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 treasurers.

salisburyhouse.org | 4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines, IA
(515) 274-1777

**Hours:**
Season: T-Sat, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Guided Tours at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Self-guided tours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 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; 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.

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 T-Sat at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Walk-ins under 10 people are welcome at all scheduled tour times. Groups over 10 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!

hoytsherman.org | 1501 Woodland Avenue Des Moines, IA | (515) 244-0507

Hours:
Season: Self-guided tours are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. To schedule a guided tour, please contact Allison Fegley at (515) 244-0507 ext. 212.
Admission: Guided tours available for groups of 10 or more at $5 per person.

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

wdmhhs.org | 2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, IA
(515) 225-1286

Hours:
Season: Open Friday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – Noon and 1–2 p.m. Closed during the month of January and Easter Sunday. Groups of six 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.

wdmhhs.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@wdmhhs.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. | 8641 Swanson Boulevard, Clive, IA | (515) 635-5247

Hours:
Season: Contact (515) 635-5247 or email 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.

lhf.org | 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA | (515) 278-5286

Hours:
Season: Seasonal hours. Check website for details.
Admission: $15.50 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 or call (515) 278-5286 ext. 126.

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