



Proposed logo - yet to be finalized.

*"I really enjoyed
the peaceful scenery,
the wildlife I spied,
relaxing...
and just doing
"nothing!"*

Learn where
we've come
from and where
we are headed!

Attend the
Glacial Trail
Scenic Byway
Stakeholders
meeting on
Wednesday,
September 23
at 5:30 p.m.

Glacial Trail Scenic Byway



Glacial Trail Scenic Byway Belongs to YOU!

The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway is undergoing a major renovation, and now is the time for you to hop on board and make Northwest Iowa an ultimate travel destination!

Designated in 2000, the byway was originally named the Old O'Brien Glacial Trail Scenic Byway. The 36-mile route passes through Clay, O'Brien, Cherokee and Buena Vista counties.

Through a series of transportation grants, byways throughout the state are undergoing a transformation. Not only has our local byway been given an new name, work is underway to design a logo, install new signage, create a website, market the byway to travelers and more.

You can play a big role in this project! In fact, you - the residents and entrepreneurs of the area - are in the drivers seat!!

Do you know a good area ghost story? Drum up some interest with the youth in your community. They'd love to show you their town from their perspective. Tell some tales about the unusual ... like Dutch Fred's grave and Bonnie & Clyde's stopover. Committee ideas like these - and more - have been formulated. Future projects for the byway include walking trails, ipod & GPS tours, renewable energy experiences, and archaeological corridor exploration.

Save the date and make plans to attend the Glacial Trail Scenic Byways Stakeholders meeting. YOU can plan a major role in this fabulous opportunity to promote our region!

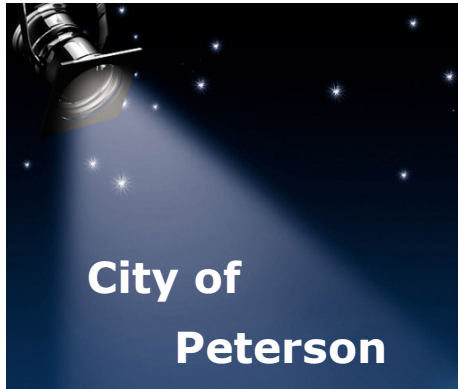
Find your niche ...

Are you interested in:

- History
- Eco & Heritage Tourism
- Recreational Activities
- Wildlife Watching
- Artistic Endeavors
- Budding Businesses

Join one of these committees OR volunteer to help with the promotional "RUN/WALK/BIKE the Byway" event coming soon!

*Your byway needs
YOU!*



City of Peterson

"Our history is not only our story, but it represents our livelihood which is our town ... Peterson Iowa."



Highlights from Peterson - One of the Byway Locations

By Jennifer Sampson

We all come from a small piece of history. Every person, town, and place has a story which is frozen in time for future generations to explore and enjoy. Our history is not only our story, but it represents our livelihood which is our town...Peterson, IA.

Peterson, Iowa is a quaint little town nestled in the valley of the Little Sioux River located on the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway. Nature has blessed this town with a river, rolling hills, and an abundance of trees. Peterson is by far the exception to the flat lands of Northwest Iowa. Not only does it have an inspiring view, but is also home to many historical firsts for Clay County.

Peterson welcomed the first settlement, post office, courthouse, frame house, first and only fort, saw mill, grist mill, schoolhouse, and many more. Our heritage is preserved in the historical museums and sites you will discover in our town.

The Kirchner family traveled from Albany, NY in April of 1856 to claim this rich fertile land. They built the first frame house as well as the Gust Kirchner house. Although the Kirchners discovered our town, they did not want the town to be named after them. Instead when the first post office opened and needed a name for the town, the Kirchners thought to name the town after the person that delivered the mail, thus Peterson received its name.

This is just one of the intriguing stories you will learn about our town. Peterson Heritage, Inc. offers tours to share our stories and to give you an opportunity to experience firsthand our beginning. The historical sites included in the tours are Christian Kirchner House (first frame house), Farm Machinery Museum, Rock Forest School house, Gust Kirchner House, Peterson Fort, and the Boarding House. Other museums include Jim's History Barn and The French Museum.

For recreation, you can experience the Inkpaduta River Trail with a canoe or possibly tubing with a bunch of friends. Wanata State Park offers rustic scenery, hiking trails, and a newly constructed canoe ramp. For the kids we have a wonderful swimming pool in the summer and the Kirchner Park.

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Visit Main Street and you will find Peterson Plaza with free wireless internet access, a Thrift Shop with great finds, and The Craft Shed. On the other side of main is Barb McGee's Art Gallery for wonderful displays of local artwork. If you're hungry, we have Sue's Diner on main or Car Go Express located on Highway 10.

Our history is a part of our lives; it is our town...Peterson Iowa. We look forward to experiencing it with you.