



TOURING THE AMANAS: ON BIKE, ON FOOT, BY CAR OR BUS

“Once you slow down and look, you begin to see the details, the architectural details in the colony homes, the colors in the landscape that make the Amanas such a unique environment.”

Gordon Kellenberger,
High Amana Artist

The color palette of the Amana Colonies is determined by the season. Spring means colorful gardens set against a backdrop of coppery sandstone and rosy red brick homes. In summer the villages are set jewel-like amidst the green and gold forest and fields. By autumn the green has given way to a dusky palette of gold, auburn and umber and with winter, the Colonies are transformed again with the silvery frost and glittering snow.

Touring the seven villages whether on foot, on a bike or in a car or bus, provides opportunities for seeing the Colonies at their best.

Open year-round for hiking and cross-country skiing, the 3.2-mile Amana Colonies Nature Trail allows you to experience the eco-diversity of Iowa woodlands. From the trail-head parking lot located just north of Homestead at the junction of Highways 6 and 151, you'll walk to a bluff overlooking the Iowa River. Prehistoric Native American mounds and geologic features are noted on the trail.

Bike or walk the Kolonieweg Recreational Trail linking the villages of Amana and Middle Amana by way of the historic Mill Race canal levee.

As the 3.1-mile trail skirts wetlands and nearly circles the Lily Lake, watch for bald eagles, beaver, river otter and muskrat. Benches are located along the trail for your comfort. You can access the trail at the Amana Depot in the village of Amana and at the Lily Lake on Highway 220 between Middle Amana and Amana.

Individual and Group Tours

Audio Driving Tour.

The Amana Colonies by Car: An Audio Driving Tour is an easy to use compact disc for your car CD player that provides an entertaining account of life in communal Amana while pointing out historical, architectural and cultural features of each of the seven villages as you drive. The compact disc can be purchased at local shops or the Amana Colonies Visitor Center in Amana.

Amana Colonies Barn Tours.

A new way to explore the Colonies is on an *Amana Colonies Barn Tour*, taking visitors through century-old barns. The tour focuses on barn architecture, preservation and adaptive reuse. In addition, visitors gain a greater understanding of unique communal farming practices used in the Amana Colonies, as well as a look at the modern farming operation of

Amana Farms, Inc. For additional information contact the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Custom and Group Tours.

Interested in bringing a group to the Amana Colonies? Several businesses provide tours and guides to assist your group. Group packages and rates are available through the Amana Heritage Society and the Old Creamery Theatre Company. Colony Visits offers group packages and itineraries. Step-on guide services are available through the Amana Heritage Society, Colony Visits, the Ox Yoke Inn and the Ronneburg Restaurant.

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Amana Colonies Golf Club

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Amana Colonies Nature Trail

Junction of Highways 151 and 6, near Homestead

Explore and enjoy the natural beauty of Iowa on the Amana Colonies Nature Trail. Birds, wildlife, trees, wildflowers, geological features and Indian mounds are among the sights on this 1 to 3.2 mile trail. Open year round for hiking and cross-country skiing.

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Kolonieweg Recreational Trail

Access trail at Lily Lake (Middle Amana) or Amana Depot (Amana)

Walk or bike this 3.1 mile hard surface trail between the villages of Amana and Middle Amana. Enjoy the natural habitat of the Lily Lake; watch for swans, ducks, geese, eagles, beaver and muskrats. Trail connects to several low traffic roads for over 20 miles of biking through the Amana Colonies.

Lily Lake

East of Middle Amana on 220th Trail

View the spectacular scenery of the Lily Lake in Middle Amana. From mid-July through August, nearly 160 acres of water are covered with large yellow lotus lily blooms. Witness the breathtaking beauty of soaring eagles, the gracefulness of Trumpeter swans, and the playfulness of otters as you

relax at a picnic table or walk the perimeter on the Kolonieweg Recreational Trail.

Millrace

While driving through the seven villages of the Amana Colonies, you will soon notice the Millrace. In the 1860's, the Colonists dug the 7-mile canal to power the mills in Amana and Middle Amana. Though it is no longer used for the purpose of energy production, efforts are underway to preserve this historically significant feature of our National Historic Landmark. Witness ice harvesting on the Millrace during Winterfest, late January. Informational markers found at various locations along the Millrace.

Opa's Tractor Barn Museum, West Amana

Walk through an 1883 barn with hand-pegged chestnut beams. Agricultural history memorabilia, Minneapolis-Moline, barnyard in miniature and more. America's agricultural past preserved for the future. Seasonal 10am-4pm.

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