

# Iowa's Great River Road

## Suggested Itinerary MUSCATINE

### FEATURED ATTRACTIONS



#### Muscatine County Courthouse

Open weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Built in 1909, this beaux-arts style building continues its service as the seat for county government. A walk through this historic structure allows one to view the beautiful mural and stained glass dome. The first courthouse was destroyed in a fire, taking with it a statue of the goddess of justice, which has since been lost in time.



#### Muscatine Art Center

1314 Mulberry Ave.

563-263-8282 • [www.muscatineartcenter.org](http://www.muscatineartcenter.org)

Showcasing the 1908 Musser Mansion and the contemporary Stanley Gallery, the Muscatine Art Center offers eastern Iowa both decorative arts associated with the original home, and exciting changing exhibitions. We invite you to spend an afternoon with us. Established by a grant in 1965, the mansion features many distinctive architectural details of the Edwardian period. Admission is free.



#### Muscatine History & Industry Museum

117 W. Second Street

563-263-1052 • [www.muscatinehistory.org](http://www.muscatinehistory.org)

With a history steeped in the pearl button industry, Muscatine is the perfect home for the Muscatine History & Industry Museum. At one time home to over 45 Button factories during the late 1800s and early 1900s, Muscatine was then known as the "button capitol of the world" and was producing over 40% of all pearl buttons manufactured in the world. The museum displays a variety of memorabilia.



#### Musser Public Library

304 Iowa Avenue

563-263-3472 • [www.muscatinelibrary.us](http://www.muscatinelibrary.us)

Home to the Oscar Grossheim collection of over fifty-five thousand-glass plate negatives. Grossheim – a Muscatine native – determined that he would spend his life taking pictures. As a young man in the early 1880s, he impacted the photography industry by creating a portable camera. This camera would later capture the interest of George Eastman, who was working to perfect his own camera at the time.



#### Pine Creek Grist Mill

1884 Wildcat Den Road

563-263-4337 • [www.pinecreekgristmill.com](http://www.pinecreekgristmill.com)

Pine Creek Grist Mill, built in 1848, was actually the second grist mill built by Benjamin Nye. Nye is recognized as the first permanent settler of Muscatine County in southeast Iowa. The mill was built of native lumber sawn at Nye's sawmill located nearby. Some hand-hewn timbers as large as 14"x14"x35' long were used in the post and beam construction. The flooring was native oak and original weather-boards were walnut. The mill was constructed at a cost of \$10,000..



#### Fairport Fish Hatchery

On Highway 22, eight miles east of Muscatine

The Fairport Fish Hatchery is located along Iowa Highway 22, eight miles east of Muscatine in Muscatine County. It has a very rich history, serving Iowa's natural resources and its anglers for many years. Adult fish, such as largemouth bass, are kept at the hatchery year-round. Eighteen ponds in total are used to hatch and rear warm-water fish.

### UNIQUE DINING IDEAS

#### Muscatine Button Factory

215 W. Mississippi Dr. • 563-264-8590

All food is prepared atop a wood-fired grill. Dining room has a riverfront view.

#### Muskie Grill

2016 Cedar Plaza Dr. • 563-263-6522

Elegant, fine dining, including delicious hand-cut steaks!

#### Peking Restaurant

1700 Park Ave. • 563-263-6321

Authentic Chinese cuisine, with hearty portions at affordable and reasonable prices.

#### Salvatore's Pizzeria

313 E. 2nd Street • 563-263-9396

Fun, friendly staff -- and delicious pizza pie!

#### El Allende

1107 Grandview Ave. • 563-262-3969

Without a doubt, one of the best places for Mexican food in eastern Iowa.

#### Diamond Dave's

2608 2nd Ave. • 563-264-2151

A crowd-pleasing blend of American and Mexican cuisine, with homemade chips.

#### Lord Canterbury's

2402 Park Ave. • 563-264-3337

Hand-crafted beers and ales in the English style, and traditional grille fare.

#### The Bullpen

1201 Grandview Ave. • 563-263-2510

Great food and a spot to watch the game.

### RIVERSIDE LODGING

#### Strawberry Farm B&B

3402 Tipton Rd. • 563-262-8688

#### AmericInn Lodge

3115 Hwy 61 • 563-263-0880 • [americinn.com](http://americinn.com)

#### Fairfield Inn

305 Cleveland • 563-264-5566

### MORE THINGS TO DO

- Play a game at the Muscatine Soccer Complex or Kent Stein Park
- Go shopping along Muscatine's new and improved Downtown District
- Go antiquing in downtown Muscatine, with its years of history
- Catch a stock car race at Hawkeye Raceway, 20 miles east of town
- Swim at the Aquatic Center
- Go camping under the stars in one of Muscatine's many public camping areas

Muscatine Convention & Visitors Bureau

800-25-PEARL • [www.meetmuscatine.com](http://www.meetmuscatine.com)

Local Events Calendar • [www.meetmuscatine.com](http://www.meetmuscatine.com)

Local Newspaper • [www.muscatinejournal.com](http://www.muscatinejournal.com)

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