

WELCOME TO IOWA, THE WORLD CAPITAL OF TRAILS!

Here you will find over 1,200 miles of multi-use trails in all corners of the state, and over 670 miles just in central Iowa. Our county road system also offers opportunities to bicycle and explore our beautiful land, small towns, and to meet many friendly people. Enjoy your ride!

SCANDINAVIANS AND THE SKUNK

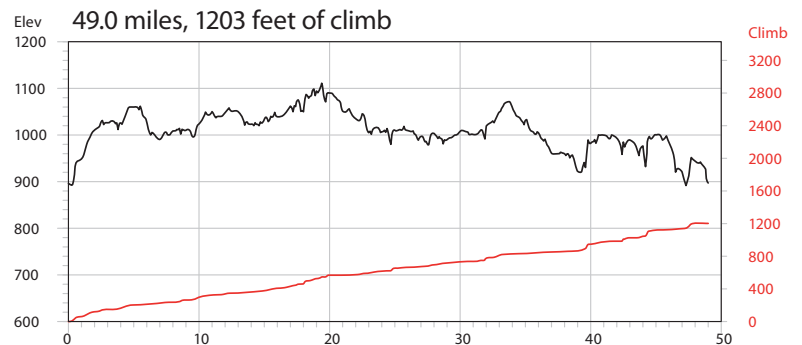
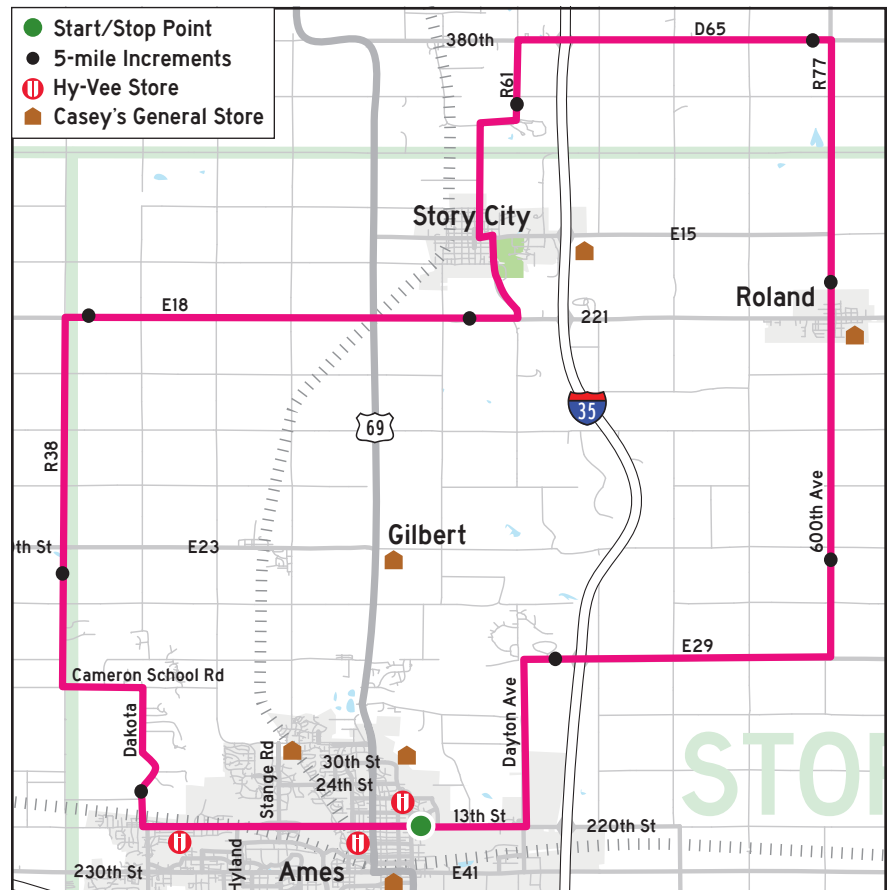
STORY COUNTY, 49 MILES, PAVED ROADS. PARKING AT RIVERSIDE PARK, AMES.

By the time you loop around this portion of Story County, you'll no doubt meet up with at least a couple Scandinavians with roots deep in this county. From Riverside Park, head east on bike lanes to 13th Street, then north on Dayton Avenue. Follow E29 east, then north on R77 (600th Avenue) to Roland. After refueling at Casey's, continue north on R77. At D65 turn west, then south on R61 to Story City. Enjoy nice views of the Skunk River and its greenbelt. Story City celebrates Scandinavian Days every year (first weekend in June). Take a spin on the hand-carved wooden animals of the 1913 Herschell-Spillman Antique Carousel, whirling to the tunes of the 1936 Wurlitzer Military Band Organ. Saddle up to ride south on R61 (Grand Avenue). At the edge of town, turn east (left) to First Street for a couple of blocks, staying on R61. Pedal west on E18 to the intersection of R38, then turn south. Follow Cameron School, Dakota, and 13th streets back to Ames.

Side trip: Book a personalized group tour in Story City that includes the history of the restoration of the carousel, making kringla (a Scandinavian pastry), and storytelling at the Story Theatre (storycity.net).

Where to stay: MonteBello B&B Inn (515-296-2181, montebellobandbinn.com)

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