



1. Begin at intersection Highway 75 and Highway 2 south of Nebraska City. Drive east on Highway 2.
2. Take the first right on Highway 2 after the Factory Stores of America onto 3rd Street.
3. Turn left at the first corner.
4. Proceed to a stop sign; turn right (.4 miles from Highway 2.)
5. Turn left at the next stop onto a paved road, (one mile from the last stop sign.)
6. Go about 3.9 miles and turn right at the Steamboat Trace Trailhead, proceed south. You will pass over the Steamboat Trace Hiking/Biking Trail, and through the ghost town of Minersville, marked only by a set of grain elevators today.
7. Follow this road to an intersection and take a hard left at the top of the hill (2.9 miles from the paved road.)
8. Continue 1.3 miles, north of the octagon white farm house on the left.
9. Turn left just past Camp Creek Cemetery (4.8 miles from the paved road.) Follow this road taking the curve to the right at the 72nd and P intersection. Follow the road for 1.5 miles. It will bear right onto Q Road. Continue onto the Q and 70 intersection, taking a sharp left onto 70th Road.
10. Turn left at the top of the hill (7.5 miles from the paved road.)
11. Continue south across two bridges and the levee, entering Nemaha County.
12. Turn left after crossing the trestle bridge (11.7 miles from the paved road.)
13. Stay on this road, which will take you along the Steamboat Trace Trail and past the Peru Depot Trailhead as you enter Peru from the north. Continue down Fifth St. through downtown, going one mile onto the Peru State College campus. At the intersection of Fifth and Park, you will see the "Little Red Schoolhouse" welcome center and museum.
14. Turn left on Park and turn around using the parking lot to the left. Go back up onto Fifth St. back toward downtown. Turn right on Washington Street, then left on Third. Take Third to California and turn right.
15. At the top of the hill you will find the curved Memorial Bench, which overlooks a three-state area, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska (original site of Mt. Vernon Post Office, Peru's original post office and name.)
16. Take the circular drive through Mt. Vernon Cemetery (some markers date back to 1880) exiting the other gate, and turn left. At the top of the hill, looking east, you can see where the Nishnabotna and Missouri Rivers meet at the end of the tour.
17. Go about 1 mile from the cemetery and turn left. At the end of the road turn left. Continue right around the curve (a rural water pip stand will be on your left after the curve). Scenic river overlook continues for the next one-half mile.
18. Turn right at the fork in the road (1-1/2 miles from scenic overlook).
19. Turn left at the paved road (Highway 67). Continue for 1 mile.

20. Turn left at next gravel road. Go 1.7 miles to Million Dollar Hill, built by the C.C.C. during the 1930's. This drainage project involved so many people, that many assumed it must cost a million dollars, thus the name. Cross wooden bridge (0.9 miles from Million Dollar Hill). You will be right next to the Steamboat Trace Hiking/Biking Trail. Continue 1 mile.
21. Turn right at the fork in the road. Follow this road into Brownville, turning left at the intersection. You will be on Main St.
22. Cross Highway 136 at the stop sign. Auburn is 10 miles to the right. I-29 is 8 miles to the left.
23. Take the road south past the Meriwether Lewis Dredge Boat Museum and the Brownville State Recreation Area. Continue for 2.8 miles to the dirt road passing Cooper Nuclear Station on your left.
24. Continue for 2.1 miles and turn left onto Highway 67 (First Street) in Nemaha. Continue on Highway 67 for 5.6 miles to 64E spur east and Indian Cave State Park.
25. Continue 5 miles to Indian Cave State Park, Nebraska State Park permit required.

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