

IOWA PRIMARY ROAD MAP 1931

Distances from Des Moines to Important Cities of United States, Canada and Mexico

Table listing distances from Des Moines to various cities across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

IOWA HAS STEPPED OUT OF THE MUD

19,700 Miles of Pavement and Gravel -- \$200,000,000 Worth of Roads
3271.9 Miles of Concrete Pavement -- 2,863.3 Miles of Gravel - 6,135 Miles of Surfaced Roads on Primary System
13,544 Miles of Gravel on County Trunk and Local Farm to Market Roads -- \$64,000,000
Spent on Iowa Roads in 1930 alone. Motorist, Get this, Once for All;

IOWA IS NO LONGER A MUD ROAD STATE!

For Business or Pleasure, for a Hurried Trip or a Lingering Vacation, Plan Your Route with This Map and These Mileages.

MAP SHOWS PRIMARY SYSTEM ROADS ONLY

Main map area showing various road routes (U.S. 30, U.S. 20, U.S. 18, etc.) with detailed mileages and route descriptions.

Life in Iowa is Full and Satisfying--No Matter the Season or Purpose of your Visit or Stay.

Traveler, see Iowa first. Visit this wonderful land that lies in the valley between the Mississippi and the Missouri. On ribbon-like bands of white concrete highway, sweep west and north from Dubuque or McGregor through the dream land of North-eastern Iowa.

Speed west on No. 9, a wonderful highway of gravel and concrete. Travel far across the state to the land of the Okobojis and the lakes of "The beautiful waters" as the Indians called them; wonder at the splendid homes that today dot the prairie where only a little while ago flowed the blood of Indian massacres; sweep south over the rolling prairies of Western Iowa and from Council Bluffs on the Missouri, trace back again to Ft. Madison on the Mississippi, the route of the Mormon pilgrims on their tragic "trek" across Iowa toward the setting sun and the promised land of the still further west; at a mile a minute, speed over portions of the "underground railroad" on which John Brown and his cargoes of escaping slaves lumbered along in covered wagons through the darkness of their secret rendezvous by day.

But best of all see Iowa today. Her waving fields of corn, cattle, hogs and sheep to feed the world; homes, schools, colleges, churches, libraries, the "main streets" of 700 happy and prosperous towns--veritably the heart of a nation. Glory in the changing seasons, the snows of winter, spring, balmy and verdant with life, the wonderful month of June and wild prairie roses, harvests of July and August, the filling and storing of barns and granaries in September and October. Enjoy to the full the invigorating tang and breathe the exhilarating atmosphere of an Iowa fall and the approach of winter. Truly this is a bountiful and satisfying land. In very truth, it does not belie the Indian significance of its name "Iowa beautiful land."

Seven Surfaced Roads Across Iowa East and West

Five Surfaced Roads North and South -- Many Combination and Diagonal Paved and Graveled Routes.

Every County Seat Town and Corner of State Conveniently and Safely Reached -- 500 Miles of New Pavement Building in 1931.

New 1931 Construction so located that Cross State Traffic will not be discommoded -- You can plan your trip into and across Iowa with every Assurance of Keeping your Schedule Hour by Hour.

Iowa Paved Road Mileage Would Span the American Continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific on the Route of the Lincoln Highway -- New York to San Francisco.

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from IOWA HIGHWAY COMMISSION, AMES, IOWA

Iowa Laws of the Road

Travel on the right hand side of the road. Turn to the right when overtaking by a faster vehicle. Do not overtake or pass another vehicle upon a street or road intersection or crossing. Vehicle moving less than 25 miles per hour when overtaken by a faster vehicle must move to the right upon the shoulder of the road if necessary as soon as possible upon sound of the horn. Motor vehicle driver must stop like vehicle and remain standing at least 5 feet behind a street car, motor bus or school bus when the latter is stopped for unloading. Do not stop motor vehicle on pavement to make repairs or remain standing. Drive upon road shoulder. PRIMARY ROADS--ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS Primary roads are arterial highways. Traffic on arterial roads has the right of way. Traffic on secondary roads must stop before crossing, entering or turning upon a primary road or primary road extension within a city or town. ACCIDENTS MUST BE REPORTED Operators of cars in accidents immediately after giving any necessary assistance must without delay report with accidents in detail to the nearest police officer. Penalties for failure to make such report may be a fine of \$50.00 or two years in penitentiary. CARS REGISTERED IN OTHER STATES Cars registered and licensed in other states must be registered with a county treasurer within 10 days of their entrance into Iowa. LIMIT ON CHILDREN DRIVING No person under fifteen years of age shall operate a motor vehicle upon the Iowa highways unless accompanied by a person of at least 17 years of age. PENALTY FOR DRIVING WHEN INTOXICATED Penalty for operating a motor vehicle when driver is in an intoxicated condition may be one year in the penitentiary, a fine of \$1,000.00 both fine and imprisonment. Imprisonment may be for 30 days or 30 days imprisonment. MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON THE IOWA HIGHWAYS MUST NOT BE DRIVEN On a Primary or Secondary Road-- It is a penal offense that is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the highway and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the nearest clear distance ahead." On a Street or a Municipality-- Exceeding 15 miles per hour in school or business district. Exceeding 25 miles per hour in a residence district. Exceeding state restrictions for highways in suburban districts. FREE Copies of this Map from Iowa Highway Commission, Ames, Iowa.