



THE HUB SPOT

The Principal Riverwalk connects to the Court Avenue District at the corner of Water St. and Court Ave. There, the Hub Spot offers a resting place by way of a landscaped plaza and kiosk with a variety of food/drink options for sale as well as public restrooms. The plaza also features Dangos, five sculptures by artist Jun Kaneko.

PROMENADE AND MULTI-USE TRAIL

The Principal Riverwalk renovated the western banks of the Des Moines River, making them not only more attractive but also more useful to residents and visitors interested in being out and about by the river's edge.



THE PRINCIPAL RiverWalk



The Principal Riverwalk features lighted, landscaped public spaces, world-class public art and unique pedestrian bridges and pathways connecting 300 miles of Central Iowa trails.

The project was a gift to the City of Des Moines in honor of the 125th anniversary of the Principal Financial Group.





IOWA WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT BRIDGE

A focal point of The Principal Riverwalk, this iconic bridge spans the Des Moines River, linking the east and west sides of the city at the northern edge of the riverwalk loop. The bridge features two separate pathways—one for walkers/joggers and one for bicyclists.

As part of The Principal Riverwalk dedication, the bridge was officially named "The Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge."

The bridge will display the names of women from Iowa's history who have been nominated by citizens and selected for recognition by a panel of judges. As part of the naming, the first women to be recognized will be announced and their plaques unveiled on the bridge.

BRENTON SKATING PLAZA

Brenton Skating Plaza, gifted by the Brenton Foundation, opened in 2006. The plaza engages the riverfront and creates a signature destination, all at the foot of the Des Moines skyline. With a skating surface of 120' x 60', the rink holds 220 skaters. Visit www.brentonplaza.com for information.



LONG LOOK GARDEN

Take a stroll, have a seat, enjoy the view. Long Look Garden, sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., features a stately garden cascading toward the river. Long Look Garden consists of terraced planter walls, formal landscaping and a grand staircase. The sculpture, "Untitled," by artist Joel Shapiro is showcased within the garden.

UNION RAILROAD BRIDGE

Once a carrier of train traffic, the Union Railroad Bridge today provides a scenic pedestrian link over the Des Moines River from the east to the west, and back again. Painted its original color, "caboose red," the bridge features cantilevers on each side, allowing pedestrians to stop and enjoy the view.



MEREDITH TRAIL

The Meredith Trail connects The Principal Riverwalk with Gray's Lake. It was completed and opened in 2005.

HANSEN TRIANGLE

Hansen Triangle, sponsored by the Hansen Company, Inc., is located along the western banks of the Des Moines River. The city plaza features the bronze sculpture and fountain, "Quantum Leaf" by artist Sally Vagliano Pettus. The Hansen Triangle was completed in 2007.

