



WELCOME!

Whether this is your first visit to Ottumwa and Wapello County or your 50th, we're so glad you're here. You'll find the best combination of big-city amenities and smalltown hospitality. Join us for diverse menus, historic accommodations, world-class conference facilities, and a calendar full of Iowa's most eclectic events.

Meet Ottumwa: Where Iowa Meets the World. It's not just a slogan here - it's a way of life. Ottumwa residents represent more than 40 nationalities, and that diversity is seen every day in our local restaurants, businesses, and events. We invite you to experience the world's cultures and meet the people who make Southeast Iowa unique. From award-winning Latin cuisine to family-owned icons to real-deal American barbecue, you're sure to find a menu everyone will love.

Get out and explore everything Wapello County has to offer. Hike on Ottumwa's 16 miles of river trails. Find out why we're the Video Game Capital of the World. Have your parody picture taken at the American Gothic House. Visit the Antique Airplane Association's Air Power Museum. The possibilities are endless!

As you plan your visit to our communities, make sure you check out our local events calendar. From balloon races and car shows to nationally renowned performers and local music to international festival and community markets, there is always something happening here.

Throughout the pages of this guide, we'll show you more than just where to go, what to do and where to stay. We'll share who we are, what we love and why you should come join us.

We can't wait to meet you!



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Carrell".

Laura Carrell,
Executive Director of Meet Ottumwa

About OTTUMWA

Wapello County - Inspiring Visitors Since 1843.

The county was opened for a land rush on May 1, 1843, and by the end of the month, more than 5,000 settlers claimed land for crops, livestock, and homesteading. About 470 acres of the Ottumwa area was settled by investors of the **Appanoose Rapids Company**. In 1844, Ottumwa was chosen as the county seat and began to truly develop as a city.

Ottumwa has always been a place of industry, as the **John Morrell & Company** meat packing plant played a significant role in the early development of the community. Meatpacking and manufacturing continue to be important industries to this day, with **JBS** and **John Deere Ottumwa Works** among the largest employers.

Ottumwa and Wapello County boast several notable achievements. In Ottumwa, the **Canteen Lunch in the Alley**, one of Iowa's oldest restaurants, has been serving loose-meat sandwiches for nearly a century, even becoming the inspiration of the Lanford Lunchbox in the sitcom *Roseanne*. In Eldon, you'll find the house that artist Grant Wood used as the backdrop of his famous painting "**American Gothic**".

Additionally, Ottumwa is the hometown of Radar O'Reilly from the book, movie, and TV series **M*A*S*H**. Radar was based on Ottumwa native Don Shaffer, who served with M*A*S*H author Richard Hornberger during the Korean War. Ottumwa is also recognized as the **Video Game Capital of the World**. In the early 1980s, the Twin Galaxies arcade became the official database of video game high scores. They hosted the first North American Video Game Olympics in Fall 1982, which was featured in **LIFE Magazine**. The first significant video game championship was held here, and the event aired on **ABC-TV** on February 21, 1983.



Photo Courtesy of the Michael Lemberger Collection

Fast Facts



We're Diverse

Ottumwa is home to more than **40 nationalities**. That diversity is showcased in our local businesses. Ottumwa is home to more than 20 international stores and restaurants. They represent Mexico, Micronesia, Vietnam, The Democratic Republic of the Congo and more.

For Us, The Sky's The Limit

Southwest of Ottumwa is the **Antique Airfield and Air Power Museum**. It was founded in 1953 by the Antique Airplane Association as a way to fly, preserve, share and promote early flying machines.



We're a Little Prickly

Not because of our personalities, but because we're home to the **Eddyville Sand Dunes**, an area where you can find rare plants and animals such as the prickly pear cactus.

We've Got Spirit

Ottumwa is the birthplace of the **foam finger**. High school senior Steve Chmelar created the original prototype for the 1971 Boys State Basketball Finals.



We're the Video Game Capital of the World

Back in the early 1980's, an Ottumwa video game arcade named **Twin Galaxies** began keeping official high scores for video games. Ottumwa hosted the first North American Video Game Olympics in Fall 1982, earning the title of **Video Game Capital of the World**.



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Attend OTTUMWA

Ottumwa is buzzing with exciting events all year. Whether you're a foodie, a film buff, a rodeo enthusiast, a bookworm, or just ready to have some fun, there's an event for you! Visit meetottumwa.org/events to view all of our upcoming events and plan your next weekend getaway around your favorites.



Greater Ottumwa Rodeo



Wapello County's Wildlife Weekend

January
Experience a day filled with excitement and education about the diverse wildlife in our state. This event offers a range of activities, including guest speakers, live animals, and kid-friendly activities.

Battle of the Brushes

February
Support the Ottumwa Area Arts Council by cheering on a group of talented artists as they create a one-of-a-kind painting in just 90 minutes! When the time is up, judges evaluate the artwork to declare a winner, and all the paintings are auctioned live. The proceeds are split between the artists and the arts council.

Bullriders of America Finals

February
The first weekend in February, the top 25 bull riders from around the country converge on Bridge View Center and compete for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. Join us for a weekend of the most intense, head-slammin' bone-jammin' four hours in sports ... 8 seconds at a time.

Family Fest

March
Family Fest is organized by Bridge View Center to promote and emphasize STEM initiatives while providing children with a fun, day-long event just for them. The festival features inflatables, activities in the Fun Zone and Safety Zone, entertaining performances, and fun for kids of all ages.

Divas Who Dish

April
Join in the fun as local celebrity chefs and Divas create samples of all their favorite recipes to tantalize your taste buds with a variety of appetizers, entrees, and decadent desserts. Your ticket allows you to sample any and all selections, then vote for the "People's Choice" award.

Ladies Night Out

April
One of the most beloved events of the year, Ladies Night Out draws hundreds of women of all ages to Downtown Ottumwa for an evening of shopping and giveaways. Fill out your passport by visiting participating locations and turn it in for a chance to win prizes.

Pages for Pennies

May
If you're a book lover, don't miss out on the annual used book sale featuring thousands of titles of all genres, authors, and topics at only \$2 or less. Additionally, you'll find fantastic deals on audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, LPs, games, puzzles, and sheet music.

Gothic Days

June
Eldon is home to the house that inspired Grant Wood's classic painting "American Gothic". Since 1970, the community has been coming together to celebrate it with a two-day festival. Gothic Days is packed with exciting activities, including a street dance, 5K, parade, games, and plenty of kids' activities.

O! Wine & Brew Stroll

June
Grab your friends and stroll through downtown Ottumwa while sampling from Iowa wineries, breweries, and distilleries.

Enjoy local musicians, giveaways and specials, and a silent auction while supporting the Family Crisis Center.

Ottumwa Juneteenth Celebration

June
Ottumwa's annual Juneteenth event celebrates the music, art, and history of the African American communities. Attendees can enjoy a day full of live music, dancing, delicious food, and fun activities for the whole family.

Ottumwa Pride Block Party

June
Join the festivities and show your support for the local LGBTQ+ community with a day filled with live entertainment, food vendors, guest speakers, and fun activities for all ages.

Ottumwa Pro Balloon Races

June
One of Ottumwa's signature events, the Elks 347 Ottumwa Pro Balloon Races is the longest-running, free-admission balloon event in the state of Iowa and one of the largest events in Southeast Iowa. The five-day festival includes a carnival, Balloon Glow, food vendors, fireworks, bands, and much more.

Wapello County Fair

June
Come and enjoy five days of exciting events at the annual county fair held at the Wapello County Fairgrounds in Eldon. Enjoy all your favorite attractions, including harness races, stock car races, live music, carnival, petting zoo, and more.

LOCAL TIP

"My favorite event in Ottumwa is the Pride festival. It's a day every year where everyone can come to a free event and be accepted for who they are and have a great time together!"

Michelle E

Agency 4th of July Celebration

July
Every year, the city of Agency hosts a multi-day Independence Day celebration. This event is jam-packed with exciting activities, including a parade, live music, street dance, food trucks, tournaments, car show, and of course, fireworks for everyone to enjoy.

Greater Ottumwa Rodeo

July
Every summer, the Greater Ottumwa Partners in Progress and Outlaw/5J Rodeo Co. team up for a spectacular Home Town Rodeo. Located in Greater Ottumwa Park, the rodeo span two days and offers high-speed rodeo action for visitors of all ages.

25 Men Who Can Cook

August
Enjoy great food lovingly and creatively prepared by some of Ottumwa and Southeast Iowa's most enthusiastic hobby and professional chefs. Your ticket allows you to sample as many of these offerings as you wish and vote for your favorite.

Midwest Ford Fest

August
The Jimmy Jones Shelter in Greater Ottumwa Park is the place to be every August, as more than 200 cars from all over the country come together for Midwest Ford Fest. For nearly four decades, the Iowa Missouri Ford Club has hosted this exciting event, which celebrates everything powered by Ford.

Be the Light Glow Walk

September
The Be the Light event raises awareness and links individuals to mental health and suicide prevention services. Before the sun goes down, participants can enjoy lots of games and food vendors. Then after dark, walk the glow trail and participate in various activities along the way.

Blakesburg Corn Carnival

September
Every September, the community of Blakesburg hosts a weekend carnival to celebrate the fall harvest season. Family-friendly activities include carnival rides, a car show, the Saturday morning parade, live music, food trucks, and games for all ages.

Ottumwa Duck Races

September
The duck races take place every year to generate funds for a local nonprofit through a unique approach – racing rubber ducks! Purchase your ducks and enjoy food vendors, live music, and games. Come race time, thousands of ducks are dropped into the water, and the first duck to reach the chute wins.

VIVA Ottumwa International Festival

September
Ottumwa is a melting pot of cultures, and we celebrate our diversity with a yearly international festival. This one-day festival is packed with cultural performances, food trucks, and recognition of the citizens who make our community unique.

Halloweenapalooza

October
Every October, Halloweenapalooza draws horror fans from across the nation for two exciting days of horror fun. From the indie film festival to the lively zombie walk and costume contest, there's no shortage of entertainment. This two-day film festival is a must-attend for any horror enthusiast.

Mayhem Haunted House

October
This award-winning attraction is open every weekend in October for those brave enough to enter. The team at Mayhem spends countless hours putting together sets and costumes that are guaranteed to get the best scares.

Oktoberfest

October
For 50 years and counting, Ottumwa's Oktoberfest has been one of Southeast Iowa's most anticipated events. Experience four days of live music, parades, competitions, and all the beer and brats you can handle.

Pioneer Ridge Halloween Hikes

October
Every year, Pioneer Ridge Nature Area hosts an exciting educational Halloween hike suitable for both kids and adults. Hikers will have the opportunity to explore the nature area and learn about a variety of topics from insects to dinosaurs. After the hike, participants can enjoy trick-or-treating through the campgrounds.

BaconTown

November
No state in America produces more bacon than Iowa, and Ottumwa is proud to celebrate it with our annual BaconTown festival! Join us to sample the most delicious bacon creations from local chefs, enjoy lively entertainment, and experience a variety of carnival rides and kids' activities.

Holiday Nights N Lights

November-December
Every winter, 24 acres of Greater Ottumwa Park are transformed into a winter wonderland with more than 80 enchanting light displays. Load up the family in the car, drive through the displays, and get in the holiday spirit.

VIVA Ottumwa



Admire OTTUMWA

Ottumwa is a creative destination for those who appreciate the arts. Explore a variety of attractions, including performances by world-renowned artists at Bridge View Center, vibrant murals and public art, as well as local theater productions, symphonies, music venues, and art galleries.

Downtown Mural

American Gothic Performing Arts Festival

529 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-2366

americangothicfest.org

The American Gothic Performing Arts Festival is an annual, education-based festival celebrating the performing arts, specifically musical theater, in an open and friendly atmosphere. The multi-event festival features a variety of performances in several locations throughout Ottumwa and Wapello County.

Acoustic Fridays on the Riverfront

102 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-7000

bridgeviewcenter.com

This monthly music series is hosted by Bridge View Center. The free event showcases local musicians with an outdoor concert on the patio. The venue offers a full cash bar, food, and a signature drink that's perfect for a Friday night out.

Bridge View Center

102 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-7000

bridgeviewcenter.com

Bridge View Center is Southeast Iowa's premiere performing arts venue. The center is home to a state-of-the-art, 664-seat theater and 30,000-square-foot expo hall. Audiences have enjoyed performances from Clint Black, Foreigner, Blippi, and symphony orchestras, as well as

performances by local theater and music groups. It is also home to several public art displays, including the Wapello County Freedom Rock, Michael Lemberger photography, a sculpture by Herbert Ferber, and Harmony Park, an interactive musical exhibit.

Downtown Street Art

Downtown Ottumwa

Downtown Ottumwa itself is a work of art, boasting more than 20 murals and sculptures created by local, regional, and national artists. The collection is regularly expanding, thanks to the efforts of the Ottumwa Area Arts Council to promote art appreciation in the greater Ottumwa area.

Eldon Mural

421 W Elm St, Eldon

The city of Eldon commissioned Eldon native and University of Iowa graduate Katlynnne Hummell Underhill to create a mural that celebrates Grant Wood and his artistic style. The 20-foot by 30-foot mural hangs on the side of City Hall at the corner of Elm and 5th street.

Indian Hills Community College Art Gallery

525 Grandview Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 683-5144

indianhills.edu/arts

The college gallery houses some of the finest art in Southeast Iowa. Their rotating exhibits feature work from nationally touring artists as well as local artists, including students and staff of the college. The gallery is located in the Arts and Science building, through the library.

Indian Hills Performing and Visual Arts

525 Grandview Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 683-5144

indianhills.edu/arts

The Indian Hills Community College Performing and Visual Arts program offers theater and music performances throughout the academic year. Performances feature students and faculty from the arts program, as well as guest artists from around the state.

Live After Five

Central Park, Ottumwa

Live After Five is a cherished event within the community. Taking place every Friday night in July, locals flock to Central Park for a night filled with live music, food trucks, drinks, and activities for children to enjoy. Each week features a different band sponsored by a local business.

Music on the Green

525 Grandview Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 683-5144

indianhills.edu/arts

Every spring and summer, Indian Hills Community College's performing arts department organizes the Music on the Green concert series. The free outdoor concerts highlight a diverse range of musical acts, from cover bands to symphonies.

LOCAL TIP

Pallister's is my top choice for enjoying great music and mingling with wonderful people. The lively atmosphere there never fails to provide an enjoyable experience."

— Cara G

Ottumwa Area Community Chorus

ottumwasings.org

The Ottumwa Area Community Chorus' mission is to make the joy of performing high-quality choral music available to everyone. They perform several times a year, and performances include collaborative performances with other regional musical groups, as well as their own concerts.

Ottumwa Civic Music Association

For more than 90 years, the OCMA has been providing memorable musical performances to the Ottumwa community. Their lineup consists of shows from globally recognized artists, as well as rising talents. Additionally, students have free admission to all concerts.

Ottumwa Community Children's Playhouse

facebook.com/occpkids

The Ottumwa Community Children's Playhouse (OCCP) has served as the local children's theater for two decades. Since its inception, the playhouse has provided countless children with the opportunity to showcase their acting abilities and entertain the community.

Ottumwa Community Players

facebook.com/ottumwacommunityplayers

The Ottumwa Community Players are one of the longest-running thespian organizations in the state, offering high-quality community theater to Ottumwa and the surrounding region. The all-volunteer group prides itself on its dedication to the community and the arts.

Ottumwa Eagles F.O.E. 114

109 S Green St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-3957

facebook.com/OttumwaEagles114

As a branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Ottumwa Eagles is dedicated to supporting the community through charitable donations and social engagement. With this mission, the club serves as a dynamic entertainment venue for members and non-members alike, hosting weekly concerts featuring country and classic rock acts.

Ottumwa Municipal Band

facebook.com/ottumwamuniband

The municipal band is made up of musicians from Ottumwa and surrounding communities and has the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating municipal

band in Iowa with 2024 marking their 160th season. The band performs free of charge in Central Park every Thursday in June and July.

Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra

ottumwasymphonyorchestra.org

The Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra strives to inspire, enrich and build a sense of community through the power of music. OSO delivers outstanding classical music performances and provides musical educational opportunities to enhance the quality of life for both residents of and visitors to Wapello County.

Pallister Brothers Bar & Taproom

116 N Market St, Ottumwa

facebook.com/pallisterbros

Not only does Pallister Brothers offer a selection of craft beers and cocktails, but it also doubles as a local art gallery and music venue. With a jam-packed schedule each month, this venue is sure to satisfy any music lover's appetite, showcasing regional artists in a variety of genres including country, jazz, rock, and even Irish pub songs.

Porchfest

300 American Gothic St, Eldon

americangothichouse.org

Porchfest is an annual event that takes place across the United States and Canada and brings local musicians and neighborhoods together to celebrate and create a sense of community. In Wapello County, we celebrate on one of the most famous porches in the world at the American Gothic House. Every August, the American Gothic House hosts a free, day-long concert, with a lineup of local musicians.

Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra

(319) 385-6352

seiso.us

The Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra (SEISO) is dedicated to offering exceptional orchestral experiences to local communities and musicians through live performances, educational opportunities, and rural outreach programs for all ages, and they aim to foster a love of music that lasts a lifetime. Organized in 1950, SEISO is recognized as one of Iowa's most prominent community-based orchestras.

Wapello County Freedom Rock

102 Church St, Ottumwa

The original Freedom Rock was created in 1999 by Iowa artist, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II, after seeing the film Saving Private Ryan. The original rock is a 60-ton boulder in Adair County with a patriotic mural painted on it that pays tribute to veterans and military service. It wasn't long before Sorensen decided to spread The Freedom Rock message to all 99 counties. The Wapello County Freedom Rock was painted by Sorensen in 2014 and was funded by the Ottumwa Area Arts Council. It features military connections to Wapello County including Tuskegee Airmen, National Guard Unit 833rd, and Naval Air Station Ottumwa.

Indian Hills Community College Gallery



Learn OTTUMWA

There's no better way to get to know a place than by immersing yourself in its history. With an array of sites to visit, including museums, Civil War connections, and the world-famous American Gothic House, Wapello County is brimming with fascinating stories just waiting to be shared.



American Gothic House

Agency Soldier

Agency Soldier

226 Hazel St, Agency

Located in the Agency cemetery, this monument was built by Winslow Post 107 of the Grand Army of the Republic. It honors those who served in the Civil War, Mexican-American War, and Spanish American War.

All Veterans Memorial

1 Joe Lord Memorial Dr, Ottumwa

Located in Greater Ottumwa Park near the campgrounds, this memorial honors all the men and women of Wapello County who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The memorial features granite monuments of each conflict the United States Armed Forces have participated in, as well as historic cannons.

American Gothic House & Center

300 American Gothic St, Eldon

(641) 652-3352

americangothichouse.org

Grant Wood sketched the house during a 1930 visit to Eldon and later used it as the backdrop of his world famous painting, "American Gothic". The house now has an adjacent center that houses an exhibit room with history about Grant Wood and the painting, a media room with historical videos, and a gift shop. They also have costumes on hand for those that want to make their own parody photo of the painting.

Antique Airfield & Air Power Museum

22001 Bluegrass Rd, Ottumwa

(641) 938-2773

antiqueairfield.org

The Antique Airfield is home to the Antique Airplane Association, the oldest organization in the world dedicated to restoring and flying antique and classic aircraft. The museum has 20,000 square feet of display and storage space that houses models, plane parts, photos, and artwork from various periods of aviation history. It also houses a collection of antique aircraft, many of which are flown regularly.

Ballingall Park

210 W Main St, Ottumwa

Nestled next to the Amtrak Depot in downtown Ottumwa lies a beautiful park rich in history. Adorned with a historic steam engine and an illuminated fountain, this park is the perfect place to unwind or snap some memorable photos. Whether you're in search of a serene setting or a scenic backdrop, this park has something for everyone.

Blakesburg Community Museum

205 N Main St, Blakesburg

(641) 777-5092

This small museum is located in the original Blakesburg post office. The museum is run by the Blakesburg Historical Preservation Society and has a focus on preserving the history of the community by collecting items and records relevant to the town's past.

Chief Wapello Gravesite & Park

6899 Chief Wapello Rd, Agency

Chief Wapello's Gravesite & Memorial Park is the original site of the Native American Agency that worked with the Sac and Fox Nation. Chief Wapello, who the county is named after, is buried here alongside General Joseph M. Street, the first administrator of the Native American Agency, and his family. In addition, the park features stone markers that highlight the location of the first Christian services that were held in Iowa's interior by the Reverend Thomas Kirkpatrick.

Civil War Wood Carving

1302 N Court St, Ottumwa

(641) 683-0687

In the Civil War section of the Ottumwa Cemetery stands a magnificent 10-foot tall statue of a Civil War soldier. Chainsaw sculptor Gary Keenan created this striking tribute from the remains of a historic tree that was infected with a fungal disease and needed to be taken down. The carving stands near the graves of local men who served in the Civil War.

Curtis King Gravesite

18635 US-63, Eddyville

U.S. Muster rolls record Curtis King, at age 80, as the oldest man serving in the Union Army. King was a member of the 37th Iowa Infantry Regiment, which was nicknamed the "Graybeard Regiment," as all the men serving in it were in their 40's or older. His gravesite can be found along Highway 63 between Ottumwa and Eddyville near the Eddyville Road turnoff.

Eddyville Community Museum

705 Main St, Eddyville

(641) 969-4208

eddyvillemuseum.org

The community museum is located right off the main road into town. The museum welcomes visitors to explore the rotating displays that highlight the history of the town for future generations. It also serves as a gathering spot for the community.

Eldon Depot Museum

405 KD Ave, Eldon

(660) 349-9843

eldoniadepotmuseum.org

The historic Rock Island Train Depot in Eldon is a railroad museum with numerous displays, and it serves as a meeting place for citywide activities. In its day, the depot served the needs of local travelers and the US Postal Service. The depot is also home to a former Chicago Central & Pacific caboose that has been refurbished in the theme of the Rock Island Line.

Iowa Heartland History Connection

1 Museum Dr, Ottumwa

(641) 682-8676

iaheartland.org

Formerly the Wapello County Historical Society, the museum features a large collection of historical items from around Southeast Iowa. Their exhibits depict life in Wapello County from prehistoric times through the 20th Century.

Mars Hill Church

1011 100th Ave, Bloomfield

Mars Hills is a historic church and cemetery located south of Ottumwa. The church is one of the oldest log churches still in use in Iowa and is said to have been a stop along the Underground Railroad. The cemetery is home to a Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient.

McHaffey Opera House

414 Elm St, Eldon

Eldon's century-old opera house was built by Irish immigrant David McHaffey in 1891 during the city's days as a thriving railroad town. The building now houses a thrift store and still hosts musical performances throughout the year.

Naval Air Station Ottumwa

14550 Terminal Ave, Ottumwa

nasottumwa.org

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy scrambled to drastically increase their inventory of combat-ready airplanes and pilots. As part of that effort, the U.S. Navy commissioned the construction of several air training bases among the farm fields of the Midwest, and Naval Air Station Ottumwa was built. Although the base has long been closed, a group is hard at work turning the building into a museum to educate future generations about the important contributions made at NAS Ottumwa in the field of Naval Aviation.

Swedish American Immigrant Memorial

10237 240th Ave, Blakesburg

During the late 19th Century, Swedish immigrants began arriving in Iowa to start their new lives on the frontier. This monument, depicting a family, honors those pioneers for the sacrifices they made and recognizes their values and hard work that set the foundation for future generations.

Soldier in the Park

Eddyville City Park

This monument is located in the Eddyville city park. It was originally built in 1911 and features a statue of a soldier standing on top of a pillar with the names of area men who served in the war listed on the sides.

The Dog

1302 N Court St, Ottumwa

Located in the Ottumwa Cemetery is the life-size statue of a greyhound dog. The dog was placed on the plot of Thomas J. Nash at the beginning of the 20th century. The reason for its placement is unclear and has given rise to many stories over the years. All we know for sure is that the dog has been standing guard for more than 100 years and will continue to do so for at least 100 more.

Twin Galaxies Plaque

224 E Main St, Ottumwa

Back in the early 1980s, an Ottumwa arcade named Twin Galaxies began keeping official high scores and records for video gaming. Ottumwa hosted the first North American Video Olympics gaining Ottumwa the title of "Video Game Capital of the World." The arcade is no longer there, but a plaque honoring its contributions to the video game industry hangs outside of where the arcade was located.

Wapello County Veterans Memorial

Central Park, Ottumwa

Located in Ottumwa Central Park, this historic monument was erected in 1919 and crafted by artist David Edstrom. The structure features a 25-foot pillar, complete with a bronze eagle perched at its peak and four bas relief panels around its base. On the monument's south side, facing the park, you'll find the names of more than 2,400 soldiers and sailors from the region who served in the Civil War.

LOCAL TIP

"My favorite place to visit is Ballingall Park, which sits directly in front of the Amtrak Depot. This park was created in 1951 as part of the entire Railroad Hub. The Depot was constructed the same year, housing the passenger area as well as offices for several executives. The centerpiece of the park is the fountain and limestone pool. It is a peaceful and quaint area to grab a few minutes of solitude."

— Connie F

Iowa Heartland History Connection



Play OTTUMWA

Ottumwa and Wapello County are champions of fun! If you're into outdoor escapades, we've got golf courses, hiking trails, and swimming pools calling your name. If it's the indoors you prefer, there are retro arcades, play centers, and pool halls. Whatever you're after, Wapello County is a playground waiting just for you!

The Beach Ottumwa



Bark Park

Greater Ottumwa Park off Hwy 34
The Bark Park is a great place for dogs and their owners to have an amazing time together! Located in the beautiful Greater Ottumwa Park, this off-leash area is specifically designed for dogs to run and play. The park is fenced and secured, ensuring that your furry friends can safely play and socialize with other dogs.

BattleBros Paintball

2504 Little Soap Rd, Bloomfield
(641) 226-2687
facebook.com/battlebrosplayball43
BattleBros is the perfect place for anyone looking to have a blast with friends and family. With an ultimate paintball and nerf experience, BattleBros offers a fun and exciting way to challenge yourself and others. With a variety of game types, players can choose from different scenarios and challenges to test their skills and strategy.

Beach Ottumwa

101 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-7873
beachottumwa.com
The Beach Ottumwa is an indoor/outdoor waterpark located in Ottumwa. The facility covers 13 acres and includes on-site concessions, a wave pool, speed slide, curly slide, kids' area, sand volleyball pit, and an indoor pool and slide. The park features more than a million gallons of water for family fun of all ages!

Cedar Creek Golf Course

13120 Angle Rd, Ottumwa
(641) 683-0646
cedarcreekgolfcourse.com
Cedar Creek Golf Course is a must-visit destination for golf enthusiasts. With its challenging 18-hole public facility and a slope rating of 122, this course is sure to test your skills and provide an challenging experience. However, don't let the difficulty scare you away! Depending on your experience and preference, you can choose from a variety of tee sets and enjoy a fun and casual round of golf or a more challenging one.

Champion Bowl

2601 Roemer Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8005
championbowlottumwa.com
Champion Bowl is a popular destination for families and friends who are looking to have a fun time together. With 24 lanes available, there is always plenty of space for everyone to enjoy the game. In addition to bowling, Champion Bowl offers an arcade and snack shop for the kids to enjoy, as well as a bar for adults to relax and unwind.

Disc Golf

udisc.com/courses
Disc golfers wanting to visit Ottumwa and play the county's eight disc golf courses will find beautiful landscapes and challenging holes, and each course has special qualities that make them favorites for different reasons. Players will find five courses in Ottumwa, one in Eddyville, one in Eldon, and one at Pioneer Ridge Nature Area.

Eddyville Sand Dunes Prairie

23125 182nd St, Eddyville
wapellocounty.org/conservation/parks
The 225-acre Eddyville Sand Dunes Prairie represents one of the most unique sand prairie remnants in the Midwest, an ecosystem that has almost completely disappeared from Iowa except for a few small areas around the state. While hiking the mile and a half trail, visitors can find rare plants and animals including the prickly pear cactus and the ornate box turtle.

Garrison Rock Resource Management Unit

6951 Cliffland Rd, Ottumwa
wapellocounty.org/conservation/parks
Garrison Rock is a 302-acre nature area managed by Wapello County Conservation. The area is home to a large sand stone out crop overlooking the Des Moines River valley. On top of being a great hiking location, the area also holds historical significance as a gathering place for Native Americans and one of the first places occupied by European settlers in Wapello County. A pioneer cemetery sits atop the rock bluff, and legend has it that Horse Thief Cave was used by Jesse James to hide stolen horses.

Greater Ottumwa Park

1 Joe Lord Memorial Dr, Ottumwa
ottumwa.us/maps/parks
Greater Ottumwa Park consists of four quadrants at the intersection of Highway 34 and Highway 63. The 340-acre park is home to ballfields, playgrounds, walking and biking trails, ponds that are regularly stocked with fish, and the Ottumwa campgrounds. The park plays host to annual community events such as Balloon Races, The Greater Ottumwa Rodeo, and Oktoberfest.

Memorial Park

Between Jefferson St & Elm St, Ottumwa
ottumwa.us/maps/parks
Located under the water tower, this historic 47-acre park is one of the most used parks in Ottumwa. The park's serene atmosphere and abundance of recreational options make it a popular destination for families, friends, and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Test your skills on

the mountain bike trail, try a round of disc golf, or challenge your friends to a game of pickleball.

Mini Mushrooms Play & Party Center

102 S Market St, Ottumwa
(641) 201-4099
minimushroomsplay.com
Mini Mushrooms is an indoor play area for children of all ages. Their facility is equipped with top-of-the-line equipment and toys that are regularly sanitized to ensure a clean and healthy environment for all. They are the perfect spot for a fun day out with the family or a unique party venue.

Nature Nook Miniature Golf

12627 River Rd, Ottumwa
(641) 777-0341
facebook.com/NatureNookGolf
Nature Nook Miniature Golf, situated just south of Ottumwa on Highway 63, is an outdoor miniature golf course that offers outdoor recreation and entertainment for people of all ages. Take the family out for a fun afternoon or challenge your friends to a game.

Old School Entertainment

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(515) 650-1665
ottumwaoldschoolarcade.com
Located in the Quincy Place Mall, Old School Entertainment gives players the option to become part of video game history. Try your hand at their collection of retro arcade and pinball games, challenge your friends in the Urban Assault lasertag course and Gel Blaster arena, or play a round at Tee-Rex Mini Golf.

Pioneer Ridge Nature Area

1339 Hwy 63, Bloomfield
(641) 682-3091
wapellocounty.org/conservation/parks
Located south of Ottumwa on Highway 63, Pioneer Ridge Nature Area is the headquarters of Wapello County Conservation. With Pioneer Ridge Nature Center on site, a major focus of this area is educating both youth and adults in environmental and natural resource management issues. Spanning more than 900 acres, the nature area boasts a vast trail network for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Additionally, visitors can enjoy fishing ponds, a bird blind, and camping facilities in this picturesque setting.

Skate Park

Market Street near the bridge, Ottumwa
Located along the riverfront, the skate park offers miniramps, a spine ramp, and a street course equipped with boxes, banks, and a quarterpipe. It caters to skaters of various skill levels, making it an ideal destination for all.

LOCAL TIP

"I love visiting the lagoons in Greater Ottumwa Park and watching the goslings grow over the course of the spring and early summer. As the seasons change, they learn and play with their families, and we are able to witness as they become adults and have their own the next year. It's my favorite part of Ottumwa."

Kristen P

Snookered Pool Hall

109 S Green St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-2686
Nestled under the Ottumwa Eagles Club is Snookered Pool Hall. With daily food specials, a full bar, and 10 tables to play on, they're the perfect spot to hang out and shoot some pool.

Wapello County Trail System

(641) 684-4303
wapellocountytrails.com
Enjoy the scenic Des Moines River from the Wapello County Trail System. The 16-mile trail system includes a 5K John Deere Loop, a 1-mile loop between Market Street and the Wabash Bridge, two loops through Greater Ottumwa Park, and a 1-mile section by Gray Eagle Wildlife Preserve. Perfect for walking, running, biking, and birdwatching, the trails are a great way to increase your physical activity and enjoy the scenery.

Wildwood Park

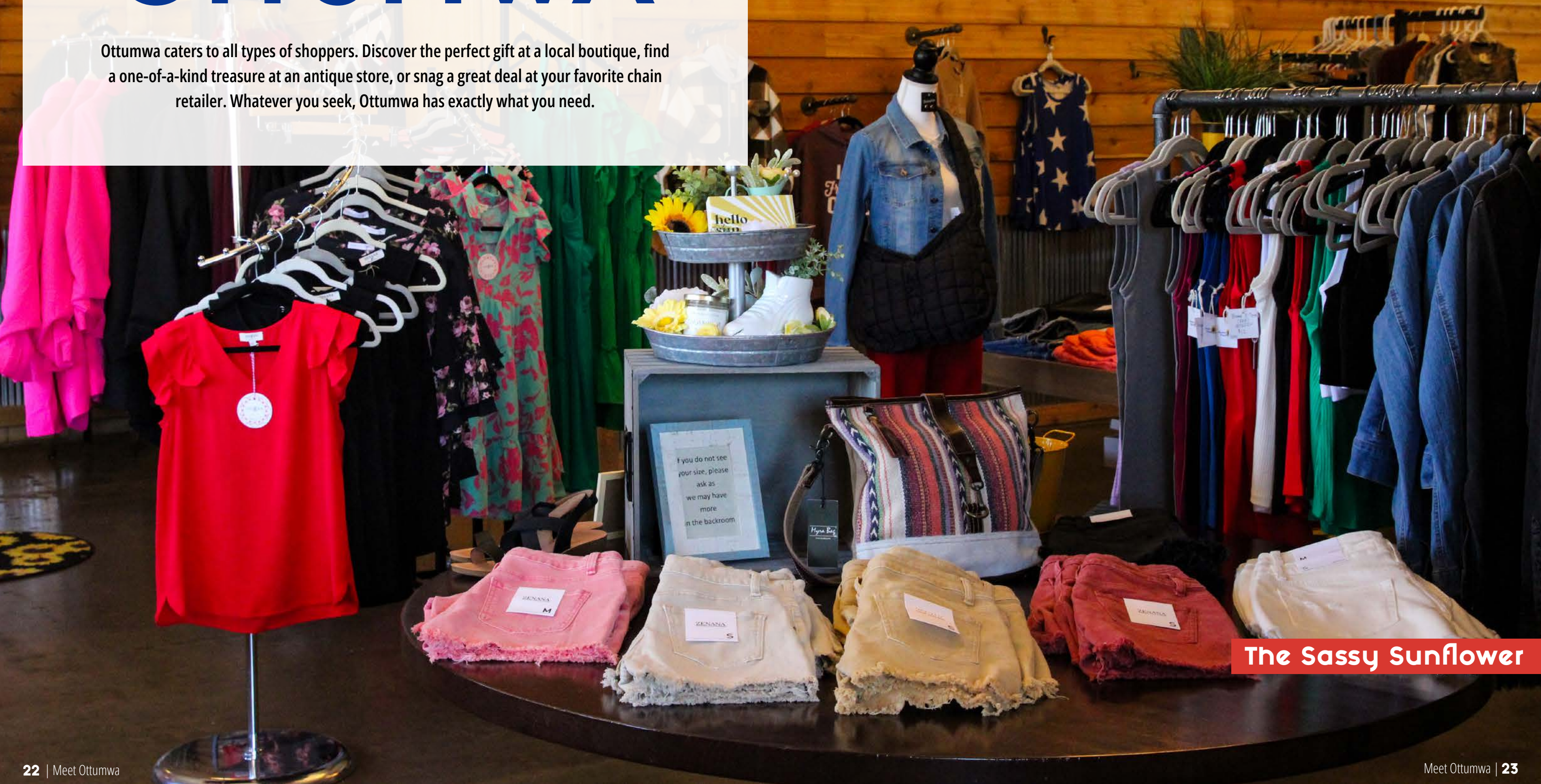
1821 W Finley Ave, Ottumwa
ottumwa.us/maps/parks
This 57-acre park is one of the premiere parks in Ottumwa. Visitors of all ages can enjoy the vast expanse of greenery that the park offers. The playgrounds provide a fun space for children to play, the 27-hole disc golf course caters to enthusiasts looking for a challenging and picturesque setting, and as the winter arrives, the park hill becomes a popular sledding spot.



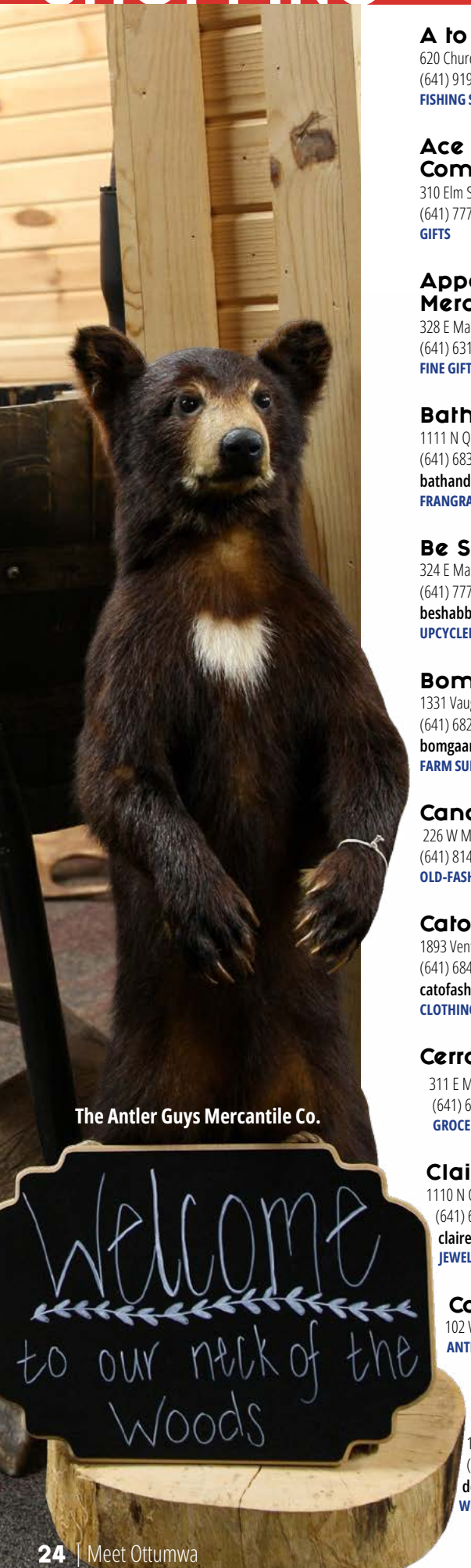
Old School Entertainment

Shop OTTUMWA

Ottumwa caters to all types of shoppers. Discover the perfect gift at a local boutique, find a one-of-a-kind treasure at an antique store, or snag a great deal at your favorite chain retailer. Whatever you seek, Ottumwa has exactly what you need.



The Sassy Sunflower



The Antler Guys Mercantile Co.

A to Z Bait N Tackle

620 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 919-8031
[FISHING SUPPLIES](#)

Ace Graphics & Printing Company

310 Elm St, Eldon
(641) 777-5754
[GIFTS](#)

Appanoose Rapids Mercantile

328 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 631-6361
[FINE GIFTS & FOOD](#)

Bath & Body Works

1111 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 683-1591
[bathandbodyworks.com](#)
[FRAGRANCES, SKIN CARE & CANDLES](#)

Be Shabby

324 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 777-6261
[beshabby.com](#)
[UPCYCLED FURNITURE & CERAMICS](#)

Bomgaars

1331 Vaughn Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4117
[bomgaars.com](#)
[FARM SUPPLIES, TOOLS & MORE](#)

Candy Caboose

226 W Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 814-0114
[OLD-FASHIONED CANDIES, SODA & POPCORN](#)

Cato Fashions

1893 Venture Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 684-7777
[catofashions.com](#)
[CLOTHING](#)

Cerro Grande Meats & Market

311 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1650
[GROCERY](#)

Claire's

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-2110
[claires.com](#)
[JEWELRY, CLOTHING & MAKEUP](#)

Corner Collectibles

102 W Main St, Ottumwa
[ANTIQUES, TOYS & COLLECTIBLES](#)

Double C Cowboy Country

1123 S Madison Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 684-8372
[doubleccowboycountry.com](#)
[WESTERN CLOTHING & DECOR](#)

Dunham's Sports

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-6565
[dunhamssports.com](#)
[SPORTING GOODS](#)

Edd the Florist

823 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8375
[eddtheflorist.com](#)
[FLOWERS, GIFTS & DECOR](#)

Earl May Garden Center

2857 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-5617
[earlmay.com](#)
[LAWN & GARDEN SUPPLIES](#)

Famous Footwear

1135 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 244-7008
[famousfootwear.com](#)
[SHOES](#)

Flea Market on Main

103 E Main St, Ottumwa
[ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES](#)

Five Below

1111 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 255-0450
[fivebelow.com](#)
[GAMES, CLOTHING & MORE](#)

Gardner-Collier Jewelry

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0464
[JEWELRY](#)

Golden Karen Asian Market

411 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-8295
[GROCERY](#)

Goodwill

850 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4704
[goodwill.org](#)
[THRIFT](#)

HeronKross

105 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 328-8376
[heronkorss.com](#)
[VINTAGE CLOTHING & DECOR](#)

Hobby Lobby

1131 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-2118
[hobbylobby.com](#)
[CRAFTS & DECOR](#)

Iowa BBQ Store

2827 N Ct St, Ottumwa
(641) 455-6103
[iowabbqstore.com](#)
[SAUCES, RUBS & EQUIPMENT](#)

JM Asian Market

609 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(515) 612-5636
[GROCERY](#)

Klassi Kloset

1207 N Jefferson S Ottumwa
(641) 682-3005
[lighthouseottumwa.com/klassi-kloset](#)
[SECOND HAND CLOTHING & FURNITURE](#)

Kohl's

1100 Wildwood Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1667
[kohls.com](#)
[CLOTHING & HOMEGOODS](#)

La Guadalupana

301 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-6937
[GROCERY](#)

Maurices

1000 Wildwood Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8830
[maurices.com](#)
[CLOTHING](#)

McKee Coins

213 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-6006
[ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES](#)

Mexico Lindo

530 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 683-4456
[GROCERY](#)

My Chic Boutique

322 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1393
[CONSIGNMENT CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES](#)

O'Town Books

1207 N Jefferson St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0901
[lighthouseottumwa.com/otownbooks](#)
[BOOKS & GIFTS](#)

Ostrander Flowers & Greenhouse

1243 25th Ave, Eldon
(641) 652-3288
[FLOWERS](#)

Ottumwa Community Market (Seasonal)

1524 N Court, Ottumwa
(641) 680-6216
[facebook.com/ottumwacommunitymarket](#)
[PRODUCE, CRAFTS & MORE](#)

Raw Americana

500 W Elm St, Eldon
(641) 670-4220
[rawamericanavault.com](#)
[CLOTHING, DECOR & MORE](#)

Riverside Cyclery

207 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 814-2424
[riversidecyclery.wordpress.com](#)
[BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS & EQUIPMENT](#)

Sally Beauty

1863 Venture Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4642
[sallybeauty.com](#)
[COSMETICS](#)

Sassy Sunflower

2465 Northgate St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8731
[sassy-sunflower.square.site](#)
[CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES](#)

Spud's Emporium of Comics & Games

312 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-9228
[COMICS, GAMES & COLLECTIBLES](#)

T.J. Maxx

1131 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 219-2282
[tjmaxx.tjx.com](#)
[CLOTHING & HOMEGOODS](#)

The Antler Guys Mercantile Co.

211 E 2nd St, Ottumwa
(919) 986-9017
[GIFTS & HOME DECOR](#)

The Stitch Doctor

115 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4561
[thestitchdoctorottumwa.com](#)
[EMBROIDERY & CLOTHING](#)

Wapello County Farmers Market (Seasonal)

Central Addition Park, Ottumwa
(641) 680-6216
[facebook.com/wcfarmermarket](#)
[PRODUCE, CRAFTS & MORE](#)

Whitetail Outdoors

212 W Main St, Agency
(641) 937-0600
[HUNTING EQUIPMENT](#)

ZenVibes Specialty Shop

2110 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4561
[CRYSTALS, ESSETIAL OILS & GIFTS](#)

LOCAL TIP

“Go to Cerro Grande for the best avocados. You can even tell them what day you plan to use them and they will pick out the perfect ones for the date you need!”

Shiloh S



For a full list of shopping options, visit
[meetottumwa.org/explore](#)

Taste OTTUMWA

After a long day of travel, you'll need to refuel. Luckily, Ottumwa offers a variety of dining choices to satisfy every taste bud. Whether you're in the mood for award-winning barbecue, authentic tacos, mouth-watering Italian cuisine, or delectable sweet treats, Wapello County has just what you're looking for to fulfill your cravings.



Drinks \$1
* Mt Dew/Diet
* Pepsi
* Sprite
* Coke/Diet
* Sweet tea
* Strawberry Lemonade
* Gatorade
* Iced tea
Thank you!

In Loving Memory of
Brandon Lee Pruett
"Bub"

Bub's Grub Food Truck

Ashby’s Bakery & Ice Cream Shop

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1625
ashbysbakery.com
ICE CREAM

Benchwarmers Eatery & Sports Lounge

2209 Roemer Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-9447
mybenchwarmers.com
BAR & GRILL

Botanitas Isa-Abys

1306 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-8240
isa-abys.com
MEXICAN

Bubba-Q’s

1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0082
bestbbqmidwest.com
BARBECUE

Canteen Lunch in the Alley

112 2nd St E, Ottumwa
(641) 682-5320
AMERICAN

China Star Buffet

1105 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 683-8229
CHINESE

Chommy’s

115 4th St, Eldon
(641) 652-3461
chommys.com
BAR & GRILL

Coal Palace Cafe & Books

226 W Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 814-8700
COFFEE SHOP



Canteen Lunch in the Alley

Courtside Bar & Grill

2511 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 226-5002
BAR & GRILL

El Rancho Grande

232 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-8051
ranchograndeottumwa.com
MEXICAN

Empowered Nutrition

113 W Main St, Agency
(641) 814-3530
HEALTH DRINKS

Ford’s Pub & Grill

603 Main St, Eddyville
(641) 969-5999
BAR & GRILL

Front Runners Bar & Grill

837 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0720
BAR & GRILL

Garnacheria y Taqueria Ebenezer

233 N Sheridan Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1223
GUATEMALAN

Garrison Rock

305 E Main St, Ottumwa
(901) 401-8877
thegarrisonrock.com
BAR & SHOOTING SIMULATOR

Godfrey’s Ale House

2513 Northgate St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-2141
godfreysalehouse.com
BAR & GRILL

Graham’s Dairy Freeez

627 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-4372
ICE CREAM

Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream

315 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4565
happyjoes.com
PIZZA

Hub Coffee

133 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 455-0060
hubcoffeetiowa.com
COFFEE SHOP

Jade Palace

1404 Sherwood Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 954-9951
CHINESE

Java Rocket

2504 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-2061
COFFEE SHOP

Joe’s Italian Restaurant

332 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 455-0305
joesitalianoottumwa.com
ITALIAN

Juanita’s Pupuseria

537 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1530
SALVADORAN

La Esperanza

624 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-5378
BAKERY

Las Palmas Bar & Grill

321 2nd St E, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1902
MEXICAN

Main Street Donuts

606 W Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-7777
mainstreetdonuts-ottumwa.com
DONUT SHOP



Polar Xpress

Melody’s Kitchen

205 Walnut St, Eddyville
(641) 226-4560
BAR & GRILL

Mike’s Pizza & Steakhouse

2517 Northgate St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-8042
mikespizzasteakhouse.com
PIZZA

Mimi’s Taqueria

707 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-6051
MEXICAN

Morgan’s Corner Bar & Grill

436 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-0851
BAR & GRILL

O Town Nutrition

619 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 575-2573
HEALTH DRINKS

Owl’s Nest Bar & Grill

116 S Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-9368
BAR & GRILL

Pallister Brothers Bar & Taproom

116 N Market St, Ottumwa
BAR

Polar Xpress

221 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 814-5220
FROZEN YOGURT

Polros Garcia

2804 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1169
MEXICAN

Recovery Room

1805 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 683-5714
BAR & GRILL

Red’s Pub

618 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 777-3723
BAR & GRILL

Riverside Family Restaurant

1317 E Mary St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-2386
AMERICAN

Rock N Roll Dairy Bar

1110 S Madison Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0124
rocknrolldairybar.com
AMERICAN/ICE CREAM

Sassy Java House

2465 Northgate St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8731
COFFEE SHOP

Second Street Cafe

107 E 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 684-5626
secondstreetcafeottumwa.com
AMERICAN

Shakin’ Shellfish

207 E 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 242-3107
facebook.com/gogourmet18
CAJUN-STYLE SEAFOOD

Shiki Hibachi & Sushi

1111 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 799-3937
shikiottumwa.com
JAPANESE

South Side Drug Soda Fountain

337 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-3467
southsidedrug.com/the-fountain
ICE CREAM

LOCAL TIP

“A restaurant that has become a favorite of my family is Juanita’s Pupuseria. Pupusas are such a simple dish, but there is something about them that just warms the soul. You won’t be disappointed!”

Andy M

Tequila Grill

112 N Market St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-9665
tequilagrilliowa.com
MEXICAN

The Vine Coffee & Eatery

1207 N Jefferson St, Ottumwa
(641) 814-4885
lighthouseottumwa.com/thevine
COFFEE HOUSE

Tom-Tom Tap

107 2nd St E, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8051
hotelottumwa.com/food-spirits
BAR & RESTAURANT

Tortaco

1119 E Main St, Ottumwa
(641) 954-8041
MEXICAN

Uncle Buck’s Bar & Grill

518 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-4449
BAR & GRILL

Warehouse Barbecue Co. & Brewhouse

2818 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-2283
warehousebarbecue.com
BARBECUE

Welcome Inn Bar & Grill

209 Walnut St, Eddyville
(641) 969-4055
welcomeinnbarandgrill.com
BAR & GRILL

Wissota Chophouse

108 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 575-3105
wissotachophouse.com
STEAKHOUSE

Wissota Chophouse



Stay OTTUMWA

Ottumwa offers accommodations to suit every taste and budget, including historic local hotels, your favorite national brands, cozy bed and breakfasts, rustic campsites, and year-round cabins. Wherever you want to stay, we've got you covered.

Oak Meadow Delight Bed & Breakfast

Hotels



AmericInn by Wyndham

Located in downtown Ottumwa, the AmericInn is conveniently situated within walking distance of the Amtrak depot, as well as several restaurants and shops. It is also just a short drive away from the Bridge View Center and the Beach Ottumwa.

222 W 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 226-5568
wyndhamhotels.com



Best Western Ottumwa Inn & Suites

The recently renovated Best Western is located on the north side of town near the Cedar Creek Golf Course, Indian Hills Community College, and Iowa Heartland History Connection Museum. Their amenities include a 24-hour front desk, free parking, cable TV with HBO, complimentary breakfast, and mobility accessible rooms.

2813 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-0000
bestwestern.com



Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

The newest addition to the Ottumwa hotel scene, the Cobblestone is conveniently located just off of Highway 34 next to the Bridge View Center. The Cobblestone is home to the Wissota Chophouse, known for its elegant menu and expansive beer, wine and cocktail list.

108 Church St, Ottumwa
(641) 244-3644
staycobblestone.com



Hampton Inn Ottumwa

Hampton Inn Ottumwa is located off Highway 34 on Quincy Ave. The hotel is located less than 2 miles from the Bridge View Center and within walking distance of several major retail chains including Kohl's, T.J. Maxx, and Five Below. They provide complimentary Wi-Fi, breakfast, and a heated indoor pool.

943 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 814-8888
hilton.com

Bed & Breakfasts



Oak Meadow Delight Bed & Breakfast

Oak Meadow Delight offers travelers the comforts of home, with the amenities of a hotel. Each room includes a king-sized bed, private bathroom, flat-screen TV, wireless internet, and peaceful rest. Every morning offers fresh hot coffee, a delicious breakfast, and personal service.

2814 Oak Meadow Dr, Ottumwa
641-682-0580
oakmeadowdelightbnb.com



The Village in Eddyville

This delightful 150-year-old house is situated in Eddyville, just a short distance from the Eddyville Sand Dunes Prairie. With five bedrooms and inviting living areas, it is ideal for a short visit or a longer stay. On-site laundry facilities, a functional kitchen, and shared living and dining rooms are available for guests.

708 Mill St, Eddyville
(440) 361-5157
facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069462322033

Key

Breakfast

Business Center

Cabins

Electrical Access

Fitness Center

Laundry

Meeting Room

On-Site Restaurant

Pet Friendly

Pool

RV Camping

Tent Camping

Water Access

Camping



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is located off Highway 34 on Quincy Ave and shares a parking lot with its sister location, Hampton Inn. Whether for business or pleasure, the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Ottumwa is a great choice!

941 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 814-4500
ihg.com



Hotel Ottumwa

Hotel Ottumwa is a historic hotel located in the heart of downtown. It is home to the Second Street Cafe and Tom-Tom Tap. It is conveniently located just a short distance from various town landmarks such as the Bridge View Center and Indian Hills Community College.

107 E 2nd St, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8051
hotellottumwa.com



Quality Inn & Suites

The Quality Inn & Suites' convenient location near US 63 makes it easy to visit area attractions like Indian Hills Community College, the Beach Ottumwa, and the Iowa Heartland History Connection Museum. Their rooms feature a microwave, coffee maker, refrigerator and a flat-screen TV.

125 Joseph Ave, Ottumwa
(641) 682-8526
choicehotels.com



Super 8 by Wyndham

Enhance your travel experience by reserving a room at our Super 8 Ottumwa hotel. Situated just off Highway 63, Super 8 is a short drive from all the attractions in the Ottumwa area. Amenities include complimentary high-speed internet and Wi-Fi, breakfast, and heated indoor pool and hot tub.

2823 N Court St, Ottumwa
(641) 455-0016
wyndhamhotels.com



Forest Lake Baptist Camp

Forest Lake Camp is located 5 miles southeast of Ottumwa. The facilities include five cabins that are perfect for groups or an individual retreat and are available to rent year round. The camp also features a field that is great for primitive camping, and open-air sleeping.

11732 Copperhead Rd, Bloomfield
(641) 684-8908
forestlakecamp.org



Greater Ottumwa Campgrounds

The campground is located in the center of the city, amidst 340 acres of green space and lagoons. The Ottumwa campgrounds provide an ideal spot for enjoying the outdoors with picnic tables, shelters, fire pits, playground equipment, and access to the nearby Wapello County Trail System.

1 Joe Lord Memorial Dr, Ottumwa
(641) 682-1307
ottumwa.us



Pioneer Ridge Nature Area

Pioneer Ridge Nature Area is home to a campground and four cabins. The two modern cabins offer guests the opportunity to connect to the natural world with modern luxuries, while the two primitive cabins offer a more rustic stay. The campground is closed for the 2024 season, but the cabins are available year round.

1339 Highway 63, Bloomfield
(641) 682-3091
mycountyparks.com/County/Wapello.aspx

County

- 1. Eddyville Sand Dunes Prairie
- 2. Curtis King Gravesite
- 4. Naval Air Station Ottumwa
- 5. Swedish American Immigrant Memorial
- 6. Antique Airfield/Air Power Museum
- 7. Garrison Rock Resource Management Unit
- 8. Chief Wapello Park
- 9. Pioneer Ridge Nature Area
- 10. Mars Hill Church & Cemetery

Ottumwa

- 1. Cedar Creek Golf Course
- 2. Quality Inn & Suites
- 3. Super 8 by Wyndham
- 4. Best Western Ottumwa Inn & Suites
- 5. Oak Meadow Delight Bed & Breakfast
- 6. Iowa Heartland History Connection
- 7. Indian Hills Community College
- 8. Ottumwa Cemetery
- 9. Memorial Park
- 10. Ottumwa Regional Health Center
- 11. Bark Park
- 12. Campgrounds
- 13. Beach Ottumwa
- 14. Bridge View Center
- 15. Greater Ottumwa Park
- 16. Holiday Inn Express/Hampton Inn
- 17. Champion Bowl
- 18. Wildwood Park

Main Street Ottumwa

- 1. Wapello County Courthouse
- 2. Ottumwa Public Library
- 3. Central Park
- 4. The Hub Coffee
- 5. HeronKross
- 6. Hotel Ottumwa
- 7. Pallister Brothers Bar & Taproom
- 8. Tequila Grill
- 9. Shakin' Shellfish

- 10. The Antler Guys Mercantile Co.
- 11. Las Palmas Bar & Grill
- 12. AmericInn
- 13. Canteen Lunch in the Alley
- 14. Mini Mushrooms Play & Party Center
- 15. Ottumwa Eagles/Snookered Pool Hall
- 16. Owl's Nest Bar & Grill
- 17. Flea Market on Main
- 18. Coal Palace Cafe & Books/Candy Caboose
- 19. Amtrak Depot/Ballingall Park
- 20. Corner Collectibles
- 21. The Stitch Doctor
- 22. McKee Coins
- 23. Polar Xpress
- 24. The Sewing House
- 25. Top Hat Coffee & Entertainment
- 26. El Rancho Grande
- 27. Garrison Rock Social & Eatery
- 28. Cerro Grande Meats & Market
- 29. Spud's Emporium of Comics & Games
- 30. Be Shabby/My Chic Boutique
- 31. Appanoose Rapids Mercantile
- 32. Joe's Italian
- 33. Skate Park

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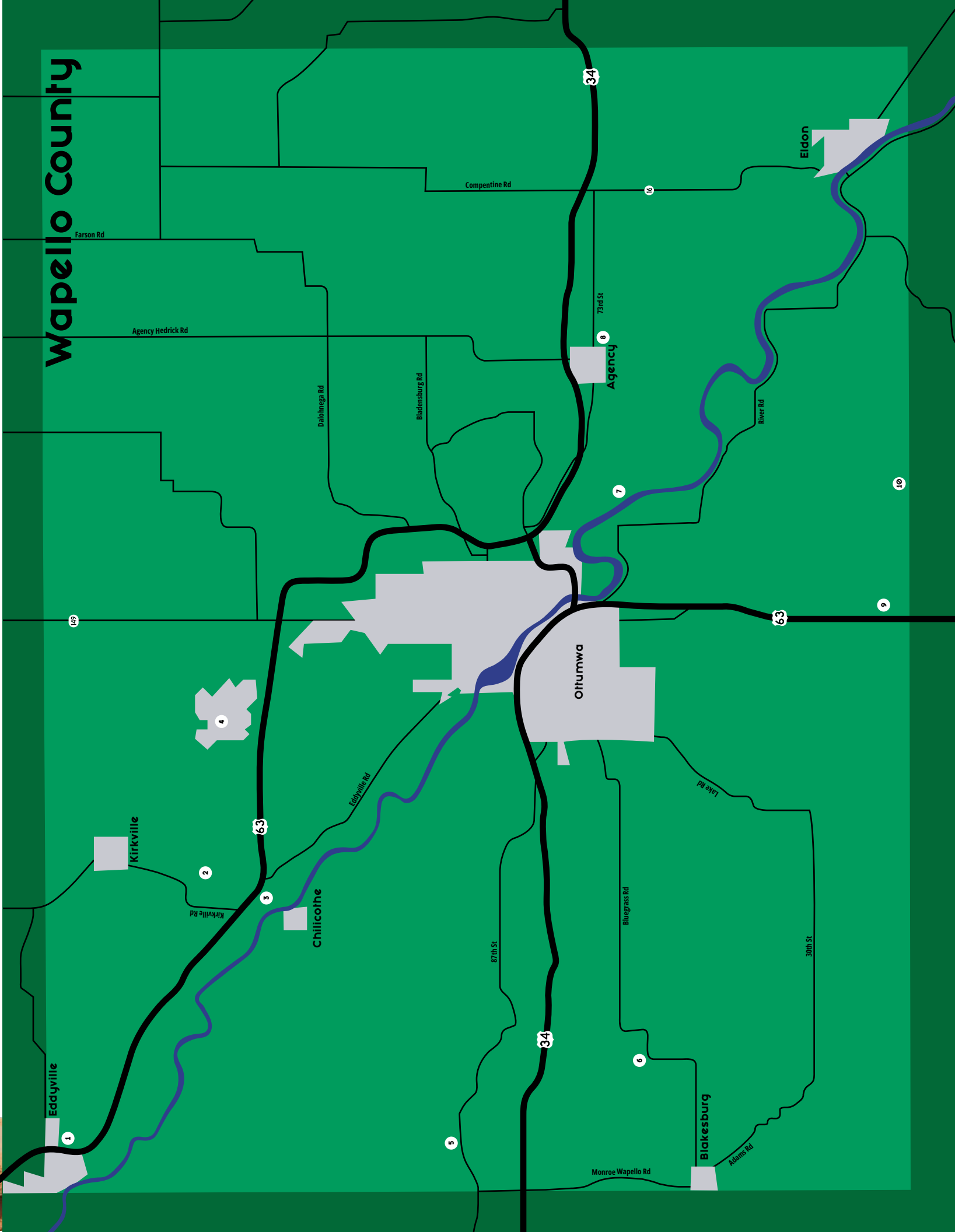
- 1. American Gothic House & Center
- 2. Eldon Public Library
- 3. Eldon Mural/City Hall
- 4. Raw Americana
- 5. McHaffey Opera House
- 6. Chommy's
- 7. Eldon Veterans Memorial
- 8. Eldon Train Depot
- 9. Ace Graphics & The Corner Store
- 10. KD Center
- 11. Scenic Overlook
- 12. Wapello County Fairgrounds
- 13. Ostrander Flowers & Greenhouse

Eddyville

- 1. Sandy Dunes Disc Golf Course
- 2. The Village in Eddyville
- 3. Eddyville Historical Museum
- 4. Ford's Pub & Grill
- 5. Welcome Inn Bar & Grill
- 6. Melody's Kitchen
- 7. Eddyville Public Library
- 8. Soldier in the Park
- 9. Eddyville Sand Dunes Prairie

Agency

- 1. Five Hawgs BBQ
- 2. Whitetail Outdoors
- 3. Empowered Nutrition
- 4. Agency Community Center
- 5. City Hall/Library
- 6. The Soldier
- 7. Lions Park
- 8. Chief Wapello Gravesite & Memorial Park

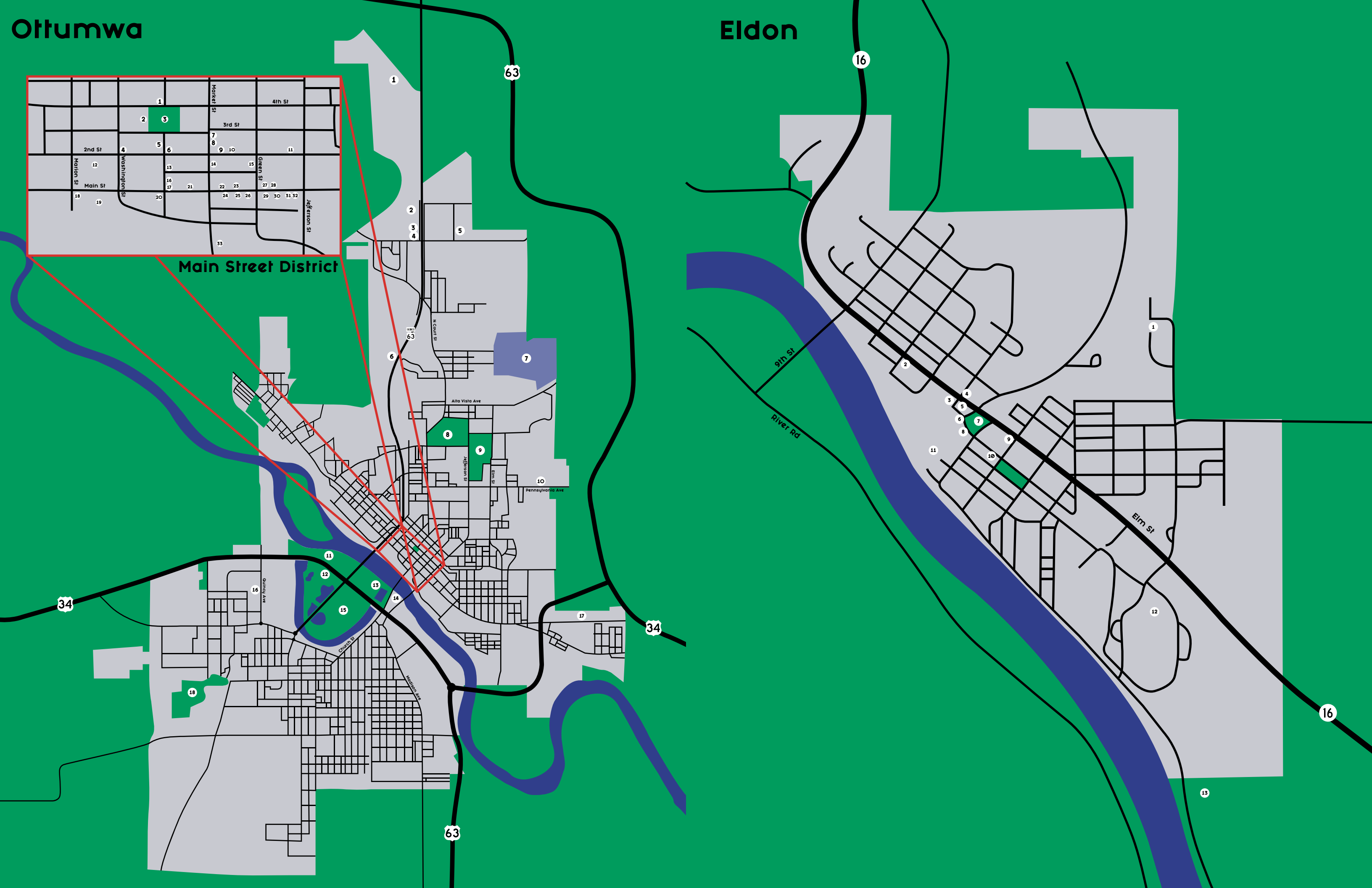


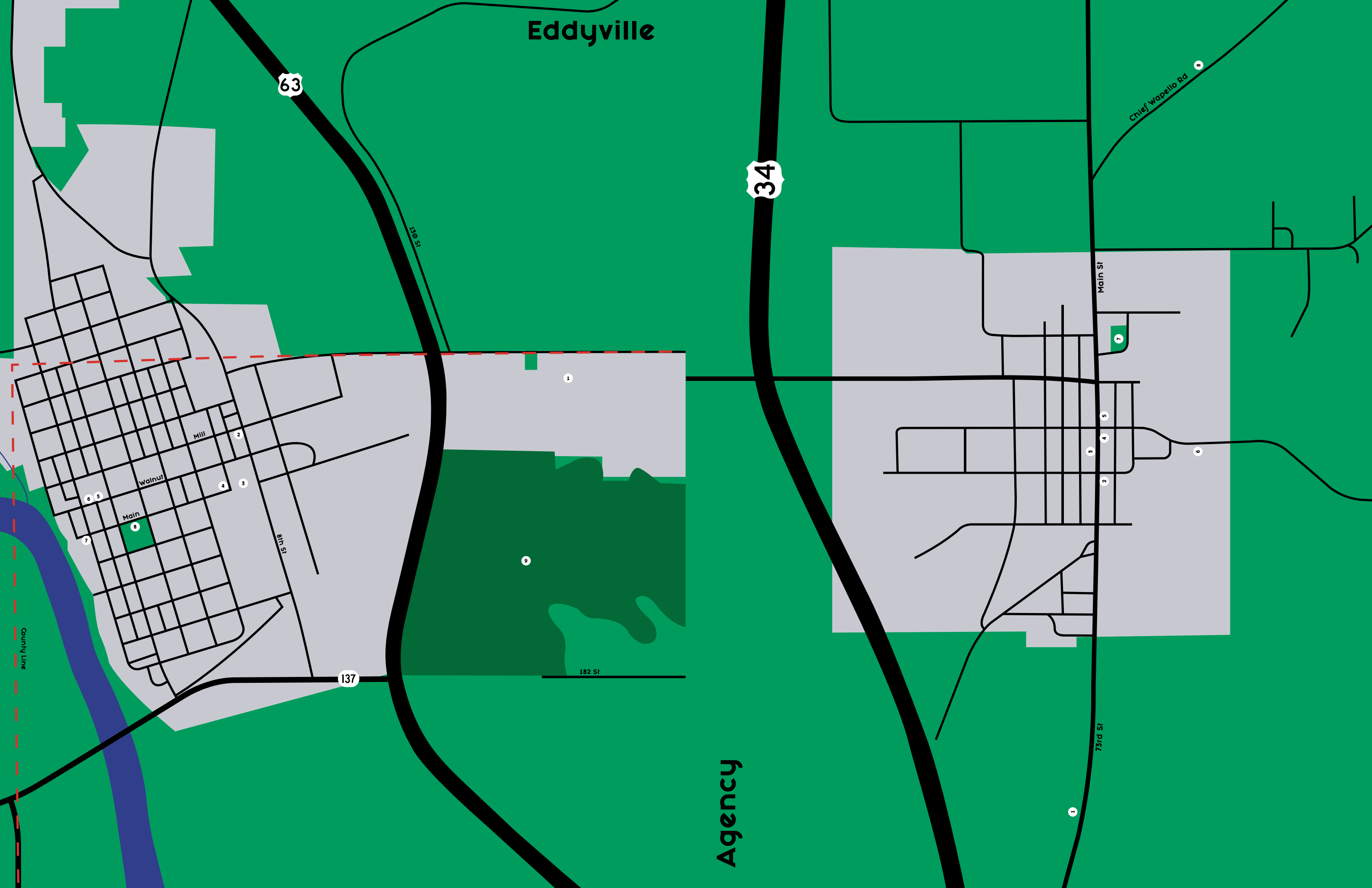
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Main Street District





Eddyville

Agency

63

34

137

Chief Wapello Rd

Main St

7

5

4

3

2

6

73rd St

1

1

9

182 St

130th St

8th St

Mill

Walnut

Main

2

4

3

6

5

7

8

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