7 Ways to Experience Arbor Day in Arbor Day's Hometown

1. Visit Arbor Lodge State Park.

Not only are the grounds perfect for picnics and strolling, the 52-room mansion is filled with antique artifacts and Arbor Day memorabilia. During the weekend of Arbor Day, admission to the mansion is free – and it marks the opening of their new exhibit on the Women of Arbor Day!



2. Arbor Day Children's Program

Since the beginning, Arbor Day has been about teaching children the joy and importance of planting trees. Local school children gather in front of the mansion at Arbor Lodge and get a history lesson on J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, learn how to plant a tree, and receive a free seedling to take home.



3. Arbor Day Parade

Stretching 10 blocks down Nebraska City's Central Avenue, the Arbor Day Parade is at 1 p.m. on the Saturday of Arbor Day weekend. It features fire trucks, floats, vehicles, walkers, and bands.



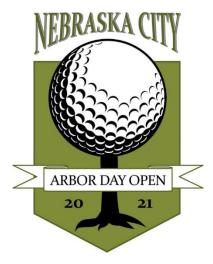
4. Arbor Day 5K/10K Run & Walk

In the footsteps of J. Sterling Morton! The Arbor Day 5K/10K Run & Walk takes you through some of the best scenery in eastern Nebraska over gravel, paved, and brick roads, and through Steinhart Park and Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. The run is for runners and walkers of all types, ages, and abilities.



5. Arbor Day Open

Bring your clubs and hit the fairway at Wildwood Golf Course and The Golf Club at Table Creek. Golfers receive Arbor Day swag and will have a tree planted in their honor at a reforestation project near Chadron State College in western Nebraska.



6. Nebraska Bloody Mary State Championship

Who makes the best Bloody Mary in Nebraska? Come and find out at the Nebraska Bloody Mary State Championship on Sunday of Arbor Day weekend. You are invited to enter, too!



7. Arbor Day Farm Tree Adventure Treetop Village

A three-acre playground in the trees? Yes, please! Bring the whole family and scamper from treehouse to treehouse using a unique webbing and platform system. Tree Adventure admission required.



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