



GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION

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Dear Friends,

The Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa is one of Iowa's favorite travel destinations! Since the construction began in 1912, the Grotto has drawn thousands of visitors each year who come to experience the unique beauty and peace of this spectacular treasure in stone. Whether you are coming for the first time or have previously visited the Grotto, your visit will be a memorable one.

The Grotto is a composite of nine separate grottos, each portraying a different scene in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Each grotto builds on the theme of Redemption. The Grotto has one of the largest collections of semi-precious stones and gems found in one location. The detail of the artistry is exquisite and must be seen to be fully appreciated. *The Iowan* magazine dubbed the Grotto a "Miracle in Stone". The Grotto was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2001. A donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child is requested for the preservation and maintenance of the Grotto.

The Grotto is open all year. The Grotto is lit until 10:30pm and music plays throughout the shrine. Guided tours of the Grotto run approximately 50 minutes and include a geological lecture in the Rock Display Studio. Group tours are available by reservation any time of the year. We ask that large groups make reservations at least two weeks in advance for special tours and/or Grotto Cafe dining. Guided tours are given hourly, 10am – 5pm, May through October. Please keep in mind that winter weather conditions may limit access to certain areas of the Grotto.

The Grotto Gift Shop offers a large variety of special occasion gifts, jewelry, inspirational music and literature, as well as Iowa and Grotto collectibles. The Gift Shop is open all year and any time by appointment. Phone orders are welcome and shipping is available. Please contact 515-887-5591 for additional Gift Shop information or visit our website.

The Grotto Museum has a large exhibit of stones and minerals from throughout the world. Early pictures and news articles are also on display. Artifacts include the tools used by Fr. Dobberstein in the construction of the Grotto. A 45-minute documentary video of the Grotto is available for viewing.

The Grotto Campground has 53 sites available for campers and tents. Electrical hookups (30 amp), firewood, showers and a central water & sewer dump station are available. Campground fees are \$10 per night for tents and \$15 per night for campers / recreational vehicles. No reservations are required for the campground. There is a Shelter House available for rent for meetings, reunions and other gatherings. Please call 515-887-2371 for additional information and shelter house reservations.

Overnight accommodations are available at Park View Inn and Suites located just north of the Grotto. The 36-room hotel offers 6 theme suites, an indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room and continental breakfast. For reservations call 877-612-5366, www.parkviewinnandsuites.com. The Living Vine Bed & Breakfast, a 1917 Bungalow Craftsman style home, is also available with 4 bedrooms. Contact ronnorl@ncn.net or call 515-887-2535 for reservations.

We recommend that you allow approximately two to three hours to visit the Grotto. We look forward to welcoming you to the Grotto of the Redemption.

Sincerely,

Grotto of the Redemption Staff

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