

THE IOWA STATE FAIR, America's classic state fair, welcomes everyone to Iowa's largest celebration held annually in August.

THE FAIR BOARD is committed to making the Fair's 450-acre, 129-year-old facility accessible to all. No qualified individual shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of public services, programs or activities held on the Fairgrounds.

SUGGESTIONS for improvements and additional services are always welcomed by the Fair Board, which will continue efforts to make the Fairgrounds accessible to everyone.

RENOVATION always complies with federal specifications and guidelines related to accessibility. As maintenance and modernization funds become available, the special needs of all Iowans will be kept foremost in mind.

Services that provide convenient assistance and accessibility to Fairgoers:

ADA/ACCESSIBLE PARKING: The largest area of parking reserved for visitors who need ADA/accessible parking is in the North Lot. Admission to this lot is through Gate #2 at East 33rd Street and East University Avenue. Vehicles with either a DOT parking permit or a windshield placard designation will be directed to the reserved parking area north of the Grandstand racetrack. Vehicle parking is \$10 on a space-available basis; some hard-packed surface parking is available.

Additional ADA/accessible parking is located on the inner Fairgrounds in Lot B. Vehicles must have either DOT parking permits or a windshield placard designation. Inner grounds parking is \$10 on a space-available basis.

Some hard-packed surface parking is available; however, the rolling nature of the terrain means most of the parking area is unpaved. Designated accessible parking spaces on main streets in the inner grounds will not be available during the Fair.

Parking personnel will do their best to direct visitors' vehicles to the closest, most convenient parking available. As north parking lots fill on high attendance days, the Des Moines Police Department determines when outside gates to the Fairgrounds are opened and closed. When one gate closes, generally, another is opened to assist in keeping traffic congestion on city streets to a minimum.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: Available for the Penningroth Media Center Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, Sheep Barn Sale Ring and Swine Barn Sale Ring when the State Fair sound system is being used. For more information, call 515/262-3111, ext. 322, at least 48 hours in advance.

During the 11 days of the Fair, a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) will be available 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. for outgoing local/credit calls located in the Administration Building.

BUILDINGS: Ramps, curb cuts, street-level entrances and observation ramps make most buildings and facilities accessible to those using mobility aids. Accessible seating is available in the Grandstand, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion and Jacobson Center. Donations from Iowans across the state have paid for the replacement of many blocks of sidewalks each year to help eliminate and reduce barriers that impact those with mobility aids.

DART STATE FAIR PARK & RIDE BUSES: Most buses are wheelchair accessible. For further information call DART at 515/283-8100.

FIRST AID: Hy-Vee Health and First Aid is located east of the John Deere Agriculture Building, and a satellite station is located at the Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center just west of the Administration Building. Locations are staffed by the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross.



GRANDSTAND SEATING: When ordering Grandstand tickets through Ticketmaster or the State Fair Ticket Office, please request ADA/accessible seating; room for one person and two companions will be provided in an accessible seating area. For information on Grandstand shows and ticket buying procedures, call 515/262-3111, ext. 305.

ON-GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION:
Courtesy Carts

Golf cart mini-shuttle service (not wheelchair accessible) from north parking lots to inner gates is available. Golf carts are not available for rent for reasons of safety and liability.

Trams

Inner grounds boarding points: Adjacent to the East Sky Glider aerial tramway on the Grand Concourse; the west end of the Grand Concourse, across from Public Safety; south of Gate 10; north of the 4-H building; the northeast corner of the Sheep Barn; north of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion; northwest of the Patty and Jim Cownie Cultural Center; adjacent to Grandfather’s Barn; adjacent to Richard O. Jacobson Hall and Kenyon Gallery; and north of First Church. Livestock traffic or special events may occasionally shut down portions or all of the shuttle service for short periods of time.

PAGING: Representatives of the Iowa State Fair Public Safety Department offer paging for lost children, senior citizens and emergencies ONLY from 8 a.m. to midnight in The Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center, located west of the Administration Building. After midnight this service is available at Iowa State Fair Public Safety headquarters, located at the west end of the Grand Concourse.

RESTROOMS: Facilities with ramps, widened doorways, handrails and stalls built to accommodate those using mobility aids are available in major buildings across the Fairgrounds. They include The Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center, Grandstand, Walnut Center, Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural

Center, Elwell Family Food Center, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, William C. Knapp Varied Industries Buildings, Stalling Barn, Putney Family Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, plus MidAmerican Energy facilities east of the Susan Knapp Amphitheater, north of Gate 15 and north of Ye Old Mill. Locations are identified on the map located within this guide.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: Sign language interpreters will be on hand in Fun Forest to assist visitors with hearing loss. All shows on the Fun Forest Stage will be ASL interpreted. To arrange for a sign language interpreter for a specific event, please call 515/262-3111, ext. 222, at least one week in advance.

WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER RENTAL: HomeTown Mobility is now accepting reservations online at www.htmia.com and by phone at **877/928-5388** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all 11 days during the Fair (August 11-21). Call-in reservations will be charged a \$5 processing fee. A limited number of wheelchairs and scooters will be available for walk-up customers during the Fair on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations will be accepted for full day scooter and wheelchair rentals only. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. A security deposit of a driver’s license is required at the time of pick-up for all rentals. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance to receive a full refund. Late cancellations will be charged a \$5 cancellation fee per rental unit. Rental locations are at Gates 11, 15 and 8.

SCOOTERS: \$55 per full day (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.); \$35 per half day (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.)

WHEELCHAIRS: \$20 per day

SPECIAL FAIR DAYS:

Thursday, August 11
Canned Food Drive
Receive \$3 off regular Adult Gate Admission until 5 p.m. with a donation of at least three non-perishablecanned food items.

Monday, August 15
Veterans Day
Gate admission is \$8 until 5 p.m. for all active and retired members of the U.S. military and their spouses. Please bring your military ID.

Wednesday, August 17
Older Iowans’ Day
Gate admission is \$8 until 5 p.m. for Fairgoers ages 60 and over. Groups traveling by bus on August 17 may enter through Gate #2, purchase tickets at Gate #15 and continue riding the bus into the Fairgrounds to unload at Ye Old Mill on the E 33rd Street near the Grand Concourse. The driver may then relocate the bus to the parking lot (remembering to ask for proper re-entry credentials) and return later in the day to pick up passengers at the same location.

Sunday, August 21
Extreme Sunday
Half off regular admission until 9 p.m.

Questions?
Call 515/262-3111
or 800/545-FAIR
Additional information is also available at:
iowastatefair.org



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Making the Iowa State Fair
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