

Top Things to do in Bellevue, IA

A New Destination

Bellevue State Park: Eastern Iowa's Bellevue State Park is rich in archaeological, historical and natural beauty. The park features beautiful overlooks of the Mississippi River, an enclosed nature center and open butterfly sanctuary showcase diverse wildlife and plant life inhabiting the area. Enjoy a long hike on one of the trails at the Park. Bellevue State Park is split into two separate areas, the Nelson Unit and the Dyas Unit; camping is only available at the Dyas Unit.

Bellevue Golf Club: A fun, yet challenging, par 36, nine hole course. The course overlooks the Mississippi River and is set on scenic, hilly terrain just 4 miles north of Bellevue. It offers incredible views of the Big Bend area of the Mississippi River and Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort.

Lock & Dam 12: Watch the barges lock through or Bird Watching (Bald Eagles in the winter and Pelicans in the summer).

Freedom Rock: The Jackson County Freedom Rock in Bellevue, Iowa depicts a Civil War era soldiers boarding the riverboat the "Henderson", which actually happened in Bellevue, on the front side. On the backside of the rock is a somber scene which depicts a military caisson with flag draped coffin and each branch of the military represented. The Freedom Rock is located at the Veterans Memorial right across the street from the Bellevue Area Chamber of Commerce.

Art Culture: Bellevue is full of Art culture. You will find a mural of the Bellevue War on the side of Kueter True Value & Rental hardware store; a mural in the Bellevue Area Chamber of Commerce office and Fish Stacks located along the Mississippi River in Riverview Park. Bellevue's Art Council host an annual art show and an annual festival, Fishtival.

Riverview Park: is part of the trail system that connects Bellevue's parks to Dubuque's Mines of Spain State Recreation Area. The park offers picturesque views of the Mississippi to the north and south of Lock and Dam 12. If you are riding or walking the trail in the park, you will see multiple memorial benches and picnic tables along with a memorial water fountain, gazebo, and pavilion. There are also memorials dedicated to firefighters and veterans, including the Freedom Rock. The walking trail gives you access to the City's municipal parking lot that has a public boat ramp to launch your boat and to view Lock and Dam 12's sea wall, where you can spend the day fishing.

Cole Park: The park hosts the City's public swimming pool, two basketball courts, a tennis/ pickleball court, baseball and softball fields, brand new Playground and soccer fields.

David Ensign Memorial Park: is home to baseball and softball fields where the Bellevue Ball Association hosts their seasonal games and tournaments.

Felderman Park: hosts a walking trail that runs parallel to Mill Creek, a disc golf course, soccer fields, and a pavilion. There is a pedestrian Bridge that connects Felderman Park to the State Park. There is trout fishing in Mill Creek.

Sarge O’Neill Park: hosts playground equipment and swings, geared towards children ages 2-5.

Duck Creek Park: is a five acre riverside picnic area located along the Mississippi River about three miles south of Bellevue.

Young Museum: This two-story limestone 19th-century Gothic Revival home was built ca. 1864-1865. The property consists of a house museum of approx. 1,240 sf situated on approx. 0.50 acres of land. The property was donated by Joe Young to Bellevue to be used as a Museum. Joe Young took part in securing the Bellevue State Park and was a pioneer in securing and developing the Great River Road.

Heritage Days: The Bellevue Heritage Days Celebration is an annual event which brings families and friends together to celebrate the Fourth of July. This event is usually around the 4th but not always on the 4th. There’s a huge parade, carnival rides, a Ski Show, Fireworks and more!

Unwrap the Magic of Christmas: This event is always the Saturday after Thanksgiving. You will find a huge Vendor Show, Lots of Downtown Shopping, a Lighted Parade and Fireworks!

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