



WHAT WE OFFER

Washington has a live and active community with endless celebrations, festivals, and attractions for all to participate and join in the fun!

WHERE TO EAT

Washington offers a diverse range of dining options from privately owned cafes to restaurants providing that good ole home-cooked meal. Cuisines include Iowa beef and pork, and a wide selection of authentic ethnic dishes.



WHERE TO VISIT

Whether you are visiting Washington to enjoy the scenic countryside or to 'live it up,' Washington has just what you are looking for. Take a drive through Washington's backwoods and discover the Barn Quilts of Washington County.

We are the proud home to the LEED Certified downtown library as well as the nation's longest continually operating movie theater, showing films since 1897.



WHERE TO STAY

The city provides an eclectic array of overnight accommodations that range from intimate homestyle options such as **Dodici's Night Suite** to the **Hawkeye Motel's** original experience providing their quests with a trouble-free and comfortable stay.

Other hospitality venues in the area include **Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, Hometown Inn & Suites,** and **Whitetail Country Estates.**



SPRING

Farmers Market

Thursday, Spring through first frost in Central Park, 5 p.m.

SUMMER

Summer Classic

First Weekend in June
Join the festivities that celebrate local agriculture, heritage, business, food, music, and summer.

Ridiculous Day

First Saturday in June
A downtown festival including family friendly games, extreme retail bargains, food vendors and a 'ridiculous' parade.

Tribute Night

First Saturday Night in June
Pay tribute to the musical talents from near & far. All ages welcome. Several bands on the big stage with dancing, food, and beverage tents.

SUMMER

Thursday Night Live

Thursday, June through mid-August, 6:30 p.m.
Free live bands in Central Park showcasing a variety of genres.

Washington Municipal Band

Thursday, June through mid-August, 8 p.m.
Free band concerts in the park. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the summer evenings.

Men's Chamber Golf Fun Day

Second Friday in June
Annual Golf Tournament. Meals, prizes, raffles and fun!

Ladies Chamber Golf Fun Day

Third Thursday in June
Annual Golf Tournament. Meals, prizes, raffles, casino play and fun!

Washington County Fair

July
The traditional American county fair offering music, tractor pull, demo derby, talent shows, cooking contests and more!

Gallery Walk

Last week of July
Art displayed in the downtown.

FALL

Celebrate Washington

First Saturday in August
Summer festival showcasing all we have to celebrate in Washington. Arts, games, food and street dance in the evening.

Craft Fair

First Saturday in September
Nearly a 100 vendors and 1000's of crafts in downtown Central Park.

Oktober Madness

Several days surrounding Halloween
Activities for all ages, including costume contests, retail Moonlight Madness and parents night out. On Halloween night: the Annual Trick-or-Treat Around the Square with games, hayrides and more.

Shop & Stroll

Friday before Thanksgiving
Skip the Black Friday madness and shop for treasures in Washington. Retail deals, food tastings, and live music.

WINTER

Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Lighted Holiday Parade

Black Friday
Celebrate the kick-off of downtown holiday lighting with food, activities and a completely lit parade at dark. Hot chocolate and Santa arrives at the end of the parade.

Candle Light Tour of Homes

First weekend in December
Celebrate the holiday season by touring some of the best housing in town.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Special thanks to Batterson Photography, Drish Photography, Eloquence Fine Photography, Photography by Michael D., Rachel Fishback, Spotlight Photography, and Studio 909 for the use of their photography.

RECREATION

Washington is bountiful in parks, nature areas and athletic organizations providing sports enthusiasts a variety of options for play.

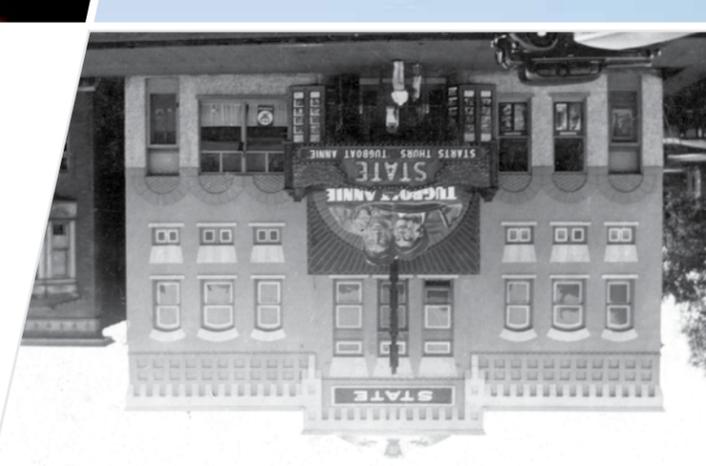
Among the many impressive recreational areas, Sunset Park is well equipped with numerous recreational activities including rental pavillions, a skate park, and the impressive New Dawn at Sunset wooden playground. Nature enthusiasts enjoy walking and biking the 14 mile former railroad trail that connects Washington to our nearby communities. In the summer, the zero-depth entry Aquatic Center is full of activity and a great place to cool off.





The center of Washington is its Historic Downtown, listed in 2012 on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic Commercial District. It is filled with unique shops, restaurants, and services and is the commercial heart of the community. Beautiful 19th century brick storefronts frame Central Square Park, the 1939 Centennial Fountain, and the Washington Municipal Bandstand. The park is home to many community celebrations, festivals, and the Washington Farmer's Market.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN



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Take a wonderfully colorful town, fill it with history, vintage buildings, museums, and traditional festivities. Add modern infrastructures, leading medical facilities and top notch educational programs. Stir in a limitless supply of community events, diverse arts, music, nightlife, and recreational opportunities, and you have yourself "One of the best small towns in America" three consecutive years designated by author Norman Crampton. Discover Washington, and you will DISCOVER A CLASSIC.

WHY WASHINGTON

— WE WELCOME YOU —
to



WHO WE ARE

Established in 1839, Washington is a vibrant community centrally located in southeast Iowa with a growing population of 7,400. While our businesses and educational systems move at a metro pace, Washington continues to offer small town hospitality and experiences that residents cherish. The city of Washington was recognized in 2008 as a "Main Street Community" and is one of the top livestock and grain producing areas in the nation. Washington's rich history, active community, and Americana downtown proudly cultivate unique opportunities for residents and visitors alike.



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