

FIND YOUR FUN

AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

1 Culture and History

For those interested in arts and history, go to the museums, Pioneer Hall and the Cultural Center.

2 Contests

Every year, thousands of Fairgoers and exhibitors compete to get first place.

Contests range from the Ugliest Cake in the Elwell Family Food Center to the bubble gum blowing contest on Anne and Bill Riley stage.

3 Livestock

From the cattle, sheep and swine, to the pigeons, poultry and rabbits, to the draft horse pulling competitions and llamas, there are livestock competitions featuring animals of all shapes and sizes! See the biggest rabbit in the Poultry/Rabbit Building or the biggest boar in the Swine Barn.

4 Games & Rides

Scream your way down the Giant Slide, see the Fair from above while riding the Sky Glider or take a slow ride through Ye Old Mill to savor your favorite rides at the Fair.

TOP 11 FOR FIRST-TIME FAIRGOERS

5 Entertainment

Are you a music lover, or do you love to watch Iowan's talents? There are three main stages: The Anne and Bill Riley Stage, Susan Knapp Amphitheater or MidAmerican Energy Stage.

6 Food

Food options abound at the Iowa State Fair! 200 vendors, more than 60 foods-on-a-stick and new, crazy zany, deliciousness each day.

7 Fair Traditions

The Iowa State Fair's Butter Cow has a long-lasting legacy, and you'll want to take a picture with her in the John Deere Agriculture Building!

8 Mingle at the Fair

Part of the Fair tradition is getting together with others. From the Craft Beer Tent to JR's SouthPork Ranch, to the all-new Fair View Tap and many other food establishments, Fairgoers look forward to finding their favorite Fair food and drink and mingling with Fair friends.

9 Fair Sights

There are many different places to relax on the Iowa State Fairgrounds! Look over the vast expanse of land from Expo Hill or enjoy water features in the Pella or Ruan Plazas. The Polk County Master Gardener's Discovery Garden is also a beautiful setting to see outdoor flower displays or see Ag crop history in the new Garden.

10 Shopping

If your wallet is feeling heavy, lighten it at the Iowa State Fair! Find creative crafts in the Walnut Center, or wander the aisles of the Varied Industries building or the Machinery Grounds to discover new businesses and industries in Iowa!

11 New Experiences

There are experiences for everyone at the Iowa State Fair! Adults and children alike can find wonder in the Animal Learning Center, where newborn chicks, pigs, cattle, goats and sheep are born every day! Adults can learn more about Iowa's wine industry at the Wine Experience at Grandfather's Barn. Take a seat and relax with your favorite craft beer or wine at the Iowa Craft Beer Tent or Iowa Wine Tent at the Iowa State Fair.

