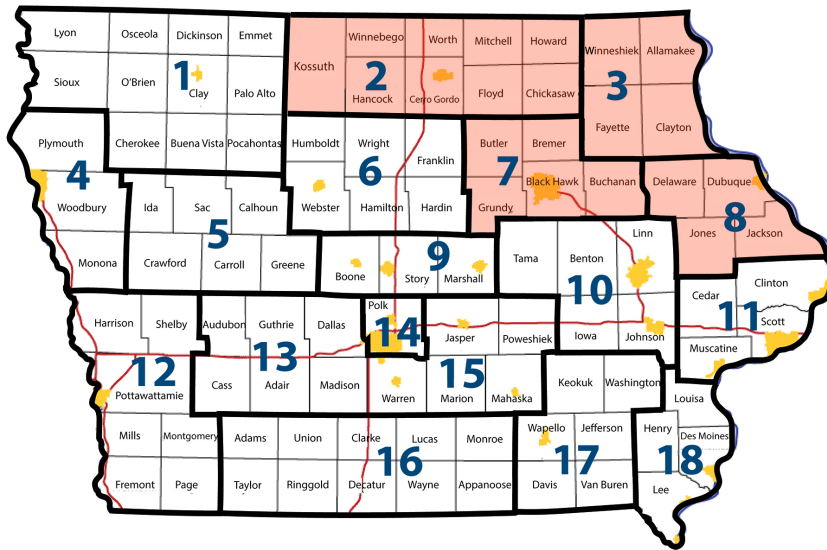


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We contacted our Region 2, 3, 7, and 8 Representatives, asked a few Facebook friends, and did a little Google searching to compile this list of things to do, see, and know about Northeast Iowa!

Region 2, Alicia Navarette (region2@homeschooliowa.org). Region 2 has some really interesting places to visit, including Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch in Fredericksburg, where the same family has farmed the land for over 150 years. Another neat place to visit is Fossil Park in Floyd County. Clear Lake has a fire museum, fishing, cabins, an art center, and so much more! You could spend a whole week just there at the lake. (clearlakeiowa.com) For those interested in learning all about recreational vehicles, take a tour at the Winnebago Factory. And in Mason City you can visit the boyhood home of Meredith Wilson, author of the musical, *The Music Man*.

Region 3, Kristen Borseth (region3@homeschooliowa.org), said that homeschooling families should visit the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah (vesterheim.org). The Vesterheim museum has 12 historic buildings in addition to the museum and has been named one of the top 15 small museums in America. Another place Kristen recommends visiting is the Driftless Area Education Center in Lansing (http://allamakeecountyconservation.org/driftless-center.html). The director at the Driftless Area Education Center told us that there are

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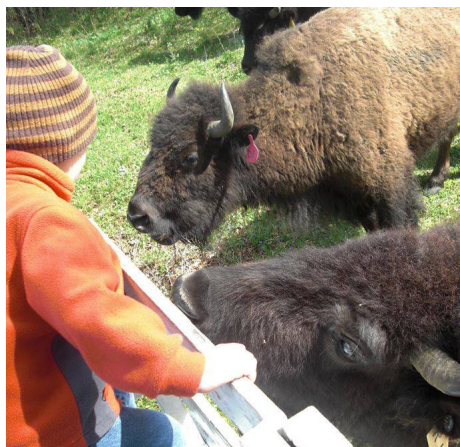


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