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AARP puts Ames in top 5 places to live 'simple life'

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Calling Ames "a gracious town — with broad lawns, leafy neighborhoods, pretty parks and ponds, AARP Magazine named Ames the No. 5 best place to live "the simple life."

"Its distinctly rural flavor is the key to its urban charm," the magazine said, pointing as evident to the city's farmers markets, paddling on the Skunk River and 55 miles of biking and walking trails.

Tucson, Ariz., was ruled No. 1, followed by Greenville, S.C., Montpelier, Vt., and Logan, Utah.

For more on AARP's "simple life" cities and judging criteria, check out the magazine's Web site:

[AARP's best places to live the simple life](#)

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