

## Get Out and Ride

If it's beautiful scenery you like, you will find it here. Open the front door to spectacular overlooks of the hills and river valley on these detours to scenic sites off Hwy. 30.

Get started in Missouri Valley, Iowa on U.S. Hwy. 30 East traveling into the town of Logan.

- Turn north (L) at the stop light (N. 2nd Ave.) to Hwy. 127, continue north into Magnolia to a "T" intersection at the bottom of the hill.
- Turn north (R) onto the Loess Hills Trail for a short drive up to Hwy. 127 then turn north (R) onto Hwy. 183 heading into Pisgah.
- Turn left onto F20/Easton Trail traveling west to Murray Hill overlook.
- Continue on F20/Easton Trail into Little Sioux turning west (R) onto Vine St./F20 until you reach a stop sign and turn south (L) proceeding onto K45/Austin Avenue which takes you into Mondamin.
- Catch Hwy. 127 east (L) and continue on L20 (also marked as the Loess Hills trail) continue through Missouri Valley and Honey Creek to Crescent.



## CHECK OUT...

- **Harrison County Historical Village and Iowa Welcome Center** in Missouri Valley - trail tips.
- **Loess Hills State Forest Visitor Center** in Pisgah. Headquarters for the 11,000 acre state forest and information about forest land in the hills.
- **Hitchcock Nature Ctr.** just north of Crescent offers a 45' observation tower with spectacular views of the Loess Hills and Missouri River Valley.

## A Ride to Remember

Enter the northern gateways to the Loess Hills at Westfield on Highway 12. The scenic detours off Hwy. 12 follow a ribbon-like trail nestled between the Big Sioux River on the west and the Loess Hills/bluffs on the east.

Highway 12 south from Westfield takes you all the way to Sioux City.

- Take I-29 at Exit 151 traveling 10 miles on I29 along the Missouri River.
- At Exit 141, travel East (L) on County Road D38.
- Travel south (R) through small hills to County Road D25 which and joins Hwy. 141 into the town of Smithland.
- In Smithland, proceed south on County Road L12, then east (L) onto County Road L20. Follow this into the town of Turin.
- At Turin, turn east (L) onto Hwy. 37 for 2 miles and then turn south (R) onto County Road L16. This will take you to Moorhead.
- From Moorhead, turn right (south) onto Hwy. 183 and follow it into Pisgah.



- Located just east of Highway 12, the Nature Conservancy manages **Broken Kettle Grassland** and adjacent **Five Ridge Prairie**. Breathtaking views. A visit here will include gravel roads (North of Sioux City).
- Just north of Sioux City on Highway 12 the **Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center** and **Stone State Park** offer opportunities to explore.
- **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center** in Sioux City, I-29.
- **Loess Hills Hospitality Center** in Moorhead.
- Check out the **Hard Rock Hotel and Casino** in Sioux City.

## Roads Traveled

You will experience a great start in the heart of Iowa's Loess Hills, Council Bluffs. Known as the crossroads to the west, Mormons, Gold Rushers, Pioneers and Lewis and Clark actually "slept here".

Traveling I-29 south on Council Bluffs to Exit 47 take Hwy. 92 east to Wabash Avenue/L35 South.

- Continue South on L35 to Hwy. 34 near the town of Glenwood.
- Take Hwy. 34 east to Hwy. 275 south (several miles east of Glenwood).
- Take Hwy. 275 South to County Road J18 south (also called Plum Creek Road) traveling into Thurman.
- Take County road L44 south (this is also called Bluff Road).
- Continue south on L44 to State Hwy. 2, turning east for approximately 1 mile to the Waubonsie State Park entrance or
- You can continue on L44 south into the town of Hamburg.



- **Ameristar, Harrahs, & Horseshoe Casinos** in Council Bluffs offer slots, table games, and entertainment.
- **Loess Hills Harley Davidson** located off of I-29 just North of Highway 34.
- **Waubonsie State Park** is known for their exceptional overlooks and fall colors.
- **Riverton Wildlife Area** west of Riverton. Located just east of Riverton on Hwy. 2, take County Road L68 for 2 or 3 miles to a great overlook.

# Roll Me Away! LOESS HILLS

Rolling, winding roads weave through prairies and rugged landscapes to historic downtowns, with quaint shops, interpretive centers and attractions as unique as the Loess Hills themselves.





