



Spend a Day in Clay!

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Peterson is a historic small town in Clay County. It is located on Hwy. 10, along the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway – in the southwest corner of Clay County.

Peterson boasts many “firsts” for our county:

- 1st settlement and town
- 1st post office
- 1st framed building
- 1st school building
- 1st site for religious service
- 1st site for courthouse – county seat
- 1st store
- 1st (and only) fort in the county

Take a drive into Peterson along Hwy. 10. The town is located about 10 miles from Hwy. 71. The first stop will be the Prairie Heritage Center, located at 4931 Yellow Avenue. This is located a few miles outside of town, and includes 1 mile on a gravel road.

The Prairie Heritage Center provides environmental education, as it relates to the prairie. They have some of the best eagle sighting's in NW Iowa. The facility is open Wednesday – Friday, 9am – 4pm and Saturday – Sunday, 1pm – 4pm. The adventurer can explore the wooded area across the road to search for the pioneer cemetery. Allow about 45 minutes – 1.5 hours to explore the Heritage Center and the grounds around the area.

Take the drive back into Peterson to Main Street. There you will find RePeterson's, located in the old Boarding House. Not only is this a historical site, but this offers a unique shopping experience. This store is also the only location in the county to purchase the famous “Hiney Wine.”

Walk down Main Street (about a block) to the McGee Gallery. The owner and local artist showcases contemporary equine and western art. Items include portraits, landscapes, and florals. Gallery hours are 10am – 5pm, Tuesday – Friday and 10am – noon, on Saturday. She encourages guests to call ahead to confirm the hours (712-295-6315).

On your way out of town, make time to stop by the InnSpiration Winery, Clay County's only winery. The winery opened in March 2013 and is open regularly Fridays – Sundays. Wine listings range from sweet wines to dark reds. The address is 1790 – 510th Street, Linn Grove. Allow at least 30 minutes to enjoy the wine samples, the view of the pond, and a walk through the vineyard.

