

WHERE TO TAKE THE BEST PHOTOS AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

BEST DAYS EVER

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10-20
2023

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2023 FLOWERS

Take a trip up the hill to find the beautiful flowers planted in the shape of 2023! Each year, the Fairground gardeners plants flowers to the year's shape; see if you can find it just east of Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall!

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FAIR MURALS

New this year, an Alliant Energy Mural! Stop by to see the new mural and pose in front of it. Make sure to also take a quick stroll to the murals near Gate 10. Here you can pose in front of four different murals that spotlight different aspects of the great state of Iowa!

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GRANDFATHER'S BARN

See one of the oldest building on the Fairgrounds, Grandfather's Barn. You can take beautiful pictures with the grape vines in the background or in front of the interactive coloring wall!

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SELFIE STANDS

Everyone needs a good group selfie. Stop by one of the Fair's selfie stations to get the perfect group picture or even just one of yourself! This year, there are six selfie stations on the grounds: Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Area, Expo Hill, Pella Plaza, Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, Richard Family Giant Slide and the Iowa State Fair Grandstand.

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LIVESTOCK CUT-OUTS

While you are strolling through all the livestock barns, be sure to snap a photo with the cut-out selfie boards! Located in Pig Place in the Swine Barn, Cattle Corner in the North Annex of the Cattle Barn, Horse Haven in the Horse Barn and Sheep Stop at the east end of the Sheep Barn.

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MIDAMERICAN SELFIE STATION

Get create creative at the MidAmerican Energy Learning Center with a selfie station that sends the photo directly to your phone!

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GIANT SLIDE

What better way to show you were at the Fair than taking a picture in front of the Giant Slide? Better yet, have someone take your photo as you are sliding down!

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Looking for the perfect family photo? Stop at the Administration Building on the Grand Concourse for the best family cut-out photo board to help capture the best time at the Fair!

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INTERACTIVE DIGITAL PHOTO

New this year, an interactive AR photo station for everyone to enjoy. Located at the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center on the north end of the building.

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THE KITCHEN

What's better than learning how to cook new food and taking a picture to document it? Sign up for one of the seminars or stop at the Maytag Family Theater: The Kitchen to take a picture with the photo wall in the front hallway.

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PHOTO BOOTH

Check out the new, interactive digital Photo Booth in the south hallway of the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building! Capture and share your #Best-DaysEver at the Fair with family and friends by instantly sending photos to your phone.

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SAND SCULPTURE

Having the best time in Thrill Ville riding all the new rides? Don't forget to snap a photo in front of the Sand Sculpture located right in front of the Thrill Ville on Grand Avenue! Tip; If you are an early Fairgoer get a picture while it's being made to capture the progress before it's finished!

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ANIMAL LEARNING CENTER

While taking pictures of the adorable baby animals, don't forget to take a picture of you and your friends with the cut-out selfie stand at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center! You can even get a picture wearing paper pig ears!

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FAIRVIEW TAP

Take a break at Fairview Tap with a drink and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Fairgrounds. While you are there, don't forget to get a picture with all your friends with the Des Moines skyline in the background!

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VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING

Back by popular demand the Iowa Family and Food Project photo booth in the William C. Knapp Varied Industries southeast atrium. This year's theme is "Agriculture is Iowa's Masterpiece", Fairgoers will have the opportunity to watch local artists create murals, spin a wheel and picture themselves on a farm with the photo booth.

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SKY GLIDER

Ride the sky glider over the Fairgrounds and take the best selfie with your friends or family! Look below to see if you can find anyone you know or find your next stop for food!

