

A Winter Weekend in Lake Red Rock Area

SATURDAY

9 AM – Pleasantville

Start with a warm drink at [Smokey Row Coffee](#)—the original location. Browse downtown, then make your way toward Lake Red Rock.

10:30 AM – Lake Red Rock

Try your luck eagle watching near the [Horns Ferry Bridge](#), [Howell Station](#), or [Fifield](#).

Noon – Knoxville

Warm up with local BBQ and explore downtown. Check what's happening at a local performance venue or see what weekend features are being served up around town.

2:30 PM – Pella

Head to Pella for an afternoon of shopping, Dutch architecture, local treats, and small-town charm.

5 PM – Explore & Unwind

Pick up dinner or something sweet before heading back to your cabin.

Evening – Cabin Time

Light the firepit, gather around with your favorite people, and let the evening unfold.

SUNDAY

Morning – Cordova Park

Take in one last Lake Red Rock view at the [Cordova Observation Tower](#) and enjoy a winter walk.

Late Morning – Shop Local

Pick up a few gifts, local goods, or treats before heading home.

Before You Go – One More Stop

Grab breakfast or lunch in one of our communities and start planning your next Marion County visit.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: When is the best time to see bald eagles at Lake Red Rock?

A: While the eagles don't exactly share their itineraries with us, you can spot bald eagles at Lake Red Rock year-round! However, if you're hoping to see a larger gathering, your best bet is typically late January through February, when winter conditions bring more eagles to the open water near the Red Rock Dam.

Q: Can I plan a full winter weekend in Marion County on a budget?

A: Absolutely! Some of the best experiences here are free. Explore Lake Red Rock, browse local shops in Pella and Knoxville, or check out affordable programming through Marion County Conservation. Add in a visit to local attractions like the Sprint Car Hall of Fame or Pella's historic sites, plus a meal at a local restaurant, and you've got a full weekend without breaking the bank. Traveling with the family? Marion County Conservation cabins offer a budget-friendly lodging option, too.

