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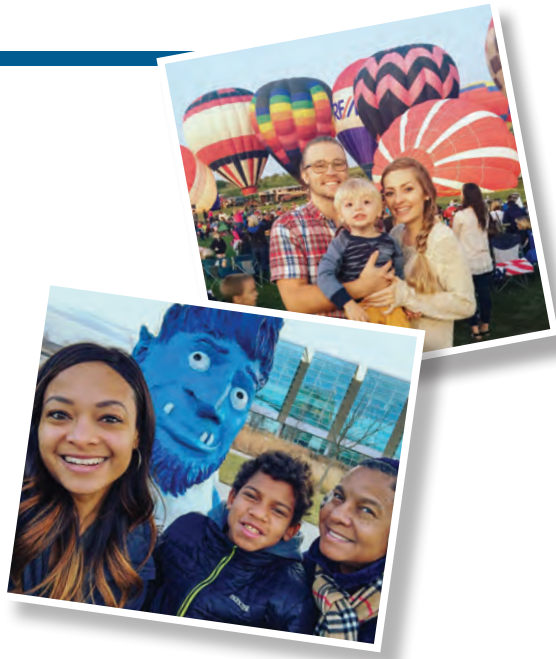
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As Omaha's official tourism authority, Visit Omaha shares valuable information to help visitors build a jam-packed itinerary filled with memorable experiences. Go to VisitOmaha.com and sign up to receive information on events, attractions and special 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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WELCOME TO OMAHA

Our dynamic city continues to grow and move forward as an original and entertaining destination.

Explore our reimagined downtown tri-park development, The RiverFront, with its imaginative playgrounds, recreational opportunities (from volleyball to skating), and public art. Inspire your creativity at our world-class discovery center, Kiewit Luminarium. Experience the thrills of March Madness, the Men's College World Series, or a professional soccer or volleyball game. Celebrate live music at our venues and festivals. Delight in the delicious offerings from our diverse local restaurants.



We know you'll love our world-famous zoo, our performing arts, and our friendly people. We can't wait for you to discover unexpected highlights in our vibrant neighborhoods and parks and at our cultural festivals and historic places.

Thanks for visiting – and please hurry back. Omaha welcomes everyone, and you won't want to miss what's next.

Jean Stothert
Mayor, City of Omaha

GETTING AROUND OMAHA

Omaha city streets are 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. Many Omaha hotels offer complimentary direct shuttle service to and from the airport.

OMA - OMAHA'S AIRPORT

Omaha's airport serves 5 million passengers annually and offers non-stop service to more than 30 major airports. Getting in and out of the airport is quick and easy. The airport is less than 4 miles from downtown. By car, it takes less than 10 minutes to arrive at the city's hub. If you're departing from OMA, arrive two hours before departure. Food service is available beyond the checkpoints. More improvements are on the horizon – the airport is undergoing a \$665 million expansion to be completed by 2028.

BILLION-DOLLAR MAKEOVER

Omaha has been making moves with more than \$8 billion in development projects. Underway projects include new entertainment districts, a downtown streetcar, an expansion of Joslyn Art Museum and the construction of a premier multi-sport youth complex at Tranquility Park.

FINDING A HOTEL

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



Metro population is just under **1 MILLION**



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OMAHA VISITORS CENTER

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Stop in the **Omaha Visitors Center** and speak with friendly Omaha experts who will help customize your Omaha experience. Learn about OMAR the Troll, search for OMAI, find out how to 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 a place to dine, the Omaha Visitors Center is the place to start. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available. Two visitor information kiosks are also at the airport.



PETS WELCOME

Omaha makes visiting with your trusty companion easy. AAA Four-Diamond **Hotel Deco** welcomes furry friends at the front desk with a water bowl. Other hotels where pets receive exceptional service include **Magnolia Hotel** and **EVEN Hotel**. For a full list of pet-friendly hotels, go to VisitOmaha.com/hotels/pet-friendly-hotels.

PET-CENTRIC EVENTS

Doggy Barket at **Dewey Park** gives canine fans much to woof with local vendors, snacks and live music. The event Leashes at Lauritzen – on select evenings at **Lauritzen Gardens** – allows pet owners to reconnect with nature and their little beast. **Junkstock** is a biannual multi-weekend event over one or two weekends in spring and fall that welcomes well-behaved, leashed dogs.

FIDO FUN

Drop your pooch off at the **Paw Spa Resort** for pampering or doggy daycare while you do a pet-free activity. **Wag** provides typical grooming services for dogs and cats, with premium shampoos. The **Gene Leahy Mall dog park** has 15,000 square feet of space, separate sections for big and small dogs, tunnels, obstacles and grassy areas. **Aksarben Village** has two spacious runs for different-sized dogs and benches for their people. The City of Omaha also manages four large dog parks.

FOOD & DRINK

Omaha Dog Bar offers socializing fun for both humans and canines. Humans can order from a bar while their four-legged friends play. **Rathskeller Bier Haus** has an artificial turf patio with shady picnic tables perfect for your dog to snooze under while you knock back a pint. Your pooch is also welcome at patios including **Goldbergs in Dundee**, **Nite Owl** and **Finicky Frank's**.

Tip: Don't have a pet to bring but want some pet cuddles? Snuggle 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:** Bemis's cutting-edge contemporary art exhibitions feature work by rotating national and international artists. Across the street, KANEKO dazzles with oversized sculptures, riveting photography and interactive exhibits.
- 2 Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge:** "Bob," a 3,000-foot-long pedestrian bridge, offers beautiful views of Omaha's skyline and the chance to stand in two states at once. Look for OMAR the Troll.
- 3 Boys Town:** A landmark that's helped countless children is now the headquarters of the national organization. View the chapel, gardens and a museum featuring the World's Largest Ball of Stamps.
- 4 The Durham Museum:** This preserved Art Deco train station houses passenger train cars, a historic schoolhouse and an old-fashioned phosphate bar. Rotating exhibits feature everything from superheroes to LEGO bricks.
- 5 El Museo Latino:** Located in South Omaha, this museum features ethnographic art, folk art, sculpture, historical exhibits and photography. Dance performances are frequently held; speakers and demonstrations highlight current exhibits.
- 6 Film Streams:** One of two Film Streams locations presents indie and foreign films. Located in the vibrant North Downtown Entertainment District, Ruth Sokolof Theater offers showtimes from Tuesday through Sunday.
- 7 Kiewit Luminarium/The RiverFront:** Experience the wonder of science firsthand in this stunning new attraction with more than 100 interactive exhibits. Located along The RiverFront, Kiewit Luminarium inspires creativity to flow.
- 8 Hot Shops Art Center:** Witness cutting-edge art in a unique warehouse atmosphere. More than 90 art studios are open to the public to watch, learn and buy distinctive works.
- 9 Joslyn Art Museum:** Reopening in 2024 following an extensive renovation, visitors enjoy free admission to this pink marble masterpiece filled with rare works from Monet, Chihuly, Rembrandt and more.
- 10 Lauritzen Gardens:** Discover 100 acres of botanical beauty. More than 20 themed gardens and an indoor conservatory make this a year-round experience. A visit promises tranquility and an education.
- 11 North 24th Street:** Once the stomping grounds of jazz greats Ellington, Basie and Omaha's very own Preston Love Sr., this historic neighborhood still celebrates music and African American arts.
- 12 Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium:** Welcome to the world's best zoo, where elephants parade, a desert dome inspires architectural wonder and the largest indoor rainforest in North America hums with life.
- 13 Old Market Entertainment District:** Unique boutiques, antique-selling emporiums, musical buskers, oversized flower planters and more than 30 restaurants and pubs populate 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 Gravatron ball machine, science center and more.



OMAHA STRIVES TO
PROVIDE FUN FOR ALL.

ACCESSIBILITY

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Omaha's **Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**, **The Durham Museum**, **Lauritzen Gardens**, **Joslyn Art Museum**, and **Kiewit Luminarium** feature accessible exhibits.

Autism Night at the Zoo is 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 various services including sign language, assistive listening devices, closed captioning, and accessible seating.

Kiewit Luminarium's building and exhibits have inclusive designs for vision, hearing, thinking, reach and dexterity, and mobility. This attraction features high contrast and large-text signage, captioned video experiences, curbside pickup and dropoff, wheelchairs for guest use, sensory kits for free checkout, a sensory map highlighting different types and levels of stimuli throughout the discovery center and a social experience narrative. The majority of exhibits provide front wheelchair access.

OUTSIDE FUN

Omaha's **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, or Bob for short, is accessible and wheelchair friendly.

Designed with accessibility in mind, all three parks in **The RiverFront** have gently sloping paths and broad plazas to welcome individuals who use wheelchairs or mobility devices, with signage indicating accessible routes. Playgrounds, picnic areas and bathrooms are all built to accommodate people with special needs, including space for companion seating, multiple family restrooms and ADA-accessible stalls. Play areas have been equipped with transfer systems and include features designed for children with sensory sensitivities.

More accessible outdoor fun can be found at **Benson Park**, **Pipal Park**, and **ALLPLAY Complex and Water Park** at **Seymour Smith Park**.



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.



THEATER/PERFORMING ARTS

Both theaters at **Omaha Community Playhouse** are equipped with an infrared sound system. Each year "A Christmas Carol" is presented as a shadow-interpreted performance. Omaha Community Playhouse also has the traveling experience **VROOM! Mobile Sensory Theatre** for children with autism or other sensory sensitivities.

The Rose Theater offers shows with ASL service and audio description service and also has sensory-friendly performances. **BLUEBARN Theatre**, Omaha's premier professional theater, also offers ASL performances.

Omaha Performing Arts (O-pa) wants to ensure every patron's experience is extraordinary. At the **Holland Center** and the **Orpheum Theater**, O-pa offers curbside dropoff, ASL-interpreted performances, assistive listening devices, audio description, closed captioning, sensory-friendly performances and a social experience narrative.



Go to [VisitOmaha.com/accessible-travel](https://www.visitomaha.com/accessible-travel) for more information on accessible travel in Omaha.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES



Minority-owned businesses introduce rich cultures, viewpoints and cuisines to share in Omaha. Here we highlight a few; you'll find others throughout the guide.

Blue & Fly Asian Kitchen – Authentic Chinese dishes by husband-and-wife team Cong Yue and Sun Yi like handmade dumplings, fish fillets cooked in spicy oil, and seasonally crafted teas have earned loyal regulars.

Dena's Place is a cocktail bar serving delicious drinks inside the Highlander Accelerator, which also houses Black-owned businesses Big Mama's and Best Burger.

Dry Spokes – An alcohol-free cocktail bar owned by wives Mi-Ya Mata and Leah Wright that has permanent space in downtown Omaha and a mobile dry bar.

El Churro Spot – Owner Omar Garrido went from a food truck to a brick-and-mortar central Omaha spot with his authentic Mexican cuisine and churros.

Elie's Chinchorro – From deep-fried plantains to crispy empanadas, each dish transports guests to Puerto Rico at this colorful cafe owned by Elie Berchal.

Kathmandu Momo Station – Owners Aagya Subedi, Rocky Shrestha, and Sagar Gurung dish up authentic Nepalese street cuisine and Burmese noodles.



DELIGHT IN OUR DIVERSITY.

Kochava Coffee, owned by Tashiara Wilson, brews rich roasts in downtown Omaha and offers locally made products by women and Black entrepreneurs and food artisans.

Ital Vital – Owner Imani Murray became passionate about smoothies and juice after she became vegan. Now she creates healthy drinks and bowls at her North Omaha shop.

Le Voltaire – Owner-chef Wilson Calixte serves authentic French cuisine and offers fusion dishes with Caribbean and African flavors in West Omaha.

Long Dog Fat Cat – Owner Kazu Gotoh couldn't find high-quality natural products, so he opened a store. Discover treats and accessories at several Omaha locations.

Okra African Grill, located in the heart of Omaha, is where owner-chef Nina Sodji and her team serve up slow-cooked African food – and every dish is a love story.

STATUS – Owner Christi Ballard certifies gently loved luxury goods through a third party before selling them at her chic Aksarben shop.

Mixins is a rolled ice cream shop in the heart of downtown Omaha. Watch for seasonally-inspired specials.



OMAHA PRIDE

OMAHA'S ATTRACTIONS, HOTELS
AND RESTAURANTS EMBRACE
THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.



Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront



"Kindness Comes in All Colors"



Caddy's Kitchen & Cocktails

Every June, Omaha's Pride festivities begin with a song, as LGBTQ+ choral group **River City Mixed Chorus** presents an annual showcase (they perform another concert in December, just to keep things merry and bright). Also in June, professional sports teams **Union Omaha** soccer club and **Omaha Storm Chasers** baseball team host Pride nights with special activities. **Benson First Fridays**, a regular arts engagement event in Omaha's historic Benson neighborhood, amplifies Pride with live music, all-ages art club activities, window decorations, public art demonstrations and more. Traveling with your doggo? Head to the Pride Paw-ty at **Omaha Dog Bar**.

In July, the **Heartland Pride Parade and Festival** is a massive celebration beginning in the Old Market's cobblestone streets. After the parade, the party continues at **CHI Health Center Omaha** with performers, food and beverage offerings and artisan vendors. Love to

dance? Find LGBTQ+-friendly businesses throughout the city. Head to **The Max** with two dance floors playing different music. Ready to sit back and enjoy entertainment? **Flixx** is a video lounge with cabaret shows, karaoke, and drag queen bingo. Other bars to check out include **The Omaha Mining Company**, one of Omaha's longest-standing gay-friendly dive bars, and **The Sydney Bar & Lounge**, which hosts regular Queer Nite LGBTQ+ parties. Looking for an alcohol-free alternative? Check out **Dry Spokes**, owned by wives Mi-Ya Mata and Leah Wright, for cleverly crafted mocktails and game nights, art-making events and local indie film premieres.

While in town, shop for fun Pride stickers, socks, t-shirts and koozies at **Made in Omaha** and **Raygun**. **Trans Stitchin'** offers free gender-affirming clothing on Saturdays or by appointment.



The Max



Omaha Dog Bar



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

OMAHA SIGNATURE EVENTS

Electrifying events entice visitors to return to Omaha year after year. Every month promises excitement. Go to VisitOmaha.com to confirm details.



OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL

February/March
Aksarben Cinema
100+ independent films show during the week, including world premieres. A cinephile's dreams come true in the Midwest.



OMAHA FASHION WEEK

March & August
Omaha Design Center
The fashion event spotlights rising talent and provides a red carpet experience. Don't miss the popup shops after the runway shows.

JUNKSTOCK

Spring and Fall
Sycamore Farms
Shop unique antiques and handmade artisan goods and foods at this seasonal weekend-long event that draws vendors nationwide.

OMAHA BEER WEEK

February
Various Locations
Ten beer-packed days of special events and celebrations. Learn about local breweries' beer making and score some souvenirs. Cheers to Omaha!

NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

March
CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
The thrilling first and second rounds of the championship happen in Omaha over the course of two days. Catch the exciting action!



CINCO DE MAYO

May
Historic South 24th St.
Omaha's Latino community throws a vibrant family-friendly weekend-long fiesta with authentic food, live music, colorful costumes and a grand parade.

NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

June
Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Let's play ball! Tailgate, watch the best in men's college baseball, and check out Fan Fest during this treasured annual event.

OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

June
Aksarben Village
This outdoor event features 135 fine artists from across the country demonstrating and showcasing their work. Activities for kids inspire new masterpieces

HEARTLAND PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

July
Old Market Entertainment District and CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
Omaha's premier LGBTQ+ celebration. Youth Pride kicks off the weekend; on Saturday, a party follows a parade in the Old Market.



MAHA FESTIVAL

August
Heartland of America Park at The Riverfront
National and local indie acts take the stage. A silent disco, comedy shows and lawn games are part of the fun.

OMAHA RODEO

September
CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
World-champion cowboys compete for official entry into the National Finals Rodeo in this action-packed event with steer roping, barrel racing and more.



CHRISTMAS AT UNION STATION

November – January
The Durham Museum
Check out the region's most massive indoor Christmas tree and marvel at the beauty of this Omaha landmark dressed for the holidays.

HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SHOW

November – January
Lauritzen Gardens
Thousands of vibrant poinsettias fill the floral display hall. Don't miss Bright Nights, when all is aglow in the gardens.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL

November – January
Various Locations
Omaha is sparkling. Come celebrate the holidays with light displays, family-focused events and fireworks to ring in the New Year.





HAPPY HOUR

2-5PM
MON-FRI

BRUNCH

SATURDAYS: 11AM-2PM
SUNDAYS: 10AM-2PM



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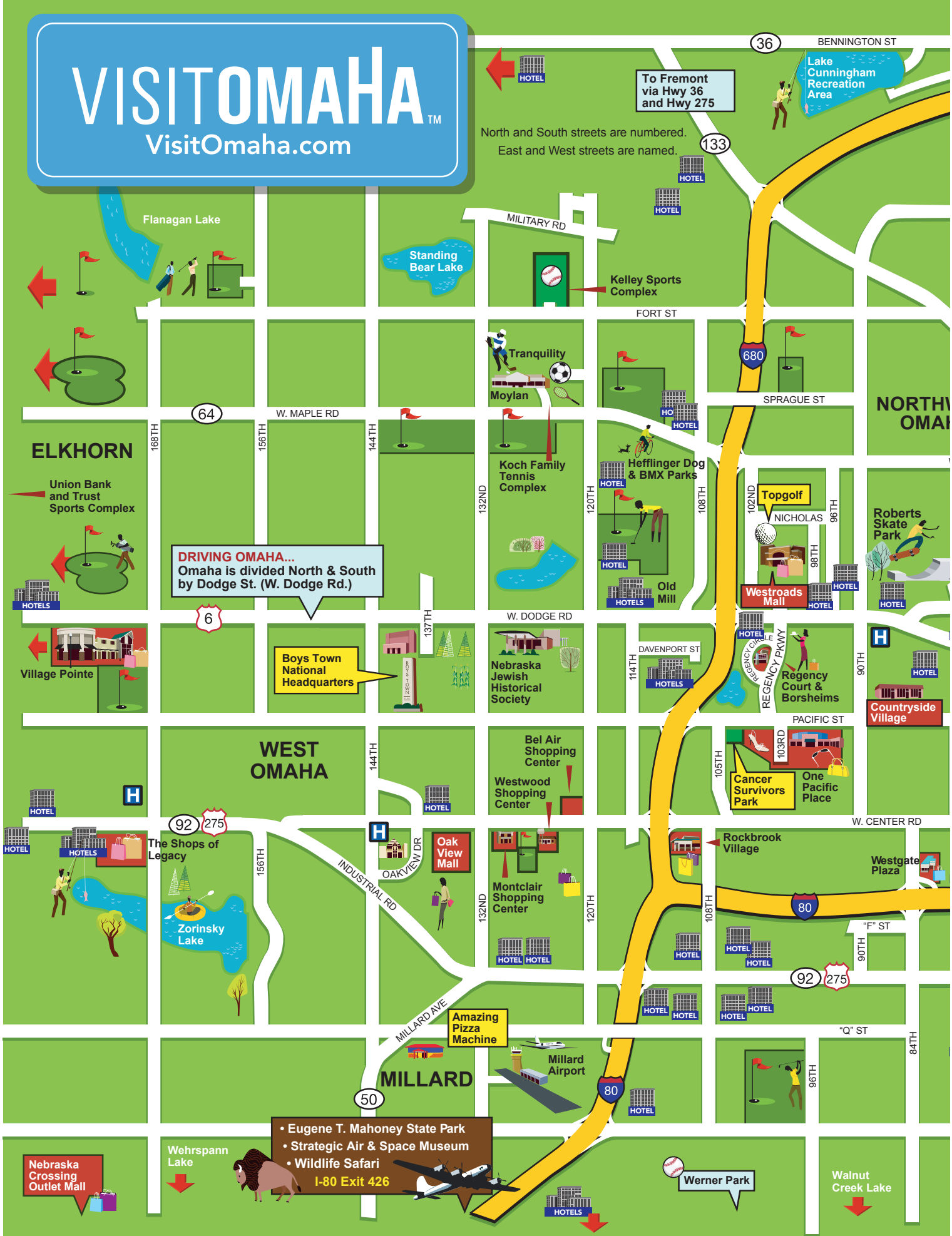
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East and West streets are named.

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and Hwy 275

DRIVING OMAHA...
Omaha is divided North & South
by Dodge St. (W. Dodge Rd.)

**Boys Town National
Headquarters**

• Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
• Strategic Air & Space Museum
• Wildlife Safari
I-80 Exit 426



ELKHORN

WEST OMAHA

MILLARD

NORTH OMAHA

Union Bank and Trust Sports Complex

Village Pointe

The Shops of Legacy

Zorinsky Lake

Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall

Wehrspann Lake

Millard Airport

Amazing Pizza Machine

Oak View Mall

Montclair Shopping Center

Westwood Shopping Center

Bel Air Shopping Center

Nebraska Jewish Historical Society

Koch Family Tennis Complex

Tranquility
Moylan

Kelley Sports Complex

Topgolf

Westroads Mall

Regency Court & Borsheims

Cancer Survivors Park

Rockbrook Village

Westgate Plaza

Werner Park

Walnut Creek Lake

Lake Cunningham Recreation Area

Standing Bear Lake

Flanagan Lake

Roberts Skate Park

Countryside Village

Westgate Plaza

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"F" ST

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PACIFIC ST

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96TH

SPRAGUE ST

FORT ST

MILITARY RD

BENNINGTON ST

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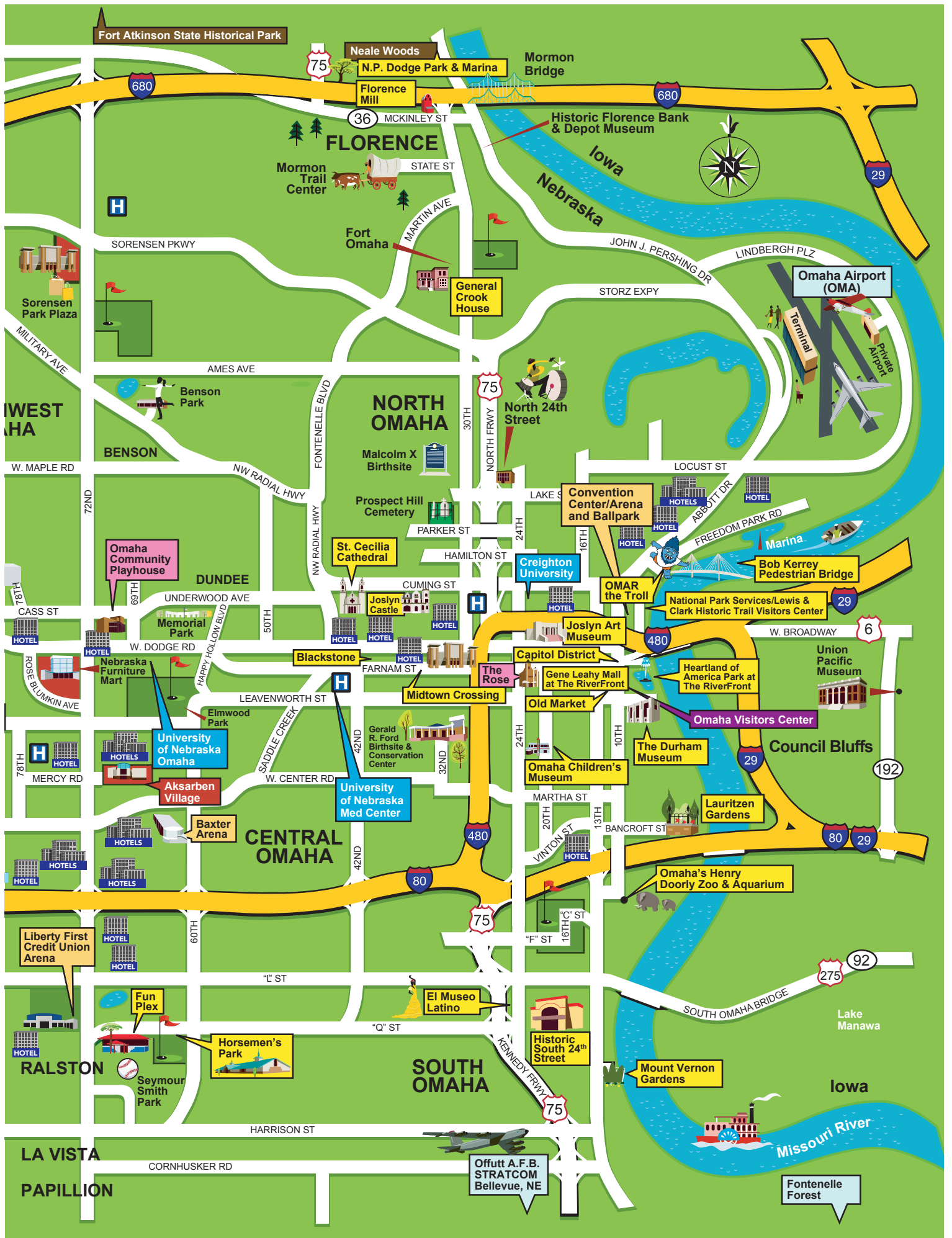
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Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

Neale Woods

N.P. Dodge Park & Marina

Mormon Bridge

Florence Mill

FLORENCE

Mormon Trail Center

Historic Florence Bank & Depot Museum

Fort Omaha

General Crook House

Omaha Airport (OMA)

Sorensen Park Plaza

Benson Park

NORTH OMAHA

North 24th Street

Malcolm X Birthsite

Convention Center/Arena and Ballpark

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Creighton University

St. Cecilia Cathedral

OMAR the Trolly

Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

Omaha Community Playhouse

National Park Services/Lewis & Clark Historic Trail Visitors Center

Memorial Park

Joslyn Castle

Joslyn Art Museum

Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront

Nebraska Furniture Mart

Blackstone

Midtown Crossing

Capitol District

Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront

Union Pacific Museum

University of Nebraska Omaha

Aksarben Village

University of Nebraska Med Center

The Rose

Old Market

Omaha Visitors Center

Baxter Arena

Gerald R. Ford Birthsite & Conservation Center

Omaha Children's Museum

The Durham Museum

Lauritzen Gardens

Liberty First Credit Union Arena

Fun Plex

El Museo Latino

Historic South 24th Street

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

Horsemens Park

Seymour Smith Park

Mount Vernon Gardens

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Fontenelle Forest

Lake Manawa

South Omaha Bridge

Missouri River

Iowa

Nebraska

Fontenelle Forest

Fontenelle Forest

LET'S PLAY

OMAHA OFFERS
EXCITING FAMILY
ENTERTAINMENT.



The **Amazing Pizza Machine** is an indoor entertainment center, buffet and arcade experience. Enjoy 60,000 square feet of fun with rides and attractions including laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, mini bowling, arcade games and more.

Board game enthusiasts adore **Spielbound**, which offers one of the largest selections of board games in the U.S., as well as delicious coffee and pizza.



Express your inner lumberjack at **Axe Games, Craft Axe Throwing and Flying Timber Axe**. Grab an axe and throw it at a target on the wall. Then pull it out and let your friends have a go. It's harder (and safer) than it looks.



For puzzle fans, try Omaha's various escape rooms. **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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LET'S PLAY

OMAHA OFFERS EXCITING FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.



Enjoy virtual reality gaming at **Infinite Loop VR** or **Omaha Virtual Reality**. There are multiple titles to choose from, so there's something for everyone.

The Holloway Experience is an immersive video gaming cafe offering a futuristic atmosphere with video, virtual and table-top games.



Fun-Plex is the perfect one-day summer getaway. Enjoy waterslides, aquatic playgrounds, a wave pool, a lazy river, a go-kart track, kiddie and family rides and a beautiful 18-hole mini golf course.



Hold on for the twists and turns at **Papio Fun Park's** outdoor go-kart track. Families can also enjoy miniature golf, laser tag, batting cages, arcade games and more.

Like to get your bounce on? Check out **Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park**, **Sky Zone Trampoline Park** or **Altitude Trampoline Park** and catch some air.

HOW WILL YOU DO THE ZOO?



SPLASH

Penguins and puffins enchant you with their aquatic antics at Suzanne and Walter Scott Aquarium. Catch 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily feedings. Moving on, a 70-foot shark tunnel immerses visitors in a watery world inhabited by stingrays, sea turtles and sharks. Tropical fish aquariums, fluorescent jellyfish and giant crustaceans reveal otherworldly colors and textures. At Stingray Beach, enjoy petting and feeding smooth stingrays. The fish glide around an 80-foot-long pool as Caribbean music plays. The sea lions at Owen Sea

Lion Shores have an even more fantastic playground with a 275-thousand-gallon pool, beach area, waterfall and 40-foot-long underwater viewing window. Crawl spaces for kids' viewing intensify the excitement of encounters with flipped friends. Ready for splash action of your own? Head to Alaskan Adventure, where over 100 water jets pummel ecstatic, squealing children navigating 75 lifelike bronze sculptures of salmon, puffins, sea lions, orcas and an 18-foot humpback whale.





Inside Desert Dome, the world's largest indoor desert, 14 reptile species lurk. Habitats represent three deserts from Africa, Australia and the American Southwest. Meerkats peep, klipspringers bound and a bobcat reclines in the shade of a rock. Dare to explore Rattlesnake Canyon before heading below to Mahoney Kingdoms of the Night, the world's largest nocturnal exhibit. Take in fascinating creatures like naked mole rats, fossa, armadillos, springhaas, greater bush babies, wallabies and short-beaked echidna. A cave with stalagmites, stalactites and a seemingly bottomless pit adds to the mysterious feeling.

EXPLORE

WELCOME TO OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO & AQUARIUM.

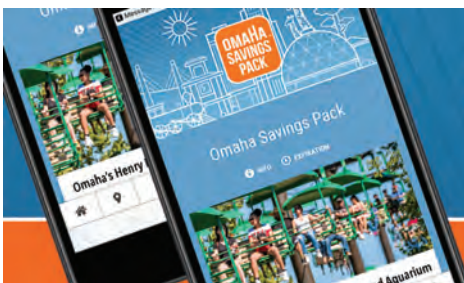




ROAR



To find big beasts who roar and rumble, head to the Zoo's 28-acre Scott African Grasslands to view lions, cheetahs, white rhinos and giraffes. Feeding the giraffes is a special treat – for the giraffes and the guests. The Grasslands is also home to Omaha's herd of nine African elephants, including four babies born at the Zoo. Delight in watching the calves frolic and play. To take in a novel view, ride the Skyfari. Scan for the lion pride perched on sun-warmed rocks and the cheetah family napping in the tall grass. Swapping scenic vistas for an intimate experience, head to Hubbard Gorilla Valley. There you can sit beside a gorilla separated by a thick glass before it departs to explore its diversely enriched indoor habitat. At Hubbard Orangutan Forest, watch the curious ginger-haired apes play with puzzles and study visitors from the height of 65-foot-tall manufactured banyan trees.



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Discounts to top attractions, including Omaha's Zoo, delivered instantly to your phone.

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CLIMB

For more impressive tree climbing, visit Lied Jungle, the nation's largest indoor rainforest with tropical habitats from South America, Asia and Africa. More than 90 animal species live here. Gibbons, silvered leaf monkeys and langurs swing in the forest canopy. Macaws rock and squawk on branches. Enjoy swaying on a rope bridge while watching roaring waterfalls and bats rocketing through the sky. Below, pygmy hippos blow bubbles in a pool and tapirs totter on rich earth. Are the kids inspired to do some climbing of their own? Head to Bay Family Children's Adventure Trails, a 5-acre outdoor playground with a treehouse, slides, rope bridges, waterfalls, rafts and creeks. Animals are still central to the attraction. Above the treehouse playground, small primates scamper in elevated shoots. On the large lawn, Animal Ambassadors introduce special guests. And kids can scramble rocks with goats or enter a tunnel to view a prairie dog town.



MORE ZOO TO DO:

Backstage Experiences offer special behind-the-scenes tours of select exhibits.

Meadowlark Theater gives 15 bird species center stage to demonstrate flight paths and behaviors.

Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari Park continues the zoo adventure just west of Omaha with a 4-mile drive-through and hiking adventure.





ALL ABOARD FOR HISTORY-MAKING FUN AT AN OMAHA LANDMARK.

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

Upon entrance, the Great Hall transports you 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-foot-tall chandeliers and a ceiling of gold leaf design in the main waiting room. Bronze statues of couples, military men, and children tell stories of people who passed through.

Elsewhere in the museum, experience Omaha's history through various 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 a blue-collar home to experience how 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 model train set represents Union Pacific's main line from Omaha to Ogden 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 to enjoy the train station's original 1930s soda fountain. Order a sandwich and an old-fashioned phosphate with your favorite flavoring and soda water. Add hand-scooped ice cream to make a luscious ice cream float, or order a malt, shake or delicious sundae. A retro candy shop offers a variety of nostalgic, hard-to-find candies and freshly popped popcorn.





THE DURHAM MUSEUM



YOUR TICKET FOR



TIME TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE HISTORY AND GLIMPSE THE FUTURE AT AREA ATTRACTIONS.

Local museums and attractions showcase the area's history and famous collections of everything from aircraft to artwork. They also provide insight into how things work and inspire guests to imagine what's still to come.

The newest attraction on the scene is **Kiewit Luminarium** at **The RiverFront**. Dedicated to experiential learning, the 82,000-square-foot science center offers opportunities to learn theories and histories – or just dive in to play with 120-plus exhibits.

Smithsonian affiliate **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum** has the nation's largest collection of Cold War aircraft and artifacts. Missiles, an impressive collection of aircraft and spacecraft, such as the Apollo Command Space module, are inside the 300,000-square-foot space. If you have the stomach for it, try the flight simulator. The Children's Learning Center instructs families about science, technology and physics – and encourages kids to dream big to solve problems.

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, where you can find the world's largest ball of stamps.

Located in South Omaha, **El Museo Latino*** offers temporary and permanent exhibits, educational programming about traditional arts, demonstrations and performances. 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 the **Malcolm X Birthplace***. 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.

With interactive exhibits, artwork and artifacts, **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters** helps guests imagine what it was like to live as a Mormon pioneer during the Latter-Day Saints' westward migration. Self-guided tours are available.

For a taste of 19th-century life, head to **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, including photographs and documents from the creation of the transcontinental railroad to a collection of artifacts from Abraham Lincoln's life and death.

MORE 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*

BRUSH UP

OMAHA OFFERS AN EXPANSIVE SELECTION OF PUBLIC ART, GALLERIES, WORKSHOPS AND MUSEUMS, MANY WITH FREE ADMISSION.



OMAHA ART WORKS TO MAKE YOU SMILE

FERTILE GROUND

13th & Mike Fahey Sts.

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

SPIRIT OF NEBRASKA'S WILDERNESS and PIONEER COURAGE PARKS

101 S. 10th St.

One of the world's largest collections of bronze and stainless steel sculptures featuring 123 pieces and installations.

STILE DE FAMIGLIA "FAMILY STYLE"

1115 S. 7th St.

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

ILLUMINA

CHI Health Convention Center & Arena

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 highlights Omaha's history.



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. The Benson neighborhood is a certified Creative District through the Nebraska Arts Council. Find galleries and regular art shows there.



ON ART IN OMAHA



Joslyn Art Museum

A premier art institution, **Joslyn Art Museum**, is reopening this year after completing a 42,000-square-foot expansion and renovation that adds a new lobby, galleries, public spaces and more. The development accommodates a growing collection of modern art, adding to Joslyn's collection of more than 11,000 works representing artists and cultures from antiquity to the present. Discover the work of famous artists from Impressionists Auguste Renoir and Claude Monet to 20th-century artists Grant Wood and Jackson Pollock, or explore the museum's internationally recognized collection of art inspired by the exploration of the American West.

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. The newer **Gallery 1516** supports Nebraska and regional artists. **Artists' Cooperative Fine Arts 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-square-foot warehouse houses over 90 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.

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

OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



*KIDS, THIS MUSEUM IS JUST FOR YOU!
THERE ARE MANY FUN THINGS TO SEE AND
DO. LET'S EXPLORE IT USING OUR ABCS;
ONE LETTER AT A TIME, IF YOU PLEASE.*

A is for Art, oh the masterpieces you'll make!
B is for Bubbles, blow them big 'til they break
C is for Carousel, go ahead, whiz around
D is for Dress-Up, at the Imagination Playground
E is for Elephant, slide down a blue nose
F is for Foam Blocks, watch as our tower grows
G is for Gadgets, your own Tinker Factory-invented
H is for Holidays, with special exhibits presented
I is for Ideas, you'll form them while you play
J is for Juice, take a break in the cafe
K is for Knowledge, you're learning so much
L is for Lab, you can watch, you can touch
M is for Mechanics, let's practice fixing cars
N is for Nature, from the Earth to the stars
O is for Omaha, where the museum is found
P is for Pizza, play food oven-bound
Q is for Questions, you'll have plenty to ask
R is for Real, like a fossil you can grasp
S is for Super – Super Gravitron Ball Machine
T is for Toddlers, they have their own wiggle scene
U is for Unique, each exhibit and display
V is for Variety, so much fun in one day
W is for Water, build your own beaver dam
X marks the spot for a musical jam
Y is for Young, please stay curious, child
Z is for Zeal, leave inspired and wild

Omaha Children's Museum is 60,000 square feet of edu-play-tional fun. Open year-round, the museum offers permanent and temporary exhibits to inspire and delight kids. The target audience is children 3-10 years old, but all ages find amusement here. To learn more about the museum's offerings, read aloud the poem below to the kiddos in your life.



OMAHA'S TERRIFIC TRIO BOB, OMAR AND OMAI



OMAHA TEEMS WITH INTERESTING CHARACTERS READY TO WELCOME YOU.

Let us introduce you to three of our favorites. Bob, also known as **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, is a 3,000-foot pedestrian path across the Missouri River who has his own Instagram and Twitter accounts (and a fun trick up his

girder). **OMAR** is a blue troll who lives under the bridge and loves to meet visitors. OMAR's little sister **OMAI** is harder to find – she has an Omaha scavenger hunt for kids and leaves behind blue footprints across the city.





VISIT OMAHA RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH BOB AND HIS CHOSEN FAMILY, OMAR AND OMAI, FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW.

Visit Omaha: Thanks for making this happen.

OMAR: Thanks for coming down – I've found such a good home under Bob I will never leave.

OMAI: Glad to be here, but I can't stay long. I have places to go. Omaha is calling me!

Bob: I'm happy to talk about me. What do you want to know? I'm an open bridge.

VO: Sure, let's start with you, Bob. As a 3,000-foot-long curved suspension bridge across the Missouri River, you've become one of Omaha's most renowned ambassadors. How do you do it?

Bob: You know, I started being famous by just hanging around and looking good. And then I realized I could make other people look good too. Like, where else can you stand in two states at once and strike a pose with a mighty river below your feet? We call that Bobbing. You're welcome.

OMAR: From where I sit, I see a lot of marriage proposals on Bob, too.

Bob: Yeah, what can I say? I've got a great body, offer dreamy views and even provide a bit of romantic sway when the wind blows. Oh, and sometimes I light up to celebrate special events.

VO: OMAI, I will hand this question about exercising to you next since I know you're a huge walker, but first, Bob, talk to me about being a fitness destination in Omaha.

Bob: I'm an outdoor enthusiast's dream come true. No big deal, but I've got connections. Like 150 miles of trails kind of connections. You've heard of a 5K and a 10K, but what about a 0.9K? Walk across me, take a selfie, and show it to my people at the Omaha Visitors Center for a 0.9K marathon sticker. During my peak season, as many as 6,500 people walk me daily.

VO: Great, thanks, Bob. Okay, OMAI ... wait, where did OMAI go?

OMAR: Sorry, my little sister can't sit still. She likes to run around Omaha leaving footprints and fun messages for kids. If you want to track her down, go to OMAIAdventure.com for her list of stops. When you visit OMAI's attractions, you can pick up a free pin at each stop. They're fantastic to put on the free backpack you can grab at the Omaha Visitors Center.

Bob: Where you can also get your 0.9K sticker.

VO: Right, you've mentioned that, Bob.

OMAR: You can also find my book "Omar Finds a Home" at the Omaha

Visitors Center. It's about how I came to live here. And when you walk on Bob, you can learn more about me through videos. Or – even better – come down and sit with me.

Bob: And look up for a great view.

OMAR: We can take a selfie together.

Bob: I will photo-bomb you!

OMAR: Kids like to rub my toes and make wishes. And both Bob and I love dogs.

VO: Any exciting new developments in the works?

Bob: Yes, we have a new family member arriving in 2025. Baby Bob will give the convention center, ballpark, arts district, and several hotels better access to me ... and OMAR, too.

VO: Congratulations! Ok, I've got OMAI's website, but how can we find you two online?

OMAR: I'm at OMARtheTroll.com.

Bob: I'm on Twitter and Instagram @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 musts in this lifetime if you ask me.



THERE'S ROOM TO BLOOM IN OMAHA'S 100-ACRE BOTANICAL WONDERLAND.

Along Omaha's riverfront hills, nature thrives. **Lauritzen Gardens** is an urban oasis with 20 themed gardens and something worth seeing every season.

In spring, hundreds of thousands of daffodils cheer visitors. The Spring Flowering Walk gifts its visitors with color and fragrance, as trees, like magnolias and crabapples, and shrubs bloom. Crocus and grape hyacinth stretch for the sun. A StoryWalk adds to the excitement of visiting children, who will learn something new about nature as they take in its beauty.

The tree peonies in the Peony Garden begin to flourish in late April. The garden's variety ensures blooms extend until early June. Enjoy a seat on a bench or wander a meandering path to soak up the rich colors and intoxicating aroma.

May's warmth nurtures the Rose Garden, where 2,000 roses bedazzle visitors. While you're there, visit the armillary sphere sundial adorning the center of the garden. Designed by Nebraska artist Millt Heinrich, it's not only beautiful but also accurately measures Central Standard Time.

Beginning in May and running through October, the Model Railroad Garden bustles with activity as G-Scale model trains puff around miniature landscapes and communities. Look for Omaha landmarks. For life-size train action, ascend the stairs to neighboring Kenefick Park to see Union Pacific Railroad's Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy 4023, two of the most powerful locomotives ever built.



In summer, pollinators buzz around native plants in Song of the Lark Meadow. Named after a short story by Nebraska author Willa Cather, the garden's colors shift as diverse plants bloom and fade. Search for "Startled," the bronze sculpture of a buck by artist Kent Ullberg, who also created "Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness," part of a sculpture display at the First National Bank plaza in downtown Omaha.

Those looking for quiet and cover from the sun find the Garden in the Glen, which has a trickling stream, small waterfalls and a lush offering of hostas, astilbe, bleeding hearts and Japanese maple. Woodland Waterfall also features a waterfall and two small ponds, as well as the charming sculpture "New Friends" – just a boy and his frog. Founders' Garden has beautiful hostas, shade-loving perennials and ferns. Woodland Trail offers the serenity – and shade – of a century-old forest. Visitors culminate their two-third-mile hike by drinking in beautiful vistas of the Missouri River Valley.

Autumn offers special elements, with chrysanthemums in the Festival Garden and fall color in the Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary. Lauritzen is open year-round, and there's always something special to see in Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory, a 17,500-square-foot all-seasons glass conservatory housing tropical gardens with tall palms and vibrant flowers and temperate gardens with moss-covered oak trees and azaleas. A pool with water lilies will make you feel as inspired as Monet.

Special annual events also add to the fun. Plan your visit around an elevated antiques show or a ghoulish garden adventure. Or find holiday wonder in a poinsettia show featuring a 20-foot-tall "tree" and beautifully illuminated indoor gardens.





LAURITZEN GARDENS

THE RIVERFRONT

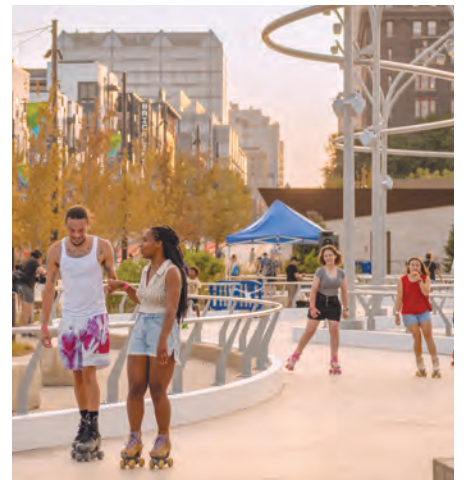
PACKED WITH PUBLIC ART, NATIVE PLANTS, HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND RECREATIONAL DIVERSITY, THREE PARKS WITH ONE NAME CONNECT THE OLD MARKET, NORTH DOWNTOWN AND THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Encompassing 72 acres, **The RiverFront** combines three parks: **Gene Leahy Mall**, **Heartland of America Park** and **Lewis and Clark Landing**. This vibrant reimaging of Omaha's downtown green space provides recreational and relaxation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Gene Leahy Mall spans from 13th to 8th streets between Douglas St. and Farnam St. Omaha's cityscape rises around it. Historic elements remain – like limestone stone arches from the 19th century and the park's giant slides (a visitor favorite) from the 1980s – but modern touches shine. Visitors sway on oversized porch swings, flop into hammocks, and spread lunch on picnic tables. A wide green lawn becomes seating for those attending live performances at the performance pavilion. Children scabble and swing at Arches Playground, which has towering climbing arches, a rope forest, and a climbing wall. Also in the park: new slides, a sculpture garden curated by Omaha artist Jun Kaneko, water features, a dog park and a cove perfect for captaining toy boats.

Heartland of America Park is the largest of The RiverFront's three parks. Since the 1990s, the park's lake and 250-foot fountain have been downtown landmarks. New additions that opened in August 2023 amplified the chill vibe. Developers improved extensive walking trails and added exciting new amenities, like a skate ribbon for roller blades or roller skates in the warmer months and ice skates in the winter. Lakeside Amphitheater, RiverFront Promenade and bocce courts provide more places to stretch out and relax. Play a game of frisbee on the Lakefront Green, let the kids go wild at the Lake Playground, or walk to the end of Farnam Pier and see how far you – and Omaha – have come.

Along the Missouri River, **Lewis and Clark Landing** has a blooming prairie garden, a sandy urban beach with fire pits, and a destination playground. It is the northernmost part of The RiverFront, just east of Omaha's arena and convention center **CHI Health Center Omaha**. Discovery Playground has an adventure path, water play features, a merry-go-round, play towers, ziplines and below-ground tunnels to explore. Sand volleyball and pickleball areas are ready for active types to get their game on. Other major Omaha attractions are within walking distance, including the world-class discovery center **Kiewit Luminarium** and **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**.





Eugene T. Mahoney State Park

OMAHA-AREA PRAIRIES, FORESTS, TRAILS, GARDENS AND PARKS OFFER REFRESHING OUTDOOR ESCAPES.

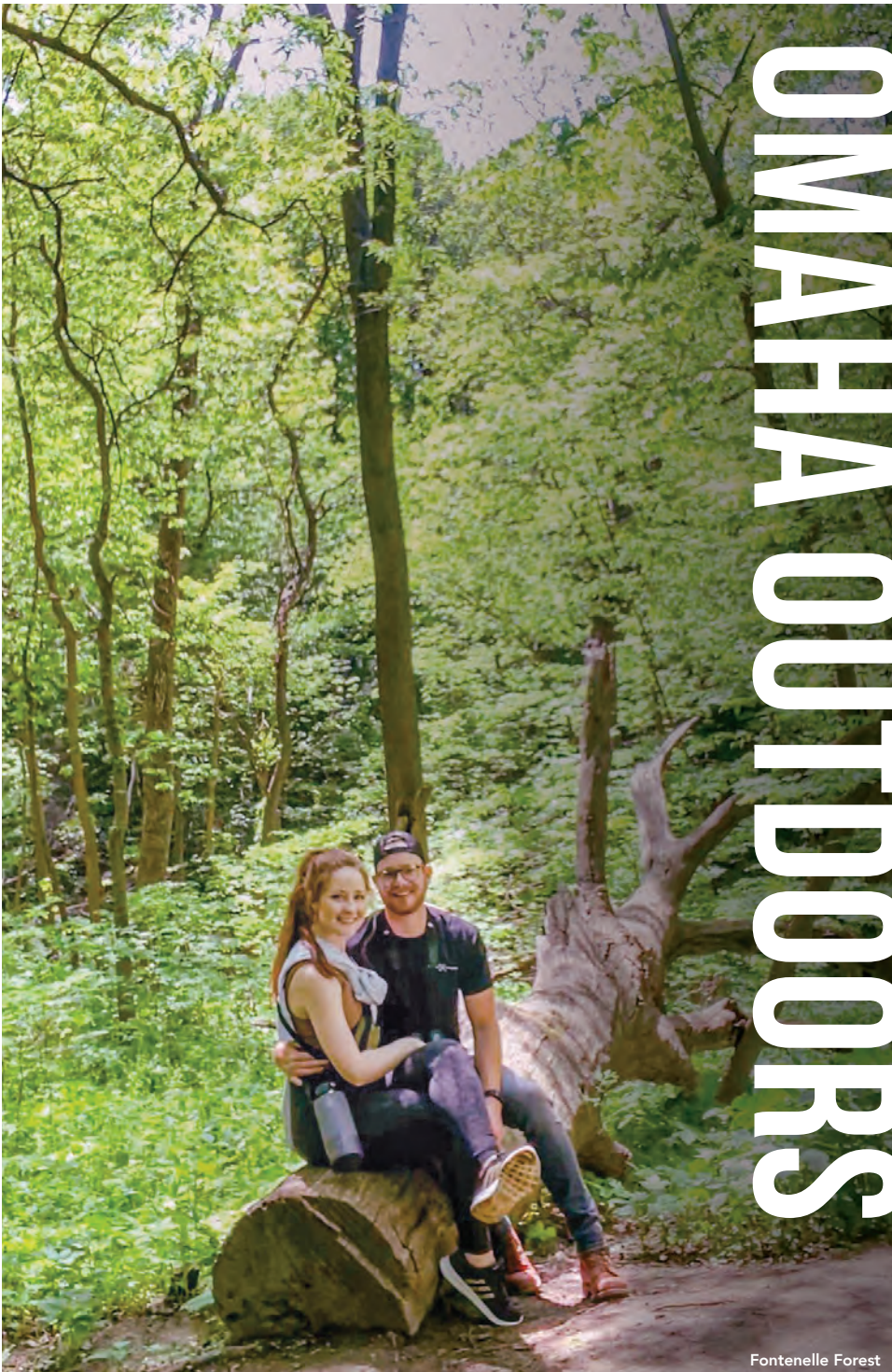
Hey, outdoorsy types, it's time to choose your adventure. On offer in the Omaha area? Two rivers, multiple lakes, forest hiking paths, restored prairies, an array of parks, gardens, green spaces, and over 120 miles of paved bike trails.

HIKING

Lace your boots and head out to Omaha-area trails. **Fontenelle Forest** is one of the largest privately operated nature centers in the nation. It encompasses 1,400 acres with 19 miles of trails of varying lengths and climbs, including a mile-long ADA-accessible boardwalk. The Forest is home to more than 600 animal and plant life species. **Neale Woods Nature Center**, operated by Fontenelle Forest, is a 600-acre nature preserve along the Missouri River. Its forest and hilltop prairies offer 9 miles of walking trails with scenic views. **Glacier Creek Preserve** is a 525-acre preserve northwest of Omaha with a restored tallgrass prairie offering glimpses of what most of Nebraska once looked like. The waving grass is mesmerizing. Across the river in Iowa, **Hitchcock Nature Center** is a 1,200-acre preserve in the heart of the Loess Hills with camping sites.

CAMPING/GLAMPING

Nebraska State Parks offer RV camping, lodge accommodations, tent camping and cabins. Prairie Fireflies at **Lake Cunningham** provides a turnkey glamping experience. Tents have comfy beds, a coffee maker and electricity. At **Kimberly Creek Retreat** in Ashland, guests stay in climate-controlled geodesic domes with private showers and firepits.



Fontenelle Forest

OMAHA OUTDOORS



TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest

PARKS

Omaha is home to more than 250 parks, totaling 11,000 acres. Aside from picnic areas, ball fields and playgrounds, Omaha has 18 aquatic facilities, 12 spraygrounds, three skate parks, four public dog parks and a BMX track. Visit parks.cityofomaha.org to learn more.

CYCLING

Omaha's Paths of Discovery trail system winds through all parts of the city, inviting walkers, bicyclists, and cross-country skiers to get moving. In Iowa, the **Wabash Trace Nature Trail** is a 63-mile rails-to-trails route stretching from southwest Iowa to northwest Missouri. Many parks, including **Tranquility Park, Swanson Park, Jewell Park** and **Walnut Creek Park**, have dedicated mountain biking trails.

Need some wheels? **Heartland Bike Share** is one of the country's first all-electric bike share systems. It has over 80 stations and 400 ebikes, making your bike trail excursions a breeze.

GOLF

From early spring until late fall, golfers flock to the rolling hills and tree-lined fairways of Omaha courses. From executive style to championship courses, swing through Omaha's unique golf landscapes. Go to VisitOmaha.com/golf for a complete golf course list.

Topgolf is a multi-level facility featuring high-tech gaming, climate-controlled hitting bays, music, food and more in a lively, casual atmosphere.

LAKE AND RIVER ADVENTURES

Located throughout the Omaha metro area, lakes such as **Zorinsky, Cunningham, Standing Bear, Manawa, Flanagan, Youngman, Wehrspann** and **Walnut Creek** offer fishing, boating and places to picnic. Anglers pull in largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. Rent a kayak or canoe from UNO's Outdoor Venture Center to hit the water.

Or try your luck standing. **Elkhorn Outfitters** offers paddleboat tours. **Neighborhood Offshore** also rents them. Are you feeling less ambitious but still seeking a thrill? Try tanking or tubing with **Tank 'n' Tube River Rides**. Or hop aboard **Woody's Airboat Tour** and let your hair down.



Vala's Pumpkin Patch & Apple Orchard



Standing Bear Lake

BIRDWATCHING

Omaha is a birding hot spot located along the Missouri River Valley and a main migratory path. Spring and fall are peak birding seasons, but a variety of diverse habitats means there's no bad time of year to birdwatch. **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge** and **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge** are excellent places to see waterfowl, raptors and songbirds.

In addition to offering opportunities to spot feathered friends in the wild, Fontenelle Forest also has Raptor Wildlife Refuge, providing an up-close look at rescued hawks, owls, falcons and eagles. Traverse a suspension bridge, take in a birds-eye view of the Forest, and see these amazing birds of prey.

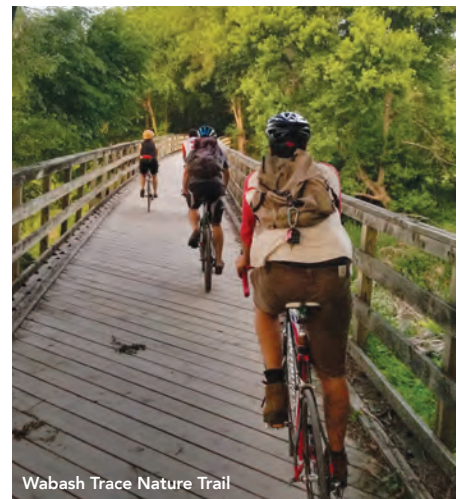
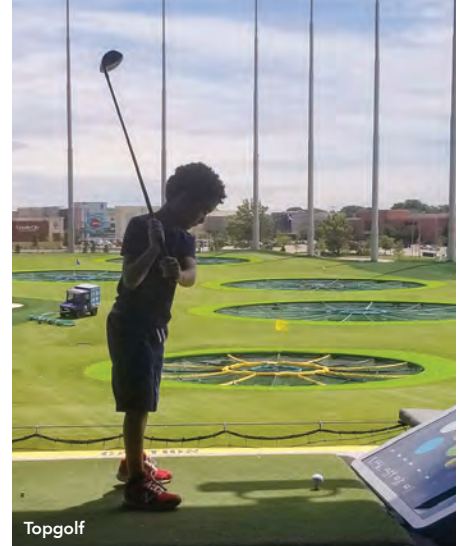
SEASONAL ADVENTURES

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 6 acres. After expert instruction, navigate suspended obstacles, bridges, rope ladders, tunnels and other surprises that comprise more than 100 challenges and 11 ziplines. Different trails are color-coded according to the difficulty level, from 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 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 4-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**, located 15 miles northeast of Omaha, in the wintertime to hit the slopes reaching 2,400 feet in length. Sledgers, snowboarders and spectators are also welcome.



EXCURSIONS

TAKE AN ACTION-PACKED DAY TRIP.



Soaring Wings Vineyard

SAUNDERS COUNTY

Saunders County offers opportunities for outdoor adventures with recreation areas offering hiking and lakes primed for fishing and boating. **Memphis State Recreation Area** has 163 peaceful acres for primitive camping and a sparkling 48-acre lake. **Lake Wanhoo** 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.

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

Pick up an out-of-the-box souvenir at the **Wahoo Meat Locker**, known for its award-winning recipes and the famous "Wahoo wiener" in five versions. **The Good Life Boutique** sells on-trend women's apparel. **Found & Flora** crafts customized flower crowns, fresh-cut bouquets and potted plants.

CASS COUNTY

Go on a North American adventure at **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari**, just west of Omaha. See bison, elk, cranes, pronghorn antelope and other native animals on this 4-mile drive-through journey. Park the car and hike around the park's lake.

Beautiful trails also await you at **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park**, which offers shady picnic areas.

Take your getaway to new heights at **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**, a 300,000-square-foot museum showcasing military memorabilia and celebrating space travel.

Taste a Nebraska tradition at **Bakers Candies**. A visit to the factory outlet store is a sweet one. Wine and beer drinkers toast sunset views at **Cellar 426 Winery**. **Glacial Til Cider and Tasting Room** in Ashland's historic downtown has all its Nebraska-created ciders on tap and a food menu. Also in downtown Ashland, find specialty shops, art galleries and cafes.

NEARBY OFF I-80

Two Catholic landmarks also attract visitors. Built as an oasis for travelers, the stunning **Holy Family Shrine** glass chapel has unique glass architecture and curved wooden arches. The 900-acre retreat **Cloisters on the Platte** has drawn interest worldwide. Visitors wind through a half-mile trail and encounter life-size sculptures along the path. Each represents one of the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step Catholic devotion.



Holy Family Shrine



Iron Horse Golf Club



Orpheum Theater



The Rose Theater

PERFORMING ARTS

LOCAL THEATER, SYMPHONY AND OPERA ORGANIZATIONS STAGE STELLAR PERFORMANCES. TRAVELING BROADWAY SHOWS ENHANCE THE SPARKLE.

Omaha Performing Arts brings Broadway productions, jazz, blues, dance, comedy and family shows to **Orpheum Theater** and **Holland Performing Arts Center**. These venues host more than 500 events annually. Performing arts enthusiasts find joy not just in the performances, but in these architecturally inspired buildings.

Designed with French Renaissance glamor, **Orpheum Theater** was originally built for vaudeville acts in the 1920s, later becoming a movie theater through the 1970s. Although renovations were undertaken in the early 1970s and again in 2001, care was taken to preserve the building's beautiful original craftsmanship. Eighty-five percent of the fixtures in the building today are from the 1927 building, including marble and plaster sculptures, metal grillwork, draperies, barrel-vaulted ceilings, crystal chandeliers, wrought iron railings, gold leaf and ivory finishes, and terra cotta drinking fountains. The theater welcomes a full lineup of touring Broadway productions in 2024, including "The Lion King" and "Moulin Rouge."

Opera Omaha also presents its mainstage productions at Orpheum Theater, but look for smaller productions throughout the city. The cutting-edge company has produced eight world premieres and four American premieres of classical masterpieces. This year's mainstage offerings include "La Traviata" and "El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego."

In stark contrast to the Orpheum's lavish opulence, the architecture of **Holland Performing Arts Center** showcases modern elements, with a sleek glass exterior. Inside, the Peter Kiewit Concert Hall has 2,000 equally excellent seats because architects specifically designed it to provide unobstructed views and pristine sound wherever you are

sitting. The Holland Center also includes a spacious lobby, open-air spaces, dining and drinking options, and a smaller performance space.

Home to **Omaha Symphony**, led by Maestro Ankush Kumar Bahl, music representing Classical, Baroque and 20th-century masterpieces fill the hall, as do works from new composers. Watch for special events, like screenings of movies with live cinematic scores, pops concerts, special children's concerts and guest artists. On Sundays, the symphony plays a casual matinee show and highlights soloists at **Strauss Performing Arts Center** on the UNO campus.

Omaha Performing Arts' newest venue **Steelhouse Omaha** also occasionally hosts theatrical and dance performances, though it's mainly used as a live music venue.

Omaha enjoys a rich theater tradition. **Omaha Community Playhouse** is the nation's largest community theater and one of Omaha's oldest arts organizations. It features musicals, comedies, dramatic works, new plays and – for the past 40 years – an annual performance of "A Christmas Carol."

Bluebarn Theatre is Omaha's nationally recognized theater producing original scripts, and progressive, experimental work. Its architectural design reflects the theater's upstart scrappiness and risk-taking with reclaimed wood, weathering steel sheet metal cladding and a custom-fabricated exterior screen of welded rebar.

Children thrill at attending performances at **The Rose Theater**, a children's theater featuring musicals, comedies and children's books adapted with an Omaha twist. Kids will ogle at the theater's ornate design and colorful lighting.



Steelhouse Omaha

LIVE MUSIC

FROM JAZZ TO COUNTRY, INDIE ROCK TO RAP, OMAHA KNOWS MUSIC.

Birthplace to national artists such as Conor Oberst, Cursive, and The Faint, Omaha’s music scene also grew acts like The Mynabirds and Azure Ray. **The Waiting Room Lounge** and **Reverb Lounge** in Benson, **The Admiral** in Little Bohemia, and **The Slowdown** in NoDo attract national and local indie rock, folk and country bands.

Two new arrivals amplify the Omaha scene. **Steelhouse Omaha** has a 3,000 standing room capacity and hosted nationally and internationally acclaimed rock, funk, metal and rap acts in its first year. **The Astro** in La Vista has a 2,500 capacity indoor theater connected to an outdoor grass amphitheater accommodating 5,000 people with views of a 34-acre park.

Out west, **Barnato** offers craft cocktails, dinner, and national and international artists all week long.

Experience diverse acts from Nepali rapper VTEN to Bluegrass legend Béla Fleck at **Holland Performing Arts**

Center. Also inside the building, The Holland Music Club – known during the day as Scott Recital Hall – transforms into a club at night, offering drinks, dinner and great seats to watch jazz artists, like Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio and Grace Kelly. **Orpheum Theater** thrills loyal fans of groups from Jackson Browne to En Vogue.

CHI Health Center Omaha and **Charles Schwab Field Omaha** feature today’s most popular musical acts across various genres. Across the river, the artists play loud at the outdoor venue **Stir Cove** at **Harrah’s Casino** and the beer flows.

Summertime in Omaha steps up the live music tempo. Catch free **Jazz on the Green** concerts at **Turner Park** at Midtown Crossing. Live on the Lawn concerts feature shows at **Lake Zorinsky** and **Gene Leahy Mall**, and at **Memorial Park**, during a special summertime show.

Two annual summer music festivals light up rock lovers. **Maha Festival** is a two-day celebration of cool indie acts that are already on the radar of your melomaniac friend. **Outlandia Music Festival** is a two-day festival (with the option to camp) featuring big names in alternative rock.



Maha Festival

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Sample wines from around the world and enjoy gourmet food pairings at **La Buvette**, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** and **Vino Mas**. Servers treat wine connoisseurs and novice wine drinkers with equal warmth and attention.

Laka Lono Rum Club mixes Caribbean, African, Southeast Asian, rockabilly, Hollywood, funk and surfer cultures in one strong – and sometimes flaming – drink. Celebrate an unbirthday downtown at **Wicked Rabbit**, a speakeasy with cocktails that are all a little “mad.” **Alice**, its sister speakeasy, is in West Omaha. Another speakeasy, **Segreto** in The Blackstone District burns a candle in the window when it’s clear to enter and enjoy the Italian-themed cocktails. **The Berry & Rye** concocts Pre-Prohibition cocktails with housemade sodas, syrups and bitters. **Mercury** serves hearty fare and a rotating list of themed cocktails in a mid-century-styled space. Their mixologists also make delicious alcohol-free mixed drinks with fresh ingredients like housemade juniper tonic and hen-of-the-woods kombucha. **Dry Spokes** is an alcohol-free craft cocktail bar with regular events, like movie night, game night and open mic.

Cigar smokers enjoy puffing at **Havana Garage** in the Old Market Entertainment District and **Jake’s Cigars & Spirits** in Benson. In West Omaha, visit **Copa Cabana** or **Safari**.

For singers and shy folks alike, there’s **Reno’s Karaoke** in Blackstone, which offers private rooms for all sizes of parties. Prefer to exercise your vocal cords laughing? Check out The Backline Comedy Theatre, Omaha Funnybone, or special comedy events at **Tiny House Bar**, **The Waiting Room** and **The Sydney**.



Throwback Arcade Lounge

Dance fiends head to Omaha’s high-energy gay bar and club, **The Max**, where everyone is welcome. The 12,000-square-foot multiplex has a main disco dance floor, a glass-encased upper-level lounge, a lively show floor and an expansive outdoor patio. **Throwback Arcade Lounge** plays old-school tunes from the ‘80s, ‘90s and ‘00s where you can take your cabbage patch, running man and tootsie roll moves out of retirement. **Bushwackers** or **Stocks n Bonds** is the place to get your country steps in, **Howard’s Charro Cafe** hosts Saturday salsa nights, and the Omaha Jitterbugs welcome visitors to a weekly evening of instruction and dancing. If you’ve got any strength left in your legs, try **The Omaha Patio Ride**, a giant party bike for up to 16 adults traveling around the Old Market.



Wicked Rabbit



The Berry & Rye



Bushwackers



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ARTIFACT



Village Pointe Shopping Center



Shops of Legacy

PACK IT IN

From chic clothing stores to unique home decor shops, Omaha offers fabulous finds for every shopper. Shop sustainable splurges in the historic Little Bohemia neighborhood, where trendy local boutiques thrive.

Discover high-end home goods, bespoke suits for men and luxury womenswear at **Countryside Village**. Further west, **Rockbrook Village** is home to artsy, funky boutiques. At **Shops of Legacy**, you'll find one of Nebraska's largest collections of upscale shopping. Main street shopping comes to life at **Village Pointe Shopping Center**, home to over 50 retail shops, boutiques and restaurants. Indoor shopping can be enjoyed at **Westroads Mall**, **Regency Shopping Center** and **Oak View Mall** where you can find favorites from national brands.

FALL IN LOVE

Fashion lovers will score this season's favorites at Omaha's local boutiques. **Garment District Omaha** stocks its racks with NYC-inspired pieces from well-known and emerging designers. **Esther's** gives barely used luxury brand clothing a second life. Other boast-worthy boutiques include **Beau Joyau**, **The Fold** and **Gramercy**. The guys at **Grae** will help find the perfect look for men looking to freshen up their wardrobe. **Fontenelle Supply Co.** caters to the outdoorsy, who discover an array of handmade leather goods alongside raw denim, fall flannels and boots. And at **ARTIFACT**, vintage meets modern; think hand-make unisex bags, accessories and home goods.

OMAHA'S BIGGEST ORIGINALS

Owned by Omaha billionaire investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, **Borsheims** is the nation's largest independent jewelry store. The signature silver box with a burgundy ribbon ensures the gift inside is worth opening. Another can't-miss Buffett retailer is **Nebraska Furniture Mart**, one of the country's largest (450,000 square feet) home furnishing stores.

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Whether you like it flame-broiled, wood-fired, or marinated, Omaha has a steak for you.

Omaha steakhouse institution **Johnny's Cafe**, in business since 1922, offers a perfectly marbled and juicy stand-out broiled ribeye. The signature dish at Omaha landmark steakhouse **The Drover** is a whiskey-marinated 8-ounce filet. Chefs marinate your steak for only 15 minutes before cooking it so it won't overpower the beef flavor. The dimly lit atmosphere has a fun Western feel. **Brother Sebastian's** also has a singular cozy feel with the rustic decor of an abbey. Local regulars swear by its prime rib and romantic atmosphere.

Omaha Prime serves USDA Prime steaks and chops in a dreamy Old Market location. Another historic steakhouse, **Gorat's**, has earned the loyalty of local billionaire Warren Buffett. His order? A flavorful T-bone steak, cooked rare, with a double order of hash browns and a Cherry Coke. **Cascio's Steak House** is another Omaha landmark. Families gather and order different doneness, but everyone's food comes out at the same time.

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 upon is that the hunt is delicious.

LOCALLY OWNED STEAKHOUSES

- **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**

CRAFT BREW

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POUR YOU THE PERFECT PINT.



Whether you like a light ale, a frosty lager, a hoppy IPA or a malty dark stout, Omaha has a brew for you. Situated throughout the city, these breweries are ready to charm and delight visitors.

Benson Brewery: A cozy neighborhood gastropub brewing beer on-site since 2013. Dig into stellar elevated pub fare and take in the scene in the outdoor beer garden.

Brickway Brewery and Distillery: Enjoy beer brewed with locally sourced ingredients at one of Omaha's first production craft breweries since prohibition.

Infusion Brewing Company: Infusion serves craft beers year-round while changing the seasonal brews almost weekly. Home of the Vanilla Bean Blonde and Radial IPA.

Kros Strain Brewing: Offering hop-forward IPAs and traditional lager styles, Kros Strain has two funky taprooms that provide places to convene with friends.

Lucky Bucket Brewing Co.: Hoppy libations, barrel-aged ales, bold stouts and tart sour beers – Lucky Bucket offers a beer for all preferences.

Monolithic Brewing: Stretch out on a spacious patio overlooking a pond and slurp a Feisty Walrus Brown Ale, session hazy IPA or a rotating kettle sour Gose.

Nebraska Brewing Company: The prominent craft brewer in the city continues to build a broad portfolio of incredible handcrafted ales.

Pint Nine Brewing Company: Focused on aroma-driven American ales and complex Belgian beers, Pint Nine Brewing is constantly innovating.

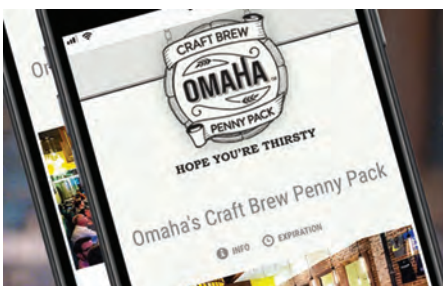
Scriptown Brewing Company: Smooth, balanced session-style beers allow customers to pace themselves with several pints.

Site-1 Brewing: Their constellation of beers shines and embodies that same dogged, anything-is-possible curiosity that led humans to explore space.

Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing: Sip offerings from velvety smooth stouts to German-style pilsners and Belgian fruit beers with a stunning view of Platte River Valley.

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

Vis Major Brewing: Vis Major's complex recipes for ales, IPAs and stouts create unique flavors. Feel free to bring the kids along to this casual taproom.



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The legend was born in Omaha in 1925 when Reuben Kulakofsky, a local grocer, whipped up the sandwich for a group of late-night poker players at The Blackstone Hotel. One of the players, Charles Schimmel, who was also the hotel's owner, liked it so much that he put it on the hotel restaurant's menu. Today, **Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel** – the revived Blackstone – still serves the Reuben at its **Orleans Room** restaurant. The original sandwich recipe is a cornerstone of many Omaha establishments, like the **Crescent Moon**. Although the classic still holds the most robust representation, Omaha's chefs have fun riffing with twists like Reuben pizza, egg rolls, hash and nachos. Let us know which style you love the most!



WHETHER YOU'VE GOT A BIG APPETITE OR A SWEET TOOTH, PREFER A GREASY SPOON OR A CLEAN FORK, OR ARE A SPICE HOUND OR A CURD CONNOISSEUR, OMAHA CHEFS ARE READY TO SERVE YOU THE PERFECT DISH.

Stella's Bar & Grill

SATISFY YOUR CRAVINGS

DIVES

Stretchy pants? Check. Napkins? Yup. Let's jump – or dive – into fried, breaded, gravy-soaked comfort.

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

California Tacos & More attracts hungry college students with its signature housemade "puffy" tacos.

Harold's Koffee House offers scratch-made favorites, from hash browns to breaded pork tenderloins, homemade pies, rolls and doughnuts.

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

Stella's Bar & Grill presents one of Omaha's juiciest burgers. Family-owned since 1936, Stella's serves its 6.5-ounce fresh ground beef patties on Rotella's hamburger buns baked that morning.

Surfside Club has a menu featuring fried chicken, fried catfish and corn fritters. Bands often play live at this riverside venue.



Surfside Club



Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant



Muchachos



Kinaara

SPICE

Omaha brings the heat with diverse global cuisines that will make you shed a tear or two.

Blue & Fly Asian Kitchen is where to find authentic Sichuan food. Try something with “mala” spice – a combination of Sichuan peppercorns that will turn your mouth into a waterfall.

Korea Garden servers bring out bubbling pots of kimchi-jjigae, a stew made with spicy pickled cabbage, and sizzling bibimbap, a rice dish served in a hot stone bowl.

Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant tantalizes tastebuds with generous portions of stewed dishes served atop injera – a fermented pancake-like flatbread.

Kinaara presents a kaleidoscope of colors in dishes like vindaloo, saag paneer and tandoori chicken.

Salween Thai serves spicy soups, salads, curries and more.

FOOD HALLS

Your gang can’t agree on one cuisine? Head to one of Omaha’s food halls, where everyone can make their own delicious choice.

Dining Room in Highlander Accelerator is home to three Black-owned businesses. Choose from soul food, burgers or cocktails.

Flagship Commons in Westroads Mall has eight food concepts, from falafel and kebabs to ramen. A fireplace at the hall’s center is a great place to cozy up with a hot coffee or cocktail.

Inner Rail Food Hall at Aksarben Village has up to 10 vendors offering diverse cuisines. Outside is an outdoor plaza and certified entertainment district where patrons can carry open containers while enjoying outdoor games and fire pits.

KAMP Blackstone has a central bar with cocktails and mocktails surrounded by handcrafted food concepts. An “ice shot” lets guests down a shot and throw their ice glass at a tiger bell.

BRUNCH

Whoever said breakfast was the most important meal of the day never had brunch in Omaha. Try these sweet and savory combos.

Early Bird has an extensive brunch list served every day from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Good Lookin’ dishes up churro french toast, ricotta pancakes, and sweet potato chorizo hash. Plant-based peeps dig the vegan hash.

Muchachos has one of the best breakfast burritos in town – and they’re served all day.

The Special Restaurant in Bellevue has huge portions, freshly baked pastries and unlimited coffee refills.

Shirley’s Diner is all about comfort. Tuck into stacks of fluffy pancakes or flaky biscuits.



Flagship Commons



Shirley's Diner

IN OMAHA, THE JOURNEY FROM FARM TO FORK IS A SHORT ONE. THAT GUARANTEES YOU'LL TASTE OUR FINEST, MOST FRESH INGREDIENTS.

Omaha stands firmly at the forefront of the local food movement. Chefs rattle off the origins of every ingredient used in their dishes.

At **Block 16**, chefs use locally sourced beef piled high with fresh produce and covered in a secret sauce. Try the popular Gangsta Fries, heaped with green onions and pork rinds, then drizzled with chipotle sauce.

Au Courant Regional Kitchen uses regional ingredients to create "New European" dishes. The specialty six-course chef's tasting menu changes weekly.

Gather in Omaha serves greens, herbs and brassicas grown just below the restaurant at Gather Urban Farm. **Finicky Frank's** masters fresh comfort food at the foot of Ponca Hills.

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MORE FRESH FINDS

- 402 Eat + Drink
- Acadian Grille
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- The Boiler Room Restaurant
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- Via Farina



Gather in Omaha



Dante

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FAMOUS FAVORITES

Lithuanian Bakery's Napoleon Torte is shipped to all corners of the U.S. The 72-hour confection comprises 17 layers of wafer, vanilla and lemon buttercream, with a luscious apricot center. Weekly flavored personal pies the size of your hand await at **Carter & Rye**, a local female-owned bakery. **Sweet Magnolias** is a boutique bakery perfecting melt-in-your-mouth confections like cinnamon rolls and brown sugar cardamom cake. **Pettit's Pastry** is a family-owned doughnut shop with two locations offering Danish, twists, rolls and cakes. **Goldbergs in Dundee** serves 12 different types of bread pudding. At **Big Mama's**, use a fork or spoon to dig into delectable sweet potato pie and sweet potato pie ice cream.

ICE CREAM

- Speaking of ice cream, Omaha is a big deal in the world of cold creamy stuff. **Coneflower Creamery** was named the number one ice cream shop in the U.S. in 2023 by Yelp. (Midwest Living also recognized Coneflower as the best ice cream parlor in the 2023 Best of the Midwest Award.) Farm-sourced seasonal ingredients make the difference – so does a lot of love and creativity.
- Not to be outdone, **Ted & Wally's** slow churns super-premium made-from-scratch ice cream with 18 percent butterfat. Line up at Old Market or Benson locations.
- **eCreamery** has also enjoyed national media buzz, with writeups in O, The Oprah Magazine, The New York Times, Reader's Digest and more. Peruse eCreamery's Dundee parlor case for rotating flavors of ice cream, gelato and dairy-free sorbet, and cookies, or customize your flavor from home at eCreamery.com. Do you prefer soft-serve custard? Check out **Cup & Cone**, which serves vanilla, chocolate, orange creamsicle, blue raspberry sorbet and more.



Chocolate Abeille



Carter & Rye



Coneflower Creamery

CHOCOLATE

Chocolat Abeille creates hand-crafted confections, including custom chocolate shoes. Split a pair with friends, along with tea, in the 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.



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



Laka Lono Rum Club



Old Market Passageway

Old Market Entertainment District

10 CHARMING EXPERIENCES

- Snap a selfie in the magical **Old Market Passageway**
- Meander through the **Omaha Farmers Market** on a Saturday morning
- Find your 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

There's something to experience year-round in Omaha's Old Market Entertainment District, 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: **Le Bouillon**, modern farm-to-table French cuisine with sumptuous cassoulet, **Twisted Fork**, American comfort food with a cowboy twist, and **Plank Seafood Provisions**, serving fresh oysters and grilled seafood.

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.

Shop a range of boutique clothing shops like **Nouvelle Eve**, **Flying Worm** and **Overland Sheepskin Co.** and specialty shops such as **Tannenbaum Christmas Shop** and **The Imaginarium**. Find locally made items, including children's and adult apparel, art, mugs, food and more at **Made in Omaha**.



Le Bouillon



Ted & Wally's



La Buvette

STROLL COBBLESTONE STREETS LINED WITH BOUTIQUES, GALLERIES, PUBS AND CAFÉS. DANCE TO STREET PERFORMERS, GAWK AT AN INCREDIBLE CANDY ASSORTMENT, AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ART.



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

Tip: Most downtown Omaha hotels are within walking distance. Some offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the Old Market.

5 FUNKY OLD MARKET SPOTS

- **Goldsmith Silversmith** – custom jewelry and local artist selections
- **Homer's Music** – retro music and gifts store
- **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



CATCH A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, TAKE A GLASSBLOWING CLASS, OR WATCH SKATEBOARDERS' GNARLY MOVES. SEE THE BIGGEST NAMES IN MUSIC OR CONSIDER RISING INDIE ACTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE OMAHA SOUND.

NoDo & The Capitol District

North Downtown Omaha (NoDo) hosts some of Omaha's biggest events. Revitalized 19th-century industrial buildings stand next to modern masterpieces. Cultural and retail attractions thrive in this diverse cityscape.

CHI Health Center Omaha, the city's award-winning convention center and arena, brings the world's biggest names in music and entertainment to perform. The center also hosts major sporting events such as FEI World Cup Horse Competition, NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship, and NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Across from CHI Health Center Omaha is **Charles Schwab Field Omaha**, home of the NCAA Men's College World Series, a beloved summer tradition that electrifies the entire neighborhood. After the game, grab a bite at local pubs like **DJ's Dugout Sports Bar**, **Blatt Beer & Table**, or **Rocco's Pizza and Cantina**. Enjoy more face time and less screen time at **Lula B's**, **Burdock + Bitters**, **Nosh Restaurant and Wine Lounge** or **Hook & Lime**.

This part of town isn't just for sports fans. Music enthusiasts also discover their rhythm; art and style mavens find inspiration.

Omaha's newest live music venue, **Steelhouse Omaha**, brings exciting musical acts – from rock to rap – to its venue with a capacity for 3,000 people. **Slowdown** is a rock club and bar started by musicians behind Omaha record label Saddle Creek Records.

Omaha Fashion Week (OFW) is one of the country's largest fashion celebrations. Twice a year, the season's hottest trends hit the runway and offer trendsetters the chance to buy.



At **Hot Shops Art Center**, you'll witness creativity in action. More than 90 working artists create here. Join a workshop and learn something new. At **Millwork Commons**, a hub for tech, art and design, **Hutch** sells high-end modern furniture and home decor. Don't miss the annual HutchFest, which gathers Omaha's finest makers in one fun-filled bazaar. While you're at Millwork Commons, grab your favorite caffeinated beverage at **Archetype Coffee** or discover a favorite new beer at **Kros Strain Draft Works**. **Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop** goods guarantee a charming end to the day.

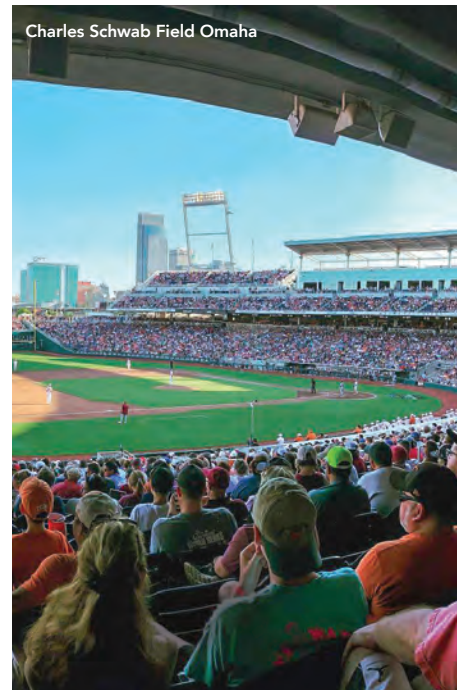
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Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater



Charles Schwab Field Omaha





Modern Love



Turner Park

REJUVENATE YOURSELF IN A NEIGHBORHOOD OFFERING CONNECTION AT A BOARD GAME CAFE, RELAXATION VIA YOGA IN THE PARK, AND NOURISHMENT AT A NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED VEGAN RESTAURANT.

Midtown Crossing

Free yoga and fitness classes in **Turner Park**, a 7.5-acre greenspace in the heart of the neighborhood, attract visitors and residents during the summer. Catch night markets and live music, too. In the wintertime, Season of Lights presents an opportunity for a romantic holiday stroll. Tens of thousands of sparkling LED lights create a cozy glow.

A restaurant across the street provides another cheerful scene. Comfort food takes a healthy turn at the nationally acclaimed vegan restaurant **Modern Love**. Owned by celebrity chef and native Omahan Isa Chandra Moskowitz, Modern Love whips up plant-based versions of American classics, like Mushroom Fried Chick'n and Classic Mac & Shews. For a fresh breakfast or lunch, visit **Sofra Kitchen**. Locally sourced ingredients are central to the European-style menu. Inspired by a different continent, **Sea Thai Restaurant** presents authentic Thai favorites as Chef Preeda Joynoosaeng travels to Thailand each year to refine his recipes.

Midtown Crossing also offers beverages for every thirst. For boba tea, visit **Thirst-Tea Cafe** and choose from a long list of

hot or slushed options. **Stories Coffee Company** serves roasted specialty coffee, tea, smoothies, craft beer, wine and cocktails. **Proof** boasts a collection of hundreds of whiskeys from around the world. In addition to wood-fired pizza, **Smokin' Oak** has a self-serve tap wall featuring local beers, pre-made cocktails, and wine.

Aside from yoga and walking in Turner Park, there is another wholesome recreational opportunity at **Spielbound Board Game Cafe**. Home to the country's largest collection of playable

board games (more than 3,300 and counting), Spielbound encourages you to bring your friends – or meet new ones – for an engaging afternoon. For those inclined toward the arts, visit **Corky Boards** and the **Corky Canvas**, where you can create a masterpiece to take home with you.

When your day is through, return to the pet-friendly **Element Hotel** and recharge with your dog. The next morning, grab a workout at the 24-hour fitness center and enjoy a complimentary breakfast.



Spielbound Board Game Cafe



Huber Haus

Blackstone

Welcome to bustling Blackstone, where the party extends late into the night. Before jumping into nightlife attractions: food. Pull up a barstool at **Crescent Moon** and dig into an Omaha original. “The Moon” serves the Reuben sandwich recipe that originated in the neighborhood at The Blackstone Hotel (now Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel, which also presents three delicious varieties). If you’re in the mood for amore, find a spin on an Italian-American classic at **The Blackstone Meatball**, where you can build a bespoke bowl with ball, sauce and side.

Mula is Blackstone’s ultra-trendy Mexican restaurant with terrific tequila. **Noli’s Pizzeria** serves up fresh New York-style pizza and fun cocktails. Sourcing locally has also been the recipe for success for **Coneflower Creamery**, which buys ingredients like honey, strawberries, goat cheese, lavender and milk from area producers.

Huber Haus is a German beer hall serving sausages, pretzels and beer. Enjoy it by the flight or by the boot. At **Rathskeller Bier Haus**, parents gather on the patio while their children play lawn games and their dogs snooze in the shade of picnic tables.

Beer lovers searching for Omaha brews quench their thirst at **Scriptown Brewery**. Ask the bartender about the brews’ names – like Muddy Mo Amber Ale, Saddle Creek Wheat, Nice Buns Cream Ale and Cecilia Kölsch – and learn about Omaha landmarks, geology and history.

Not a beer drinker? Not a problem. **KAMP Blackstone** is a food hall with a bar. **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** offers an expertly curated selection of wines and an equally thoughtful list of nonalcoholic drinks for booze-free fun. For a drink with a view, visit **Little Ricky’s Rooftop Bar** for craft cocktails. If you prefer to drink with a microphone in your other hand, head to **Reno’s Karaoke**, which rents affordable private karaoke rooms by reservation or walk-in.

In search of a late-night bite after all that revelry? Craft cocktail bar **Nite Owl** has a late-night menu featuring thick burgers, salty fries and fresh salads.

Early Bird comes to the rescue the next morning with brunch, featuring options like Breakfast Nachos and Cereal Killer Pancakes.



Mula



Nite Owl

RELISH THE FLAVORS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE AN OMAHA CLASSIC ORIGINATED AND NEW FAVORITES ARE BORN. PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY FUN AWAITS AT A PLETHORA OF BARS AND RESTAURANTS.

Benson

VISIT A CREATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD BUZZING WITH INDIE ROCK CLUBS, FUNKY BARS, TWISTED COMEDY, ART GALLERIES AND REVOLUTIONARY RESTAURANTS.



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 tiki drinks.

Krug Park will spice up the night with a dozen bloody mary concoctions and 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 a wide-ranging humidor, Jake's is the epitome of a friendly neighborhood bar.

On nice days, visitors enjoy the rooftop patio at **Benson Brewery**. Watch the strip come to life while sipping a craft beer.

An array of dining options can be found on the strip. **IKA Ramen and Izakaya** blasts music and serves piping hot bowls. **Taco Co.** is a fan fave serving cold margaritas and addictive puffy shell tacos. The sushi chef at **Yoshitomo**, David Utterback, was a 2023 James Beard Award finalist for best chef in the Midwest. **Au Courant Regional Kitchen** is a fine dining experience with European-influenced meals. **Mas Chingon** offers authentic Mexican-style street food in a fun atmosphere.

MORE NEIGHBORHOOD BARS

- **Burke's Pub:** Known for the Apple Pie shot
- **Edge of the Universe:** Themed bar with an everchanging menu
- **Infusion Brewing Company:** Craft brewery
- **The Sydney Bar & Lounge:** Funky young crowd
- **Bärchen Beer Garden:** German, Belgian, and American craft brews
- **St. Andrews Pub:** Relaxed pub with soccer on television
- **Jerry's Bar:** Laid-back neighborhood bar
- **Eleven Eleven:** Wine bar and shop



WELCOME TO A LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE WITH ABUNDANT BARS, RESTAURANTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS, THE ODDS ARE EXCELLENT THAT YOU'LL HAVE FUN.



Aksarben Village

This place in central Omaha has a history of bringing people together. Once the Ak-Sar-ben Race Track and Coliseum attracted sold-out crowds to watch horses run or Elvis or Kurt Cobain sing. Today the bronze marker of "Omaha," the 1935 Triple Crown winner, marks the winner's burial site in Stinson Park.

Now Aksarben Village hosts some of the city's most beloved events. Every June, artists convene to showcase and sell their wares at the Omaha Summer Arts Festival. On Sundays from May until October, farmers and artisanal food vendors fill the streets surrounding **Stinson Park** for the state's largest farmers market. In September, Afro Fest attracts people to share their culture

with food, fashion and performances. In February or March, the Omaha Film Festival shows independent movies at Aksarben Cinema and hosts workshops, screenplay readings and parties.

There are delicious offerings for every craving, from deep-dish Detroit-style pizza at **Backlot Taphouse** to sweet treats at **Jones Bros Cupcakes** to dim sum at **Gold Mountain Restaurant**. Those searching for spice find it at **Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen**, **Mai Thai** and **Voodoo Taco**. **Herbe Sainte** offers Cajun plates and scratch cocktails. If you're with friends who can't agree on one place, head to **Inner Rail Food Hall** (the name is an homage to racetrack history), which features 10 vendors.

Shoppers are also spoiled for choice here. Step into **Spirit World** for that rare wine or whisky – or ask the friendly and knowledgeable staff for suggestions. Find pre-loved luxury handbags and goods at **Status** or the perfect pair of jeans at **The 308 Boutique**. Craft your perfectly scented souvenir at **The Candle House**. **GreenStreet Cycles** offers biking gear, so if you left your shorts at home, they've got you covered. Next, hop on a **Heartland Bike Share** electric bicycle to explore the nearby Keystone Trail.

When you're ready to retire for the day, you can choose from three well-appointed Aksarben Village hotels: **The Courtyard by Marriott**, **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Residence Inn**.





Film Streams' Dundee Theater



Lola's

Dundee

IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, DISCOVER CHEF-DRIVEN RESTAURANTS, AND UNIQUE SHOPS. TAKE IN AN INDIE FLICK, GRAB AN ICE CREAM CONE, AND BREATHE IN THE SCENT OF ROSES.



eCreamery

Dundee is the proud home of local shops serving scratch-made pastries, tacos, coal-fired pizza, elevated brunch options and more. Grab dessert at **eCreamery**, an ice cream maker that's won national acclaim and media praise, and stroll with your sweet treat along Underwood Avenue.

Home décor aficionados head to the **Roger + Chris** showroom, where Roger Hazard, designer and former host of A&E's "Sell This House," and his husband, Chris Stout-Hazard, sell quality furniture, accessories and artwork. Nearby is **Dundee Candle Co.**, which offers 90+ scents with one just right for you to commemorate your Omaha trip. Find unique pre-loved goods at **Albany and Avers**, an eco-friendly vintage shop with clothing, shoes and kids items. Fun fact: 50th and Underwood marks the spot where a Japanese bomb exploded in the skies above in April 1945 during World War II.

Historic renovated **Film Streams' Dundee Theater** first opened in 1925 and shows indie and foreign films. The attached **Lola's** serves house-made organic bread, fresh salads, sandwiches, espresso, wine and cocktails. The cozy tavern **Goldbergs in Dundee** is an old neighborhood favorite with daily specials and homemade desserts. Enjoy a nightcap at **Pageturners Lounge**, co-owned by Omaha's most famous indie rocker Conor Oberst of Bright Eyes fame.

MORE 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
- **Good Lookin':** Breakfast and lunch cafe with mimosas
- **The Hoppy Taco:** Street-style tacos and craft brews, daily happy hour
- **Le Quartier Dundee:** Fine artisan breads, pastries & desserts
- **Pitch Coal-Fire Pizzeria:** Chef-crafted salads, pasta and pizza
- **Dundee Dell:** Since 1934 serving pub grub, single malts and unique cocktails



EXPLORE CUTTING-EDGE ART, WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORICAL FIGURES, AND SATISFY YOUR APPETITE FOR LOCAL RESTAURANTS SERVING COMFORT FOOD SPICED WITH FAMILY TRADITION.



North Omaha & Florence

Cultural attractions line North 24th Street where musicians like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Omaha's jazz great Preston Love and others once played at the Dreamland Ballroom. **The Union for Contemporary Art** offers opportunities to experience and create art with exhibitions, performing arts and co-op studios. **Culxr House** is a community hub hosting events, art shows, open mics, music showcases, pop-ups and bike rides. The **Great Plains Black History Museum** celebrates the contributions of Black Americans through exhibits and seminars.

Watch for more exciting additions as North 24th Street is undergoing a revitalization, with plans for wider sidewalks, landscaping and better parking.

Another famous North Omaha figure, Civil Rights leader **Malcolm X** was born not far away. The 17 acres near his birth site at 3448 Evans St. include a visitor center, community garden, greenhouse, plaza and historical marker.

Does all that history and culture make you hungry? **Big Mama's Kitchen** is located in the **Highland Accelerator Dining Room** and serves up pig ear sandwiches and sweet potato cheesecake. Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives" and Travel Channel's "101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down"

have featured the restaurant. Sharing the space, **Dena's Place** makes strong cocktails and **Best Burger** serves grass-fed beef burgers, chicken sandwiches and black bean burgers. Duck downstairs for a hot drink to go at **Hardy Coffee Co.** Farther north on 30th Street is **Time Out Foods** serving some of Omaha's most delicious fried chicken.

North of North Omaha, the Florence neighborhood has more historical markers per square mile than anywhere else in Nebraska. You'll experience history at the **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters**, where westward-bound Latter-Day Saints once built a place to stop. A museum and a visitors' center tell the story of their journey. **Florence Mill**, constructed in 1846, is the only surviving original building. Other area historical attractions include **Florence Depot** and **Florence Bank**. Florence Days in May is a unique way to visit all these historical attractions.

Now you're ready for refreshments. **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 its deep-fried burritos. **Tussey's Casual Grill** offers a globally inspired menu, including colorful salads and hearty sandwiches.



JOIN THE PARTY, WHERE DIVERSE CULTURES SHOWCASE BOLD FLAVORS AND BRILLIANT COLORS IN THEIR ART, FOOD AND FESTIVALS.

South Omaha & Little Bohemia



Historic 24th Street is the main artery of South Omaha. It invites people to gather. Ornatly decorated circular benches dot sidewalks next to blooming flower planters. Inside historic brick buildings vendors bustle selling their wares and beautifying their storefronts. Savory smells waft from taco trucks and restaurants.

Gracing many buildings are murals, including "Magic City," which tells South Omaha's immigrant story. Stroll Plaza de la Raza to see three more murals representing Mayans, Latinos, and Omaha's Indigenous people. South Omaha is where many groups – Polish, Irish, Czech, Italian, German, Mexican, Guatemalan, Salvadorian and more – sought new beginnings for their families.

Today, visitors to South Omaha savor these cultures' cuisine – whether it's tacos from **El Alamo** or tortes from **Lithuanian**

Bakery. Some spots, like **Donohue's Pub**, celebrate South Omaha's cultural smorgasbord with eclectic daily specials – enchiladas, Polish cabbage rolls, dumplings and kraut, and corned beef are among the rotating options. Wash it down with a beer served by the friendly bartender who'll tell you about the Irish mural outside.

If you want something sweeter to drink, head to **Guaca Maya** or **Casa de Huarache** for an ice-cold margarita. For an alcohol-free option, **Taqueria Tijuana** serves some of the best horchatas in town. ¡Qué ricas!

No matter what's in your cup, South Omaha loves to party. It's home to many festivals, including an annual Cinco de Mayo celebration that attracts as many as 200,000 local and regional visitors annually. Other events highlight Czech-Slovak and Polish cultures.

El Museo Latino showcases art from Latin American countries and features programming including art history and anthropology lectures, dancing and weaving demonstrations, film showings and more.

Omaha's growing entertainment neighborhood, Little Bohemia, once a Czech community, is fast becoming a visitor favorite. Catch live rock or country music at **The Admiral**; play Skee-ball with a beer in hand at **Beercade 2**; and sip from a soda fountain for grown-ups called **Fizzy's Fountain & Liquors**. Check out **Tiny House Bar**, which features live comedy and craft cocktails. Shop envy-worthy second-hand designer fashions from Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Rolex at **Pretty in Patina**, or discover sustainable goods at **The Chute** and thoughtful birthday presents at **Dusk Goods & Gifts**.



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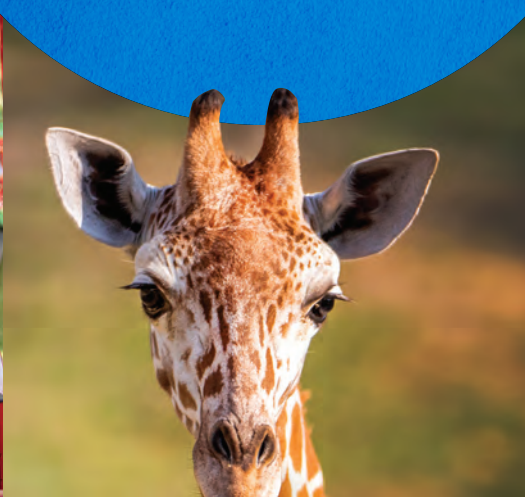


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