

JOIN *Our Community*

FIND YOUR NEXT HOME

When you move to Elkader, you'll discover a welcoming community to call home. Elkader's rich history, cultural heritage, and scenic beauty will captivate you from the start. We'll make your move even easier with our new home-buyer and home-builder incentives. Contact Elkader City Hall or the Elkader Development Corporation to learn more!

HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

The teachers and staff at Central Community School District provide a first-class educational experience. The elementary, middle school, and high school are all housed under one roof, so attending extracurricular activities is easy! Central strives to create endless educational opportunities for its students by partnering with community members, businesses and organizations to provide real world educational experiences for students as well. A state-licensed daycare facility is available for your little ones is also available.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

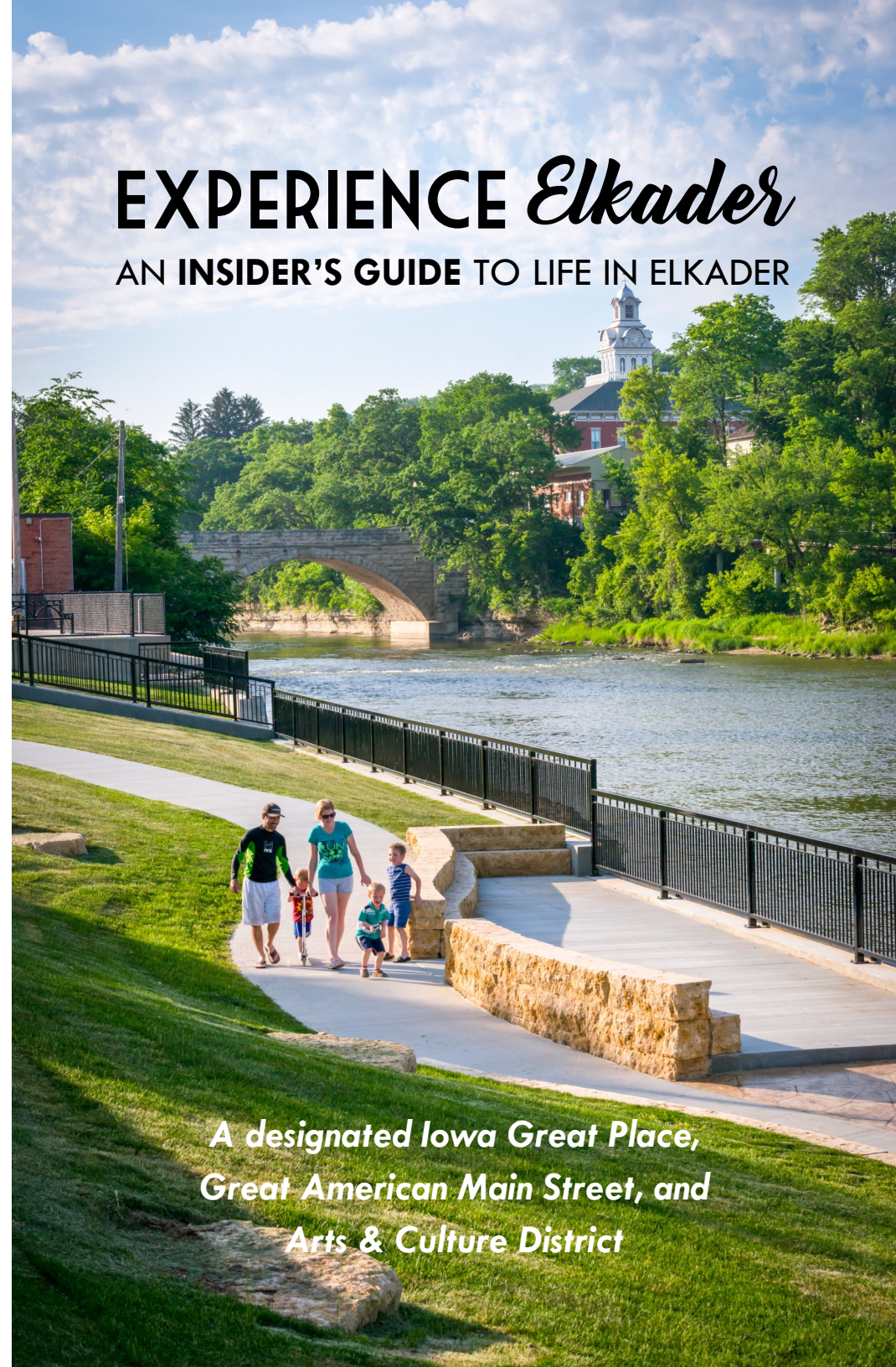
Whether you're a theater junkie, a tree hugger, a lover of all things historic, an avid volunteer or are simply looking for ways to meet people, there are plenty of organizations to actively engage with in Elkader. Joining the congregation at one of our nine churches is a great way to get involved as well!



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EXPERIENCE *Elkader*

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO LIFE IN ELKADER



*A designated Iowa Great Place,
Great American Main Street, and
Arts & Culture District*

EXPERIENCE

Exhilarating Recreation



ENJOY

A Fun Weekend Visit

LIVE THEATRE

The beautifully renovated Elkader Opera House is a hub for cultural and civic activities in Elkader. Theatregoers will delight in the wide variety of live entertainment, from plays and musicals to comedians to musical performances, in this unique, historic setting.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

Catch the latest flicks at the only movie theatre in the county! The Elkader Cinema shows movies daily and is stocked with all your favorite movie treats and even has beer and wine!

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

The pavilion at Founders' Park is home to a variety of events throughout the summer. Pull up a chair and enjoy live music on summer nights, eat your fill of free sweet corn during Sweet Corn Days or find a new, unique piece of art from a local artist during Art in the Park.

EXPLORE OUR RICH HISTORY

Did you know Elkader was named after an Algerian freedom fighter? Or that we are a Sister City of Mascara, Algeria? Or that we have eleven sites on the National Register of Historic Places? Tour the Carter House Museum to learn about our Algerian connection, our town's history and more. You can also pick up a walking tour brochure at City Hall to check out the historical sites throughout town.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ladies' Day Out

Second Saturday in March

St. Patrick's Day Celebrate

March 17

Spring Opera House Play

Dates at elkaderoperahouse.com

Music & Monarchs

Second Saturday in May

Rhythm on the River

Friday Evenings in the summer

Sweet Corn Days

Last Full Weekend in July

Art in the Park

Third Weekend in August

Fall Opera House Musical

Dates at elkaderoperahouse.com

Osborne Heritage Days

Second Weekend in October

Holiday Opera House Show

Dates at elkaderoperahouse.com



Nestled against limestone bluffs in the Turkey River valley, Elkader is full of invigorating vistas and inviting landscapes. The river offers countless recreational opportunities from paddling to deep fishing holes to recreational trails along its banks. The surrounding county is also home to countless parks and public recreational areas where you can take in views of the Mississippi River, enjoy the fall foliage, hike along bluff tops and fish some of the best trout streams in the country.

ELKADER WHITEWATER COURSE

We bet you didn't know you could whitewater in Iowa! Take a ride on the Gobbler Wave, a 22' wide wave which operates at most of the Turkey River's normal flows.

PONY HOLLOW TRAIL

Pony Hollow is a multi-use trail that begins near the Elkader City Park and meanders along the bank of the Turkey River for 4.4 miles. Bikes, horses and walkers/runners are all welcome to make use of the trail and enjoy the scenery.

OSBORNE NATURE CENTER

Get up close and personal with nature's creatures at Osborne's wildlife exhibit, experience pioneer history during Heritage Days or take a hike on the scenic trails.

MOTOR MILL HISTORIC SITE

One of Iowa's must-see historic attractions, the Motor Mill historic site spans 155 acres and includes several limestone buildings as well as hiking trails and camping. Tours of the site are available on weekends throughout the summer.

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Visitors and residents alike relish in the abundance of recreational opportunities and breathtaking scenery along the river corridor that links the communities of Clermont, Elgin and Elkader.

DISCOVER YOUR NEW FAVORITE STORE

Elkader is a Great American Main Street and our downtown is home to nearly 20 specialty retail stores. Peruse antiques, vintage and repurposed goods, specialty gift items, accessories and clothing, local art, bulk foods and more. Then pamper yourself by scheduling a massage or a spa day!

DINE LIKE A LOCAL

Donuts baked fresh daily, freshly brewed specialty coffee, authentic Algerian cuisine on the patio, Irish pub fare, pizzas on homemade crust, specialty ice cream, or a good ole fashioned burger with a side of fries; tantalize your taste buds with all this and more at more than 10 locally owned restaurants.

GET WHAT YOU NEED WHEN YOU NEED IT

Whether you need a plumber, a mechanic, a bookkeeper, a vet, a printer, an insurance provider, a graphic designer, a photographer, a banker, a builder, a lawyer, a chiropractor, a garment repairer, etc, we can help you find it in Elkader! We also have a hospital, a family clinic, and a care center to meet your medical needs during all phases of life.

BUSINESS GROWTH

Our industrial park is full of potential. Two of our major employers, Mobile Track Solutions and CJ Moyna, are currently in the midst of a major expansion project. Last year, 3 new businesses were opened, creating 13 new jobs in our community. We also have several major projects on the horizon that will create new jobs and new opportunities for area residents.

Want to learn more about businesses in Elkader?

If you're interested in becoming a part of Elkader's thriving economy, please contact the Elkader Development Corporation at 563-245-2770.



EXPLORE OUR
Thriving Business Districts