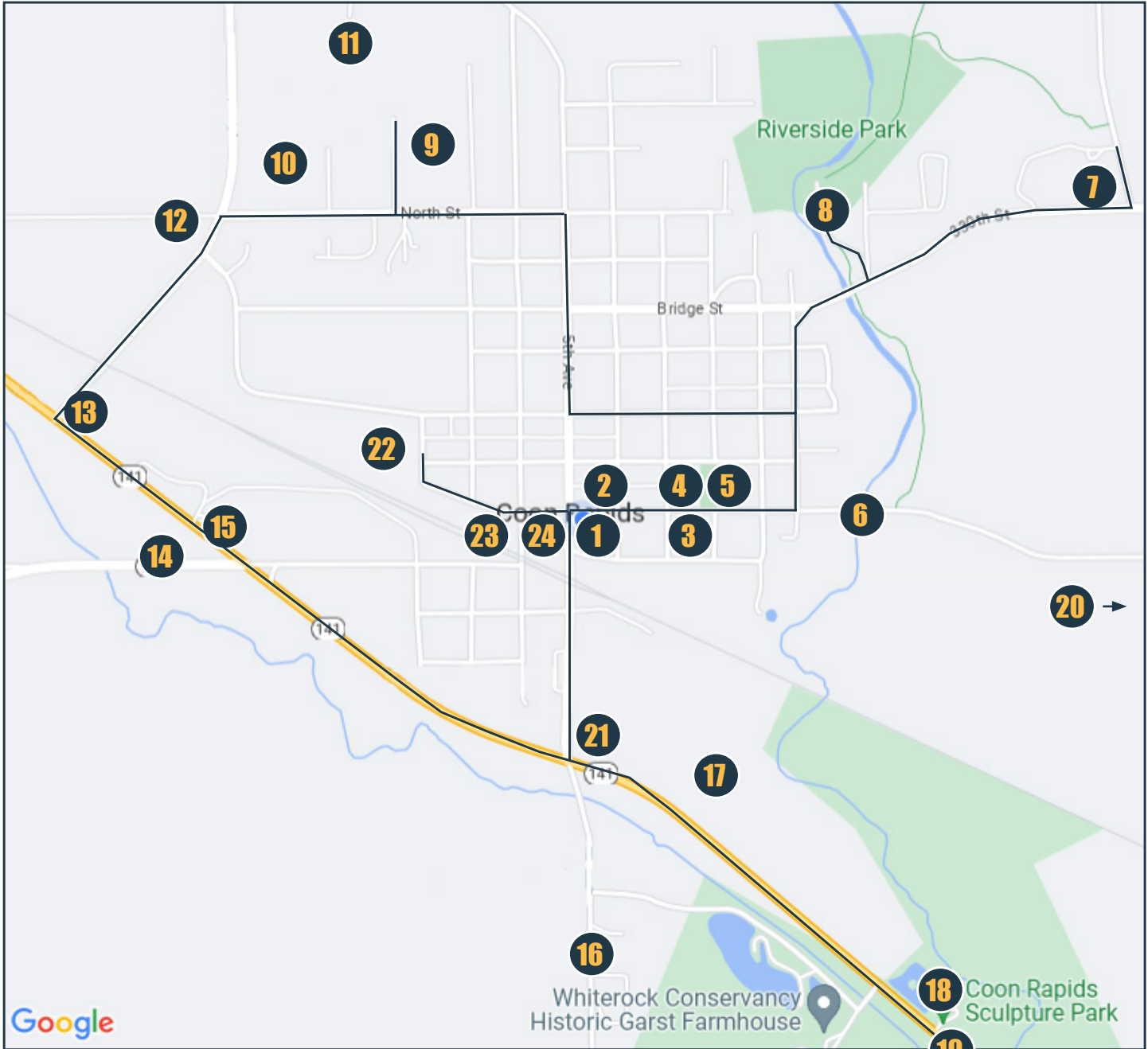


Coon Rapids Driving Tour



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1. From Main Street Coon Rapids office
Organized in August 2019 to focus on downtown revitalization.
HAND OUT ANNUAL REPORT
2. Grocery Store
Four generation family owned since 1919
3. CRMU, Library, City Hall, Police Department
CRMU is a city-owned utility company providing reliable electric, natural gas, water, wastewater and communication products and services (cable TV, telephone, internet). Fiber-to-the-home Internet provide every home and business with a direct high speed internet
Point out Library, city hall and police department
4. Thomas Rest Haven/Park View Assisted Living
City-owned nursing home and assisted living facility; major employer
5. St. Anthony Medical Clinic
Staffed with local doctor and affiliated with hospital in Carroll
6. Trail Head at Steve Garst Trail/Riverside Trail
We have over three miles of trails in town that connect to Whiterock Conservancy. This trail head takes you to both the local Riverside Trail and connects you to Whiterock.
7. Hilltop Campground
RV campground managed by Carroll County conservation board; Whiterock also has an RV campground and two tent campgrounds
8. Riverside Park and Trail
The majority of kayakers launch from this site. It is also a trail head for the Riverside Trail.
9. Coon Rapids-Bayard School
Pre-K through 12th grade school; consolidated with Bayard in the 1980s; provides excellent education; partners with the community and businesses on a lot of projects
10. Sports Complex
Proud of the complex; Aquatic Center, city park playground, shelter house, sand volleyball, basketball court, tennis court/pickle ball court, softball field, and disc golf course.
11. Ballpark Drive Development
Coon Rapids Development Group developed the subdivision in 2016. Of the 11 lots, six are available to build on. The City of Coon Rapids offers a 10 year tax abatement on new home construction for those who apply. In addition, the Coon Rapids Development Group has a \$10,000 incentive for new home construction for those that meet the program guidelines.
12. ET Products
Major employer
13. Fire and Ambulance Building
Built in 2015, it houses the EMS and fire department truck and equipment
14. Rotating Ear of Corn
At the west entrance to town, you'll find a historic rotating ear of corn that has been a mainstay in the community dating back to the Garst Seed corn company era. The rotating ear was originally located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Highway 141 but was relocated to make way for the hybrid icons in 2008.
15. New Way Ford Dealership
Major employer
16. Beck's Hybrid
Major employer
17. Golf Course
well manicured 9-hole course, open to the public
18. Sculpture Park
Nearly 20 art installments have been erected in the Roadside park since 2008. Plaques by each artwork have a QR code for an online description and history.
19. Whiterock Conservancy Visitors Center
Whiterock Conservancy is 5,500 public acres along the scenic Middle Raccoon River Valley near Coon Rapids. You can choose from over 40 miles of single track mountain bike trails or more than 20 miles of trails tailored for horse riding, but of course, all of those trails are open for hiking as well. While you are here, plan to fish from any of the 10 fully stocked ponds or schedule a guided ATV ride through the lush savannas, rolling pastures, wetlands, riverside bluffs and native prairies that make up Whiterock Conservancy. Another great way to tour the scenic conservancy is down the Middle Raccoon River in a kayak or canoe. Stay for a few days in any of the local RV, rustic or tent campgrounds in the area.
20. POET Biorefining
Ethanol plant four miles east of town; Major employer
21. Hybrid Icons
The hybrid icon installment in 2009 was created by artist David Dahlquist as part of the city's Great Places streetscaping project. The hybrid icon consists of three lighted beacons shaped to resemble silo bins with down lighting inside to illuminate the structure at night. The art was designed to encapsulate Coon Rapids' rich history of hybrid seed corn and its evolution into genetics. Contained in the lanterns are symbols of scientific research: cellular structure, protein building blocks and DNA genomic mapping.
22. Fairgrounds
Carroll County fairgrounds; fair second week of July; also hosts 5-6 figure 8 races each summer
23. Grain Bin Mural
360-degree mural commissioned on the side of two grain bins in 2022 located at the entrance to Coon Rapids downtown
24. Main Street Walking Tour
Point out businesses as you walk; hand out shopping and dining guide; Point out facade projects as you walk