

Nature's Call

DAY ONE:

Morning Activities:

Iowa is a land where prairie grass once grew at heights of 7 to 10 feet. Enjoy the vistas of the prairie at your visit to the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge and Visitor Center near Prairie City.

Next, take a view of the Des Moines River Valley from the top of the Cordova Observation Tower at Cordova Park on the shores of Lake Red Rock or visit Horn's Ferry Bridge to view the birds at the Gladys Black Bald Eagle Refuge.

Lunch:

After a busy morning enjoy the natural beauty of Iowa, plan a lunch at one of Pella or Knoxville's unique restaurants.

Afternoon Activities:

Pre-schedule a program with the US Army Corps on building a backyard habitat, bird watching or several other nature topics or make reservations to schedule a dam tour inside the Red Rock dam. *Dam tours are for groups only and must have advanced reservations.*

Dinner & Evening Activities:

Enjoy dinner at a fine restaurant in the area and spend some time enjoying strolling through our quaint towns.

DAY TWO:

Morning Activities:

Enjoy a morning cup of coffee at one of the local coffee shops or full breakfast at one of the restaurants. Finish off the morning with some free time to visit the local bakeries and shops. Travel to see the Bessie Spaur Butterfly Garden in Knoxville and then to Pleasantville to see the amazing Chimney Swift tower, the only one of its kind in Iowa, and learn about Iowa's bird lady: Gladys Black.

Lunch: Travel to Pleasantville to enjoy lunch.

Afternoon Activities:

Enjoy the afternoon at the Blank Park Zoo or Des Moines Botanical Center in nearby Des Moines.

