

Tours and Activities for you to enjoy during Sangerfest 2018

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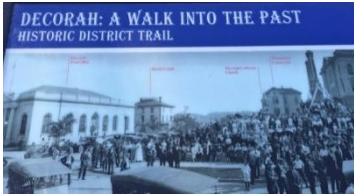


Vesterheim Museum America's oldest and most comprehensive museum devoted to a single immigrant group. Admission included for all registered Sangerfest participants.

Porter House Museum An Italian Tuscan villa built in 1867. The Porters were wealthy and well-traveled and the museum houses their furnishing and unique collections. Open 10am- 4pm beginning June 1.



Decorah: A Walk into the Past Visit some of Decorah's historic architecture following the Water Street Trail and Historic District Trail. Selected tours guided by authors of the signs. Tours Fri & Sat 10am & 1:30pm – sign-up required.



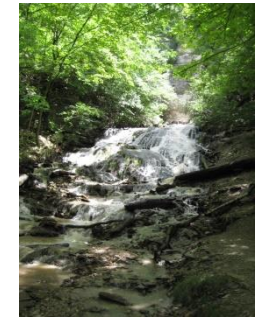
Walking Tour of Luther College Visit the campus and learn more about the history of this college founded in 1861 by the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Tours Thurs at 1:30pm & Fri 10am & 1:30pm – sign-up required.



Decorah's Nordic Dancers Watch young people from Decorah dance traditional dances from Norway in a special performance at the CFL at Luther on Friday at 3:15pm after the general rehearsal.



Steier Opera House and Hotel Winneshiek Discover these restored Decorah treasures with a self-guided tour; building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Decorah Community Prairie Butterfly Gardens Walk around the garden to learn about various plants and butterflies native to this area. A self-guided tour.



Decorah Fish Hatchery & Decorah Eagles State-of-the-art trout rearing station adjacent to Siewer Springs waterfall, picnic grounds & trout stream. See the location of the famous Decorah Eagles nest.



Dunning Springs Park Stunning picnic area situated alongside a 200 foot natural waterfall. Hike up to the cave where the natural springs originate.



Phelp's Park Decorah's most historic and largest park overlooking the Upper Iowa River. Enjoy the beautiful water fountain, band shelter, picnic shelters & hiking trails.



Pulpit Rock Located close to the Decorah campground, this challenging climb provides a great overlook of the Upper Iowa River valley and the west side of Decorah.



Other places to visit within 25 miles of Decorah (Make your own arrangements for these sites):

- **Giants of the Earth Heritage Center**, Spring Grove, MN (<http://springgrovemnheritagecenter.org/>)
 - Headquartered in historic Spring Grove, Minnesota's first Norwegian community, the heritage center seeks to promote multigenerational stewardship. Open 10:15am-5pm; closed Sunday.
- **Bily Clocks Museum & Antonin Dvorak Exhibit**, Spillville, IA (<http://bilyclocks.org/AboutUs.html>)
 - A collection of 40 hand carved clocks depicting history, religion & culture carved by two Bily brothers. The collection is housed in the 1893 summer home of Antonin Dvorak where he wrote the "New World" symphony. Open 9am-5pm; Sunday noon-4pm.
- **Seed Savers Heritage Farm** (<http://www.seedsavers.org/visit>)
 - Visit the world-renown heirloom display gardens, historic orchards and heritage livestock breeds. Open 10am to 5pm daily.
- **Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum**, Burr Oak, IA (<https://www.lauraingallswilder.us/>)
 - Childhood home of the famous "Little House" author including the Bank Building and Master's Hotel where the family lived and worked. Open 10am-4pm; Sunday noon to 4pm.
- **Locust School Museum** (<http://www.visitdecorah.com/business/locust-school>)
 - An historic one room school located north of Decorah in continuous existence for a record 108 years. Open Saturday & Sunday 1-4pm.
- **Fort Atkinson Preserve**, Fort Atkinson (<http://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/rendezvous.html>)
 - Established as a military post along the Turkey River in 1840 to protect the HO-Chunk (Winnebago) Indians who had been forced to move from their homeland. Self-guided tour.
- **Iowa Dairy Center**, Calmar, IA (<http://www.iowadairycenter.com/museum.php>)
 - See "Iowa's Dairy Story" and explore the dairy industry from the pioneer days to the present time, including robotic milking machines. Call 563.534.9957, ext. 107 866.474.4692 for a tour.
- **Niagara Cave**, Harmony, MN (<http://niagaracave.com/index.html>)
 - One of the most fascinating and unique geological attractions in the U.S. It has been rated one of the top ten caves in the U.S. One hour tour available. Open 9:30-5:30 daily.