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OLD FORT MADISON

Riverview Park
Fort Madison, IA

History lives on at Old Fort Madison. Discover military life as it was on the rugged frontier of the Louisiana



Territory. The Fort is an accurate reconstruction of the first military fort on the upper Mississippi. Authentically dressed historic interpreters take you through the day-to-day tasks of the soldiers and their families. Visitors are encouraged to partake of the past with the hands-on experience of trying a fresh-baked morsel, dipping a candle or holding a musket. Open 9:30 AM-5 PM Wednesdays through Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekends only in May and September.
Great River Road National Interpretive Center



"DAY TRIP'IN"

BURLINGTON - 20 miles north, offers the "Crookedest Street in the World" Snake Alley, the Phelps House, a Victorian home built in 1774 which features furnishing of that period, and minor league baseball at Community Field all summer long.

HENRY COUNTY - 40 miles north, the Theatre Museum houses a collection of early American entertainment, Midwest Old Threshers Heritage Museum exhibits farming methods of the late 1800's and the Lewelling Quaker House built in 1840 is known as the main ticket office of the Underground Railroad.

KEOKUK - 20 miles south, features Keokuk's National Cemetery dating back to the 1860's, the Samuel F. Miller home, a Supreme Court Justice appointed by President Abraham Lincoln, and Lock and Dam 19, an engineering marvel from the early 1900's.

VILLAGES OF VAN BUREN - 35 miles west, consist of 12 historical communities. In Keosauqua the Hotel Manning built in 1837 represents architecture reflecting the steamboat heritage, the Pearson House built in 1845 was a hiding place for slaves, and the Mansion Inn built in 1870 offers a collection of P. Buckley Moss prints.

NAUVOO - 15 miles east, restoration at its best, including the Joseph Smith Homestead purchased in 1839, at the LDS Visitor's Center learn about life in Nauvoo from 1830 to 1846, and the Blacksmith Shop presents demonstrations of the trade skills.

OLD SANTA FE DEPOT HISTORIC CENTER

Avenue H & 9th Street
Fort Madison, IA
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Built in 1909, this mission revival style depot is the home of the North Lee County Historical Museum. This museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its unique architecture. The railroad complex is a classic for those interested in railroad history, firefighting lore, Sheaffer Fountain Pen history, territorial and pioneer days. The Historic Center is situated along the Mainline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and is considered by many train buffs to be one of the best viewing sites for the 60-70 trains that pass by daily. The A.T.&S.F. Caboose, retired intact and a gift from the Santa Fe Railroad, adds further to the site. Open May through September. Special appointments also available.

