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Lauridsen Skatepark

Lauridsen Skatepark is the largest skate park in America!

COOL FACTS:

- 88,000 square feet
- 2021 Dew Tour was the only U.S.-based Olympic qualifying event.



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Des Moines River

The Des Moines River Starts in Southern Minnesota and flows into the Mississippi in Southeastern Iowa.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Flooded parts of the city in 1993 and 2008
- Central Iowa Water Trails Project will transport 150 miles of waterways into a recreational amenity. A portion of the Des Moines River will become a whitewater course. The total cost of the project is \$117 million.



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Brenton Skating Plaza

It takes 8,000 gallons of water to create the two inches of ice on the surface.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Outdoor ice skating facility from November - March.
- Open to rent as an event facility the rest of the year.
- Thirteen miles of piping run underneath the rink refrigerates the ice surface.



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Raygun

More than a t-shirt shop, they're hip and a huge part of the culture in our city.

MOST KNOWN FOR:

- Started with "Not Penn State" t-shirts in 2004 selling on streets and college campuses.
- They now have stores in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Chicago, Omaha, and Kansas City.



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Iowa State Capitol

Located at East 9th Street and Grand Avenue, the Capitol is set atop a hill and offers a panoramic view of the city's downtown and the West Capitol Terrace.

COOL FACTS:

- Only five-domed capitol in the country.
- The central dome is made of iron and brick covered with tissue-paper thin sheets of pure 23-carat gold. When crumpled, the gold would be the size of a baseball.
- The Law Library holds 105,000 volumes and is one of the most impressive and beautiful libraries in the world.



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World Food Prize

Is a special tribute to Nobel Peace Prize winner and World Food Prize founder Dr. Norman Borlaug.

IT SERVES AS:

- A world-class museum to recognize great achievements in agriculture and fighting hunger.
- A convocation center to hold events during the World Food Prize International Symposium.



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State Historical Building

The museum has more than 80,000 objects and about 1,500 objects are on exhibit at any given time.

HERE YOU CAN:

- Discover what inspired more than 76,000 Iowans to fight for the Union and the role they played in the nation's bloodiest war.
- Discover the history of bicycling in Iowa including the story of the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI®) that began in 1973.