

# CATCH DES MOINES



## CATCH HISTORIC SITES

From the Underground Railroad to millionaires in the making, take a journey inside these Greater Des Moines historical attractions.



### Salisbury House & Gardens

This historic house museum is a 42-room estate surrounded by nine acres of beautiful gardens and woodland. It was built from 1923-1928 by cosmetic pioneer and Iowa native, Carl Weeks. Come tour this exquisite American estate and its diverse collections of art, literature and worldly treasures.

[www.salisburyhouse.org](http://www.salisburyhouse.org) | 4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines, IA | (515) 274-1777

#### Hours:

**Season:** Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Guided Tours at 11am & 1:30pm. Self-guided tours 10am-5pm. For seasonal hours in the months of January and February and early closures, please visit their website.

**Admission:** Prices range from \$8-12 for adults and Free-\$3 for youth (depending on the type of tour)

### Terrace Hill

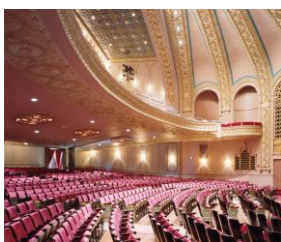
When construction of Terrace Hill was completed in 1869, it was Des Moines' tallest home owned by its wealthiest man. Now a stunning example of Victorian Second Empire architecture, the 18,000-square foot building serves the dual purpose of the official governor's residence and a National Historic Landmark.

[www.terracehilliowa.org](http://www.terracehilliowa.org) | 2300 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA | (515) 281-7205

#### Hours:

**Season:** Open for tours March through December. Closed most holidays. Guided Tours are given Tuesday-Saturday at 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm & 1:30pm. Walk-ins under 10 people are welcome at all the scheduled tour times. Groups over ten people can make a reservation online or call 515-281-7205.

**Admission:** \$5 for adults, \$2 for children (6-12)



### Hoyt Sherman Place

Nestled on the eastern edge of the historic Sherman Hill district in Des Moines, Hoyt Sherman Place boasts one of Des Moines' most magnificent entertainment, banquet and meeting facilities. Built in 1877 by prominent pioneer businessman Hoyt Sherman, the elegant family home is graced with marble fireplaces, parquet floors and a carved mahogany entryway. The building also includes an impressive and elegant art gallery as well as grand and historic theater. Take a tour of this magnificent site or visit during a show!

[www.hoytsherman.org](http://www.hoytsherman.org) 1501 Woodland Ave. Des Moines, IA | (515) 244-0507

#### Hours:

**Season:** Self-guided tours are available Monday - Friday from 9am- 5pm. To schedule a docent led tour, please contact Allison Fegley at 515-244-0507 ext. 212.

**Admission:** Docent tours available for groups of 10 or more at \$5 per person.

## Historic Jordan House

This 1850's Victorian house was an official site on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Its 16 rooms tell the history of Senator James C. Jordan and the growth of the Historic Valley Junction into West Des Moines.

[www.wdmhs.org](http://www.wdmhs.org) | 2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, IA | (515) 225-1286

### Hours:

**Season:** Open Friday and Sundays from 11am-12pm and 1-2pm. Closed during the month of January and Easter Sunday. Groups of 6 or more must call for reservations at 515-225-1286.

**Admission:** \$3 Students, \$5 Adults



## Bennett Schoolhouse

Built in 1926, the Bennett School was one of the last one room schools to be built in West Des Moines and was in use until at least 1941. The school was eventually sold, remodeled slightly, and used as a private home for a number of years before being donated to the West Des Moines Historical Society by its final owners.

[www.wdmhs.org](http://www.wdmhs.org) | 2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, IA | (515) 225-1286

### Hours:

**Season:** Groups wanting a tour of the Bennett School should call the Historical Society office (515-225-1286) or email [info@wdmhs.org](mailto:info@wdmhs.org) to schedule a time.

**Admission:** Cost: \$3 Students, \$5 Adults

## Historic Swanson House & Clive Depot

The Clive Historical Society manages the Swanson House, Clive Depot and railroad caboose properties all located together. This is the historic center of Clive which was platted in 1882. The Swanson House served as a general store and post office for the period from 1911 to 1929.

[www.clivehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.clivehistoricalsociety.org) | 8641 Swanson Boulevard, Clive, IA  
(515) 635-5247

### Hours:

**Season:** Contact (515) 635-5247 or email [mildred.swanson.1910@gmail.com](mailto:mildred.swanson.1910@gmail.com) to make tour arrangements.



## Living History Farms

Living History Farms tells the amazing story of how Iowans transformed the fertile prairies of the Midwest into the most productive farmland in the world. While at the 500-acre open-air museum, visitors travel at their own pace through historical time periods spanning 300 years. On-site interpreters provide a unique learning environment of seasonal activities and demonstrations. A specific interest may be the Flynn Mansion. Built in 1870 by Martin and Ellen Flynn, this Victorian Italianate home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

[www.lhf.org](http://www.lhf.org) | 11121 Hickman Rd, Urbandale, IA | (515) 278-5286

### Hours:

**Season:** Seasonal hours. Check website for details.

**Admission:** \$15 adults, \$9 children (2-12), Children 1 and under FREE. Senior Citizen Discount (60+) \$1.00 off admission. Group Pricing is available for groups of 12 or more. Contact [scheduling@lhf.org](mailto:scheduling@lhf.org) or call 515.278.5286 ext. 126.



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