

# Visit DENISON

& Crawford County

*"It's a Wonderful Life"*

## TOP 10 things to do in Denison & Crawford County

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### 1 Experience the Wonderful Life

Step into the past at The Donna Reed Museum, which brings the history of the Denison native to life within the walls of this century-old theatre (where Donna saw her first movies). Come during a movie or show and then enjoy a phosphate or sundae at the old-fashioned soda fountain next door!

### 2 Shop for One-of-a-Kind Treasures

Unique merchants include antique and vintage shops filled with treasures scooped from old farmhouses and Iowa cities alike. Other small-town merchants specialize in home decor, jewelry, clothing, shoes and more.



### 3 Play in the Parks

The majestic 359-acre Yellow Smoke Park lies just on the border of Denison and offers camping, paved and woodland walking trails, nature center, sand beach, fishing, cabins, and more. It's a fantastic place to get away for a couple hours or an entire week of relaxation. And this is just one of our many parks!



### 4 Taste Something Authentic

As a diverse cultural melting pot, the area boasts many interesting eateries. From "street tacos" that rival those in Mexico, to locally-raised steaks and chops, to classic highway cafes, you'll be surprised by the wide variety of culinary treats you can find here.





## 5 Take a Shot

Shooters from miles around love our new shooting range and our hunting opportunities, while golfers can find much to aim for at our beautiful and challenging 18-hole course.



## 6 Walk Back in Time

Steps from historic Uptown is the McHenry House, where you can experience the 1880's life. Up the highway is the meticulously restored Dow House in Dow City. Grab Denison's Walking Tour of Homes map to gaze upon historic Victorian mansions. Also tour the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Historic Klondike Hotel and A Time to Remember.



## 7 Catch a Race or Cruise the Scenic Hills

Crawford County Speedway is a top-notch facility to view racers from across the region.

Highway 30 is an Iowa Scenic Byway, but hidden gems like the paved 130th/140th Street from Dunlap to Charter Oak offer rare, incredible views of the hilly Iowa countryside.



## 8 Make a splash

The Denison Aquatic Fun Center offers all-season splashy fun with indoor and outdoor pools, a sauna, relaxing spa. A trip outside leads you to the Children's Activity Pool, geysers, slides and an 18 hole miniature golf course.

## 9 Stay for a relaxing rural night

A selection of quality hotels and historic bed and breakfasts offer a quiet respite from the hustle and bustle of the city. Catch up on a good book and step outside on clear nights to enjoy the bright rural view of the cosmos.



**10 Make an event of it** Check our calendar for dates of the Tri City BBQ Fest, Donna Reed Festival, Interstate Rodeo Finals, Manila Madness Bike Ride and many more! Our central location between three metros and modern event facilities make us a hot spot for corporate events.

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