



Steamboat Boilers and Stakes

Mississippi River Discovery Center

NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM AND AQUARIUM

Dubuque, Iowa



PROJECT FACTS

scope	Exhibit Planning and Design
size	22,000 SF Indoor 10,000 SF Outdoor
budget	\$18M Total \$3.5M for Exhibits
architects	EHDD Architects
completed	2003



Historical Boat Exhibit

Lyons/Zaremba, the staff of the Mississippi River Museum, and EHDD architects created this Discovery Center, which celebrates the nature, history, culture and industry of the upper Mississippi River. Indoor galleries feature aquarium tanks with odd paddlefish and a huge alligator. Interactive exhibits enable visitors to recreate historical floods by engulfing a model of downtown Dubuque. Spanning one wall of the spacious building is the world's most accurate satellite photograph of the entire river system.



Native American Lodge Outdoor Exhibit



Cargo Exhibit

Outdoors, visitors can wander through a wetland slough that's inhabited by native waterfowl and songbirds. Guests can experience life in a trapper's lodge, a boat-house, a fishing shack, and a Native American encampment.

The center was awarded Iowa's Top Tourist Attraction for 2004.