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As Omaha's official tourism authority, Visit Omaha shares valuable information to help visitors build a jam-packed itinerary filled with memorable experiences. Go to VisitOmaha.com and sign up to receive information on events, attractions, and special offers. Also, follow us on social media for the most up-to-date news. We'd love to hear from you; share your Omaha experiences with **#OmahaWeekend**.

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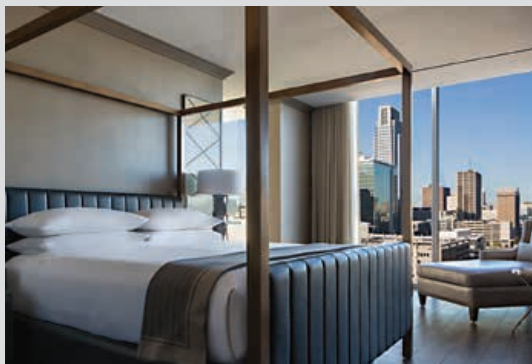
GETTING AROUND OMAHA

Omaha city streets are set up on a grid system and are easy to navigate. Dodge Street divides the city between north and south, and numbered streets start at the Missouri River and increase as you travel west. Taxis, zTrip, Ubers, and Lyfts are available throughout the city. Many Omaha hotels offer complimentary direct shuttle service to and from the airport and within a specific mile radius of their property.



OMA (OMAHA'S AIRPORT)

Omaha's airport serves more than five million passengers a year and offers non-stop service to more than 30 of the nation's largest airports. Getting in and out of the airport is quick and easy, and you'll find the convenience doesn't end there. The airport is located 4 miles from downtown, so if you're renting a car, taking a cab, or hopping in an Uber, it will take you less than 10 minutes to arrive at the hub of the city. If you're departing from OMA, plan on arriving at least 90 minutes before your departure time. This will ensure you have sufficient time to check-in at the airline ticket counter and proceed through the security checkpoint. Food service is available beyond the checkpoints. Safety is a top priority, and the airport uses strict sanitation protocol to ensure all travelers enjoy a healthy environment. Learn more at #TravelSafeOMA. You'll also notice some construction going on, as the airport is currently undergoing a \$600 million expansion set to be complete in 2027.



FINDING A HOTEL

With more than 15,000 hotel rooms in the Omaha area, there are a variety of options for your stay. Check out the PLAN YOUR STAY feature on VisitOmaha.com where you can search a variety of Omaha hotel options all at once and book directly with the hotel of your choice. You can also view hotel availability two months at a time and compare rates surrounding your selected dates.

BOOK A ROOM

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WELCOME TO OMAHA



What's new in Omaha? A lot! And you're going to love it! Here's a taste of what's new:

- Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront, Lewis and Clark Landing, and Heartland of America Park – three downtown city parks for adventurous sliders and playground climbers as well as lovers of art, music, theatre, nature, conversation, and celebrations. The RiverFront is Omaha's new downtown attraction.
- The Kiewit Luminarium – the science, technology, and discovery center at Lewis and Clark Landing.
- Steelhouse Omaha – a live music venue.
- Baby elephants – the elephant herd at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium is growing again! We're proud to have one of the best zoos in the country, and it's getting better every year.



Visit Omaha for family fun, great food, concerts, theatre, sports, and recreation.

Thanks for visiting, and hurry back. You won't want to miss what we're planning for next year!

Jean Stothert

Jean Stothert
Mayor, City of Omaha

OMAHA'S BILLION-DOLLAR MAKEOVER

Omaha is on the move with more than \$8 billion in new development happening throughout the city, including: new entertainment districts; a \$101-million luminarium and science center; a downtown streetcar; and a \$325 million transformation of the downtown riverfront area.





DISTANCE BETWEEN
OMAHA'S AIRPORT
AND DOWNTOWN

4 MILES

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offer complimentary
shuttle service

directly to
and from
their
properties



NON-STOP AIRLINE
SERVICE TO

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SALES
TAX IS 7%



Omaha Metro Population:
Just under

1 MILLION



An average of
212 DAYS
of sunshine per year

Spring: Highs in the mid 60's
Lows in the 40's
Summer: Highs in the 80's
Lows in the mid 60's
Fall: Highs in the 70's
Lows in the 50's
Winter: Highs in the mid 30's
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**SMOKE-FREE BARS
AND RESTAURANTS**

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Stop in the Omaha Visitors Center in the heart of downtown and speak with friendly Omaha experts who will help customize your Omaha experience. Learn about OMAR the Troll, start your search for OMAI, find out how you can receive a free souvenir beer tasting glass, and win a "Bob the Bridge" T-shirt. Whether you're looking for maps, something unique to do, or trying to figure out where to eat, the Omaha Visitors Center is the place to start. Complimentary Wi-Fi available. Flying in? You will also find helpful information at the two Visitor Information kiosks located at the airport.



PETS WELCOME

BECAUSE YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND NEEDS A GETAWAY TOO

Travel and pets go hand-in-hand for millions of travelers, and Omaha makes visiting with your trusty companion easy. Here's inspiration for making your trip with your pet smoother – and maybe even more memorable. AAA Four-Diamond **Hotel Deco** welcomes furry friends, where they are greeted at the front desk with a sign and water bowl. Other hotels where pets receive exceptional service include **Magnolia Hotel, EVEN Hotel**, and more. For a full list of pet-friendly hotels, go to VisitOmaha.com/hotels/pet-friendly-hotels.

PET-CENTRIC EVENTS

Woofstock at Midtown Crossing and Turner Park brings pets and their humans together for an energetic day, including a pup-up dog park, live DJ, pop-up shops, outdoor games, and more. Treat your pup to a pleasant walk through the gardens during **Leashes at Lauritzen**, select evenings at Lauritzen Gardens. **Junkstock** is a biannual multi-weekend event over one or two weekends in spring and fall that welcomes well behaved, leashed dogs with open arms.

FIDO FUN

The Paw Spa Pet Resort offers a full list of treatments, from a Full Pawdicure to Oxy Fresh Dental scrub. Drop your pooch off for pampering and choose to have them wait while you do a pet-free activity. The centrally-located **Dewey Dog Park**, open all year, features an agility course, running water and a splash pad (in warmer weather), a self-cleaning synthetic turf, chairs, benches, and canopies. **Wag** offers typical grooming services for dogs and cats, with indulgent experiences including a Blueberry Facial Scrub and Calming Aromatherapy. The **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, or Bob, welcomes humans and pets alike. Friendly reminder: pick up after your four-legged friend.

FOOD & DRINK

The **Omaha Dog Bar** offers socializing fun for both humans and canines. Humans can order from a bar while their four-legged friends can enjoy a special treat before heading off to play. Your pooch is welcome at **Benson Brewery's** Biergarten complete with a water station for dogs and batches of dog treats made in-house from grain left over from brewing. Dogs are welcome at restaurant patios all over the city, including at **Nite Owl** and **Finicky Frank's**.

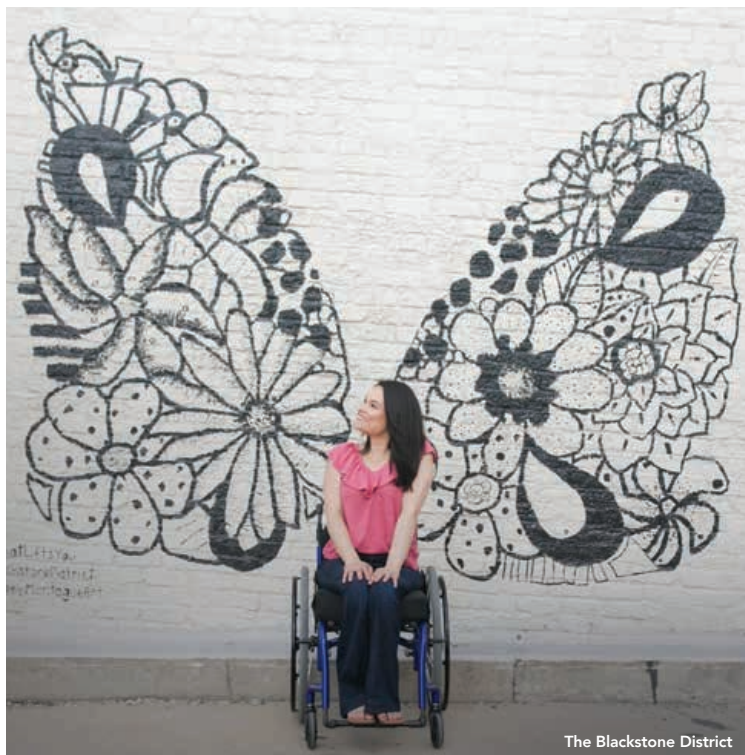
Tip: Don't have a pet to bring but want some pet cuddles? Pet cats and enjoy coffee at **Felius**, Omaha's cat café.

WE'VE GOT YOUR FUN MAPPED OUT

USE THIS MAP AS YOUR GUIDE TO THE GIANT BLUE PINS LOCATED AT
TOP OMAHA ATTRACTIONS AROUND THE CITY

- 1 Bemis/KANEKO:** Ever-changing, always-impressive art exhibitions are at the heart of this edgy, urban corner in downtown Omaha.
- 2 Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge:** Meet Bob, a 3,000-ft.-long pedestrian bridge with personality. Bob offers a spectacular view of Omaha's skyline and a chance to stand in two states at the same time and is home to OMAR the Troll.
- 3 Boys Town:** This well-known landmark is a national treasure, featuring an expansive campus with a museum, historic chapel, gardens, and a world-renowned youth care program.
- 4 The Durham Museum:** Both a museum and meticulously preserved Art Deco train station, explore passenger train cars, visit an old-time school house, or grab a soda at the old-fashioned soda fountain.
- 5 El Museo Latino:** The first Latino art and history museum in the Midwest. This intimate, culturally intensive establishment is as authentic as the restaurants and shops surrounding it.
- 6 Film Streams:** An intimate art house cinema experience. Enjoy film as an art form at this distinctive theater located in the North Downtown entertainment district.
- 7 Heartland of America Park:** Part of Omaha's \$325-million riverfront revitalization project, offering visitors a dazzling waterfront experience. Will reopen to the public in 2023.
- 8 Hot Shops Art Center:** Witness cutting-edge art in a unique warehouse atmosphere. More than 80 art studios are open to the public to watch, learn, and buy distinctive works of art.
- 9 Joslyn Art Museum:** Currently closed because of construction and renovations, this pink marble masterpiece is filled with rare works of art from Monet, Chihuly, Rembrandt, and more. Inside, kids enjoy Art Works, a space designed especially for them. Will reopen in 2024.
- 10 Lauritzen Gardens:** 100 acres of botanical beauty nestled in the riverfront hills. Twenty themed gardens, including an indoor conservatory, make this a year-round experience.
- 11 North 24th Street:** Explore the historic neighborhood known for celebrating music and African American arts. Catch the heritage of jazz in a district where Ellington, Basie, and others once played.
- 12 Mormon Trail Center:** Experience firsthand the great Mormon Migration of 1846-47. Explore a pioneer cabin, pull a handcart, and see a full-sized covered wagon drawn by an oxen team.
- 13 Old Market Entertainment District:** Unique boutiques, antique emporiums, sweet shops, and more than 30 restaurants and pubs line the cobblestone streets of this lively, historic area.
- 14 Omaha Children's Museum:** Specially designed with kids in mind, the museum features hands-on exhibits the whole family can enjoy, including the Super Gravitron ball machine, science center, and more.
- 15 Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium:** Consistently ranked as one of the "world's best," this is a can't-miss experience filled with animal encounters, an indoor rainforest, and the largest indoor desert in the world.





OMAHA IS A WELCOMING CITY WITH EXPERIENCES TO FIT EVERY INTEREST AND NEED. FROM ITS TOP ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, AND LODGING, YOU'LL FIND A VARIETY OF ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS.

ACCESSIBILITY

Top Omaha attractions such as **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**, **The Durham Museum**, **Lauritzen Gardens**, and **Joslyn Art Museum** feature accessible exhibits, allow service animals, and offer wheelchair or motorized scooter rentals.

Autism Night at the Zoo is specifically designed to allow children and their families to explore the zoo with sensory-friendly activities and surroundings.

Omaha Children's Museum's entire building is accessible and wheelchair friendly. The museum features sensory-friendly experiences and events geared toward children with disabilities.

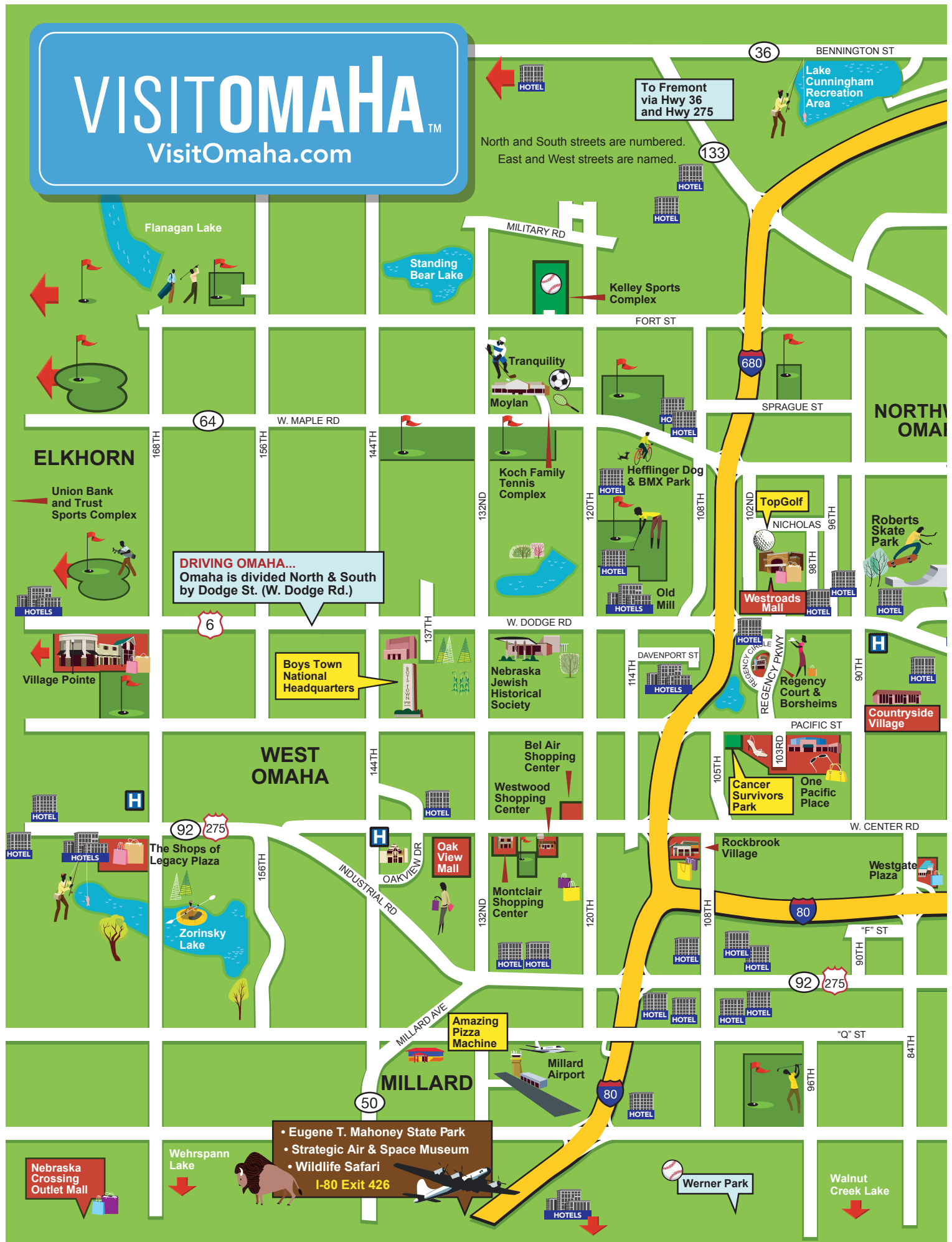
All events and concerts at **CHI Health Center Omaha** are ADA compliant with a wide variety of services including sign language, assistive listening devices, closed captioning, and accessible seating. Both theaters at the **Omaha Community Playhouse** are equipped with an infra-red sound system. Each year *A Christmas Carol* is presented as a shadow-interpreted performance. Performances and classes are open to children and family members of all abilities at **The Rose Theater**, which also provides sign language interpretation and audio description services at select performances and sensory-friendly performances throughout the year.

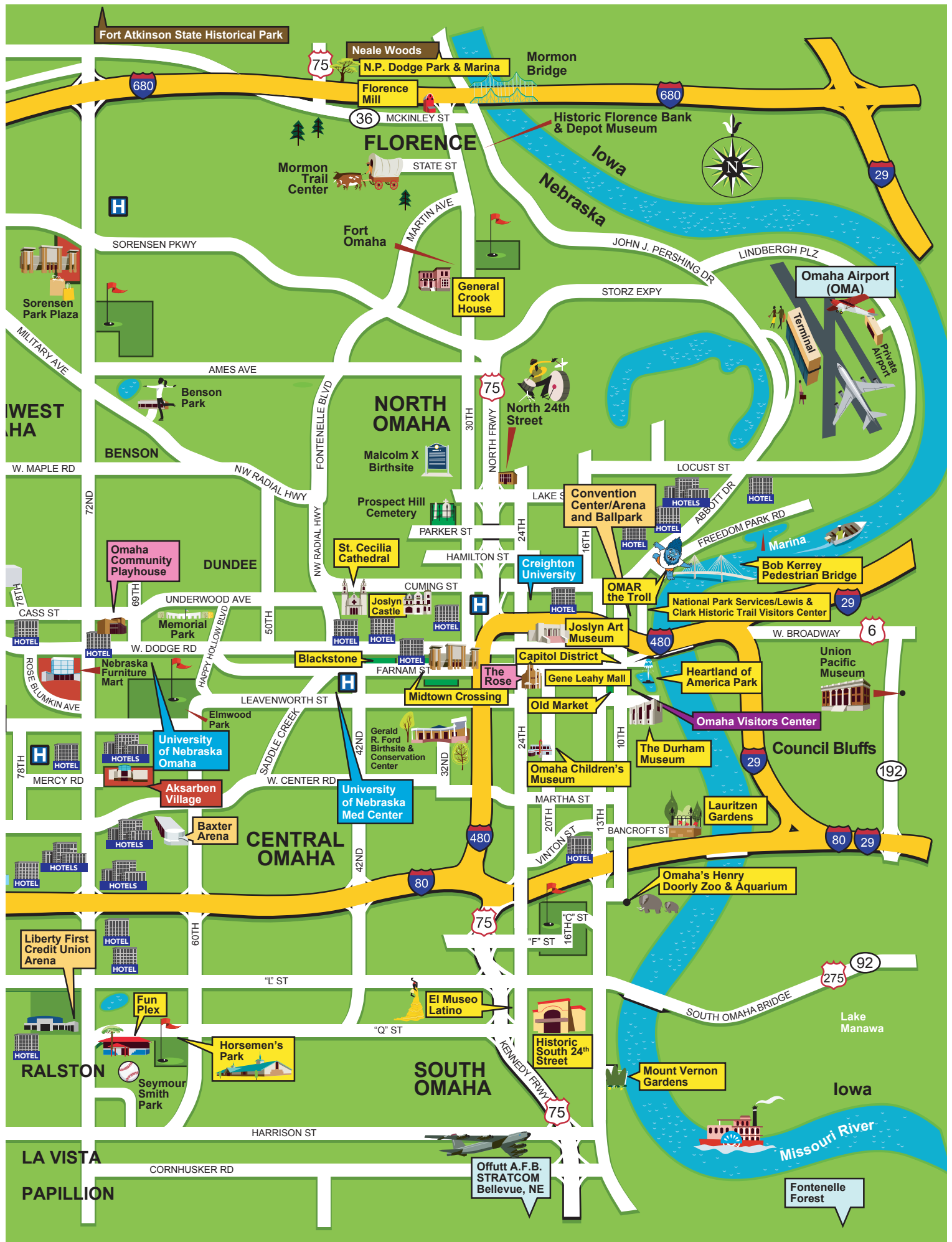
Omaha's **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, or Bob for short, is accessible and wheelchair friendly. More accessible outdoor fun can be found at **Fontenelle Forest**, **Benson Park**, **Pipal Park**, and the **AllPlay Complex and Water Park** at Seymour Smith Park.

For more information on accessible travel in Omaha, go to VisitOmaha.com/accessible-travel



Download Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium's app Omaha Zoo 4 All. This free interactive app provides users of all ages, abilities, and needs a new way to visit one of the world's best zoos.

The logo for Visit Omaha is a blue rounded rectangle with a white border. Inside, the word "VISITOMAHA" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the website "VisitOmaha.com" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.



Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

Neale Woods

N.P. Dodge Park & Marina

Florence Mill

MCKINLEY ST

FLORENCE

Mormon Trail Center

Fort Omaha

General Crook House

Mormon Bridge

Historic Florence Bank & Depot Museum

Iowa
Nebraska

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Omaha Airport (OMA)

Terminal

Private Airport

STORZ EXPY

North 24th Street

NORTH OMAHA

Malcolm X Birthsite

Prospect Hill Cemetery

St. Cecilia Cathedral

Joslyn Castle

Convention Center/Arena and Ballpark

Creighton University

OMAR the Troll

National Park Services/Lewis & Clark Historic Trail Visitors Center

Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

Marina

W. BROADWAY

Union Pacific Museum

Capitol District

Gene Leahy Mall

Heartland of America Park

Omaha Visitors Center

Council Bluffs

The Durham Museum

Omaha Children's Museum

Lauritzen Gardens

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

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El Museo Latino

Historic South 24th Street

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People from all over the world have made their home in Omaha, and with them they bring rich cultures, experiences, and cuisines for all to share. Minority-owned businesses are spread throughout the area, ranging from restaurants and attractions to boutiques and creative arts.

Below are just a few of Omaha's minority-owned businesses; you'll find others sprinkled throughout the guide.

El Churro Spot – owner Omar Garribo went from food truck to brick and mortar with his authentic Mexican cuisine, including his famous churros.

Kathmandu Momo Station – owned by Aagya Subedi, Rocky Shrestha, and Sagar Gurung, bringing authentic Nepalese street cuisine and Burmese ramen to Omaha.

Le Voltaire – established in 2001 and owned and operated by Chef Wilson Calixte, this intimate spot is revamping and remastering authentic French cuisine in West Omaha.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES



Tipico Helado – owned by Crystal and Chuy Mata, this South Omaha shop is known for their manganadas (layered Mexican mango smoothies), ice cream, and sorbet creations.

STATUS – Owner Christi Ballard has a passion for fashionable goods and serving her customers. She certifies all pre-loved pieces like handbags, accessories, and more through a third party, ensuring customers receive authentic luxury at great prices.

The Union for Contemporary Art – Brigitte McQueen's innovative creative forum uses the arts as a vehicle to inspire positive social change.



OMAHA'S DIVERSITY
SHINES ACROSS
THE ENTIRE CITY



PRIDE IN OMAHA





Caddy's Kitchen & Cocktails



Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop

OMAHA PROUDLY WELCOMES YOU TO BE YOURSELF AND EXPLORE A CITY FILLED WITH UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

The LGBTQ+ community's safety is of the utmost importance, and the city strives to create an accepting and inclusive environment at all attractions, events, restaurants, and hotels.

Throughout the year, Omaha celebrates Pride with an array of special events including the **Heartland Pride Parade and Festival**. The massive celebration includes food trucks, live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and dance parties. **Benson First Friday**, while Proud

all year, kicks it up a notch in June with public art, window displays, visual artists, and more Pride-infused fun.

LGBTQ+ -owned and -friendly businesses are sprinkled throughout the city. **The Max** is one of the nation's top gay nightclubs, and **Flixx** is a video lounge with cabaret shows on select nights. Queerniverse Burlesque, Omaha's first Queer, Trans, Non-binary Person of Color-centric and queer-inclusive burlesque troupe, hosts various shows throughout the year, and you can follow along on Facebook.



The Max



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Omaha's calendar is packed with annual festivals and festivities that have visitors returning for more. Read below for a taste of what's happening this year; event details may change, so head to [VisitOmaha.com](https://www.visitomaha.com) for the latest information and for even more exciting events and attraction-based fun.



OMAHA FASHION WEEK

February & August
[Omaha Design Center](#)

The country's fourth largest fashion event with runway shows, pop-up shopping, and themed parties.

OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL

March
[Aksarben Cinema](#)

Screening over 100 films from an average 1,000 annual entries.

JUNKSTOCK

April & October
[Sycamore Farms](#)

Seasonal weekends-long vintage celebration featuring unique antiques, and handmade artisan foods and goods.



THE INTERNATIONAL OMAHA HORSE COMPETITION

April
[CHI Health Convention Center & Arena](#)

World-class indoor horse jumping and dressage competition makes way for the FEI World Cup Finals™ in 2023.



CINCO DE MAYO

May
[Historic South 24th St.](#)

A vibrant family-friendly fiesta filled with authentic food, live music, carnival rides, and a grand parade.

TASTE OF OMAHA

June
[Elmwood Park](#)

Over 50 area restaurants serve their mouth-watering specialties to enjoy with live entertainment, cooking demos, activities, amusement rides, and more.

NEBRASKA OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

June
[Aksarben Village](#)

Outdoor event featuring the work of 135 fine artists from across the country alongside live entertainment and activities for the kids.



NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

June
[Charles Schwab Field Omaha](#)

Storied annual event featuring tailgating, Fan Fest, and college baseball's best battling it out for the national title.

BALLOON & WINE FESTIVAL

August
[Ta Ha Zouka Park](#)

Hot air balloon launch and glow accompanied by Nebraska wines, Midwest food, live music and entertainment, and fun for the kids.



MAHA FESTIVAL

July
[Aksarben Village](#)

Music-heavy event with community activities, art displays, food and beverage, and more.

OMAHA RODEO

September
[CHI Health Convention Center & Arena](#)

Fast-paced action as world champion cowboys compete for official entry into the National Finals Rodeo.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL

November – January
[Various Locations](#)

Holiday celebration with twinkling light displays, family-focused events, and fireworks to ring in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS AT UNION STATION

November – January
[The Durham Museum](#)

An Omaha tradition featuring the region's largest indoor holiday tree, visits from Santa, and special programming.

For a complete list of events, go to [VisitOmaha.com](https://www.visitomaha.com)

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FUN AND GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY



Amazing Pizza Machine is an indoor entertainment center, buffet, and arcade experience. Enjoy 60,000 square feet of amazing fun with rides and attractions including laser tag, go karts, bumper cars, mini bowling, arcade games, and more. Be sure to bring your appetite to enjoy unlimited buffet dining.



Axe Games, Craft Axe Throwing, and Flying Timber Axe are unique spaces to let your inner lumberjack out. The concept is simple: grab an axe, throw the axe at a target on the wall, pull the axe out of the wall, and watch your friends throw axes. (It's harder, and safer, than it looks!)



Heart pumping and head thumping gets kicked into high gear at Omaha's various escape room experiences.

Entrap Games, The Escape Omaha, House of Conundrum, and Get Out: Omaha invite guests to race against the clock, solve the mystery, and unlock the door to freedom.



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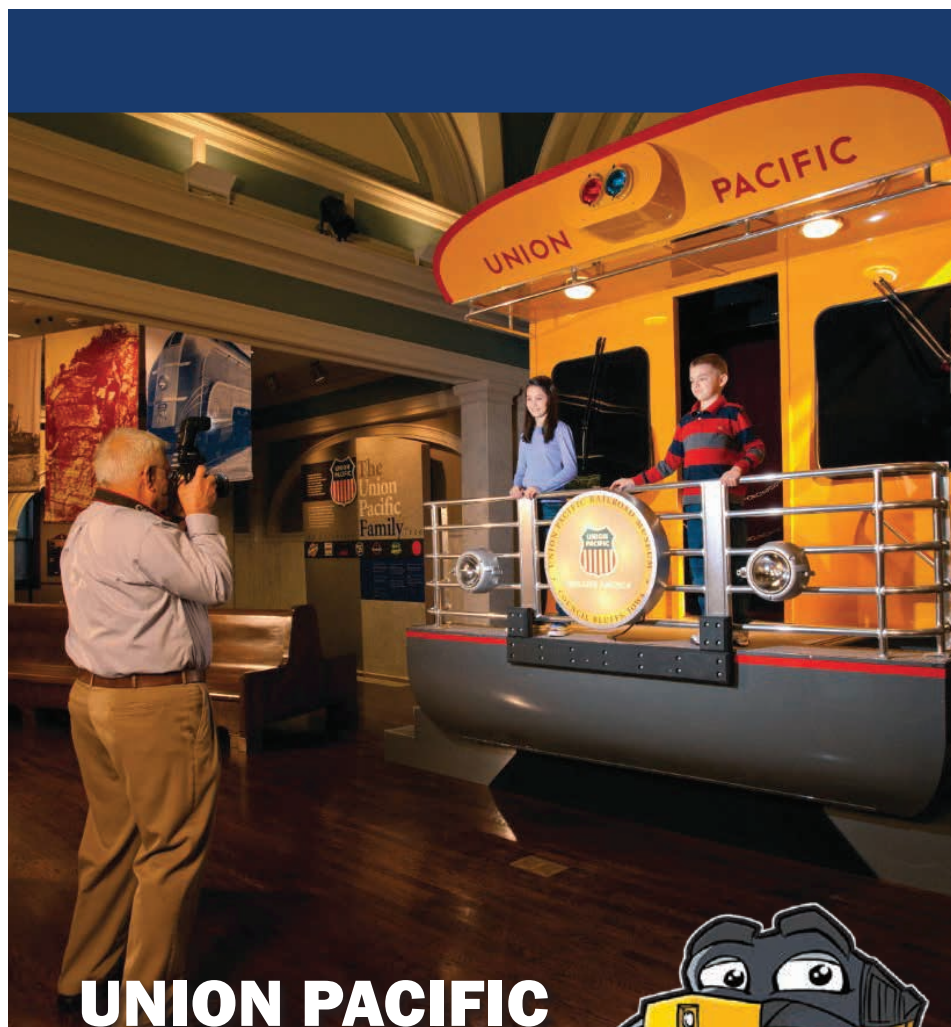
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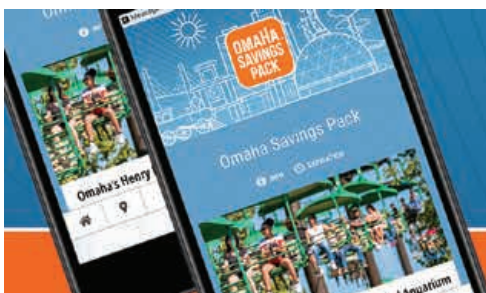
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Create your own adventure, and every time you visit you're helping the zoo make an impact across the globe. **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium** is a biological park, working with more than 20 states and countries to ensure the zoo's resources extend far beyond the animals in its care. The zoo is: supporting anti-poaching efforts in Nigeria, Swaziland, and China; planting more than two million trees in Madagascar to provide habitat for numerous species; rescuing and rehabilitating African penguins in South Africa and sloth bears in India; working to improve tiger conservation in the Russian Far East; and the list goes on and on.





OMAHA'S ZOO IS A FULLY IMMERSIVE ANIMAL WORLD PACKED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH WILDLIFE. BROWSE BELOW FOR A SNEAK PEEK AT WHAT'S WAITING AT THE WORLD'S BEST ZOO.

Alaskan Adventure

Kids will love this splash ground featuring 100 water jets and over 75 bronze sculptures of jumping salmon, puffins, sea lions, orcas, and a tremendous 18-foot humpback whale.

Asian Highlands

Journey from the grasslands of Northern India through the Himalayan Mountains to the forests of northeastern China. Encounter red pandas, sloth bears, Amur tigers, snow leopards, and Indian rhinos living among ancient ruins and canopy trees. Foggy Forest is a natural valley with mist blanketing the forest floor and includes a series of foot paths with several nature-based play opportunities, including boulders to climb and logs to cross. Most of the animals in Asian Highlands are cold tolerant, making it a year-round experience.

Bay Family Children's Adventure Trails

This immersive outdoor experience is filled with climbing areas, raft races, waterfalls, and creeks and ponds that invite kids to jump in, stay cool, and hunt for treasure.

Berniece Grewcock Butterfly and Insect Pavilion

Walk among the butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds in the stunning conservatory. The insect pavilion gives an up close peek at ants, spiders, scorpions, walking sticks, mantids, centipedes, roaches, and many other creatures.

Desert Dome

Explore the world's largest indoor desert under the world's largest glazed geodesic dome, an Omaha landmark. The Desert Dome stands 13 stories tall and features a 30-foot tall sand dune containing 300 tons of red sand. Climbing in and around the cliffs are klipspringers, rock wallabies, bobcats, and meerkats. Inside, enter Rattlesnake Canyon and encounter the world's largest indoor rattlesnake exhibit with 14 reptile species, including venomous snakes.

Hubbard Gorilla Valley

A place where gorillas roam free and visitors are on display. This cutting-edge space allows Omaha to be a major player in gorilla conservation. In Orangutan Forest, listen to the call of these enchanting creatures as they play on two man-made banyan trees 65 feet in the air.





Hubbard Expedition Madagascar

Home to some of the most amazing and unique animals such as the aye-aye lemur and the giant jumping rat.

Lied Jungle

Hike through the nation's largest indoor rainforest with roaring waterfalls and swinging gibbons in a tropical environment that will transport you to the jungles of South America, Asia, and Africa. See more than 90 animal species in their natural habitats, from the forest floor to the highest jungle canopy. Don't miss the swinging rope bridge, and take a picture from lookout peak with a full view of silvered leaf monkeys, ebony langurs, spotted-neck otters, and pygmy hippos.

Mahoney Kingdoms of the Night

Underneath the Desert Dome, navigate nighttime in the world's largest nocturnal exhibit filled with creatures that surface only after dark. Travel through a canyon, wind through a bat cave, and see the world's largest indoor swamp.

Owen Sea Lion Shores

Explore a 275-thousand gallon playground for sea lions, which includes a three-story waterfall and 40-foot long underwater viewing window perfect for nose-to-nose experiences. A natural beach area and rocks provide sunning sites for the animals. Omaha's zoo is home to the country's only pupping beach, which allows females to give birth on land and gradually introduce their pups to the water. There are hidden spaces just for children to crawl through to view sea lions swimming and a sandy beach area with small streams for kids to mix sand and water for playtime.

Scott African Grasslands

Take a trip to Africa through this 28-acre outdoor experience featuring breathtaking panoramic views and long vistas teeming with African wildlife like white rhinos, cheetahs, lions, and zebras. The Elephant Family Quarters is the largest herd room in North America,



offering visitors a rare, up-close look at three calves and their families. Tip: Ride the Skyfari for a unobstructed view of this exhibit.

Suzanne and Walter Scott Aquarium

Traverse the ocean floor and come nose-to-nose with sea turtles as large sand tiger, zebra, and stingray sharks circle above. The 70-foot shark tunnel inside the aquarium provides a mesmerizing underwater experience. From the ocean depths to the frigid cold, the aquarium also features ocean birds, including more than 85 penguins. Up to 20 tons of man-made snow can be churned out in one day from four snow machines.

MORE ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Backstage Experiences

See what it takes to care for a giant Pacific octopus, wander through the world's largest nocturnal exhibit with the lights on, get front row seats to feeding time for more than 300 free flying bats, and much more.

Animal Encounters

Omaha's Zoo gives visitors a variety of up close and personal animal experiences. The Dick and Mary Holland Meadowlark Theater allows 15 bird species to take center stage while demonstrating flight paths and specific behaviors. Visitors can stop at the Giraffe Encounter area for a rare chance to stand face-to-face with the world's tallest animals. (There's also an opportunity to feed the giraffes!) Stingray Beach invites visitors to come hand-to-fin with this aquatic creature. Touch, feed, and interact with stingrays while interpreters answer all of your questions.





THE DURHAM MUSEUM





HOP ABOARD HISTORY AT OMAHA'S TREASURED UNION STATION

Omaha's former Union Station is filled with an extraordinary array of permanent exhibits highlighting the region's history and a broad range of traveling exhibitions. Here visitors can tour restored train cars, see 1940s store fronts, and view an array of historical artifacts native to the region. Remarkable architecture is just one of the many reasons **The Durham Museum** has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Enter the museum and its Great Hall and you're immediately transported to the grandeur of the 1930s. Millions of people traveled by train through Omaha between 1931-1971. They stepped off the train to see what you'll marvel at today: classic Art Deco style highlighted by terrazzo tile flooring, cathedral-like windows, 13-ft.-tall chandeliers, and a ceiling of gold leaf design in the main waiting room. Bronze statues of couples,

military men, and children placed throughout come alive with stories of people who once passed through the train station.

Elsewhere in the museum, experience Omaha's history through a variety of permanent exhibits. Learn how people traveled through the years, from covered wagons to passenger trains and streetcars. Stroll through train cars from the 1940s and 1950s. Discover the fascinating culture of the Omaha Native American Tribe by stepping into a rawhide tepee or sitting by the fire in a replica earth lodge. Peek into the home of blue-collar workers to experience the way families lived over 100 years ago. View some of the rarest coins and documents in the world in the Byron Reed Collection and walk through the Buffett Grocery Store, a replica of the original 1915 store operated by three generations of the storied Buffett family.

Visiting with kids? The model trains delight visitors of all ages. The train set represents Union Pacific's main line from Omaha to Ogden, UT and has interactive features allowing visitors to lower the crossing guards and turn on the lights. Kids also enjoy The Platform, an interactive STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) space.

Take a break during your visit to enjoy the train station's original 1930s soda fountain. Order an old-fashioned phosphate made with your favorite flavoring and soda water straight out of the fountain dispenser. Add hand-scooped ice cream to make a luscious ice cream float or order up a malt, shake, or a delicious sundae – but not before ordering some lunch. If your sweet tooth needs a fix, visit the retro candy shop offering a variety of nostalgic, hard-to-find candies along with fresh popped popcorn.



HISTORY TAKES CENTER STAGE AT AN ARRAY OF AREA ATTRACTIONS

STEP BACK IN TIME

Local museums and attractions showcase the area's history along with nationally-recognized collections of everything from aircraft to artwork.

World-famous **Boys Town**, a National Historic Landmark District, is home to chapels, statues and gardens, the Hall of History museum, its founder Father Flanagan's House, and the visitors center – home to the world's largest ball of stamps. Free admission.

Smithsonian affiliate **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum** is home to the nation's largest collection of Cold War aircraft and artifacts. Visitors will find 300,000 sq. ft. featuring missiles, an impressive collection of iconic aircraft, and spacecraft such as the Apollo Command Space module. Those looking for a little adventure will enjoy the flight simulator, and families can make discoveries about science, technology, and physics at the Children's Learning Center.

Located in history-rich and culturally diverse South Omaha, **El Museo Latino*** was the Midwest's first Latino art and history museum and cultural center. The intimate gallery offers temporary and permanent exhibits along with educational programming and a tradition of visual and performing arts. El Museo Latino organizes and presents special events throughout the year, including Cinco de Mayo in May and Hispanic Heritage Month in September.

Human rights activist **Malcolm X*** was born in Omaha, where visitors may access his birthsite. A 17-acre developing memorial features a visitor center, community garden, and plaza with a historical marker commemorating where Malcolm X first lived with his family. Free admission.

With interactive exhibits, artwork, and artifacts, experience what it was like to live as Mormon pioneers during their westward migration to the Salt Lake Valley at the **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters**. Guided or self-guided tours are available. Free admission.

Get a taste of 19th century life at **General Crook House Museum.*** View decorative arts, costumes, arts and crafts, and period furnishings, and enjoy a stroll in the heirloom garden with more than 110 varieties of flowers and plants. Visit during the holidays when every room in the house transforms into captivating glimpses at Christmases past. Audio tours are available; open seven days a week.

Union Pacific Railroad Museum* in nearby Council Bluffs offers hands-on train fun. The museum chronicles more than 150 years of American railroad history, from photographs and documents from the creation of the transcontinental railroad to a collection of artifacts from Abraham Lincoln's life and death.

MORE HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS:

Gerald R. Ford Birthsite and Gardens
Fort Atkinson State Historical Park
Florence Mill*

Bank of Florence*
Florence Depot
Prospect Hill Cemetery

**Listed on the National Register of Historic Places*





Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum



Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters



ARTISTIC FLAIR IN OMAHA

Get ready to experience an expansive selection of public art and art-based museums and cultural centers.

KANEKO continues to shine its cultural light on the community from their turn-of-the-century downtown warehouse. Founded by world-renowned artist Jun Kaneko and his wife Ree, the venue hosts innovative artists, exhibitions, performances, workshops, and events. Across the street is **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts**. Founded by artists for artists, Bemis hosts an international residency program along with public education programs and ever-

rotating art exhibitions featuring work from both emerging and established artists. **The Union for Contemporary Art** uses the arts as a vehicle to inspire positive social change. Their North Omaha location includes a gallery space, fellowship program, co-op studios, and community garden. Over 10 years of work helped the Benson neighborhood to become a Creative District through the Nebraska Arts Council.

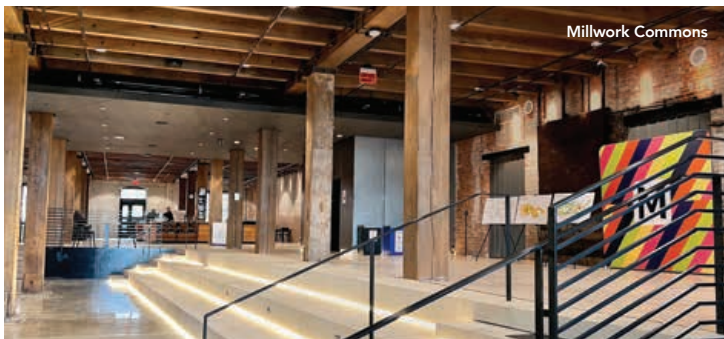
Nebraska's premier art museum **Joslyn Art Museum** houses more than 11,000 works of art. The Joslyn will be closed until 2024 as they undergo museum renovation and expansion.



Artists' Cooperative Gallery



Memorial Park



INSTA-WORTHY PUBLIC ART

SNAP A PIC OF THESE ICONIC OMAHA WORKS OF ART

FERTILE GROUND

13th & Mike Fahey Sts.

One of the country's largest public murals, led by international mural artist Megan Saligman and her team.



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A 13-ft. fork in Omaha's historic Little Italy neighborhood by artist Jake Balcom.



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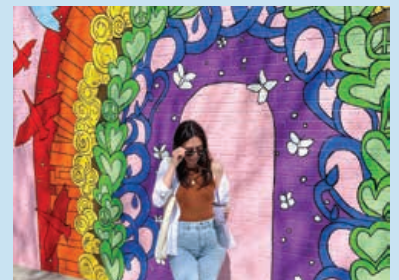
A collection of six bronze larger-than-life circus performers by Omaha-based sculptor Matthew Placzek.



KINDNESS COMES IN ALL COLORS

38th & Farnam Sts.

Interactive rainbow mural created by international street artist Kelsey Montague.



WIND SCULPTURE

Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront

Hand-painted fiberglass sculpture created by Yinka Shonibare in London highlights Omaha's history.



OMAHA HAS CURATED ITS ART SCENE

Local galleries make it easy to take home a piece of locally-made art. **Lewis Art Gallery** is the oldest and largest art gallery in Omaha, while the newer **Gallery 1516** supports Nebraska and regional artists. **Artists' Cooperative Gallery** is an artist-run gallery, and **Anderson O'Brien Fine Art** promotes regional and national visual artists.

Stop in **Hot Shops Art Center** for an interactive art experience. Named for "hot shops" featuring glass blowing, pottery, and bronze casting, the 92,000-sq.-ft. warehouse houses over 80 studio artists whose spaces are often open for exploration. View evolving exhibitions, create your masterpiece at a class or workshop, and attend one of their popular bi-annual open houses.

American flags line the entrance to the iconic white stone structure at **Memorial Park**. The 67-acre memorial honors men and women who have served in the armed forces, featuring numerous bronze statues honoring veterans and a garden filled with 1,000 rose bushes.

Colorful murals painted by local artists span the city. The South Omaha Mural Project includes murals celebrating the area's diverse communities, including Mexican, Native American, Irish, Mayan, and more. Historic Dundee boasts its own blue and yellow display at 50th and Underwood celebrating the neighborhood's main street roots. See plenty more art in North Omaha, downtown, and Benson neighborhoods, to name a few.



MAKE EDU-PLAY-TIONAL* MEMORIES AT ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

(*We're working on the trademark)

Omaha Children's Museum is a 60,000-sq.-ft. imagination station dedicated to providing families with fun, memorable experiences in a hands-on environment. Open year-round with a variety of permanent and temporary exhibits, kids are invited to explore, play, and learn.

Continuing to be the star of the show is the Super Gravitron. Families can drop in a ball, take a guess where it will land, and track its path ... leading up to a massive ball drop! QUICK - add more balls to the center before it dumps them out all over again.

The Streck Science Showplace inspires little scientists with exciting demonstrations built around heat energy, exothermic reactions, and combustion. The Amazing Bubble Show and the Whiz Bang Super Science Show feature the fizzle, pop, and BANG as soda explodes and massive bubbles dance in the air. Museum staff provide DIY experiments, which means the edu-play-tional excitement can follow you home - we call this the ultimate souvenir.

THINGS TO KNOW

See something new each visit thanks to two temporary exhibit spaces, one on each floor.

Target audience is kids 3-10 years old, but all ages will be thoroughly entertained.

A family resting room with tables, chairs, and couches is available for quiet time.

The Rainbow Café offers kid-friendly snacks on the second floor, and there's an accessible microwave in the dining area.

An outdoor picnic area is available for families to take a break.

The museum store offers science kits, games, books, and more to continue learning at home.

PERMANENT EXHIBITS

S.T.E.A.M. Cave features four hands-on exhibits focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Imagination Playground inspires little ones ages 0-5 with a kid-friendly hospital, bank, barn, firehouse, and grocery store.

Art Smart Center is a colorful space for painting, dancing, creating, and take-home playdough recipes.

Charlie Campbell Science and Technology Center instills curiosity, experimentation, and tinkering.

OCM Zooland is a colorful zoo of climbable animals.

Sandy's Splish Splash Garden offers an outdoor splash pad.

Fantastic Future Me is where kids can combine interests and aspirations to envision their future selves.

Walker Tire and Auto Service Center is a shop for kids to work and play on cars.

Tinker Factory is a maker space suited for young kids with adult supervision.

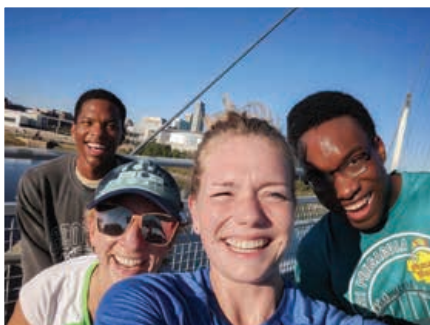
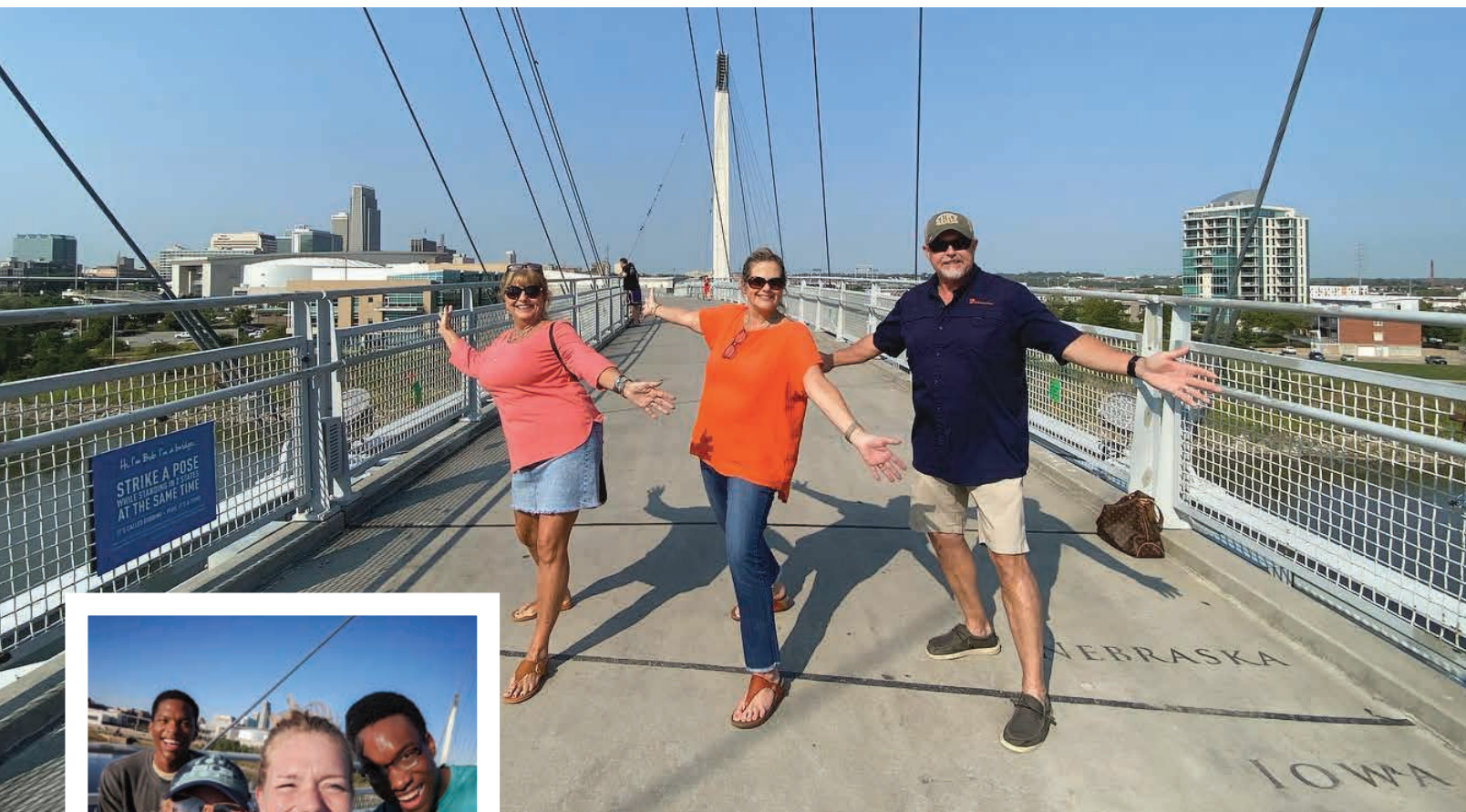




OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



JOIN THE FAMILY WITH



OMAHA'S FAVORITE TRIO CAN TAKE YOU ON AN OMAHA ADVENTURE. OR, IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN JUST SIT ... AND HANG AROUND.

Hi, I'm Bob. I'm a bridge. My full name is **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, but my friends call me Bob. You've probably heard a lot about me. Where should I start? I'm Omaha's most eligible bachelor, I deal with trolls on a daily basis, I welcome everyone, and, most importantly, I'm very well connected ... to 150 miles of trails! I love long walks (or bike rides), four-legged (and two-winged) animals, and being referred to as the "hottest thing on two towers." What else do you want to know? I'm an open bridge. Come visit me and sit with OMAR, my blue buddy that's always looking for a new friend and a picture to pose in.



BOB, OMAR AND OMAI



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ME, BOB

- I'm an outdoor enthusiast's dream come true and a Fitbit user's path to a successful 10,000 steps. You've heard of a 5k and a 10k, but what about a 0.9k? I'm 3,000 feet long, which is 0.9k in marathon terms. So walk across me, take a photo, and show it to my peeps at the **Omaha Visitors Center** to get an official marathon sticker. Put it on your car to be really cool.
- I'm not just a path to marathon glory; I'm also a magic trick! I curve over water by mere cables, which means I literally float over the Missouri River! No joke, you can actually feel me swaying in the wind while you walk over water. Sure, I've got two 210-foot-tall towers that keep me grounded, but seriously, I'm all MAGIC!
- Probably my coolest trick happens when you reach my midsection and "POOF," you're standing in two states at the same time. Striking a pose and taking a pic while standing in two states at once is called "Bobbing" – trust me, it's a thing. It's time for you to get in on the strike-snap-share movement!
- I'm a cheap date and literally have couples floating on air. I've seen a lot of engagements in my day ... I inspire romance.
- I'm online and you can reach me anytime! My handle on Twitter and Instagram is @BobTBridge, or you can holler at me with #ItHappensOnBob. I love when friends share photos of us together. Holding up the Tower of Pisa. Kissing the Blarney Stone. Walking on Bob. All selfie bucket-listers.
- My future is so bright, you gotta wear shades. Seriously, color-changing LED lights mean that I create a light show on the Mighty Mo.

As I've mentioned, I'm very familiar with being "trolled." Full disclosure, my trolls are great and have quickly become my truest, bluest friends (see what I did there?). First, there's **OMAR the Troll**, and you can meet him when you visit me – because we are kind of a package deal. While you walk on me, you can interact with OMAR through videos and find out how to "trollify" yourself. You can also pose with him and his super cool walking stick (but I will photo bomb!).

He's even got a book that follows OMAR's adventures throughout Omaha while he searched for a new home. Spoiler alert: He lives here with me because everybody loves Bob. Go to BobtheBridge.com to learn how to get your copy of *OMAR finds a home*.

Then there is OMAR's little sister, **OMAI**. Wow, she's a handful – don't get me wrong, I love her, but she cannot sit still. She runs around Omaha leaving footprints and fun little messages for kids. Maybe you can help OMAR and me track her down. Go to OMAIAdventure.com to get started.





THEMED GARDENS

Japanese Park

Twenty-four carved stone lanterns guide you on the path to the Sunpu castle gate and replica of Mt. Fuji in this growing six-acre garden.

Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory

A 17,500-sq.-ft. all-seasons glass conservatory housing tropical gardens with tall palms and vibrant flowers and temperate gardens with moss-covered oak trees and azaleas. Surprises await at every turn, like a 10-foot waterfall, a spectacular overlook of the conservatory, and a pool with water lilies.

Model Railroad Garden

G-scale model trains whirl throughout a handcrafted all-natural garden peppered with reproductions of Omaha landmarks among the natural landscapes and rolling countrysides.

Peony Garden

Tribute to the Chinese tree peony, the national flower of China, with Asian-influenced focal points like sculptures, benches, and meandering paths.

Rose Garden

Nearly 2,000 rose plants bloom first around the month of May, and again mid-September through frost, though the garden boasts colors all season long thanks to annuals and perennials. Charming white trellises with climbing roses open up to a large arbor area, a lovely setting for weddings and special events.

Song of the Lark Meadow

A true taste of the Midwest with beautiful wildflowers and other native Nebraska flowers and grasses.

Spring Flowering Walk

Stroll along a path through thousands of spring flowering bulbs, and trees and shrubs. A special StoryWalk adds to the fun for families; it includes activities to fit the theme of a specially-selected story you read as you move along.

Victorian Garden

Perennial garden combining dramatic characteristics of English and Victorian gardens featuring architectural artifacts from razed area buildings.

Woodland Waterfall

Nestled within a natural opening on the path to the other gardens, serenity awaits with a waterfall, two small ponds, and a charming sculpture.

AND MORE

Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary
Arrival and Parking Gardens
Children's Garden (closed until 2024)
Conservation Discovery Garden
English Perennial Border
Festival Garden
Founders' Garden
Garden in the Glen
Garden of Memories
Herb Garden
Woodland Trail



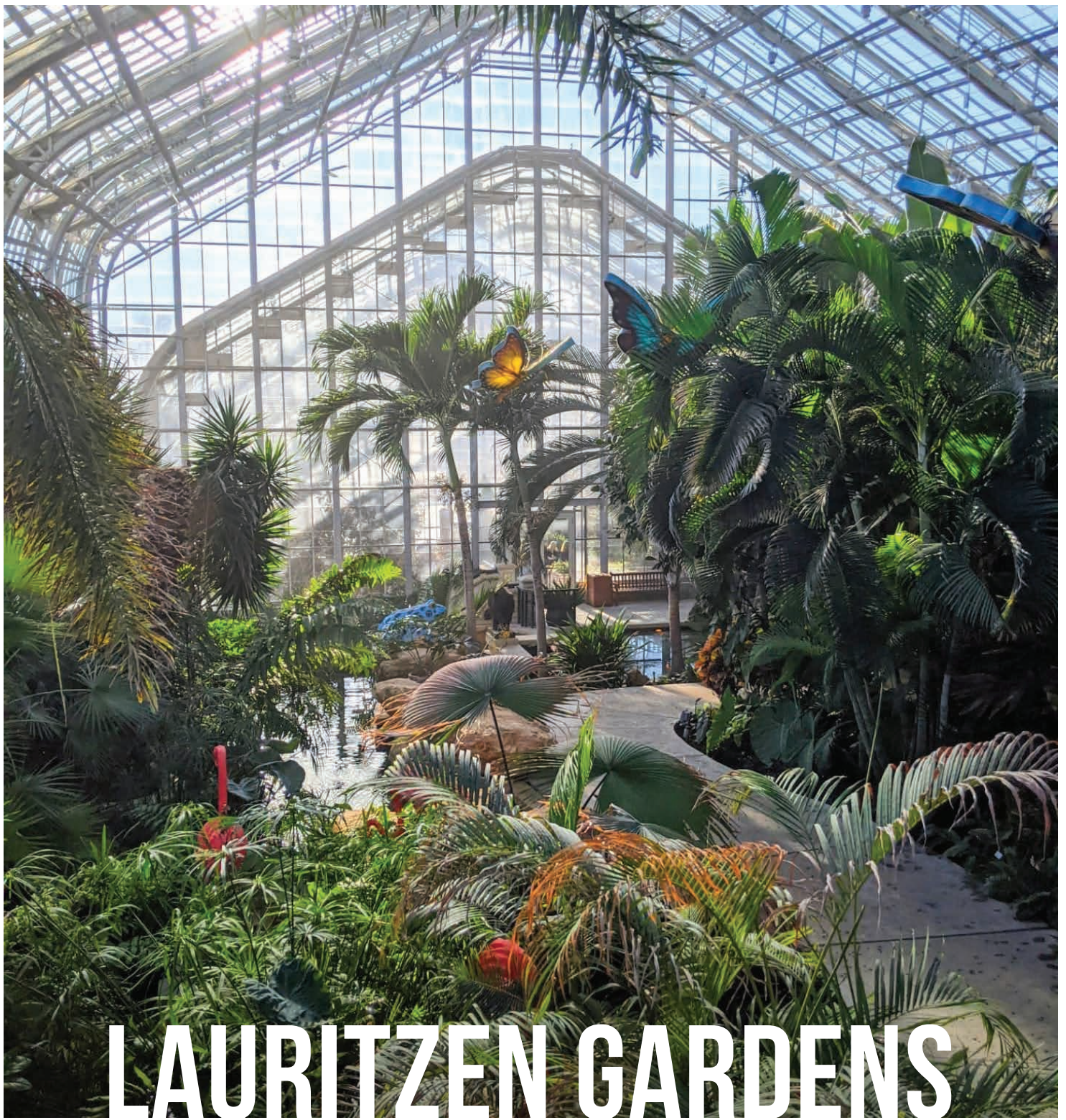
100 ACRES OF BOTANICAL BLISS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Immerse yourself in an urban oasis along Omaha's riverfront hills where nature takes centerstage among the four-season plant displays.

Twenty themed gardens showcase **Lauritzen Gardens'** beauty; its model trains, art exhibitions, workshops, half-a-million daffodil walk, and tram ride will enhance your garden experience. Plan your visit around annual events like the antiques show, ghoulish garden adventure, and holiday poinsettia show.

While you're there, ascend the stairs to **Kenefick Park** and be rewarded with magnificent sights: Union Pacific Railroad's Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy 4023, two of the most powerful locomotives ever built, and a sweeping view of the Missouri River and Interstate 80 stretching toward the scenic Loess Hills in Iowa.





LAURITZEN GARDENS



MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TIME IN NATURE, AND OMAHA'S ALL-SEASONS BEAUTY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR REJUVENATING EXPERIENCES

Omaha is an outdoor enthusiast's playground thanks in part to miles of tree-lined walking and biking trails, eight area lakes and two rivers, forest hiking paths, and an array of parks, gardens, and green spaces to feed the soul.

HIKING

From the rolling Ponca Hills in Nebraska to the scenic Loess Hills across the river in Iowa, there are plenty of ways to explore the Omaha area on foot. Plus, many of these same trails offer other recreational fun like snowshoeing and mountain biking.

Fontenelle Forest is one of the largest privately-operated nature centers in the nation. It encompasses 1,500 acres with 17 miles of trails of varying lengths and climbs, including a mile-long ADA accessible boardwalk. The forest is home to more than 600 different species of animal and plant life and a wide range of ecosystems.

Neale Woods Nature Reserve, operated by Fontenelle Forest, is a 550-acre nature preserve along the Missouri River. Its forest and hilltop prairies offer seven miles of walking trails with scenic views.

Hitchcock Nature Center in Iowa is a 1,200-acre preserve in the heart of Iowa's Loess Hills that offers opportunities for hiking, birding, camping, and plenty of Instagram-worthy pics.



Ditmars Orchard & Vineyard



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
Headquarters and Visitor Center

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



Wabash Trace Nature Trail



Fontenelle Forest

BIKING

Omaha's Paths of Discovery trail system winds through all parts of the city. More than 85 miles of paved interconnected trails invite walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters, and cross-country skiers.

In Iowa, the **Wabash Trace Nature Trail** is a 63-mile rails-to-trails route stretching from southwest Iowa to northwest Missouri. Nearly 10 additional area trails, including those in **Tranquility** and **Walnut Creek Parks**, have dedicated trails for mountain biking.

Heartland B-Cycle is the area's bike sharing system with 300 classic bikes and 150 electric pedal assist bikes at over 70 stations across the Omaha metropolitan area.

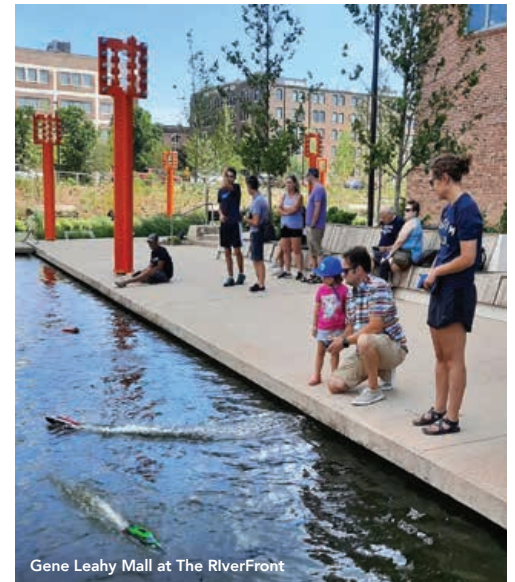
BIRDWATCHING

Located along the wooded Missouri River Valley and along a main migratory path, Omaha is a birding hotspot. Spring and fall are peak birding seasons, but because the area offers diverse birding habitats, a variety of bird species can be found most any time of year. Fontenelle Forest, Omaha's lakes, **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge**, and **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge** are prime places to bring your binoculars.

Fontenelle Forest's **Raptor Wildlife Refuge** offers an up-close look at rescued hawks, owls, falcons, and eagles 30 feet above the forest floor. Traverse a suspension bridge, take in a birds-eye view of the Forest, and see these amazing birds of prey in 13 customized mini raptor resorts called mews.

CAMPING AND GLAMPING

Omaha campgrounds and RV parks are conveniently located near interstates, highways, and on the outskirts of the city near water. Each one promises a peaceful and picturesque way to spend the night. Glamping (or glamorous camping) is available at **Lake Wanahoo**, **Kimberly Creek Retreat**, **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park**, **Lake Cunningham**, and **Falconwood Park**.



Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront



Kimberly Creek Retreat



TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest

SEASONAL ADVENTURES

TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest is an exhilarating way to experience the forest. Visitors ages 4 and older can explore the old-growth forest from the treetops at this aerial amusement park suspended over six acres. After expert instruction, navigate suspended obstacles, bridges, rope ladders, tunnels, and other surprises that make up the more than 100 challenges and 11 ziplines. Seven different trails are color-coded according to level of difficulty and are marked beginner to expert. For pint-sized thrill seekers, there's **KidRush**. Ideal for kids ages 4 to 6 but fun for ages 7 and 8 too, this area is specially designed with smaller bodies in mind. The obstacles are only a few feet off the ground, allowing for a parent or guardian to walk alongside.

Just west of Omaha is **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari**, operated by **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**. Enjoy a four-mile drive-through wildlife adventure and see North American animals like bison and wolves, with pit stop opportunities for hiking. Open March through November.

Find fun for the entire family in a lush setting at **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park**. Nestled along the Platte River, the 700-acre park offers warm weather activities like miniature golf and a driving range, tennis, horseback riding, hiking, paddle boating, and fishing, along with cold weather fun like cross-country skiing, sledding, tobogganing, ice skating, and ice fishing.

Thrill seekers head to **Mt. Crescent Ski Area** in the wintertime to hit the slopes reaching up to 2,400 feet in length; sleds, snowboarders, and spectators are welcome.



Vala's Pumpkin Patch & Apple Orchard



Mt. Crescent Ski Area



Wildlife Safari Park



Standing Bear Lake

LAKE AND RIVER ADVENTURES

Located in various parts of the area, **Zorinsky, Cunningham, Standing Bear, Manawa, Flanagan, Youngman, Wehrspann, and Walnut Creek** lakes all offer their own unique outdoor experiences. Fishing's an option, as each lake is typically stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish. Kayak or canoe at an area lake with help from **WoggWorks Kayaking** and **Outdoor Venture Center**.

Get active in and on the water with paddleboard tours with **Driftwood Paddleboard Adventures**, or a standup paddleboard rental from **Neighborhood Offshore**. For a more leisurely water experience, try tanking with **Tank 'n' Tube River Rides** or tubing with **Tubing & Adventures** down the Elkhorn River. If you need a little speed, hop aboard one of the **Woody's Airboat Tours** and take off on a 60 mph wind-in-your-hair ride down the river.



Zorinsky Lake

GOLF

Rolling hills and tree-lined fairways with water hazards and sand traps ensure each course has its own character and competitive challenges. From executive-style to championship courses, swing your way through Omaha's unique golf landscapes. Go to VisitOmaha.com/golf for a list of golf courses in Omaha.

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Woody's Airboat Tours



NIGHTLIFE

ARE YOU READY FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH CRAFT COCKTAILS, THEMED SPEAKEASIES, MASTERFUL BREWS, INTERNATIONAL WINES, AND HEART RACING ENTERTAINMENT?

What do you get when you mix Caribbean, African, Southeast Asian, rockabilly, Hollywood, funk, and surfer cultures? **Laka Lono Rum Club**, a colorful tiki bar ripped right out of the quirkiest corner of your imagination. Speak easy as you enter into some of Omaha's trendiest craft cocktail bars. **The Wicked Rabbit** takes guests through the looking glass into a Wonderland-themed lounge, shaking and serving extravagant drinks for the mad at heart. The sister speakeasy to "Wicked" can be found in west Omaha. **Alice** offers a classy experience with a "mad" vibe.

An oasis inspired by Japanese street-art, **Kaitei** mixes cocktails made with traditional whisky, unfiltered sake, and popping lychee Boba. **Osteria Segreto** is a hidden bar in The Blackstone District – a candle burning in the window means you're welcome to come in and enjoy the Italian themed cocktails. Inspired by the pre-Prohibition era, **The Berry & Rye** puts an experimental and contemporary perspective on drinks made with a reverse osmosis water system that ensures the purest water possible for its craft ice program, alongside sodas, syrups, and bitters made in-house. Other popular spots for craft cocktails are **Wilson & Washburn**, **Mercury**, and **Nite Owl**.

Wine down at one of Omaha's vino-specific lounges. Visit **La Buvette**, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese**, and **Vino Mas** for hundreds of wine options from around the world perfect for avid wine connoisseurs, novice vino drinkers, and everyone in between.

If sipping a good drink and smoking a stogie is more your style, **Havana Garage** in the Old Market Entertainment District offers a



Throwback Arcade Lounge

cool, casual place befitting of its name, complete with a walk-in humidor. **Jake's Cigars & Spirits** is a mainstay in the Benson neighborhood (think Cheers but with cigars), and **Copacabana** and **Safari Cigars & Lounge** in West Omaha each offers a cigar smoking lounge and large drink selection.

Omaha Patio Ride is a giant party bike for up to 16 adults. Everyone pedals and the driver steers and guides the group from bar to bar in the Old Market Entertainment District. It's bar hopping for an active lifestyle!

The Max is Omaha's high-energy gay bar and dance club. The 12,000-square-foot multiplex consists of a main disco dance floor, glass-encased upper-level lounge, a lively floor show, and an expansive outdoor patio. Regular themed parties promise a new experience every night.

Looking to mix in some nostalgia with your partying? Go retro with **Throwback Arcade Lounge** and **Retro Rewind**. Both offer unique '80s style entertainment – even if you don't know all the lyrics to "Take On Me."



Laka Lono Rum Club



Orpheum Theater

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BETWEEN SATISFIES
EVERY MUSIC
LOVER'S NEEDS

MUSIC



Jazz on the Green



The Slowdown

Omaha Performing Arts leads the pack, bringing Broadway productions, jazz, blues, dance, comedy, and family shows to venues across the downtown area. Its landmark venues, **Orpheum Theater** and **Holland Performing Arts Center**, continually house world-class performances and events; **Steelhouse Omaha** will host more intimate shows beginning May 2023. Omaha's downtown arena seats 18,300 and attracts everything from top touring acts to intimate shows.

Birthplace to national artists such as Conor Oberst, Cursive, and The Faint, Omaha's music scene continues to expand. Nestled in Omaha's North Downtown District, or NoDo, **The Slowdown** continues to be one of the best indie music spots in the nation, giving music lovers a place to

unwind and be entertained. The Benson neighborhood is home to some of the coolest venues in the city – **Reverb Lounge** and **The Waiting Room Lounge** are known for hosting a variety of local, national, and international stars.

Live, free music fills the summer air every year at outdoor venues. Catch **Jazz on the Green** every Thursday night at **Turner Park**, concerts at the **Gene Leahy Mall** amphitheater, and the **City of Omaha Celebrates America** concert at **Memorial Park**. **Maha Festival** continues to feature local and nationally-acclaimed artists over the two-day outdoor music festival.

On a smaller scale, Omaha's live music scene lights up all week long in bars, clubs, and pubs throughout the city, including at **The Admiral**, **Sonny's**, and **Parliament Pub**.



Omaha Symphony at the Holland Performing Arts Center



BRING A SECOND
SUITCASE - SHOPPING
IN OMAHA GUARANTEES
YOU'LL NEED IT

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR OPTIONS

Omaha's shopping scene caters to a wide variety of wants, needs, and tastes. Find designer, home goods, and even highly curated fashion for kids in **Countryside Village**. Shop sustainably in the historic corners of the rapidly growing Little Bohemia neighborhood. If you're headed west, **Rockbrook Village** is home to an ultra-trendy collection of boutiques. At **Shops of Legacy**, you'll find one of Nebraska's largest collections of upscale shopping. Main street style shopping comes to life at **Village Pointe**, home to over 50 retail shops, boutiques, and restaurants. Indoor shopping can be enjoyed at **Westroads Mall**, **Regency Center**, and **Oak View Mall**, where you can find favorites from national brands.

SHOPPING HOT SPOTS

Fashion lovers will score this season's favorites at an array of local boutiques. **The Garment District** stocks its racks with NYC-inspired pieces from well-known and emerging designers. **Scout: Dry Goods & Trade** gives clothing a second life at their Little Bohemia location. Other chic boutiques include **Beau Joyau**, **The Fold**, **beyourself**, and **Gramercy**. For men looking to freshen up their wardrobe, the guys at **Grae** will offer a drink and help finding the perfect look. **Fontenelle Supply Co.** caters to the outdoorsy type, housing an array of handmade leather goods alongside raw denim, fall flannels, and boots.

OMAHA ORIGINALS

Owned by Omaha billionaire investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc., **Borsheims** is the nation's largest independent jewelry store. The signature silver box bestowed with a burgundy ribbon ensures the gift inside is one worth opening. Another can't-miss Buffett retailer is **Nebraska Furniture Mart**, one of the country's largest (450,000 sq. ft.) home furnishing stores. Vintage meets modern at **ARTIFACT**, where they hand-make unisex bags, accessories, and home goods.

OMAHA: YOUR SHOPPING DESTINATION



DAY TRIPS

MORE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AWAIT JUST
OUTSIDE THE OMAHA METRO AREA



Wildlife Safari

EXIT 426 IN CASS COUNTY

Just west of Omaha at Exit 426, visitors go on a North American drive-through adventure at the **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari**. See bison, elk, cranes, pronghorn antelope, and other native animals right outside your vehicle on this four-mile nature park. Park the car and hike to Wolf Canyon and climb the nature trails surrounding the park's lake.



Holy Family Shrine

After the safari, take your getaway to new heights at the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**, a 300,000-sq.-ft. museum showcasing military memorabilia and celebrating space travel.

From space to spiritual serenity, take in the beauty of **Holy Family Shrine**. The stunning glass chapel, with its unique glass architecture and curved wooden arches, was created for travelers as an oasis for peace and tranquility and is the ideal setting for a faith-filled experience. Make a pilgrimage to the 900-acre **Cloisters on the Platte**, a retreat center that has drawn interest from around the world. Visitors can spend an afternoon winding through a half-mile trail and encounter life-size sculptures along the path, each representing one of the 14 Stations of the Cross. An audio tour is available to enrich your visit.



Cloisters on the Platte



Iron Horse Golf Course

SAUNDERS COUNTY

Rural and peppered with Main Street appeal, Saunders County is filled with history and surprises. More than 30 unique cities, villages, and townships make up the county.

This area offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventures with recreation areas offering hiking and lakes primed for fishing and boating. **Memphis State Recreation Area** offers 163 peaceful acres for primitive camping and a sparkling 48-acre lake. **Lake Wanahoo** is another popular spot including camping, a disc golf course, and a story walk for enjoying nature while reading. Plenty of wildlife watching and picnicking opportunities can be found at the **Czechland Lake Recreation Area**.

Saunders County deserves to be on every golfer's bucket list. **Iron Horse Golf Club** is an award-winning course Golf Digest considers one of the best, and **Quarry Oaks** offers a course so challenging that only golfers with intense discipline can find victory.

Travel back in time at the **Saunders County Historical Museum** in Wahoo and visit a log home, one room schoolhouse, county church, and the smallest post office in Nebraska. Learn about famous athletes, motion picture pioneers, and historic figures and see over 25,000 objects from the 1870s-1980s.

Also in Wahoo, check out the eclectic gift shop **Our Corner Cottage** filled wall-to-wall with unique gifts, candles, quilts, scrumptious tarts, and waffle bars. It's located in the middle of a cornfield, so look for the sign on Highway 92 or you might miss this gem. Pick up an out-of-the-box souvenir at the **Wahoo Meat Locker**, known for their award-winning recipes and the famous Wahoo Wiener, available in five versions.

More shopping can be discovered in downtown Ashland, where specialty shops, coffee houses, an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, and a studio that handcrafts its furniture line the street.



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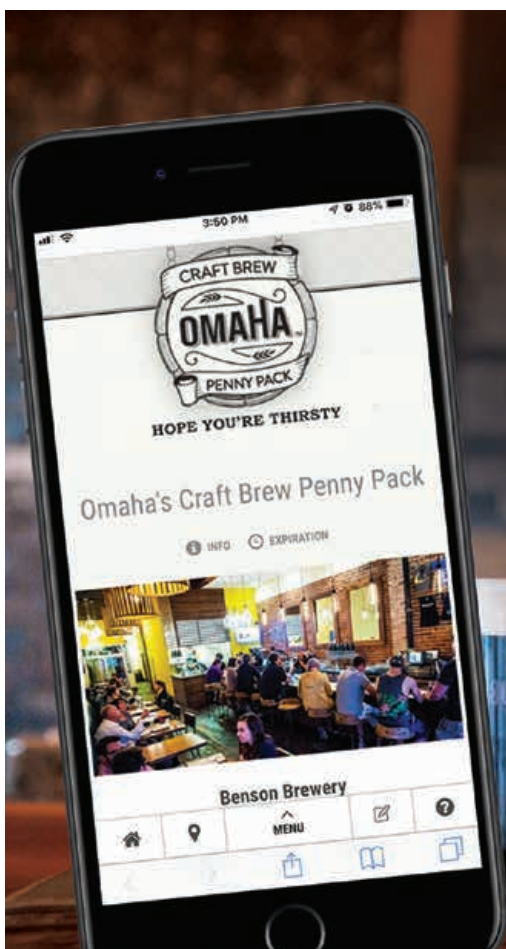
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CRAFT BREW

BEER LOVERS FROM ALL OVER HAVE LABELED OMAHA'S CRAFT BEW SCENE A MUST TRY. SEE WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ALL ABOUT.



In creating the light zest of cold ales, the mild flavor of frosty lagers, and the heavy malt taste of dark stouts, Omaha continues to gain accolades as a top beer city. With 12 unique craft breweries (and counting) peppered throughout the city, you can enjoy a variety of innovative concoctions created by craftsmen who have made beer their life.

Benson Brewery: A cozy neighborhood brew-pub that's been brewing beer on-site since 2013, known for its stellar pub fare and hidden outdoor beer garden.

Brickway Brewery & Distillery: Enjoy sipping craft beer brewed with locally sourced ingredients or an exclusive single malt whiskey at one of Omaha's first production craft breweries since prohibition.

Infusion Brewing: Using a classic 7-barrel pub brewing system, Infusion serves up their craft beers year-round while changing up the seasonal brews almost weekly. Home of the Vanilla Bean Blonde and Radial IPA.

Kros Strain Brewing: Experts in high quality hop-forward IPAs as well as traditional lager styles, its funky tap room is a great place to grab a glass of Fairy Nectar IPA or a Koala Tears Project Boysenberry Sour.

Lucky Bucket Brewing Company: Hoppy libations, barrel-aged ales, bold stouts, tart sour beers – you name it, they brew it! Lucky Bucket is known for real beers that any beer drinker can enjoy.

Monolithic Brewing: Offers styles from light sessionable beers to IPAs, Stouts, Hard Seltzers, and everything in between.

Nebraska Brewing Company: The largest craft brewer in the city continues to build a broad portfolio of incredible, handcrafted ales. The company's taproom offers tours through its 24,000-sq.-ft. production brewery.

Pint Nine Brewing Company: Focused on aroma driven American ales and complex Belgian beers, beers are highly fermentable and highly digestible while being scientifically sound and artfully executed.

Scriptown Brewing Company: Specializing in session-strength beers with a lower alcohol content, allowing customers to enjoy several pints in "session" with friends or family.

Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing: From velvety smooth stouts to incredible German style pilsners and Belgian fruit beers, enjoy hand-crafted beer and wine with stunning views overlooking the Platte River Valley.

Upstream Brewing Company: Known for its fresh-brewed draught beers, cask-conditioned and barrel-aged beers, along with a full menu of New American pub fare.

Vis Major Brewing: Combining something ancient with something new, Vis Major's complex recipes for a variety of ales, IPAs and stouts provide unique flavors that have won fans from all over.



CRAFT BREWERY TOURS

Get a behind-the-scenes peek at how the brewers make it happen at Lucky Bucket Brewery, Nebraska Brewing, and Brickway Brewery. Tours are typically 30-40 minutes in length and include samples. Or explore Omaha's craft beer scene onboard the Omaha Brew Bus, a four-hour guided tour filled with tastings and a full tour of the breweries.



LEGENDARY STEAK

OMAHA IS SYNONYMOUS WITH STEAK, BECAUSE BEEF IS IN THE CITY'S DNA. CARNIVORES ARE CALLED TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO EXPERIENCE THE LEGEND FIRSTHAND.

In Omaha, beef is a way of life. Our chefs fully embrace the challenge of firing up the grill and demonstrating their cow-know-how. Our steakhouses go to great lengths to select the perfect cut of meat – a cut with a mesmerizing marbling pattern that requires an intricate preparation process and culminates in the perfect bite every time.

It's tempting to believe steak is inherently delicious, but there's more to a cut of meat than just the quality. Preparation is key, and this city takes it seriously. Flame-broiled, wood-fire-grilled, or whiskey-doused — all delicious and all techniques Omaha has used to perfect the steak. **The Drover** is a landmark chophouse and home to whiskey marinated Certified Angus Beef steak. **Omaha Prime** is one of the few restaurants in the country to serve only the best USDA Prime steaks and chops selected based on marbling, quality, and flavor. An Omaha steakhouse since 1922, **Johnny's Cafe** serves savory hand-cut, aged-on-premises beef in a classic Western atmosphere. It's only appropriate that Warren Buffett is a steak lover: At **Gorat's**, an Omaha institution for more than 70 years, look to a neighboring table and you may see the Omaha billionaire dining at one of his favorite spots.

LOCALLY OWNED STEAKHOUSES

Visitors enjoy the delicious thrill of finding the best steak in Omaha. Locals engage in friendly debates on the topic. But something everyone can agree on is that the hunt is delicious – here are a few of the classics:

- **801 Chophouse at the Paxton**
- **Brother Sebastian's Steak House & Winery**
- **Cascio's Steakhouse**
- **The Drover**
- **Dynamite Wood Fire Grill**
- **Farmer Brown's Steak House**
- **Gorat's Steak House**
- **Jerico's Restaurant**
- **Johnny's Cafe**
- **Omaha Prime**
- **Tavern 180**

Brother Sebastian's Steak House & Winery



Farmer Brown's Steak House



REUBEN HOT SPOTS

- Barrett's Barleycorn Pub & Grill
- Brazen Head Irish Pub
- Clancy's Pub
- Crescent Moon
- Dundee Dell
- Goldberg's Bar and Grill
- Jackson Street Tavern
- Jimi D's Food & Spirits
- Louie M's Burger Lust
- Orleans Room
- Over Easy
- Paddy McGown's Pub & Grill
- Report In Pub
- Sean O'Casey's
- Shirley's Diner
- The Drover
- Wilson & Washburn

RAISING REUBEN

EVERY AMERICAN CLASSIC SHOULD BE SAMPLED ON ITS HOME TURF. VISIT OMAHA AND TASTE THE ORIGINAL REUBEN SANDWICH. IT WAS BORN AND BREAD RIGHT HERE.

It's a well-known fact that the Reuben was invented in Omaha back in the early 1900s. We don't care what New Yorkers say, this is our story and we're sticking to it. During a late-night poker game at the Blackstone Hotel, a local grocer was asked to "ante up" and create a new dish. The ingredients he had on hand resulted in an American menu staple. How do you create a national treasure? You start with two pieces of grilled marble rye and stuff them with slow cooked corned beef topped with sauerkraut, bubbly Swiss cheese, and creamy Russian or Thousand Island dressing. Omaha continues to perfect the classic while local restaurants add their own unique spin.

A BUFFET OF FOODIE OPTIONS

FROM FLIGHTS TO CHALLENGES, OMAHA SURE KNOWS HOW TO BRING THE FOOD. ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS YOUR APPETITE.

DIVES

In Omaha, being called a “dive” is a term of endearment. Here are some dives that are kind of a big deal around here.

Alpine Inn, known for their fried chicken and the raccoons who gladly eat the scraps for all to watch.

California Tacos & More, a college crowd favorite and known for their house-made signature fried “puffy” tacos.

Dinker’s, a local watering hole specializing in burgers and beer.

Homy Inn, a neighborhood bar of over 65 years serving up an eclectic atmosphere and four flavors of champagne on tap.

FOOD CHALLENGES

Omaha’s most popular food challenges promise a heaping helping of something delicious.

The Stellanator at **Stella’s Bar & Grill** – 4.5 lb. bacon cheeseburger in 45 min.

Dundee Dozen at **eCreamery** – 12 scoops with 12 toppings in 20 min.

Big Joe Pizza Challenge at **Frank’s Pizzeria** – 30” pizza in 1 hr.

Pig Wing Challenge at **Starsky’s Bar & Grill** – 5 lb. pig wings and 3 lb. corn nuggets in 1 hr.

Porkasaurus at **Bailey’s Breakfast & Lunch** – A variety of pork on a bed of red taters with cheese, eggs, biscuit, toast, and sausage gravy in 30 min.

FLIGHTS

Sample a variety of what’s good in Omaha.

Sweets

- Ice Cream at **Graley’s Creamery & Confections**
- Brownies with toppings at **Brownie Bar**
- Dessert variety at **The Bubbly Tart**
- Gelato at **Centi**

Appetizers

- Salsa at **El Rancho Grande**
- Curries at **Curry in a Hurry**
- Toast at **Zen Coffee Co.**

Meat

- Bacon at **Early Bird**
- Meatballs at **The Blackstone Meatball**
- Wings at **Copps Pizza** (limited times)

Drinks

- Coffee at **Zen Coffee Co.**, **Karma Koffee**, and **The Table Coffee Co.**
- Mimosas at **1912**
- Boba at **The Banh Mi Shop**
- Martinis at **402 eat+drink** (limited times)
- Juice at **The Grove Juicery & Wellness Café**



Homy Inn



California Tacos & More



Graley's Creamery & Confections



Big Mama's Kitchen



Inner Rail Food Hall



Zen Coffee Co.



Alpine Inn

FOOD HALLS

There's something for everyone in your party at area food halls.

Flagship Commons in Westroads Mall
Nebraska's first food hall concept with around seven eateries and concepts, each serving specialty cocktails, wine, or beer, complete with a full bar and cozy fireplace at the center.

Inner Rail at Aksarben Village
Choose from up to 10 curated vendors offering a diverse array of cuisines, including a full bar. Just outside is an outdoor plaza and certified entertainment district where patrons can carry open containers while enjoying outdoor games and fire pits.

Dining Room in Highlander Accelerator
Home to three African-American owned businesses serving up soul food, burgers, and drinks. At the heart of the hub is **Big Mama's Kitchen**, a television culinary staple famous for their fried chicken and sweet potato pie ice cream.

BRUNCH

Sweet and savory favorites combine to make some of the most mouth-watering dishes in the city.

Mouth of the South is a scratch kitchen serving Southern Cajun cuisine. Order: Crab Cakes, Bananas Foster French Toast.

Railcar Modern American Kitchen has perfected dishes both sweet and savory. Order: Lemon Ricotta Pancakes, Smoked Salmon Hash.

Le Voltaire has a curated menu of dishes representing all the regions of France, and diners are transported with a single bite. Order: Quiche Lorraine, Truffle Frites.

A Foreign Taste offers brunch staples in a sophisticated atmosphere. Order: House made Chicken and Waffles, Stuffed French Toast.



Stella's Bar & Grill

OMAHA'S BAKERIES, SWEETS
SHOPS, AND ICE CREAM
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EXTRA BRUSHING

SWEET TEMPTATIONS

FAMOUS FAVORITES

Lithuanian Bakery's Napoleon Torte is shipped to all corners of the U.S. The 72-hour confection is made of 17 layers of wafer, vanilla, and lemon buttercreams, with a luscious apricot center. Weekly flavored pies the size of your hand await at **Carter & Rye**, a local woman-owned bakery. At **Big Mama's Kitchen & Catering**, sweet potatoes are always in season with their delectable Sweet Potato Pie Ice Cream, Cheesecake, and Pudding.

ICE CREAM

Ted & Wally's slow churns their super-premium made-from-scratch ice cream with 18% butterfat. They've also teamed with **Naughty Buddha Chocolate Bar** to stock Omaha's first all-vegan ice cream shop. Mail-order favorite **eCreamery** serves 16 staple flavors of specialty ice cream, dairy-free sorbet, and gelato, along with cookies in their brick-and-mortar parlor, or customize your flavor from home at eCreamery.com. Find premium frozen custard at **Countryside Cones**, which uses 100% all-natural dairy bases and ingredients.

SIGNATURE OMAHA DESSERTS FOR YOUR BUCKET LIST

- Unicorn Bar at neighborhood bake shop **Sweet Magnolias**
- Peanut Butter Candy Bar Cheesecake at **Modern Love**
- Authentic Cannoli (and add the sauce) at **Frank's Pizzeria**
- Yo-Yo, a pastry as big as your head, at **The International Bakery**
- Goopy Butter Bar at **Stirrella Bar & Kitchen**
- Lemon Cake at **Nicola's Italian Wine & Fare**
- Spaghetti & Sweet Balls sundae at **Dolci Ice Cream & Desserts**
- Bread Pudding in 12 flavors at **Goldbergs in Dundee**



Coneflower Creamery



Lithuanian Bakery



Brownie Bar

CHOCOLATE

Chocolat Abeille creates hand-crafted confections, like custom chocolate shoes in their parlor; they're perfect for enjoying, along with tea, in their whimsical outdoor garden. **Old Market Candy Shop** concocts an array of cocoa-based goods, like their famous Mud Ball truffles. Find fanciful chocolate-covered cherries, one of Oprah's Favorite Things, at **The Cordial Cherry**. **Hollywood Candy** fuels the inner child with retro candy collections, homemade fudge, and chocolates available by the pound.



The Cordial Cherry



CULINARY TRAVELERS CRAVING FARM-TO-FORK EXPERIENCES KNOW THAT IN OMAHA THE FARM ISN'T FAR FROM THE TABLE

Omaha's agricultural prowess plants the city firmly at the forefront of the fresh food movement. Local chefs stand tableside and earnestly give the origins of each and every ingredient used in their dishes – right down to the herbs.

At Omaha's **Block 16**, die-hard fans line up and out the door daily and show up on social media. Their locally sourced, award-winning burgers are piled high with fresh produce and covered in a secret sauce that makes each bite more delicious than the last. (Locals recommend ordering extra sauce!) It's not just about the burgers, you gotta try the popular Gangsta Fries, covered in green onions and pork rinds then drizzled with chipotle sauce. An urban fine dining experience can be found at **Au Courant Regional Kitchen**. The European-influenced menu is ever-changing and promises diners new flavors with every visit. Located below **Gather in Omaha**, the Gather Urban Farm grows varieties of greens, sweet basil, peppery arugula, and crispy kale utilized throughout the chef driven menu (view the vertical gardens downstairs after your meal). **Finicky Frank's** masters the art of fresh comfort food at the foot of the Ponca Hills. Nestled in West Omaha, **A Foreign Taste** brings seasonal ingredients to the table with a rotating six-course tasting menu.



MORE FRESH FINDS

- 402 Eat + Drink
- Acadian Grille
- Brushi
- Dante
- Kitchen Table
- La Buvette
- Le Bouillon
- Modern Love
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- Pacific Eating House
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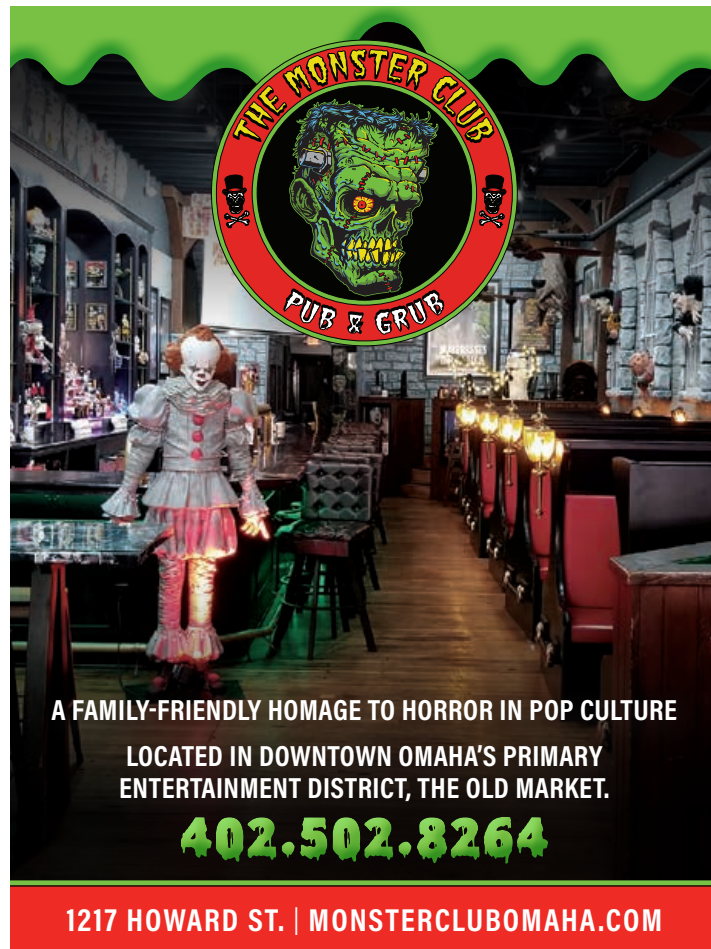


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- 2020 US OPEN BEER CHAMPIONSHIP

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Neighborhoods

WELCOME TO A CITY PEPPERED WITH ENTERTAINING NEIGHBORHOODS
RANGING FROM HISTORIC AND URBAN CHIC TO DELICIOUS AND ULTRA-HIP



Explore the following pages for more details on things to do throughout Omaha's entertaining neighborhoods



Brickway Brewery & Distillery



Hollywood Candy

Old Market Entertainment District

There's something to experience year-round in Omaha's Old Market, from parades and holiday lights to farmers markets and other seasonal events. Plus, exhibits refresh at local art institutions so there's always something new to see at **KANEKO**, **Old Market Artists Gallery**, **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts**, and **Artists' Cooperative Gallery**.

The Old Market is home to a remarkable lineup of restaurants, most with outdoor patio seating available. Dining standouts include: **La Buvette Wine & Grocery**, a quaint European-style wine bar offering a French menu and grocery; **M's Pub**, famous for its **Lahvosh**; **Upstream Brewing Company**, offering a versatile menu and scenic rooftop patio; **V. Mertz**, fine dining with an emphasis on local meats and produce; and **Gather in Omaha**, where chefs source from their on-site vertical farm.

Because dessert makes every experience sweeter, savor a Mud Ball from the **Old Market Candy Shop** or an authentic Italian treat at **Dolci**. **Ted & Wally's** makes from-scratch ice cream in inventive flavors while **Mixins** rolls up homemade ice cream and a variety of delicious add-ins.

5 QUIRKY OLD MARKET SPOTS

- **Homer's Music** – retro music and gifts store
- **The Monster Club** – horror-themed restaurant and bar
- **Hollywood Candy and Fairmont Mercantile** – ultimate store of antiques, collectibles, and retro candies
- **City Limits** – stocked with funky gifts
- **Raygun** – known for their tongue-in-cheek merch



Mr. Toad's



Garden of the Zodiac



La Buvette Wine & Grocery

10 CHARMING EXPERIENCES

- Get a selfie in the magical **Old Market Passageway**
- Meander through the **Omaha Farmers Market** on a Saturday morning
- Find your astrological sign in the **Garden of the Zodiac**
- Take a carriage ride with **Magical Journeys**
- Play a game at **Hollywood Candy's** Pinball Museum
- Take in the performances of sidewalk musicians and street performers
- Squeeze inside the British phone booth outside **Spaghetti Works**
- Explore floor-to-ceiling books at **Jackson Street Booksellers**
- Hop on an **Omaha Patio Ride**, the ultimate giant party bike
- Stop in the **Omaha Visitors Center** for more inspiration for your visit

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND COBBLESTONE STREETS ARE LINED WITH BOUTIQUES, ART GALLERIES, RESTAURANTS, PUBS, AND CAFÉS IN THIS ECLECTIC DOWNTOWN AREA

Shop a range of boutique clothing shops like **Nouvelle Eve**, **Flying Worm**, and **Overland Sheepskin Co.** and specialty shops such as **Tannenbaum Christmas Shop**, **Imaginarium**, and **Drastic Plastic**. Find local merch at **Made in Omaha**, where apparel from baby to adult and art, mugs, food, and more are made in Omaha with love.

Explore a distinctive nightlife scene starting at tropical-themed **Laka Lono Rum Club**, which serves over-the-top fun craft cocktails like their famous flaming Zombie drink. **Mr. Toad's** and **Billy Frogg's** offer an eclectic atmosphere and great outdoor patios. **The Berry & Rye** serves experimental, contemporary cocktails in a swanky-cool atmosphere, and **Brickway Brewery & Distillery** offers public brewery tours. **Havana Garage** cigar lounge is a chill way to cap off a night.



Ted & Wally's



NORTH DOWNTOWN IS OMAHA'S MODERNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD
FILLED WITH BIG SPORTS, BIG MUSIC, AND BIG STYLE

NoDo & The Capitol District

The Capitol District is an urban spot with transitional town square pubs, restaurants, nightlife options, and live entertainment. In the winter months, private igloos fill the plaza and offer a cozy space for an intimate party. Carry-out dining and drink choices are available during reserved times. Want live music? **The Jewell** highlights Omaha's jazz roots while offering a contemporary venue with a chef-led fine dining menu.

Across the street, you'll find **CHI Health Center Omaha**, the city's award-winning convention center and arena (don't let its name fool you). It attracts the world's biggest names in music and entertainment and also plays host to major sporting events such as NCAA Volleyball Championships, Men's Basketball Championships, and The International horse competition.

A short walk out the door is the home of the NCAA Men's College World Series. This beloved summer tradition creates an electrifying atmosphere that fills the NoDo (North Downtown) area and has everyone chanting PLAY BALL. State-of-the-art style and design add a chic side to NoDo with **Omaha Design Center**, a sleek venue serving as the home of Omaha Fashion Week (OFW). OFW is one of the country's largest celebrations of fashion where twice a year the season's hottest trends walk the runway and offer trendsetters the chance to snag looks off the runway before they hit stores.

Hot Shops Art Center offers a front-row seat as more than 80 artists create works ranging from metal forging and glass blowing, to hand-crafted jewelry and photography. In the historic neighborhood **Millwork Commons**, you'll find



engaging spaces to work, connect, explore, and unwind. Inside the Ashton building, enjoy **Archetype Coffee**, **Kros Strain Draft Works**, **Hutch** home furnishings, and **Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop**.

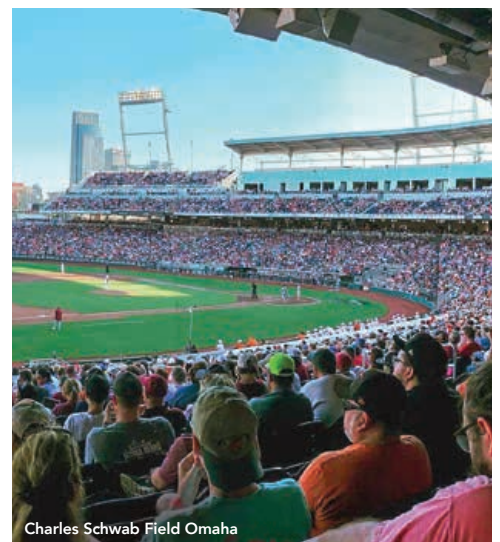
Post-game food and drink specials can be found at local spot **DJ's Dugout Sports Bar**. **Hook & Lime** specializes in tacos and tequila – go for the house margaritas, stay for the flavorful small plates. **The Trap Room** is a quirky, retro bar with a cocktail menu built for the craft connoisseur. Catch a first-run indie film or documentary at **Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater**, an intimate arthouse cinema. **Nosh Restaurant and Wine Lounge** have over 100 wines available, and servers are ready to match you with your perfect pinot. Just outside The Capitol District, **Lula B's** is the resident breakfast, brunch, and cocktails staple for visitors.



CHI Health Center Omaha



Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater



Charles Schwab Field Omaha



THIS SOPHISTICATED NEIGHBORHOOD KEEPS YOUR WEEKEND BUSTLING WITH A VARIETY OF EATERIES, SHOPS, AND YEAR-ROUND MEMORY MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Midtown Crossing

Turner Park is the heartbeat of the village. The 7.5-acre revitalized park hosts a wide variety of free events during the year from yoga and outdoor fitness classes to Night Markets and live music nights.

Vegan food and drinks that have garnered national acclaim await at **Modern Love**. Owned by vegan celebrity Isa Chandra Moskowitz, they serve an array of ritzy vegan comfort food like Mac & Shews bowls and Seitan Cauliflower Wings.

Sofra Kitchen offers a European-style brunch accompanied by locally-sourced

ingredients. Indulge in the popping craze at **Thirst-Tea Cafe**, where boba tea is met by a wide variety of flavor-infused teas and toppings. **Proof** serves hundreds of whiskies from around the world, along with hand-crafted cocktails and an extensive spirits list. At **Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza & Taproom**, get some za, then grab a bracelet to hit their unique self-serve tap wall featuring local beers, pre-made cocktails, and wine.

Entertainment options here are unique, making planning a breeze. **Spielbound**

Board Game Café has the country's largest collection of playable board games (3,177 and counting), craft beer on tap, and "boozy" coffee. Uncork and unwind while creating an artful masterpiece at **Corky Boards** and the **Corky Canvas**.

Pet-friendly **Element Hotel** invites patrons to recharge and find balance thanks in part to their 24-hr. fitness center, complimentary breakfast, and free bicycle rental.



Blackstone

Yes, the Reuben sandwich was originally created in the Blackstone District back in the 1920s, and visitors can taste the original recipe at **Crescent Moon**. Under “The Moon” is **Huber Haus**, an authentic German beer hall serving up bier, brats, and the famous Das Boot! Both are friendly neighbors to **Beertopia**, Omaha’s premier beer emporium offering nearly 600 international specialty beers. The beer culture continues at **Rathskeller**, a hot spot for true brew connoisseurs.

Along with its rich history, Blackstone District offers some new local favorites. **Scriptown Brewing Company** helps add to Omaha’s growing reputation as a craft beer city and offers a unique experience. Not to be ignored, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** serves a variety of vino for every palate. **Little Ricky’s Rooftop Bar** offers craft cocktails with a view. **Coneflower**



Huber Haus



Crescent Moon



The Blackstone Meatball

Creamery offers farm-to-cone ice cream in out-of-this-world flavors. A typical order consists of two scoops, though some may be tempted to “be good” and only order one. We know from experience ... everyone wants the second scoop.

Nite Owl is the quirky, cool craft cocktail bar with a late night food menu featuring thick burgers, salty fries, and fresh salads. **The Blackstone Meatball** takes an Italian American classic and adds locally-sourced twists ... these aren’t your mama’s meatballs. **Mula** is Blackstone’s ultra-trendy Mexican restaurant and certified tequileria. **Noli’s Pizzeria** serves up fresh New York-style pizza and fun cocktails. **Stirnella Bar & Kitchen** offers a chef-driven farm-to-fork menu and **Early Bird** only does brunch, but they do it every day in a not-so-every-day way. Hungry yet? Because there’s a lot more to help round out this dining district.



Little Ricky’s Rooftop Bar

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ONCE KNOWN ONLY FOR THE CREATION OF THE REUBEN SANDWICH. NOW? IT’S SO MUCH MORE WITH CRAFT BREW, TRENDY RESTAURANTS, FRIENDLY LOUNGES, AND ... GIANT MEATBALLS!

Benson

VISIT A QUIRKY NIGHTLIFE DISTRICT FILLED WITH FROSTY CRAFT BEER, LIVE MUSIC, AND A LOT OF PERSONALITY



This historic neighborhood is always buzzing with activity ... especially at night. Walking up and down the Benson "strip" is energizing, with live music pouring out of **The Waiting Room**, a nationally-recognized indie rock club. For a more intimate venue, stop by **Reverb Lounge**, known for live music and a host of tiki drinks.

Krug Park will spice up the night with a dozen Bloody Mary concoctions and an array of craft cocktails. A strong contender in the battle for the best Bloody Mary can be found across the street at **Jake's Cigars & Spirits**. Known for strong drinks and an inclusive humidor, Jake's is the epitome of the friendly neighborhood bar.

On nice days, visitors enjoy the rooftop patios at **1912** and **Benson Brewery**. Watch the strip come to life while sipping a craft cocktail and enjoying gourmet bar menus.

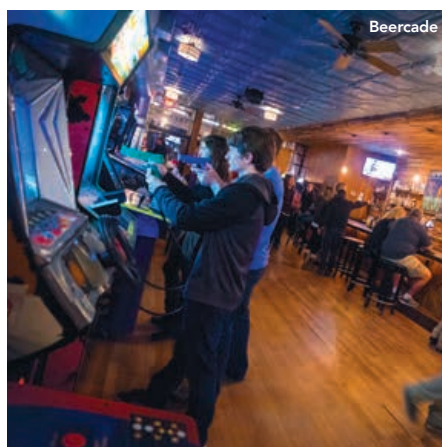
An array of dining options can be found on the strip. **IKA Ramen and Izakaya** is known for mixing noodles with gangster rap. **Taco Co.** is a fan fave serving cold margaritas and addictive puffy shell tacos all in a trendy atmosphere. **Yoshitomo** is a unique sushi dining experience

MORE NEIGHBORHOOD BARS

- **Barley St. Tavern:** Live music, neighborhood bar
- **Beercade:** Arcade games, craft beer
- **Burke's Pub:** Known for the Apple Pie shot
- **Edge of the Universe:** Themed coffeeshop and bar with an everchanging menu
- **Full House Bar:** Friendly neighborhood bar
- **Infusion Brewing Company:** Craft brewery
- **The Sydney Bar & Lounge:** Funky
- **Bärchen:** German, Belgian, American craft brew
- **Kaitai:** Japanese speakeasy
- **St. Andrews Pub:** Sports, whiskey, and fire pits
- **Jerry's Bar:** Laid back neighborhood bar
- **Eleven Eleven:** Wine lounge and local shop



for the culinarily curious; reserve your spot at their omakase table for the ultimate memory-making meal. **Au Courant Regional Kitchen** is a fine dining experience with European-influenced meals. **Mas Chingon** offers authentic Mexican style street food in an edgy atmosphere.



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Kinkaid Brewing



Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen

Aksarben Village

Located in the heart of Omaha, Aksarben Village features more than 20 restaurants and a variety of entertainment options. The entertainment district stands where the Ak-Sar-Ben Race Track (1919-1995) and Coliseum once stood. Its celebrated history is punctuated in **Stinson Park** with a bronze figure marking the grave of Omaha, the 1935 Triple Crown winner.

While you're visiting, the village try deep-dish Detroit-style pizza at **Backlot Taphouse**, taste the Cupcake Wars-worthy lineup of sweet treats at **Jones Bros. Cupcakes**, or crank up the heat with modern Indian cuisine at **Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen**. Try the mango crab ragoon at **Mai Thai** and tacos stuffed with shrimp, brisket, or alligator at **Voodoo Taco**. **Herbe Sainte's** menu

offers a Cajun twist on scratch cocktails, and plates like shrimp & grits, etouffee, and brunch offerings. **Inner Rail Food Hall** features specialty food vendors serving delicious dishes from every corner of the world like New York-style pizza, savory crepes, and smash burgers; take your meal outdoors and grab a drink in their attached certified entertainment district where Omaha's Airstream bar **Sonny's** is parked.

Enjoy a farm-crafted beer at **Kinkaid Brewing Co.** before catching the latest flick at **Aksarben Cinema**, home of the Omaha Film Festival. Drop into **Spirit World** for that rare wine or whisky post-show. Four-legged friends can join in the fun at **Canine Courtyard Bark Park**, an off-leash dog park. Shopping in



Maha Festival

the village ranges from pre-loved luxury goods at **Status** to stylish home plants at **Chlorophyll**.

Across the way is **Stinson Park**, home to live concerts and entertainment events throughout the year. From May through October the **Omaha Farmers Market** promises fresh produce and handmade products. Those craving adventure can hop on a **Heartland B-Cycle** bicycle to explore nearby paved trails.

A short walk away from Aksarben Village you'll find **The Courtyard by Marriott**, **Hilton Garden Inn**, and **Residence Inn**.



Omaha Farmers Market



Jones Bros. Cupcakes



Roger + Chris



Pitch Pizzeria

Dundee

CHEF-DRIVEN RESTAURANTS, UNIQUE SHOPS, AND LOTS OF CHARM ARE SPREAD ACROSS THIS PICTURESQUE TREE-LINED NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob

Dundee is home to a wide variety of restaurants and coffee shops serving everything from tacos, European-influenced fare, and chorizo stuffed breakfast burritos. After lunch or dinner, grab ice cream at **eCreamery** and enjoy a stroll along brick lined Underwood Ave., the heart of the Dundee neighborhood.

Home décor aficionados should make an appointment to visit the **Roger + Chris** showroom, where Roger Hazard, designer and former host of A&E's *Sell This House*, along with his husband, Chris Stout-Hazard, sell quality furniture, accessories, and artwork. Just across the way is **Dundee Candle Co.**, which offers 90+ scents so you can bring the scent of Omaha back home.

In the mood for more shopping? Find unique pre-loved goods at **Albany & Avers**, an eco-friendly vintage shop with clothing, shoes, and kids items. How about a movie? Historic and recently renovated **Film Streams' Dundee Theater** first opened in 1925; the attached **Lola's** serves bakery goods and kale salads and transforms into a wine bar setting at night complete with candlelit tables.

DUNDEE DINING

- **Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob:** European street food
- **Avoli Osteria:** Northern Italian cuisine
- **Dundee Double Shot:** Local coffee house serving 32+ of its own roasts
- **Goldbergs in Dundee:** Burgers, beers, bread pudding, and Bloody Marys
- **Good Lookin':** Breakfast and lunch cafe with mimosas
- **The Hoppy Taco:** Street style tacos and craft brew, daily happy hour
- **Le Quartier Dundee:** Fine artisan breads, pastries, and desserts
- **Pitch Pizzeria:** Chef-crafted salads, pasta, and pizza
- **Dundee Dell:** Since 1934 serving pub grub, single malts, and unique cocktails



HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PIONEERS HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK HERE IN OMAHA



Harold's Koffee House



Florence Mill



Finicky Frank's

North Omaha & Florence



Malcolm X Birthsite

Cultural attractions line the same street near where jazz greats like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Preston Love, and others once played at the Dreamland Ballroom. **The Union for Contemporary Art** leads the way by offering opportunities to experience and create art in its many forms with exhibitions, performing arts, and co-op studios. **Culxr House** is a community hub hosting events, art exhibits, open mics, music showcases, pop-ups, and bike rides. **Great Plains Black History Museum** celebrates the contributions of African Americans through exhibits and seminars. Not too far from here, Civil Rights leader **Malcolm X** was born; the 17 acres near his birth site include a visitor center, community garden, greenhouse, plaza, and historical marker.

Get your fill of soul food at **Big Mama's Kitchen** at the Dining Room food hall, Omaha's first African American-owned food hub. Big Mama's serves up pig ear sandwiches and sweet potato cheesecake and has been featured on Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives* and Travel Channel's *101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down*. Before you leave, enjoy a Dena's Cosmo next door at **Dena's Place** and opt for a burger for next time at **Best Burger**.

Just north, the Florence neighborhood has more historical markers per one square mile than anywhere else in Nebraska. Experience history at a number of local attractions. Get a taste of the Mormon migration of the 1840s at the **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters**, then check out the **Florence Mill**. The mill, constructed in 1846, is the only surviving building to have been built by the Mormons as part of Winter Quarters during their westward trek. Other area historical attractions include **Florence Depot** and **Florence Bank**. Florence Days and parade in May is a unique way to visit these historic attractions for free and at the same time.

All this experiencing history builds an appetite. **Harold's Koffee House** is an old-school diner whipping up breakfast and lunch classics, while **Ramona's Mexican Restaurant** a few doors down is known for their deep fried burritos. **Finicky Frank's** menu includes comfort foods with a twist in a space full of character, and **Tussey's Casual Grill** offers a bright and fresh globally-inspired menu, including colorful salads and hearty sandwiches.



Great Plains Black History Museum



ECLECTIC ART, REVOLUTIONARY COCKTAILS,
EXQUISITE FOOD, AND RICH HISTORY DEFINE THIS AREA

South Omaha & Little Bohemia



Cinco de Mayo

From folk art and hand-painted murals to authentic cuisine, festivals, and local shops, South Omaha offers heaping helpings of Polish, Thai, Guatemalan, German, Czech, Salvadorian, and Mexican culture at every turn. Dozens of family-owned restaurants line the intricately tiled sidewalks of Historic South 24th Street. Enjoy savory slow-cooked chicken enchiladas, fiery roasted jalapeños, and carne asada (marinated and grilled thinly sliced steak) at a handful of eateries. Afterward, grab freshly baked artisan bread at **The International Bakery**.



The Chute

Don't forget about margaritas - **El Alamo**, **Gauca Maya**, **Casa de Huarache**, and other restaurants in "South O" are serving up a variety of icy drinks. Other hot spots with great food and drinks and weekend mariachi groups include **Howard's Charro** (Tex-Mex style) and **Isla de Mar** (large variety of seafood). If you're into fiestas, then Cinco de Mayo Omaha takes place every May.

Got a craving for Asian food? Satisfy your taste buds with food from local favorites like **Loa Thai Restaurant**, **Great Dragon**, or **Teriyaki Express**.

El Museo Latino celebrates the area's rich diversity with exhibits and programs, where special events and live performances take place year-round. **Apollon Art Space** is a multi-genre arts and entertainment venue offering



Isla de Mar

locally produced art exhibits. Don't miss their themed, interactive dinners which allow the audience to get into character and join in the fun. Omaha's newest entertaining neighborhood, Little Bohemia, is fast becoming a favorite among locals and visitors. The bustling neighborhood has something for everyone – especially adults.

Get your fill of Skee-Ball with a beer in hand at **Beercade 2**, sip from a soda fountain for grown-ups called **Fizzy's**, and enjoy craft brew at **Infusion Little Bohemia Beer Hall**. Check out **Tiny House Bar**, a cozy bar built in ... you guessed it, a legit tiny house. Shop envy-worthy second-hand designer fashions from Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Rolex at **Pretty in Patina** and shop unique finds at **The Chute**, **New Wave Clothing**, and **Dusk Goods & Gifts**.



El Museo Latino



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