

Small Historic Towns across America. as presented by Mr. Stadt's on-line Freedom Project Education U.S. History classes in the Fall and Winter of 2014. You can learn more about our classes by visiting us at: www.fpeusa.org

Brief History of Ada, Minnesota.

The United States Government sent out an expedition, in 1823 to explore the Red River Valley. The expedition was led by Major Stephan R. Long. In his journal of this exploration he talks about the planes being filled with buffalo and elk. But no one would settle their due to the fear of Indians and locus, it was also to far from markets and towns. Very few people lived around the red river valley until William Shields of Bremer County, Iowa, made a survey of the land. Upon his return he told others of the rich farming soil. Later that year he his family and six other settlers moved across country in hopes that there laid a better destiny for them and their families. It was not until 1900 when people began rapidly settling the surrounding area. At this time there was a post office, granary, news paper, and a population of 720. Also it was now an official city of Ada, named after Ada Nelson Fisher daughter of resident H. W. Fisher, who died at the age of six in 1880.



Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport.

The closest airport is Hector International Airport. From there you get on HW 10 and then take a left onto HW 9 and keep driving until you get to Ada. This trip should only take you an hour from Fargo.

To the right. This is a picture of the fully restored county court house. It also has a WWII memorial.

The oldest business in town.

The oldest business in town is the Normand county index, which is the only continually family owned news paper in Minnesota. This business puts out a weekly paper, and has been around since 1882 and has never missed an issue since.

Historic attractions in the area, festivals and events.

There are a lot of festivals and events here, because it is the county seat. Some of the festivals include; fun in the flat lands, the Norman county fair, craft fair, and 4H achievements. They also have weekly races in the summer. There is a classic car club called the valley cursers. There is also a museum of Ada that has helped preserve many of the historic buildings.

The closest place to stay when visiting this town

When visiting there are no motels in Ada, but the closest place is Fargo were you can choose from any hotel name. If you want to stay in state the shooting star casino and hotel in Moorhead, MN would be the closest place.

Why would you want to visit this small historic town.

This town has preserved many old building and when driving through is like going in to a time machine. The town is most beautiful in the late summer before harvest, because of the green ripe files of corn that stretch for miles and the many rows of abundant sun flowers. This town, and many others like it, is a perfect picture of how America is such a thriving nation