Directions to the Iowa Arboretum
The Iowa Arboretum is located between Boone and Madrid in rural Boone County. We are easily accessible by paved roads.

From the South: Option 1: Take I-35 north to Highway 210 (Slater/Maxwell Exit). Go west on Hwy 210 (12.6 miles) to Madrid. Turn right and head north on Highway 17 to Luther (6 miles). Turn left and head west on E-57 (2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles). Option 2: Take 80/35 to Highway 141. Follow this north (10.3 miles) to Highway 17 and travel through Madrid to Luther (15.6 miles). Turn left and head west on E-57 (2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles).

From the North and East: Take I-35 south to Highway 30 (Ames). Go west on Hwy 30 (13.1 miles) to Highway 17 Exit. Turn left to go south to Luther (4.8 miles). Turn right and head west on E-57 (2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles).

From the West: Take Highway 30 through Boone. Turn right and go south on either Quill Road (4.9) or Highway 17 (4.8 miles). Take a right on E-57 and head west (from Quill ~ 1.2 miles and from E-57 ~ 2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles).
The Place to Meet

Centrally located in the beautiful Des Moines River Valley, the Iowa Arboretum features beautifully landscaped gardens, woodland trails and a native Iowa prairie restoration. The Hughes Education Center and the Cafferty Building provide two venues for comfortable and functional meeting spaces from formal business presentations to hands-on workshops or social events. Our meeting planner is available to assist you in creating a memorable meeting or event.

Everything You Need

- Meeting rooms to accommodate large and small groups; additional spaces for breakout sessions
- Quiet outdoor meeting spaces
- Wi-Fi, sound system, and projection equipment
- Fully equipped catering kitchen; list of local caterers available or choose your own
- Convenient and plentiful parking

Extra Value

- Beautiful gardens and grounds
- Woodland & prairie walking trails
- Excellent Customer Service
- Gift shop open daily
- Opportunities available for service projects or outdoor education experiences

The Iowa Arboretum is an ideal venue for business retreats in central Iowa. “The large, main conference room is spacious and comfortably appointed and worked well for our conference.” —Comments from recent guests

“The natural lighting and the serene view of the grounds created an ambiance of both openness and coziness to the meeting space.” —Comments from recent guests

“Coming here was such a pleasant change from our usual conference hall meetings.” —Comments from recent guests