



Bloomin' Fun! Gardening Day Trips in Western Iowa



Odebolt

Lake View, Odebolt, Orange City, Spencer

Prairie Pedlar, Odebolt

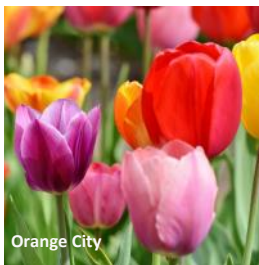
A rite of spring for gardeners from far and near is an annual pilgrimage to the Prairie Pedlar in Odebolt. Its refurbished Sears and Roebuck bow-truss barn, a country school house, and several other buildings are complemented by more than 30 flower beds neatly arranged into theme gardens that delight visitors throughout the summer. Each garden plot is a history lesson that explores the utilization of plants spanning generations. Whimsical and primitive accents will amuse you, while informative signs are posted to help guide you through the gardens.



Lake View

Thistle Down Nursery, Lake View

This charming nursery began on a vacant acreage that was covered in thistles and was aptly named Thistle Down. Iowa's sweltering hot summers and bitterly cold winters require plants well-suited to the vigorous climate. Thistle Down carries thousands of unique perennials including new varieties that can survive here along with the old standbys. You'll also find annuals, many different varieties of peppers, herbs, broccoli, cabbage, and other vegetables. If you're hunting for heirloom tomatoes you'll find them here and at practical prices!



Orange City



Spencer

Tulip Town Bulb Company, Orange City

Tulip Town Bulb Company offers many varieties of tulips - all imported from the Netherlands. They plant thousands of tulip bulbs each fall and guests are invited to view the display garden and see firsthand what the different varieties look like when the tulips bloom in April and May. They begin to take orders in April and then ship the bulbs anywhere in the country in time for fall planting. For a real Dutch treat you may want to plan your visit for the third weekend in May for the Orange City Tulip Festival, an annual event celebrating the town's cultural heritage.

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The Prairie Flower, Spencer

The Tallgrass Prairie is a native ecosystem which historically covered 70-80 percent of Iowa with plants well-adapted to Iowa's climate and soil. It was dominated by native grasses and wildflowers. Due to the deep, rich, fertile soil that supports this expanse of grass, the prairie was easily transformed into crop land as it was settled. The Prairie Flower in Spencer is a native seed and plant nursery providing local ecotype native prairie and wetland plants and seeds, as well as native cultivar seed, pasture and hay seed, and lawn grass mixes.

****Note****

The above itinerary is a SAMPLE itinerary. Other attractions and activities can be substituted based on your preferences and the current seasonality to create a unique itinerary for your next visit.

Dining Suggestions – Some of the most memorable experiences when traveling involve the foods you eat. By sampling local cuisine, you get an authentic taste of place, its unique history and culture, as well as regional specialties and favorites. Western Iowa is home to a wide range of locally owned and operated restaurants, farms and artisanal food providers, wineries, craft breweries and distilleries. Ask the locals for their recommendations!

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