



No shortage of  
sweetness this  
summer!

# Ice Cream

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Let's talk about ice cream. June 21 marks the first day of summer and after enduring a long, harsh winter and an unpredictable spring, we all deserve a cone or a sundae or, let's be honest, a whole lot of both.

The Quad-Cities is home to dozens of ice-cream shops and parlors, which not only reassures me that I've chosen the right place to call home, but makes me long for the hot, humid days of Midwestern summer and the thrill of sweet, cold ice cream on a lazy afternoon.

I am increasingly convinced that it's these little luxuries in life that provide the most profound pleasure. My husband and I will often conclude a summertime evening out with a single-scoop on a sugar cone from Whitey's (mint chocolate chip for him, white chocolate raspberry for me). My children



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**Left:** Eli Klipsch, 7, anticipates his strawberry gelato in a waffle cone. **Above:** Randy Mohr smiles from behind the counter at downtown Davenport's Chocolate Manor and the store's dark chocolate gelato.

will ride their bikes on the quiet streets of my hometown en route to the local Dairy Queen with one set of grandparents and line up at Maggie Moos after a baseball game with the other. As we know, these visits aren't just about the ice cream.

Regardless of where you are in the Quad-Cities when you find yourself craving a cone or a hot-fudge sundae, you can be assured that the classic summertime treat is likely just around the corner. Below are a few options for ice cream in and around the QCA. Check out the list, but keep in mind there are many more sweet spots generously dotting the local landscape.

It's getting warmer and a new season has arrived. In the words of playwright Thornton Wilder, "My advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate."



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flavors of lush gelato daily.

### Frozen-treat legends

Quad-Cities landmarks Whitey's and Lagomarcino's require little introduction. Both have been scooping ice cream to the delight of customers for decades, have won national awards, and should be taken full advantage of this summer. *(For exact locations, visit [whiteysicecream.com](http://whiteysicecream.com) and [lagomarcinos.com](http://lagomarcinos.com).)*

### Downtown gelato

If you find yourself in downtown Davenport this summer, check out the top-notch gelato available at Chocolate Manor. For more than a decade, proprietor Rose Mohr has made high-quality, award-winning chocolate from her boutique

business — a warm, rich shop with a slightly dizzying display of lush chocolate. Chocolate Manor confections are crafted with superior ingredients; the toffee is delicious, truffles are delightful, and the rich, buttery Hawaiian salt caramels are pleasantly sweet. In 2013, the shop moved from its longtime home in Bettendorf and added premium gelato to the decadent lineup. Gelato, which is churned more slowly than ice cream and is generally denser, has a soft, milky texture, and is served at a slightly warmer temperature than its creamy counterpart. At Chocolate Manor, up to 10 flavors of gelato are served daily. *(Chocolate Manor is located at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport.)*



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## Road trip

There is something special about both a summertime road trip and a foodie pilgrimage. Pair the two this summer by driving to Wilton, Iowa, to visit the Wilton Candy Kitchen. Founded in 1860, the Wilton Candy Kitchen has been serving ice cream, candies and lunch to customers for more than 150 years. Take in a bit of history and enjoy a classic sundae, soda, malt, shake, or even an iced phosphate at this storied soda fountain located just over 30 miles west of the Quad-Cities. *(You'll find the Wilton Candy Kitchen at 310 Cedar St., Wilton, Iowa. Check [wiltoncandykitchen.com](http://wiltoncandykitchen.com) or call 563-732-2278 for hours.)*

## Country Style

After taking an informal poll of friends and neighbors, I learned that Country Style Ice Cream is a favorite among many. Also founded in the Quad-Cities, Country Style boasts soft serve with the classic taste of homemade — a quality to which its name hints. *(For locations, visit [countrystyleicecream.com](http://countrystyleicecream.com).)*

## New name, same love

The Rockingham Dairy Freez provides another opportunity to enjoy the charms of summer. The Dairy Freez (formerly known as Tastee Freez) has a loyal following of customers whom you'll often see on hot summer days lined up outside the window waiting for a taste of what the well-regarded west Davenport business has to offer. Nostalgia abounds when you take in the building's retro style and the dated menu board's offerings, which includes not just iconic summertime classics like sundaes, cones, and shakes, but also a selection of fast food including sandwiches and sides. *(Visit the Dairy Freez at 3950 Rockingham Road, Davenport.)*



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