

**Effigy Mounds National Monument : 151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry, IA 52146 *
563.873.3491 | <http://www.nps.gov/efmo/index.htm> Open year-round. Free Admission.**

No visit to Allamakee County would be complete without stopping at Iowa's only national monument, Effigy Mounds. There are 210 known prehistoric American Indian mounds within the borders of the park, 31 of which are shaped in the likeness (effigy) of bears or birds.

The 2,526-acre park is divided into two units (North and South) by the Yellow River. Walking trails provide modest to extended routes, allowing you to select your route and view a variety of mounds. An accessible boardwalk trail into the wetlands near the Visitor Center is available for disabled visitors and persons of all walking abilities.

Fish Farm Mounds: Highway 26, New Albin, IA 52160

Fish Farm Mounds State Preserve is a three-acre prehistoric cemetery (mound group) located in the southern portion of the 576-acre Fish Farm Mounds Wildlife Area. The Preserve contains a cluster of thirty conical mounds of various sizes, which were built by Native Americans from 100 B.C. to 650 A.D. The Wildlife Area is mostly wooded and is abundant with wildlife, making it a popular hunting area. (Free Admission)

**Wexford Immaculate Conception Church: 1416 County Hwy X52, Harpers Ferry, IA 52146
563-538-4171 | http://www.icwexford.org/ic_wexford.php**

The oldest Catholic Church site between Dubuque, Iowa and St. Paul, Minnesota, located 9 miles south of Lansing, Iowa just off the Great River Road, this little stone church is perfectly perched above a charismatic Allamakee County valley. A creek runs along nearby, the sun cascades over the woodland, the road hugs the landscape and it isn't hard to see why Irish settlers chose this special site to start their community. The church's simple, elegant interior is full of calm, especially when the late afternoon beams of sunlight stream through the intricate stained glass. Make sure to notice the framed port record on the back wall which lists all the Ticonderoga ship passengers who sailed from Liverpool, England to New Orleans in the winter of 1850. It is many of these listed individuals who deemed this valley their final destination.

Amish Candies & Furniture: 1190 Sherman Ridge Road, Waukon, IA 52172

Homemade chocolate candies, jellies, jams and furniture. Store is located in store adjacent to house.

Waterloo Workshop: 369 Waterloo Creek Drive, Dorchester, IA 52140

In our old log home we live much as people used to 100 years ago, with no electricity or telephone. We continue to practice the old-time arts of wood-working, basket-weaving and preserving wild or home-grown fruits and vegetables. Visitors share fresh, made-from-scratch rolls baked in our wood stove, sample country jams and sip tea or fresh well water. We are located in a lovely valley 4 miles Northwest of Dorchester, IA.

DRIFTAWAY ADVENTURE TOURS: 204 East Main Street, Waukon, IA 52172

563.568.2051 or 800.643.9229 | <http://www.driftawayhotairballoons.com/>

Hot air balloon rides Call for reservations (due to weather).

MISSISSIPPI EXPLORER CRUISES: Riverfront on Main, Lansing, IA 52151

563.586.4444 | <http://www.mississippiexplorer.com/home.php>

Come and discover the beautiful scenery and grandiose eco-system that encompasses the Mississippi River. Join the Crew onboard for a uniquely tailored riverboat excursion plying America's grandest river. Sit back, relax and enjoy the splendor of the mighty Mississippi River. Magnificent scenery, abundant wildlife, waterfowl and bald eagles welcome you around every bend.

Peck's Pool 9 Guide Service: 2709 High View Lane, New Albin, IA 52160

(563) 544-4611 or (319) 327-2783 - mobile

This is more than normal fishing trip. You will also have a educational experience learning about the relationship of all creatures that call the Mississippi River home.

UP NORTH ADVENTURES: 1431 Bakkum Road, Waukon, IA 52172

563.535.7296 or 563.794.0526 | <http://upnorthadventures.weebly.com/>

At Up North Adventures, we offer a lot, from fishing to dog sledding. Just give us a call to book an exciting and educational experience in the outdoors.

Driftless Area Scenic Byway:

Scenic 100-mile route zigzags across Allamakee county. What makes this route truly special is the scenic topography of the area. As the last glaciers passed over much of Iowa flattening and depositing glacial till, this corner of the state remained untouched. The result is a striking region of gashed and furrowed terrain, known as the "Driftless Area."

Yellow River State Forest: 729 State Forest Road, Harpers Ferry, IA 52146

563.586.2254 |

The Yellow River State Forest has grown to encompass nearly 8,500 acres of natural beauty. Some of Iowa's most unique forest features and terrain are found in the forest, and a wide variety of plant and animal life (including more than 65 species of birds) make this carefully managed timberland a lovely place to visit. Year-round camping is available, and hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, and cross-country skiers are sure to appreciate the extensive trail system. Hunting and fishing are also popular activities in the forest. (Free Admission)

Upper Iowa Resort and Rental: 578 Lonnings Drive, Dorchester, IA 52140

563.568.3263 | [Visit Website](#) | [Email](#)

Cabins are available for rent and camping by reservation with 80 electrical campsites, 25 including water and 14 are non-electrical. They are located 13 miles North of Waukon on Hwy 76. Amenities include swimming, canoe and kayak rental. They also have sand/water volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, skating, skiing and sledding. Located close to numerous trout streams as well as fishing on the Upper Iowa River, 15 miles from Mississippi River and close to 500 acres of DNR land.

Village Creek Bible Camp: 1588 Drake Road, Lansing, IA 52151

563.535.7320 or 888.661.8222 | [Visit Website](#) | [Email](#)

Located on 220 beautiful acres in the Mississippi Valley. The facilities are able to accommodate groups from 20 to 200 in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Every effort is made to schedule retreat groups so they have the Camp to themselves. This makes for a very peaceful and isolated camping experience. There are ample activities and program opportunities to provide a season of memories for many years to come.

Empty Nest Winery: 1352 Apple Road Waukon, IA 52172 563-568-2758

Empty Nest Winery is family owned and operated. Set in beautiful rural Northeast Iowa located between Decorah and Waukon. Handcrafted wines made in small batches using grapes and several varieties of berries handpicked predominantly on our family farm and from the surrounding area. Sample 11 wines in our tasting room on Saturdays from 10-5 and Sundays from 1-5 and 3 new wines coming out for summer.

WW Homestead Dairy: 850 Rossville Road, Waukon, Iowa 563.568.4950

Visit a local dairy processing facility and see how they make milk, ice cream the best cheese curds around!