

a local's guide.

top 10 TO EXPLORE IN THE **Ankeny** AREA.

Ankeny, Iowa, is a rapidly growing suburban community known for its strong schools, family-friendly atmosphere, and close proximity to Des Moines, offering a blend of modern amenities and a welcoming, small-town charm.



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No. 1 farmer's market

Ankeny Uptown Farmer's Market

The Uptown Ankeny Farmers Market's vendors provide a wide variety of products to the public. The Market has everything from fresh seasonal produce, home-made baked goods, specialty food items, perennial plants, and hand-made crafts



No. 2 coffee shop

Porch Light Coffeehouse

Porch Light Coffeehouse is locally owned and operated. We use locally roasted coffee and serve an eclectic mix of espresso specialties from traditional to adventurous. We aim to be good neighbors and feel strongly about giving back to the community
[Porch Light Coffeehouse](#)



No. 3 lunch favorite

Main Street Cafe & Bakery

Bakery & cafe serving breakfast, soup & sandwiches in a stylish, contemporary atmosphere.

[Main Street Cafe & Bakery](#)

No. 4 events

Ankeny Chamber Summerfest

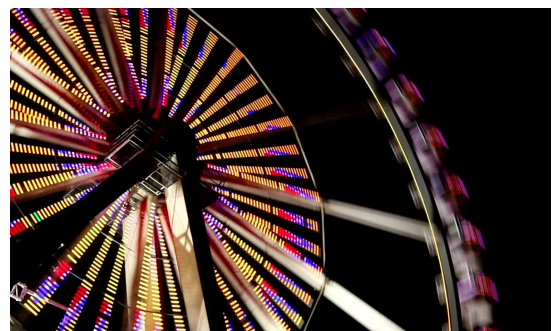
Ankeny Chamber SummerFest has brought Ankeny and the surrounding metro area together for 3 days of music, carnival rides, great local food and fun! Every year, our committee members, staff and volunteers work hard to bring this festival to life.

[Ankeny Summerfest](#)

Beats & Eats

Join us at the Ankeny Market and Pavilion (AMP) Thursday nights this summer for food trucks, live music and entertainment, family activities, games, beer truck and more!

[Beats & Eats Website](#)





No. 5 Brewery

Uptown Garage Brewing

Stop in and slide on up to the longest bar in the Des Moines metro and enjoy a soda, canned cocktail, wine, or one of the 30+ rotating beers and ciders we've got on tap

[Uptown Garage Brewing](#)

No. 6 bike path

Oralabor Gateway Trail

This 4.25 mile trail connects the north end of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail to the Neal Smith Trail. It also provides an important connection to the High Trestle Trail by use of Ankeny City Trail



No. 7 dinner & drinks

Grimaldi's Pizzeria

Casual, Brooklyn-based pizzeria chain serving brick-oven pies & calzones, plus wine & beer.

[Grimaldis Pizzeria Website](#)



No. 8 library

Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library

Public library for reading and studying, with a playground, digital catalogs, and self-checkout.

[Ankeny Public Library](#)

No. 9 parks + play

Miracle Park

Miracle Park All-Inclusive Playground is Ankeny's largest playground with more than 14,000 square feet of fun. The playground features double wide ramps going more than nine feet high and various play amenities that youth with and without special needs can enjoy.

[Miracle Park Website](#)

Cascade Falls Aquatic Center

Cascade Falls Aquatic Center in Ankeny is a vibrant water park featuring thrilling slides, a lazy river, a zero-depth entry pool, and a spacious splash pad, making it a popular destination for families and water enthusiasts.

[Cascade Falls Aquatic Center](#)



No. 10 ice cream shop

Uptown Dairy

Classic hard-pack ice cream, fresh cones, and shakes served in a historic neighborhood.

[Uptown Dairy Website](#)