2025 Accessibility Guide

THE FAIR is committed to making our 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, who will continue efforts to make the Fairgrounds accessible to everyone. Call (515) 262-3111 or email info@iowastatefair.org.

RENOVATIONS always comply with federal specifications and guidelines related to accessibility. As maintenance and modernization funds become available, the special needs of all lowans are kept in mind.

ADA/ACCESSIBLE PARKING: Parking spaces designated for vehicles are available in Lots A, B and C on the Iowa State Fairgrounds on a firstcome, first-served basis. Please note that these lots often fill up early each day, and there is no guarantee that space will be available. Proper decals or license plates must be displayed.

Enter Gate 2 (East 33rd and East University Ave) to access Lot A and Gate 3 (East 36th St and

East University) to access Lots B and C. Lot A contains both paved and hard-packed surface parking. Lots B and C contain hard-packed surfaces. 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 visitor vehicles to the closest, most convenient parking available.

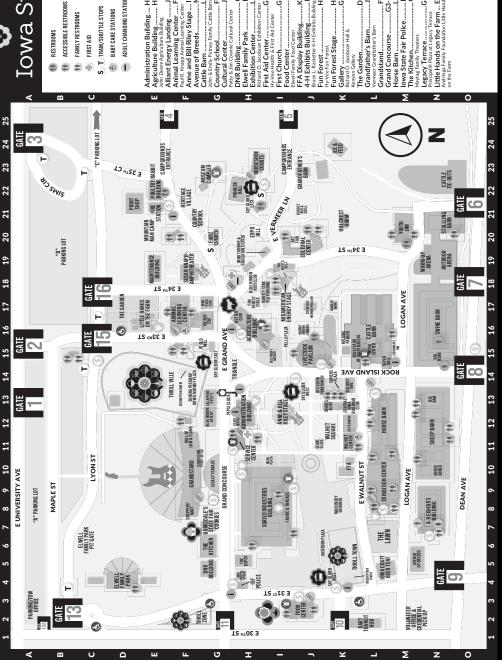
BLUE LINE SHUTTLE: For convenience, the Fair will provide the Blue Line Parking Shuttle, which is a free tram that runs daily from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m. The Blue Line Parking Shuttle has 5 routine stops that include the A, B and C lots and will stop at Gate 13 & 15 for entry to the Fair.

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:

Fairgoers can park their car for free and ride DART buses for a quick and easy, direct trip to the Iowa State Fair. Free parking is available at three locations (7th & Center St., Iowa State Capitol, and Southeast Polk High School) from 8 a.m. to midnight every day of the Fair. All DART Park and ride buses are wheelchair accessible. For further information, call DART at (515) 283-8100.







ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: John and Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn Penningroth Media Center, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, 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 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. for outgoing local/credit calls located in the Administration Building.

ON-GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION:

Free shuttles operated by Clearfield Lions run daily beginning at 8 a.m. One wheelchairaccessible unit will be available about 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.

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 Iowa State Fair Police headquarters, located at the west end of the Grand Concourse.

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.

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, Shivers Plaza, plus facilities east of the Susan Knapp Amphitheater, north of Gate 15 and north of Ye Old Mill.

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.

VARIETY STAR PLAYGROUND:

In Partnership with Variety, the Children's Charity of Iowa, the Iowa State Fair has updated the Fun Forest play area into an accessible playground for all. It has an accessible ramp and a smooth, easy-to-naviagte surafce for children and adults of all ages and abilities to enjoy playing together.

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.

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: Gates 8, 10, 11. 13 & 15

SCOOTERS: \$75 per full day (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.); WHEELCHAIRS: \$30 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.

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