

Getting to Ames, Iowa

Ames is located in the Midwestern United States. Ames is just a 10-hour drive from the Canadian border. All visitors to Iowa should carry a passport, valid driver's license, U.S. federal tax form, current school identification card, and/or birth certificate. (Note to University of Nebraska fans: red and white colored T-shirts or hats or caps with the letter "N" or the words "Cornhusker" on any apparel will be confiscated at the border into Iowa.) If you are arriving in Iowa from another country you may be required to have a tourist visa.



Driving Directions

Ames is at the intersection of Interstate 35 and U.S. Highway 30 and is home to Iowa State University.

Directions to Ames and the ISU campus

If you are traveling from the East or West on I-80...

Take I-80 East or West to Des Moines, then I-35 North. Take the Ames Exit 111B to U.S. 30 West. On U.S. 30 West take the Iowa State Center/Elwood Drive Exit 146. Stay to your right and merge onto Elwood Drive heading north. Go past Jack Trice stadium (on your left). For further directions, refer to p.13.

If you are traveling from the North or South on I-35...

Take the Ames Exit 111B to U.S. 30 West. On U.S. 30 West take the Iowa State Center/Elwood Drive Exit 146. Stay to your right and merge onto Elwood Drive heading north. Go past Jack Trice stadium (on your left). For further directions, refer to p.13.

If you are traveling from the East or West on U.S. 30...

Take the Iowa State Center/Elwood Drive Exit 146. **From U.S. 30 West**, make a right turn onto Elwood heading north. **From U.S. 30 East**, take the Iowa State Center/Elwood Drive Exit 146. Turn left onto Elwood Drive heading North. Go past Jack Trice stadium (on your left). For further directions, refer to p.13.

Transportation from Des Moines Airport

The Des Moines Airport is located 42 miles south of Ames. There is no public transportation from the Des Moines Airport to Ames. Iowa State University Conference Services will organize the shuttles to and from the Des Moines airport and Ames. **If you are flying into Des Moines and need transportation from the airport to Iowa State, please request it on Registration Form III (refer to p.20). The cost is \$25 for a one-way ticket and \$50 for a round-trip ticket.**

Airline Travel and Rental Car Discounts

Travel and Transport (800) 747-8182 will help you arrange airline travel and car rental reservations. Air travel discounts of 10%-15% are available from American, Northwest, Delta, and United airlines. Avis is the official rental car company for the 18th BCCE. Travel discounts for attendees of the 18th BCCE are available if you state the official code phrase "ISU Chemistry Meeting". Travel and Transport will coordinate your air travel with University Conference Services to keep track of you during your travel to Ames. Travel and Transport also has a 24-hour emergency number you can use if necessary due to unexpected changes in your travel plans.

Passport and Visa

All visitors to Iowa should have two forms of identification, one with a photograph: a valid passport, birth certificate, driver's license, U.S. federal income tax return, school identification, and voter registration card. Visitors from other states or countries should check with their state or federal consulate to see if they need their medical shots updated. (If you live in a state or another country that is not a member of the 29 State Power-Ball Lottery system, special rules may apply.)

Currency and Banking

Banks in Iowa do not have foreign currency. It is best to bring as much money as you can and exchange it in a large city, (i.e. Chicago or Kansas City), before coming to Ames. Banks in Ames are typically open from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., but you must be a customer of an Ames bank or credit union to do business or make transactions. Ames has five Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) that accept CIRRUS, VISA, and MasterCard.

Electricity

Electrical power in Iowa is 120 volts AC. If you are bringing your own equipment, especially a computer, please remember to bring extra batteries and your own converter.

Weather

Ames in July is hot and humid. During the week of the conference, the average daytime temperature will be 90°F, the average night time temperature will be 80°F.

Parking on Campus

There will be free/no pass parking in the lots south of Hilton and Scheman Building (refer to map on p. 13) where the symposia sessions will be held. The ISU Parking Division has agreed not to ticket cars parked in Yellow or Blue parking areas in Lot #24 across from Gilman Hall (refer to map on p. 13) where the workshops will be, during the days and nights of the conference. If you receive a ticket from the ISU Parking Division or City of Ames, the 18th BCCE and ISU will NOT refund your ticket. You are subject to towing and towing charges if you park illegally.

Suggested Business Casual Dress Code

The 18th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education is a specialty meeting under the jurisdiction of the American

Chemical Society. The Scheman Building is air-conditioned and is rather cool during the summer. The 18th BCCE requests that participants and speakers dress accordingly. If you are giving a presentation at a symposium or workshop, we suggest that you follow a summer business casual dress code. If you are participating in a workshop and will be working with equipment, jeans are appropriate.

Suggestions for men: Khaki trousers, polo or button down short-sleeved shirt, jacket without a tie is acceptable. Suggestions for women: Khaki-style slacks or skirt, short-sleeved shirt, jacket. What is not acceptable: cut-off jeans, micro-skirts, t-shirts with inappropriate messages, muscle shirts, sweat suits, polyester leisure suits, etc.

Restaurants and Dining in Ames, Iowa

Dining in Ames is fun and healthy. All of the restaurants have the four basic food groups: cow, pig, corn and soybean. For a town its size, Ames has a variety of special menus to choose from. The Iowa Games athletes and supporters will be in town Friday and Saturday, so most restaurant in Ames will be booked solid on these nights. For a list of restaurants in Ames, please go to www.amescvb.com/dining/index.asp.

We offer comments about the following restaurants based on our personal experience. Over the past 14 years, we have taken seminar speakers, candidates, and colleagues to all of the restaurants mentioned below. When we need a seasonal break from the stove and sink, these are the restaurants we go to. You will need a car or you will need to use Cy-Ride (see p.16) in order to get to most of these restaurants. Please remember that our dining experience is limited. We don't go to fancy California, New York, or Miami restaurants. When we say great wine list, we mean by small town Iowa standards. If you are looking for a five star dining extravaganza, be prepared to drive four hours north, east, south, or west.

If you are looking forward to good food at moderate prices, you will find it in Ames. Most people in Ames have jobs that start between 6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.; late dining is not an option. Because chemistry is a required course for most majors at ISU, many cooks, waiters, and waitresses have had chemistry. Some have passed and some have failed. As a chemistry teacher, the trick to dining in Ames is to know which restaurants hired cooks who passed and enjoyed your chemistry course.

Audubon's. An excellent restaurant for professional business dining and conversation. They prepare one of the best Iowa Chops in central Iowa. The specials are always a good choice. Great wine list. Great desserts. The waiters and waitresses are professional and courteous. Our family always en-

joys dining at Audubon's. The Gateway Center, U.S. 30 and Elwood Drive, Ames, IA 50014. (515) 292-8600. Open Daily. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Aunt Maudes. What we call a "fancy" restaurant. Summer business casual will do. 547 Main Street, Ames, Iowa. 233-4136. Located in downtown Ames. A long walk from the MWL dorms, but you can do it if you take the shady side of the street. Lunch: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; Dinner daily, 5:00 p.m.–closing. Reservations accepted.

Bali Satay House. Chinese and Indonesian restaurant. If you are a vegetarian, vegan, or just want great tasting food at graduate student prices, this is the place to go in Ames. Located in Campustown, within walking distance from MWL Dorms and Frederiksen Court. Open seven days a week. Monday–Thursday Lunch: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; Sunday noon–9:00 p.m. 2424 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. (515) 292-7719.

Battle's Bar-B-Q. Whenever Tom's sons return to Ames for a visit, they head to Battle's for some of the best tasting Texas Style BBQ between Denver and Chicago. Some of us think the beef and pork ribs are a cross between Texas and Kansas City style BBQ. Whatever the secret ingredients are, this is one fine BBQ sauce. This is a small, blue-collar place located in Campustown. No need to dress up because you are going to get messy. Roll up your sleeves (but in July you will be wearing short sleeve shirts), put on a bib and dig in. Carry-out available. Owner George Battle will take off on vacation and close the shop whenever he feels the need to get away. Great desserts. Graduate student prices. No reservations accepted. Within walking distance from MWL Dorms and Frederiksen Court. 112 Hayward, Ames, IA. (515) 292-1670. Open Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Burgie's Espresso Café. 110 Airport Road, Ames, Ames, Iowa. 233-9004. Located in a gas station and next to the credit union. If coffee or other hot beverages are your thing, this is one of the best places to go in Ames. Fresh roasted coffee beans prepared on the premises. You can sit next to the roaster. Couches, stuffed chairs, tables, local newspapers, books, games, and wireless Internet connection. High quality ice cream, smoothies, shakes, muffins, sandwiches, desserts, and more. Tom's older daughter works here so be sure to tip if the service is good. Open daily.

The Café. This restaurant is becoming one of our regular places to dine. An eclectic menu featuring garden fresh, local and regional foods. The specials are truly outstanding. Specialty breads and desserts. Several colleagues have asked me to mention that they have great desserts and two of them earn a five-star rating. A wine list that will not break your budget. This is a nice place to go if you have 2-6 people in your group and you want a place you can relax and enjoy good conversation. The lunch menu has a variety of dishes, including soup, sandwiches, and salads. For lunch, they can get you served and on your way in 45 minutes. For dinner, it is a cozy place to go. The dinner menu features several dishes that are not usually available in the mid-west. Friendly service. Six of Tom's former students work here. Catering. Strawberry lemonade. 2616 Northridge Parkway, In Somerset Village, Ames. (515) 292-0100. Open daily. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Within walking distance from Frederiksen Court.

The Cottage on Broad. Located a 15 minute drive north of Ames in Story City. If you are looking for an unusually fine restaurant in a small town setting, The Cottage on Broad is well worth your visit. This restaurant has two levels and an outside eating area. It is in a refurbished home. A bit pricy, by Ames standards, but certainly within a chemistry instructor's budget. The specials are worth it. Prime rib, seafood, and pasta. The vegetables are fixed to perfection. A great wine list. A nice place to go to relax and have a good conversation with friends. Private rooms available. Tom's oldest son worked here. After your meal, take a 10 minute walk around downtown Story City and take in a \$1.50 movie on Friday and Saturday nights. This will be a good place go Friday or Saturday before the conference. Dinner 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday.

Fazoli's. Italian food fast. Free bread sticks. Free refills. Great service. The waitresses always receive big tips. Tom's younger daughter works here. East side of the North Grand Mall, 2435 Grand Ave. Ames, IA 50010. On Cy-Ride bus route.

Flame and Skewer. Friday night is prime rib night. Great Gyros. Great salads. Great prices. Owner Mohammad Younis has developed a long list of clients who frequent his establishment. Mention soccer and Tom Greenbowe and Mo will treat you with several stories about soccer coaching and soccer refereeing experiences. (Tom's younger son was a soccer player for one of Mo's teams.) North Grand Mall, Ames, IA

50010. (515) 232-0931. Monday–Saturday Lunch: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Dinner: 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Carry-out available. On Cy-Ride bus route.

Great Plains Sauce and Dough Company. Unique mid-western style pizza. Thick crust, a variety of dough selections. Sold by the slice for a quick lunch. If you are in the mood for pizza, and you want to experience something different, this is worth it. Located in downtown Ames. 129 Main Street, Ames, IA. (515) 232-4263.

Grove Café. To rub shoulders with blue-collar workers, farmers and ranchers and experience a genuine mid-west small-town atmosphere, this is the place to go for breakfast. Arriving in a pick-up truck with a gun rack helps. 124 Main Street, Ames, Iowa. (515) 232-9784.

Hickory Park. The most popular place to eat in Ames. Hickory smoked BBQ specialties, burgers, shakes, malts, ice cream desserts and killer beef ribs. This is often a fun, loud, boisterous place. This restaurant has a unique mid-western atmosphere that you must experience. Come as you are, no dress-up fancy clothes allowed. There will be a queue on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the conference, but service is fast. Several of Tom's neighbors and over 50 of his former students work here. 1404 South Duff, Ames, Iowa. (515) 232-8940. Sunday–Thursday 10:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Friday–Saturday 10:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Carry-out available.

Mandarin Chinese Restaurant. Authentic Mandarin, Szechwan cuisine. Reasonable prices. Heaping platefuls of food. The staff knows how to treat its customers. 415 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010. (515) 233-5300. Lunch: Monday–Friday 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Dinner: Monday–Saturday 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Carry-out available.

O'Malley and McGee's Mexican Café and Bar. This is the only Irish Mexican Restaurant in the mid-west. Several of dishes are consistently highly recommended by everyone we know. 716 South Duff Ave., Ames, Iowa. (515) 232-8807. Was voted the best place for singles to meet in a 40 mile radius of Ames.

Papa John's Pizza. Carry-out or delivery. With coupon, this pizza is great-tasting and moderately priced. 3335 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. (515) 296-4949.

There are also several other ethnic, local and vegetarian favorites located in Ames' campustown district (near or on Welch Avenue). It is a close walk from Central Campus, the Scheman Building, or Maple Willow Larch dorms. Get a bite to eat at places like Subway, Blimpie Sub & Salads, Dairy Queen, Little Taipei Chinese Cuisine, Pita Pit, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Golden Wok, Scallion Korean Restaurant, Bali Satay House, and DaVinci's Pizza & Hoagies.

Tours Available at the 18th BCCE

All tours with "T" designations are arranged through Iowa State University's Conference Services, and will leave from the Ground Floor of the Scheman Building and board a bus by C.Y. Stephens Auditorium. Here are some of the activities we are planning to offer you and your guests attending the 18th BCCE. What we do have just might surprise you.

To sign-up for a tour, please use Registration Form III for Chemist/Chemical Educators (p.20) and the Guest Registration Form for accompanying guests (p.21). All individuals going on the 18th BCCE tours must be registered with the 18th BCCE as a conference participant or accompanying guest. All tours have a minimum number of people required. Check the 18th BCCE Web site for up-dates and status of the tours. The 18th BCCE does not make a profit on any tour. The tour fees cover the expenses for the tour, such as transportation, docents, entrance fees, and an ISU Conference Service fee. An 18th BCCE staff member will accompany all tours and the staff member will have a cell phone. For those individuals on the ISU meal plan, box lunches may be assembled at the Maple-Willow-Larch Dining Area during breakfast. You may use your lunch/dinner meal ticket to get a box lunch. If you are not on the ISU meal plan, you may assemble and purchase a box lunch at the Maple-Willow-Larch Dining Area. 18th BCCE badge, and photo identification required.

Sunday, July 18, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

T1 Iowa Field of Dreams Tour, Dyersville, IA.

Fee: \$24

Here is your opportunity to visit the movie set of the "Field of Dreams". If you love baseball, you know that the Field of Dreams is a magical place where your dreams come true. Step up to the plate and use a bat to knock a baseball into the cornfield, but watch out for Shoeless Joe Jackson. It is a three-hour drive to Dyersville. Spend about two hours on the ball field, home and gift shops. Bring your camera, bring your bat, glove and ball or rent this equipment at the field.

12:45 pm – 5:00 pm.

T2 Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad, Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace, Boone, IA and Iowa Farm Tour.

Fee: \$20 adults, \$15 children

(Repeated Wednesday July 21, 2004.) Hop aboard the tourist line railroad, which travels a 15-mile round trip through the beautiful Des Moines River Valley over two great bridges. The train passes over a deep gorge on a narrow railroad bridge, offering views of the valley and Des Moines River that cannot be seen from any road. The Chinese-built train has one of the few remaining operating steam locomotives in the U.S. pulling old-fashioned passenger cars. This is a perfect photo opportunity and worth doing with family and friends. See displays of historic railroad items and equipment. www.scenic-valleyrr.com

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace, 709 Carroll St., Boone, IA.

Frame house with restored summer kitchen, furniture from Mamie's family. Master bedroom includes bed in which Mamie was born. Lower-level museum and library feature photos of Mamie and Ike, memorabilia and gift shop. See 1949 Chrysler Windsor given by Ike and Mamie to her uncle, Joe Carlson, and Mamie's 1962 Plymouth Valiant.

Iowa Farm Tour

Tour a real working Iowa farm. Animals, tractors, combines, barn, computers, global positioning systems.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

T3 Iowa State University Campus Art Walk.

Fee: \$4

Please meet at the check-in desk in the Iowa State Memorial Union. In case of inclement weather, the tour will focus on more indoor art, but you should still plan to walk outdoors between building tours.

Monday, July 19, 2004

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

T4 Amana Colonies Tour, Amana, IA.

Fee: \$24

The Amana Colonies were built on tradition and quality, by people who believed in hard work and excellent craftsmanship. The early settlers worked hard quarrying their own sandstone, making their own brick, and cutting timber for the buildings that are still lived in and worked in today. They farmed the land, established woolen mills and calico mills for clothing and fabric, set up cabinet shops to build furniture and opened specialty shops to supply their daily needs. www.amanacolony.com/welcome/index.html

Whether you are an antique lover, wine connoisseur or someone who simply enjoys browsing through shops filled with exquisitely hand crafted and unique items, you will find shopping in the Amanas a delightful experience. Nearly 60 different specialty stores are dotted throughout our villages...unique Christmas shops, needlework and quilt shops, many quality antique shops, heirloom furniture and clock shops, handcrafted ironwork and baskets, beautiful woolens from Iowa's only woolen mill, galleries and shops filled with treasures created by artisans dedicated to the tradition of quality. Yes, even Amana Appliances—founded in the Colonies in 1934 and still manufactured here today—are available.

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

T18 Pioneer Seed International Tour, Johnston, IA.

Fee: \$10

Tour laboratories devoted to crop genetics research and development at this campus type facility, which is a division of DuPont Agriculture and Nutrition. Hear about educational programs being developed for classroom use. Lunch may be purchased at the on-site cafeteria.

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

T5 Adventureland Amusement Park, Altoona, IA.

(weather permitting)

Fee: \$32

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4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

T6 Nanotechnology Tour.

Fee: \$10

Visit the two nanotechnology research centers on the Iowa State University campus.

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

T10 USDA National Animal Disease Center, Ames, IA.

Fee: \$5

Participants must be over 12-years-old and have a photo ID. A federal background check will be conducted on everyone who signs up for this tour. The tour includes a slideshow, observation of real animals housed in the laboratories and a walk through the high technology research laboratories.

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

T7 Living History Farms Tour, Urbandale, Iowa.

Fee: \$19 adults, \$15 children

Learn the amazing story of how Iowans transformed fertile prairies into the most productive farmland in the world. Travel through five time periods spanning 300 years: 1700 Ioway Indian village, 1850 pioneer farm, 1875 frontier town of Walnut Hill, 1900 horse-powered farm, and a modern crop center. Working shops, farm plots, farm house, farm games of the past. Farm animals and period character actors portray rural life and interact with visitors. www.lhf.org, (515) 278-5286

T8 Des Moines Cultural Tour.

Fee: \$20

Tour the Des Moines Botanical Center, Des Moines Art Center, Iowa State Capitol, Governor's Mansion Terrace Hill, and the historic Salisbury House. The Des Moines Botanical Center, on the east bank of the Des Moines River, houses one of the largest collections of plants in the Midwest—tropical, subtropical and desert-growing. It includes a weather-proof conservatory, extensive exterior gardens, free-flying exotic birds, cafe and gift shop. The Des Moines Art Center, houses an internationally renowned collection of artwork from the 19th century to present. It features traveling exhibitions, educational and fine arts programs, a library, museum shop and restaurant. The Iowa State Capitol is a century-old building with a 275-foot gold-leafed dome, a grand staircase, and beau-

www.chem.iastate.edu/bcce

tiful woodwork. See the legislative and Supreme Court chambers, governor's office, and five-story law library. Terrace Hill, a 1869 Victorian mansion and home to Iowa's governor, was built by Iowa's first millionaire, Benjamin Allen. It overlooks downtown Des Moines and is situated on eight and one-half acres with a Victorian garden. The historic Salisbury House is a 42-room mansion modeled after the King's House in Salisbury, England. It was built in the 1920s and contains authentic 16th century English oak and rafters dating to Shakespeare's days. It was featured on "America's Castles".

10:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

T9 Reiman Gardens, 1407 Elwood Drive, ISU, Ames, IA.

BCCE Children's Activity at the Gardens and BCCE Garden Walk Guided Tour.

Fee: \$8 adults, \$5 children

Established in 1995, Reiman Gardens is Iowa's largest and most distinctive public garden. The Gardens house an amazing array of local and rare plant species arranged thematically over 14 acres of meticulously landscaped grounds. The Conservatory Complex has a display of tropical plants, gift shop and café. The new Butterfly Habitat is home to 87 species of the beautiful and rare insects, which are also located within the garden complex. The Butterfly Habitat (not open Mondays) is fast becoming one of Iowa's most popular attractions. For our BCCE group, Reiman Gardens staff will lead activities for children (ages 5-9), as well as a tour for adults.

The hours are Tuesday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 am–4:30 pm. General Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6.00 for adults over 65, \$3 for children age 4-17. Discounted admission with BCCE badge. www.reimangardens.iastate.edu

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

T12 Mall of America. Wednesday July 21 7:30 am - 8:30 pm. Bloomington, MN (bus trip to America's largest mall).

Fee: \$38.50

Mall of America is the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex. The 4.2 million square foot complex is home to more than 520 world-class shops. Camp Snoopy, the nation's largest indoor family theme park, amusement rides, etc.; Underwater Adventures, a 1.2 million gallon walk-through aquarium; a 14 screen movie theater and much more. Individuals pay for their own choices of entertainment and their own shopping. It takes 4 hours to get to Minneapolis from Ames, Iowa. Arrive at the mall 11:30 a.m., leave the mall at 4:20 p.m. If the group agrees, you may stop at historic Clear Lake, Iowa (site of Buddy Holly's last performance) for a quick dinner (price of the dinner not included in the tour fee). Return to Ames in time for the BCCE ice-cream social, sponsored by the *Journal of Chemical Education* and 2YC₃. www.mallofamerica.com

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

T13 Iowa Production Tour: John Deere Factory, Ankeny, IA.

Fee: \$10

See how John Deere tillage and grain implements and cotton pickers are made. See the electrochemical process that puts the famous green paint on John Deere products. Tour is for adults and children over 12. No sandals or open-toed shoes are allowed on the factory floor. Lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria and there is also a store selling John Deere collectibles.

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11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

T11 Destination Main Street (Grant Wood Art Tour: ISU Campus/Perry, IA).

Fee: \$28

Guided tours of Grant Wood's art in Iowa. Tour starts at the Brunier Art Museum in the Scheman Building on ISU's campus. See Grant Wood's original drawings for Sinclair Lewis' novel *Main Street*. For the first time, all nine illustrations have been gathered from public and private collections across the nation. Second stop is Parks Library on the ISU campus to see the awesome murals by Grant Wood. "Breaking the Prairie Sod" and "When Tillage Begins" are two of eight murals on permanent display. Final destination is Main Street, Perry, Iowa. Visit Iowa's newest museum Hometown Perry, which tells the stories of immigrants settling in rural America. The tour will also visit the historic Hotel Pattee, a beautifully restored arts and crafts style four-star hotel and restaurant. The hotel displays more than 150 pieces of original art by more than 30 artists.

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T17 ISU Chemistry Research Laboratories.

Fee: \$0

Visit seven chemistry research laboratories in Gilman Hall and the Ames Laboratory. Please meet in the main lobby of Gilman Hall (south entrance) where the tour will begin.

Additional suggestions for things to do on your own in the Ames, Iowa area:

Information will be available at the Conference Services desk in the Scheman Building.

Big Treehouse, Marshalltown, Iowa.

From high-tech gizmos (running water, computer, microwave) to goofy kitsch, this 55-foot high, 12-level tree house in north central Iowa has it all. The house is in a sprawling maple tree behind Mary Gift's home on a six-acre campground. She leads tours of the treehouse, built by her grandson. Also visit Stone's Restaurant in downtown Marshalltown, serving "mile-high lemon chiffon pie."

Des Moines Science Center.

www.sciowa.org

Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines.

www.blankparkzoo.com

Farm House Museum, ISU Campus.

www.museums.iastate.edu

Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, Iowa.

www.iowaarboretum.com

Ledges State Park, Madrid, Iowa.

Hiking, playground, picnic and camping areas.

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge-Prairie Learning Center, 9981 Pacific St. Prairie City, IA.

www.fws.gov/r3pao/walnut

Story City Antique Carousel, Story City, Iowa.

Antique carousel built in 1913 by Herschel/Spillman. Open daily. 618 Broad Street. (515) 733-4214.