

Family-Friendly Half Day Adventure

West Branch, Iowa

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER



Begin your visit at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site Visitor Center. Pick up a free Junior Ranger packet, meet a Park Ranger, and get ready to explore one of Iowa's most unique historic destinations.

Suggested Time:
20 minutes

EXPLORE THE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



Stroll the beautiful, walkable grounds of the National Historic Site — perfect for strollers, wagons, and young explorers. Kids love the open spaces, historic buildings, and interactive Junior Ranger activities.

Suggested Time: 1 hour

CANDY & NOSTALGIA



Head downtown for a stop at The Honey Den, a whimsical candy shop filled with nostalgic treats, trending candy, and fun gifts for all ages. Then explore downtown boutiques for vintage finds, toys, gifts, antiques, and more.

Suggested Time:
30–60 minutes

ENJOY A MEAL DOWNTOWN



Enjoy a family-friendly meal in historic downtown West Branch. Grab pizza at Herb N Lou's, enjoy breakfast all day at The Serving Cafe, or opt for a quick bite and sweet treat at Main Street Sweets.

Suggested Time: 30–60 minutes

DISCOVER HOOVER'S LEGACY



Wrap up your adventure at the newly renovated Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. Families can explore engaging exhibits and discover the remarkable life story of the only U.S. president born in Iowa — from humble beginnings in West Branch to worldwide humanitarian impact.

Suggested Time: 45 minutes

END WITH A TREAT (OR A TOAST!)

Before heading home, cool off with ice cream or candy from Main Street Sweets or relax on the patio at The Down Under while the kids unwind after a fun-filled afternoon.

Suggested Time: 30 minutes

Historic West Branch is the perfect easy family getaway — combining inspiring history, hands-on exploration, local flavor, and small-town charm into one memorable day trip.



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