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- WELCOME -

We hope you find this driving and riding guide helpful as you explore all that Southeast Iowa has to offer! Amish farmsteads and quaint communities, National Historic Shopping Districts, the crookedest street in the world, Mormon historical sites, and the mighty Mississippi are just a few wonders that you'll discover as you journey through our region!

Enjoy Yourself!

THINGS TO KNOW

- ➔ Seat belt laws are enforced in all states.
- ➔ Iowa and Illinois have NO helmet laws.
- ➔ Missouri requires all motorcyclists to wear helmets at all times.
- ➔ Wildlife, especially deer, is EVERYWHERE! Please be cautious, especially during dawn and dusk hours.



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Your Journey begins...

Each route within this guide begins and ends in Keosauqua. We encourage you to stay in one of our B&Bs, motels, or cabins within Van Buren County and then venture out to explore our region. The routes were designed for motorcycles, auto clubs, or just leisurely exploring. Please note that the listings and attractions are only a sampling of what these communities can offer travelers. If traveling in groups of 8 or more, we ask, as a courtesy to those businesses, to please call ahead to make arrangements for meals. Have Fun and Travel Safe!

IN KEOSAUQUA

➔ Gas

Circle B Market (ATM)
111 Main Street
(319) 293-3079

Osborne's BP
303 Main Street
(319) 293-3155

➔ Restaurants

First Street Grille
719 1st Street
(319) 293-6462

Village Cup & Cakes
202 Main Street
(319) 293-8200

Riverbend Pizza & Steakhouse
603 1st Street
(319) 293-9900

Misty's Malt Shop
106 Main Street
(319) 293-3815

➔ Taverns

Town & County
203 Van Buren Street
(319) 293-3879

Tillie's Tap
701 1st Street
(319) 293-3995

Vets Club
202 Van Buren Street
(319) 293-9153

Please refer to the Villages of Van Buren Visitors Guide or www.villagesofvanburen.com for a complete listing of businesses throughout Van Buren County.

- HISTORIC HILLS -

92 miles / approximate time: 2 hours

A state-designated Scenic Byway runs the 110 miles from Moravia to Donnellson. This portion of the Byway includes a winery, the American Gothic House in Eldon, the Amish Community of Drakesville, the Historic Bloomfield square, and some of Iowa's most beautiful countryside.



DIRECTIONS

- ➔ From Keosauqua, J-40 West to V-64 North, follow to Hwy. 16. Turn left (West) on Hwy. 16, follow to Eldon.
- ➔ In Eldon, follow signs to *American Gothic House*.
- ➔ At Casey's in Eldon, turn left to cross the river bridge and follow J-15 West to Floris.
- ➔ Follow J-15 to Hwy. 63, turn left (South).
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 63 to Co. Rd. J3T, turn right (West) to Drakesville.
- ➔ In Drakesville, V-17 South to Hwy. 2, turn left (East) on Hwy. 2 to Bloomfield.
- ➔ Turn left (North) on Hwy. 63 in Bloomfield.
- ➔ Turn right (East) on J-40 and follow into Keosauqua.

Food & Drink

- ➔ Douds - Lunch Box Cafe, 14191 Hwy. 98 (641)936-4444
- ➔ Eldon - Chommy's B&G, 115 4th St. (641)652-3461
- ➔ Drakesville - Longbranch B&G, 102 W. Main St. (641)722-3355
- ➔ Bloomfield - CJ's Restaurant, 109 E. Jefferson St. (641)664-2400
- Rancho Centinela, 102 S. Madison St. (641)664-2662

Gas / ATM

- ➔ Douds - Kwik Stop, Hwy. 98 (641)936-4446
- ➔ Eldon - Casey's, Hwy. 16 West (641)652-3226 (ATM)
- ➔ Drakesville - Quik Time, 203 W. Main St. (641)722-3663 (ATM)
- ➔ Bloomfield - Route 63 Quik Stop, Hwy. 63 North (641)664-3063 (ATM)
- Casey's, Hwy. 63 South (641)664-1972 (ATM)

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Valley School No. 3 -

Hwy. 98, Douds (319)293-3129 or (641)936-4485



Country school built in 1928. Entirely restored and complete with period furnishings. Open by appointment.

- Crane Winery -

11420 Main St., Selma (641)936-4499 or (641)680-0238
www.cranewinery.com

Family winery best known for its quality, award-winning variety of fruit & grape wines.

- American Gothic House -

300 American Gothic St., Eldon (641)652-3352
www.wapellocounty.org/americangothic

Make a stop at the new Visitors Center to get your costumes for your keepsake photo in front of the house made famous by Native Iowan, Grant Wood.



- Drakesville Amish Businesses -

T-Corner Amish Furniture, Hershberger Bulk Food & Plants, Yoder Kountry Korner, Paradise Candle Shop and several others. Be sure to visit the large Amish produce auction every Tuesday & Friday throughout summer & fall.

- Iowa Welcome Center -

301 North Washington St., Bloomfield

- Bloomfield National Historic Town Square

www.visitdaviscounty.com



Spend some time browsing the beautiful town square with the unique French Renaissance style courthouse and several locally-owned businesses.

- Historic Mormon Grave Sites -

West of Lebanon & Oak Point Cemetery on J-40
(watch for the sign on North side of the road)
Burial sites of the first deaths on the Mormon Pioneer Trail in 1846.

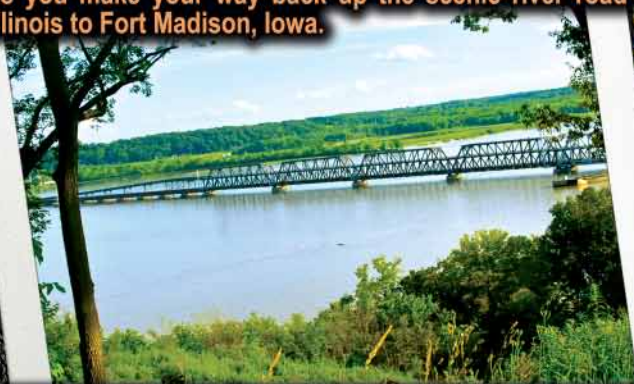
- Yoder's Indian Creek Furniture -

22769 Rt. V-64, Milton
(3/4 m. South at Lebanon 4-way stop.)
Beautifully hand-crafted, Amish-made furniture.

- MORMON TRAIL -

120 miles / approximate time: 3 hours

This route will take you along the mighty Mississippi River into history-rich Nauvoo, Illinois, the starting point of the famous Mormon migration to the West in 1846. You'll cross the longest, double-decker swing span bridge in the world as you make your way back up the scenic river road in Illinois to Fort Madison, Iowa.



DIRECTIONS

- ➡ From Keosauqua, South on Hwy. 1, J-40 East to Bonaparte.
- ➡ Take W-40 South to Hwy. 2 East to Donnellson.
- ➡ At Donnellson, Hwy. 218 North to J-56 East, follow to Franklin.
- ➡ From Franklin, follow W-78 South to Hwy. 2 West. Turn left (South) on Hwy. 218.
- ➡ Follow Hwy. 218 South to J-62. Turn left (East) on J-62, follow to Hwy. 61.
- ➡ Turn right (South) on Hwy. 61 and follow to Mississippi River Road. Take Mississippi River Road into Montrose.
- ➡ In Montrose, follow Mississippi River Road, X-28 to Keokuk.
- ➡ In Keokuk, merge onto Grand Ave., turn right on 7th St., left at the light (Hwy. 136 East) to cross the river bridge into Illinois.
- ➡ Follow Hwy. 96 North into Nauvoo.
- ➡ Continue on Hwy. 96 North to Niota, turn left to cross the double decker swing span bridge to Hwy. 61 into Ft. Madison.
- ➡ Turn left on Hwy. 61 / Ave. H to 18th St. / J-40 / Hwy. 103, turn right.
- ➡ Follow J-40 West into West Point.
- ➡ Continue on J-40. Turn right (North) on Hwy. 1.

Food & Drink

- ➔ Franklin - Franklin Tavern, 201 Franklin 5th St. (319)835-5174
- ➔ Keokuk - Beef, Bread & Brew, 2601 Main St. (319)524-7476
 - Hawkeye Restaurant, 105 N. Park Dr. (319)524-7549
 - Patches McFatty's Pub, 914 Main St. (319)524-1691
- ➔ Nauvoo - Grandpa John's, 1255 Mulholland St. (217)453-2125
 - Hotel Nauvoo, 1290 Mulholland St. (217)453-2211
 - Nauvoo Mill & Bakery, 1530 Mulholland St. (217)453-6646
- ➔ Ft. Madison - Ivy Bake Shoppe & Cafe, 622 7th St. (319)372-9939
 - Vel's Amigo's, 1226 37th St. (319)372-7058
 - Nowhere Bar & Grill, 5906 Ave. O (319)376-5904
- ➔ West Point - The Klub, 413 Ave. D (319)470-7878
 - Corner Tap, 300 4th St. (319)837-6514
 - Brad's Pad, 210 8th St. (319)837-6332

Gas / ATM

- ➔ Donnellson - Casey's, 201 Madison Ave. (319)835-3201 (ATM)
 - Benner's BP Food Shop, 101 S. Main St. (319)835-5316
- ➔ Keokuk - Hy-Vee Gas, 3001 Main St. (319)524-4894 (ATM)
 - Murphy USA, 3450 Main St. (319)524-2164 (ATM)
- ➔ Nauvoo - Casey's, 1705 Mulholland St. (217)453-2244 (ATM)
- ➔ Ft. Madison - Casey's, 1208 Ave. H (319)372-5594 (ATM)

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Christian Herschler Winery & - Stagecoach Stop

6th & Green St., Franklin

Beautiful restored 1860 limestone home / winery.

- Keokuk National Cemetery -

1701 J. St.

Iowa's only National Cemetery serves over 61,000 veterans.

- George M. Verity River Museum -

Victory Park on the Riverfront, Keokuk

Museum is open daily from 9a-5p. Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Keokuk Info: 319-524-5599 or www.keokuktourism.org

- Historic Nauvoo -

www.beautifulnauvoo.com or www.historicnauvoo.net

Explore 60+ restored historic sites & 4 visitor's centers / museums.

- Santa Fe Bridge-Ft. Madison -

The largest double decker swing span bridge in the world.

Toll from Iowa to Illinois. (motorcycles \$1, autos \$2)

- Hill Top Go Karts & Mini Golf -

Hwy. 61, 1m. North of Santa Fe Bridge

1000' concrete track. Single & double seat cars.

Open weekends 11a-10p in season.

- RIVER'S RUN -

110 miles / approximate time: 3 hours

Journey from the Des Moines River through Geode State Park to the Mississippi and back. Take in a casino and water park, several historic sites and "Snake Alley"... the crookedest street in the world!



DIRECTIONS

- ➔ From Keosauqua, Hwy. 1 N. to Hwy. 16 East.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 16 East to W-46 North to Hillsboro.
- ➔ Turn right (East) at stop sign, follow J-20 (East) to Salem.
- ➔ Continue East on J-20 to Middletown.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 34 East to Burlington.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 34 East to Iowa Welcome Center, Exit 263.
- ➔ Take Hwy. 61 South to Wever.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 61 South to Ft. Madison.
- ➔ Turn right on 18th St. / J-40 West and follow to West Point.
- ➔ Continue on J-40 West to Bonaparte, through Bentonsport.
- ➔ Take Hwy. 1 North into Keosauqua.

Food & Drink

- ➔ Salem - Century B&G, 107 S. Main St. (319)258-4003
- ➔ Burlington - O'Shea's Pub & Grill, 609 S. Main St. (319)752-9187
 - Big Muddys, 710 N. Front St. (319)753-1699
- ➔ Wever - Kenny's Place, 3546 175th St. (319)372-3453
- ➔ Ft. Madison - Lost Duck Brewing, 723 Ave. H (319)372-8255
 - Alpha's on the River, 709 Ave. H (319)372-3779
- ➔ West Point - Phil's Pub, 407 Ave. D (319)837-8700
 - Brad's Pad, 210 8th St. (319)837-6332
- ➔ Bonaparte - Bonaparte Retreat, 713 1st St. (319)592-3339

Gas / ATM

- ➔ Salem - Sinclair, 108 S. Maple St. (319)258-2756 (ATM)
- ➔ Burlington - Kum & Go, 2107 Agency St. (319)752-8002 (ATM)
- ➔ Wever - Jct. BP, 1621 Green Bay Rd. (319)372-4121 (ATM)
- ➔ Ft. Madison - BP, 1737 Ave. H (319)372-7364 (ATM)
- ➔ West Point - BP, 703 Ave. D (319)837-6215
- ➔ Bonaparte - Jet Stop, 202 Washington St. (319)592-3281 (ATM)

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Lewelling House -

401 South Main St., Salem (319)258-4341



A stop on the Underground Railroad during the Civil War. Open for tours May - September on Sundays, 1pm-4pm or by appointment.

- Port of Burlington Iowa Welcome Center -

400 North Front St., Burlington (319)752-8731

Information on statewide attractions, displays, and souvenirs make this an ideal starting point for your visit.

- Snake Alley -

6th St., Burlington (between Washington & Columbia Streets)

Built in 1894 to connect the residential and business districts, Snake Alley has been named the "Crookedest Street in the World" by *Ripley's Believe It or Not*.



- Catfish Bend Casino/Fun City/Huck's Harbor -

3001 Winegard Dr., Burlington

The casino features 700 slot machines, 18 table games, a poker room, and a VIP lounge! Huck's Harbor indoor and outdoor water parks at Fun City cover more than 70,000 square feet of slip-slidin' fun! Fun City features over 100 interactive arcade games, kiddie go-carts, and a multi-level laser tag arena.

- Mosquito Park -

North 3rd St. & Franklin St., Burlington

Named for its size, this park sits atop a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River offering a spectacular view that you won't want to miss!

- Old Fort Madison Museum -

716 Riverview Drive, Riverview Park, Ft. Madison



The midwest's oldest American military garrison on the upper Mississippi River. Discover what life was like at a United States fur trading post during the War of 1812 on the rugged frontier of the Missouri Territory. Open May - September 9am - 5pm (Closed Mondays).

- PRAIRIE RUN -

118 miles / approximate time: 2.5 hours

This "country roads" tour takes you through small farming communities where friendly folks and small-town hospitality are nothing out of the ordinary.



DIRECTIONS

- ➔ From Keosauqua, Hwy. 1 North to Hwy. 78 West.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 78 West to W-15 North to Richland.
- ➔ Follow W-15 North to Hwy. 92.
- ➔ Turn right (East) on Hwy. 92 to V-15. Turn left (North) on V-15 to Broadway Ave. Turn left into Keota.
- ➔ Follow Broadway West to W-15, turn right (North) to G-32. Turn left (West) and follow G-32 to Harper.
- ➔ Turn left (South) on V-67 / 285th Ave. and follow to Hwy. 92
- ➔ Turn right (West) on Hwy. 92 and follow to Sigourney.
- ➔ Turn South on Hwy. 149 to Hwy. 78 (West) to Hedrick.
- ➔ Turn South on V-37 to Agency.
- ➔ Go East on Hwy. 34 to Batavia.
- ➔ Continue East on Hwy. 34 to Exit 210.
- ➔ Follow IA 904 West to Hemlock Ave. / V-64 South to Libertyville.
- ➔ Follow Douds Rd. South (V-64) to Douds.
- ➔ Follow V-64 to J-40.
- ➔ Turn left (East) on J-40 to Keosauqua.

Food & Drink

- ➔ Keota - Talleyrand Bar, 24975 330th Ave. (641)636-2046
- The Roost, 222 E. Broadway Ave. (641)636-3021
- ➔ Sigourney - George's Pizza, 121 S. Jefferson St. (641)622-2462
- Copper Lantern, 101 N. Jefferson St. (641)622-1299
- ➔ Hedrick - Red Shed Saloon, 508 E. 6th St. (641)653-4011
- ➔ Batavia - Ned's Place Tavern, 1000 3rd St. (641)662-2600
- ➔ Libertyville - Dew Drop Inn, 306 Fairfield Rd. (641)693-4281
- ➔ Douds - Lunch Box Cafe, 14191 Hwy. 98 (641)936-4444

Gas / ATM

- ➔ Richland - Gas & Goodies, 307 S. Oak St. (319)456-2882 (ATM)
- ➔ Keota - County Line Mart, 609 E. Broadway Ave. (641)636-2412 (ATM)
- ➔ Sigourney - BP, 805 E. Jackson St. (641)622-3320 (ATM)
- ➔ Hedrick - Sinclair/Godfather's, 103 E. 6th St. (641)653-4918 (ATM)
- ➔ Batavia - BP/Godfather's, 100 1st St. (641)662-2700 (ATM)
- ➔ Libertyville - Gas & Goodies, 301 Fairfield Rd. (641)693-4031
- ➔ Douds - Kwik Stop, 14085 Hwy. 98 (641)936-4446

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Wooden Wheel Vineyards -

1179 Highway 92, Keota (641)636-2180



The historic, comfortable, and charming winery is the perfect place to relax with others or to just escape with a glass of fine Iowa wine.

- Lake Belva Deer Park -

Located 2 miles East & 2 miles North of Sigourney
on Hwy. 92 (641)622-3757

A beautiful park complete with eight picnic shelters, camping areas, showers with flushing toilets, and walking/hiking & horse trails all round a 260 acre lake.



- Dumont Museum -

20545 255th St., Sigourney
(Hwy. 149, 3 miles South & 1/8th mile West)
(641)622-2592 or (641)622-9937



Browse through the 24,000 square foot museum that features a variety of collectibles for the entire family to enjoy. Over 100 beautifully restored tractors, horse drawn equipment, buggies, gas engines, toys, dolls, dishes, and an extensive Roy Rogers memorabilia

collection. The museum houses thousands of collectibles, including a vast collection of restored *Oliver Farm Tractors* (as well as other makes). The most recent display added has been the gigantic *Lionel Train* exhibit in the lobby which is a fascination for visitors of all ages. Open weekends from 10am - 5pm May - October or by appointment.



- THE VILLAGES -

99 miles / approximate time: 2 hours

Enjoy the journey through the historic and quaint Villages of Van Buren. You'll explore 1840's river villages as well as experience some Old World cultural in our Amish and Mennonite communities.



DIRECTIONS

- ➔ From Keosauqua, Hwy. 1 South to J-40 East to Bentonsport.
- ➔ Follow J-40 East to Bonaparte.
- ➔ Turn left (South) on W-40 to Hwy. 2 East.
- ➔ Follow Hwy 2 East to Farmington.
- ➔ Turn right on S. 3rd St. and follow to Hel-Mart.
- ➔ Turn left on State St. to Hwy. 2. Turn left (West) follow to 4-way stop.
- ➔ Turn right at 4-way stop and follow W-46 North to J-40.
- ➔ Turn left (West) on J-40 to W-40.
- ➔ Turn right (North) on W-40 and follow to Hwy. 16.
- ➔ Take Hwy. 16 West to W-30, turn right (North) to Stockport.
- ➔ Turn left (West) at 4-way, follow J-16 to Birmingham.
- ➔ Take Hwy. 1 South to Hwy. 16 West to Douds.
- ➔ Turn left (South) on Hwy. 98, which turns to V-64.
- ➔ Follow V-64 to Lebanon. Turn right (West) at 4-way stop.
- ➔ Continue on J-40 West to V-56 South, follow to Milton.
- ➔ Follow Hwy. 2 East to Cantril.
- ➔ Continue on Hwy. 2 East to W-20.
- ➔ Turn right (South) on W-20 to Mt. Sterling.
- ➔ Take W-20 back to Hwy. 2 West.
- ➔ Hwy. 2 West to Hwy. 1 North and follow to Keosauqua.

Food & Drink

- ➔ Bonaparte - Bonaparte Retreat, 713 1st St. (319)592-3339
- ➔ Farmington - Bridge Cafe, 101 Olive St. (319)878-4000
 - H&K Express, 711 S. 4th St. (319)878-4215
 - American Legion, 103 S. Front St. (319)878-3908
- ➔ Douds - Lunch Box Cafe, 14191 Hwy. 98 (641)936-4444
- ➔ Cantril - Lodge Cafe, 303 Old Hwy. 2 (319)397-2436
- ➔ Mt. Sterling - A-J's Bar & Grill, 101 Elm St. (319)494-5582

Gas / ATM

- ➔ Bonaparte - Jet Stop, 202 Washington St. (319)592-3281 (ATM)
- ➔ Farmington - Casey's, 201 S. 4th St. (319)878-4110 (ATM)
- ➔ Birmingham - Jet Stop, 121 Hwy. 1 (319)498-4663 (ATM)
- ➔ Douds - Kwik Stop, 14085 Hwy. 98 (641)936-4446
- ➔ Milton - Jet Stop, 109 E. Hwy. 2 (641)656-4215
- ➔ Cantril - Zimmerman's Service, 104 E. North St. (319)397-2306
 - Zimmerman's Service is closed on Sunday -

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- Bentonsport National Historic District -

(319)592-3579

Visit this 1840's river village to find working artisans, antiques, fudge, crafts, and the very popular Indian Artifact Museum. The Mason House Inn B&B welcomes guests all year.



- Bonaparte National Historic - Riverfront District

(319)592-3400



Another unique river village with antique and specialty shops. The Bonaparte Inn is a favorite overnight stop among visitors. The Bonaparte Retreat has been serving outstanding food for over 30 years. Don't miss Bonaparte Pottery, a fascinating historical and archeological site.

- Hel-Mart -

301 State St., Farmington (319)878-3576 or (319)371-6783

Hel-Mart is only open on Saturdays. The miniature doll house room and HO train room are both a must-see and then relax in the adult lounge or enjoy an ice cream cone or sundae in the reception room.

- Milton Creamery -

202 East Hwy. 2, Milton (641)656-4094



This artisan cheese plant is a favorite with visitors and locals alike! Sample the cheeses that have won numerous national and international awards! (Closed Sundays)

- Dutchman's Store -

103 Division St., Cantril (319)397-2322

This is a must-see for every visitor! You'll really enjoy browsing through this newly expanded old-fashioned general store! (Closed on Sunday.)



FUN THINGS TO DO

➔ APRIL

- 4th Saturday
- Keokuk Civil War Re-enactment



➔ MAY

- Memorial Day Weekend
- Burlington Snake Alley Criterium
- Bentonsport Spring Fest

➔ JUNE

- 2nd Weekend
- Eldon Gothic Days
- Keota Fun Days
- Farmington Strawberry Festival
- Birmingham Homecoming
- 3rd Weekend
- Wapello Co. Fair (Eldon)
- Burlington Steamboat Days
- 4th Weekend
- Hedrick BBQ Days
- 4th Saturday
- Douds Field Day

➔ JULY

- 4th of July
- Keosauqua Lions Celebration
- 2nd Weekend
- Lee County Fair (Donnellson)
- 3rd Weekend
- Balloons over the Mississippi (Ft. Madison)
- 4th Saturday
- J-40 Farm Crawl (Keosauqua to Lebanon)
- Entire Month (Tuesday - Saturday)
- Nauvoo Pageant

➔ AUGUST

- 2nd weekend
- West Point Sweet Corn Festival
- 3rd weekend
- Montrose Watermelon Days
- Keokuk Blues Festival
- Bike Van Buren (Keosauqua)
- 3rd Sunday
- IA-MO Ford Club Car Show (Bloomfield)



➔ SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend

- Nauvoo Grape Festival
- Ft. Madison Rodeo
- Stockport BBQ Days

2nd Weekend after Labor Day

- End of Summer Motorcycle Rally (Keosauqua)
- Bentonsport Craft Show & Flea Market
- Bonaparte Taste of Chocolate

3rd Weekend

- Donnellson Fall Festival.

➔ OCTOBER

2nd Weekend

- Scenic Drive Festival
(Villages of Van Buren)



ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK, AND MOTORCYCLE SHOWS

➔ JUNE

2nd Weekend

- Birmingham Homecoming (Saturday)
- Farmington Strawberry Festival (Sunday)

4th Weekend

- Bonaparte Motorcycle Show (Saturday)

➔ SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend

- Stockport BBQ Days (Saturday)

➔ OCTOBER

2nd Weekend

- Keosauqua Fall Festival (Sunday)

STATE LINE RALLY ASSOCIATION

sponsors an *End of Summer Cycle Rally* held annually, the second full weekend after Labor Day. *The Rally* is held at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Keosauqua.



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Southeast Iowa!



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