

Ames: A Place to Discover

Are you new to the Ames, Iowa or maybe wanting to discover something you never have? Well, look no further than right here.

Founded in 1864¹, Ames is best known for Iowa State University, a 158-year-old university. Iowa State University has a fantastic athletics program with many of their athletics teams making it to finals. As the saying here goes, “If you live in Ames, you’ll end up loving sports by the time you leave.”

But if sports aren’t your thing, the age, history, and architecture of the buildings at Iowa State may call to you. The oldest building on campus is the Farm House, built in 1860. Ames also has an historical society that can tell you more about the buildings and history of all of Ames or just Iowa State University.

But if none of that interests you, it also has a strong arts scene. Every Friday at Iowa State, you can join in painting your own potter (for a fee, of course). There are several acting theaters where you can catch plays and musicals, with *Catch Me Kate* playing currently on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sunday, June 26 at 2 PM starting tomorrow and running until the June 25.

¹ “A History of the Origin of the Place Names Connected with the Chicago & North Western and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Railways.”

² Tanya Zanish-Belcher. “A Brief Overview of Iowa State’s Campus Buildings.” <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~isu150/history/campus.html>