

ABOUT

Best of the Red Rock Area

Each year visitors and residents vote in the BEST OF RED ROCK contest online at redrockarea.com. The contest includes ten TOP 10 lists and 25 category winners. Each person can vote up to 2 times in the contest from May to November.

ABOUT

Marion County Development

Marion County Development was established by resolution on January 23, 1989, by the Marion County Board of Supervisors as a department of county government. Marion County Development strives to accelerate economic growth throughout Marion County. Marion County Development exists to:

CONNECT

businesses & communities to
economic development resources

COMMUNICATE

Marion County's story

COLLABORATE

to grow the Marion County economy

VOTE

2025

Go to redrockarea.com after your visit and vote for your favorite places. Voting happens each year from May to November.

RETURN

Visit Each Season

Come back to experience all the seasons...each with unique events, experiences and flavors.

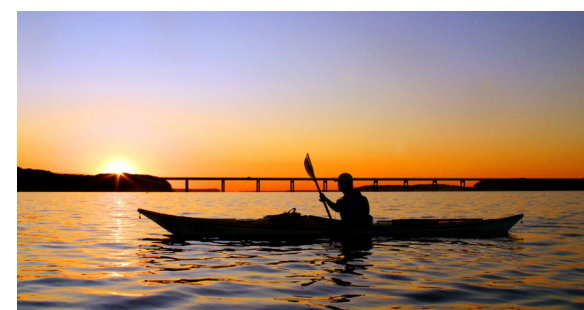
MOVE

Live & Work

We invite you to consider moving to Marion County. Learn more about the great place to live and work at marioncountyiowa.com.

PROGRESS DRIVEN 

BEST OF THE RED ROCK AREA



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Over 100

of the best things to do,
eat, drink, experience,
and buy in
Marion County, Iowa



Things to Do

Voted #1: Cordova Observation Tower & Park

2-Knoxville Raceway, 3-Dan-D Farms, 4-Big Rock Park Trail, 5-Pella Historical Village, 6-Slideways, 7-Competine Trail, 8-Klokkenspel, 9-Dutch store Fronts & Architecture & 10-Bessie Spaur Butterfly Garden



Recreation

Voted #1: Cordova Observation Tower

2-Big Rock Park & Trail, 3-Pella Aquatic Center, 4-Volksweg Trail, 5-Slideways, 6-Bos Landen Golf Course, 7-Competine Trail, 8-Knoxville Rec Center, 9-Knoxville Splash Pad & 10-Wonder Spelen



Shopping

Voted #1: Raiment Fashions

2-Candi's Flowers & Gifts, 3-Blush by Simple Treasures, 4-Brown's Shoe Fit, 5-Jaarsma Bakery, 6-Ivory Soul, 7-Lakefront Living, 8-9Lilas Boutique, 9-The Sanctuary & 10-Simple Treasures



Dining

Voted #1: Checkerboard Restaurant

2-Liberty Street Kitchen, 3-George's Pizza & Steakhouse, 4-Cantaritos Grill & Cantina, 5-de Kelder Speakeasy, 6-The Bread Board, 7-Butcher's Brewhuis, 8-Yamato Steak House of Japan, 9-Deng's Garden & 10-Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant



Bars

Voted #1: A & P Pub

2-de Kelder Speakeasy, 3-The Cellar Peanut Pub, 4-The Asylum at Butcher's Brewhuis, 5-Nederlanders Tap & Golf, 6-Liberty Street Kitchen, 7-Slideways, 8-Halftime Bar & Grill, 9. One Eleven Public House, & 10-Cantaritos Grill & Cantina



Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Voted #1: The Grand Theater

2-Pella Opera House, 3-National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, 4-Knoxville Performing Arts Center, 5-Knoxville Mural, 6-Pella Historical Village, 7-Dutch store fronts & architecture, 8-Klokkenspel, 9-Marion County Historical Village & 10-Union Street Players



Photo Spot

Voted #1: Lake Red Rock at Sunset

2-Cordova Observation Tower, 3-Bald eagles near dam, 4-eating Checkerboard onion rings, 5-Central College red phone booth, 6-Butcher's Brewhuis rooftop, 7-Driving a Slideways go-kart, 8-Knoxville Mural, 9-Atop the big rock at Big Rock Park, & 10-Standing in giant yellow Dutch wooden shoes



Venue

Voted #1: The Gathering Grounds

2-Central College, 3-Sun Valley Barn, 4-Countryside Wedding & Event Center, 5-Pella Opera House, 6-Cordova Pavilion, 7-National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, 8-Tamory Hall, 9-The Grand Theater & 10-Cobblestone Hotel & Suites



Souvenirs

Voted #1: Jaarsma Bakery Dutch Letters

2-Knoxville Raceway t-shirt, 3-Van Veen chocolate caramels, 4-In't Velds beef sticks, 5-Northcote big foot tenderloin, 6-Vander Ploeg Bakery doughnuts, 7-Ulrich Meat Market beef sticks, 8-Cranberry Stone cupcakes, 9-Ulrich Meat Market dried beef & 10-Jaarsma Bkaery frosted cookies



Events

Voted #1: Pella Tulip Time Festival

2-Knoxville Sprint Car Nationals, 3-Knoxville Living Windows, 4-Lake Red Rock Balloon Fest, 5-Thursdays in Pella, 6-Marion County Fair, 7-Kerstmarkt, 8-Merry-N-County Christmas, 9-Pella Christmas Tour of Homes & 10-Bussey 4th of July Celebration

CATEGORY WINNERS

FOODIE

Best Breakfast Spot

The Windmill Cafe

Best Lunch Spot

The Bread Board

Best Coffee

The Perk of Pella

Best Burger

Culver's of Pella

Best Steak

Liberty Street Kitchen

Best Tenderloin

Hometown Meats & Deli

Best Pizza

George's Pizza & Steakhouse

Best Ethnic Food

Cantaritos Grill & Cantina

Best Healthy Food

Big Acai Bowl

Sweet Treat

Kone Korner

Outdoor Dining

Liberty Street Kitchen

Local Food Truck

Backwoods Wood Fired Pizza



SERVICES

Catering

Central College

Photography

Digital Galleria Designs

Salon or Spa

Expressions by Design

Floral or Garden Center

Nick's Greenhouse

Recreation Center

Knoxville Recreation Center

LODGING

Campground

Howell Station Recreation Area

Hotel

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

Cabin or Vacation Rental

Cordova Park Cabins

SHOPPING

Gift & Home Decor Shop

Candi's Flowers & Gifts

Hobbies & Special Interest

Iowa Bike Company

Apparel

Raiment Fashions

Small Town Retail Shop

Lakefront Living

Thrift or Vintage Shop

The Well Thift Store-Knoxville