

FIND THE BEST HIDDEN GEMS AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

BEST DAYS EVER
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10-20
2023

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TIME CAPSULES

Two time capsules are located east and west of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage. The first time capsule was buried to mark the Fair's 100th birthday in 1954 and is slated to be opened in 2054; the other was buried in 1986 to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Fair's current location and will be opened in 2086.

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TREE TRAIL

Did you know there are over 2,313 trees on the Fairgrounds? Take a unique adventure exploring some of the great trees in Iowa on our 1.2-mile tree trail! Each tree has a QR code you can scan to get more detailed information about the tree species and pictures of each tree!

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GAMMON BARN MUSEUM

The Gammon Barn is a historical birthplace and home to the Polled Herefords, a natural hornless cow in 1984, the barn was disassembled and it was moved to the Fairgrounds in the early 1990s. Take a visit while at the Fair to learn more about Iowa's history with Polled Herefords!

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TRACTOR STATUES

Each year the Iowa State Fair has a different themed sculpture contest. The sculptures are placed around the Fairgrounds during the Fair. Look out for the painted concrete tractors this year on the Fairgrounds!

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DISCOVERY GARDEN

The Discovery Garden is a beautiful spot on the Fairgrounds next to the John Deere Agriculture Building. It is about 5,000 square feet of different species of new and unusual plants with unique garden design techniques. There is also a children's tunnel made of gourds, other climbing vegetables and a landscaped pond with a bog and rapids.

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HERITAGE VILLAGE

The Heritage Village, just west of the Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall, portrays Iowa's life during the Fair's establishment in 1854. It includes church hymn signs, a country school, a general store, a barber shop, a telephone company and a train depot.

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IOWA STATE FAIR MURAL

A utility building on the corner of E. 31st Street and E. Walnut Street is decked out in beautiful Iowa State Fair murals on all four sides! It's a sight you don't want to miss and a must-take picture spot!

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BABY MINE

Baby Mine was a 4-foot tall baby elephant that came to the Fair in 1929, thanks to 15,000 Iowa children who helped sponsor and name him by sending nearly \$1,000 nickels and dimes. Visit a replica of Baby Mine in the Fun Forest!

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GRANDFATHER'S BARN

Originally built in 1865, Grandfather's Barn is the only remaining building from the farmstead existing when the Fair purchased the land in 1886. During the Fair, Grandfather's Barn hosts "The Wine Experience," an educational exhibit about Iowa's growing wine industry, daily at 10 a.m.

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COUNTY FLAGS

Did you know every county in Iowa has its own flag? Located at the end of Pella Plaza, you can find all 99 Iowa county flags blowing in the wind. Visit the Iowa State Fair to find yours!

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NEW VENDORS

Did you know there will be 16 new vendors at the 2023 Iowa State Fair? The vendors will be spread across the Fairgrounds, be sure to check them out and try their new foods!

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HORSEMAN'S HALL OF FAME

The official Horseman's Hall of Fame is located right inside the Horse Barn! Take a visit while at the Fair to see all of the people who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame!

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COUNTY ROCKS

Find your county on the map! Located to the east of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage, check out the 99 rocks representing the 99 counties in Iowa!

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PELLA PLAZA

Follow the shaded sidewalk down Pella Plaza right between the John Deere Agriculture Building and Livestock Pavilion! Find a beautiful water foundation that kids of all ages can cool off in!

