



## DANISH WINDMILL

Originally built in Nørre Snede, Denmark in 1848, this authentic Danish windmill was taken apart, shipped across the Atlantic, and put back together by volunteers in 1976. Elk Horn residents raised over \$100,000 for the project and today

the 60' windmill towers over downtown Main Street, greeting all visitors from the interstate. Open daily, the windmill is one of the largest tourist attractions in Iowa with well over a million visitors since its doors opened. Visitors can climb to the top of the mill, walk around the catwalk, view the grindstones, and even watch the wings go around on a windy day. The millhouse gift shop offers lovely Danish collectibles, books, jewelry, apparel, food, and other unique gift items. Also on the grounds, a 9th-century replica Vikinghjem, the Morning Star Tiny Chapel, and Ebeltoft Village are open seasonally.

## MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA



Continually revamped exhibits fill three floors, sharing the stories of Danish Americans from all across the U.S. Journey through 14,000 years of history in a 90-foot timeline wrapped around a glass room holding some of the museum's expansive artifact collection. This national museum is accredited - a distinction held by fewer than 3% of all U.S. museums! Don't miss the contemporary Design Store, the LEGO play area, and the 35-acre park with a paved trail, picnic areas, homesteaders' cabin, fitness equipment, and a green roof. Visit its Genealogy Center on Main Street for an exhibit on the history of the Danish Villages, plus professional research assistance and extensive family history resources.

## BEDSTEMOR'S HOUSE



This charming historic home is completely furnished in the style of the period between 1910 and 1920 when Danish immigrants lived there. Bedstemor's House is open between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Call ahead: 712.764.7001.

## SERVICES

**AFFORDABLE WOOD:** 712-764-2121

**DANISH MUTUAL INSURANCE:** 712-764-5306

**DANISH WINDMILL:** Iowa Welcome Center,  
712-764-7472, [www.danishwindmill.com](http://www.danishwindmill.com)

**ELK HORN AUTO BODY:** 712-764-5414

**ELK HORN CAR WASH:** 712-764-4019

**ELK HORN PHARMACY:** 712-764-2334

**MARNE ELK HORN:** Communications provider - telephone,  
digital TV and internet; fiber to the home, 712-764-6161

**MASTER GRILLERS:** Catering, 515-782-5850

**MYRTUE MEDICAL CENTER:** 712-764-4642

**PETERSEN AGENCY, LLC:** 712-764-2246

**SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK:** ATM, 712-764-5067

**TROY'S AUTO WORKS, LLC:** 712-764-8769

**WAYNE HANSEN REAL ESTATE:** 712-764-7653

## TIVOLI FEST

### *Memorial Day Weekend*

Tivoli Fest is Elk Horn's Danish celebration which takes place every year on Memorial Day weekend in May. Visitors may enjoy Danish foods, tour the renovated 1848 windmill, Museum of Danish America and Bedstemor's House, and visit the many shops and special attractions throughout the village of Elk Horn. The festivities include a Danish-themed parade, Viking Encampment, a free open-air concert and fireworks.

## JULEFEST

### *Thanksgiving Weekend*

Celebrate the holiday season in the villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton, where you'll find over 30 locations displaying their holiday giftware, crafts, foods and antiques. The Windmill, Bedstemor's House and Museum of Danish America will be decorated for the holidays and open for tours. Enjoy the warm hospitality as the villages celebrate the arrival of the Christmas season.

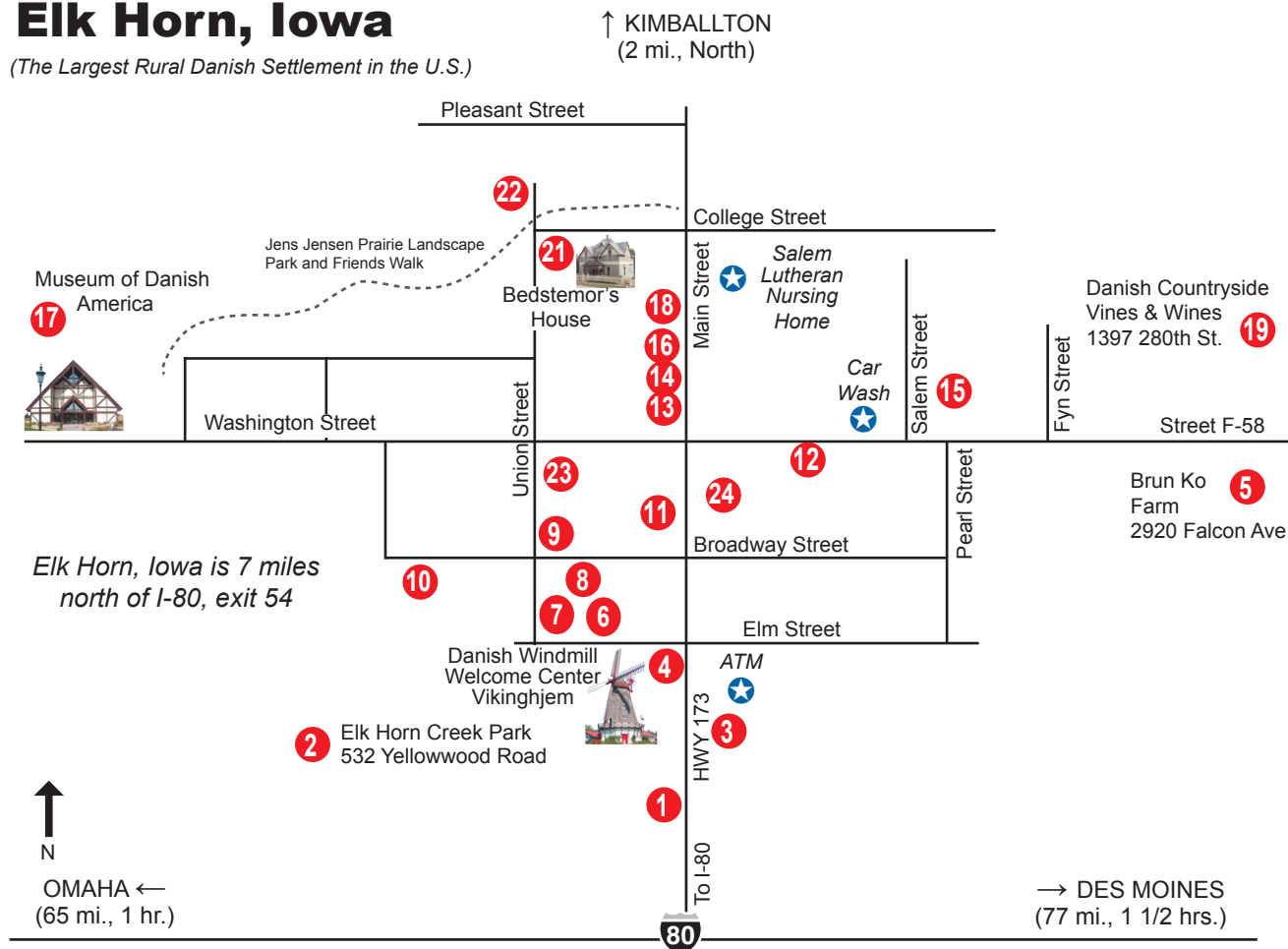
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# VELKOMMEN TIL ELK HORN, IOWA



# Elk Horn, Iowa

(The Largest Rural Danish Settlement in the U.S.)



## EATING OUT

- 8 GRACE ON MAIN:** Awarded "2021 Outstanding Dining Business" (*Travel Iowa*). Pizza, pasta, salads, burgers, sandwiches, beer, wine, spirits and desserts; serving up comfort food that feeds the soul. 712-764-4722
- 13 LARSEN'S CATERING AND PUB:** #1 tenderloin in Iowa, famous homemade salads, party room, catering. 712-764-4052
- 16 NORSE HORSE TAVERN:** Sports bar with a Viking theme; rotating 16 beers on tap. Kitchen open for sandwiches, sides and soups. 712-764-6646
- 24 YESWAY:** Pizza, sandwiches, broasted chicken, and salads. Convenience items and fuel. 712-764-6001
- 18 THE KRINGLE MAN PASTRIES:** Featuring Danish kringles, many pastries, and coffee. 712-764-3663

## PLACES TO STAY

- 2 ELK HORN CREEK PARK:** Beautiful park, camping and hiking; 2 mi. south on Hwy 171 then 1-1/2 west, 3/4 mi. north
- 3 TIVOLI INN AND SUITES:** *Temporarily Closed*
- 1 YESWAY OVERNIGHT RV PARK:** 15-30-50 Amp, showers, laundry. 712-764-6001 (must check-in at Yesway Station #24)
- 22 COUNTRY VIEW BNB:** Bed and Breakfast with private entry, sleeps 5 comfortably. Many extras. 712-249-1790

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## SHOPPING

- 11 COPENHAGEN FRIDAY** A Curious Nook: Art, fashion and fun - for those who like interesting things, 712-249-9227
- 19 DANISH COUNTRYSIDE VINES AND WINES:** Tour the vineyard and taste a variety of wines, gift shop is filled with unique gift items. Meeting venue, 712-764-2991.
- 4 DANISH WINDMILL MUSEUM SHOP:** Authentic Danish giftware and collectibles, 712-764-7472. Wireless internet, electric charging station.
- 9 EGG KRATE:** Antiques, flea market, upcycle, crafts, candles, jewelry, 60 vendor booths, 712-764-2200
- 10 LOG CABIN QUILT SHOP:** Quilt shop with fabric, notions, and machine quilting available. Open Monday-Saturday. 712-764-2487
- 23 NEXTGEN CREATIONS:** Statement pieces, home decor, signs and custom furniture. [www.nextgen-creations.com](http://www.nextgen-creations.com), 712-579-1757
- 7 OLD DANISH WORKSHOP:** Bird houses & feeders, wooden toys, crosses, cribbage boards, windmills, chairs, gifts, reglue chairs, repair and refinishing furniture, some custom building. 712-249-5983
- 6 THE NEST EGG:** Women's casual wear & accessories, 712-764-4921
- 17 MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA DESIGN STORE:** Contemporary Scandinavian design, 712-764-7001

## PLACES TO SEE

- 21 BEDSTEMOR'S HOUSE:** Step into the world of the early 20th century immigrants. Seasonal, 712-764-7001 [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)
- 5 BRUN KO FARM:** Agritourism, 30 minutes, \$2 per person with \$20 minimum. Check out their facebook page. 712-249-3187
- 19 DANISH COUNTRYSIDE VINES AND WINES:** Come tour our vineyard and taste our variety of wines, 712-764-2991 [www.DanishCountrysideVinesAndWines.com](http://www.DanishCountrysideVinesAndWines.com).
- 4 DANISH WINDMILL:** Tour the authentic 60' working windmill, Vikinghjem, Morning Star Tiny Chapel and Ebeltøft Village. Iowa Welcome Center, 712-764-7472, [www.danishwindmill.com](http://www.danishwindmill.com)
- 15 ELK HORN CITY PARK/POOL:** Enjoy a picnic, putt putt golf, playground, swimming pool, tennis and volleyball courts, 712-764-6611
- 14 GENEALOGY CENTER:** Local history exhibit, research services, genealogy resources 712-764-7008, [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)
- 17 MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA:** The national museum for Danish-American heritage and culture, plus the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park. 712-764-7001, [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)
- 4 VIKINGHJEM:** Circa 900 CE replica structure typical of a blacksmith's residence throughout Scandinavia and Northern Europe in the Early Middle Ages. Seasonal, 712-764-7472
- 12 ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY/CITY HALL:** 712-764-2013