

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, partially obscured by dark, silhouetted trees. The sky is a mix of deep blue at the top and vibrant orange and yellow near the horizon, with wispy white and grey clouds. The water in the foreground is dark, with shimmering orange and yellow reflections from the sunset. A solid red rectangular banner is positioned in the bottom left corner, containing the text 'IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY' in white.

# AMES VISITORS GUIDE

IOWA STATE  
UNIVERSITY



# Welcome TO Ames.

We are thrilled you have chosen to visit the Iowa State University campus. We hope this visit provides you with the information you need to discover if Iowa State is the right fit for you.

While in Ames, I invite you to explore our campus and community. You will find Ames is a great city in which to learn, live, work, and play.

The City of Ames and Iowa State University work together to ensure students' needs are met. One example is CyRide, the Ames public transportation system. CyRide is recognized as one of the safest and most effective systems in the country and provides fare-free bus service to students on campus and throughout the Ames community.

If you have questions about Iowa State or Ames, please feel free to ask!

Again, we welcome you to our city and our campus. Enjoy your visit!



Kristin Chapman  
Assistant Director, Campus Visits

## Ames Facts

### Population

Ames: 67,154

Story County: 98,105

Iowa: 3,156,145

\*Based on Census Bureau data







## Small town, big city.

Beneath the small town charm of Ames, Iowa, beats the heart of a much larger city. A city that has become a player in developing the world's bio-economic future. A city with top-quality education, from kindergarten through grad school. A city that regularly draws performers like Chance the Rapper, Dan + Shay, and Chelsea Peretti, along with international symphonies and Broadway musicals. A city with hundreds of acres of parks, numerous bike paths, and cultural festivals and celebrations. A city that's ranked the 3rd best college town in the nation.



**Location**  
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*Ames is located  
roughly 30 miles  
north of the state  
capital Des Moines.*







## Come *and* stay.

Ames has more than 1,400 hotel rooms to choose from and all of them within miles of the action. Whether you want to be near the entertainment at Hilton Coliseum or Stephens Auditorium or in the heart of the Iowa State campus, Ames has a number of great places to stay.

### HOTELS

#### AmericInn

2507 SE 16th St // 515 233-1005

#### Ames Motor Lodge Motel

202 E Lincoln Way // 515 233-4516

#### Baymont Inn & Suites

1605 S Dayton Pl // 515 337-2751

#### Best Western Plus

University Park Inn & Suites  
2500 University Blvd // 515 296-2500

#### Comfort Inn & Suites

603 S 16th St // 515 663-9555

#### Country Inn & Suites

56461 180th St // 515 233-3935

#### Days Inn

229 S Duff Ave // 515 203-3080

#### Econo Lodge

2600 SE 16th St // 515 233-6060

#### Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

2137 Isaac Newton Dr // 515 232-4000

#### Gateway Hotel & Conference Center

2100 Green Hills Dr // 515 292-8600

#### GrandStay Hotel & Suites

1606 S Kellogg Ave // 515 232-8363

#### Hampton Inn & Suites

2100 SE 16th St // 515 232-5510

#### Hilton Garden Inn Ames

1325 Dickinson Ave // 515 233-8000

#### Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

2600 E 13th St // 515 232-2300

#### Iowa House Historic Inn

405 Hayward Ave // 515 292-2474

#### Microtel Inn & Suites

2216 SE 16th St // 515 337-2748

#### Quality Inn & Suites

Starlite Conference Center  
2601 E 13th St // 515 232-9260

#### Radisson Hotel Ames Conference Center

2609 University Blvd // 515 268-8808

#### Red Roof Inn

1400 S Dayton Pl // 515 239-9999

#### Sleep Inn & Suites

1310 Dickinson Ave // 712 262-2979

#### Super 8

1418 S Dayton Pl // 515 232-6510

#### TownPlace Suites

1523 S Dayton Pl // 515 232-5500

## Things to see *and* do.

Ames is a great place to stay busy. From live music venues to outdoor activities and arts and culture, whatever your interest there is always something to do.

### ATTRACTIONS

#### Reiman Gardens

1407 University Blvd // 515 294-2710

#### Main Street Cultural District

304 Main Street // 515 233-3472

#### Furman Aquatic Center

1635 13th Street // 515 232-7665

#### Ada Hayden Heritage Park

5205 Grand Avenue

#### Center Grove Orchard

32835 610th Avenue // Cambridge, IA // 515 383-4354

#### Seven Oaks Recreation

1086 222nd Drive // Boone, IA // 515 432-9457

#### High Trestle Trail Bridge

Madrid, IA // 515 795-3880

#### Ledges State Park

1515 P Avenue // Madrid, IA // 515 432-1852

# Dine and sip our award-winning water.

Ames offers a plate and a taste for all its visitors, including many regional and national restaurants that you have come to enjoy at home or on the road.



## LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Arcadia Café  
Aunt Maude's  
Bar La Tosca  
Brick City Grill  
Buford's Steakhouse & BBQ  
Burgie's Coffee and Tea Company  
Café Beaudelaire  
Café Diem, Coffee House  
Café Milo  
Carlos Quesadillas  
Cornbread Barbecue  
Downtown Deli  
Dublin Bay Irish Pub and Grill  
El Azteca  
Es Tas Bar and Grill  
Flame and Skewer  
Ge-Angelo's Italian Restaurant  
Grandpa Noodle Gallery  
The Great Plains Sauce and Dough Company  
Grove Cafe  
Hickory Park Restaurant Co.  
House of Chen  
HyVee Market Grille  
Indian Delights  
The IowaStater Restaurant  
Jeff's Pizza  
Kingpin Pizza  
Little Taipei

Los Altos Mexican  
May House  
The Mongolian Buffet  
Mr Burrito  
Mucky Duck Pub/Ames British Foods  
Open Flame Steak & Lounge  
Provisions Lot F  
Shogun Japanese Steakhouse  
Stomping Grounds Café  
Szechuan House  
Thai Kitchen  
The Café  
The Spice Thai Cuisine  
Van Hemert's Dutch Oven Bakery  
Wallaby's Bar & Grille  
West Street Deli  
West Towne Pub

## Ames History

The city was founded in 1864 as a station stop on the Cedar Rapids and Missouri Railroad. Ames was named after 19th century U.S. congressman Oakes Ames of Massachusetts, who was influential in the building of the transcontinental railroad.

## NATIONAL RESTAURANTS

Applebee's  
Arby's  
B-Bops  
Blaze Pizza  
Boulder Tap House  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Burger King  
Chick-fil-A  
Chipotle Mexican Grill  
Chocolaterie Stam  
Cookies Etc.  
Culver's  
Dairy Queen  
Domino's  
Dunkin' Donuts  
Erbert & Gerbert's  
Fazoli's  
Firehouse Subs  
Five Guys Burgers and Fries  
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers  
Fuji Japanese Steakhouse  
Fuzzy's Taco Shop  
HuHot  
Insomnia Cookies  
Jethro's BBQ Steak n' Chop  
Jimmy Johns

Little Caesars Pizza  
McDonald's  
Noodles & Company  
Old Chicago  
Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt  
Papa John's Pizza  
Pancheros Mexican Grill  
Panda Express  
Panera Bread  
PepperJax Grill  
Perkins  
Pizza Hut  
Pizza Pit  
Pizza Ranch  
Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
Red Lobster  
Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza  
Starbucks  
Subway  
Taco Bell  
Taco John's  
TacoTime  
Texas Roadhouse  
Tropical Smooth Café  
Village Inn  
Wendy's  
Wing Stop





# Campus visits.

All college campuses look alike, or do they? You might begin to think differently after stepping foot on Iowa State's campus. Nestled on more than 1,900 acres you'll find one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country. And we're not just saying that!

## DAILY CAMPUS VISIT

A daily campus visit is a great way to know if Iowa State is the right fit for you. A visit to campus includes a Preview of Iowa State presentation, a campus tour, and a residence hall tour. On most weekdays, we can arrange a visit with an adviser or professor in the academic area of your choice.

Other activities can be arranged according to your special interest. You may choose to meet with staff from the University Honors Program, ROTC program, and Women in Science and Engineering.

For more information, visit **admissions. iastate.edu/visit/daily.php**.

## EXPERIENCE IOWA STATE

The Experience Iowa State program includes all the events that take place during a daily campus visit and more!

Feel what it's like to be a student. Talk to a panel of Iowa State students and find out what makes Iowa State so special. Tour areas of campus and see for yourself why Iowa State has been named one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.

For more information, visit **admissions. iastate.edu/visit/eis.php**.

Iowa State's central campus was one of only three colleges to receive the American Society of Landscape Architects medallion award given to outstanding landscape sites.



# Tips for a good visit.

**Schedule your visit** at least 10 days in advance. This allows us to follow up on your request and email you confirmation materials to help you prepare for your visit.

**Check the Ames weather forecast before you come.** Our campus visit does include a lot of walking. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather, as we will be outside quite a bit.

**Review your itinerary.** Double check your schedule and directions before leaving home.

**Prepare a list of questions.** Take advantage of the time you'll have with current students and academic advisers.

**Be ready for an exciting adventure!**

## GETTING HERE

Traveling to Ames is easy: by car from north or south, use Interstate 35; east-west travelers use Interstate 80. By air, many commercial and commuter airlines serve the Des Moines International Airport.



## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## ADMISSIONS AND CAMPUS VISITS

**Enrollment Services Center**  
2433 Union Drive  
Ames, IA 50011-2011  
515 294-5836  
[admissions@iastate.edu](mailto:admissions@iastate.edu)  
[admissions.iastate.edu](http://admissions.iastate.edu)

**AMES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

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Ames, IA 50010-5438  
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