

Welcome

Welcome to Emmetsburg, Iowa -- home of recreation, education, business and industry, and some of the friendliest people in Iowa.

Emmetsburg has an active Chamber of Commerce and Emmetsburg Retail Association. We invite you to visit our shops in the downtown area. There are several specialty shops that are unique in design and offer a variety of merchandise. A variety of dining opportunities await your visit. An official Iowa Welcome Center is located adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce office. We encourage you to stop in for a visit to receive more information regarding local attractions and opportunities.

Emmetsburg's "shovel ready" Business Park is located on the southeast edge of the community. Development has begun and there is space for expanding and new industry.

Enjoy Five Island Lake, which provides great fishing and recreation opportunities throughout the year. Visit the islands, enjoy swimming and boating. Camping and Five Island Golf are located along the lakes shore. The Des Moines River provides another venue for recreation.

The Arthur & Audrey Smith Wellness Center provides health and fitness opportunities for all ages. The center is located in the complex with Iowa Lakes Community College, which also houses the college and Emmetsburg Public Library.

Wild Rose Casino & Resort is an active part of our community, adding many positive aspects to the City of Emmetsburg and communities in Palo Alto County. In addition to the gaming experience, Wild Rose offers entertainment, dining and hotel, plus an RV Park.

Emmetsburg celebrates its Irish Heritage with an annual St. Patrick's Celebration. Guests travel from near and far to celebrate with the Irish.

Palo Alto County is home to the world-famous Grotto of the Redemption at West Bend and the Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center in Ruthven.

Whether you are looking for sporting adventure, crafts, historical collections or seasonal delights ... we are here to welcome you to Emmetsburg and Palo Alto County.

