

# VISIT Muscatine

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## WORLD'S "UNOFFICIAL" LARGEST WATERMELON SLICE

Muscatine is home to the "unofficial" World's Largest Watermelon Slice which was installed in Fall of 2023. The sculpture measures a whopping 40 feet long, 16 feet tall, stands 26 feet high, and weighs 16,000 pounds! It's located on Muscatine's waterfront, a short walk from the Pearl City Station along the path and is lit in the evenings.

**1 Harbor Drive, Muscatine, Iowa 52761**  
[visitmuscantine.com/479/Worlds-Largest-Watermelon-Slice](http://visitmuscantine.com/479/Worlds-Largest-Watermelon-Slice)  
(563) 263-8895



## THE NATIONAL PEARL BUTTON MUSEUM

Explore the industry which made Muscatine the "Pearl Button Capital of the World." Learn about innovators like John Boepple, who cut the first buttons in Muscatine in 1891, and the entrepreneurs whose companies made 1.5 billion buttons per year. Consider the lives of the workers who harvested mussels, labored in the factories, and organized unions to fight for better working conditions. Study the mussels – the amazing creatures which made all this possible. Learn about how Muscatine is still a thriving manufacturing center on the second level of the museum through displays on 1940's and 1950's entrepreneurial giants who led to the manufacturing of products like office furniture, retread tires and corn product processing.

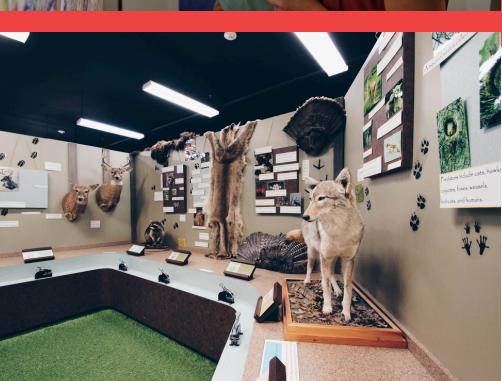
**117 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761** [muscatinehistory.org](http://muscatinehistory.org)  
(563) 263-1052



## MUSCATINE ART CENTER

Built in 1908, the Laura Musser Mansion, part of the Muscatine Art Center, provides an elegant setting for the display of fine and decorative arts. The mansion's hallways feature an impressive collection of works by artists such as Renoir, Degas, Chagall and Pissarro. Period rooms blend family furnishings with paintings that depict the Mississippi River. Linked to the original mansion is the Stanley Gallery which provides two floors of space for changing exhibitions. Located on the grounds is a historic Japanese Garden installed in 1930.

**1314 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa 52761**  
[muscatineartcenter.org](http://muscatineartcenter.org)  
(563) 263-8282



## ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

The Environmental Learning Center offers numerous natural history exhibits, two 1,200-gallon aquariums with native fish, live reptiles and amphibians, more than 100 mounted animals and is the home to the Muscatine County Conservation Board office. The classroom in the Environmental Learning Center is available for rental by organized groups or businesses for workshops and meetings. Live animal demonstration available upon request.

**3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761**  
[muscatinecountyconservation.com](http://muscatinecountyconservation.com)  
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### EXAMPLE ITINERARIES

- BUTTONS, BBQ, BIRDIES & BREWS
- ART, ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE
- LET'S STAY OUTSIDE

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## THE MERRILL HOTEL

— TRIBUTE PORTFOLIO —

### MARRIOTT HOTEL OF THE YEAR!

DISTINCTIVE PREMIUM (U.S. & CANADA)

Muscatine has multiple lodging options including our award winning hotel. The Merrill, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel is a 4-Diamond boutique hotel that is located just steps away from our beautiful riverfront and vibrant downtown! It features Maxwell's on the River with riverfront views and upscale cuisine.



## A CONVENIENT WEEKEND Getaway!

Muscatine is conveniently located between seven major Midwestern cities & near Moline International Airport

## Outdoor Recreation



WILDCAT DEN STATE PARK



DEEP LAKES PARK



EAGLE WATCHING

## Shopping & Nightlife

The Historic Downtown Muscatine District is home to a variety of unique shops, family-owned restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife! Visit [muscatine.com/downtown](http://muscatine.com/downtown) to see a complete list of businesses.



MEG'S VINTAGE COLLECTIVE



SKINNY'S BBQ



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