



Self-Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Grinnell



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Itinerary



Town of Grinnell Overview



Josiah B. Grinnell founded the town of Grinnell in 1854. Located at the intersection of two railway lines, the town has always been a local hub. Today, it provides a tranquil, yet intellectually and socially vibrant environment for its population of about 10,000.

Begin Tour

1. John Chrystal Center – 1103 Park St.



The building was named after a long-time friend and former trustee of Grinnell College. The Admission, Cashier, Financial Aid, Institutional Research, and Registrar's offices are located in the building.

Main Street

2. Spaulding Inn Bed & Breakfast – 1103 Main St.



Once the home of Henry W. Spaulding, the owner of Spaulding Manufacturing. The company created carriages and automobiles, but went bankrupt due to the Ford assembly line in 1916. Today, the bed and breakfast is a popular location for guests of the College and parents of students.

3. McNally's – 1026 Main St.



McNally's has been locally owned since 1902. It is known for carrying local and organic food and for offering a wide range of spirits.

4. Prairie Canary – 924 Main St.



Winner of Iowa's Best Bite Challenge and mentioned in the New York Times, the restaurant has quickly become very popular for its quality and local flavor. Open for lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch.

5. The Strand Theatre – 921 Main St.

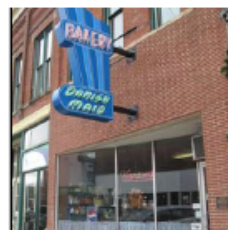


The theatre was redeveloped through major public/private fundraising, and now has three movie screens.

Fun Fact: Grinnell College is a part owner.

4th Avenue

6. Danish Maid – 818 4th Ave.



Famous known for their crème-filled coney, which were listed as the Des Moines Register's "100 Things to Eat Before You Die."

Fun Fact: Many students go on 2am bakery runs to get freshly made donuts.

7. Pioneer Bookshop – 823 4th Ave.



Grinnell College's off-campus bookstore.

Fun Fact: Student discounted tickets to The Strand can be purchased for \$6.

8. Sullivan "Jewel Box" Bank – 833 4th Ave.



Designed by Louis Sullivan in 1914, the architect of the Carson Pirie Scott building in Chicago. It is currently the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

Broad Street

9. Saint's Rest Coffeehouse – 917 Broad St.



A popular campus and community meeting place. It offers eco-friendly discounts if you bring in your own mug and also has punch cards for drink purchases. Local musicians frequently pack the house.

10. Bikes to You – 921 Broad St.



Grinnell's local bike shop has been around since 1992, selling 'first bikes' to children of the community, making college students more mobile, and equipping cyclists for RAGBRAI.

11. Grinnell Area Arts Council – 926 Broad St.



Grinnell Area Arts Council exists to promote, encourage, develop, and assist in the understanding, appreciation, and financial support of the arts and other cultural activities in the Grinnell Area. The building houses a gallery and classroom and theater spaces.

12. Drake Library – 930 Park St.



Constructed in 2009, Drake Library is the community's public library. The modern-looking building is an often visited location in town, as its space is used for many public functions.

Fun Fact: The library is LEED Gold certified.

Grinnell Shopping

Arnold Motor Supply
Awards Unlimited
B3 Computers
Bates Flowers
Beckman Gallery II
Bikes To You
Brown's Shoe Fit Company
Cobblestone
Cornerstone Quilts
Family Video
Fareway
The Galaxy Youth Center
Giggles and Bows
The Glass Gift Box
Goodwill Industries
Gosselink's Gifts & Interiors
Grinnell College Campus Bookstore
Grinnell Implement
Grinnell Sporting Goods
Hy-Vee
J&M Auto Sales
Loralei's Giftshoppe
Luther Floor Covering
Main Street Consignments & Antiques
Mama's Happy Space

Maurices
McNally's Super Valu
Medicap Pharmacy
Mr. Monkey's Flea Market
The Music Shop
Paul's ACE Hardware
Phase 2 Consignments
Pioneer Bookshop
Premier Printing
Second Mile
Southard Implement
Sports Page Sporting Goods
Starnes TV & Appliance Sales
Stepping Stone Christian Bookstore
Steve Link Ford-Lincoln-Mercury
Theisen's of Grinnell
Tish TV
Total Choice Shipping & Printing
Uhlmann's Furniture
US Cellular – Boyd's Satellite & Cellular Sales
Verizon Wireless Zone
Village Decorating
Victor Appliance
Wagon Wheels West
Wal-Mart
Wes Finch Auto Plaza

Grinnell Dining

A&M Café

1027 4th Ave • (641) 236-9117
M-Sa 6am-2pm; Su 7am-2pm

Back Alley Deli

917 Broad St • (641) 236-3010
M-Su 11am-2pm

Candyland Station

831 West St • (641) 126-1956
M-Th 11m-7pm; F-Sa 11am-8pm; Su 1-4pm

Casa Margaritas

101 West St • (641) 236-5069
F-Sa 11am-10pm; Su 11am-8pm

China Sea

714 4th Ave • (641) 236-8831
Su-Th 10am-10pm; F-Sa 10am-11pm

Chuong Garden

915 Broad St • (641) 236-9900
T-Su 11am-9:30pm

Comeback Café

804 Commercial St • (641) 236-0176
M 9am-3pm, T-F 7am-4pm, Sa 9am-3pm

Danish Maid Bakery

818 4th Ave • (641) 236-4145
T-F 5:30am-4:30pm; Sat 5:30am-noon

Dari Barn

1810 6th Ave • (641) 236-7828
Daily 10am-10pm; Open April-Nov.

Fareway Stores

727 West St • (641) 236-3331
M-Sa 8am-9pm

Frontier Café

831 Main St • (641) 236-0630
M-Sa 7am-9pm; Su 7am-8pm

Grinnell Steakhouse

2110 West St S • (641) 236-0555
Daily 11am-9pm

Hardee's

1019 West St • (641) 236-6524
M-Th 6am-10pm; F-Sa 6am-11pm;
Su 7am-10pm

Hy-Vee Food Store

320 West St S • (641) 236-6584
Daily 5am-Midnight

Jimmy John's

812 Sixth Ave • (641) 236-0199
Daily 11am-10pm

Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell

229 West St • (641) 236-3139
Daily 10:30am-11pm

La Cabana Grill

915 Main St • (641) 236-1603
Daily 11am-10pm

Lonnski's Pub and Deli

908 Main St • (641) 236-9880
M-Sa 11am-10pm; Su 4-10pm

McDonald's

706 West St • (641) 236-0920
Daily 5am-11pm

McNally's Super Valu

1026 Main St • (641) 236-3166
Daily 7am-10pm

Michael's Italian Kitchen

720 5th Ave • (641) 236-4211
Daily 7am-10pm

Montgomery's Sandwich Shop

712 6th Ave • (641) 236-3463
M-F 11am-8pm

Pagliai's Pizza

816 5th Ave • (641) 236-5331
Su-Th 5-10pm F-Sa 5-11pm

The Peppertree at the Depot Crossing

1014 3rd Ave • (641) 236-6886
M-Th 5-9pm; F 4pm-1am; Sa 5pm-1am

Pizza Hut

1033 Broad St • (641) 236-7737
Su-Th 11am-9pm F-Sa 11am-10pm

Pizza Ranch

613 West St • (641) 260-8020
M-F 11am-1:30pm, 5-8pm Sa-Su 11am-8pm

Prairie Canary

924 Main St • (641) 236-0205
T-Th 11am-2pm, 5-9pm;
F 11am-2pm, 5-10pm;
Sa 10am-2pm; 5-10pm; Su 10am-2pm

Relish

834 Park St • (641) 236-3657
M 11:30am-1:15pm;
T-F 11:30am-1:15pm, 5-close; Sa 5-close

Saints Rest Coffeehouse

917 Broad St • (641) 236-6014
M-Sa 6:30am-5pm; Su 9am-5pm

Subway

1020 West St • (641) 236-7884
M-F 7am-10pm; Sa 8am-10pm; Su 9am-10pm

Subway

709 Lang Creek Ave • (641) 236-0662
M-F 7am-10pm; Sa-Su 8am-10pm

Taco John's

1020 West St • (641) 236-4863
M-Sa 7am-12am; Su 8am-12am

Walmart

415 Industrial Dr • (641) 236-4999
Open 24/7

West Side Family Restaurant

229 6th Ave West • (641) 236-5939
T-Sa 6am-9pm; Su-M 6am-2pm

Other Resources

City of Grinnell

927 4th Avenue
<http://www.grinnelliowa.gov/>
Description: General information of city code, parks and recreation, housing, and other public information.

Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce

833 Fourth Ave
<http://www.grinnellchamber.org/>
Description: Facilitates the growth and development of the local economy and acts as a hub for resident and visitor information. The Chamber provided much of the information in this guide.

Grinnell Area Arts Council

926 Broad Street
<http://www.grinnellarts.org/>
Description: Nonprofit organization that supports local arts in Grinnell. Houses the local arts gallery, performance space, and many arts and dance classes.

The Apprenticeship Program

The apprenticeship in nonprofit management program places students in nonprofit organizations in the Grinnell community each year. The program creates stronger connections between Grinnell's key development organizations while offering a unique professional development opportunity for current students.

Participating organizations:

Chamber of Commerce
Imagine Grinnell
Arts Council
Community Enhancement & Engagement
Ahrens Foundation
Poweshiek Iowa Development