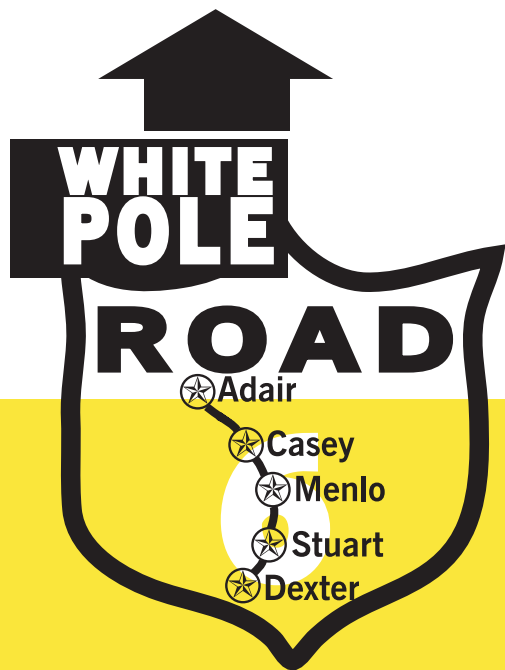





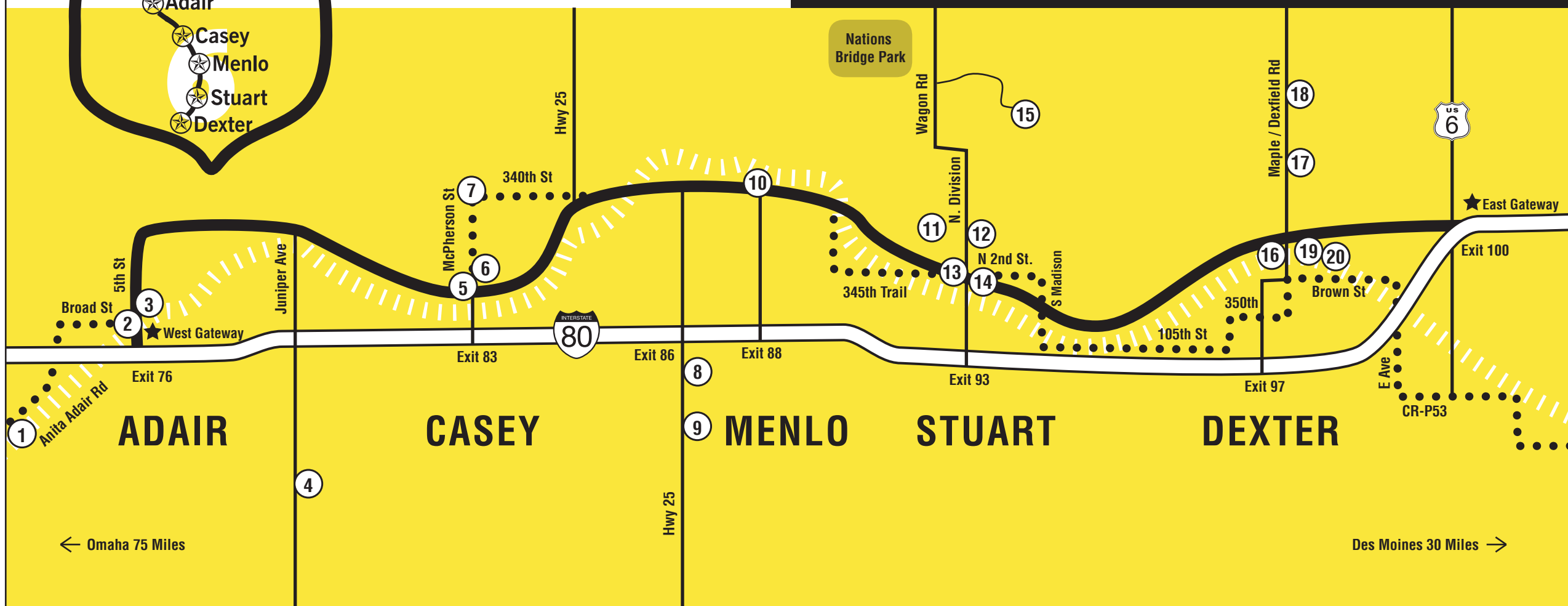


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Welcome to the White Pole Road! A 26-mile scenic and historic byway that runs parallel to Interstate 80 and connects the communities of Adair, Casey, Menlo, Stuart and Dexter, Iowa. The name was selected as a tribute to the original dirt road that began here in the early 1900's and went on to become Iowa's first certified State Route. If the weather is good, you can get off the beaten path of our pavement and explore areas of the road as it was officially plotted in 1913. You'll discover original cement bridges, old cemeteries and a covered wagon trail long abandoned. Drive safe, follow the over 700 painted white poles, and enjoy the view!

- 1. Jesse James Historical Marker** - A large steam engine wheel marks the spot just west of Adair where the infamous Jesse James Gang is believed to have pulled off the world's first robbery of a moving train on July 21, 1873.
- 2. Adair Viaduct** - Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this arched concrete bridge ceremoniously opened to traffic in 1924 and now welcomes visitors to our western WPR entrance.
- 3. Evolution of Flags Display** - Dedicated to the heroes and victims of 9/11, come salute the colorful flags that line Adair's main street. Adair also marks the summit of the Missouri/Mississippi Great Watershed Divide.
- 4. Slayton Rock** - 2 ½ miles west and 2 ½ miles south of Casey on county gravel road N72, this rock is 16ft. high, 14ft. wide, 58ft. around and 500,000 pounds!! Come get your picture taken with the area's BIGGEST rock star.
- 5. Antique Country Drive** - Antique stores await you along Casey's charming original brick main street. On the west side of the road, check out the Veteran's Memorial Park which features patriotic murals by Bubba Sorensen.
- 6. Casey Visitor Center & Museum** - Quilts, memorabilia and family collections are on display in this former Catholic Church that sits up the hill overlooking the downtown area.
- 7. Wagon Trail Ruts** - Take Antique Country Drive north of town to the T intersection and take in the scenic view of a wagon trail long abandoned that ran along the fence line north towards the county seat of Guthrie Center.
- 8. 5x80 Golf and Country Club** - Our same five towns came together in the mid 1960's to create a nine-hole golf course along with clubhouse dining, pool and tennis courts. Call 641-524-2345 to reserve your tee time.
- 9. Freedom Rock** - Located just south of the Country Club is the 56 ton boulder that serves as Ray "Bubba" Sorensen's canvas for yearly patriotic images seen worldwide.
- 10. Friendly Gas Station Man** - In 1934, Kalbach Oil Company commissioned the image of a service station attendant in a blue uniform outlined in red neon lights to welcome motorists. It still stands so be sure to drive by and give him a wave.
- 11. Stuart Speedway** - Visit the stock car quarter-mile race track that served as a location for the making of the 1968 film "Fever Heat" starring Nick Adams and Jeannine Riley. Sunday night racing during the summer season.
- 12. Historic All Saints Building** - Built in 1908 and partially destroyed by an arsonist in 1995, the former Catholic Church is a rare example of Byzantine and Romanesque architecture in the Midwest. It's listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been restored. For a one-of-a-kind tour, call 515-523-2921.
- 13. Bonnie & Clyde Bank Robbery** - Ironically, you'll notice that the former site of the First National Bank of Stuart is now the site of the town's Police Department. On April 16, 1934, the infamous Bonnie & Clyde gang robbed the bank of approximately \$2,000, but would later die just over a month later during an ambush in Louisiana.
- 14. Former Rock Island Railroad Depot** - Built in 1879 as part of a major train repair complex, the depot is now the town's last link to its bustling railroad past and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was also visited by the famous hitch-hiker Jack Kerouac who wrote about the area in his best-selling novel "On the Road".
- 15. Raccoon Ridge Music Hall and Archery Course** - An events facility nestled in the country north of Stuart with hiking, camping and a 3-D archery course. Plan to attend one of their many dances open to the public.
- 16. Drew's Chocolates** - Since 1927, Drew's has been individually fork dipping and selling chocolates out of their basement kitchen from recipes past down from generation to generation. Stop by for a taste or send some to friends and relatives as a souvenir.
- 17. Former site of the National Plowing Matches** - Site of the National Plowing Matches held in Dexter in 1948 with special guests President Harry Truman and family. The event attracted approximately 100,000 people!
- 18. Bonnie & Clyde Shootout** - See the location of the former Dextfield Park where the infamous Bloody Barrows fought against the local posse in 1933. Look for informational granite markers on the west side of the road.
- 19. Roundhouse Community Center** - Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this unique elliptical engineering feat was built in 1916 and was once even home to a basketball court.
- 20. Dexter Museum** - See historical city artifacts including documentation of President Taft and Truman's visits as well as the surprise visit by the Bonnie and Clyde Barrow Gang. Open Saturday mornings from May 1-Oct.1.

For more information on the history, attractions and events in our area, please visit [www.whitepoledroad.com](http://www.whitepoledroad.com).