

# EXPERIENCE RAGBRAI 2022 (NOT) ON A BIKE

You don't have to travel across Iowa on a bicycle to experience all that the 49th edition (2022) RAGBRAI overnight towns have to offer. Grab your friends and family to experience the only-in-Iowa wonders across the 462 miles from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River.

## Day 1: Sergeant Bluff

- **Place to Eat:** *Mateo Kitchen and Catering* features authentic Filipino American (Fil-Am) food. Lots of great options for those already familiar with Filipino food and those willing to try something new.
- **Must See:** Take a step back in time to encounter the unique exhibits of the *Mid America Museum of Aviation & Transportation*. Explore a full-size aircraft, bicycles, vintage automobiles, a Vietnam Huey helicopter, and even a Boeing 727-200!
- **Claim to Fame:** Sergeant Bluff was named in honor of U.S. Army Sergeant Charles Floyd, Jr., a native of Kentucky who enlisted in the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the early 1800s. He was the only individual to pass away during the expedition.
- **Unique Shopping:** *Flippin' Vintage Boutiques & Thrift* is home to many small business vendors providing an outlet for your shopping habits.
- **Photo Op Spot:** The *Sergeant Floyd Monument* commemorates Sergeant Charles Floyd, Jr. A 100-foot obelisk marks the final resting place of Sergeant Floyd. It was the country's first National Historic Landmark erected in 1901.
- **Place to Stay:** The *Airview Airbnb* is a beautifully remodeled "home away from home" featuring three bedrooms and all the amenities needed to complement your trip to the Siouxland area.

Statewide- 8 Days



Sergeant Floyd Monument

## Day 2: Ida Grove

- **Place to Eat:** *Zimmy's Bar and Grillee* is family friendly with a large menu and full service bar. Stop in for a sweet jalapeño bacon cheeseburger or a huge rack of ribs.
- **Must See:** The *Ida Grove King Theatre* reopened the magic in the fall of 2019 after a large multi-year renovation project. The big screen features new and timeless classic films.
- **Claim to Fame:** Ida Grove is affectionally trademarked, *Castle Town USA*. Make sure to not miss any of the unique 8 structures: the Airport Hanger Castle, City Entrance Castle, Golf Course Bridge, Ida Grove Golf & County Club, Ida County Courier, Lake LaJune Chalet and Hangar, Midwest Industries, and the Skate Palace.



Skate Palace

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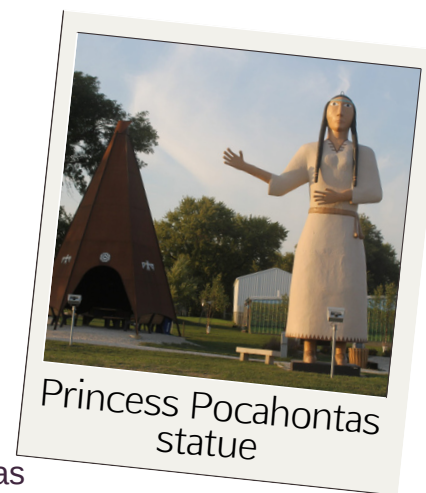


## Day 2: Ida Grove cont.

- **Unique Shopping:** *Selections Hometown Variety* features a variety store of greeting cards, health and beauty supplies, stationary items, candy, fabric and crafts, gifts, toys, and even custom framing. Here you can also find your local Ida Grove merchandise to take home with you.
- **Photo Op Spot:** Artist Megumi Nakazawa brought to life a beautiful new mural, recently unveiled in June 2022. The mural located at Godbersen Park in downtown features the personality of Ida Grove.
- **Place to Stay:** Consider Super 8 Ida Grove your home base. Close to many corporate headquarters as well as Route 59, the hotel is also convenient to surrounding areas.

## Day 3: Pocahontas

- **Place to Eat:** With spectacular fries and daily lunch and dinner specials, you can't pass up the opportunity to try a meal at *Jonny B's Pub & Grub*.
- **Must See:** The gorgeous *Pocahontas County Veteran's Memorial* is an ongoing project in honor and memory those who served our nation.
- **Claim to Fame:** The county, and subsequently the city, are named after the most famous woman in early American history, Pocahontas. In 1956 the statue of the Indian Princess was placed at the entrance to town.
- **Unique Shopping:** Fresh flowers and fun gifts are the specialty of *Denise's Flowers & Gifts*. There's a good chance you'll find that perfect sentimental gift you've been searching for.
- **Photo Op Spot:** The 25-foot tall statue of the Indian Princess Pocahontas welcomes all. Stop at *Princess Park* to see the statue with her new teepee, beautiful murals, and a historic cabin full of Pocahontas County stories and artifacts.
- **Place to Stay:** Located on Highway 3, *Pocahontas Inn & Suites* offers a comfort stay for all visitors. The location is in prime walking distance of Main Street and some great parks.



## Day 4: Emmetsburg

- **Place to Eat:** Complement your beyond excellent meal at *Don Jose* with a Golden Cadillac Margarita or piña colada.
- **Must See:** The festivities of the 3 day *St. Patrick's Day* celebration are designed to promote Irish dance, music, language, and history. Each year a member of the Irish Parliament is selected to reign over the event.
- **Claim to Fame:** Emmetsburg is *Iowa's Irish Capital* and an official sister city to Dublin, Ireland.
- **Unique Shopping:** *Blossoming Creations* designs fresh and silk florals with elegance and style to compliment any occasion and budget.
- **Photo Op Spot:** Carved from the prairie by the departing glacier, *Five Island Lake* offers excellent summer and winter recreation opportunities.
- **Place to Stay:** The *Wild Rose Casino & Hotel – Emmetsburg* is one of the premier gaming facilities in the Midwest. The casino and resort offers a wide range of entertainment throughout the year.

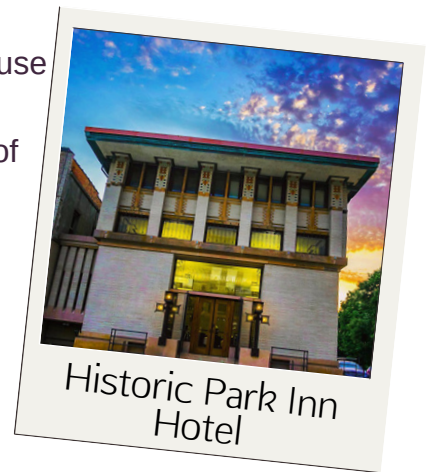


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## Day 5: Mason City

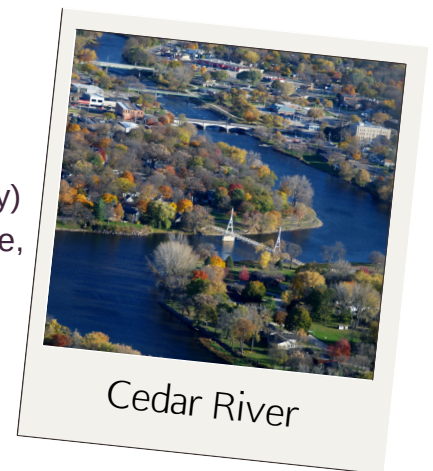
- **Place to Eat:** *The Northwestern Steakhouse* is the “Most Iconic Steakhouse in Iowa!” Famous for their Greek-style & American steaks.
- **Must See:** One of Mason City’s most revered treasures is the collection of more than 500 Bil Baird marionettes and puppets that can be seen at the *Charles H. MacNider Art Museum*; *The Lonely Goatherd* which was featured in *The Sound of Music*.
- **Claim to Fame:** Experience Hollywood History come to life at *The Music Man Square* and *Willson Boyhood Home*, which celebrate Mason City native, Meredith Willson – composer of *The Music Man*.
- **Unique Shopping: My Fair Trade** presents a fair trade market featuring handmade home decor, clothing and accessories that tell a story and offer hope.
- **Photo Op Spot:** *River City Sculptures on Parade* is an exciting exhibit of outdoor sculptures which includes historical architecture, art museum, public library, and *The Music Man Square*.
- **Place to Stay:** Tour the only remaining hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the *Historic Park Inn Hotel*. Originally opened in 1910 as the *City National Bank and Park Inn*, the building now functions as a 27-room boutique hotel following its extensive restoration completed in 2011.



Historic Park Inn  
Hotel

## Day 6: Charles City

- **Place to Eat:** Grab a bite from a food truck at *Tellurian Brewing* while enjoying a local brew.
- **Must See:** ART! View multiple public art sculptures throughout town, and browse the *Mooney Gallery* (located in Charles City Public Library) to see prints from famous artists such as Rembrandt, Picasso, Matisse, Grant Wood, and more.
- **Claim to Fame:** The word “tractor” was first coined in Charles City upon the unveiling of the Hart-Parr gasoline-powered traction motor – the first production-line tractor in the U.S.
- **Unique Shopping:** Find unique destination shopping including the new *Prologue Books & Wine* – named one of Travel Iowa’s Hidden Gems, then pop across the street to *Aromas Coffee* for some fresh roasted coffee!
- **Photo Op Spot:** The *cable-stay pedestrian bridge* spans the Cedar River. Take in the great views on the bridge itself or from Bayou Bend Park.
- **Place to Stay:** *R Campground* is situated on 18 acres along the Cedar River with an additional 3 acre pond. The pond offers easy fishing for campers. The privately owned campground is open year round.



Cedar River

## Day 7: West Union

- **Place to Eat:** Looking for fresh chow mein, succulent pork, or tasty Chinese donuts? *China Kitchen* has you covered.
- **Must See:** Enjoy peace and quiet of all the amenities in the 40 acres of the *West Union Rec Center*.
- **Claim to Fame:** The *Barrel Drive In* provides the same old fashioned curb side service since 1966 dedicated to making the most delicious burgers, sandwiches, chicken, and malts around.
- **Unique Shopping:** *West Union Hardware* is a unique shop with a little bit of everything for everyone. From gardening to antiques, plumbing and tools, even great Christmas gifts, it's truly endless.
- **Photo Op Spot:** The architecture of West Union provides for many beautiful photo opportunities. Don't miss the Fayette County Courthouse.
- **Place to Stay:** Housed in a historic 1890 building, *Moonlight Stitching Studio & Sisters Retreat* accommodates a retail store, studio, and sleeping quarters. Enjoy cozy and complete accommodations and a spacious studio to craft to your heart's content.



West Union  
Downtown

## Day 8: Lansing

- **Place to Eat:** *The Safe House Saloon* serves up tasty pizza, great beer, and supports local Iowa breweries. Soak in the views of the beautiful river town while dining.
- **Must See:** The cultural, recreational, natural, and historical significance of the Driftless Area is the primary focus of the interpretive exhibits at the *Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center*. Featuring three levels, the building is nestled beneath limestone bluffs with scenic river views.
- **Claim to Fame:** The *Black Hawk Bridge* is among the most unusual and significant large scale cantilever truss bridges in the country, on account of its excellent historic integrity, relatively old age, increasing rarity, and unusual design. The only highway bridge over the Mississippi River in the region at the time of its completion, the bridge is historically significant for its role in the development of northeast Iowa.
- **Unique Shopping:** Grab a basket and browse the great deals at *Horsfall's Lansing Variety*, a hometown variety store with a staff that's always ready to help.
- **Photo Op Spot:** A spectacular panoramic view of fifty miles of the beautiful Mississippi River valley rewards visitors who take the side trip up the 104-acre *Mount Hosmer City Park*, situated on a bluff 450 feet above the town of Lansing.
- **Place to Stay:** *River View Inn* offers four rustic themed rooms for guests. The Inn is close to dining, shopping, and many local attractions.



Mississippi River