

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

THE FAIR is committed to making the Fair's facilities accessible to all. No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such 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 and the ADA coordinator, who 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 lowans will be kept foremost in mind.

Services that provide convenient assistance and accessibility to Fairgoers:

ADA/ACCESSIBLE PARKING: parking located in Lot A. Admission to this lot is through Gate 2 at East 33rd Street and East University Avenue. Vehicles with a DOT parking permit or a windshield placard designating a disabled driver or passenger will be directed to the parking area north of Gate 15. Vehicle 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 to the closest, most convenient parking available.

Blue Line Shuttle: For convenience the Fair will provide the Blue Line Parking Shuttle, which is a free tram that runs daily from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m. The Blue Line Parking Shuttle has 5 routine stops that include the A, B and C lots and will stop at Gate 13 & 15 for entry to the Fair.

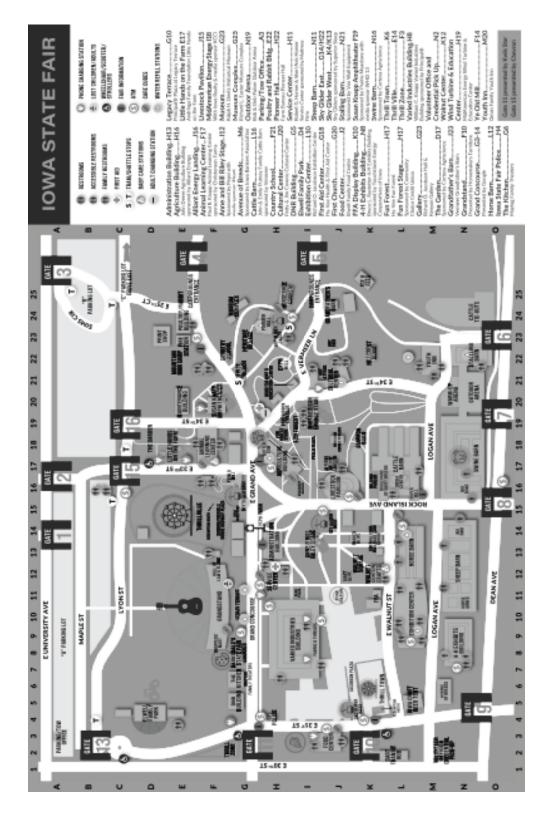
entrances and observation ramps make most buildings and facilities accessible to those using mobility aids. Accessible seating is available in the Grandstand, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion and Jacobson Center. Donations from Iowans across the state have paid for the replacement of many blocks of sidewalks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

DART STATE FAIR PARK & RIDE BUSES:

Fairgoers can park their car for free and ride DART buses for a quick and easy, direct trip to the lowa State Fair. Free parking is available at three locations from 8:30 a.m. to midnight every day of the Fair. Most DART Park and ride buses are wheelchair accessible. For further information, call DART at 515-283-8100.

FIRST AID: The Hy-Vee Health and First Aid Center is located east of the John Deere Agriculture Building. A satellite station is located in the Robert G. Horner and Sheri Avis Horner Service Center, west of the Administration Building. Both EMS locations are staffed by Des Moines Fire and Rescue.

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



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: John and Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn Peningroth Media Center, Pioneer Livestock Pavillion, Sheep Barn Sale Ring and Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center when the State Fair sound system is being used. For more information, call 515-262-3111, ext 322, at least 72 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.

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 safety and liability reasons.

Campground Shuttle:

Free Campgrounds shuttles sponsored by the lowa Soybean Association, operated by Clearfield Lions and pulled by John Deere tractors powered by Soy Bio Diesel run daily beginning at 8 a.m. One wheelchair-accessible unit will be available approximately every 15 minutes. These shuttles run continuously up the hill, round-trip, from Gate 4, to First Church, to Pioneer Hall, to Gate 5, and reverse.

For safety reasons, the inner grounds trams will not be running. Please plan accordingly for additional walking or contact HomeTown Mobility at 1-712-938-2029 to reserve a scooter. Scooters are available at Gate 8, 10, 11, 13 & 15. Personal golf carts are not allowed on the Fairgrounds.

PARKING GOLF CARTS: Golf-cart mini-shuttle service (not wheelchair accessible) is available from Lot A, Lot B and Lot C parking lots to Gates 13 and 15, beginning at 8 a.m. While offered as a free service, riders may make donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Transportation Fund. Golf carts are not available for rent for safety and liability reasons.

PAGING: Representatives of the Iowa State Fair

Police offer paging for lost children, senior citizens and emergencies from 9 a.m. to midnight from the lowa State Fair Police 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 facilities east of the Susan Knapp Amphitheater, north of Gate 15 and north of Ye Old Mill.

ADULT CHANGING STATION: An adult changing station is available in the Hy-Vee Health and First Aid Center east of the John Deere Agricultural Building.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: To arrange for a sign language interpreter for a specific event, please call 515-262-3111, ext. 287 at least two weeks in advance of the event.

WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER RENTAL:

HomeTown Mobility accepts reservations online or by calling 712-938-2029 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday. They are also open 7 days a week during the Fair to accept call-in reservations and answer questions. There is an additional \$5 processing fee for all call-in reservations. To avoid the processing fee, reserve online at HTMIA.com. A limited number of wheelchairs and scooters are held for walk-up customers on a first come first serve basis. **Reservations will ONLY be accepted for full day Scooter and Wheelchair rentals.**

Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance. A driver's license or state ID is required for all rentals. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance to receive a full refund, less a \$5 cancellation fee. Rental locations are: Gate 8, 10, 11, 13 & 15

SCOOTERS: \$70 per full day (8 a.m. to 11 close); **WHEELCHAIRS:** \$25 per day

IOWA STATE FAIR SCOOTER POLICY

Three or four wheeled, manual or electrically driven (at a walking pace) OPDMDs are permitted to be used in all areas open to pedestrian use so long as these devices are 1) designed by the manufacturer for single rider use only; 2) occupied by only one rider while in operation; 3) not pulling or towing any trailer-like object. Scooters are available for rental, during the fair, at Gates 8, 10, 11, 13, and 15.

DISCOUNTED GATE ADMISSION:

Monday through Thursday Evenings \$12 adult admission, \$8 child (ages 6-11) admission available at the gate from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Monday, August 14 Veterans Day

Gate admission is \$10 until 5 p.m. for all active and retired members of the U.S. military and their spouses. Must have military ID.

Wednesday, August 16 Older lowans' Day

Fairgoers ages 60 and older receive \$12 gate admission from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out the Older Iowan's Day Tent sponsored by Aetna inside Gate 13 along with special programming throughout the day such as the Older Iowan's Cookie Decorating Contest at the Elwell Family Food Center.

Sunday, August 20Sunday Funday

\$12 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 6-11; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: with donations of 3 cans of non-perishable food, adult admission (ages 12 and up) is \$9.

Questions?

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

2023 ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE





Features and Facilities Making the Iowa State Fair Accessible