

Villages of Van Buren County
Thursday, October 4
Keosauqua, IA
7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Step into the past with a tour of the Amish and Mennonite community in Van Buren County. Our first stop will be the Milton Creamery and then onto Dutchman's Store which is filled with bulk foods, dried goods and is known as "A Quilter's Paradise". Lunch will be at Keosauqua's newest restaurant followed by a tour of the historic Hotel Manning. Next stop is the Whispering Pines Winery with music by local musicians. We will drive thru Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on our way to visit Bentonsport and end our day at the National Historic Riverfront District of Bonaparte. Bring extra spending money on this trip. There will be many opportunities to support the local economy!

Fee: \$60 includes transportation, lunch and all tour fees. Departure from Prairie Meadows Parking Lot 1, Altoona.

Registration deadline is Sept 19.

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds after registration deadline.

Register online at:
www.leadingyououtdoors.org
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Group travel planner:
Lori Foresman-Kirpes

Pickett Fences to Temples
Tuesday, October 16
Madrid, IA
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Back by popular demand!

Explore the diversity of culture, eco-tourism and alternative agriculture in Central Iowa. We will begin the day with a stop at Turtle Farms, a certified organic CSA. Then a quick stop at the Jester Park Natural Playscape and the Bison/Elk exhibit. We will then tour the ornate Hindu Temple. Corncrib catering will serve us lunch in a restored corncrib overlooking Iowa's farm fields. Save room for wine tasting and leisurely tour of Snus Winery. Our next experience will find us enjoying the view from the new High Trestle Trail Bridge via a horse drawn wagon ride. The bridge is 13 stories high, 1/2 mile long over the Des Moines River Valley. The longest and tallest biking/walking bridge in the Midwest. Our final stop will be a tour of the Pickett Fence Creamery. Pie and homemade ice cream will be served as finale to the day!

Fee: \$60, includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and tour fees. Departure from the Walmart Parking Lot in Grimes.

Registration deadline is October 2.



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2012 Bus Tours



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White Pole Road/Bonnie n' Clyde

Thursday, May 24

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Adair to Dexter, IA



Step back in time and relive the historic moments along White Pole Road. Journey with Polk County Conservation as we visit the site of the first train robbery in the West by infamous Jesse James. Rediscover the site of the Bonnie and Clyde shoot out, visit the Round house in Dexter and the restored Historic All Saints Building in Stuart. Lunch will be served at the popular Menlo Café. The tour will also stop at Freedom Rock and the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Fee: \$45 includes motorcoach transportation lunch and tour fees. Departure from Valley West Mall SE Parking in West Des Moines.

Registration deadline is May 10.

Okoboji University

June 13 & 14

7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Okoboji, IA



Discover the uniqueness and beauty of NW Iowa. Explore the Iowa Great Lakes region for a two day extravaganza. Take in the watery vistas of Lake Okoboji aboard the Queen II Excursion Boat, step back in time at the Maritime Museum, tour the new Dickinson County Nature Center, hike the trails, tour the state fish hatchery, enjoy an evening show at the Okoboji Summer Theatre, take time to explore and shop at Arnold's Park, and appreciate the cultural/artistic collection at the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Okoboji Univeristy Overnight (cont'd)

Fee: \$170/per person double occupancy or **\$225**/person single occupancy, includes meals and entrance fees. Departure from Living History Farms SE parking lot off of Hickman Road in Urbandale.

Registration deadline is May 14.

Music Man & Frank Lloyd Wright Hotel

Wednesday, July 18

7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mason City, IA

Step into the "Prairie Style" era of Frank Lloyd Wright. Tour the newly renovated one of a kind Frank Lloyd Wright Hotel. Visit Music Man Square and Meredith Wilson's boyhood home. Take in nature at the Lime Creek Nature Center. Top the day off with ice cream at the historic ice cream parlor.

Fee: \$70 includes transportation, lunch and tour fees. Departure from parking lot near Bonanza Family Restaraunt at 5029 NE 14th Street in Des Moines. **Registration deadline is July 5.**

On Safari!

Tuesday, August 28

6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Omaha, NE

Join Polk County Conservation on a westward safari to Omaha. The Danish Windmill will be our first stop on the westward journey. Upon arrival in Omaha we will stop at the beautiful Lauritzen Gardens. We will explore the 100 acre botanical gardens aboard a narrated tram ride. Lunch will be served at the botanical café with time reserved to explore the unique gift shop. Our westward journey continues to the Wildlife Safari Park. A narrated ride thru the Safari park will highlight North American Wildlife from bison



and elk to Sandhill Cranes. We will also have the opportunity to view wolves, bears and eagles. Bring your camera and curiosity for a fun day on Safari!

Fee: \$60 includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and tour fees. Depart from Living History Farms SE parking lot off of Hickman Road in Urbandale.

Registration deadline is August 14.

Lavendar & Loess

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Missouri Valley, IA



Venture with Polk County Conservation to the Loess Hills. Breathe in the fresh relaxing scent of lavender fields in the hills of Missouri Valley. Taste artisan cheeses from fresh goat's milk at the Honey Creek Creamery. Climb a 45 foot observation lookout tower at the Hitchcock Nature Center. View the scenic loess hills at the Harrison County Historical Village. Enjoy touring the first aronia berry farm in the country and sampling wines from their tasting room. End the day at Small's Fruit Farm/apple orchard with a piece of pie and ice cream. Bring your camera, comfortable walking shoes and curiosity for a fun filled day discovering eco-tourism & alternative agriculture.

Fee: \$65 includes, motorcoach transportation, lunch and tour fees. Departure from Living History Farms SE Parking lot off of Hickman Rd in Urbandale.

Registration deadline is September 5.

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