



WALLACE CENTERS OF IOWA

THE WALLACE FARM
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SITE FEATURES & SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Henry A. Wallace was elected US Vice President, yet his place in “America’s first family of agriculture” was by virtue of his birth. Early in his career, he founded a world-renowned seed corn company and was an editor of *Wallaces’ Farmer* magazine. He served as Vice President during WWII in addition to holding cabinet positions before and after the war. Learn more about the Wallace family’s legacy as you tour this historic site.

THE BIRTHPLACE FARM

Open year-round, the Wallace Farm, now on the National Register of Historic Places, is a 40-acre parcel of the family’s original 160-acre farm.

Historic Site

The farm was owned by “Uncle Henry” Wallace, later the first editor of *Wallaces’ Farmer* magazine. His son, Henry C. (Harry) Wallace moved here in 1886 to raise purebred Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses, Poland China hogs, and feeder cattle. Henry A. was born on the farm in 1888.

Restored Farmhouse

The Farmhouse is a common example of rural homes throughout Iowa from the late 1800s and early 1900s. It now houses our Gift Shop.

Gathering Barn

Built in 2003, the Gathering Barn replicates the original barn that stood west of the house in the early days of the farm.

Restored Iowa Prairie & Sculpture Walking Path

The 9-acre prairie provides an ever-changing landscape of grasses and forbes surrounding 5 outdoor art sculptures.

Orchard & Produce Garden

About 4 acres in size, the Orchard and Produce Garden yields 40+ varieties and includes one acre of sweet potatoes set aside for food-assistance programs.

Henry A. Wallace Historic Corn Plot

Select varieties show the evolution of corn and Henry A. Wallace’s role in hybridization. Wallace founded the Hi-Bred Corn Company in 1926, better known as Pioneer Hi-Bred.



PRAIRIE ART EXHIBIT:

75+ themed paintings by community artists of all ages and skill levels are displayed in the 9-acre prairie from June to early October. A gentle one-mile grass path connects all the artwork, 5 permanent outdoor sculptures and a farm pond. *Comfortable walking shoes a must.*



QUILT SHOW:

Dozens of antique, contemporary, art and utility quilts on display inside the Barn. Contact us for specific dates & group rates.

