

Top 7 Places to Online Shop

Nowadays, most shopping is done online. In fact, last year 79 percent of people shopped online. Websites like Amazon make shopping online easy and cheap. As rad as Amazon is, it's always fun to mix it up. Here are six lesser-known online shopping destinations.

Store Dog Dog

Store Dog Dog hosts a selection of fun and trendy apparel including clothes, phone cases, accessories, and bags. Store Dog Dog is your destination for that ~aesthetic~ look. If you're going for the Emma Chamberlain look, Store Dog Dog is the shopping destination for you.

ThinkGeek

ThinkGeek is your destination for all things techy and nerdy. ThinkGeek is a great place to find all things Marvel, Star Wars, Pokemon, and Harry Potter, or

pretty much any nerdy fandom you can think of. ThinkGeek is also a great place for novelty or techy gifts for your dad. If you're looking for something cool from your favourite video game, movie, or show, ThinkGeek is the place.

ThriftBooks

ThriftBooks is a great place to find, as the name would suggest, cheap books. ThriftBooks has a great selection of both classic and contemporary literature. Whether you're looking for your very own copy of *The Jungle* (because you undoubtedly loved it so much) or the newest John Green book, Thrift Books is the place for you.

Nike

Nike may not be an online only retailer, but the Nike website offers some great features that you can't find in stores. Not

only does the online store offer exclusive styles and a greater range of styles, you can also design your own shoes. So if you're looking to design some sick kicks or shop athletic wear without leaving the couch, Nike is your shopping destination.

BlueQ

Have you ever walked into a novelty store and thought to yourself, where do they even find this stuff? Well, wonder no longer. BlueQ is the place to find fun novelty stuff. BlueQ offers an impressive selection of novelty socks, bags, and toiletries. So whether it's a novelty oven mitt for your mom or some socks for your dad, BlueQ is your place.

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A Few Fun Activities to Fill Your Fall

If you're anything like me, you'll agree that fall is undeniably the best time of the year. It's a time of cozy sweaters, chilly air, colorful leaves, and pumpkin spice everything. I want to help you make the most of your fall season, so I have compiled a list of autumn-esqe activities around Iowa to make this fall the best one yet.

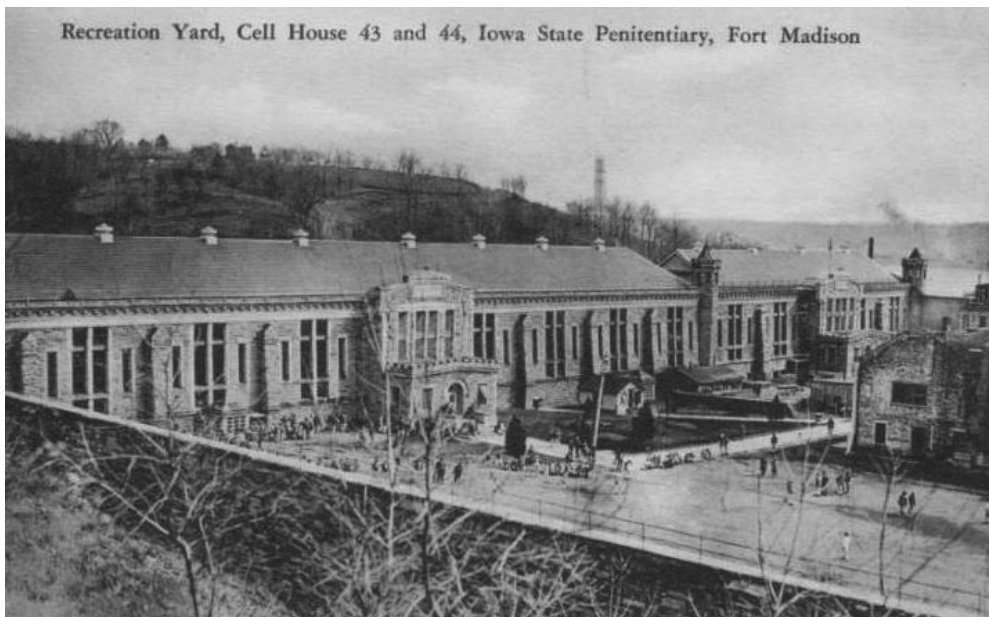
Visit a Haunted House

Personally, I absolutely hate being scared, but I still think everyone should go to a haunted house at least once in their life. Every weekend in October and on Halloween, the Sleepy Hollow Haunted Scream Park opens its doors to scare seekers. The self proclaimed "largest and most elaborate Halloween theme park" in the Midwest has 10 attractions. A ticket includes admission to the theme park's village, haunted attractions, and access to vendors. When I went to the park last year, I was surprised with how close the actors in the haunted houses get to you. Sleepy Hollow definitely lives up to the hype.

Learn about Iowa's spooky history at the Historic Iowa Penitentiary

A haunted house may provide artificial scares, but, if you are more interested in finding frights from real life events, the Historic Iowa Penitentiary may be for you.

The Penitentiary is opening its doors for a fall tour Saturday, October 27 of this year. The building, which has caught the attention of ghost hunters and paranormal thrill seekers, certainly has a rather grim history. It used to house Iowa's most dangerous criminals. Over a 174 year history, the penitentiary has collected its share of spooky stories. In fact, the prison still has wooden canes that guards used to use on



prisoners and photos of the gallows where prisoners were executed for their crimes. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the Iowa Penitentiary, you can buy your tickets online!

Go on an antique shopping spree

One of my favorite fall activities is going to the flea market. An event I would love to attend this year is the Southern Iowa Junk Jaunt. The "jaunt" lasts from October

19-21. Basically, shoppers drive from different towns in Southern Iowa to different vendors or stores selling antiques. Maps for the event will be available at least 4 weeks before it takes place. However, according to their Facebook page, there are vendors in Albia, Centerville, Corydon, and other surrounding communities. It is about a 40 minute to an hour drive from Pella to these areas. Typically, most flea

markets are in September and early October. However, lucky for antiquing lovers, there is an event at the Varied Industries building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds called Junk Jubilee Jingles happening November 9-10. According to their website, Junk Jubilee is "the ultimate vintage experience." Sounds like it's worth checking out to me!

Make sure to wrap up in your favorite flannel, as most of these events are outside! Happy Fall!

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Abbi Adrian
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Idk about you but I laugh at my own jokes more than anyone does

Sarah Semini
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Second day and already got my phone taken to the office so that's nice

Abbie Nunnikhoven
@abbie_nuns

I miss my friends that went to college

Emma Pleima
@EPleima

The worst part about going back to phs is having to use Betternet

Maggie Reno
@mag_ren0

So if the school is banning backpacks, they might as well ban clothes too bc who knows what's in those... oh and cars... and shoes... lockers...

Jack Stratton
@jackdabriliant

I thought someone was vandalising my car, but it was just a cheerleader writing "Go Dutch" on my windows #hoco2018

Jackson Goodyk
@jackjack2008

Pella is spelled with three L's, one for each of our consecutive football state championship wins. #3peat

Cody Kime
@thecodykime

I just realised I like peanut butter and jelly but not peanut butter alone

Cole DeWaard
@coledewaard

People who abuse animals can go to heck

Colton Van Zanten
@colton_vz

"Colton, you need to stop being such a diva." Ms.

Raymond

