

DES MOINES SIGHTS, EATS & DRINKS GUIDE



SIGHTS

- Farmer's Market: one of the country's largest Saturday from 7-11
- DSM Art Center: landmark architecture & contemporary art
- Botanical Garden: beautiful indoor & outdoor gardens
- John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park: outdoor collection of modern & contemporary sculpture
- Grey's Lake: take a walk on the 2.0 mile loop
- Drake University: Eliel & Eero Saarinen work
- Noce: jazz and cabaret cocktail bar
- Raccoon River Boat House: rent kayak's, paddle boards, or canoes!
- Valley Junction: local shops and Farmer's Market on Thursday's
- Teehee's: comedy shows in a cozy setting
- Lauridsen Skate Park: nation's largest skate park and home of the 2021 & 2022 Dew Tour

COFFEE

- Smokey row: lots of seating options, great place to get some work done
- Zanzibars: in house roasting and all day breakfast
- Daisy Chain: specialty Coffee and Local Honey
- Horizon Line: unique house-made syrups!
- Ritual Café: vegetarian Options
- La Mie Express: the convenient satellite location
- St Kilda Café: outdoor seating

DRINKS

- Star Bar: great sidewalk patio
- Jasper Winery: local wine and craft beer
- The Republic: cocktails with a view
- Peacetree: local brewery
- Beechwood Lounge: dive bar
- El Bait Shop: 200+ beer on tap and more in cans
- Hello Marjorie: craft cocktails in a cozy, retro setting
- Good News Darling: speak-easy with crazy cocktail concoctions
- Bellhop: retro tiki bar
- Lua: the definition of craft brews
- Secret Admirer: cozy spot with craft cocktails
- MST: upscale bar in a historic hotel
- Coa Cantina: tequila Bar
- 503: craft cocktails and amazing cookies
- Revival House: Immersive tiki bar

BREAKFAST

- La Mie: pastries, eggs, tartines
- Homegrown: known for their homemade pop-tarts
- Americana: Saturday brunch buffet
- Scenic Route: pastries, java, café
- Waveland Café: good dive-style breakfast
- Library Café: hole-in-the-wall breakfast
- Drake Diner: diner-ific food and breakfast
- Eggs and Jam: 90's Hip Hop meets unique renditions of breakfast classics
- Little Brother: refreshed take on the classics
- Breakfast Club: over the top and fusion breakfast options
- Nosh: healthy small bites

DINNER

- Eatery A: Mediterranean and wood fired pizza
- 801 Chop House: upscale steakhouse
- Splash: seafood flown in daily
- Big Grove: great beer and small bites
- Lucca: 4 course Italian
- Jesse's Embers: old school steakhouse
- Cyld's Fine Diner: stylish diner food
- Court Ave Brewing Company: upscale American
- Harbinger: South East Asian fusion
- HOQ: farm-to-table
- Continental: small plates and tapas
- Flying Mango: Caribbean BBQ
- Parlor: Detroit style pizza
- Centro: pizza and pasta
- Akebono: sushi bar
- W-Tao: sushi and Asian dishes
- Django: French food and oyster bar
- Roca: small plates and wine
- Alba: creative American cuisine
- Tursi's Latin King: American Italian
- Louie's Wine Dive: good wine and food
- El Bait Shop: good, greasy bar food, with over 200 beers on tap
- Proudfoot and Bird: fine dining in a historic hotel

LUNCH

- South Union: amazing soup, salad and sandwiches
- Americana: burgers and sandwiches
- Fong's: crazy pizzas
- Lucky Lotus: Thai food in a great atmosphere
- Smokey D's: great barbecue with several locations
- The Walnut: American sandwiches
- Exile: Upscale American Brewpub
- Smitty's Tenderloin Shop: one of the best tenderloin's in the state!
- Buzzard Billy's: New Orleans cajun
- Lachele's Fine Foods: small diner with greasy burgers, hot dogs and Philly cheesesteaks
- Malo: Mexican fusion, mix and match tacos
- Zombie Burger: burgers and zombies
- Miyabi 9: sushi
- The Cheese Bar: cheese!
- Gateway Market: quick options for soup, salads and sandwiches
- Bubba: Southern comfort
- Iowa Taproom: American food, Iowa beer
- Manhattan Deli: Des Moines staple
- Palmers: deli
- Hessen Haus: German food
- Franka: wood fired pizza
- Royal Mile: British Pub
- Tasty Taco's: fried tacos