

We do not maintain a list of states that honor/recognize the Iowa Permit to Carry Weapons. The reason we do not maintain such a list is that we are extremely reluctant to provide a person information that is incomplete, potentially not current (since law changes happen somewhat often), and that could easily result in a person unintentionally facing criminal charges in another state.

Suppose we maintained a list that said State X honors the Iowa Permit to Carry Weapons. Then a person goes to state X, carries with an Iowa Permit (based on something that we had provided), and then winds up facing charges because they did not understand or know the details of that state's laws. For example, state X might honor an Iowa permit, but the state might prohibit carrying (even with a permit) in a restaurant, or on government property, or whatever. In other words, simply telling a person that a state honors an Iowa permit doesn't tell them nearly all that they need to know – does the state have places where carrying is restricted even with a permit, does the state allow (or prohibit) open carry, what type of weapons can be carried with a permit, and on and on.

If we maintained a list of states that honor the Iowa permit to carry weapons, then we would feel obliged to provide all sorts of additional information answering as many questions as possible, and the moment that we tried to do that, we would then be getting into the business of trying to understand, interpret, and give information on the laws of every other state, which is really not appropriate for us to attempt.

Instead, we simply encourage each person to contact the state(s) where they will be traveling to get current information from the people/agencies that are in the best position to know and fully understand the laws of that state. When a person contacts another state, they will often get a lot more information than simply whether a state does or does not honor the Iowa permit to carry weapons.

If a person is simply wanting a quick resource to use as a starting point, I typically make a referral to www.usacarry.com. This site seems to have the most current and comprehensive information available. The neat thing about the site is that the maps are interactive and provide very simple ways to access information. So, for example, if a person has an Iowa permit, a person can easily access a list of every state that honors the Iowa permit. Or suppose a person is visiting State Z and wants to find out all the state permits that State Z honors – that can be easily and quickly obtained. Check out:

http://www.usacarry.com/concealed_carry_permit_reciprocity_maps.html

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