

Flint & Co



Great food, beautiful landscape, and sleeping in a grain bin....sounds like a great place to visit, right?! You'll find a weekend of fun and great things to do in O'Brien County, Iowa with all of this and more! Located in Northwest Iowa this county is about 14,000 people. And those people are some of the friendlies you'll meet. They are also offering you a weekend full of fun and great things to do! Check out all these great options to fill your weekend with.

Things to Do

Getting's Garden 2861 Pierce Ave., Sanborn

This is a true family business which is now not only run by Don & Mary Getting, but their kids who are also joining in the biz! During the strawberry season, stop and pick your own fresh berries, grab a snack, kiddos can play in the playground area complete with giant slide, strawberry shaped jumping pillow, a petting zoo-type area, and more! Of course don't forget the strawberry-infused tea or strawberry donut! Their market place offers a large variety of strawberry food products and other goodies! We're sure you'll want to make Getting's Garden an annual stop.

O'Brien County Freedom Rock 698 Main St., Sanborn

When traveling in Iowa, no road trip is complete without seeking out that county's Freedom Rock. O'Brien's Freedom Rock is located in Sanborn and tastefully done! The park is well landscaped, there is a cute little information shed adjacent, and the rock itself is beautiful, as always! The Freedom Rock provides a memorial to 9/11 along with other items! It's definitely worth a stop!

Broadway Marketplace 121 E Broadway St., Paullina

For a bit of shopping, head to Broadway Market Place in downtown Paullina. Broadway Market Place is a home for a variety of vendors to sell their goods and services....I love a great collaboration. You'll find gifts, home décor, and women's clothing at the Market Place! It's such a fun stop with cute things that is worth a visit. (I may or may not have made a purchase!)



Paullina Hardware 104 Broadway, Paullina

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful countryside of O'Brien County with Paullina Hardware! Yes, you heard me right! At the top of your list of things to do in O'Brien county needs to be renting kayaks and E-Bikes from this locally-owned hardware (and more store). Not only is the store amazing, it's a true hardware store that also sells bikes, grills, smokers, gifts/toys for kids, and more!

Solsma's Punkin Patch 6190 320th St., Sanborn

If you're looking for things to do in O'Brien County in the fall, definitely head to Solsma's Punkin Patch. Located between Hartley & Sanborn, you'll find this small, but great pumpkin patch. This patch offers free admission where the family can pick from a large variety of pumpkins and mums plus other produce and treats. Out back you'll find lawn games, a small bounce house, basketball, and several picture ops. Make sure to take a photo of the kids with their "How Tall This Fall" board and in their giant lawn chair. For a small price, you can enjoy their corn maze. You're bound to make some memories with a stop at Solsma's.



Places to Eat

Crazy Bob's 240 N 8th Ave., Hartley

Located in Hartley, you'll find Crazy Bob's, an eclectically decorated restaurant with a bar, super friendly staff, and delicious food! Their menu offers a wide range of appetizers, sandwiches, BBQ, steak, and more! They also offer a full bar and even feature a couple of small Iowa brewery beers! My recommendation is to pick the Chislic, which is diced top sirloin steak cooked to your liking served with sides and with sautéed veggies. The steak is so well done, seasoned perfectly, and super tender! Their hand-cut fries are a great option and a side salad rounds out a delicious meal! You won't be disappointed with a stop at Crazy Bob's.



Dairy Dandy 1116 2nd Ave., Sheldon

Who doesn't love an old fashioned, mom and pop drive-in style eatery?! That's exactly what you'll find at the Dairy Dandy in Sheldon. They offer take away service or dine-in service (in the back). Their lunch/supper menu offers sandwiches, salads, snacks/appetizers, and broasted chicken! They are also super affordable so it's a great place to take the family! During our visit, I chose a cheeseburger and fries and said it was a great classic meal. I chose a piece of broasted chicken and their criss-cut fries! Both were hot, crispy, and the chicken was delicious and juicy!



The Cobblestone Bar 133 1st St. SE, Primghar



As far as a bar is concerned, The Cobblestone Bar has found a great balance between Iowa classic beer (Busch Light), local brewery beers, and hard liquors for classic and specialty cocktails! What is the owner, Marshall's claim to fame? It is definitely the Smoked Old Fashioned! You get a drink and a show with this delicious feature. I've tasted quite a few of this classic cocktail and this was definitely the smoothest I've ever experienced.

Breu Haus Coffee & Brewery 1220 2nd Ave., Sheldon

Who doesn't love beer combined with coffee and a beautiful historic building?! That's what you'll find at Breu Haus Coffee & Brewery in Sheldon. It's a fun place to grab a coffee or enjoy a pint. Of course, a flight is always a great way to enjoy a pre-dinner drink!



Langer's Bar & Grill 207 8th St., Sheldon

If you're looking for a super laid back place to enjoy a delicious meal, head to Langer's Bar & Grill in Sheldon. This sports bar delivers a wide variety of options from unique burgers to prime rib, steaks, shrimp, fish, and more! Unique burgers like the Bentley features a 1/3 pound burger with shaved prime rib, melted Mozzarella Cheese, bacon, sautéed jalapenos, and rock and roll sauce, which is a spicy ranch. Of course, no meal is complete without a piece of their famous cheesecake like the Snickers cheesecake!



Where to Stay

Bill's Cabin 3rd St. SE, Primghar

When planning your stay in O'Brien County, the only place to stay (in our opinion at least) is Bill's Cabin in Primghar! You might drive right by it, but it'll be worth pumping the brakes for. Many years ago, brothers Kurt & Jim transformed a grain bin into a 2-story cabin and began renting it out! This vacation rental with modern amenities is fantastic. It features hard wood floors, comfy oversized chairs, a small kitchen, a full bathroom, and large bedroom with a second story deck.

The best place on the property is the deck that overlooks one of the greens of the Primghar County Club. It's the perfect place to enjoy your morning coffee. They also offer free wi-fi, a coffee maker (with coffee supplied), and cable TV. It is immaculately cleaned and well cared for. It's also very quiet which makes it perfect for truly relaxing and unplugging.



You may have never heard of O'Brien County before, but we promise once you take a trip, you'll leave being happy that you decided to explore the unexpected. Outdoor adventures, great food, a fun and unique place to stay makes for a great weekend getaway. And, if you need help planning your trip, the folks at Tour O'Brien County would be happy to help! When will you visit?!

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