

## Culture, History & Museums

### Carter House Museum\*

101 SE High St, Elkader

563-245-1573

www.carterhousemuseum.com

The past returns when you enter the Carter House Museum. The house, filled with many of the original furnishings, is an 18-room Greek Revival mansion built for pioneer brothers Henry and Ernest Carter.



### Elkader Opera House\*

207 N Main St, Elkader

563-245-2098

www.elkaderoperahouse.com

The beautifully renovated Elkader Opera House was built in 1903 and plays host to a wide range of local, regional and nationally known artists. The Opera House Players also put on productions each year. Guided tours are available upon request.

### Garnavillo Historical Complex

Corner of Centre and Washington

563-964-2178

www.garnavillohistoricalsociety.org

Visit this complex to see an authentically furnished pioneer log cabin, an Early Lodge Hall built in 1860 and a Historical Museum containing century maps and photos, Indian artifacts and thousands of early manuscripts.

### George Maier Rural Heritage Center

4000 Mascara Rd, Elkader

563-245-2377

The Rural Heritage Center houses a collection of rural artifacts representing the work and lives of those living in the midwest since the 1850s. These items will jog your memory and take you on a trip to the past.

### Guttenberg Gallery and Creativity Center

214 S River Park Dr, Guttenberg

563-252-2787

Built in 1885, this building houses beautiful fine arts of varying media done by local artists. Purchase a one-of-a-kind piece as an unforgettable gift or for yourself. The second story serves as a community art studio for people of all ages who want to express their creativity in classes and workshops.

### Iowa Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum

Backbone State Park

563-924-2527

Take an interesting and informative look at the building of Iowa State Parks through the CCC program.

### Jerry Everitt Tractor Museum

15158 Canoe Rd, Volga City

563-767-2175

View vintage tractors used in years past. Open by appointment. Self-guided tours. Tour groups welcome!

### Keystone Arch Bridge\*

Bridge Street, Elkader

Constructed in 1889, this bridge is the longest keystone arch bridge west of the Mississippi River. It is 346 ft long and built of locally quarried limestone.



### Lockmaster House Heritage Museum

Grounds of Lock & Dam #10

Guttenberg, 563-252-1531

The history of Iowa's Lock and Dam system is preserved in the last remaining lockmaster house on the Upper Mississippi River. Exhibits showcase the construction of the dam as well as Guttenberg's rich history.

### Marquette Depot Museum

216 Edgar St

563-873-1200

Relive the rich history of the railroad and Marquette from the 1860s to present with railroad artifacts, pictures, gifts and souvenirs.

### McGregor Historical Museum

256 Main St

563-873-2221

Discover many stories about McGregor's unique history! Learn about founder Alexander MacGregor, see precious sand bottles of world famous sand artist and McGregor resident, Andrew Clemens and check out memorabilia from the childhood home of the Ringling Brothers Circus.

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### Monona Historical Museum

304 S Egbert St  
563-539-8083, mhm@neitel.net  
www.mononamuseum.org  
Monona boasts the world's largest known display of hand carved wooden chains, memorabilia of an earlier Monona, telephone switchboard, old jail, early country schoolhouse items. Excellent research and genealogy resource.

### Motor Mill\*

Galaxy Rd, Elkader  
563-245-1516  
www.motormill.org  
Built between 1867-69, the 90 ft mill boasts six full stories and is believed to be the tallest structure of its kind in the midwest. An inn, cooperage, icehouse and livery stable are also located on site.

### Plagman Barn

County Rd C7X, Garber  
563-964-2390  
www.plagmanbarn.com  
This is 136 ft long barn was built in 1924 to be used as a dance barn and meeting place. Today, the barn is home to the Northeast Iowa Farm & Antique Association and hosts the Annual Plagman's Barn Show Days in September to celebrate the Iowa farming of yesteryear.

### Sherman Swift Tower

6 mi N of Garnavillo, National  
563-783-7791  
View a replica of Althea Sherman's 1915 chimney swift tower at National, Iowa. Sherman was a nationally known ornithologist who studied birds, including the chimney swift, at her home in National, Iowa. Tours of the tower are given in the spring and fall when swifts are not nesting.

### Village of Froelich

Hwy 18, 4mi E of Monona  
563-536-2841  
www.froelichtractor.com  
The historic village of Froelich was once a thriving community that boasted a depot, sawmill, blacksmith's shop and stockyards. View a replica of the first successful gasoline traction engine (forerunner of today's John Deere Tractor), visit the 1866 one-room school or wander through the restored general store.



### Wilder Memorial Museum

123 W Mission St, Strawberry Pt  
563-933-4615  
www.wildermuseum.org

As you wander through the three large rooms of this museum, you'll discover a collection of 800 heirloom dolls, an assortment of doll furniture, an extensive arrowhead collection, primitive tools, and turn of the century Victorian furniture.

## Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission

The mission of the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission is to promote and facilitate historic preservation in Clayton County. For more information about the historical treasures in Clayton County, please contact the Commission at 563-245-2201 or [asstccd@alpinecom.net](mailto:asstccd@alpinecom.net).

## National Register of Historic Places



Clayton County has more than 50 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including a hotel, an opera house, bridges, houses, historic downtowns, churches and a mill. Come to Clayton County and visit these historic treasures preserving the unique history of the

area. For more information on all the historical sites in Clayton County listed on the National Register, please visit [www.nps.org/nr](http://www.nps.org/nr).

\* Denotes listing on National Register of Historic Places.