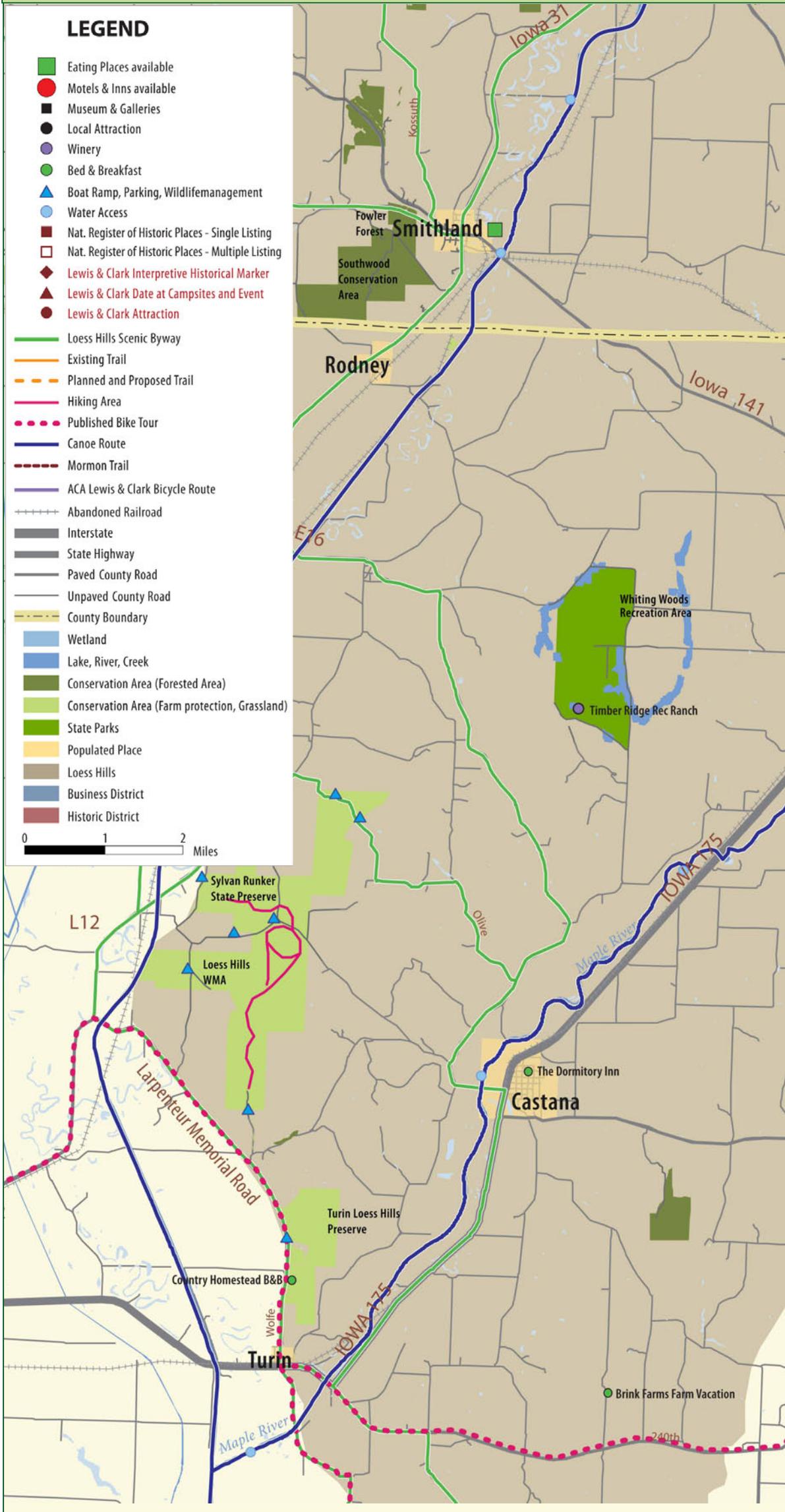
### Dining

- **Smithland, Iowa** (multiple facilities)
- **Le Mars, Iowa** (multiple facilities)
- **Hornick, Iowa** (multiple facilities)
- **Sergeant Bluff, Iowa** (multiple facilities)
- **Salix, Iowa**

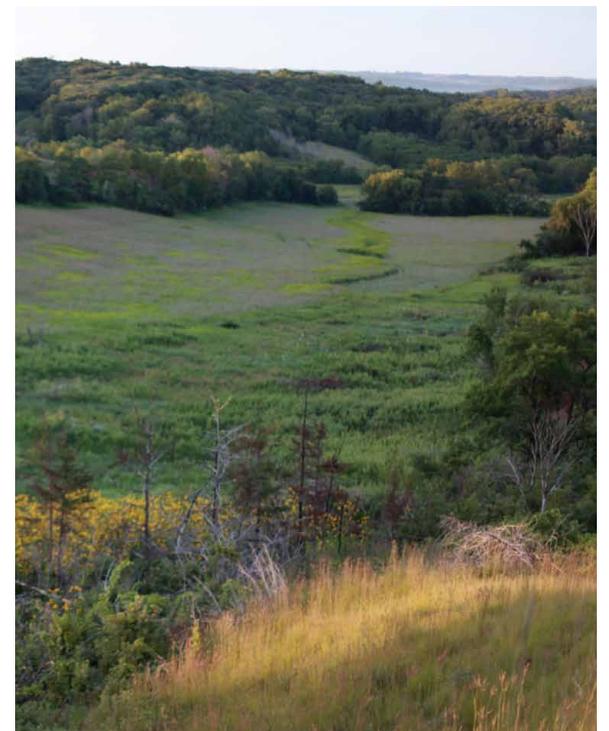
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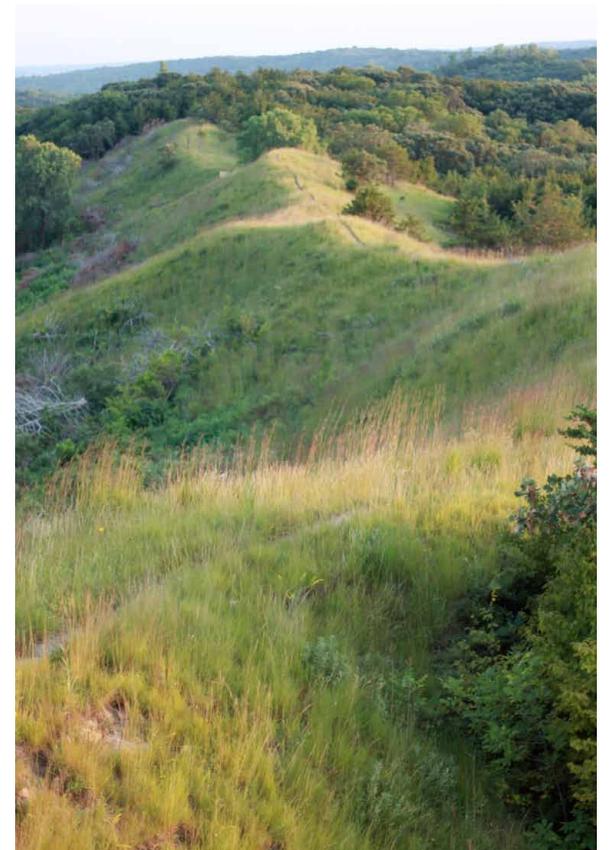
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Sugar Clary Vineyard

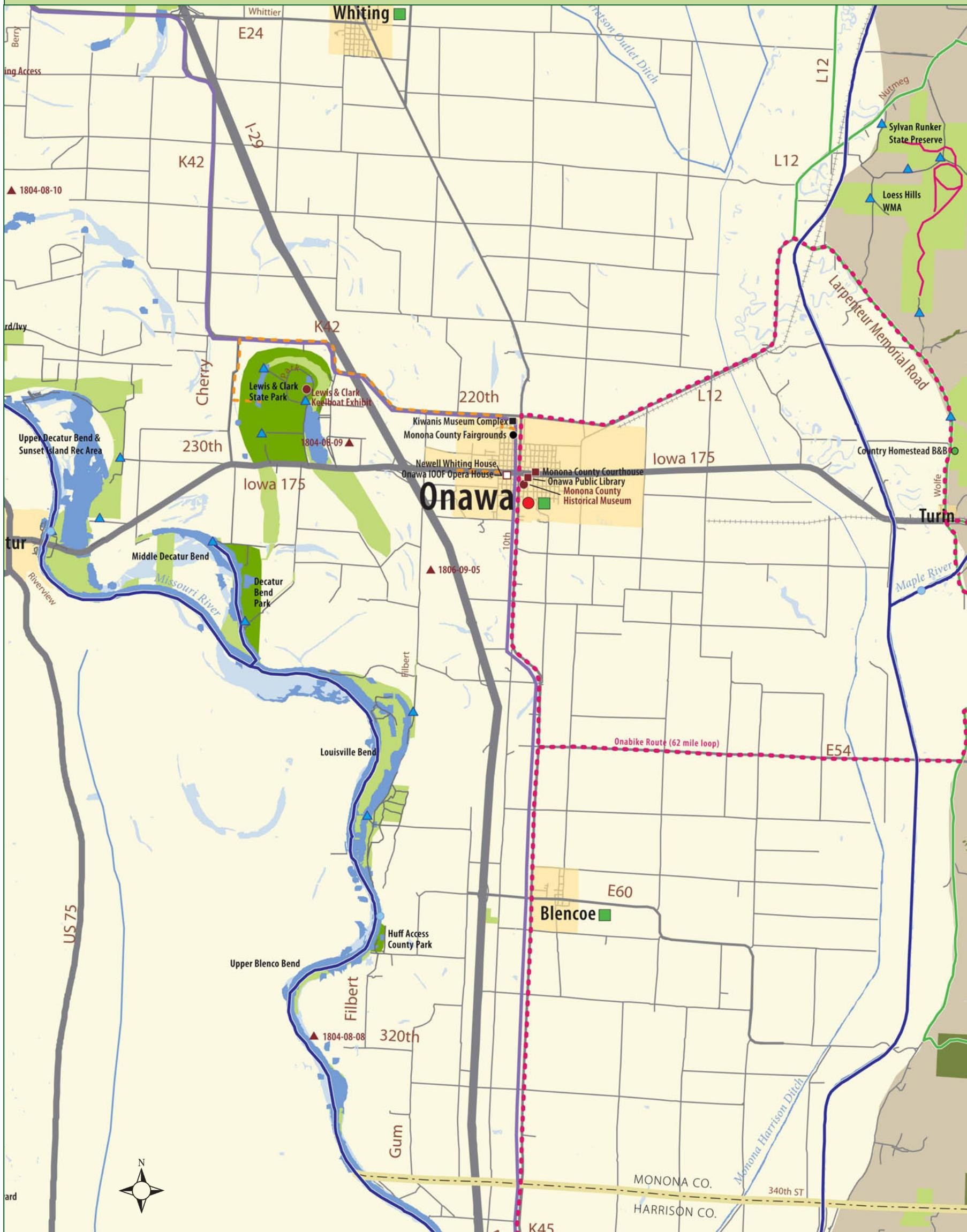


Preparation Canyon State Park

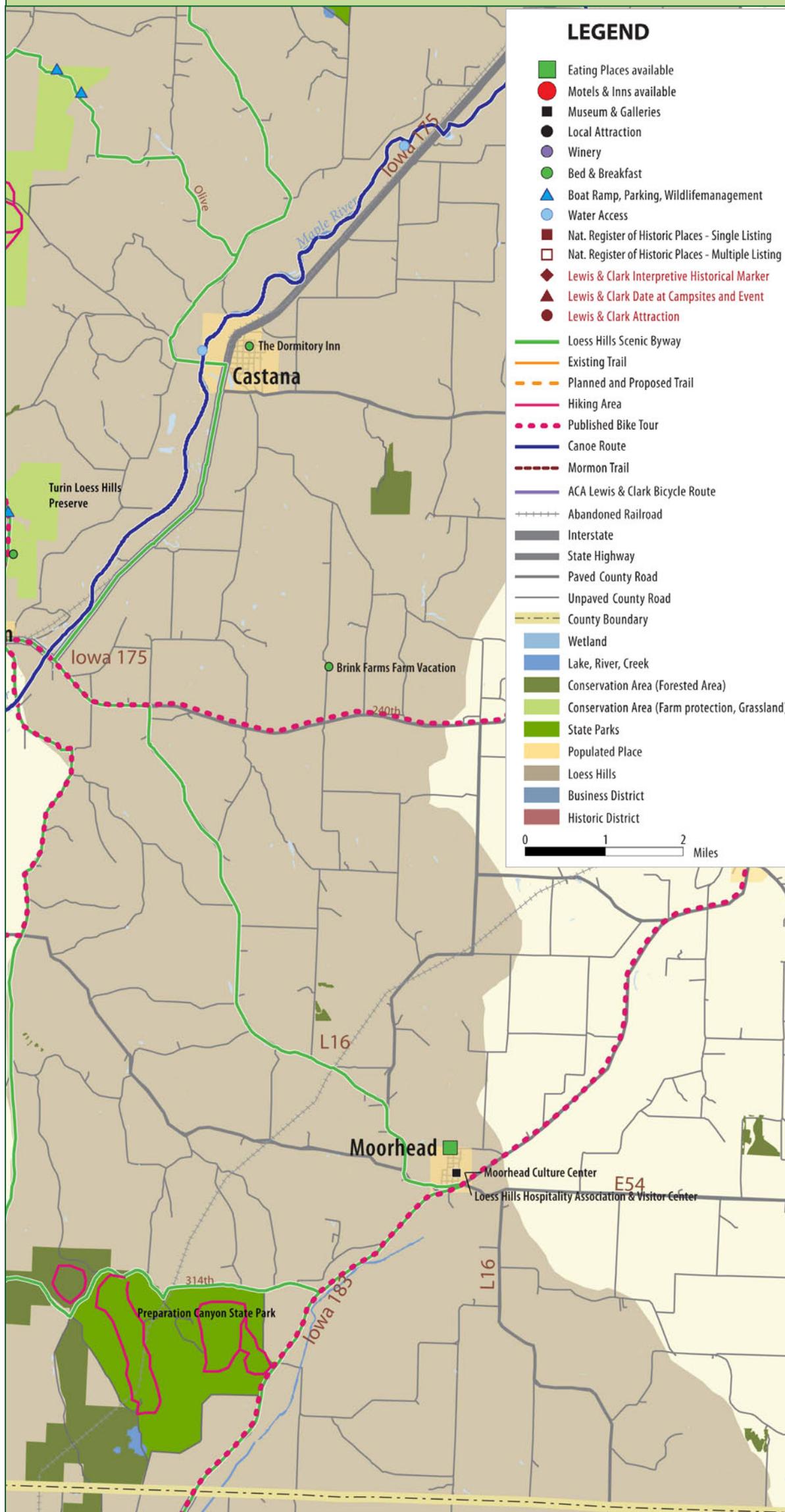


Murray Hill Scenic Overlook

# MONONA COUNTY - South



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### Monona County

■ **Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church.** This Gothic Revival Church with Romanesque influence, designed by Iowa architect Edward S. Hammatt was commissioned by C.I. Whiting as a memorial to his late wife Flora E. Giddings. The church today houses the Museum of American History.  
Address: 302 South 7th Street, Mapleton, IA, (outside of mapped area)

■ **Cooper Township Round Barn**

■ **Garretson Outlet Bridge.**  
Location: County Road K64 over Garretson Outlet Ditch.

■ **Monona County Courthouse.** Romanesque Revival Courthouse constructed in 1892 and designed by P.H. Wind and S.E. Moxon.  
Address: 610 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA.

■ **Onawa IOOF Opera House.** Originally the home of a local chapter of the International Order of Odd Fellows, the Opera House also staged theatrical performances.  
1023 North 10th Street, Onawa, IA.

■ **Onawa Public Library.** Designed in the Prairie School style of architecture the library was constructed with funding from the Carnegie Foundation. 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA.

■ **Newell Whiting House.** 1106 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA.

### Nebraska Resources

■ **Dr Susan Picotte Memorial Hospital.** Located in Walthill, Nebraska, this one and one half story, frame building was constructed in 1912-13 to serve as a facility for the medical practice of Dr. Susan Picotte. Dr. Picotte was the first Native American woman doctor to practice modern medicine in the United States. In addition to her medical practice, she represented the Omaha tribe at the local and national level, working to improve their quality of life. Address: 505 Matthewson Street, Walthill, NE. (outside of mapped area)

## LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE SITES

### Monona County

#### Attractions

● **Lewis & Clark State Park and Keelboat Exhibit.** The expedition camped near here on August 9, 1804. Replicas of the keelboat and pirogues used by the Corps of Discovery are docked at the lake which was formed as an oxbow lake when the river cut a new course years ago. The park holds an annual Lewis and Clark Festival the second weekend in June. Campsites, trails, fishing and swimming are available at the park just west of I-29 at Exit 112 near Onawa. Call (712) 423-2829 for additional information.

● **Whiting Access.**

#### Campsites

▲ **August 12th 1804 Campsite.**  
Located 4 miles west of Sloan, Iowa, on the north side of 330th Street.

▲ **August 11th 1804 Campsite.** Pasture and woodland area located between I-29 and Catalpa Avenue at Exit 120.

▲ **August 9th 1804 Campsite.**  
Located on the south side of 225th Street, .25 miles west of Elder Avenue and 225th Street intersection, Onawa, IA.

## Loess Hills Vineyards

Grapes have been grown in the Loess Hills region since the 1860s, and the State of Iowa once ranked sixth nationally in the production of wine. By the 1960s however, production had declined dramatically due to the increased use of pesticides that destroyed many of the region's vines. Renewed interest in viticulture has led to the development of a number of new vineyards. These include:

- Breezy Hill Vineyard & Winery
- Danish Countryside Vines & Wines
- King's Crossing Vineyard & Winery
- Loess Hills Vineyard & Winery
- Prairie Crossing Vineyards & Winery
- Sugar Clay Winery & Vineyards
- Whispering Hills Vineyards
- Timber Ridge



Sugar Clary Vineyard & Winery

## Nebraska Resources

### Attractions

● **Blackbird Scenic Overlook.** On August 11, the captains and 10 men climbed a hill to the burial site of Blackbird, an Omaha chief who died four years earlier of smallpox, and erected a white flag bound with red and blue. Blackbird Hill is today private property, but an overlook near it on US 75 gives a good approximation of what the explorers saw.

## NATURAL FEATURES & TRAILS

### Monona County

#### State Parks and Conservation Areas

**Lewis & Clark State Park.** 176 acres state park featuring a replica of Lewis and Clark's keelboat *Best Friend* and two pirogues, and a new Interpretive Center. The park's other features include Blue Lake, an 250-acre oxbow hosting a variety of water related recreation activities, including unsupervised swimming and a beach. Other features include hiking trails, camping with electric hookups, picnicking. *Contact: (712) 423-2829*

**Preparation Canyon State Park.** 344 acres, (712) 423-2829, on a site settled by a group of Mormon families led by Charles B. Thompson, who broke from the main Utah migration. State park offers hiking trails, hike-in camping, picnicking with shelters, and wildlife refuge.

**Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area.** 2,742 acres, DNR property. Upland, timber, and prairie environments. Hunting.

**Loess Hills Pioneer State Forest.** 3,121 acres, DNR property. Upland, timber, and prairie environments, hunting permitted. Pond fishing with access to small boats.

**Omaha Mission Bend.** 120 acres, DNR property. Old river channel, hunting permitted.

**Badger Lake WMA.** 987 acres, DNR property. Marsh and upland environments, waterfowl and pheasant hunting permitted.

**Whiting Woods.** 80 acres, dense native timber, drinking water, pit toilets, picnicking, hiking trails.

**Huff-Warner Access County Park.** 5 acres, camping, electricity, drinking water, picnicking, pit toilets, stream fishing, Missouri River boat ramp.

**Upper Monona Bend Wildlife Area.** 60 acres, public access to river. Old river channel, hunting permitted.

**Davis Wetland.** 54 acres, wildlife viewing and hunting.

**Blackbird/Ivy Island Wildlife Area.** 722 acres, DNR property including a boat ramp and public river access. Marsh and upland environments, hunting permitted.

**Upper Decatur Bend and Sunset Island Recreation Area.** 534 acres, DNR property. Marsh and timber environments, hunting permitted. Pit toilets, boat ramp, fishing.

**Middle Decatur Bend.** 338 acres, DNR property. Shallow lake, marsh, hunting permitted.

**Louisville Bend Wildlife Area.** 904 acres, DNR property. Marsh and timber environments, hunting permitted.

**Upper Blencoe Bend.** 94 acres, DNR property. Hunting, marsh, timber, waterfowl, pheasant, deer.

## ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

### Monona County

● **Monona County Fairgrounds in Onawa.** Home of the Monona County Fair, held annually in mid-July and adjacent to Gaukel Park, Onawa's principal active recreational park. Contiguous complex also includes Onawa Community Center.

● **Monona County Historical Museum & Kiwanis Museum Complex.** Features include Lewis and Clark display, Eskimo Pie display, farm equipment and barbed wire collections, a turn-of-the-century kitchen, bedroom and parlor, and a new agriculture building with farm antiques. *Address: 47 12th Street, Onawa, IA.*

■ **Moorhead Culture Center.** Displays reflecting the culture, people, art and history of the area. *120 Oak Street, Moorhead, IA; 712-886-5384. Open 1-4 Fri. - Sun., mid-April to October 28, or by appointment.*

■ **Loess Hills Hospitality Association and Visitors Center.** Base for regional activities to promote exploration of the Loess Hills. The LHHA provides customized tours for individuals, groups, and motorcoach tour organizers, and also conducts its own educational activities and tours. Its Visitors Center and gift shop provides tourism information and features handcrafted items. *119 Oak Street, Moorhead, IA; 712-886-5441 or 800-886-5441. Visitor Center: 9-4 Tue.-Sat., 1-4 Sun., May-Dec.; 1-4 Tue.-Sat., Jan.-Apr.*

● **Timber Ridge Rec Ranch.** Facility offers a variety of grape wines and other fruit-based wines and accommodates camping and off-road vehicle use. Guests beyond the Lodgemust be accompanied by a registered member. *33453 153rd St, Castana, IA; (712) 353-6600.*

## LODGING & DINING

Lodging and dining facilities are available in or near the following communities:

### Lodging

#### ● Onawa, Iowa

##### Bed & Breakfasts

#### ● Country Homestead B&B.

22133 Larpenteur Road, Turin, IA; (712) 353-6772 or (888) 563-7455.

#### ● Lighthouse Marina Inn.

4 miles off I-29, Exit 120, Whiting, IA; (712) 485-2066.

### Dining

#### ■ Mapleton, Iowa (multiple facilities)

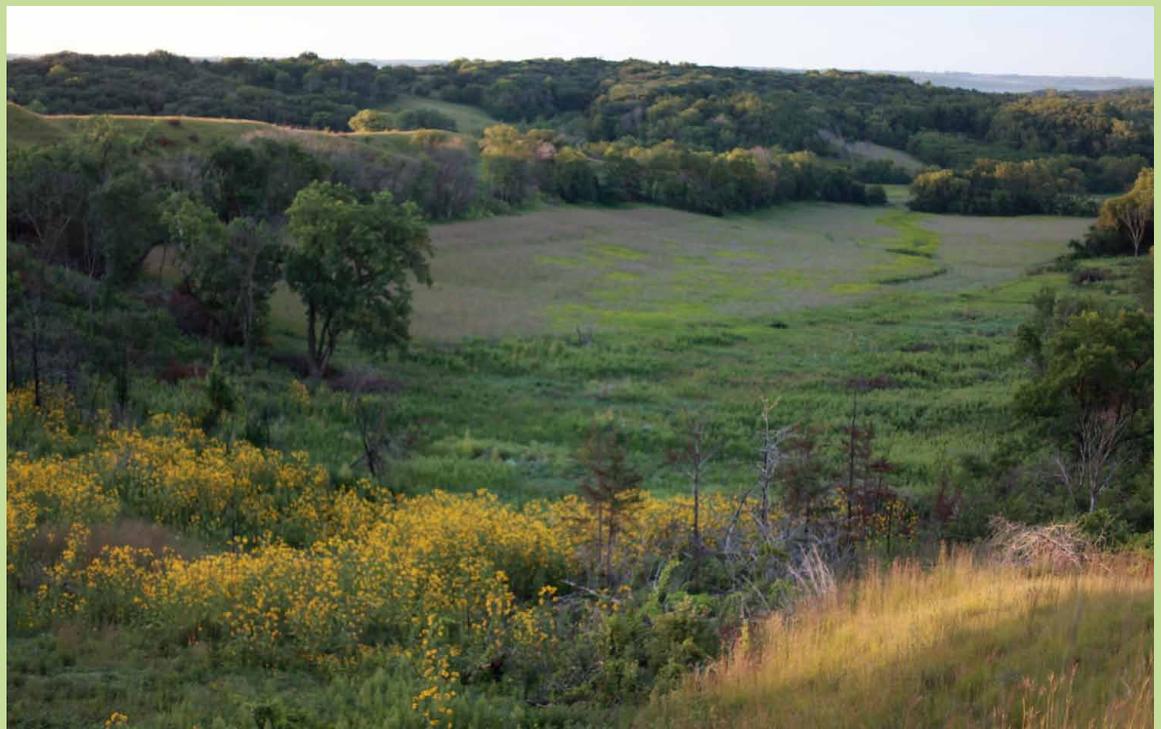
#### ■ Whiting, Iowa (multiple facilities)

#### ■ Onawa, Iowa (multiple facilities)

#### ■ Blencoe, Iowa

#### ■ Moorhead, Iowa (multiple facilities)

#### ■ Decatur, Nebraska (multiple facilities)



Preparation Canyon State Park



Loess Hills Welcome Center; Moorhead, Iowa

## Preparation Canyon State Park

In 1853, Charles B. Thompson broke from a Mormon wagon train heading towards Utah after receiving a message from the "Spirit." Leading some 50 families to what is present day Monona County, he founded the town of Preparation. According to Thompson, this place was to be their "School of Preparation for the Life Beyond."

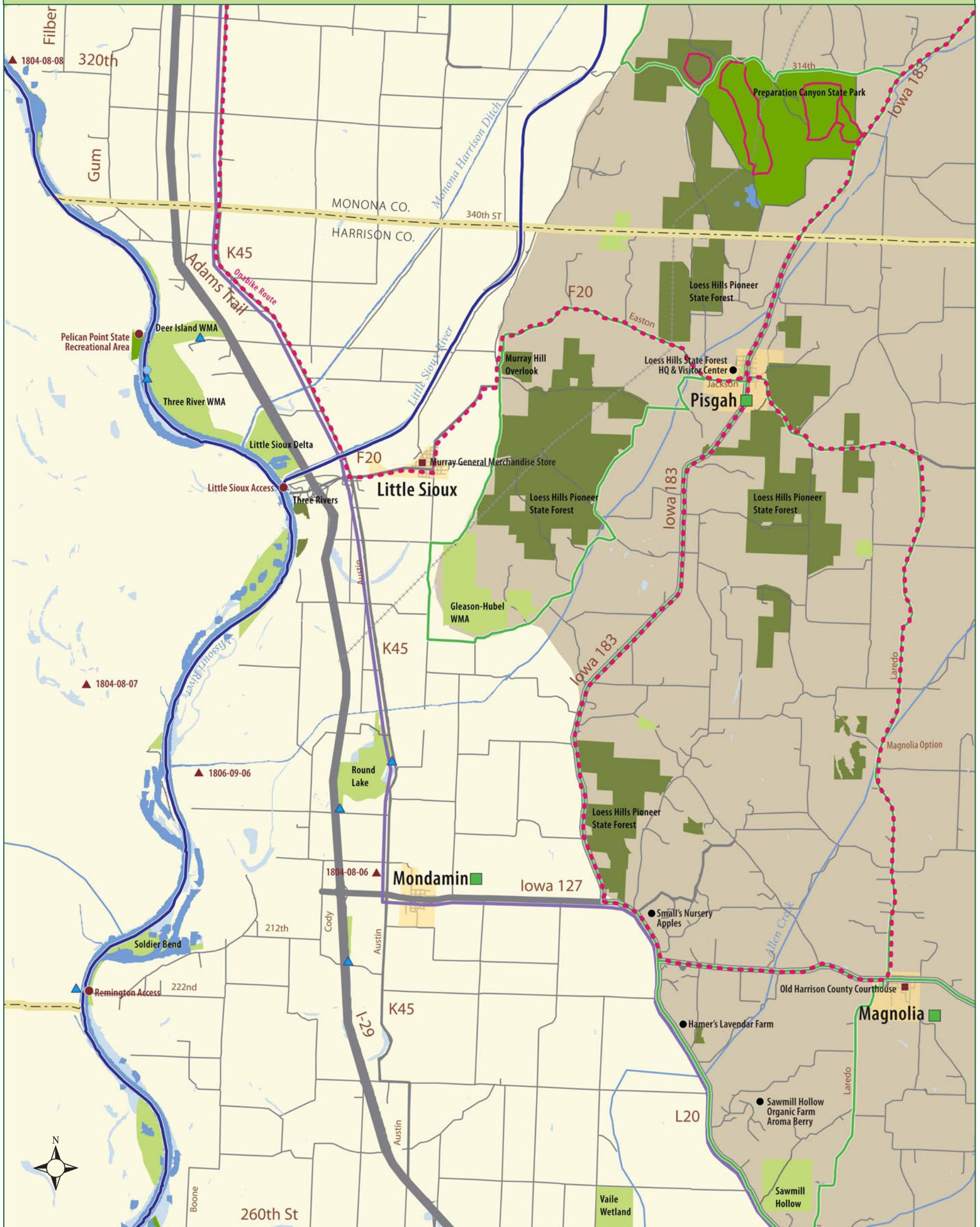
Soon after settling the valley the Mormon pioneers realized that they had discovered one of the richest farming valleys in Iowa. Realizing the potential wealth that the valley could generate, Thompson's newspaper printed an article relating a message he received from a spirit named "Beneemy". According to the article the spirit stated, "I appoint Charles B. Thompson chief steward of my house to receive, hold, manage and direct all the treasures of my house." Believing the article, the settlers turned over all their deeds and possessions to Thompson.

By 1856, the settlers realized the mistake that they had made, and demanded the return of their property. Warned by a loyal follower that the settlers were planning to lynch him, Thompson fled the state. Unable to secure their deeds, many of the disillusioned Mormon families left the valley and headed for Utah.

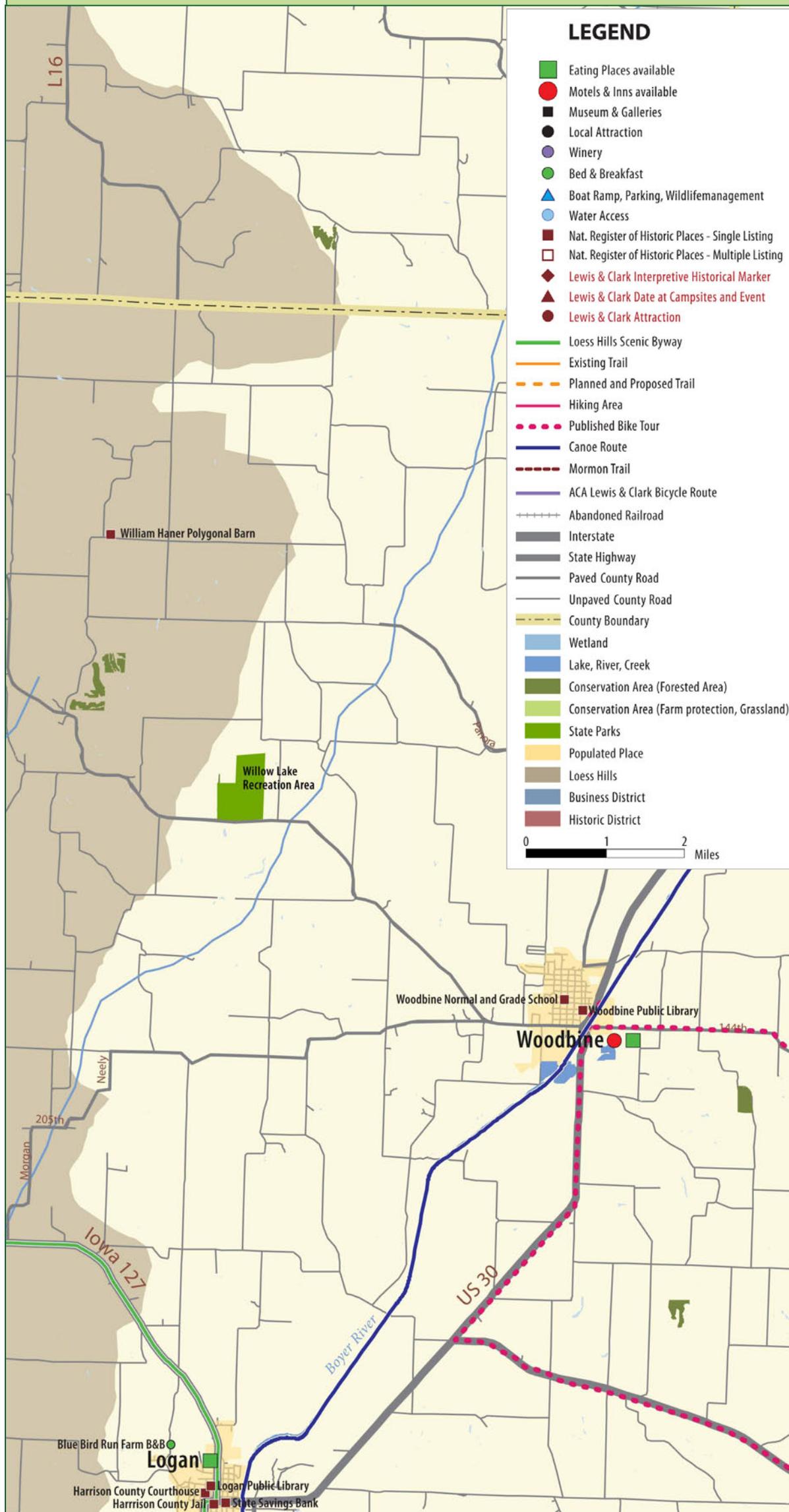
In 1856, the Iowa Supreme Court divided the land equally among the remaining families, whereupon the town of Preparation began to stabilize and grow once more. At one point the community had sixty-seven houses, a post office, skating rink and blacksmith shop. By 1900 however, the town had failed and all that remained was a stockyard operation that closed in 1946.

Between 1934 and 1969 Martha and Walter Perrin, descendants of the original Mormon families, sold the site to the State of Iowa for the development of Preparation Canyon State Park.

# HARRISON COUNTY - North



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

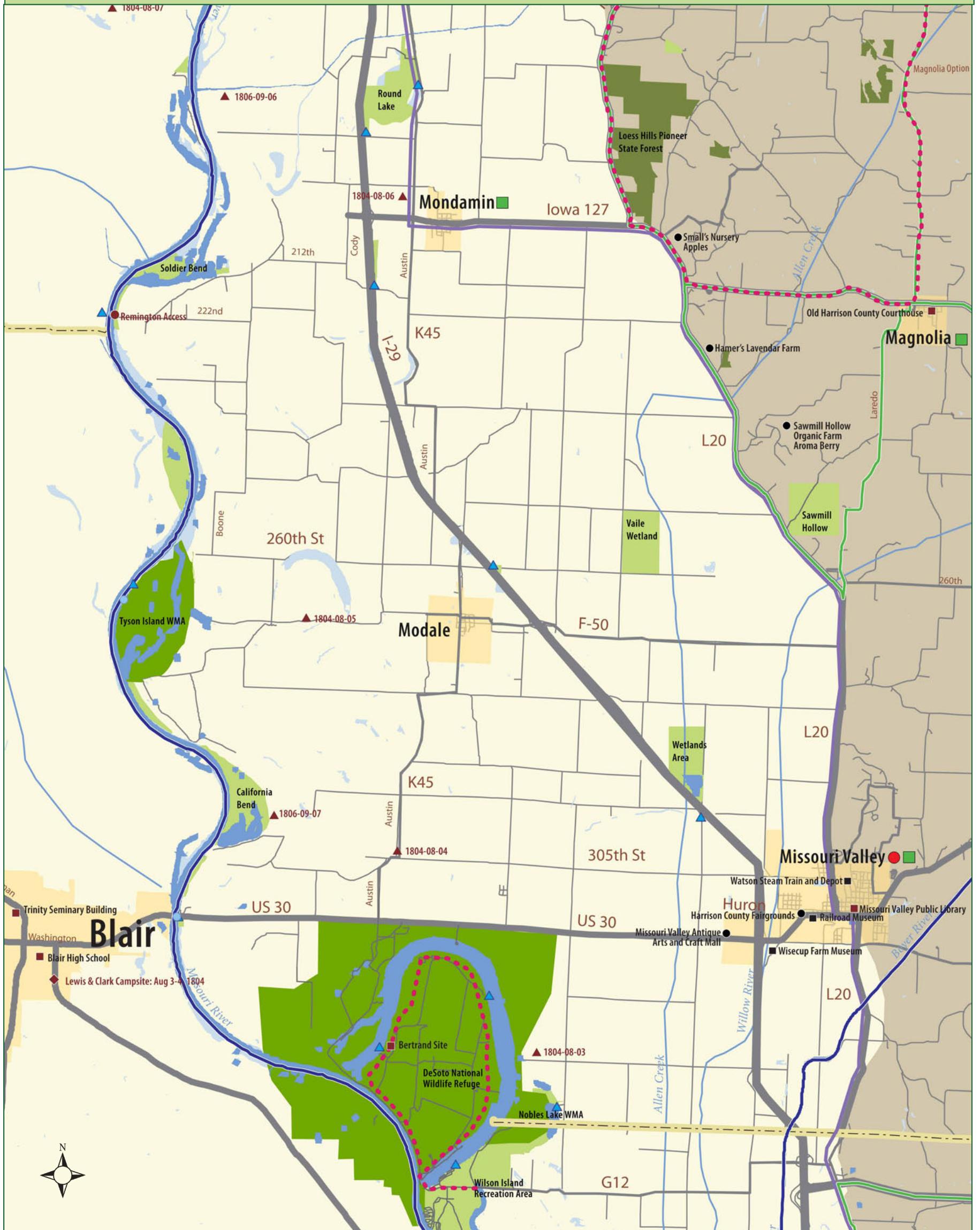
### Harrison County

- **John R Wheeler, Jr House.**  
Address: 407 South Third Street, Dunlap, IA (outside mapped area).
- **Murray General Merchandise Store.**  
Address: Intersection of Mulberry and Second Streets, Little Sioux
- **Harrison County Jail.** Italianate building designed by D.P. Cobleigh. Address: 105 South First Street, Logan, IA.
- **Logan Public Library.**  
121 E 6th Street, Logan, IA.
- **Harrison County Courthouse.** Designed by Joseph E. Mills and built in 1910 of Bedford limestone. Includes a series of murals in the central lobby, depicting its predecessors. Located on 7th Street, Logan, IA.
- **State Savings Bank.**  
Address: 312 East Seventh Street, Logan, IA.
- **Woodbine Public Library.** Arts and Crafts style Carnegie Library, continuing to serve as the community's library. Address: 58 Fifth Street, Woodbine, IA.
- **Woodbine Normal and Grade School.** Created in 1887, the school was the first school in the state to combine high school education with course work geared towards training teachers. Address: 5th and Weare, Woodbine, IA.
- **Bertrand Site.** Site where the Bertrand Steamboat sank in 1865. A 1968 excavation of the site has revealed more than 200,000 artifacts dating from the Civil War era. Located at the De Soto National Wildlife Refuge, 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA.
- **Missouri Valley Public Library.**  
Address: 119 North 5th, Missouri Valley, IA.
- **William Haner Polygonal Barn.**  
Address: County Road L16, Pisgah, IA.

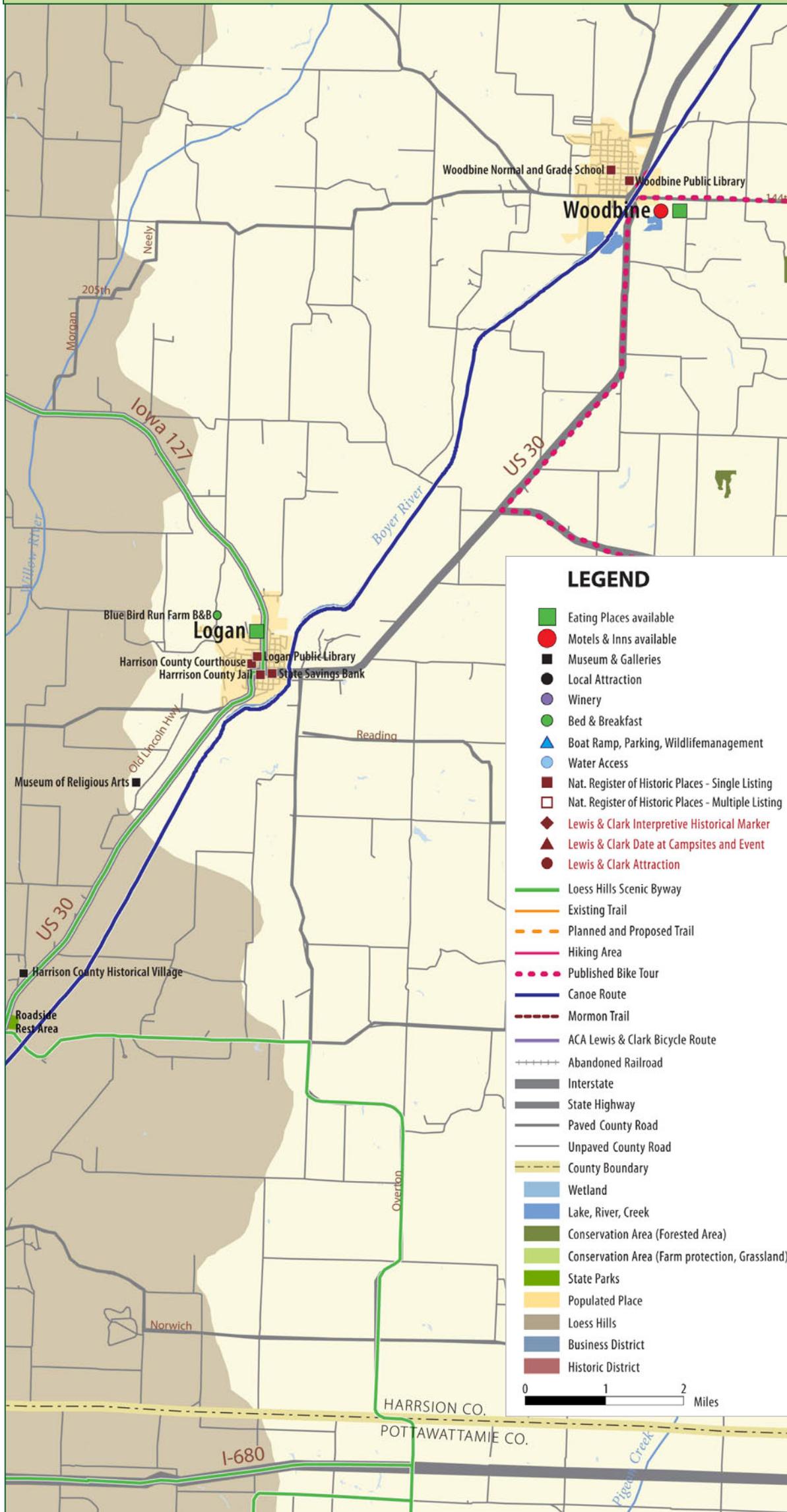
### Nebraska Resources

- **EC Houston House.** Circa 1904 Neoclassical Revival house, currently houses the Burt County Museum. Address: 319 North 13th Street, Tekamah, NE; 402-374-1505. (outside of mapped area)
- **H M S Spielman House.**  
Address: 1103 I Street, Tekamah, NE. (outside of mapped area)
- **Blair High School.**  
Located at 16th and Colfax Streets, Blair, NE.
- **Trinity Seminary.** First structure to be constructed on the Dana College campus. College Drive, Blair, NE.

# HARRISON COUNTY - South



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## LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE SITES

### Harrison County

#### Attractions

● **Little Sioux Access.** This Missouri River access point is located near where the Lewis and Clark expedition passed on August 8, 1804. Located near I-29 at Exit 95.

● **Remington Access.** Missouri River access, the site of the desertion of Private Moses B. Reed and boatman La Liberte from the Corps of Discovery on August 6, 1804. Located five and a half miles west-southwest of I-29 at Exit 89 on marked gravel roads.

#### Campsites

▲ **September 5th 1804 Campsite.** Located along 207th Trail Road, 2.7 miles west of Modale, IA.

### Nebraska Resources

#### Attractions

● **Pelican Point State Recreational Area.** On August 8, 1804, as the expedition passed the Little Sioux River, a member of the crew summoned Lewis from the keelboat cabin to see what appeared to be a white sheet spread across the river. As they drew closer to this phenomenon, the men realized it was a layer of feathers 70 yards wide on a sandbar where thousands of pelicans were molting. Pelican Point State Recreational Area includes camping, Missouri River access, fishing and picnicking. It is located seven miles north of Tekamah, NE County Road 19; (402) 374-1727.

#### Campsites

▲ **August 7th 1804 Campsite.** Located .35 mile west of the County Road G and County Road 47 intersection, on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River.

▲ **August 3 - 4, 1804 Campsite.** Historical marker located along 13th Street, between Prospect and Wilbur Streets in Blair, NE.

## NATURAL FEATURES & TRAILS

### Harrison County

#### State Parks & Conservation Areas

**Desoto National Wildlife Refuge (Iowa and Nebraska).** 7,823 acre site noted as a waterfowl refuge and the site of the *Bertrand* steamboat excavation. Features include trails, a large oxbow lake, wetlands, hedge rows, food plots, and native prairie restoration. Visitors Center, one of the area's signature attractions, includes extensive exhibitions of artifacts recovered from the *Bertrand*. Fall migration of snow geese peaks in mid-November.

**Murray Hill Overlook.** 3 acre scenic overlook, Loess Hills bluff.

**Gleason-Hubel WMA.** 165 acre, Loess Hills prairie environment, with hiking trails; hunting permitted.

**Deer Island WMA.** 710 acre, DNR property. Timber environment, boat ramp; hunting and fishing permitted.

**Three Rivers Wildlife Area.** (Access from river only) 300 acres, DNR property. Timber and river bottom environment, hunting permitted.

**Willow Lake Recreation Area.** 222 acre, camping, cabins, electricity, drinking water, flush toilets, showers, picnicking, hiking trails, swimming beach, fishing jetty, 27 acre pond.

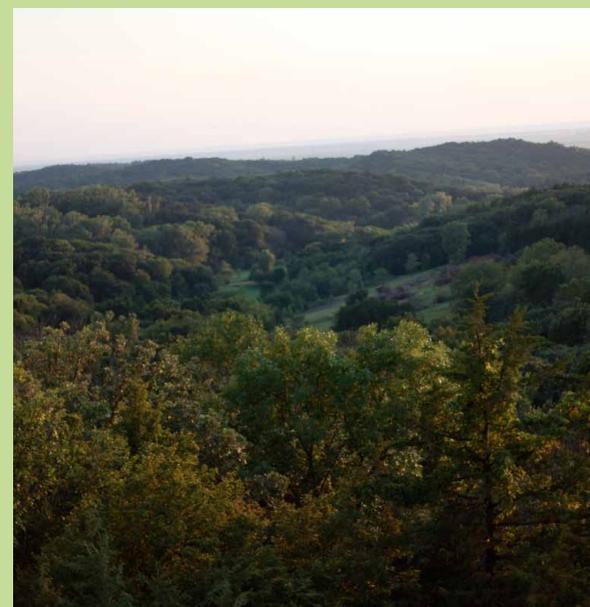
# The Loess Hills

## Murray Hill Scenic Overlook

Located on Road F-20, Murray Hill Scenic Overlook offers a panoramic view of the Missouri River Valley. The overlook is a well preserved prairie environment that features native flower and grass species. A hike to the top of the hill provides superb views of the hills and river valley. Interpretive markers are located along the hiking path that explain the significance and history of the Loess Hills.



Murray Hill Scenic Overlook



Murray Hill Scenic Overlook

**Round Lake.** 447 acre, DNR property, including wetland and upland environments and waterfowl environment. Hunting permitted. Site also includes boat access.

**Soldier Bend WMA.** 279 acres, DNR property. Wetland environment with shallow lake; hunting permitted.

**Sawmill Hollow WMA.** 155 acre, mixed hardwood timber environment and wildlife habitat. Hiking trails, six acre pond permitting fishing and boating with electric motors only. Hunting permitted.

**Vaile Wetland.** 280 acres with uplands & wetlands habitats with hiking. Hunting permitted.

**Missouri Bottoms Wetlands Area.** 240 acre restored wetland, waterfowl, uplands, hunting.

**Tyson Bend WMA.** 780 acre, DNR property. River island and timber environments. Boat ramp with hunting permitted.

**California Bend WMA.** 420 acres, DNR property. Currently, public access is limited to river. Timber and wetlands environment, with hunting permitted.

**Nobles Lake WMA.** 232 acres, DNR property. Wetlands and timber environments with a shallow lake and boat ramp. Hunting permitted.

## ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

### Harrison County

● **National Old-Time Country and Bluegrass Music Festival and Pioneer Ag Expo of Arts and Crafts.** Multiple stages and numerous performers showcasing acoustic early rural roots music of the Upper Midwest. The week-long event is one of the largest acoustic music gatherings in the Midwest. Also offers arts and crafts, food, workshops, dance, and international shows are offered as well. Occurs in late August at Wisecup Farm Museum, Missouri Valley, IA.

● **Harrison County Fairgrounds.** Site of the annual County Fair in late July.

● **Danish Countryside Vines & Wines.** The winery is located in a completely renovated European style barn and offers tours and tastings. The winery hosts events throughout the summer, and participates in Western Iowa Wine Trail events. A party room is also available for weddings, birthdays, reunions, or any other occasion. Address: 1397 280th St, Modale, IA; (712)-764-2991. (off mapped area)

### ● Harrison County Historical Village & Welcome Center.

Located on US 30 about four miles northeast of Missouri Valley. Its two-story log building houses a museum and welcome center featuring an Iowa Gift Shop and Iowa Information Center. The village includes an original log cabin and schoolhouse and two additional display buildings.

1434 316th Street, Missouri Valley, IA; 712-642-4121.

● **Wisecup Farm Museum.** Agricultural museum featuring more than 65 pieces of Minneapolis Moline farm equipment, including 25 tractors. In the old family barn, see buggies, sleigh, wooden wagons, a 1946 GMC truck and more. Located at 1200 Canal Street, Missouri Valley, IA; 712-642-3925. Open Memorial Day to September.

● **Sawmill Hollow Organic Farms.** First organic aronia berry plantation in the United States. Over the past ten years, the farm has researched and developed an entire product line from the organic aronia berry. Includes a country store that sells products and plants. Located about nine miles north of Missouri Valley at 2159 Kennedy Avenue.

● **Watson Steam Train & Depot at Missouri Valley City Park.** Train rides operate on weekends from May 1 through October. Operating trains for children include a 1948 coal fired Ottaway Steam Train and the 1959 Ottaway Streamliner. The depot offers displays of railroad artifacts and a gift shop.

● **The Missouri Valley Antique Arts and Craft Mall.** A 60 dealer mall with a large selection of antique furniture, quilts, toys, stoneware, and the largest assortment of antique reference books in the Midwest. Also offers quality handiworks from over 44 Midwest crafters and a vintage Soda Fountain. 1931 Highway 30, Missouri Valley, IA.

■ **Museum of Religious Arts.** The museum features 20,000 square feet of exhibit space that showcases various pieces of Judeo-Christian religious art and artifacts. Exhibits include a replica Southwestern Mission Chapel, Italian stained-glass windows depicting the Eight Virtues, and the "King of Kings"-a wax portrayal of the life of Jesus. The museum also includes a theatre, library and gift shop. 2697 Niagara Trail, Logan, IA; 712-644-3888.

## Nebraska Resources

● **Silver Hills Vineyards.** Open seven days a week from April through January, and by appointment February & March. Provides wines to retail and restaurant establishments throughout Eastern Nebraska. Hosts an annual "Back to the Country" Wine and Music Festival and many other events throughout the year. 3130 County Road M north of Tekamah, NE (off mapped area)

● **Big Cottonwood Vineyards.** Big Cottonwood is located northwest of Tekamah, NE. Wine is available for purchase and tasting during regular business hours April through December, and by appointment all other months. 2865 County Road I, Tekamah, NE; (402) 374-2656 (off mapped area)

## LODGING & DINING

Lodging and dining facilities are available in or near the following communities:

### Lodging

● **Missouri Valley, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

● **Woodbine, Iowa**

● **Blair, Nebraska** (multiple facilities)

### Bed & Breakfast

● **Blue Bird Run Farm.** 2460 Norton Avenue, Logan, Iowa; (712) 644-3102.

### Dining

■ **Pisgah, Iowa**

■ **Mondamin, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

■ **Magnolia, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

■ **Woodbine, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

■ **Logan, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

■ **Missouri Valley, Iowa** (multiple facilities)

■ **Blair, Nebraska** (multiple facilities)

## DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is part of a network of refuges devoted to preserving and restoring increasingly scarce habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. The refuge is comprised of 8,358 acres in Iowa and Nebraska and lies in the Missouri River Valley floodplain surrounding an ox-bow lake.

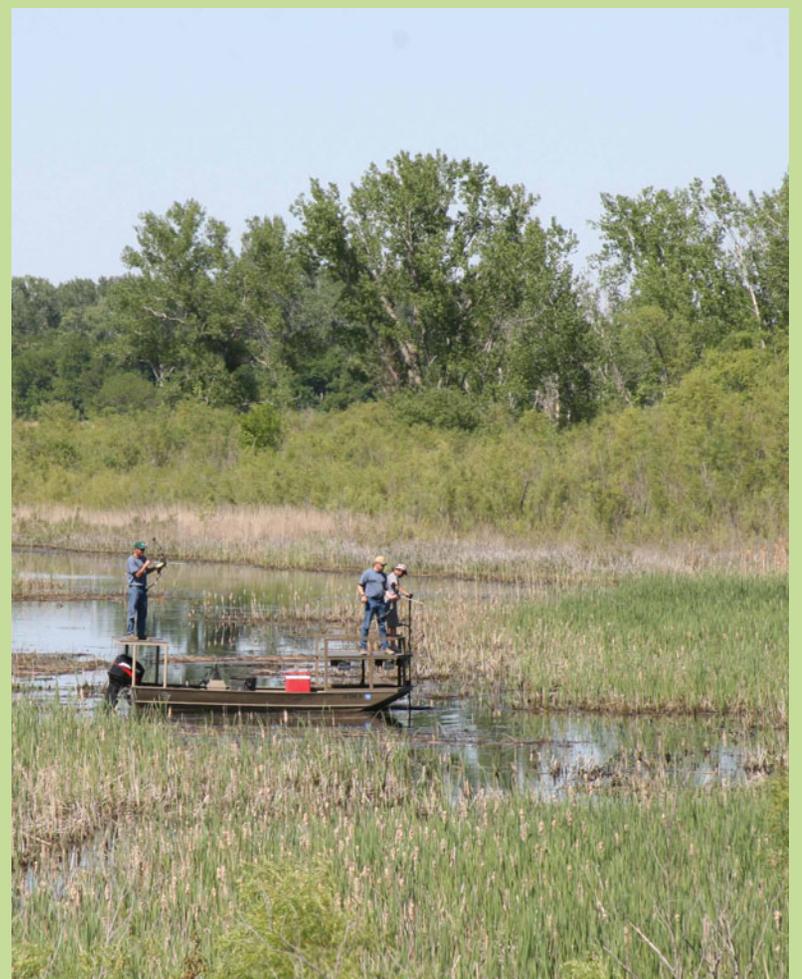
The lake provides recreational use for up to 250,000 visitors annually. The DeSoto Visitor Center provides an introduction to the refuge, exhibits of the Bertrand Steamboat Collection, and contains interpretive displays on the historical development of the Missouri River Basin, the ecological impacts of that development.



*Once a wide and meandering river, the Missouri River channel is only a fraction of what it once was. Channelization projects in the 1870s, and the later construction of flood control dams have altered the landscape of the river. The above aerial is overlaid with one of the maps created during the Corps of Discovery's Expedition. The present-day river channel is located in the lower-left corner.*

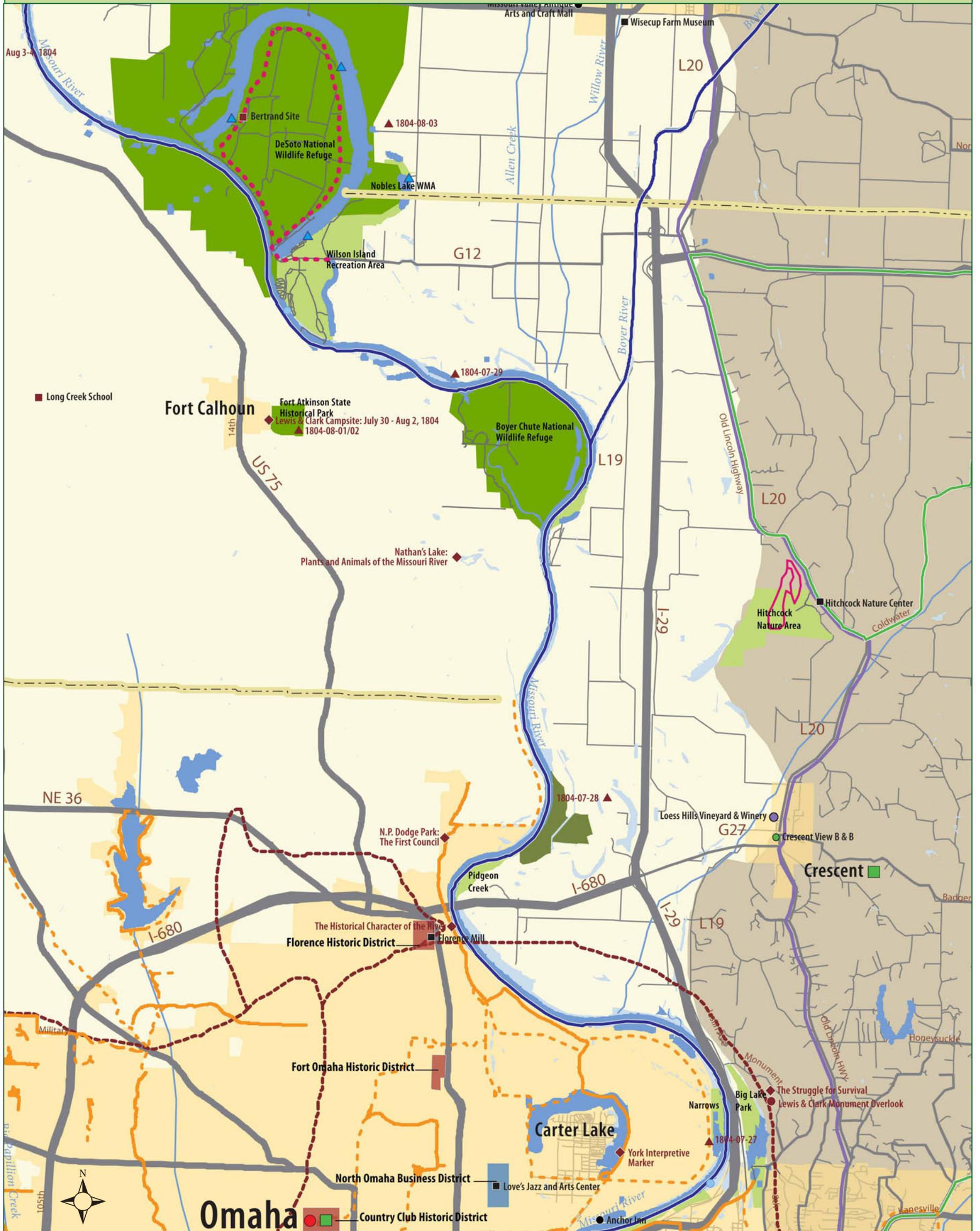


Lake DeSoto

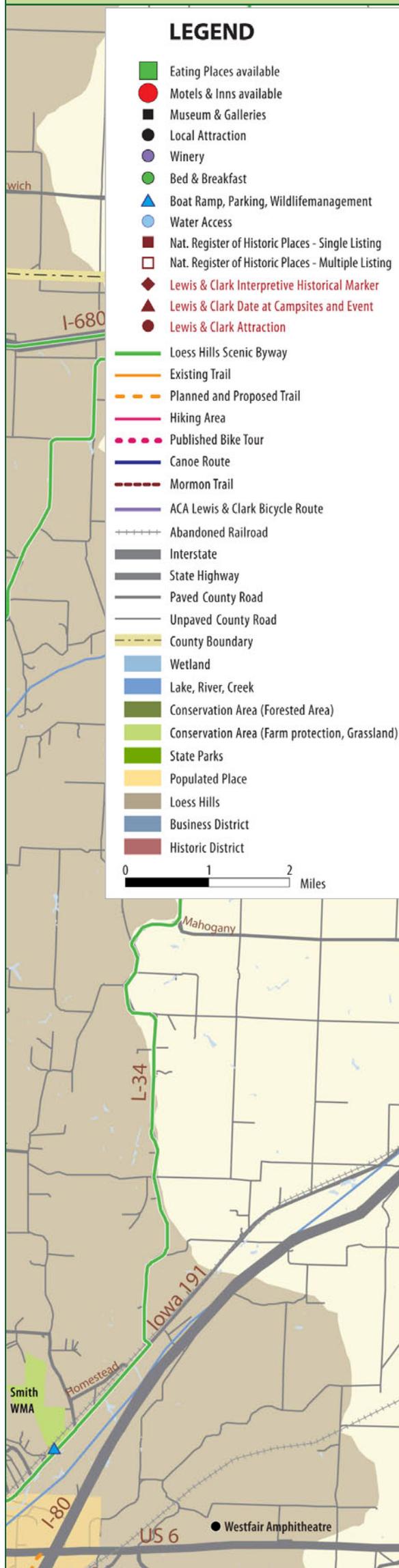


Recreational fishing on Lake DeSoto.

# POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY - North



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### National Register Districts and Other Concentrations of Historic Resources

■ **100 Block of West Broadway Historic District (NRHP District).** District comprises 40 acres and 22 buildings, most of which are two to three-story commercial structures dating from the second half of the 19th century. The Broadway United Methodist Church at 1st and West Broadway is a distinctive landmark. The 100 Block presents the best preserved remnant of the historic downtown, and escaped the redevelopment that occurred farther to the west during the 1970s. The district also includes buildings near the 4th and Broadway intersection.

■ **Bennett Building.** High-rise building, designed by John and Alan McDonald. An adaptive reuse project converted the building to its current residential use.  
Address: 405 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA; 712-323-0684.

■ **Ogden House.** Built as a hotel in mid 19th century, designed by A.A. Cook. Address: 169 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Haymarket Square Historic District (NHRP District and Environs).** The Haymarket National Register District itself incorporates 20 buildings on South Main Street between Willow and 9th Avenues. The majority of these buildings are two stories in scale and date from the last half of the 19th century. The broader environment extends along the parallel South Pearl Street, and includes historic buildings in the city's civic subdistrict. "Haymarket Square" itself is formed by the confluence of Pearl and Main Street north of 7th Avenue.

■ **Original Pottawattamie County Jail.** Known as the Squirrel Cage Jail for its unique cylindrical design, the jail has three floors of pie-shaped cells, originally designed to be rotated by a hand crank. Taken out of service because of safety concerns, the site is now open to the public.  
Address: 226 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA; 712-323-2509 (see Union Pacific Railroad Museum).

■ **Council Bluffs Public Library.** Constructed by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation in 1903, this neoclassical building has been restored as the Union Pacific Railroad Museum. It was replaced as the city's library by the new facility at 400 Willow Avenue.  
Address: 200 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA; 712-329-8307.

■ **Willow-Bluff-3rd Street Historic District (NHRP District).** A predominately residential district of 156 homes and 56 other structures, at the foot of the loess hills immediately east of Downtown. The district includes a range of house styles, from examples of modest 19th century architecture to the Grenville Dodge House, a National Historic Landmark. The district is associated with the historical development of residential Council Bluffs and the personalities of many of the city's early civic leaders.

■ **Martin Hughes House.**  
Address: 903 Third Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **General Dodge House.** Built in 1869, it was the home of the noted Civil War General and railroad builder Grenville M. Dodge. Dodge is credited with convincing Abraham Lincoln to bring the first intercontinental railroad through Council Bluffs. Address: 605 S. Third Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa. For additional information and tours call 712-322-2406.

■ **Beresheim House.**  
Address: 621 Third Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **St Peter Church.**  
Address: 1 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Wickham De-Vol House.**  
Address: 332 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Thomas Jefferis House.**  
Address: 523 Sixth Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Lincoln/Fairview Historic District (NHRP District).** Largely residential district on a south-facing hillside rising above the traditional city core, including 274 contributing structures. This area was associated with the hilltop development of Fairview Cemetery. Abraham Lincoln is said to have surveyed the city from this bluff top in making the decision to designate Council Bluffs as the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad.

■ **Ruth Anne Dodge Memorial.** Known as the "Black Angel", this work in solid bronze was created by the noted American sculptor Daniel Chester French. Located at Fairview Cemetery, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Park/Glen Avenues Historic District (NHRP District).** Largely residential district encompassing 185 contributing structures along two parallel streets extending southeast from Downtown Council Bluffs. These streets extend up a valley that drains a bluff overlooking Downtown, and terminate at the Glendale Reservoir and Fairmount Park. Development here was largely complete by 1930 and is characterized by small lot, dense single-family homes.

■ **Thomas E Cavin House.**  
Address 150 Park Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.

### Other National Register Sites with Significance to the Trail

■ **YMCA Building.**  
Address: 628 First Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Reverend Little's Young Ladies Seminary.**  
Address: 541 Sixth Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Depot.** Constructed in 1899 on the south edge of downtown Council Bluffs and today is operated as a museum and model railroad display. Address: 1512 South Main Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa. For additional information, contact the Rails West Railroad Museum at 712-323-5182.

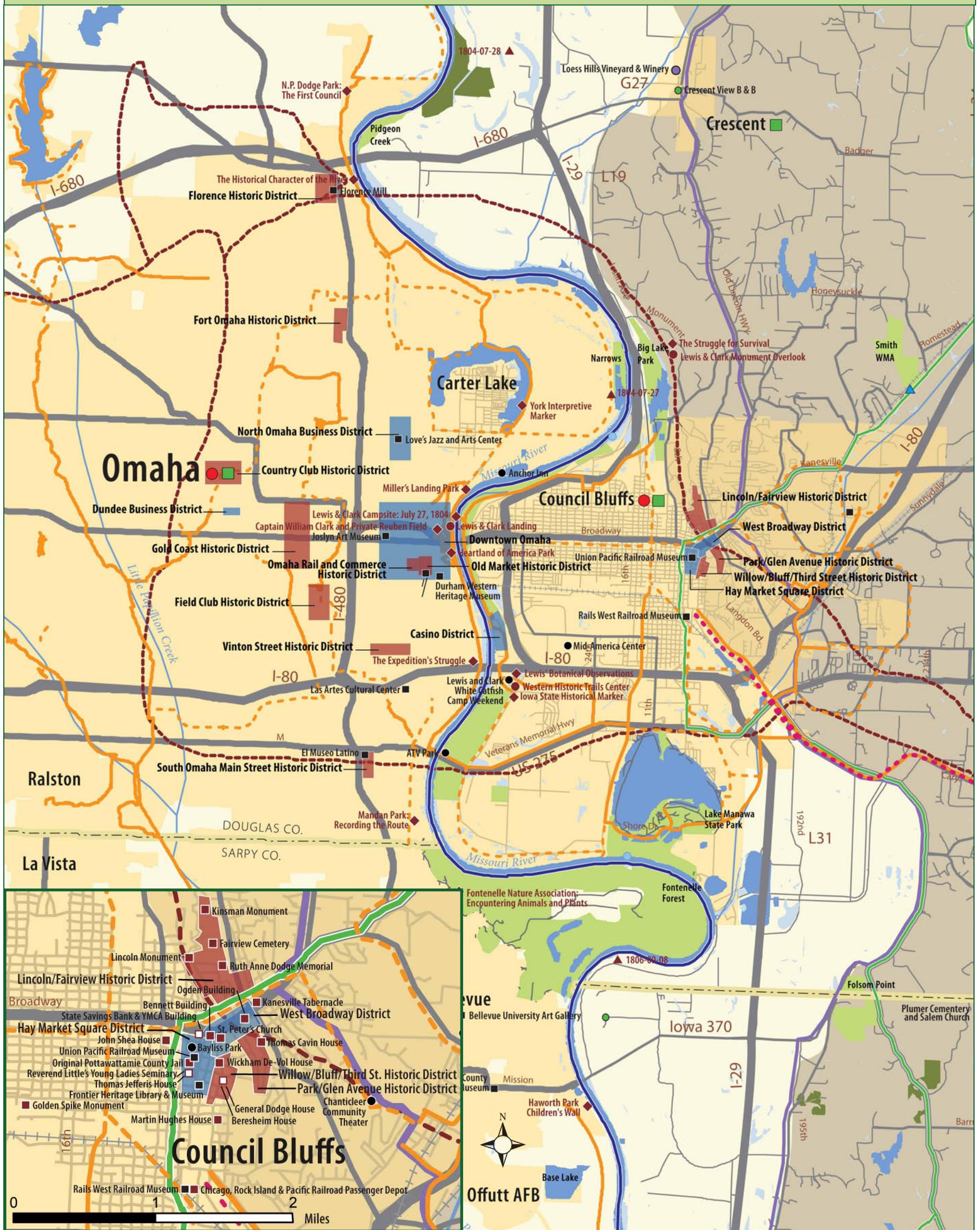
■ **John Shea House.** Currently operated as the Historic Shea House Bed & Breakfast.  
Address: 309 South 8th Street, Council Bluffs, IA; 712-328-1872.

■ **State Savings Bank.**  
Address: 509 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA.

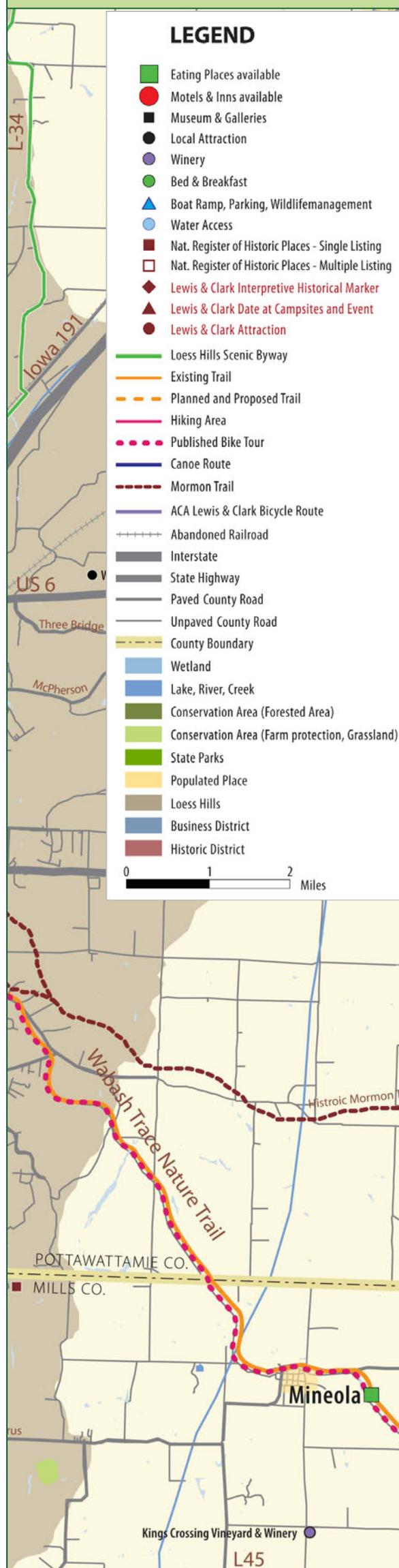
### Related Nebraska Resources

■ **Old Market Historic District (NHRP District).** The Old Market Historic District, now Omaha's most distinctive arts and entertainment district, was part of the wholesale jobbing area of the city, growing dramatically in the 1880s and operating well into the twentieth century. This area was the distribution center for goods shipped on the Union Pacific Railroad and its branch lines. The district is comprised of former light industrial and warehouse buildings and wholesale jobbing houses. Its adaptive reuse over the last 50 years is almost as significant a story as its original development.

# POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY - South



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## Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail tells the story of the Corps of Discovery through a series of interpretive markers and Icon sculptures. The sites are located in 16 parks and public spaces along the Missouri River in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska.

Icon sculptures are embellished with original artwork by local artists that tell the story of the expedition and the Middle Missouri region.



"Past & Present"

### Omaha Rail and Commerce Historic District (NHRP District).

This downtown district, south and west of the Old Market, is related to the importance of the railroad in overland trade, particularly during the period between 1887 and 1945. Situated along the UP main line of the original transcontinental railroad, this district included the large scale warehouses needed to support the jobbing trade, as well as manufacturing warehouses, and service oriented properties. The district's industrial, commercial, and warehouse buildings were vital to the development of the commercial and industrial economy of the city of Omaha during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of its historic buildings, also individually listed on the Register, have been converted to other uses, including housing, art studios, retail, and restaurants. Major developments include such nationally noted arts resources as the Bemis Project and the Kaneko; housing developments such as the Macaroni Building (Skinner Macaroni Building) and Old Market Lofts (Ford Warehouses), and many others.

### South Omaha Main Street Historic District (NHRP District).

Originally the vital commercial core of the City of South Omaha, developed by the Union Stockyards Company during the 1880s. The district is noted for its progression of ethnic and cultural influences, as Greeks, Russians, Poles, Czechs, and most recently Latinos have left their mark. Today the district is the center of Omaha's vibrant Hispanic community and retains its original role as a pulsing commercial marketplace. The new Veterans Memorial Bridge helps link South Omaha to the Iowa Riverfront.

**Downtown Omaha.** While not an NHRP District, Omaha's traditional center encompasses both the Old Market and the Rail and Commerce Historic Districts, and includes the city's largest concentration of Register listed structures. It is linked to the Iowa Riverfront by the iconic Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. Some key historic structures in Downtown Omaha include:

- Aquila Court** (Holabird and Root, 1923)
- Burlington Headquarters Building** (1879, remodelling designed by Thomas R. Kimball, 1899)
- City National Bank Building.** (Holabird and Root, 1910)
- First National Bank Building.** (Graham, Burnham & Co., 1916-17)
- J.L. Brandeis & Sons Store.** (John Latenser, 1906)
- Nash Block.** (Thomas R. Kimball, 1905-07)
- Omaha Central High School.** (John Latenser, 1900-1912)
- New York Life Insurance Building.** (McKim, Mead and White, 1888-89)
- Omaha Public Library.** (Thomas R. Kimball, 1891-92)
- Redick Tower.** (Joseph McArthur, 1930)
- Union Passenger Station (now Durham Museum).** (Gilbert S. Underwood, 1931)

### Vinton Street Historic Commercial District (NHRP district).

Significant for its association with commercial development in South Omaha. The district is an intact collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings that developed to serve the needs of area residents brought about by the development of Omaha and South Omaha. Vinton Street was originally a ridge top trail that evolved into a significant transportation and commercial corridor.

**North Omaha Business District.** North Omaha has been home to a number of ethnic groups during its long history, but is most strongly associated with the city's African-American community. The vicinity of 24th and Lake was the traditional cultural and commercial center of North Omaha and has a concentration of buildings that help tell the story of African-Americans in Omaha. These sites include:

**St. John's AME Church (NHRP site).** (Frederick Stott, 1921 with later additions), the Prairie style home of one of the neighborhood's anchor congregations.

**The Omaha Star Building (NHRP site).** (1938) Home of the print voice of the city's black community and strongly associated with its founding publisher Mildred Brown who declared the newspaper "dedicated to the proposition that no good cause shall lack a champion and evil shall not thrive unopposed."

**Jewell Building (NHRP site).** (1923) Built for James Jewell and including the Dreamland Ballroom, venue for the greatest names in jazz. Now home to the Omaha Economic Development Corporation.

**Webster Telephone Exchange (NHRP site).** (Thomas Kimball, 1907).

**Florence.** Far north Omaha neighborhood, once an independent town annexed in about 1915. Florence was the winter quarters site for the Mormon westward migration to Utah, and currently includes both a Mormon visitors center and Tabernacle at 33rd and State. The Florence Business District features the historic Bank of Florence building (NHRP site), built in 1857 and Omaha's oldest extant building.

**Dundee/Happy Hollow Historic District - Omaha, NE.** Platted as an independent suburb that was later annexed by the City of Omaha, the district as a whole is a notable example of late-nineteenth and early -twentieth century suburban development. Collectively, the district's high style, architect-designed homes along scenic boulevards is an historically significant area.

# Council Bluffs

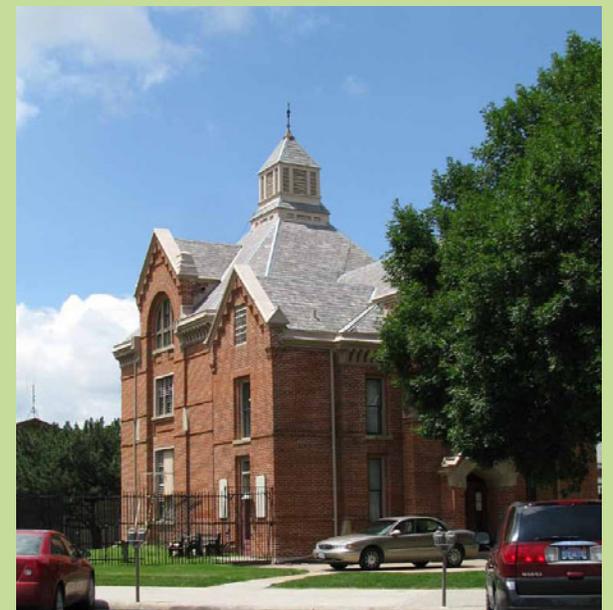
## Visions of the Past

In the years preceding the Corps of Discovery's journey, trading posts began to crop up in the valleys and plains along the foot of the Loess Hills. The trading post known as Miller's Hollow, eventually grew into the present-day City of Council Bluffs. Located at the heart of what is today the West Broadway Historic District, the trading post quickly became a bustling commercial strip where settlers and gold prospectors were outfitted before beginning their journey across the American West.

Many other existing historic sites tell the story of the influence Council Bluffs had on the early development of the nation. Lincoln Park, located to the north of downtown, marks the spot where General Grenville Dodge took Abraham Lin-

coln to survey the possible eastern terminus for the Union Pacific Railroad. The well preserved Squirrel Cage Jail tells of early criminal justice on the Great Plains, and the Union Pacific Railroad Museum in the historic Carnegie Library explores the history of the nation's first railroad.

The area was also important in the development of the Mormon faith. It was from here and from sites in Florence, Nebraska that many Mormon Pioneers wintered before continuing on their journey to Utah. Located at the eastern edge of the West Broadway Historic District, the Kanessville Tabernacle marks the site where Brigham Young was elected the first head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in December, 1847.



Squirrel Cage Jail

■ **Gold Coast Historic District - Omaha, NE.** This district covers approximately a thirty-block area from 36th to 40th Streets, and Jones to Burt Streets. The area consists of large mansions and single family houses of the middle and upper class citizens of Omaha, dating from 1880 to 1946. The district physically demonstrates demographic changes in the area as the economy of Omaha changed and as the city began its suburban movement into West Omaha.

■ **Country Club Historic District, Omaha, NE.** The Country Club Historic District is significant as an early 20th century Omaha subdivision that was planned and marketed to attract home buyers who expected an exceptionally high level of quality and consistency in neighborhood layout, amenities, home design, and environment. The district has a large concentration and variety of fine period revival houses, many of them designed by local architects.

■ **Fort Omaha Historic District.** Former United States Army installation and current home of Metropolitan Community College, that once supplied numerous forts along the Platte River Road. The Fort was also the site of the 1879 trial of Chief Standing Bear that found that Native Americans are "persons within the meaning of the law" and have the rights of citizenship.

## LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE SITES

### Pottawattamie County

#### Lewis and Clark Trail Interpretive Markers

◆ **Past & Present.** Interpretive icon of concrete, clay and bronze examining the changing landscape of the Missouri River region. *Located at the Lewis & Clark Monument, 19962 Monument Road, Council Bluffs, IA.*

◆ **Missouri River Transit.** Ed Fennel's "Missouri River Transit" constructed of glass tiles illustrates the various types of vessels the Corps of Discovery used on their travels up the Missouri River. *Located outside of the Club House for Dodge Riverside Golf Club, Council Bluffs, IA.*

◆ **Iowa State Historical Marker.** Lewis & Clark Expedition marker along the Missouri River through present day Nebraska and Iowa. *Located along the trail west of the Western Historic Trails Center, at 3434 Richard Downing Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.*

◆ **The Journey.** Designed by Nan Wilson, interprets the Corps' struggle for survival. *Located at the Western Historic Trails Center, 3434 Richard Downing Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.*

#### Attractions

● **Lewis & Clark Monument Overlook.** Bluff top monument offers vistas of the metropolitan area and Missouri River Valley, and Lewis and Clark interpretation. *19962 Monument Road, Council Bluffs, IA.*

● **Western Historic Trails Center.** The Center interprets the travels of Lewis and Clark and those who journeyed on the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails. Commemorates the White Catfish Camp and includes an Iowa Welcome Center and extensive gift shop. Lewis and Clark programming includes the annual White Catfish Encampment Living History Weekend the last weekend of July. *3434 Richard Downing Drive, Council Bluffs, accessed from the 24th Street interchange of I-29/80 and by the Riverfront Trail. (712) 366-4900.*

#### Nebraska Resources

##### Lewis and Clark Trail Interpretive Markers

◆ **Restoring River Habitat.** A clay relief interpretive icon designed by artist Liz Verduyse examining the restoration of Missouri River habitat. Located at the Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge in Washington County, Nebraska.

◆ **Nathan's Lake Wetlands Overlook.** Historical marker describing Lewis & Clark's study of the plant and animal species of the Missouri River region. *Located south of Boyer Chute, on Washington County Road P51 at Nathan's Lake.*

◆ **The First Council.** Interpretive icon regarding the first council of the Lewis & Clark Expedition with the Native American tribes of the Missouri River region, designed by artist Liz Langon. *Located at N.P. Dodge Park, 11005 J.J. Pershing Drive, Omaha, NE.*

◆ **Riverfront Trail Overlook.** Historical marker tracing the historical changes that have occurred in the character of the Missouri River. *Park at the J.J. Pershing Memorial .8 miles south of the I-680 Bridge.*

◆ **York.** Hydraulic concrete icon regarding the themes of slavery and the contributions of York to the Lewis & Clark Expedition, designed by Littleton Alston. *Located in Levi Carter Park near the fishing pier, between Locust Street and Carter Boulevard.*

◆ **A Panoramic Rendering of the Journey of Discovery.** Designed by John Mossman, marker interprets the expedition's encounters with Native American tribes and the challenging conditions that the Corps of Discovery had to overcome along the Missouri River. *Located at Miller's Landing near intersection of Abbott and Gallup Drives, Omaha, NE.*

◆ **Visionary Launch into the Horizontal World.** Stainless steel installation, designed by Susan Knight, highlights important events of the expedition. *Located across from the Lewis & Clark Landing west of the parking lot.*

◆ **Heartland of America Park.** Traces history of life along the Missouri River. *Located in Heartland of America Park at 8th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, NE.*

◆ **Discovery of Native Vegetation.** Designed by Kristin Pluhacek, this icon interprets the native plants that were discovered by the expedition on their journey up the Missouri River. *Located at Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE.*

◆ **Recording the Route.** Interprets methods used by the Expedition in recording the geography of the surrounding landscape. *Located halfway to the summit of Mandan Park, 6300 South 13th Street, Omaha, NE.*

◆ **Encountering Animals and Plants.** Exhibit on the plants and animal species discovered along the journey. *Located outside of the Buffett Learning Center, Fontenelle Association, 1111 North Bellevue Boulevard, Bellevue, NE.*

◆ **Children's Interpretive Art Wall.** The wall features almost 700 art tiles designed by children from 10 different states along the Lewis & Clark Trail, interpreting Missouri River trading and contacts with western Indians. *Hawthorn Park, Highway 370 & Payne Drive, Bellevue, NE.*

#### Attractions

● **Lewis & Clark Landing.** Near this site the expedition explored a series of mounds, composed of sand and earth that covered nearly 200 acres of land along the riverfront. These mounds are assumed to be the remains of earth lodges that once were home to the nearby Otoe Indian tribe. The present day Landing is a major open space and riverfront plaza and performance space, and an integral part of Omaha's redeveloped Riverfront. Paths and bridges connect the Landing to the Gene Leahy Mall, and continue north to Miller's Landing and eventually to Dodge Park and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge. It is connected to the Council Bluffs Riverfront and trail system by the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. *Located along Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE.*



West Broadway Historic District



Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge, linking the Council Bluffs and Omaha Riverfronts.



Ruth Ann Dodge Memorial

## NATURAL FEATURES AND TRAILS

### Pottawattamie County

#### State Parks & Conservation Areas

**Lake Manawa State Park.** This 1,529 acre state park contains a 660 acre oxbow lake, the channel of the Missouri River during the time of the Lewis & Clark expedition. The park provides a popular beach, natural areas, camping, picnic shelters, and other facilities. The Lake Manawa Trail connects to the Wabash Trace Nature Trail, Western Historic Trails Center, Council Bluffs Sports Complex, and eventually to the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. *Primary park access is from Shore Drive. (712) 366-0220.*

**Wilson Island State Recreation Area.** 547 acre, DNR property, (712) 642-2069. Missouri River bottomland and woodlands environments, with camping, showers, trailer dump station, cabin rental, hiking trails, river fishing, boat ramp, hunting in designated areas.

**Boyer Bend.** 81 acre, DNR property. Wooded environment, access by river only.

**Hitchcock Nature Area.** Pottawattamie County Conservation Board property with 1,003 acres of scenic Loess Hills environments. Facility includes an interpretive education center, hiking trails, camping, lodge available for rentals, observation tower. Access from L20 (old Lincoln Highway) north of Crescent.

**Pigeon Creek.** 110 acre, DNR property. Wooded environment, access by river only.

**Narrows Park.** 36 acres along Missouri River north of Council Bluffs. Facility provides drinking water, picnicking, hiking trails, and Missouri River access.

**Smith WMA.** 260 acre DNR property. Wildlife refuge with bird watching and hiking.

**Blackbird Marsh.** 14 acre habitat area.

#### Council Bluffs Trail Network

**Valley View Trail.** 3.2 miles from Iowa Western Community College along Valley View Drive to Iowa West Trailhead Park, trailhead for the Wabash Trace and Lake Manawa Trails.

**Lake Manawa Trail.** 5.4 miles between Iowa West Trailhead Park though Lake Manawa State Park, part of the Council Bluffs riverfront trail system.

**Indian Creek Trail.** 3.5 miles from Lake Manawa along Indian Creek to Sunset Park on 16th Avenue.

**Western Historic Trail Center Link.** 2.8 miles from Indian Creek Trail to the Iowa Riverfront Trail and Western Historic Trails Center via the Council Bluffs Recreation Complex to the Iowa Riverfront Trail.

**Iowa Riverfront Trail.** 7 miles, much of which is along the Missouri River levee, from the Western Historic Trails Center Link to Big Lake Park. Connects to Lewis & Clark Landing and Heartland of America Park via the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge.

#### Nebraska Resources

##### State Parks & Conservation Areas

**Fort Atkinson State Historic Park.** The first US military post west of the Missouri River, Fort Atkinson was established in 1820 on recommendation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Living history demonstrations are staged periodically at the fort during summer months. Park is located on the east side of Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska.

**Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge.** 3,350 acre National Wildlife Refuge comprised of floodplain woodland, tallgrass prairie, and wetlands environments. While largely protected habitat, Boyer Chute provides nature observation areas, hiking trails, and interpretive facilities. Also serves as the northern terminus of the Nebraska Riverfront Trail system, connected to Downtown Omaha when existing gaps are filled.

#### Omaha/Bellevue Trail Network

**Omaha Riverfront Trail.** 19 miles at completion from Downtown Omaha to Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge. Several gaps, requiring use of shared roadways or shoulders. Interpretive markers help interpret the Lewis and Clark story. Trail serves Downtown riverfront open spaces, including Lewis and Clark Landing, Heartland of America Park, and Miller's Landing.

**Keystone/Bellevue Loop Trails.** Longest continuous metropolitan region trail at 24.12 miles, currently connects Haworth Park along the Bellevue riverfront with Democracy Park at 90th and Fort in Northwest Omaha. Trail intersects Big Papio Trail to West Omaha, and the Field Club Trail with completion of the east-west Keystone East Trail.

**Other Regional Trails.** These facilities, which will eventually be interconnected and will provide a continuous link to Lincoln, Nebraska include the:

**West Papio Trail,** now extending from the Big Papio Trail at near 36th Street in the Twin Creek development to Walnut Lake Recreation Area in Papillion.

**144th Street Trail,** nearly complete along 144th Street from Standing Bear Lake to the Highway 31 Trail at the Platte River in Sarpy County. The Highway 31 Trail, currently under development, continues to the Lied Platte River Crossing, and will eventually continue to Lincoln along the MoPac East Trail.

**Big Papio Trail.** Approximately 10 miles between Hefflinger Park and Seymour L. Smith Park, connecting to the Keystone/Bellevue Loop system at Harrison and Q Streets.

**Field Club Trail.** 1.7 mile central Omaha facility between 40th and Leavenworth and the future Keystone East Trail.

# Pottawattamie County

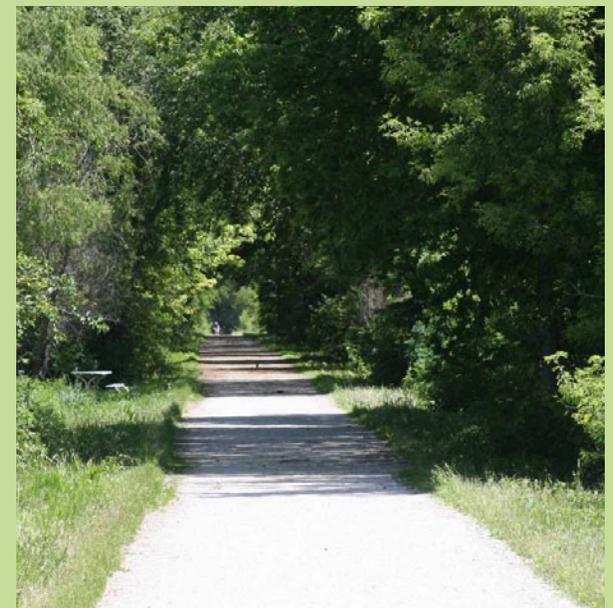
## The Wabash Trace Nature Trail

Established in 1988 the Wabash Trace Nature Trail is a converted railroad right-of-way that runs for 60 miles to the Missouri/Iowa border at Blanchard. The trail is open year round to a variety of trail users including bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrian enthusiasts.

Starting in Council Bluffs at the Iowa West Trailhead Park, the trail winds its way through the Loess Hills towards the community of Mineola. The Mineola Steakhouse here, has become a favorite stopping point for bicyclists. In part a Thursday night tradition has developed around the steakhouse, with bicyclist traveling to Mineola in droves for steakhouse's Thursday night dollar tacos.



Mineola Trailhead



Wabash Trail between Council Bluffs and Mineola

## ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

### Pottawattamie County

● **Mid-America Center.** Council Bluff's premier convention center and arena, hosting a variety of major community events, concerts, and other programs. 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA; [www.midamericacenter.com](http://www.midamericacenter.com).

● **Union Pacific Railroad Museum.** Located in the historic Free Public Library building, featuring one of the oldest corporate collections in the nation, including artifacts, photographs and documents that trace the development of the railroad and the American West. The museum collection includes original editions of survey reports investigating the transcontinental railroad alignment, surveying equipment, early rail equipment, and construction artifacts among its many resources. 200 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Rails West Railroad Museum.** Operated by the Pottawattamie County Historical Society and housed in the historic Rock Island line depot. Includes displays of steam locomotives and railcars, historic exhibits, and the model railroad layout and exhibit of the Greater Omaha Society of Model Engineers. 16th Avenue and South Main, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Squirrel Cage Jail Museum.** Operated by the Pottawattamie County Historical Society and housed in the historic Pottawattamie County Jail. Includes building tours and historical displays interpreting city history. 226 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Kanesville Tabernacle.** A replica of the log building where Brigham Young was sustained as president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Includes a visitors center that provides information and exhibits about the Mormon westward migration. 222 E. Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Westfair Amphitheater.** Large outdoor amphitheater outside of Council Bluffs, Iowa hosting national musical performances, and also special entertainment during the West Pottawattamie County Fair. 22984 Highway 6, Council Bluffs, IA; [www.westfaireventes.com](http://www.westfaireventes.com).

● **Casino District and Music Venues.** Three major casinos are located in an entertainment and attraction district along the Missouri Riverfront and adjacent to the Mid-America Center. All casinos include attached hotels and riverfront casinos are housed on a riverboat. Two casinos include significant music venues.

#### **Ameristar Riverboat Casino.**

Riverfront at 2200 River Road, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Harrah's Council Bluffs Casino & Hotel.** Riverfront facility, also includes the Stir Cove amphitheater, a major outdoor concert venue. Riverfront at 1 Harrah's Boulevard, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Horseshoe Casino.** Adjacent to the Mid-America Center, and includes Whiskey Roadhouse, a mid-sized concert venue. 2701 23rd Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA.

■ **The Art Gallery at Iowa Western Community College.** Gallery featuring the works of art students at Iowa Western Community College. New Student Center, 2700 College Road, Council Bluffs, IA.

● **Vineyards and Wineries.** Pottawattamie County has developed a significant group of family-owned vineyards and wineries devoted to making quality crafted wines in scenic rural settings. These attractions include:

● **Loess Hills Vineyard and Winery.** 1120 Old Lincoln Hwy, Crescent, IA.

● **Breezy Hills Vineyard.** 31735 Tamarack Rd, Minden, IA.

● **Prairie Crossing Vineyard.** 31506 Pioneer Trail, Treynor, IA.

### Nebraska Resources

■ **Joslyn Art Museum.** Joslyn, Nebraska's largest art museum, includes an extensive collection that features work from antiquity to the present, with an emphasis on 19th- and 20th-century European and American art. The collection features European and American masterworks, along with a renowned collection of Western art. The building includes the original Art Deco buildings and an addition by Sir Norman Foster. 2200 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE.

■ **Durham Museum.** The Durham Museum, located in the historic Union Station, features permanent exhibits that highlight the history of Omaha and its surrounding regions, and hosts a broad variety of traveling exhibitions from national partners such as the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the Field Museum. The Durham includes an extensive walk-through exhibit of rail passenger cars as well as interpretation of the history of Omaha. 801 S. 10th Street, Omaha, NE.

■ **Florence Mill.** The mill was originally constructed as the Winter Quarters for the Mormon Church, under the supervision of Brigham Young in 1846. The mill remained operational until the middle of the 20th century and today is being restored as a historic site with a museum and art gallery. 9102 North 30th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 551-1233.

▲ **Artists Cooperative Gallery.** Member operated fine art gallery, with artists volunteering time to staff the gallery and operate the business. 405 South 11th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 342-9617.

■ **Bellevue University Art Gallery.** Located on Bellevue University's main campus, the gallery primarily features student exhibits. Galvin Road & Harvell Drive, Bellevue, NE.

▲ **Hot Shops Art Gallery.** The Art Center, which opened in 1999 includes for "hot shop" anchor studios that use forges, welders and kilns, 50 art studios, for art galleries, and many exhibition spaces in an old mattress factory north of Downtown Omaha. 1301 Nicholas Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 342-6452.

▲ **Omaha Clayworks.** Multi-purpose facility offering classes, studio space, and a sales gallery featuring area artists. 1114 Jones Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 346-0560.

■ **Kaneko Center.** Internationally acclaimed artist Jun Kaneko has been working with community leaders to create a cultural institution that will combine the arts, sciences and philosophy. The center includes gallery space, a library, as well as a variety of programming spaces. 1111 Jones Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 341-3800.

■ **Las Artes Cultural Center.** Showcases the arts and cultural heritage of Central and South America. 3702 South 16th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 651-9918.

■ **El Museo Latino.** The first Latino art & history museum and cultural center in the Midwest, housed in the former Polish Home in South Omaha, and one of only eleven Latino museums in the United States. The museum includes significant exhibits of Latino art and culture, and associated educational programs such as lectures, slide presentations, films, art classes, workshops, demonstrations, art history classes, gallery talks, guided visits, and dance classes. 4701 S. 25th Street, Omaha, NE.

■ **Love's Jazz and Arts Center.** Non-profit organization committed to the Arts through exhibition, collection, documentation, preservation, study and the dissemination of the history and culture of African Americans in the Arts. 2510 North 24th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 502-5291.

▲ **Passageway Gallery.** An artists cooperative gallery, featuring works in oil, acrylic, pastel, stained glass, woodcarving, sculpture, pottery, and cast paper. 417 South 11th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 341-1910.

■ **Bemis Center.** Aside from studio spaces and living accommodations for artists, this landmark in the Omaha arts community features 20 “cutting-edge” exhibitions annually in its three main galleries. 724 South 12th Street, Omaha, NE; (402) 341-7130.

## LODGING & DINING

The Council Bluffs/Omaha metropolitan area provides a rich variety of lodging and dining opportunities. Outside of the immediate metropolitan area, lodging and dining facilities are available in or near the following communities:

### Lodging

● **Underwood, Iowa**

### Bed & Breakfast

● **Big Grove Country Inn.**

18807 450th Street, Oakland, Iowa; (712) 482-6840.

● **Crescent View Bed & Breakfast.**

Crescent, Iowa; (712) 227-0051.

### Dining

■ **Crescent, Iowa.** (multiple facilities)

■ **Underwood, Iowa**

■ **Mineola, Iowa**



Lewis & Clark Monument Plaza



View of the Omaha skyline from the Monument

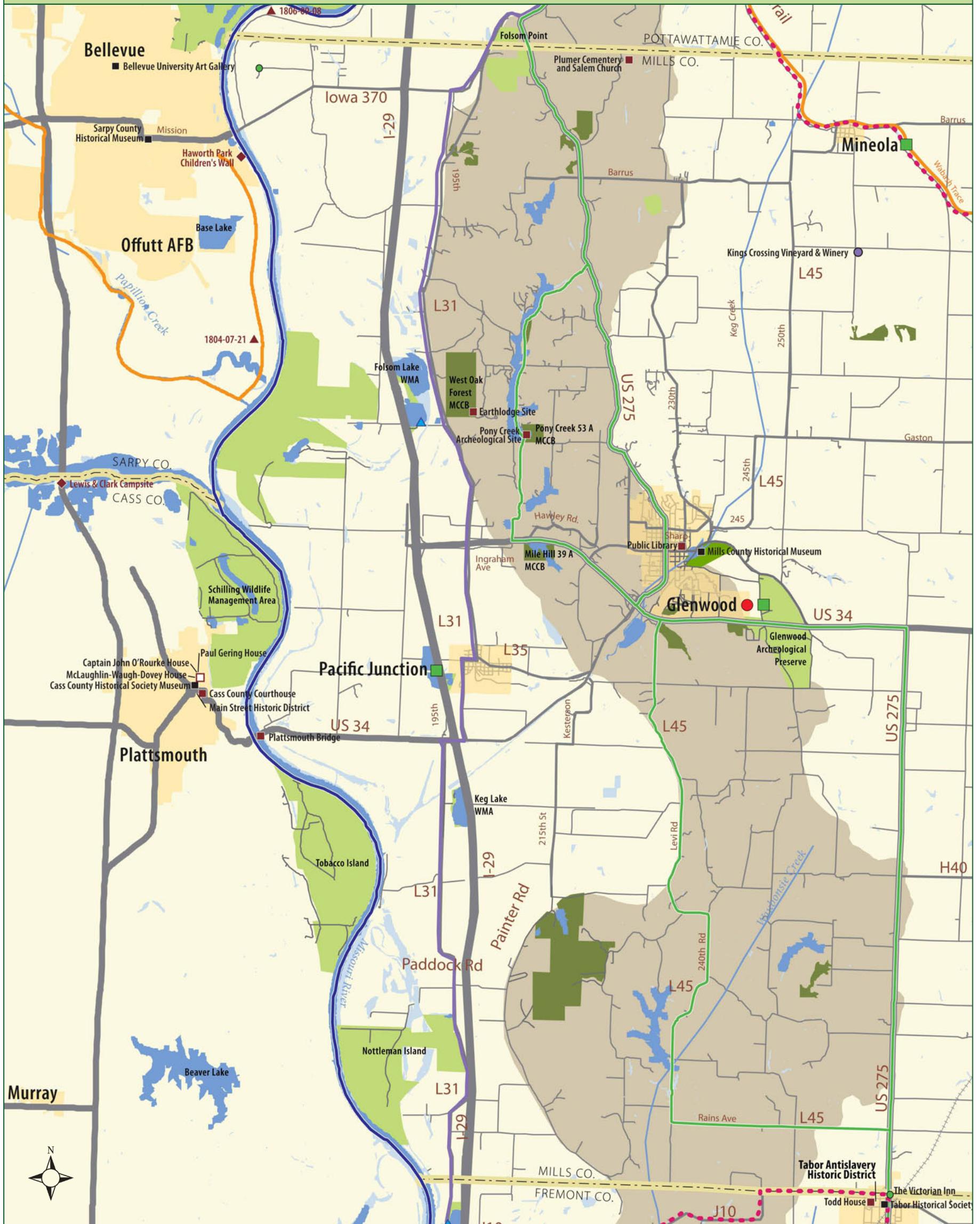
## Lewis & Clark Monument

1804, “We passed a bluff on the S.S side... the first high land above the Nodaway rivelet...” The expedition passed the Nodaway twenty days earlier on July 8, 1804. The monument in Council Bluffs was funded by the Colonial Dames of America in 1935. This monument depicts in two large cement wall panels the anticipation of the coming council meeting with the Otoe and Missouri Indians at the expedition’s camp site. The city park offers the visitor the monument, an interpretive sign, the high wooded bluffs similar to the 1804 setting, foot trails, picnic tables, and a grand view of the Missouri River Valley.

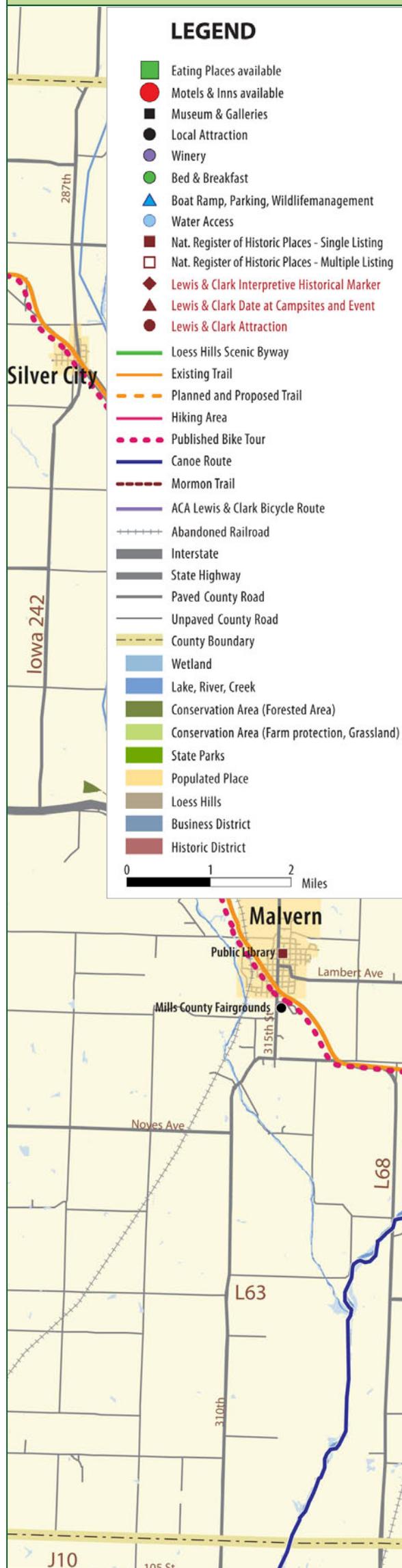
Although this memorial is located in Iowa within the present-day Council Bluffs city limits, the actual site of the “Council bluff” noted by Lewis and Clark is a few miles to the north on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River.

There are three other campsites located within the boundary of Pottawattamie County dating from July 27, 28 and 29, 1804. These campsites are located north of Council Bluffs and are not currently marked with any signs.

# MILLS COUNTY - North & South



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### Mills County

#### Public Library - Malvern.

502 Main Street, Malvern, IA.

#### Public Library - Glenwood.

109 North Vine Street, Glenwood, IA.

**Pony Creek Park Archeological Site.** Located to the northwest of Glenwood, within the Pony Creek Park Recreational Area is the site of two "Nebraska" phase earthen lodges. The 83-acre park also includes woods, a camping area, virgin prairie, and a viewing area for the local loess topography.

56235 Deacon Road, North of Glenwood, IA.

**Plattsmouth Bridge (NRHP site).** 1930s vintage truss bridge on US 34 over the Missouri River. Permits bicycle access to Plattsmouth Nebraska's Main Street historic district.

**Earthen lodge Site - West Oak Forest (NRHP site).** West of 202nd Street, north of Forest Avenue.

**Plumer Cemetery and Salem Lutheran Church.** Located on US Highway 275 just south of the Pottawattamie county line, the church was built in 1867 by German immigrants. Today the Salem Lutheran Church is one of the oldest surviving churches in Western Iowa.

## Nebraska Resources

#### Plattsmouth Main Street Historic District (NRHP District).

This district includes 45 late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings located along the Main Street in Plattsmouth. The district is composed primarily of two-story masonry buildings in the Italianate style. Located along Main Street between 3rd and 7th Streets.

**Cass County Courthouse (NRHP site).** Cass County was among the first counties organized in Nebraska Territory, and Plattsmouth, located on the Missouri River, was one of four towns established in 1854. Because of its early establishment and prosperity Plattsmouth became the county seat, however, by the 1880s increased settlement throughout the county brought calls for a more centrally located county seat. Plattsmouth countered opposition efforts by securing passage of a bond issue for a new courthouse. They hoped a new and costly courthouse would lessen the chance that the county seat would be moved. The courthouse constructed in 1891-92 is in the Romanesque Revival style and retains a high degree of its original integrity.

Address: Main Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, Plattsmouth, NE.

**McLaughlin-Waugh-Dovey House (NRHP site).** Built in 1883 for A.W. McLaughlin, an early cashier of the First National Bank in Plattsmouth. The property served as the home for succeeding cashiers of the bank (Samuel Waugh, Horatio Dovey) for nearly 45 years and became known as the "Banker's House."

Address: 414 B Avenue, Plattsmouth, NE.

**Paul Gering House (NRHP site).** Constructed in 1896, this two-and-one-half story wood frame structure designed in the Colonial Revival style retains a high degree of historical integrity.

**Captain John O'Rourke House (NRHP site).** An example of the Italianate style, this house was constructed for Captain John O'Rourke in 1881. O'Rourke was a tireless community booster and was intimately involved with decisions that helped to insure the Plattsmouth would grow into a modern city.

## LEWIS & CLARK

### Nebraska Resources

#### Campsites

##### ▲ July 1804 Campsite.

Located along the Platte River at US 75 and Beach Road.

## NATURAL FEATURES & TRAILS

### Mills County

**Keg Lake WMA.** 104 acre, DNR, hunting, shallow lake, fishing, waterfowl.

**Nottleman Island.** 1,228 acre wildlife area with river access, shallow marsh, uplands, waterfowl, deer, pheasant, quail, hunting.

**Scott WMA.** 80 acres, DNR. Small lakes, fishing, upland, hunting, waterfowl, deer.

**Folsom Point.** 281 acre Loess Hills prairie nature preserve.

**Folsom Lake WMA.** 100 acre, DNR. Hunting, deep lake, fishing, waterfowl.

**Schilling State WMA - Nebraska**

**West Oak WMA.** 308 acre county conservation board property. Loess hills, hiking trails.

**Pony Creek WMA.** 53 acres, camping, electricity, drinking water, pit toilets, picnicking, playground, hiking trails, 82 acre pond fishing.

**Glenwood Archeological Preserve.**

**Mile Hill Lake.** 39 acres wildlife area with 10 acre scenic overlook, interpretive panels, fishing pond, hunting.

**Wabash Trace Nature Trail.** (See insert for Pottawattamie County) The Wabash Trace begins its 63 mile journey to Blanchard from Council Bluffs and continues north and south across Mills county. On its way, it passes through Mineola, home of the popular Taco Night ride, Silver City and Malvern. In addition to hiking, bicycling, and cross country skiing, the Trace includes a parallel equestrian path from Council Bluffs to Mineola.

## ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

### Mills County

● **Mills County Historical Museum.** Located in Glenwood Lake Park in Glenwood, developed along the Davies Amphitheater. The museum includes a variety of exhibits, including Native American artifacts, furniture, historical items relating to the history of the area, trucks and farm machinery, and a cluster of historical structures collected from the region. These include a country schoolhouse, the Henderson jail, a Burlington Northern caboose, and a reconstructed barn.

● **Mills County Fair.** The Fairgrounds, located in Malvern hosts the annual county fair in mid-July.

● **Kings Crossing Vineyard & Winery.** Kings Crossing Vineyard features over a dozen different wines handcrafted from 100% Iowa grown grapes. This family-owned winery is located in Glenwood, Iowa, and their wines can be found at a number of establishments throughout western and central Iowa. The winery is opened year round, although business hours change during the winter months. 53086 260th St, Glenwood, IA; (712) 526-2873.

## Nebraska Resources

▲ **Cass County Historical Museum.** Includes exhibits on the role of transportation in the county's growth, focusing on steamboats, railroads, and automobile transportation. Also includes exhibits on religious, cultural, and economic life in the county. 646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE.

## LODGING & DINING

This guide provides information only on those facilities located outside of the metropolitan areas of Omaha/Council Bluffs and Sioux City. Phone numbers are listed (if available) with each entry. Please call ahead to confirm dates, hours and rates before making travel plans.

### Lodging

● Pacific Junction

● Glenwood

### Dining

■ Mineola

■ Silver City

■ Glenwood. (multiple listings)

■ Pacific Junction



Salem Church



Plumer Cemetery, final resting spot for many of the church's early congregants.

## Salem Lutheran Church

### The Mother Church

The Salem Lutheran Church nestled in a wooded highland area of the Loess Hills, just off of US 275 is one of the oldest existing structures in Western Iowa. Constructed in 1867, the church was located on land that was once part of the Johann Plumer settlement. Lutheran services and bible study courses were initially held within the Plumer family home, prior to the organization of the church.

Johann Plumer and his wife Sophia Saar-Plumer were influential members of the regions German-Lutheran community. In 1866 they donated a portion of their property for the construction of the Salem Church and Cemetery, as well as \$1,000 for materials. In total the church cost \$3,500 to construct, and was built in part with timber from surrounding glens, and bricks that were fired on site.

In 1880 the church the Western District of the Iowa Synod was organized at the Salem Church. From this meeting for than 100 parish churches throughout Western Iowa were founded, including the parish churches located in nearby Mineola and Treynor. It is from this meeting that the Salem Church became known as the "Mother Church".

In 1933 with the church's congregation dwindling the church was closed, and sat empty and neglected for the next twenty years. In 1956 after the church was nearly lost to fire, donations were raised by neighboring parishes to restore the structure.

Today the Salem Church has been restored to its former glory. The church is open to the public on Memorial Day for a memorial service honoring the settlers who founded the parish in 1867.



Archeological Preserve & Nature Area



The Mills County Historical Society Museum, is open weekdays and by appointment.



Pony Creek State Conservation Park



Reconstruction of a Glenwood Society Earthen Lodge



Pony Creek State Conservation Park

## Mills County Historical Museum

### Visions of a lost world

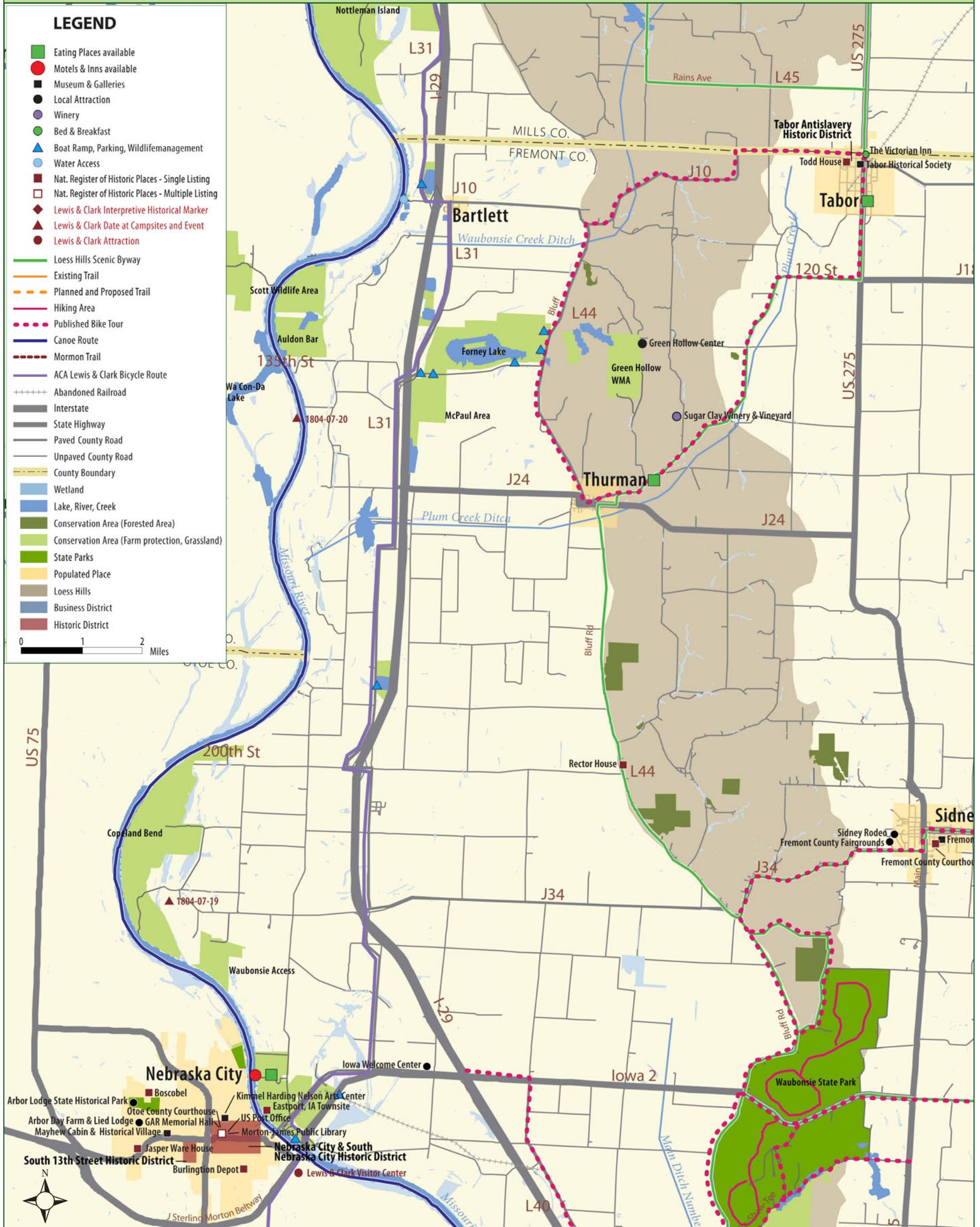
More than a ten thousand years ago a series earthen lodge settlements were founded in the Loess Hills by what archeologists refer to as the Glenwood and Mill Creek Societies. These settlements were based on agricultural economies that traded with other Native American societies located as far east as the Mississippi River. While these settlements flourished for thousands of years, by the time Lewis and Clark entered the region in 1804 these settlements had all but vanished.

Nowhere in the region is the concentration of these prehistoric dwellings denser than in the Loess Hills at the confluence of the Plate and Missouri Rivers near the town of Glenwood. These settlements were dispersed and unfortified, dotting the hilltops and valleys of the Pony and Keg Creeks. So far more than

a 1,000 earthen lodge settlements have been cataloged. Not only is the sheer number of settlements unprecedented, but also are the well-preserved layouts of dwellings and agricultural fields that offer clues to how the people of these societies lived, worked and interacted.

The Pony Creek Park Archeological Site allows visitors to experience the natural environment in which these prehistoric settlements existed along Pony Creek. In order to experience how members of these societies lived, travel to the Mills County Historical Museum, located in Glenwood Lake Park. The museum houses a number of artifacts that had been recovered during the construction of US 34. In addition, located outside of the museum is a full-size replica of a Glenwood phase earthen lodge that was constructed in 2006 in cooperation with Golden Hills RC&D.

# FREMONT COUNTY - North



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## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### Fremont County

■ **Hamburg Public Library (NRHP site).** A colonial revival building built early in the 20th century. *1301 Main Street, Hamburg, IA.*

■ **Chautauqua Pavilion.** The Chautauqua movement grew out of summer Sunday School institutes that were held throughout the United States by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The education offered at these institutes was both secular and religious, and even included live performances. Institutes were initially held in tents, but over time many communities constructed permanent pavilions, shaped like the tents that were initially used. The pavilion in Riverton is one of the few of its kind extant in Iowa. *Located in City Park on Summer Avenue, between E and F Streets, Riverton, IA.*

■ **Fremont County Courthouse (NRHP site).** Constructed in 1889, the Fremont County Courthouse is an example of Chateausque and Romanesque revival architecture. *Cass and Illinois Streets, Sidney, IA.*

■ **Todd House (NRHP site).** Built in 1853 by the Reverend John Todd, one of the founders of the community of Tabor, and a supporter of John Brown and the Kansas Free State Movement. *Park Street, between Elm and Orange Streets, Tabor, IA.*

■ **Tabor Antislavery Historic District (NRHP district).** *Park, Center, Orange, and Elm, Tabor, Iowa.*

■ **Rector House (NRHP site).** Greek Revival residence built in the mid-19th Century by Jason Rector. *2174 Bluff Road, Thurman, IA.*

### Nebraska Resources

■ **Boscobel (NRHP site).** Located along the historic Steam Wagon Road, the two-story brick Italianate dwelling was built in 1879 for the prominent Nebraska City freighter and businessman Rollin M. Rolfe. Rolfe became the first wholesale “jobber” south of the Platte River and was instrumental in developing a direct route from Nebraska City to Fort Kearney. *Located North of Nebraska City on Steamwagon Road.*

■ **Arbor Lodge State Historical Park.** Home of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of the national Arbor Day movement, the original house was built in 1855. In 1903 Morton’s son Joy converted the house to the three-story, fifty-two room, Neoclassical Revival mansion of today. As a pioneer Nebraska journalist, politician, and leader in horticulture and conservation, J. Sterling Morton served as secretary of agriculture under President Grover Cleveland in 1893. *Located near Nebraska City the home and grounds were donated to the State of Nebraska in 1923, and is now a state historical park and museum.*

■ **Nebraska City Historic District.** The 58 square block Nebraska City Historic District is a major residential neighborhood and commercial district that had its beginnings in the 1850s. The historic district contains excellent examples of architectural styles popular during the mid to late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries including Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Shingle, and Georgian Revival. These houses were occupied by some of Nebraska city’s most prominent residents including George and Robert Hawke, Alexander Majors, Williams Fulton, and Robert Payne, who were involved in commercial and freighting ventures. The district also includes a small commercial area along Central Avenue (Old Main Street). The earliest business activities of the city were concentrated along Central Avenue, which connected the Missouri River and what came to be known as Steam Wagon Road. The two-story masonry commercial buildings, which date from the 1870s and 1880s, replaced earlier structures, many of which were destroyed by fires in the 1870s.

■ **South Thirteenth Street Historic District (NRHP district).** A nine and one-half square block district of residential and industrial buildings in southwest Nebraska City, associated with some of the city’s leading business, professional, and political figures

■ **South Nebraska City Historic District (NRHP district).** A nine square block area with 90 structures most of which are homes. A good example of a nineteenth century, moderate-income neighborhood displaying various architectural styles. The Taylor-Wessel House, a one-story brick dwelling built in 1857 for William H. Taylor, is one of the state’s oldest buildings. The largest building in the district is the First Baptist Church, a simplified Romanesque Revival structure built in 1884-85 and designed by Omaha architects Fisher and Lawrie.

■ **Morton-James Public Library.** Erected in 1896-97 and designed in a simplified Richardsonian Romanesque style by the Omaha architectural firm of Fisher and Lawrie, the library was established with the financial assistance of J. Sterling Morton. *Located at the intersection of 1st Corso and S 10th Street, Nebraska City, NE.*

■ **Otoe County Courthouse.** Designed by A.G. Basset, the Otoe County Courthouse is an example of mid-nineteenth century Italianate style governmental architecture. The original two-story brick structure was completed in 1865 with additions being made in 1882 and 1936. The Otoe County Courthouse is the oldest public building in Nebraska still in use. *Central Avenue between 11th and 10th Streets, Nebraska City, NE.*

■ **Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall.** The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), formed in 1866 as a nationwide movement composed of Union veterans of the Civil War. Aside from the political influence it wielded, the association worked to increase patriotism, and provided an environment of fraternity and comradeship for its members. While other halls still exist in the state, most are on second floors of commercial buildings. The Nebraska City GAR Memorial Hall, constructed in 1894 in the Richardsonian Romanesque style is one of only three free-standing halls in the state. *1st Corso between 9th and 10th Streets, Nebraska City, NE.*

■ **Kregel Wind Mill Company Building.** The Kregel Wind Mill Company began selling windmills in the Nebraska City area in 1890. This 1905 vintage building, developed as a museum, remains completely intact with equipment and parts appearing as they probably did when the firm was in operation.

■ **Jasper A Ware House (NRHP site).** Jasper Ware is noted for opening one of the first private banks in Nebraska Territory in 1859 and was city treasurer from 1864 to 1867. The property, located near Nebraska City includes the 1869 brick dwelling, constructed in the Gothic Revival style and several outbuildings. Commonly known as Wildwood Center, the property is now a museum. *Steinhart Park Road, Nebraska City, NE.*

■ **US Post Office (NRHP site).** Completed in 1889, the Nebraska City Post Office was designed in 1886 under the direction of W.E. Bell, supervising architect for the U.S. Treasury. The two-story brick structure combines elements of the Chateausque and Romanesque revival styles. *Located at the intersection of 1st Corso and S. 8th Street, Nebraska City, NE.*

■ **Nebraska City Burlington Railroad Depot (NRHP site).** Built by the Burlington Railroad Company in 1912 in response to community pressure to build a proper gateway to the city.

## LEWIS & CLARK HERITAGE SITES

### Fremont County

#### Attractions

● **Waubonsie State Park.** Upon entering Iowa Clark described in his journal the region as a “Ball pated prairie”. Today the Loess Hills are heavily wooded with only a few remnants of the original prairie that was seen by the expedition still exists. Waubonsie State Park contains portions of native prairie, along its many miles of trails. *To visit Waubonsie, exit east of I-29 at Exit 10 onto Iowa 2 and travel five miles east to the park entrance; (712)-382-2786.*

#### Campsites

▲ **July 18th 1804.** Pasture and woodland area at the end of MM Road, seven miles northwest of Hamburg, Iowa.

▲ **July 19th 1804.** Located at Copeland Bend Wildlife Management Area, off of 225th Street on the Iowa side of the Missouri River, four miles north of Nebraska City.

### Nebraska Resources

#### Attractions

● **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center.** This 12,000 square foot interpretive center focuses on the 178 flora and 222 fauna and scientific discoveries of the Lewis & Clark voyage. The center also features a life size replica of the expeditions keelboat. *102 County Road 67, Nebraska City, NE; (402)874-9900.*

#### Campsites

▲ **July 20th 1804.** Located in a field along the banks of the Missouri River, 1.5 miles south of Wa Con-Da Lake on the Nebraska side.

## NATURAL FEATURES & TRAILS

### Fremont County

**Bartlett Lake.** 57 acre, DNR. Uplands, small lakes, hunting, waterfowl

**Waubonsie State Park.** 1,247 acres, DNR (712) 382-2786. Modern camping (22 electric campsites, 73 non-electric campsites), hiking and bridle trails, biking, snowmobile, picnicking.

**Forney Lake.** 1,128 acre DNR. Shallow marsh, uplands, hunting, waterfowl, pheasant, deer, quail, turkey.

**Green Hollow Wildlife Area.** 343 acre, DNR. Upland timber and grassland. Hunting, deer, turkey and squirrel.

**Pinky’s Glen.** 48 acres with camping, drinking water, pit toilets, picnicking, 15 acres pond fishing, winter sports.

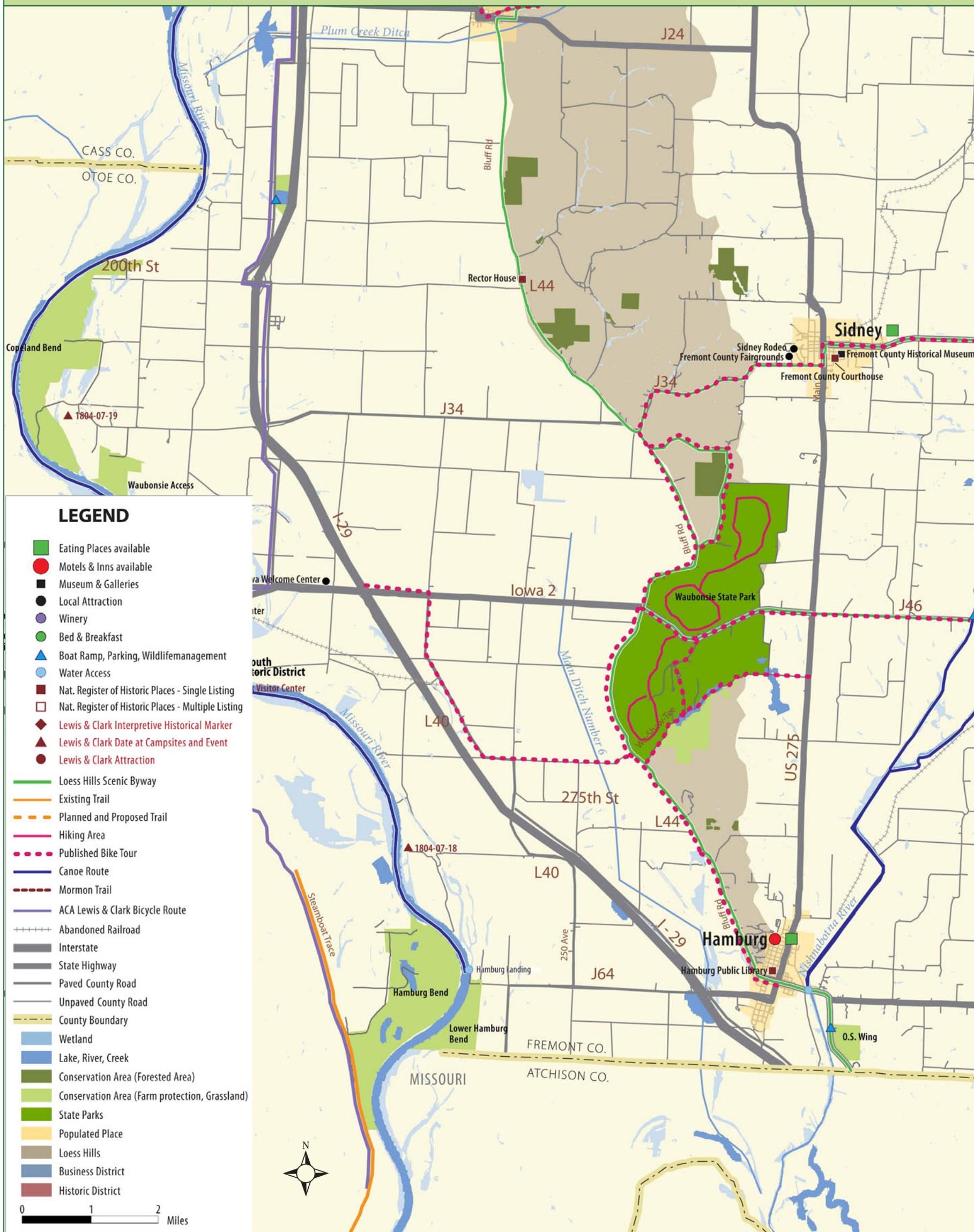
**McPaul WMA.** 166 acre, DNR. Small fishing lakes and uplands, hunting, waterfowl, pheasant.

**Lake Shawtee.** 891 acre, DNR. Uplands, hunting, pheasant, quail, rabbit, deer. Future lake site.

**Copeland Bend.** 1,482 acre, DNR. Missouri River, upland & timber, deer, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl, fishing, hunting. Part of this area is only accessible from the river.

**Waubonsie Access.** 81 acre, DNR. Missouri River access, small lake, fishing, timber, hunting, uplands, waterfowl, rabbit.

# FREMONT COUNTY - South



## FREMONT COUNTY - South



**Sidney Recreation Area.** 150 acres with drinking water, flush toilets, picnicking, cross-country ski trails, golf, winter sports

**Riverton Wildlife Management Area.** 2,720 acre, DNR, shallow marsh, upland, hunting, waterfowl, pheasant, deer, quail. East Nishnabotna River access, boat ramp, fishing.

**Hamburg-Mitchell Access.** 2 acre DNR site with river fishing and boat ramp.

**Lower Hamburg Bend Wildlife Management Area.** 260 acre, DNR. Missouri River timber, deer, rabbit, hunting.

**O.S Wing Wildlife Management Area.** 140 acre, DNR. Uplands, timber, hunting, deer, squirrel, turkey.

**Frazers Island.**

### Nebraska Resources

**Hamburg Bend.**

**Steamboat Trail.** A 21-mile rail-trail between Nebraska City and the historic village of Brownville. The trail provides access to areas along the Missouri River that cannot be otherwise experienced and literally replicates parts of the Lewis and Clark passage. The Steamboat Trace is the preferred route of Adventure Cycling Association's Lewis and Clark Bicycle Trail.

### ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

#### Fremont County

● **Sidney Rodeo Grounds.** One of the nation's leading rodeo facilities and home to the annual Sidney Rodeo, an Iowa Sesquicentennial Event. The rodeo grounds features parking, new pens and gates, hospital facilities, concessions, flea market, carnival and covered concrete grandstands. The Sidney Iowa Rodeo ranks in the top 12% of the nearly 800 rodeos approved by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

● **Fremont County Fair.** Held annually in mid-July. Sidney, IA.

● **Sugar Clay Winery & Vineyard.** Visitors will find Sugar Clay tucked into the rural Loess Hills among cedar trees and wildlife just northwest of Thurman, Iowa. The winery hosts a number of events year round, and is now a licensed food establishment offering light fare most weekends. Owners Frank and Amy Faust offer complimentary tastings of their handcrafted wines and invite visitors to stay and take in a true Loess Hills Wine Country experience. Sugar Clay wines can also be found at a number of retail locations within the Omaha area. 1446 240th Ave, Thurman, IA; (712)628-2020.

### Nebraska Resources

● **Arbor Day Farm and Lied Lodge.** A unique attraction developed by the National Arbor Day Foundation interprets arborism and sustainability for people of all ages. It includes a 50-foot high tree house, the Nature Explore Classroom, an interpretive Tree House Trail; films, and rides. The Apple House Market features the area's largest selection of orchard-fresh apples, and other seasonal produce, as well as wines and jams made from fruit grown on Arbor Day Farm. 2611 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE.

■ **Nebraska City Museums.** Nebraska City features an unusual collection of community museums and attractions that provide visitors with a variety of experiences. Some of these include:

■ **Museum of Firefighting.** A new museum interpreting the history of first responders in Nebraska City. 1320 Central Avenue, Nebraska City, NE

■ **River Country Nature Center.** Displays of specimens of flora and fauna in the region. 114 S. 6th Street, Nebraska City, NE.

■ **Kimmel-Harding-Nelson Art Center.** The center supports established and emerging writers, visual artists and composers by providing working and living environments that allow uninterrupted time for work, reflection and creative growth. In addition to living and studio space, the center also houses a gallery that features exhibitions by regional visual artists, and features periodic public talks and performances by resident artists. 801 Third Corso, Nebraska City, NE.

■ **Mayhew Cabin and Historical Village.** Once part of the Underground Railroad, the Mayhews were staunch supporters of the abolition of slavery before and during the Civil War. 2012 4th Corso, Nebraska City, NE

### LODGING & DINING

This guide provides information only on those facilities located outside of the metropolitan areas of Omaha/Council Bluffs and Sioux City. Phone numbers are listed (if available) with each entry. Please call ahead to confirm dates, hours and rates before making travel plans.

#### Lodging

- **Hamburg, Iowa.**
- **Percival, Iowa.** (multiple listings)
- **Shenandoah, Iowa.** (multiple listings)

#### Dining

- **Tabor, Iowa.** (multiple listings)
- **Imogene, Iowa.**
- **Essex, Iowa.**
- **Shenandoah, Iowa.** (multiple listings)
- **Sidney, Iowa.** (multiple listings)
- **Thurman, Iowa.**
- **Riverton, Iowa.**
- **Percival, Iowa.**
- **Hamburg, Iowa.** (multiple listings)

# Lewis & Clark Features

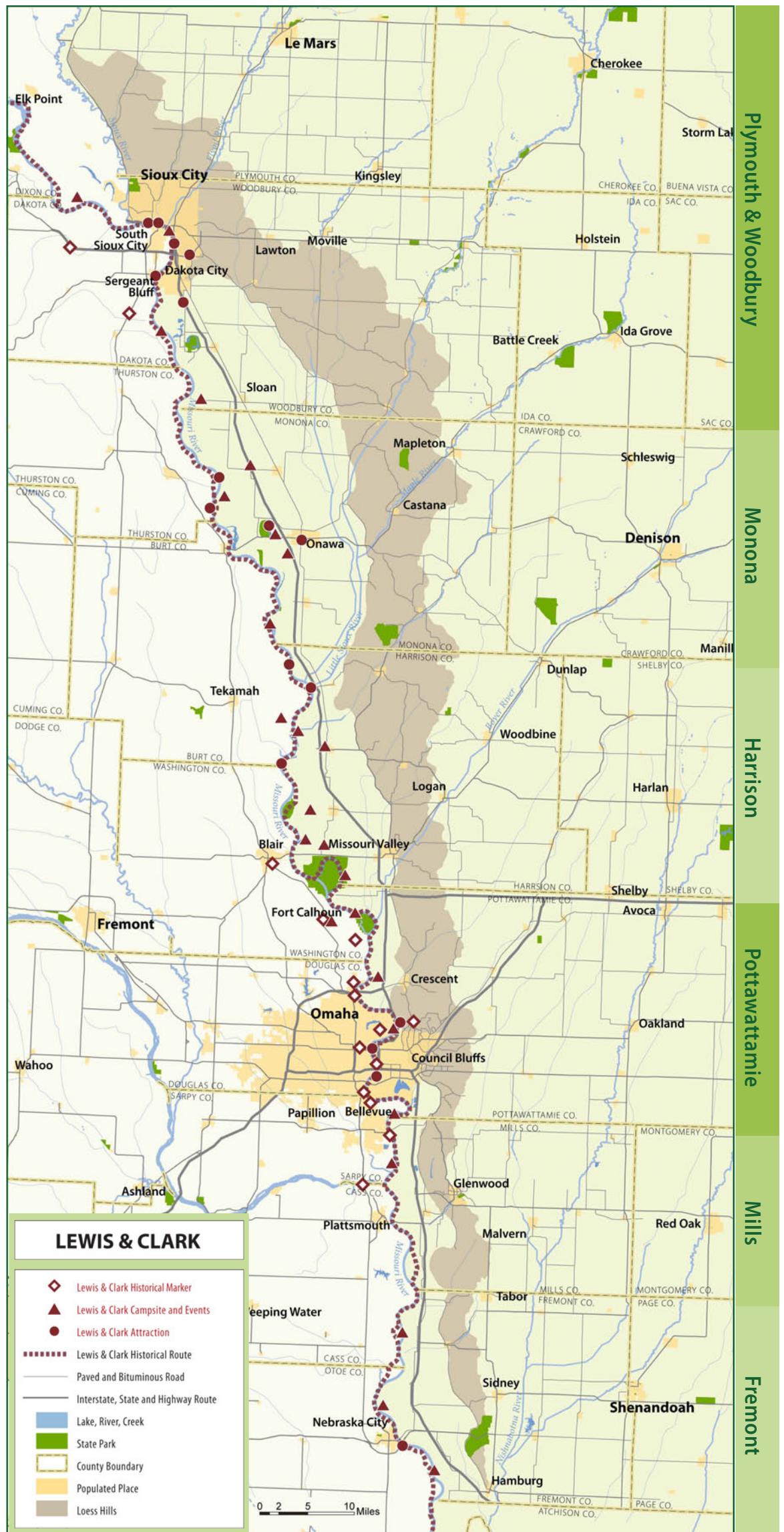
Today, many of the native environments that Lewis and Clark recorded in their journals have been lost to the forces that their expedition set in motion. It is difficult today to imagine what the region looked like before westward settlement. However, through the monuments and sites associated with their journey, it is still possible for us to gain an understanding of the worlds that they experienced on their journey.

This atlas provides an overview of the historical sites that are associated with Lewis and Clark, and the Corps of Discovery. In addition, the numerous museums and attractions that have been developed over the years, celebrate the accomplishments of their journey, and educate us about their extraordinary mission.

The map at right displays the general distribution of Lewis and Clark related features. In addition to helping determine trail routing, they give a general ideal of the shifting channel of the Missouri River.



"Spirit of Discovery"



Plymouth & Woodbury

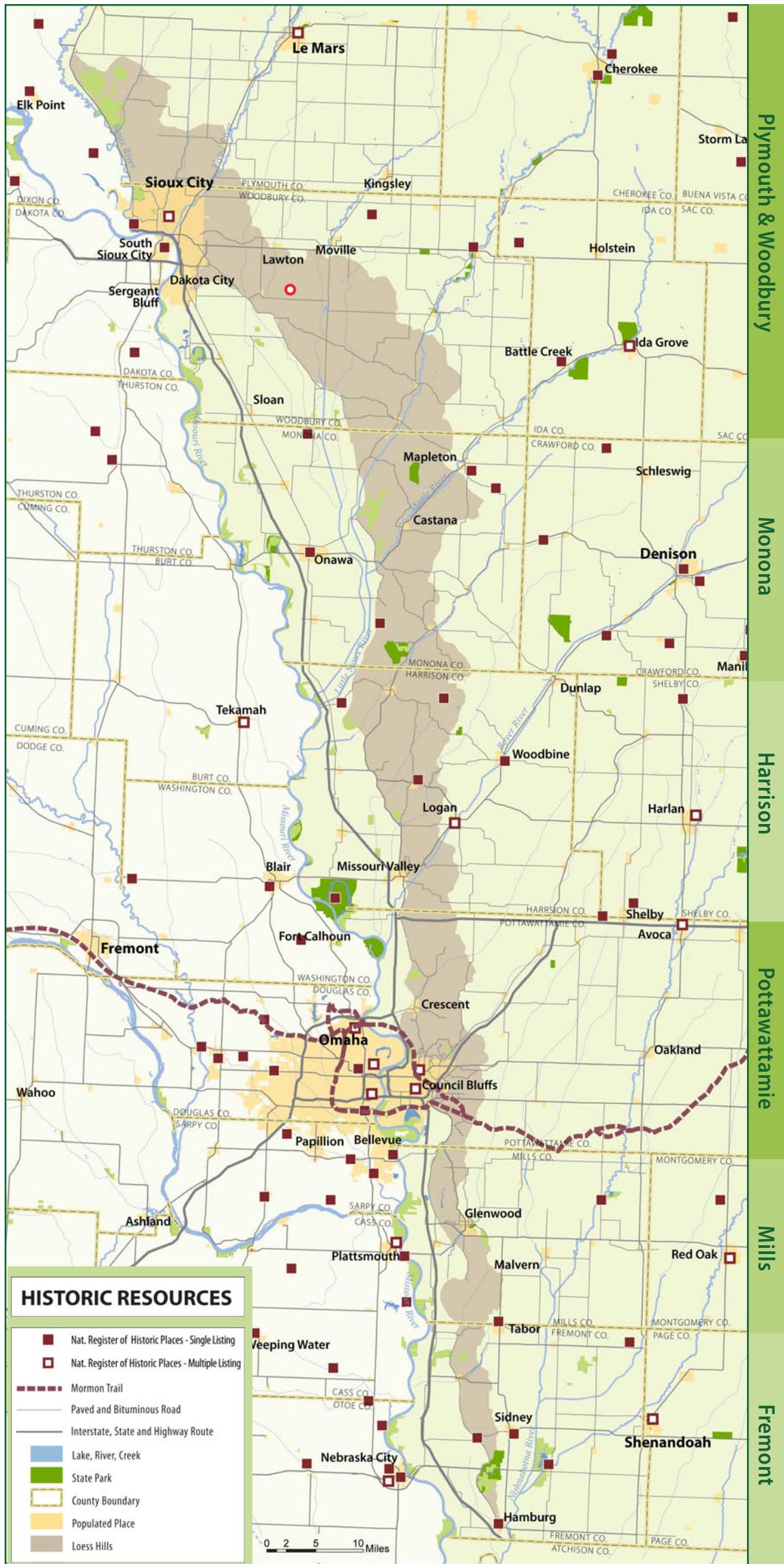
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Fremont



## Other Historic Resources

More often than not the story of our communities is shared through the structures that we build and choose to save for future generations. The map at left shows the overall distribution of sites and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the LCT study area.



Lewis & Clark Monument Plaza

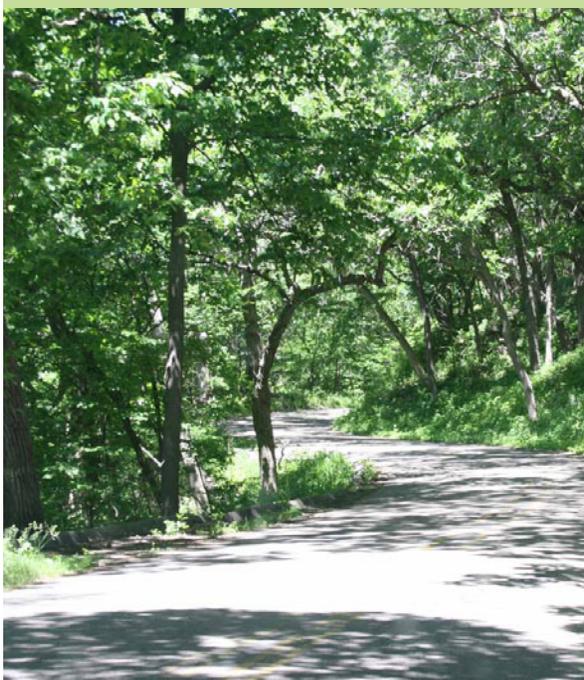
## Natural Features & Trails

The Missouri River corridor in the time of Lewis and Clark was a vast tallgrass prairie, home to numerous Native American tribes. While largely devoid of trees, the region boasted a rich variety of flora and fauna as yet undiscovered by western explorers. Today the “ball pated” prairies described by Lewis and Clark are gone, replaced by farmland, and dense woodlands.

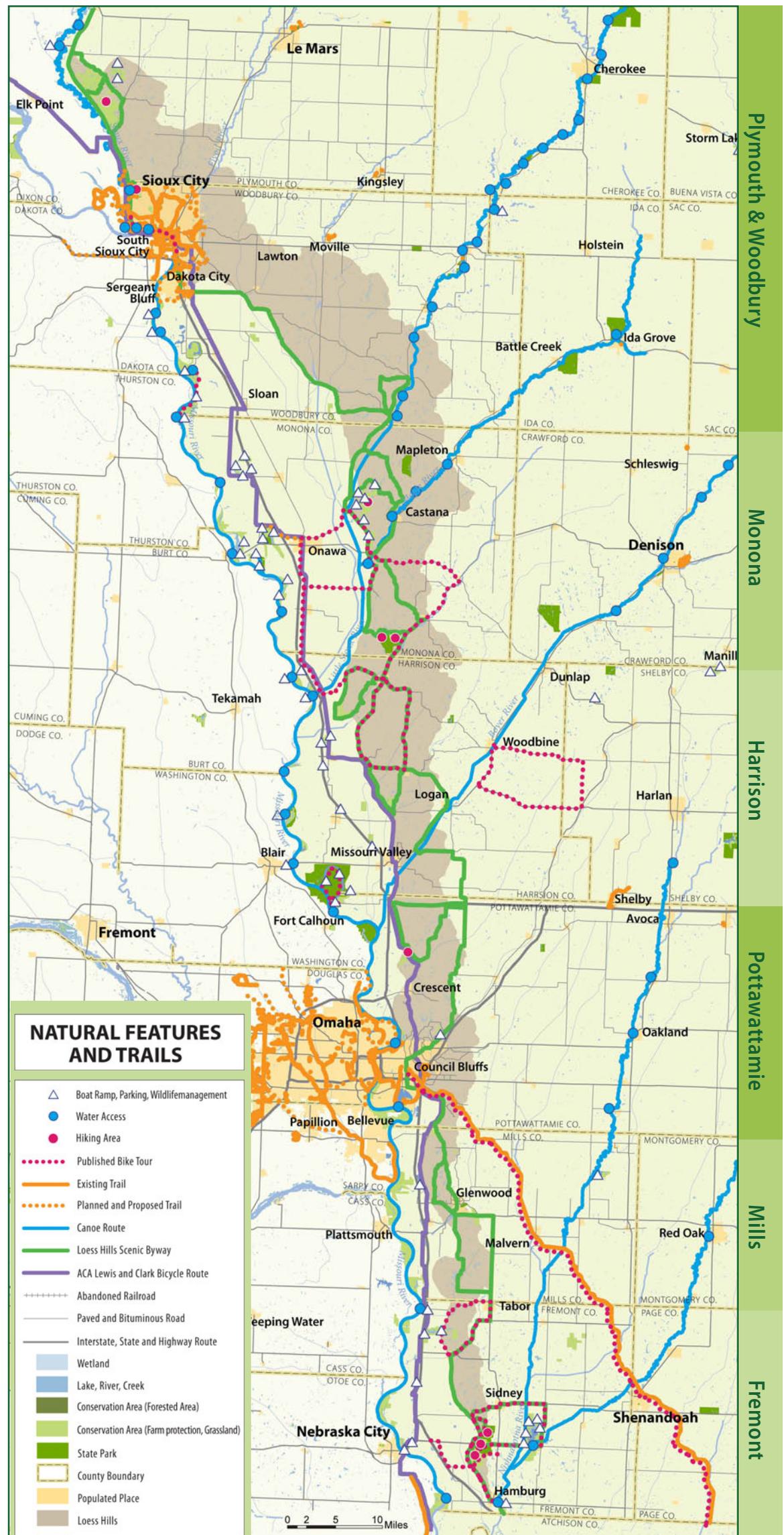
Today, the region is enriched by a series of state parks, wildlife management areas, and national wildlife refuges that preserve many of the environments seen by the expedition. The Loess Hills for years were unappreciated as a valuable natural resource, are today experiencing a renaissance of interest. Vineyards dot the landscape, and the development of the Loess Hills Scenic Byway helps motorists to experience and understand this special environment.

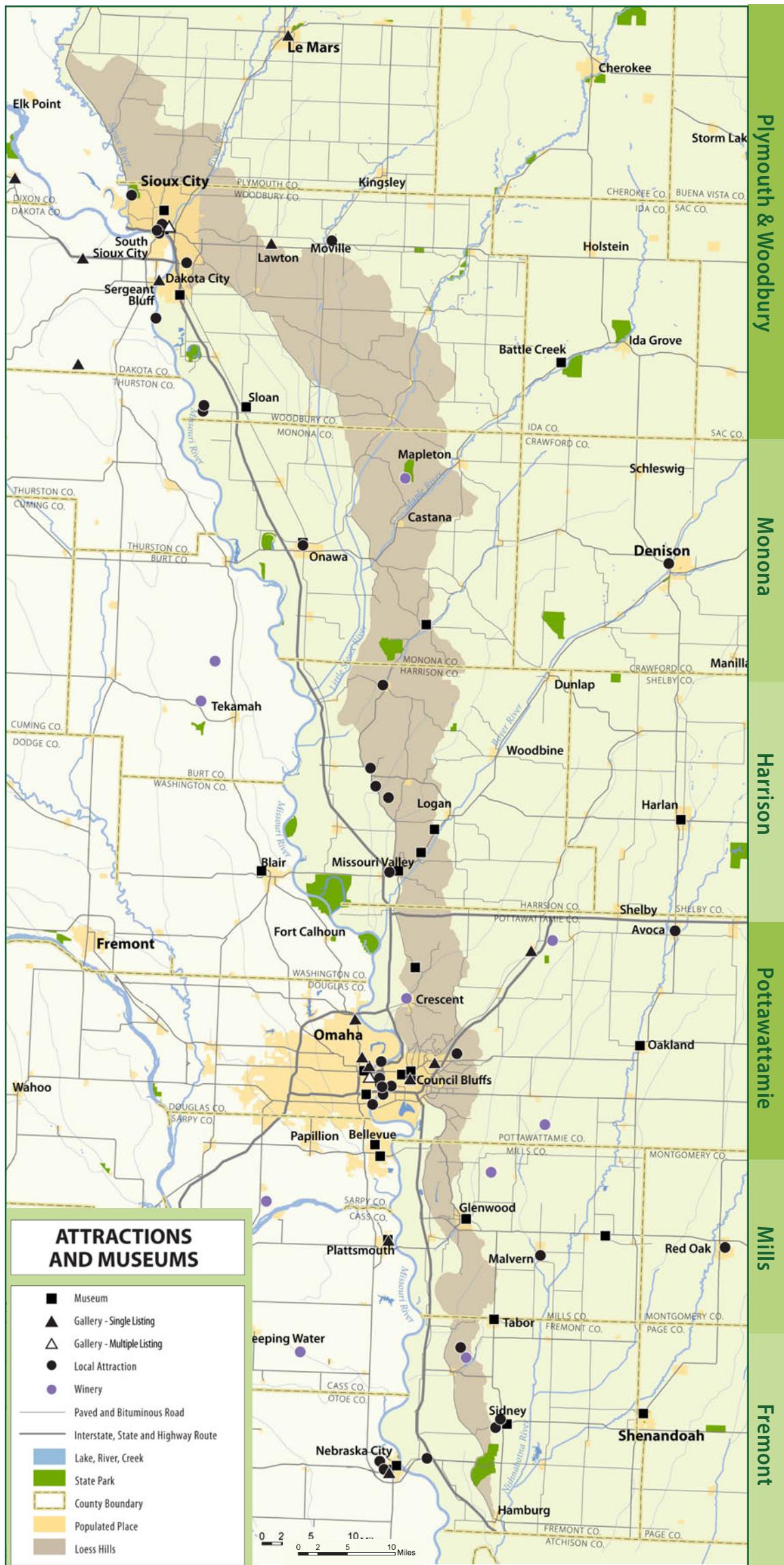
While state and county roads cross the study area, trails are far more limited in scope and coverage. Still, they are by no means absent. The two metropolitan areas have extensive systems, and the Wabash Trace Nature Trail has been praised as one of America’s great rails-to-trails. Hiking and cycling tour loops have also been published that use the regions scenic roads and resources.

The map at right displays the distribution of public lands, existing and future trails, canoe routes, and byways in the region. It also shows support facilities that could be a part of a future trail system.



Stone State Park





## Attractions & Museums

Local and regional museums tell the story of the region and its communities, while regional attractions provide travelers with ways to engage with the land and its people. The map at left summarizes the location patterns of these features.



Hitchcock Nature Center

# Lodging

Support facilities, such as lodging and restaurants, are both important to the user experience and provide employment and business opportunities to the people of the region. While these facilities are most concentrated in metropolitan areas and larger towns, they are scattered throughout the region. An unusual cafe or distinctive business provides trail users with another way to discover the quality and fabric of the region. The maps at right summarize the general distribution of support facilities in the LCT study area.



West Broadway Historic District

