

# Glacial Trail

## SCENIC BYWAY

Group Travel Itinerary



O'Brien, Clay, Buena Vista and Cherokee Counties in Northwest Iowa  
Discover Iowa's agricultural roots, Native American history, and glacier-carved landscape.





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The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway is a compelling experience where nature, scenery, archaeology and history intersect. This 36-mile corridor encompasses a landscape like no other in the region. The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway will immerse you in the prairie landscape of the Little Sioux River valley, which harbors native Iowa grasslands second only in land area to those in the Loess Hills to the west. Remnant prairies and oak savannas dot the bluffs above the river. Native flora and fauna abound in more than a dozen public parks and preserves along the byway. You'll appreciate the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway, a place that still has a little touch of "wildness".

## Unique Adventures

The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway has a rich cultural heritage with tangible evidence of early settlement history and the prehistory of the region. Historic **Peterson, Iowa** provides an in-depth look at the settlement of Iowa and the United States. Walk through the **Kirchner Farm Machinery Museum, Jim's Barn, Fort Peterson Blockhouse & more.** View Iowan history at its core including antique farm equipment, western memorabilia, Native American artifacts, wildlife displays and military items ranging from the 1700s to WWII.

At **Bogenrief Studios**, staff excel at the antiquated craft of stained glass restoration and creation. This studio has become world-renown for their skill in cut and blown glass and are highly sought after. You'll be amazed by their projects and the process to create these amazingly intricate works of art.

## Scenic Spots

A trail meanders through prairie-covered ridges with spectacular vistas of the Little Sioux River Valley. While visiting the **Waterman Prairie Hanging Valley** stop to see the breathtaking prairies in full-bloom and hike to the bluff-top grave to pay tribute to 'Dutch Fred' on the very homestead he established in 1868.

The **Linn Grove Dam Area** provides outdoor recreation including

watersports, camping opportunities and more. Learn more about the history of the area from informative interpretive panels located on-site and don't forget your fishing gear. The 12-acre park is a chance for anglers to catch their next trophy on the Little Sioux River.

## Points of Discovery

Enjoy the displays, hike the trails, savor the beauty of the wildflowers, and engage in bird and wildlife watching. Check out all of the events and activities at **Prairie Heritage Center** west of Peterson that celebrate Iowa's natural wonders. Learn about the unique prairie environment as well as preserving and protecting prairie heritage in O'Brien County.

Archaeology, art, astronomy, geology, natural history, or paleontology up your alley? The **Sanford Museum and Planetarium in Cherokee**, established in 1951, was created for historical, cultural and educational purposes. It has welcomed over one million visitors! The museum is an amazing natural science adventure and offers wonderful programming that will take you to the moon, the stars, and the neighboring planets.

## Local Flavors

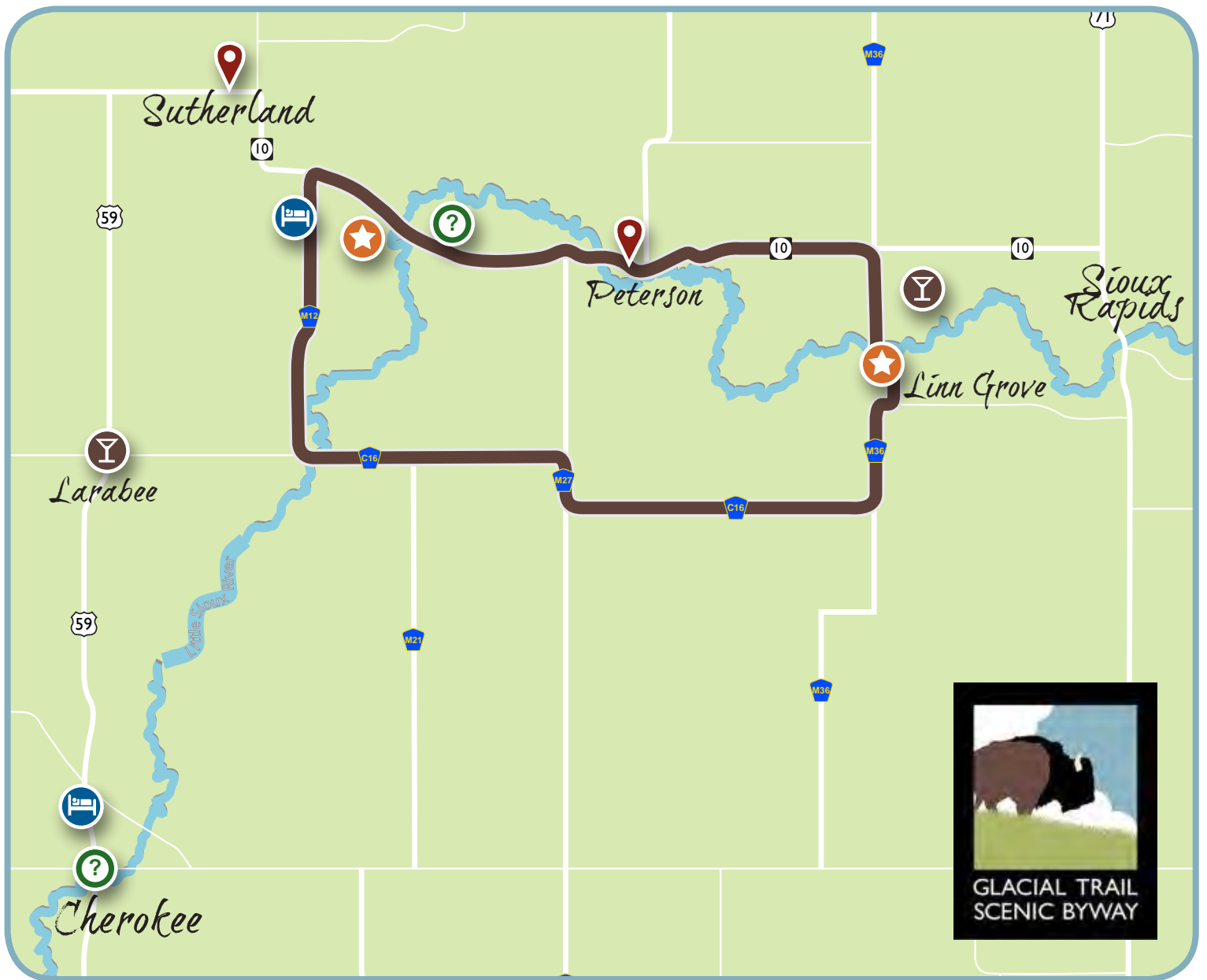
The **Juke Joint Grille** is Northwest Iowa's favorite blues dive bar. Located in Larrabee, this eatery has unique lunch specials and mouthwatering prime rib on Friday and Saturday nights. The cozy location often hosts live music as well.

Stroll through picturesque vineyards, taste amazing wines made from local grapes and enjoy the calming views overlooking the pond and orchard at **Innspiration Vines & Wines**. Started as a bed and breakfast, this family-owned seasonal location has grown into a full vacation destination. It's a great place to unwind on the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway.

## Lodging Locales

### Best Western La Grande Hacienda (Cherokee)

For the more adventuresome travelers, **Dog Creek Park** offers a unique Iowan lodging opportunity. Multiple grain bins have been converted into cabins containing six queen beds, heat and A/C, walk in shower, and kitchen. Located two miles from Sutherland alongside the lake the park and campground, there are many outdoor activities to choose from including hiking, swimming, and fishing.



## For More Group Tour Options

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