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# WELCOME TO OMAHA

*OMAHA'S GOT BIG CITY ENERGY WITH A SMALL-TOWN WELCOME. WHETHER YOU'RE HERE FOR A MEETING, A TOURNAMENT OR JUST FOR FUN, WE'RE GLAD YOU MADE IT. LET'S GET YOU ORIENTED.*

## GETTING AROUND OMAHA

Omaha is laid out on a simple grid, so navigating is a breeze. Dodge Street splits the city north and south. Numbered streets begin at the Missouri River and count up as you head west.

Need a ride? Taxis, zTrip, Uber and Lyft are all available. Many hotels offer complimentary airport shuttles — be sure to ask when you book.

## OMA - OMAHA'S AIRPORT

Omaha's airport (OMA) welcomes more than 5 million travelers each year and offers nonstop flights to 30+ major cities. Located fewer than 4 miles from downtown, it's a quick hop to the heart of the action — just 10 minutes by car.

Headed out? Arrive two hours before your flight. Food and drink are available past security. Even better: A $950 million expansion is underway, with a sleek new terminal planned by 2028.

## WHERE TO STAY

Omaha has more than 15,000 hotel rooms ready for you. Use the **Plan Your Stay** feature on VisitOmaha.com to search availability, compare rates and book directly. You can also view real-time hotel availability for a two-month window around your trip.

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOHN EWING JR.



I'm honored to welcome you to our city. Omaha is proud to host world-class events, innovative conferences and visitors from around the world.

You'll find exciting attractions, a thriving culinary scene and a vibrant mix of arts, culture and outdoor spaces. Across the city, we continue to invest in our future with a transformed riverfront, revitalized neighborhoods and new development shaping what's next.

What truly sets Omaha apart is the people. Our community is welcoming, genuine and deeply proud of the place we call home.

I hope your visit is filled with discovery, great meals and memorable experiences — and that you leave already planning your next trip. This guide is here to help you explore and enjoy all that Omaha has to offer.

Metro population just over **1 MILLION**

Non-stop airline service to **30+ MAJOR AIRPORTS**

Located in **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

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From airport to downtown **4 MILES**

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## OMAHA VISITORS CENTER

***306 South 10th Street (in the Old Market District) · 402-444-7762***

Start your adventure at the Omaha Visitors Center. Talk with local experts, pick up free maps and get insider tips. Kids can grab a free OMAI backpack for a scavenger hunt, while adults can pick up a souvenir beer flight glass and learn about the Craft Brew Penny Pack. Browse exclusive Visit Omaha merchandise and locally made products — and stay connected with free Wi-Fi.






# TRAVELING WITH A FURRY FRIEND?

*LEASH UP AND GO! OMAHA IS A PET-FRIENDLY DESTINATION.*

### Pet-Friendly Hotels

- Pets are welcome at Hotel Deco with a $100 nonrefundable fee
- Magnolia Hotel welcomes pets for free
- EVEN Hotel allows two pets per guest for a fee of $25 per pet per night

Check the full list: VisitOmaha.com/hotels/pet-friendly

### Pet-Centric Events

- Doggy Barket at Dewey Park: vendors, treats, music and lots of tail wags
- Leashes at Lauritzen: stroll the gardens with your pup on select evenings
- Junkstock: vintage shopping + dogs = a perfect fall or spring weekend

### Where Dogs Play

- Gene Leahy Mall Dog Park: 15,000 square feet split into two sections for big and small dogs, play structures, shade and water
- Aksarben Village Dog Park: separate runs for bigs and littles, plenty of benches
- City of Omaha Dog Parks: four additional large parks across the city (Dewey Park, Hanscom Park, Hefflinger Park, Miller Park)
- The Paw Spa Resort: doggy daycare or a full-on pet pampering session
- Wag: grooming with premium shampoos and a gentle touch

### Where Dogs Dine

- Omaha Dog Bar: drinks for you, off-leash play for them
- Rathskeller Bier Haus: shaded patio + cold beer = happy pair
- Goldbergs (Dundee), Benson Brewery, Amsterdam Falafel, Inner Rail, Ray's Wings: usually tolerate well-behaved pups on the patio — call ahead to confirm
- No dog? No problem. Cozy up with adoptable cats at Felius Cat Café — and grab a latte while you're at it

*EXPLORE OMAHA'S ATTRACTIONS MARKED WITH GIANT BLUE PINS*

# WE'VE GOT YOUR FUN MAPPED OUT

1 **BEMIS CENTER / KANEKO** - Bemis's cutting-edge contemporary art exhibitions feature work by rotating artists. Across the street, KANEKO dazzles with oversized sculptures, riveting photography and interactive exhibits.

2 **BOB KERREY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE** - 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 AT RUTH SOKOLOF THEATER** One of two Film Streams locations presents indie and foreign films. Located in the vibrant North Downtown Entertainment District, Ruth Sokolof Theater offers a variety of showtimes.

7 **KIEWIT LUMINARIUM/THE RIVERFRONT** - Experience the wonder of science firsthand in this stunning STEM discovery center with more than 100 interactive exhibits. Located at The RiverFront, Kiewit Luminarium inspires creativity to flow.

8 **HOT SHOPS ART CENTER** - Witness cutting-edge art in a unique warehouse atmosphere. More than 50 art studios are open to the public to watch, learn and buy distinctive works.

9 **JOSLYN ART MUSEUM** - Open again 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 **HISTORIC NORTH 24TH STREET** - Once the stomping grounds of jazz greats Ellington, Basie and Omaha's own Preston Love Sr., this historic neighborhood still celebrates music and African American arts.

12 **OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO AND AQUARIUM** Welcome to the nation's best zoo, where elephants parade, a desert dome inspires architectural wonder and the largest indoor rainforest in 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 line the cobblestone streets of this lively historic area.

14 **OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** - Specially designed with kids in mind, the museum features hands-on exhibits the whole family can enjoy, including the Super Gravitron ball machine, science center and more.



*OMAHA'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY ENSURES THAT ITS ATTRACTIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL VISITORS AND THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES CAN FULLY ENJOY ALL THE CITY HAS TO OFFER.*



# ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY

## MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

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

Download the Omaha Zoo 4 All app for a personalized, inclusive experience at **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium** — tailored to various sensory, mobility and cognitive needs.

**The Durham Museum** offers both electric scooters and manual wheelchairs free of charge, available on a first-come, first-served basis at the front desk.

At **Lauritzen Gardens**, manual wheelchairs are available to borrow or reserve ahead of your visit, also on a first-come, first-served basis. Motorized scooters are not available.

**Omaha Children's Museum** is fully accessible and wheelchair-friendly, with sensory-friendly experiences and special events for children with disabilities.

**Kiewit Luminarium** is designed for universal access with high contrast and large-text signage, captioned video experiences, curbside pickup and dropoff, wheelchairs for guest use, sensory kits and a sensory map showing varying stimuli levels throughout the space. Most exhibits offer front-facing wheelchair access.

**Joslyn Art Museum** offers assistive listening systems, including hearing loop technology. ASL interpretation is available upon request and at select programs. Mobile guide stops offer verbal artwork descriptions, and sensory kits are available at the Welcome Desk.

## THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS

All events and concerts at **CHI Health Center Omaha** are ADA-compliant, with services such as sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, closed captioning and accessible seating.

**Omaha Community Playhouse**'s two theaters are equipped with infrared sound systems, and its annual production of "A Christmas Carol" includes a shadow-interpreted performance. OCP also operates **VROOM! Mobile Sensory Theatre**, bringing shows to children with sensory sensitivities.

**The Rose Theater** offers ASL-interpreted and audio-described performances, along with sensory-friendly showtimes.

**BLUEBARN Theatre** offers select ASL performances for its contemporary works.

**Omaha Performing Arts** (O-pa) at the **Holland Center** and **Orpheum Theater** provides curbside dropoff, ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices, audio description, closed captioning, sensory-friendly shows and a social experience narrative for guests who need them.

## OUTSIDE FUN

**Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, a scenic stroll across the Missouri River, is fully accessible.

**The RiverFront**'s three parks feature sloped paths, accessible playgrounds with sensory-friendly elements and transfer stations, inclusive picnic spots, companion seating and multiple family restrooms.

Accessible play continues across the city:

**Pipal Park** offers an all-abilities structure with wheelchair ramps and sensory-friendly elements.

**ALLPLAY Inclusive Playground at Seymour Smith Park** is Omaha's largest accessible play space, built with ramps, wide platforms and over 20 colorful, interactive features — all on a soft, cushioned surface with plenty of shade.

**ALLPLAY Water Park** offers splash-tastic fun with misters, fountains and sprays on a flat surface free of steps and curbs. It's open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day, weather permitting, and it's totally free.

Need a break from the sun?

**We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym** is a sensory-safe indoor gym for children of all abilities. Designed especially for kids with autism and other developmental needs, the space includes swings, a zip line, climbing equipment and a quiet room for calm moments. Social play and motor skill development are encouraged in a welcoming, low-stress environment.

**Go to VisitOmaha.com/accessible-travel for more information.**

# MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN OMAHA

*FLAVOR. PERSPECTIVE. INNOVATION.*


Le Voltaire

Minority-owned businesses add flavor, perspective and innovation to Omaha. Here are just a few to explore — you'll find others throughout this guide.

## SIPS, SNACKS & SOCIAL SPOTS

**Ital Vital Living** – Revitalize yourself with vegan smoothies, juice bowls and wellness products from Imani Murray's shop.

**Coffee Alley – Callejon del Café** – In Ralston and La Vista, Rosio Granados Trejo and Yasmin Payan-Vega mix Mexican flavors (and, often, cinnamon!) into every cup.

**Mixins Rolled Ice Cream** – Liquid cream meets a frozen pan and a whole lot of toppings. This Black-owned parlor by Vandra Caldwell and Trishonna Helm adds flair to every swirl.

**Gimme the Scoop** – Destiny Atkins launched Omaha's original Italian ice food trailer with one mission — spread joy, one scoop at a time. Inspired by her late grandmother's love and encouragement, Destiny serves up bold flavors.


Mula

## FLAVORFUL FINDS

**A Taste of New Orleans** – After Hurricane Katrina, Lee Franklin brought Southern comfort to Benson. Dig into Creole and Cajun favorites like seafood jambalaya and cheesy grits.

**Big Mama's Kitchen & Catering** – Gladys Harrison continues her late mother's soul food legacy with catfish, cornbread and warm welcomes in the Dining Room at Highlander.

**Okra African Grill** – Chef-owner Nina Sodji simmers love into every dish, serving slow-cooked West African cuisine in Midtown.

**Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen** – Engineer-turned-chef Diwesh Bhattarai crafts flavorful Indian fare with a modern spin in the heart of Omaha.

**Le Voltaire** – Chef Wilson Calixte fuses French technique with Caribbean and African inspiration for an unforgettable West Omaha dining experience.

**Kathmandu Momo Station** – Nepalese street food and Burmese noodle bowls shine at this cozy eatery helmed by Aagya Subedi, Rocky Shrestha and Sagar Gurung.

**Mula** – Michael Sanchez's Blackstone taqueria balances modern Mexican dishes with tequila flights and grandma's Tex-Mex puffed tacos.

**Taqueria Tijuana** – Karina Rubio keeps the family tradition alive with Tijuana-style tacos and now two Omaha locations.

**El Churro Spot** – From food truck to full kitchen, Omar Garrido dishes out authentic Mexican cuisine and crispy churros.

**Típico Helado** – From one cart to multiple shops and trucks, Jesus Mata and Crystal Murillo offer bold ice cream flavors and spicy Mexican snacks.

**La Michoacana Plus** – Ismara Gonzalez creates colorful Mexican ice cream treats inside Isla del Mar — bring your sweet tooth and your camera.

**Kasa du Bonbon** – French café meets Mexican bakery in this sweet spot from Karime Rios and Paolo Almeida. Try crepes, pan dulce and bubble tea.

**Blue & Fly Asian Kitchen** – Cong Yue and Sun Yi serve up Chinese dishes like handmade dumplings, fish filets in spicy oil and house-blended teas.

**The Banh Mi Shop** – Find pho, bánh mì and spring rolls rooted in family recipes and Vietnamese tradition from Chloe Tran. Fresh, fast and full of flavor.

**For more information on minority-owned businesses, head to VisitOmaha.com/minority-owned.**


Gimme the Scoop


Blue & Fly Asian Kitchen


Coffee Alley – Callejon del Café

# OMAHA WELCOMES ALL

*OMAHA'S ATTRACTIONS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS PROUDLY EMBRACE THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, WITH EVENTS, SPACES AND EXPERIENCES THAT CELEBRATE INCLUSION YEAR-ROUND.*

Pride kicks off in June with a performance from River City Mixed Chorus, Omaha's LGBTQ+ choral group. You'll also spot the **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** glowing in rainbow lights and see Pride nights pop up at **Union Omaha** and **Omaha Storm Chasers** games. Benson First Friday cranks up the color with live music, window art and interactive all-ages experiences. Got a pup in tow? Don't miss the tail-wagging fun at the Pride Paw-ty at **Omaha Dog Bar**.

In July, Heartland Pride takes center stage. The annual parade winds through North Downtown and ends with a high-energy festival at **CHI Health Center Omaha**, packed with live entertainment, food trucks and local makers.



"Kindness Comes in All Colors"



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

Dance it out at **The Max**, where two floors bump with different beats. Or head to Flixx for karaoke, drag bingo and cabaret vibes. **The Omaha Mining Company** serves up a classic dive bar experience with a welcoming feel. **The Sydney Bar & Lounge** keeps things fresh with queer-friendly shows and dance parties. Drag brunches and themed nights rotate through hot spots like **Jams American Grill** and **Kros Strain Draft Works**.

Prefer your fun alcohol-free? **Dry Spokes** is a sober space for creativity, conversation and zero-proof cocktails — the queer-owned bar hosts game nights, local art shows and indie film premieres.

Catch LGBTQ+ films at either **Film Streams** location. See queer stories come to life at **BLUEBARN Theatre**, **Opera Omaha** and the **Omaha Community Playhouse**. In the visual arts world, **Hot Shops** and **Bemis Center** highlight LGBTQ+ creators through exhibitions, residencies and events.

**Want more? Head to VisitOmaha.com/lgbtqia for LGBTQ+ owned businesses, inclusive experiences and upcoming events.**




Dry Spokes

# OMAHA'S SIGNATURE EVENTS

*OMAHA KNOWS HOW TO THROW A PARTY — AND YOU'RE INVITED. FROM FOOD FESTS TO FASHION RUNWAYS TO FIREWORKS, THERE'S A SIGNATURE EVENT FOR EVERY SEASON.*



### OMAHA BEER WEEK
February · Citywide
Cheers to 10 days of brew-fueled fun. Raise a glass to local flavor with tastings, tours and limited-edition releases.

### OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL
March · Aksarben Cinema
A cinephile's dream: more than 100 indie flicks, including world premieres, at this weeklong celebration of storytelling on screen.

### CINCO DE MAYO
May · Historic South 24th Street
A colorful, family-friendly fiesta featuring traditional food, mariachi bands, folklórico dancers and the region's largest Cinco de Mayo parade.

### JUNKSTOCK
Spring & Fall · Sycamore Farms
Treasure hunters, rejoice. Shop vintage finds, handmade goods and eats galore at this popular seasonal market.

### NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
June · Charles Schwab Field Omaha
"The road to Omaha" ends here. Tailgating, Fan Fest and the nation's top college baseball teams make this a home run of a week.

### TASTE OF OMAHA
June · Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront
Omaha's top restaurants cook up their best. Enjoy bites, chef demos, vendors, music and more at this tasty summer tradition.

### MEMORIAL PARK CONCERT & FIREWORKS
June · Memorial Park
A free summer concert followed by a dazzling fireworks show. Pack a picnic, claim your patch of lawn and let the night sparkle.

### HEARTLAND PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL
July · The Old Market Entertainment District and CHI Health Center Omaha
Omaha's largest LGBTQ+ celebration. Youth Pride opens the weekend, followed by a parade and party packed with joy and color.

### JAZZ ON THE GREEN
July-August · Turner Park
National and local jazz artists light up the stage while the crowd grooves under the stars. Free and fabulous.

### MAHA FESTIVAL
August · Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront
Indie music meets food and lawn games at this homegrown music fest with a national draw.

### OMAHA FASHION WEEK
August · Omaha Design Center
The Midwest's fashion front row. Discover new designers, shop the runway and strike a pose at one of the country's largest regional showcases.

### AKSARBEN TIRC
August · Aksarben Village
Watch cyclists sprint through tight corners in this fast, fan-friendly criterium. Food, music and family fun make it a wheelie good time.










### NEBRASKA BALLOON & WINE FESTIVAL
August · Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Elkhorn
Sip award-winning Nebraska wines, watch colorful hot air balloons light up the sky (weather permitting) and enjoy food, music and open skies.

### AFRO FEST OMAHA
September · Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront
Celebrate African culture with live performances, food, fashion, handmade goods and a vibrant family zone.

### OMAHA RESTAURANT WEEK
September · Citywide
Ten tastiest days. Explore three-course specials at top restaurants and hidden favorites across the city.

### RIVER CITY RODEO
September · CHI Health Center Omaha
Saddle up for this high-energy event featuring world-class bull riding, barrel racing, roping and rodeo spirit.

### OMAHA COMEDY FESTIVAL
September · Citywide
Stand-up, improv, family-friendly acts and workshops bring the laughs all weekend long. Expect surprises — and belly laughs.

### ZOOTACULAR
October · Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
Explore animal habitats after dark, dance under glowing lights to spooky good tunes, watch performances and fill your feed bag with candy.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL
November–January · Various Locations
Omaha glows with twinkling light displays, free family events and New Year's Eve fireworks downtown.

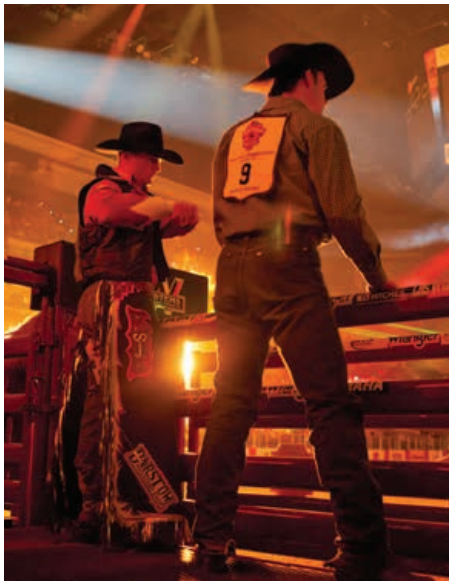
### ZOOLIGHTFUL
November–December · Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
The Zoo sparkles with lights, games, treats and holiday fun. Bundle up and let the magic unfold.

### CHRISTMAS AT UNION STATION
November–January · The Durham Museum
Behold the largest indoor Christmas tree in the region and soak up the holiday grandeur of this historic train station.

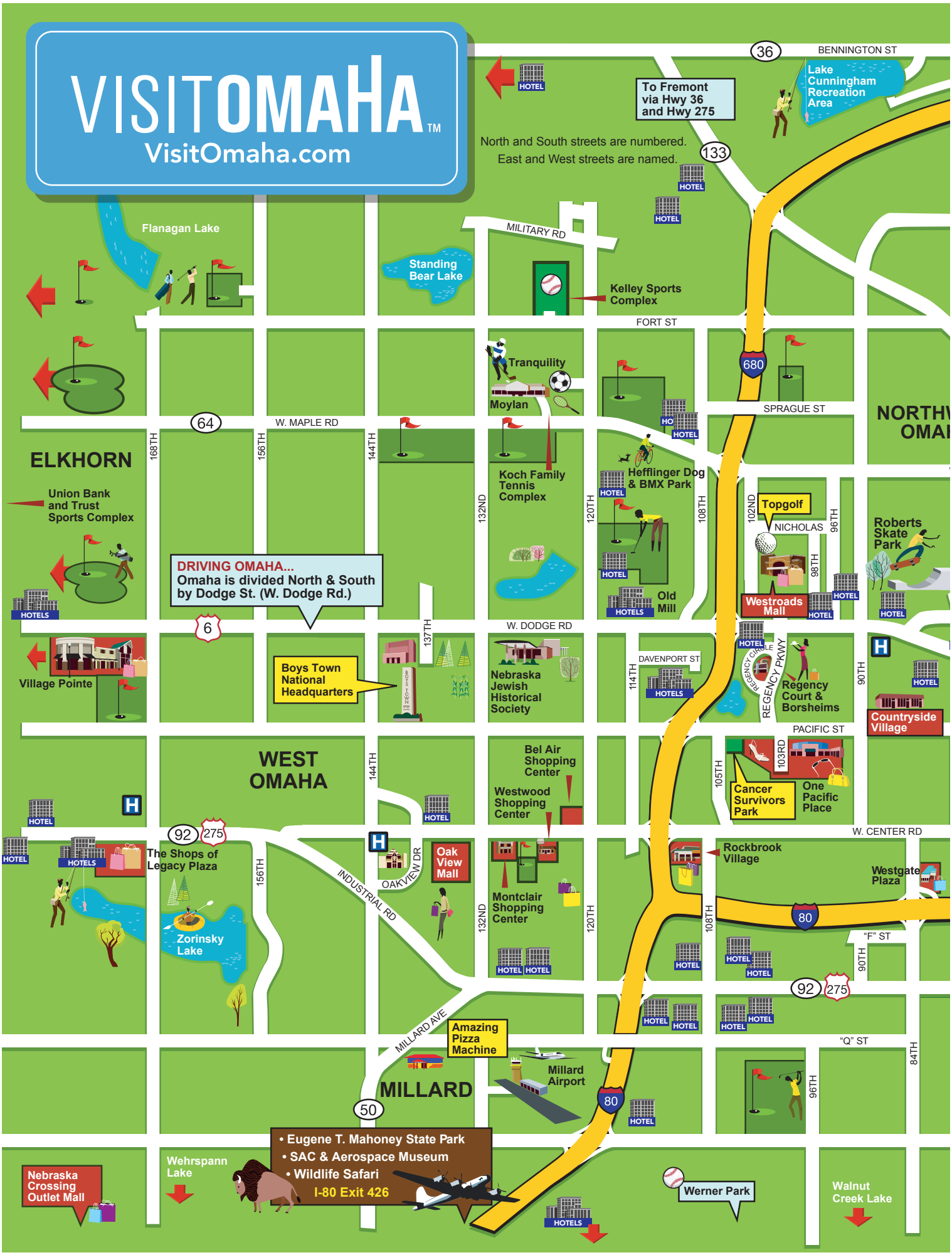
### HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SHOW
November–January · Lauritzen Gardens
Thousands of poinsettias in bloom. Visit after dark for Bright Nights, when the gardens shimmer with holiday lights.

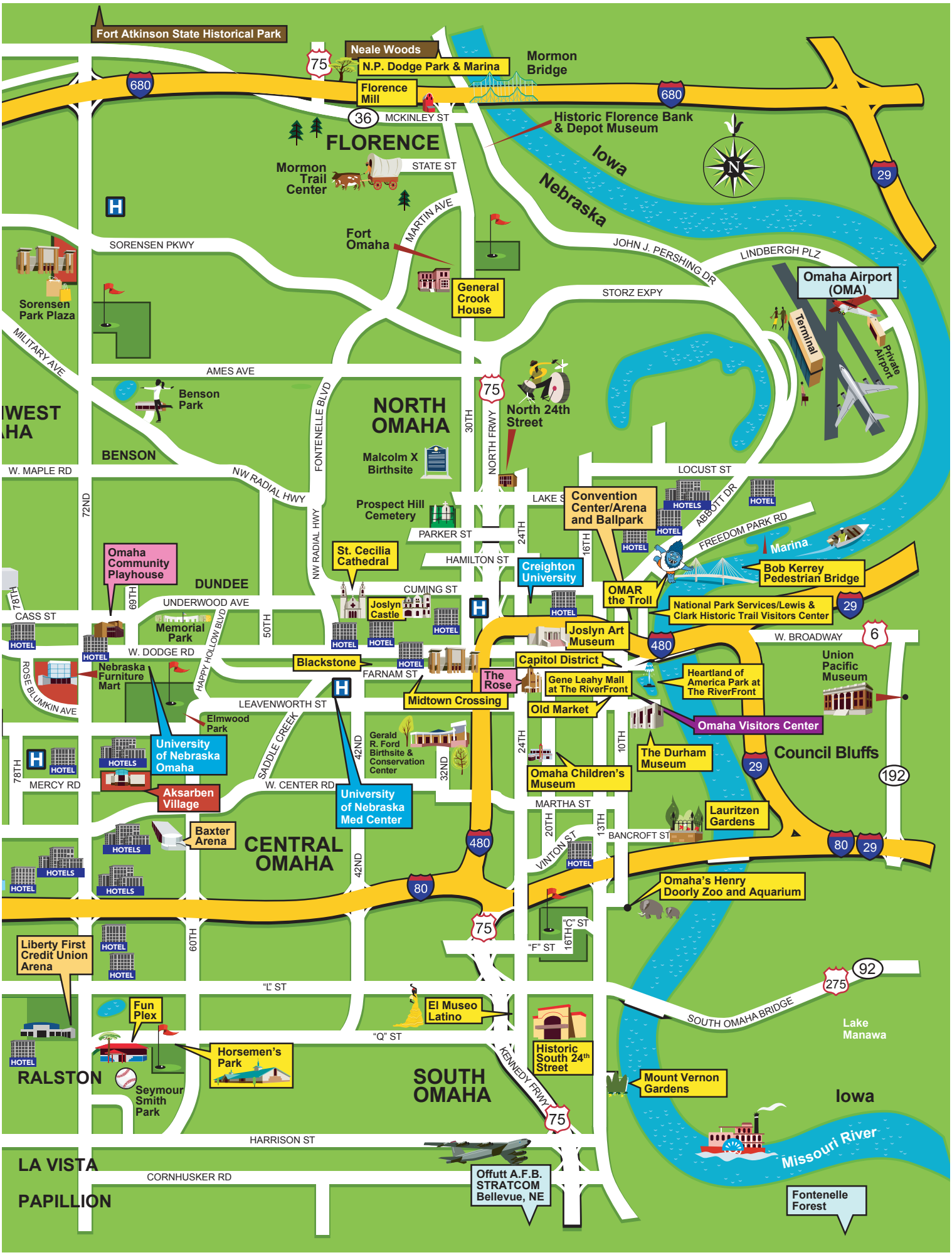
### MIDWEST FEST
December · Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront
Shop handmade goods from local makers, munch on food truck eats and enjoy live tunes among the glow of twinkly holiday lights.

**Go to VisitOmaha.com/events for more details.**






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East and West streets are named.
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Nebraska Jewish Historical Society
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REGENCY CIRCLE
REGENCY PKWY
Regency Court & Borsheims
Countryside Village
PACIFIC ST
WEST OMAHA
Bel Air Shopping Center
Westwood Shopping Center
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Cancer Survivors Park
One Pacific Place
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Oak View Mall
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• SAC & Aerospace Museum
• Wildlife Safari
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Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall
Wehrspann Lake
Werner Park
Walnut Creek Lake


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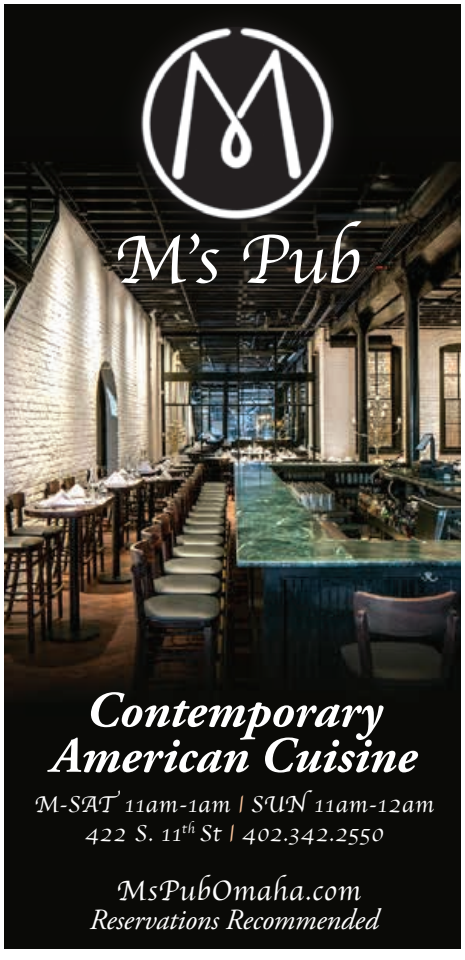
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**Immersive:** Cross swaying bridges and wind through dense greenery with more than 90 animal species around you.

## ALASKAN ADVENTURE SPLASH PARK

**Family Fun:** More than 100 spray jets amid life-size bronze sculptures of sea creatures.
**Tip:** Seasonal operation — bring water gear for kids during warmer months.



## BAY FAMILY CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE TRAILS

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**Animal Encounters:** Navigate prairie dog tunnels, pet goats and enjoy surprise visits from animal ambassadors.






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## MORE TO EXPERIENCE:

**Rides:** Omaha Zoo Railroad, Sue's Wildlife Carousel

**Shows & Theater:** Meadowlark Theater (seasonal), Lozier Giant Screen Theater

**Dining Options:** Durham TreeTops Restaurant, Tusker Grill, Glacier Bay Landing

**Special Events:** Zootacular in fall, Zoolightful during the winter holidays

**Behind-the-Scenes:** Backstage Experiences provide access to select exhibits and animal care areas

**Adults Only:** Late Nights at the Zoo offers a 21+ evening with food and drinks

# THE RIVERFRONT

*STRETCH OUT. SLOW DOWN. PLAY BIG.*

**The RiverFront** is where Omaha kicks back, connects and comes alive. Spanning 72 acres across three linked parks, this reimagined downtown green space bridges the historic Old Market Entertainment District and North Downtown with walkways, water views and wow-worthy play zones.

## Gene Leahy Mall

A city oasis framed by skyscrapers, **Gene Leahy Mall** runs from 8th Street to 13th Street, stretching between Farnam and Douglas. Find hammocks, oversized porch swings and picnic tables for lazy lunches and people-watching. A performance pavilion hosts concerts with lawn seating — bring your blanket. Arches Playground is a full-on kid magnet with its giant climbing arches, rope forest and rock wall. Other highlights include a sculpture garden curated by local legend artist Jun Kaneko, a playful dog park, splashy water features and two towering slides preserved from the original 1980s park. Historic limestone arches from the 1800s nod to the area's long history.

## Heartland of America Park

This is where downtown slows down. **Heartland of America Park**'s 250-foot fountain and glassy lake have long been skyline staples, but new features give the space fresh momentum. Glide along the Skate Ribbon (ice in winter, wheels in warmer months), catch a concert at the lakeside amphitheater or meander the riverside promenade. Play bocce, toss a frisbee on the Lakefront Green or walk the length of Farnam Pier and take in the river view — a reminder of how far Omaha has come.

## Lewis and Clark Landing

Perhaps the most adventurous of the three parks, this riverside stretch mixes wild nature with big energy. There's a blooming prairie garden, a sandy beach with fire pits and one of the Midwest's most jaw-dropping playgrounds. Discovery Playground lives up to its name with ziplines, tunnels, towers and splash zones. Challenge your crew to sand volleyball or pickleball, then cool down with a stroll to the nearby **Kiewit Luminarium**, **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** or **CHI Health Center Omaha** convention center and arena.



Heartland of America Park at The RiverFront




Lewis and Clark Landing at The RiverFront



Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront




KIEWIT *WHERE CURIOSITY COMES TO PLAY.*

# LUMINARIUM

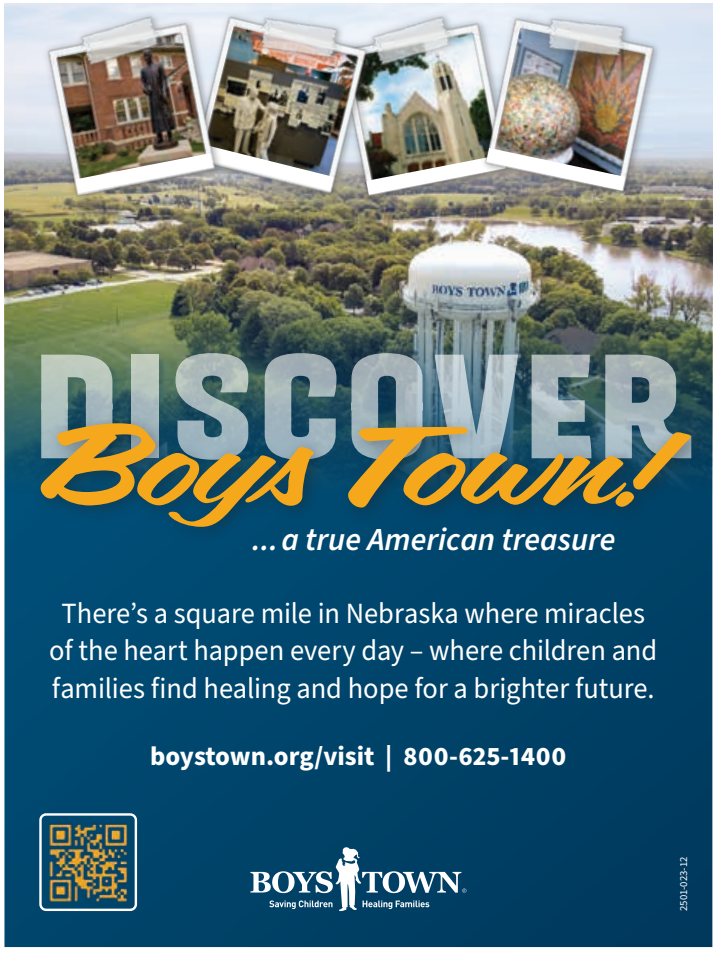




Step inside one of Omaha's most captivating spaces for discovery. **Kiewit Luminarium**, located at **The RiverFront**, invites all ages to explore science through more than 100 hands-on exhibits. From building arches with giant foam blocks to inspecting your own blood vessels under light, every station sparks wonder.

Watch iridescent bubbles shimmer, walk silently on a noise-sensitive path, try on historical clothing in hologram form and explore water currents at a massive water table. Friendly "Luminators" guide you through live demos like cow eyeball dissections and physics experiments. Kids love the Geometry Playground. Grownups enjoy select Thursday "Night Light" evenings made just for them.

Before you go, enjoy a sourdough pastry or cappuccino at **Fig.**, then browse the curated gift shop.


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# THE DURHAM MUSEUM



Step into a living postcard at The Durham Museum, where Art Deco elegance meets hands-on history. Once Omaha's Union Station, this National Historic Landmark now buzzes with stories of trains and travelers, storefronts and soda fountains, pioneers and prospectors.

Start inside the breathtaking Great Hall, where terrazzo floors gleam under 13-foot chandeliers and bronze statues recall the millions who passed through between 1931 and 1971. Towering cathedral windows flood the space with light, while a ceiling gilded in gold leaf adds a touch of cinematic drama.

From there, it's a choose-your-own-adventure through Omaha's past. Stroll through vintage train cars, peek into a 1940s grocery store, or travel deeper in time to sit by a fire in a replica Native American earth lodge. Explore how people moved, lived and built communities. Special traveling exhibits, featuring topics from animation to Abraham Lincoln, keep each visit fresh.

History buffs, don't miss the Byron Reed Collection, home to rare coins and documents that'll make your inner treasure hunter swoon.

Got kids in tow? The model train display is always a hit, especially its interactive features. For curious minds, The Platform's STEAM-based exhibits offer a creative outlet where science meets the stories.

And there's ice cream! The original 1930s soda fountain dishes out phosphates, sundaes and retro charm. Stop for a malt, grab some popcorn and pick up a sweet memory from the old-school candy counter.






# HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

*STEP INTO OMAHA'S STORY AT SITES THAT CONNECT YOU WITH THE PEOPLE, PLACES AND IDEAS THAT SHAPED THE CITY.*

## TREK THROUGH TIME

Walk in the footsteps of pioneers, a president and social changemakers.

See **Boys Town**, a National Historic Landmark, which invites visitors to explore its historic chapel, gardens, Hall of History museum and Father Flanagan's historic home.

Experience the **Malcolm X Memorial**, located at the civil rights icon's birthplace. Visitors can wander 17 acres with a visitor center, community garden and plaza honoring Malcolm X's early life in Omaha.

Explore the **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters**' interactive exhibits, guided tours and original artifacts and imagine life along the Latter-Day Saints' westward migration.

Step into frontier life at the **General Crook House Museum**. Victorian-era rooms brim with decorative arts, period furniture and holiday finery.

Revisit the 1820s at **Fort Atkinson State Historical Park**, a reconstructed military outpost where costumed interpreters and weekend reenactments bring the frontier to life.

## FOLLOW THE THREADS

Discover places where personal histories, cultural legacies and local landmarks are woven into Omaha's story.

**El Museo Latino** anchors South Omaha's rich cultural landscape. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum features rotating exhibits, performances, and year-round programming that celebrates Latin American art and identity.

The **Gerald R. Ford Birthsite and Gardens** offers a quiet space to reflect on the early life of the 38th U.S. President.

In the historic Florence neighborhood, time stands still at the **Florence Mill**, **Florence Depot**, **Bank of Florence** and **Prospect Hill Cemetery**. Together, they reveal the stories of early settlers and westward migrating Mormon pioneers.


Boys Town


General Crook House Musuem



El Museo Latino


Union Pacific Railroad Museum

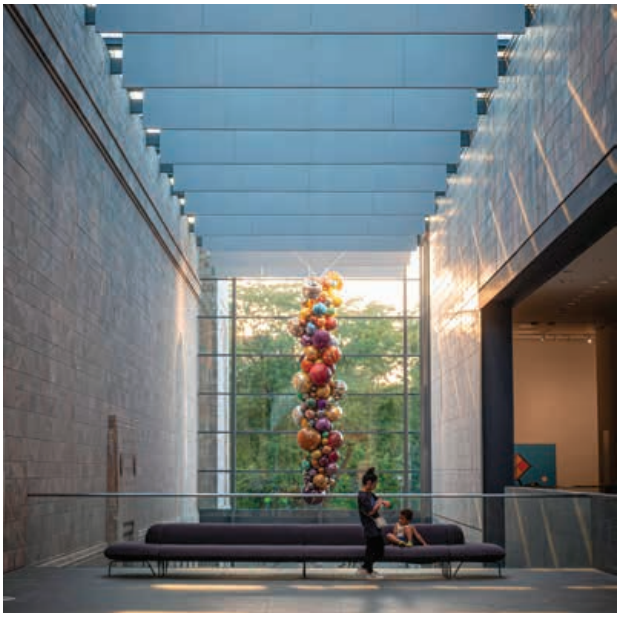
## NAVIGATE INNOVATION

Planes, trains and powerful ideas take you on a journey through American ingenuity.

Blast off at the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**, home to Cold War aircraft, space tech and VR simulators that put you in the pilot's seat.

Make tracks to **Union Pacific Railroad Museum** in nearby Council Bluffs. Interactive exhibits tell the story of how railroads shaped the nation.

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum



## *A MASTERPIECE REIMAGINED*

Art, architecture and inspiration come together at Omaha's landmark art museum. The Joslyn's three buildings showcase more than 12,000 works spanning 5,000 years — from ancient sculpture to contemporary showstoppers. It's one of the Midwest's most celebrated museums, offering world-class collections in a stunning setting.

### Art Across Time and Cultures

See works by Titian, Monet and other European masters, dramatic American West landscapes and bold contemporary pieces. Native American art is integrated throughout the galleries, offering a more complete view of the country's creative story.

### A Campus Full of Wonder

Each of The Joslyn's buildings brings its own style. The 1931 Art Deco original is a pink marble icon. A 1994 addition adds light-filled galleries. And the Rhonda & Howard Hawks Pavilion — completed in 2024 — opens the museum to surrounding gardens with floor-to-ceiling windows and clean modern lines.

# JOSLYN ART MUSEUM



### Get Creative at ART WORKS

This hands-on studio is made for kids but open to all. With painting, building and more, it's perfect for curious minds and budding artists.

### Explore the Gardens

The Discovery Garden offers quiet beauty year-round. Outdoor trails winding through native plantings and large-scale sculptures. Relax on the lawn or stroll the curved path that connects it all.

### Refuel and Recharge

Grab a coffee or meal at Durham Café, presented by Clean Slate Food Co., then browse The Shop at Joslyn for books, gifts and artful souvenirs.

### Plan Your Visit

General admission is always free. Guided group tours are available. Come for the art, the architecture and the view. The Joslyn is a must-see in Omaha.

# ART ACROSS OMAHA

*FROM BRONZE BISON TO URBAN MURALS AND HANDS-ON CREATIVE HUBS, OMAHA'S ART SCENE TURNS THE CITY INTO A BIG WALKABLE GALLERY.*

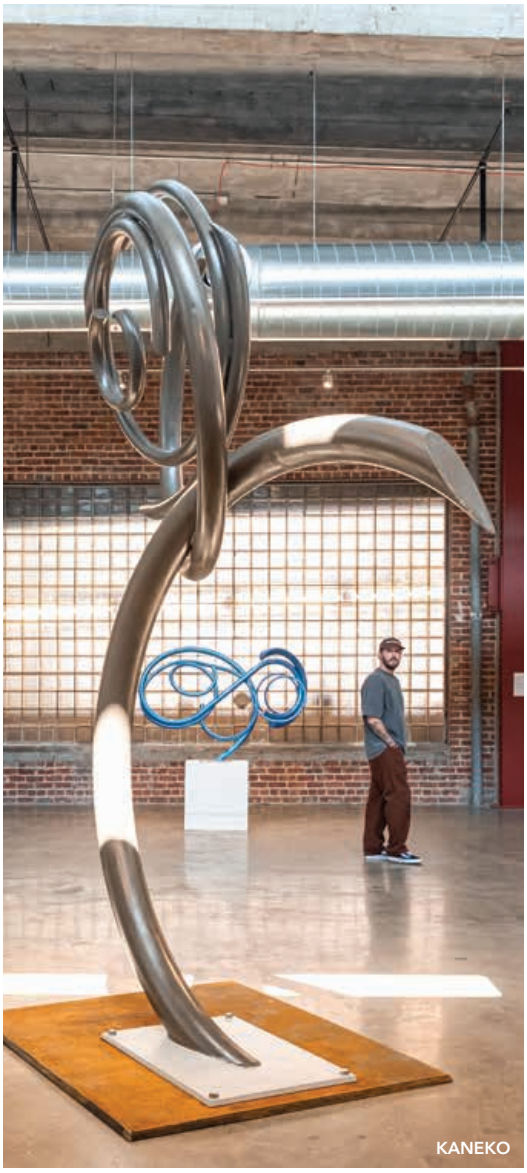

Pioneer Courage Park


"Stile di Famiglia" (Family Style)

Which works will speak to you? Start downtown, where **Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront** doubles as an open-air gallery. Look for **Yinka Shonibare's "Wind Sculpture"** swirling over a playful splash zone and **Jun Kaneko's** towering **"Dream,"** a serene sentinel watching over the boat cove. A few blocks away, the **First National Sculpture Parks** feature bronze bison stampeding through concrete in **"Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness"** and pioneers forging ahead in **"Pioneer Courage."** More than 130 pieces are integrated across a six-block area.

**Lewis and Clark Landing at The RiverFront** hosts a 10-foot statue honoring **Chief Big Elk**, a revered Omaha tribal leader. Just beneath the **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, you'll find **OMAR the Troll** — rub his toes for luck.

Inside converted downtown warehouses, **KANEKO** and **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts** push boundaries with experimental exhibitions, artist residencies and performances.


KANEKO



Memorial Park



Plaza de la Raza

In North Omaha, **The Union for Contemporary Art** merges artistic expression and social change under one roof, with exhibitions, fellowships and a community garden.

Benson is officially a Creative District, designated by Nebraska Arts Council, and it wears that badge proudly. Galleries, indie shows and murals are everywhere. Drop into **Petshop** for contemporary works and the occasional surprise pop-up. Don't miss BFF Omaha, a first Friday arts engagement that takes over the neighborhood every month.

The **South Omaha Mural Project** tells neighborhood stories in vivid color — Mexican, Native American, Irish, Black and more — across the walls of local buildings on the city's south side.

Looking to bring something special home? Visit **Hot Shops Art Center**, a 92,000-square-foot creative hive with glassblowers, bronze casters and more than 90 working artists who often open their studio doors to visitors. And explore galleries like **Gallery 1516**, **Artists' Cooperative Gallery**, **Anderson O'Brien Fine Art** and **Lewis Art Gallery**.

While you're exploring, keep your eyes peeled: From North Omaha to Midtown to the Old Market, murals bloom like prairie wildflowers.

**Head to VisitOmaha.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture to see more of Omaha's public art.**



Hot Shops Art Center



*A 100-ACRE URBAN OASIS WITH 20 THEMED GARDENS HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO SEE EVERY SEASON. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? PUT YOUR "PETAL" TO THE METAL TOWARD OMAHA.*

# LAURITZEN GARDENS

## NOW OPEN

Sofia's Play Garden delights little explorers with nature-inspired features that encourage climbing, balancing and pretending. It's a perfect stop for families looking to turn discovery into an adventure.

### SPRING



The Spring Flowering Walk gifts visitors with color and fragrance as magnolias, crabapples and other trees and shrubs bloom. Crocus and grape hyacinth stretch for the sun. Tulips bob in the breeze. Hundreds of thousands of daffodils cheer your arrival. A StoryWalk adds an educational twist for younger visitors. Precious peonies begin to pop in late April. The variety ensures blooms extend through early June. Grab a bench or wander a meandering path to soak up the colors and intoxicating aroma.

May's warmth nurtures 2,000 roses that bedazzle visitors. While in the rose garden, don't miss the armillary sphere sundial by Nebraska artist Milt Heinrich — beautiful and accurate to Central Standard Time.

### SUMMER



Pollinators buzz in Song of the Lark Meadow, named after Willa Cather's short story. Colors shift as native plants bloom and fade. Search for "Startled," the bronze sculpture of a buck by Kent Ullberg, who also created Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness sculpture park downtown.

Seeking shade? Head to the Garden in the Glen with its trickling stream, waterfalls and lush hostas, astilbe, bleeding hearts and Japanese maple. Woodland Waterfall features ponds and the charming "New Friends" sculpture. Founders' Garden has beautiful hostas and ferns. Woodland Trail offers the cool serenity of a century-old forest.

### AUTUMN



Chrysanthemums bloom in Festival Garden. The Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary is a 4-acre showcase of fiery leaves. Don't miss the "End of Day" sculpture of sandhill cranes and "Sunflowers, Snowbirds & Lizards" with hungry snowbirds eyeing sunflower seeds.

Catch the Model Railroad Garden in action before it closes for winter. G-Scale trains wind through miniature landscapes with Omaha landmarks. For lifesize train lovers, climb to neighboring Kenefick Park to see Union Pacific's Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy 4023 — two of the most powerful locomotives ever built.

Plan around special autumn events like the elevated September antiques show or Halloween fun in October.

### WINTER



Lauritzen Gardens is open year-round. The Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory introduces visitors to nine different ecosystems from around world. It features rare and unusual plants, beautiful plant displays and chances to explore and learn no matter the season.

During the holidays, the garden is a wonderland of cheer. The Holiday Poinsettia Show boasts a 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree, themed displays, a holiday model train setup and fires for marshmallow roasting. Evenings glow with Bright Nights holiday lights.

Make merry memories with friends and family at Lauritzen Gardens — in any season.

Omaha Children's Museum is 60,000 square feet of hands-on fun designed especially for kids ages 3–10 (though kids-at-heart will find plenty to enjoy too). From permanent favorites to ever-changing exhibits, there's always something new to discover.

# BINGO! COMPLETE FIVE IN A ROW AT OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Make your next visit even more exciting with our custom Bingo card — can you score five in a row as you explore? Bring your completed BINGO card to the Omaha Visitors Center at 306 S. 10th Street for a surprise.

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| Shoot colorful balls through chutes with the Super Gravitron machine. | Build a beaver dam or find a resting place for a sandhill crane on a water table. | Run in the sun at the outdoor playground and grab a book from the little library. | Experience the excitement of a live science show where things fizz and foam. | Bring puppets to life on a stage as you produce an original show as unique as you. |
| Check that dolly is feeling jolly at a hospital and medical center built for Dr. Kid. | Play farmer as you mow grass, pick vegetables, collect eggs and drive your tractor. | Paint on a window as big as a wall – and receive nothing but praise for your effort. | Snap a selfie and drag and drop elements to create an image of your future self. | Shop for healthy food for your family or work the register at a mini grocery store. |
| Choose a colorful animal on the carousel and take a spin in tune to whimsical music. | Change a car tire with a pneumatic drill and lug nuts or create custom plates. | Command the wheel of a firetruck and race to save the day. You're a hero! | Explore a variety of rotating exhibits that feature culture, nature and more. | Add some tiger stripes or bunny whiskers to your cheeks at the face painting station. |
| Draw a picture and scan it to add to an animated scene on an oversized screen. | Attend a special event at the museum – like a fairytale ball or holiday party. | Bust a move on a light-up floor as you follow videos showing different dance styles. | Visit the gift shop for a souvenir of your fun trip to Omaha Children's Museum! | Climb aboard a miniature train and daydream about the places you'll travel. |
| Cool off in an outdoor water play area (from Memorial Day to Labor Day). | Play with power tools (with a grownup) and make whatever you can imagine. | Cozy up in a camel or slide down a kangaroo's tail or an elephant nose at Zooland. | Learn about inventors, scientists and engineers at the S.T.E.A.M. Cave. | Get in your tummy time in the Wiggle Room (for children ages 0-18 months). |


In the River "Bed"







# POSTCARDS FROM
# BOB, OMAR & OMAI

*THREE OMAHA CHARACTERS MAKE YOUR TRIP EVEN MORE MAGICAL.*














**Hey there!**

It's me, Bob - yes, the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. I stretch a cool 3,000 feet across the Missouri River, connecting Nebraska and Iowa with curves that just won't quit. Stand on me and you're in two states at once - perfect for your next photo op. We call it Bobbing. (Tag it with #ItHappensOnBob.)

Whether you're walking, jogging, striking a yoga pose or popping the question, I'm here for it. I light up, I sway in the breeze, and I connect to 150 miles of trails. Come for the views, stay for the selfies. Bring your shot to the Omaha Visitors Center and receive an official 0.9k marathon sticker.

Make sure to check out my newest addition, Baby Bob. My "chip off the old bridge" makes it even easier to explore 72 acres of The RiverFront parks, as well as the convention center, downtown dining, attractions and more. That's the magic of connection.

**See you soon,**

**Bob**

**@BobTBridge**












## Hiya from under the bridge!

It's me, OMAR. I'm a big blue troll with an even bigger heart. I live happily beneath my pal Bob. I welcome all visitors (especially kids!) to come sit with me and rub my toes for good luck. I even star in my own book: "OMAR Finds a Home." You can pick up a copy — and meet my chosen fam — at the Omaha Visitors Center. As a strong silent type, I am a super good listener and would love to hear about your Omaha travels.

Oh — and while you're walking Bob, don't forget to look out for videos about yours truly using the QR codes.

Toes crossed I'll see you soon,

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## Catch me if you can!

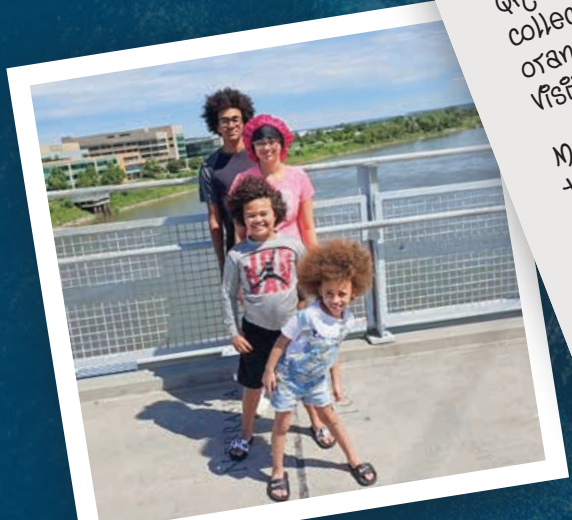
I'm OMAI, OMAR's little sister and Omaha's official adventure guide for curious kids. You won't find me standing still – I'm always zipping around the city, leaving behind bright blue footprints and QR codes. Scan one to learn more and collect a special button for your free orange backpack (available at the Omaha Visitors Center).

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# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

*OMAHA KNOWS HOW TO PLAY OUTSIDE. FROM QUIET PRAIRIES AND SHADY FORESTS TO RIVERSIDE BIKE TRAILS AND URBAN PARKS, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF WAYS TO EXPLORE. HIKE, PADDLE, CYCLE, BIRDWATCH, GOLF, CAMP OR SIMPLY STRETCH OUT UNDER THE BIG NEBRASKA SKY.*

## Hike Nebraska's Wild Side

Lace up and wander. **Fontenelle Forest**, one of the nation's largest privately operated nature centers, covers 1,400 acres with 19 miles of trails, from rugged climbs to an ADA-accessible boardwalk. Discover more than 600 species of plants and animals along the way.

**Neale Woods Nature Center** delivers 560 acres with Missouri River views, forest paths and hilltop prairies with 7 miles of hiking trails. At **Glacier Creek Preserve**, stroll 525 acres of restored tallgrass prairie that whispers of the area's past.

Just across the river in Iowa, **Hitchcock Nature Center** sits in the heart of the **Loess Hills** with 1,500 acres of hiking, camping and stunning ridge views.

## Ride the Trails

Pedal Omaha's **Paths of Discovery**, a trail network that threads through the city and welcomes walkers, cyclists and even cross-country skiers. For an epic ride, the **Wabash Trace Nature Trail** spans 63 miles of converted rail line from southwest Iowa to northwest Missouri.

Mountain bikers have their pick of dedicated trails at **Tranquility Park**, **Swanson Park**, **Jewell Park** and **Walnut Creek Park**. No bike? No problem. **Heartland Bike Share** is one of the country's first all-electric bike systems, with over 80 stations and 400 ebikes to get you moving.


Wabash Trace Nature Trail

## Parks for Every Mood

Omaha's more than 250 public parks spread across 11,000 acres, offering picnic spots, ball fields, playgrounds, 17 aquatic facilities, 14 spraygrounds, dog parks, skateparks, golf courses and even a BMX track. Explore them all at parks.cityofomaha.org.

In the heart of downtown, **The RiverFront** is a 72-acre retreat with playgrounds, beaches and green space for events and play. **Midtown Crossing's Turner Park** offers 7.5 acres of shaded lawns and manicured gardens.


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## Camp or Glamp

**Nebraska State Parks** have you covered for everything from RV hookups to tent sites, cabins and lodges.

Looking for cushier digs? **Prairie Fireflies** at **Lake Cunningham** offers glamping tents with comfy beds, coffee makers and electricity. At **Kimberly Creek Retreat** in Ashland, stay in climate-controlled geodesic domes with private showers, firepits and starry skies.

## Lake and River Escapes

The Omaha area's lakes — **Zorinsky**, **Cunningham**, **Standing Bear**, **Manawa**, **Flanagan**, **Youngman**, **Wehrspann** and **Walnut Creek** — deliver fishing, boating and breezy picnic spots. Reel in largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.

Paddleboard rentals are available from **Elkhorn Outfitters** and **Neighborhood Offshore**. For a more laid-back ride, float the river with **Tank 'N' Tube River Rides** or kick back on **Woody's Airboat Tours** for a blast of wind and water.


Zorinsky Lake

## Tee Time

From executive layouts to championship tracks, Omaha's eight city-run public golf courses welcome players of all levels. Play the rolling hills, tree-lined fairways and challenging greens all season long. For details, visit VisitOmaha.com/golf.

Or swing by **Topgolf** for high-tech games, climate-controlled hitting bays, food and drinks in a lively social setting.

## Birdwatcher's Paradise

Omaha sits on a prime migratory path in the Missouri River Valley, making it a hotspot for birding year-round. Spring and fall see the heaviest traffic, but diverse habitats ensure great viewing any time.

Head to **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge** or **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge** for waterfowl, raptors and songbirds galore. **Fontenelle Forest's Raptor Woodland Refuge** gives you an up-close view of rescued hawks, owls, falcons and eagles, plus a suspension bridge for a literal birds-eye view.

## Seasonal Thrills

**TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest** lets visitors age 5 and up navigate an aerial playground with 150 suspended challenges and 20 ziplines over 6 acres.

Just west of Omaha, **Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari Park** is a 4-mile drive-through adventure where you can spot bison, wolves and other North American wildlife. Stretch your legs on hiking trails. Open March through November.

Families flock to **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park** along the Platte River for year-round fun. Enjoy warm-weather activities like hiking, horseback riding, paddle boating and mini golf; in winter try cross-country skiing, sledding, ice skating and ice fishing.

When the snow flies, thrill seekers head to **Crescent Hill at Hitchcock** for skiing, snowboarding and sledding on slopes just northeast of Omaha. Ready to get outside? Omaha's waiting. Pick your adventure and go.



Crescent Hill at Hitchcock



Eugene T. Mahoney State Park



TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest

# DAY TRIPS

*MORE ADVENTURE AWAITS JUST OUTSIDE OMAHA. EASY DAY TRIPS DELIVER BIG REWARDS WITH MINIMAL MILES.*

## Exit 426 in Cass County

About 30 miles southwest of Omaha, Exit 426 is your ticket to a North American safari. Cruise the 4-mile drive-through **Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari Park**, where bison, elk, cranes and pronghorn roam just outside your car window. Hop out and hike to Wolf Canyon or wander the nature trails by the lake.

Nearby, take your getaway to new heights at the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**. This massive 300,000-square-foot space celebrates military aviation and space travel with dramatic aircraft displays and historical exhibits. Keep an eye out: You might even spot a real astronaut. Clayton Anderson, a Nebraska native and former ISS crew member, leads the museum as president and CEO.

**Holy Family Shrine** is a glass church designed as an oasis for travelers. **Cloisters on the Platte** offers a half-mile trail lined with life-size Stations of the Cross sculptures set in natural surroundings.

## Saunders County

Saunders County is packed with small-town charm and outdoor escapes. With more than 30 unique cities, villages and townships, there's always another corner to explore.

Ready for fresh air? **Memphis State Recreation Area** offers 163 acres of peace and quiet for RV and tent camping beside a 48-acre lake. **Lake Wanahoo** is another favorite for boating, camping and hiking. At **Czechland Lake Recreation Area**, you'll find wildlife watching and picnicking galore.

Golfers take note: This county is no slouch. **Iron Horse Golf Club** is consistently rated among the state's best, while **Quarry Oaks** is a challenging track that rewards strategy and discipline.

History buffs can dive into the past at the **Saunders County Historical Museum** in Wahoo. Step inside a log home, a one-room schoolhouse, a tiny country church and even Nebraska's smallest post office. The museum houses more than 25,000 artifacts spanning the 1870s to the 1980s, plus stories of local athletes, film pioneers and notable figures.

## Wine, Shops and Small-Town Flavor

Raise a glass at **Cellar 426 Winery**. With sweeping 360-degree views and more than 160 international competition medals under its belt, it's a must-sip stop. Enjoy a bottle and small bites on the patio.

Downtown Ashland is worth the detour too. Find specialty shops, art galleries, coffee houses, an old-fashioned ice cream parlor and even a studio crafting heirloom-quality wooden furniture by hand. Take it slow and savor the small-town charm.



Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari Park



Holy Family Shrine



Iron Horse Golf Club

# FAMILY FUN

*LET THE KIDS BURN OFF ENERGY, OR RECONNECT OVER BIG LAUGHS. OMAHA HAS PLENTY OF PLACES TO PLAY.*



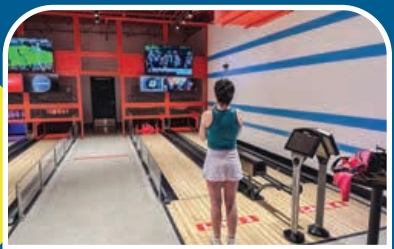
**Amazing Pizza Machine** is a 60,000-square-foot indoor playground with rides, laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, mini bowling, arcade games and an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Check out more arcade action at **Beercade** and **Capitol Arcade**. Need to wear them out? Bounce around at **Urban Air Adventure Park**, **Sky Zone** or **Altitude Trampoline Park**.




**Spielbound Board Game Cafe** has one of the largest collections in the country. Grab hot chocolate and choose from games for all ages — you'll leave a champion.

Try virtual reality gaming at **Omaha Virtual Reality**. **The Holloway Experience** is an immersive video gaming cafe offering a futuristic atmosphere with video, virtual and table-top games. **Verse Immersive** is a holographic theater that uses augmented reality visors to bring 3D characters and stories to life.



**Smash Park** offers pickleball, axe throwing, duckpin bowling, table tennis, karaoke, darts, arcade games and lawn games. Grab shareable plates, salads, handhelds or brunch from the gastropub menu, with gluten-free options too. The full bar serves cocktails, beer, wine, soft drinks and smoothies.

**Blue Sky Patio & Pickleball** features a four-season covered patio, two covered pickleball courts, a bar and local food vendors. Don't miss Wonderbowl for mini bowling fun.

For an immersive puzzle experience, try one of Omaha's escape rooms. **Entrap Games**, **The Escape Omaha**, **House of Conundrum** and **Get Out: Omaha** let you race the clock to crack the mystery.



Want to putt indoors? Navigate dinosaurs and volcanos at **Prehistoric Putt**, slay dragons at **Medieval Putt** or check out **The Fat Putter** downtown, open to all ages before 6pm.



**Fun-Plex** is Omaha's classic summer getaway with waterslides, a wave pool, lazy river, go-karts, kiddie rides and an 18-hole mini golf course.



Hold on tight at **Papio Fun Park**'s outdoor go-kart track. There's also mini golf, laser tag, batting cages, arcade games and more.

*TAKE YOUR SEAT. OMAHA'S STAGES DELIVER BROADWAY HITS, BOLD NEW PLAYS, STIRRING OPERAS AND LIVE SYMPHONIES FOR EVERY KIND OF CULTURE LOVER.*

### BLUEBARN Theatre
Progressive and fearless, BLUEBARN brings original plays and experimental work to the stage with sharp storytelling and creative edge.

### Holland Performing Arts Center
Home to the Omaha Symphony, the Holland hosts classical masterworks, pops concerts, movie screenings with live scores and family-friendly shows in a modern, welcoming space.

### Omaha Community Playhouse
The nation's largest community theater serves up musicals, comedies, dramas and new works, plus the long-running holiday favorite "A Christmas Carol."

### Orpheum Theater
This downtown landmark hosts Broadway tours like "Some Like It Hot" and "MJ," along with Opera Omaha's mainstage shows including "The Rake's Progress" and "Giulio Cesare."

### The Rose Theater
A downtown favorite for families, The Rose stages musicals, comedies and children's book adaptations with an Omaha twist for a playful, magical experience.


BLUEBARN Theatre

# PERFORMING ARTS


The Rose Theater



Orpheum Theater



Omaha Symphony



Slowdown



Jazz on the Green

*OMAHA'S SOUNDTRACK IS ALWAYS ON.*

# LIVE MUSIC

Omaha hums with music, from jazz in candlelit lounges to indie rock in historic halls. Whether you're a front-row funk devotee or prefer to sing along to country tunes from your lawn chair, Omaha has your volume set.

Big names roll through Omaha — from Olivia Rodrigo to Ringo Starr — and the city has proven itself as a tastemaker, launching national acts like Conor Oberst, Cursive and The Faint, and helping grow artists like The Mynabirds and Azure Ray.

## WHERE TO CATCH THE BEAT

### Indie & Rock Venues

- **The Waiting Room Lounge** & **Reverb Lounge** (Benson): Beloved for their sound and scene
- **The Admiral** (Little Bohemia): Historic shell, modern vibe
- **Slowdown** (North Downtown): Where indie bands and loyal fans unite

### Historic Theaters, Modern Sound

- **Orpheum Theater** (Downtown): Elegant stage for legends like Air Supply and Alice Cooper

### Across the River

- **Stir Cove at Harrah's Casino** (Council Bluffs): Outdoor, high-energy, always a party

### Big Stage, Big Sound

- **Steelhouse Omaha** (Downtown): 3,000-capacity flex venue for rock, funk and hip-hop
- **The Astro** (La Vista): Indoor/outdoor complex with a skyline view and stacked lineup
- **CHI Health Center Omaha** & **Charles Schwab Field Omaha**: Stadium-scale shows and national tours

### For the Love of Jazz (and More)

- **Jewell on Capitol** (The Capitol District): Classy and cool with jazz, blues, Latin and soul
- **Barnato** (West Omaha): Dinner, cocktails and headlining acts in an upscale setting
- **Holland Performing Arts Center** (Downtown): World-class acoustics for jazz, global and chamber shows
- **Holland Music Club** (Downtown): A sleek nighttime club inside the Holland, complete with food and drinks

### Summer = Festival Mode

When the weather warms up, the music scene moves outside:

- **Maha Festival** (The RiverFront): Indie darlings heat up a daylong celebration
- **Jazz on the Green** (Turner Park): Entertaining acts, open lawn, dancing
- **Nebraska Crossroads Music Festival** (Various locations): Global sounds, family fun
- **Music in Miller Park** (North Omaha): Local bands, neighborhood vibes
- **Live on the Lawn** (Zorinsky Lake): Cover bands, country, crowd favorites
- **Playing with Fire**: Multi-day blues and R&B fest

Ready to dive into a dark corner with a cheap beer, toast with cocktails on a patio, sing your heart out or dance till last call? Omaha's got your vibe. Come on: The night is young.

## DIVES

**Down Under Lounge** keeps it real with live bands and a friendly crowd. **Dubliner Pub** is an Old Market staple for darts, pints and rowdy live music. **Surfside Club** serves fried chicken, catfish and corn fritters with river views and regular bands. **Stella's Bar & Grill** flips one of Omaha's juiciest burgers and keeps the local beer ice cold. **The B. Bar** features regular live music in a welcoming atmosphere.

## WINE BARS

**La Buvette** is a classic Old Market stop for crusty bread, cheese plates and serious wine. **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** and **Vino Mas** invite you to explore the world one glass at a time.

## COCKTAILS

**Nite Owl** channels '70s lounge vibes with funky drinks and food to match. **Laka Lono Rum Club** is a tiki fever dream with strong (sometimes flaming) cocktails. **Wicked Rabbit** downtown is a speakeasy for the "mad" at heart. **Alice**, its sister bar, is out west. **Fizzy's Fountain & Liquors** in Little Bohemia mixes ice cream, floats and boozy slushies for pure retro fun. **The Berry & Rye** crafts Pre-Prohibition classics with housemade sodas and bitters. **Red Lion Lounge** serves cozy cocktails with live jazz. **Mercury** pairs hearty fare with rotating themed cocktails (and fresh, creative zero-proof options). **Dry Spokes** goes all-in on spirit-free mixology with mocktails, game nights and open mics.

## CIGAR BARS

Light up at **Havana Garage** in the Old Market or **Jake's Cigars & Spirits**. In West Omaha, head to **Copa Cabana** or **Safari** for your smoke fix.

## KARAOKE + COMEDY

**Reno's Karaoke** in Blackstone has private rooms for groups big and small. Want to laugh instead? Hit **The Backline Comedy Theatre**, **Blackstone Theater**, **Omaha Funny Bone** or comedy nights at **Tiny House Bar**, **The Waiting Room** and **The Sydney**.

## DANCE + BIKE

**The Max** is Omaha's high-energy, all-welcome LGBTQ+ dance destination with multiple floors, a disco main room and a giant patio. **Bushwackers** brings the country dance crowd to life. **Omaha Jitterbugs** host swing lessons and socials every Friday. **Howard's Charro Cafe** spices it up with Saturday salsa nights, while **Barnato** in West Omaha keeps salsa alive on Sundays. Feeling adventurous? Pedal the Old Market with your crew on an **Omaha Patio Ride**, a giant rolling party bike built for 16.

# & NIGHTLIFE


Wicked Rabbit


The Max


Nite Owl

*FIND YOUR NEXT OBSESSION IN OMAHA'S VIBRANT RETAIL SCENE.*



Rockbrook Village

# SHOPPING IN OMAHA

## OMAHA'S ICONIC STOPS

Start with two of Warren Buffett's local powerhouses. **Borsheims** is the nation's largest independent jewelry store, turning heads with its signature silver box and burgundy ribbon. Nearby, **Nebraska Furniture Mart** is a 450,000-square-foot playground for home design lovers.

## LOCAL BOUTIQUES

Level up your look with Omaha's indie shops.

- **Garment District Omaha**: NYC-inspired pieces and cutting-edge designers.
- **Nouvelle Eve**: Just-off-the-runway women's fashion.
- **grae**: Men's style gets an upgrade — sip while you shop.
- **Fontenelle Supply Co.**: Handmade leather goods, raw denim and rugged classics for the adventurous spirit.
- Don't miss other local standouts like **Beau Joyau**, **The Fold** and **Gramercy**.

## LUXURY CONSIGNMENT & VINTAGE

Head to these must-visit spots to shop like a local.

- **Esther's**: A not-so-secret spot for barely worn designer finds.
- **Albany and Avers**: Trend-forward, size-inclusive pieces.
- **Flying Worm Vintage**: Funky favorite loaded with personality.

## SHOPPING CENTERS

Omaha's shopping districts have you covered for variety.

- **Countryside Village**: Browse high-end home decor, custom menswear and luxury womenswear in a charming setting.
- **Rockbrook Village**: Come for indie boutiques with personality.
- **The Shops of Legacy**: Discover one of Nebraska's largest clusters of upscale stores.
- **Village Pointe Shopping Center**: Main street vibes with 50+ shops, boutiques and restaurants.
- **Westroads Mall**: Big-name brands including Von Maur under one roof.
- **Regency Shopping Center**: Sophisticated picks like Anthropologie, Williams Sonoma and Lululemon.
- **Oak View Mall**: From city style to outdoor gear — it's all here.
- **Nebraska Crossing** (Gretna): Outlet shopping with 80+ stores and restaurants, perfect for treasure hunting.



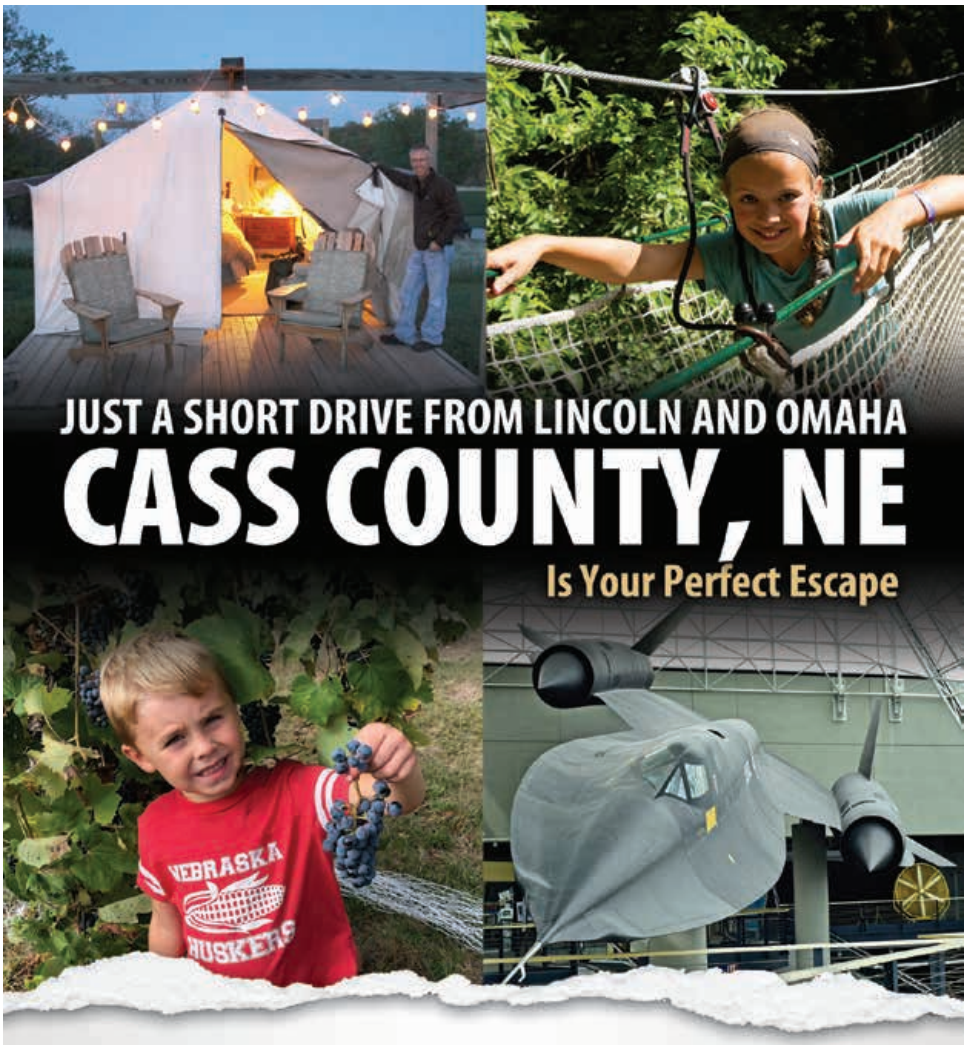
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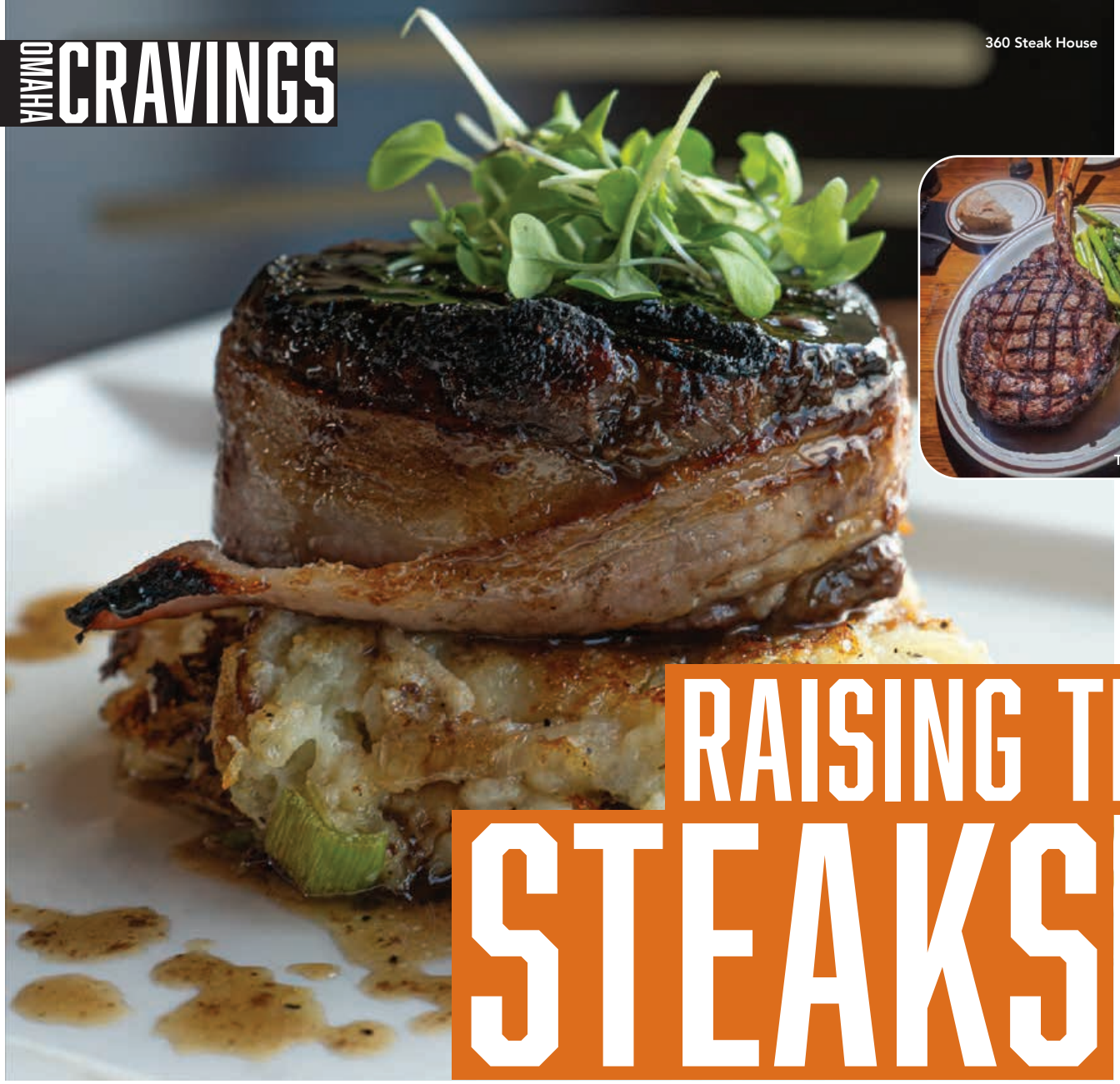
# OMAHA CRAVINGS

**COME HUNGRY — LEAVE PLOTTING YOUR NEXT BITE.**
Omaha's culinary scene is a flavorful mashup of tradition and creativity. Sure, the city does beef better than anyone, but you'll also find standout sushi, pillowy doughnuts, plant-forward brunches and cold, creamy treats that will rock your sweet tooth.

OMAHA RESTAURANT WEEK

## SEPTEMBER 11-20, 2026
## OMAHA'S 10 TASTIEST DAYS

Omaha Restaurant Week is a 10-day celebration of the city's dining scene, featuring special three-course dinners at a set price. Participating restaurants create exclusive menus, making it the perfect chance to try something new or return to a favorite spot.


360 Steak House


The Drover

# RAISING THE STEAKS

Visitors to Omaha come hungry for a seriously good steak. This city delivers sizzling tradition, bold flavor and hometown pride on every plate.

For over 80 years, **Gorat's Steak House** has been an Omaha icon — and Warren Buffett's favorite. His go-to? A rare 22-ounce T-bone with crispy hash browns (make those taters a double). Beyond steak, the menu boasts prime rib pasta, veal marsala and housemade onion rings.

**Brother Sebastian's** is an Omaha institution styled like a Spanish monastery with a cozy, old-world vibe. Known for prime rib, steaks and hearty comfort fare, it's also a place where the salad bar is legendary and the wine list is long.

**Cascio's Steak House** has been an Omaha favorite since 1946. Visit this bustling spot for steaks with generous sides and a welcoming vibe.

**Johnny's Café** (est. 1922) serves ribeyes with a side of cinematic nostalgia (local filmmaker Alexander Payne shot "About Schmidt" with Jack Nicholson on location there). And **The Drover**'s whiskey-marinated steaks are a rite of passage. Hungry yet?


Jack Binion's Steak House


Dynamite Woodfire Grill

# STACKED WITH HISTORY:

# DISCOVER OMAHA'S ICONIC SANDWICH

The Reuben sandwich was born during a high-stakes poker game at the original Blackstone Hotel nearly a century ago. Hotel owner Charles Schimmel liked the combo so much he added it to the menu. The rest is sandwich history.

Today, you can eat your way through Omaha on a Reuben tour. **Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel** (formerly the Blackstone Hotel) honors the sandwich's origin with three versions on the menu at **Orleans Room** — the classic, plus creative spinoffs with smoked pork or turkey. **Crescent Moon**, right across from The Cottonwood, keeps it old-school with a classic version. And chefs across the city give the Reuben a remix. Think Reuben egg rolls. Reuben pizza. Even Reuben hash for brunch.

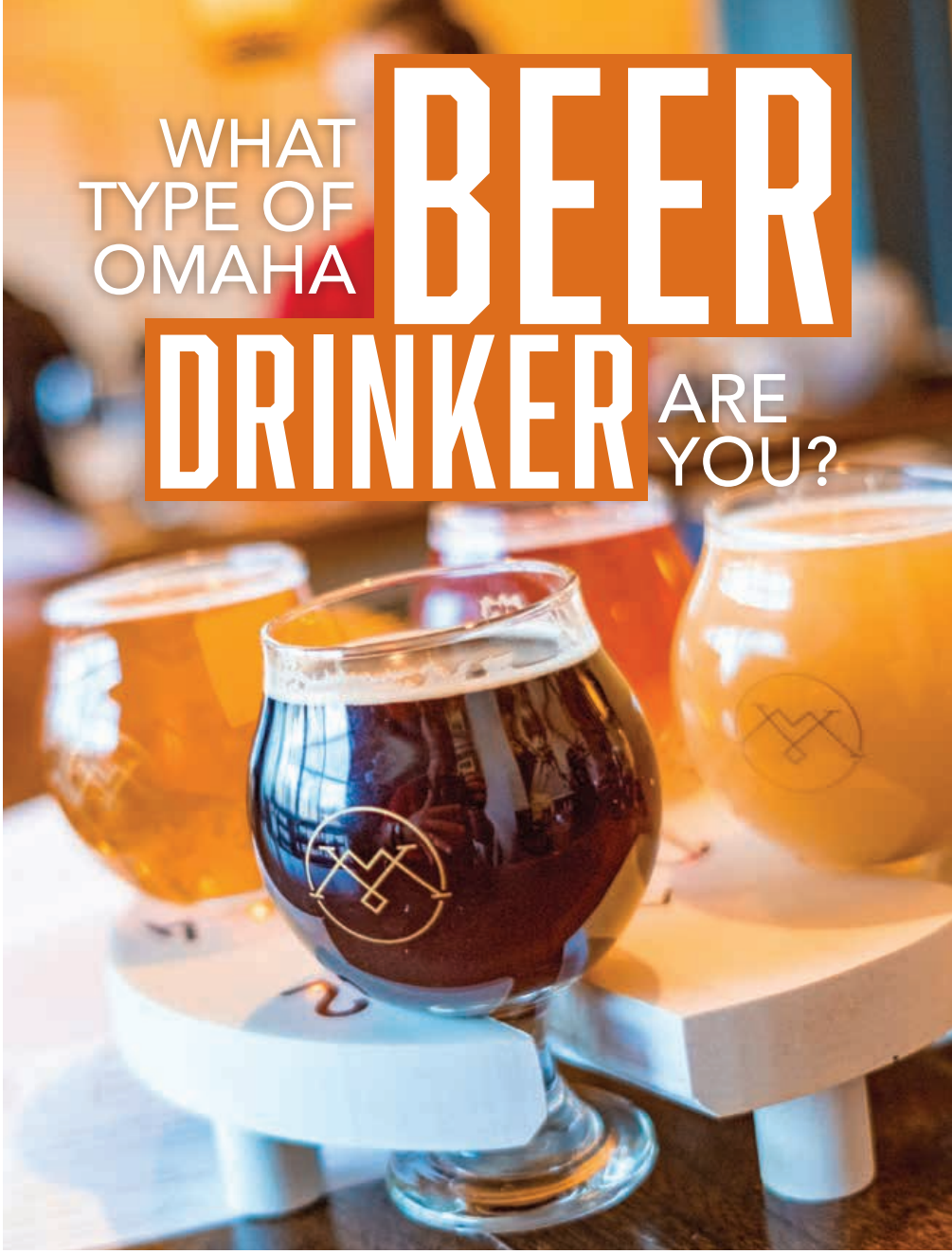
No matter which flavor — traditional or avant garde — you prefer, there's a Reuben calling your name in Omaha.



Crescent Moon



Orleans Room



# WHAT TYPE OF OMAHA BEER DRINKER ARE YOU?

## TAKE THIS QUIZ TO DISCOVER WHICH LOCAL BREWERY IS CALLING YOUR NAME.

1. **WHAT'S YOUR VIBE?**
   - A. Neighborhood spot with hearty food
   - B. Industrial-chic with a view
   - C. Bright taproom, bring the family
   - D. Roomy space to stretch out and relax
   - E. Big patio, board games, food trucks
   - F. Sleek and modern

2. **WHAT ARE YOU CRAVING?**
   - A. Hop-forward IPAs
   - B. Barrel-aged and sour experiments
   - C. Smooth session beers for a long night
   - D. Creative seasonal rotations
   - E. Belgian-style complexity
   - F. Classic fresh-brewed pints

3. **WHO'S COMING ALONG?**
   - A. Just me and a date
   - B. The whole friend crew
   - C. Kids in tow
   - D. My beer-nerd buddy
   - E. Foodie pals
   - F. My dog (outdoor seating a must)

4. **WHAT'S YOUR TASTING STYLE?**
   - A. Something local and balanced
   - B. I want to try it all
   - C. I like it smooth and session-friendly
   - D. Keep it experimental
   - E. I want flavors that make me think
   - F. Surprise me with the classics

## YOUR RESULTS

Mostly A: **Benson Brewery** – Settle into this neighborhood gastropub for tasty bites and house-brewed beers.

Mostly B: **Lucky Bucket Brewery** – Hoppy IPAs, barrel-aged stouts, tart sours: Lucky Bucket Brewery isn't afraid to push the boundaries. Tours available.

Mostly C: **Vis Major Brewing** – Laid-back, family-friendly vibe with complex ales, IPAs and stouts. Kids welcome.

Mostly D: **Infusion Brewing Company** – A rotating seasonal lineup means there's always something new. Home to the Vanilla Bean Blonde.

Mostly E: **Pint Nine Brewing Company** – Aroma-driven American ales and Belgian styles. Enjoy board games, darts and food trucks while you sip.

Mostly F: **Upstream Brewing Company** – A pioneer of the scene with cask-conditioned, barrel-aged beers and a full New American menu.

## WANT TO KEEP EXPLORING?

Flash the Buy 1, Get 1 for a Penny deal at VisitOmaha.com/PennyPack and hit these standouts:

**Monolithic Brewing**: Stretch out on a spacious patio and slurp rotating features.

**Kros Strain Brewing**: Offering hop-forward IPAs and traditional lager styles. Two funky taprooms.

**Scriptown Brewing Company**: Pace yourself with smooth, balanced session-style beers.

**Site-1 Brewing**: Site-1 Brewing embodies that same curiosity that made us reach for the stars. Their beers shine.

**Brickway Brewery and Distillery**: Omaha's first brewery and distillery combo since prohibition. Tasty options.

*Pro Tip: Omaha Beer Week in February features specials, tap takeovers and a bus tour.*

## LET THE MEAL DO THE FLIRTING AT OMAHA'S DATE NIGHT SPOTS.

Whether it's your hundredth dinner together or that nerve-wracking first date, Omaha serves up swoon-worthy experiences made to impress.

**Cumbia** pulses with energy. It's a date spot for sharing tapas, sipping cocktails and staying out late.

**Clio** is where art meets appetite — bold seasonal flavors and an intimate vibe. Share some mezze and a bottle of wine and fall in love all over again.

**Dante** fires up wood ovens for Neapolitan pizzas and handmade pastas — lively, elegant and perfect for stealing bites off each other's plates.

**Herbe Sainte** brings New Orleans flair with low lights, strong drinks and rich Creole dishes meant to be shared in Aksarben Village.

**La Buvette** is your Old Market hideout with cozy tables, cheese plates and a wine list that will impress your date.







# LOVE ON THE MENU



### MORE VIBEY DATE NIGHT SPOTS

**Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen**
**The Boiler Room**
**Dolomiti Pizzeria & Enoteca**
**V. Mertz**
**Avoli Osteria**
**Spezia**
**Au Courant Regional Kitchen**
**Cibo Vino**
**Nick's Quorum**
**Lola's**
**Cumbia**
**Plank**
**Le Bouillon**
**Salted Edge**

# BRUNCH

*START STRONG WITH SWEET, SAVORY, STEAMY PLATES THAT FUEL YOUR DAY.*

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

**Saddle Creek Breakfast Club** has crispy hash browns, over-easy eggs and thick-cut bacon. Don't skip the breakfast sandwiches and burritos.

**Sips on 10th** is a vibey brunch spot with fluffy French toast, Little Italy benedict, inventive breakfast sandwiches and mimosa trees — four mimosas spiraling in style.

**Shirley's Diner** is all about comfort. Tuck into stacks of fluffy pancakes or flaky biscuits smothered in sausage gravy.

# DIVES

*LOW LIGHTS, DEEP-FRIED GOODNESS AND LOCAL CHARACTER: THESE COMFORT FOOD JOINTS KEEP IT REAL.*

**Crescent Moon** draws fans with its legendary Reuben and massive beer list. There's a reason this place is always buzzing.

**Dinker's Bar and Grill** is an Omaha burger institution. Order up a Haystack (burger topped with egg and hash browns) and snag a seat with the regulars.

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

**California Tacos & More** attracts hungry college students with its signature housemade "puffy" tacos — crispy, chewy, craveable.



Good Lookin'



Dante

# FARM-TO-TABLE

*FRESH, LOCAL AND CHEF-DRIVEN — THESE SPOTS TAKE "KNOW YOUR FARMER" SERIOUSLY.*

**Block 16** goes hyperlocal. Chef-owners Paul and Jessica Urban grow many of their own ingredients on a farm they own.

**Dante** lets the seasons rule the menu. Chef Nick Strawhecker works closely with local farms to create rustic Italian plates and Neapolitan-style pizzas.

**Gather in Omaha** grows its own greens, kale and herbs in a hydroponic farm below the restaurant. You can tour the facility.

**Le Bouillon** sources produce from the Omaha Farmers Market and serves modern French fare in a stylish Old Market space.

# FOOD HALLS

*WHY CHOOSE ONE CUISINE WHEN YOU CAN TRY SEVERAL?*

**Flagship Commons** at Westroads Mall offers everything from falafel to ramen, plus a central fireplace for maximum coziness.

**Inner Rail Food Hall** in Aksarben Village features up to 10 vendors and an outdoor plaza where you can sip drinks, play games and catch live music.

**Asian Market Food Court** is a hidden food paradise inside a grocery store where Korean BBQ sizzles next to pho, dim sum, Thai stir fry and more. Go hungry and try a little bit of everything.

## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT — SO TRY SOMETHING SWEET.



Old Market Candy Shop

# CHOCOLATE

### *CHOCOLATE LOVERS, THIS TOWN SEES YOU.*

**Chocolat Abeille** crafts artisan treats, including chocolate stilettos you can split with friends. Pair with tea in their backyard garden.

**Old Market Candy Shop** makes their sweets from scratch. Enjoy local favorites such as Mud Ball truffles, pecan chocolate turtles, and peanut butter fudge – or search for a new tasty treasure.

**The Cordial Cherry** hand-dips chocolate-covered cherries that made Oprah's Favorite Things list.

**Chocolaterie Stam** blends old-world charm with bold flavor. Sample smooth European-style chocolates, rich gelato or a cappuccino in this sweet little escape.

**Brownie Bar Bakery** is the destination for the brownie lovers. Whether you prefer Traditional, Blonde or Dark Chocolate bases, they have the perfect brownie and topping for you.

# FAVORITES

### *LOCALS WOULD LIKE A WORD.*

**Lithuanian Bakery**'s Napoleon Torte takes 72 hours and 17 layers to make. It's worth the effort.

**Carter & Rye** is a local bakery serving up hand-sized pies with rotating seasonal flavors.

**Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop** turns out melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon rolls and brown sugar cardamom cake.

**Pettit's Pastry** delivers the classics — twists, danishes and long johns — from two Omaha locations.

**Olsen Bake Shop** may be tiny, but its donuts, kolaches and fried croissants make a big impression.

**Le Quartier** bakes impeccable French pastries. Dig into buttery croissants and glossy fruit tarts.

**Goldbergs in Dundee** serves 12 kinds of bread pudding — all decadent.

**Big Mama's Kitchen** is famous for its sweet potato pie ice cream.

# ICE CREAM

### *OMAHA SCOOPS HARD, BRAIN FREEZE AHEAD.*

**Coneflower Creamery** makes seasonal flavors with ingredients from local farms and dairies. Popular picks include garden mint chip, birthday cake and butter brickle. Blackstone, Millwork Commons and Elkhorn locations.

**Ted & Wally's** slow churns rich, 18% butterfat ice cream with made-from-scratch mix-ins. At the Old Market or Benson location, try cinnamon graham cracker or green tea matcha — or check out daily specials.

**eCreamery** has earned love from national media with its ultra-custom pints. At the Dundee shop, dig into flavors like lemon bar, sea salt caramel and dairy-free mango sorbet.

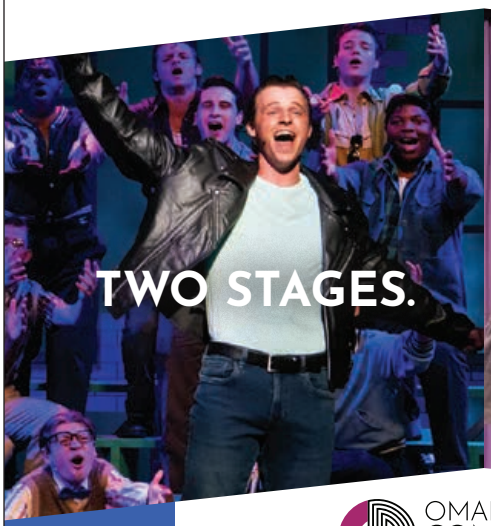
**Freezing Thai Rolled Ice Cream** in Aksarben Village whips your custom creation right in front of you — add mochi or fresh fruit for the ultimate chill-out.

**Cup and Cone** is your go-to for soft-serve custard in West Omaha (Bennington). Grab a special sundae, like strawberry cheesecake or gummy candies and cream-filled cookies.


Coneflower Creamery

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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 Entertainment District

Step onto Omaha's cobblestone streets. The Old Market is ready to charm you. Stroll past boutiques, galleries, pubs and cafés that beg you to pop in and stay awhile. Watch street performers do their thing or load up on retro sweets. This is the city's show-off district, and it knows it.

There's always something happening here. Parades, twinkly holiday lights, a Saturday farmers market and special events keep the vibe lively year-round. Art lovers can wander ever-changing exhibits at **KANEKO**, **Old Market Artists Gallery**, **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts** and **Artists' Cooperative Gallery**.

Hungry? Pull up a patio chair and soak in the people-watching. Go French at **Le Bouillon** or **La Buvette**. Dig into cowboy-inspired comfort food at **Twisted Fork. Clio's** Mediterranean small plates are perfect for sharing. **Memoir** is a swanky spot that starts an unforgettable evening.

Got a sweet tooth? You're covered. Grab a Mud Ball from **Old Market Candy Shop**, pick your flavor adventure at **Ted & Wally's** or sneak a gelato at **Centi**.

Shop til you drop (or at least until you need a coffee). Check out **Nouvelle Eve** for classic style, **Flying Worm** for funky finds and **Overland Sheepskin Co.** for all things cozy. **Tannenbaum Christmas Shop** keeps it festive year-round and **Amazing Imaginarium** is your ticket to the weird and wonderful. **Made in Omaha** is a one-stop love letter to local makers. Stop by the **Omaha Visitors Center** for even more gift ideas.

Nightfall doesn't slow things down here. **Laka Lono Rum Club** serves flaming tiki cocktails that practically dare you to try them. **Mr. Toad's Pub** and **Billy Frogg's** deliver good cheer and roomy patios. **The Berry & Rye** goes deep on craft cocktails, **Brickway Brewery & Distillery** welcomes you behind the scenes for tours, and **Havana Garage** is the perfect spot to cap the night with a cigar. Tip: Most downtown hotels are an easy stroll away.






## 5 FUNKY OLD MARKET SPOTS

**Goldsmith Silversmith** – custom bling and local art finds

**Homer's Music** – vinyl heaven with vintage gifts

**Hollywood Candy and Fairmont Mercantile** – antiques, collectibles and candy for days

**Raygun** – sassy shirts and witty goods

**City Limits** – funky gifts you didn't know you needed

## 5 CHARMING OLD MARKET EXPERIENCES

Snap a selfie in the twinkle-lit **Old Market Passageway**

Wander the **Omaha Farmers Market** on a Saturday morning

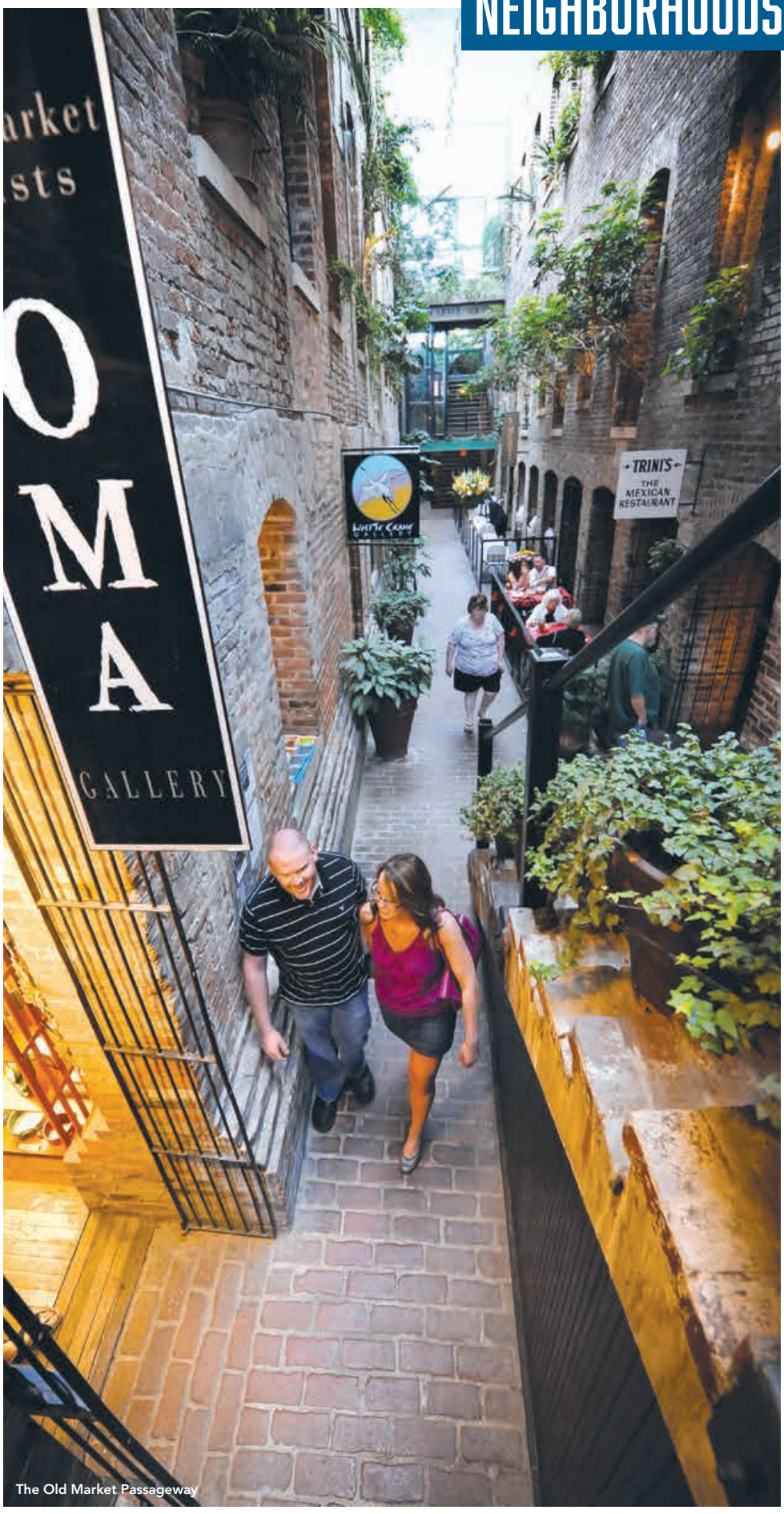
Battle it out at **Hollywood Candy**'s Pinball Museum

Lose yourself in floor-to-ceiling books at **Jackson Street Booksellers**

Hunt for your zodiac sign in the **Garden of the Zodiac**



Hollywood Candy




The Old Market Passageway

# NoDo & The Capitol District



CHI Health Center Omaha

Sports, style, sound and serious flavor — Omaha's North Downtown (NoDo) and The Capitol District have it all. This walkable pocket pulses with big events, late-night eats and a creative undercurrent you can feel.

**CHI Health Center Omaha** brings in A-list concerts, comedy giants and major sporting events like the NCAA Volleyball and Men's Basketball Championships. Just across the street, **Charles Schwab Field Omaha** hosts the legendary Men's College World Series, turning the neighborhood into a home run party every June.

Before or after the game, fuel up with wings and a pint at **DJ's Dugout**, snag a rooftop view at **Blatt Beer & Table**, or join the wild bracket-watching scene at **Rocco's Pizza & Cantina**. Prefer less screen time and more face time? Sip cocktails at **Lula B's**, enjoy craft cuisine at **Nosh Restaurant and Wine Lounge**, or snack on tacos and tequila at **Hook & Lime**.


Steelhouse Omaha

Music lives loud here. Catch indie favorites at **Slowdown**, the club that launched Saddle Creek Records' sound. See genre-hopping acts rock the 3,000-person venue **Steelhouse Omaha**. Take it down a notch at **Jewell on Capitol**, where jazz meets dinner and drinks. Or head to **Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater** for indie films, foreign flicks and thought-provoking Q&As.

This neighborhood knows how to dress up. Omaha Fashion Week — held at the **Omaha Design Center** — is one of the biggest fashion week events in the country, spotlighting emerging designers and buzzworthy trends.

At **Hot Shops Art Center**, peek inside more than 50 working studios. You might see glass blowing, pottery throwing or metal forging in action.

Just north, **Millwork Commons** blends art, tech and community in one campus. Grab a cone at **Coneflower Creamery**, a pastry at **Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop**, a pour at **Kros Strain Draft Works**, or a wood-fired pie at **Dolomiti Pizzeria & Enoteca**. Shop modern finds at **Hutch**, or catch a pop-up event, night market or skateboard session in the outdoor plaza.



The Capitol District


Proof Whiskey Bar & Craft Cocktails

# Midtown Crossing

Urban energy meets laid-back green space in Midtown Crossing, where locals picnic in the park, sip boba on the go and gather for everything from yoga to movie nights. Just a few minutes west of downtown, this neighborhood blends city living with community spirit.

At the heart of it all is **Turner Park**, a lively green space that hosts free outdoor concerts, night markets, fitness classes and family-friendly festivals. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, or just plop down in the grass. Play yard games stationed throughout the park, or grab a ping pong paddle and challenge your friends to a match at the outdoor tables.

Come hungry. **Mazza Mediterranean Grill** dishes up bold flavors, from lamb shanks and chicken shawarma to stuffed grape leaves and sizzling kebabs. Over at **Yummy 365**, American-style Chinese food hits the spot.

Craving something sweet or sippable? Grab a Thai tea or taro slush at **Thirst-Tea Café**, or swing by **Cold Stone Creamery** for custom creations piled high. **Proof Whiskey Bar & Craft Cocktails** offers an impressive pour list for whiskey lovers, while **Smokin' Oak Wood-Fired Pizza & Taproom** lets you pour your own beer while your pizza crisps in the flames.

For low-key fun, grab a game at **Spielbound Board Game Café**, where shelves are stacked with thousands of titles and every age can play. Cozy drinks and snacks are also on the menu.

Don't forget your four-legged friends. **Long Dog Fat Cat** caters to Omaha's pampered pets with gourmet treats (including a just-for-pets bakery), toys and supplies.

Midtown Crossing serves up a chill mix of food, culture and outdoor fun with a side of creativity and wagging tails.


Turner Park


Spielbound Board Game Café


Koen Japanese BBQ and Izakaya

# Blackstone

The Blackstone District blends historic charm with fresh energy, inviting visitors to stroll, snack and stay awhile. This walkable neighborhood buzzes with brunches, late-night bites and everything in-between.

Start your day with scratch-made toaster pastries and coffee at **HomeGrown**, or dig into Cereal Killer Pancakes and breakfast nachos at **Early Bird**. Tea lovers will find their happy place at **Artemis Tea & Botanical**, a peaceful parlor serving beautifully handcrafted teas and tisanes. If your morning needs a serious caffeine jolt, **Archetype Coffee** delivers small-batch-roasted perfection.

Come lunchtime, things heat up. **Mula** serves street tacos and tequila flights. **Koen Japanese BBQ and Izakaya** lets you grill meats tableside and snack on shareable bites like miso wings and spicy edamame. **Noli's Pizzeria** keeps things classic with New York-style slices and late-night hours on weekends.


HomeGrown

**Crescent Moon** serves the neighborhood's claim to fame — the original Reuben sandwich — just across the street from where it was invented at the historic Blackstone Hotel (now **Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel**, which also serves three creative takes on the classic). Grab a stein at **Huber Haus**, a German beer hall tucked beneath Crescent Moon, or sip a boot of beer in the yard at **Rathskeller Bier Haus** while kids and pups lounge nearby.

Evening calls for craft cocktails, rooftop views and maybe a karaoke mic. **Revival House** pairs stylish ambiance with artful drinks. **Nite Owl** brings the burgers, fries and late-night vibes. **Little Ricky's Rooftop Bar** pours cocktails with a skyline backdrop. Need to belt out a ballad? **Reno's Karaoke** offers private rooms for your crew.



Scriptown Brewing Company

**Scriptown Brewery** pours local beers with nods to Omaha's past, while **Cunningham's Pub & Grill** keeps it casual with sports on TV and regular tap takeovers. For wine lovers, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** offers curated pours and zero-proof sips in a cozy setting.

End on a sweet note with a scoop (or two) from **Coneflower Creamery**, known for farm-fresh flavors made with Nebraska-grown ingredients. From sunrise to last call, Blackstone brings the flavor and the fun.




# Benson

Benson marches to the beat of its own drum — sometimes literally. This quirky, come-as-you-are neighborhood is a magnet for musicians, artists, food lovers and anyone who likes their culture with a twist.

Live music is the heartbeat of Benson. **The Waiting Room** draws national acts and indie darlings alike. **Reverb Lounge** hosts everything from emo nights to Bollywood musicians and serves up cocktails in a cozy, low-lit space. At **The Sydney**, you might catch a drag show, a punk band or a late-night DJ set. **Benson Theatre** adds depth to the mix with soul sessions, avant-garde dance, indie films and intimate singer-songwriter sets.

On the first Friday of each month, Benson transforms into an open-air art party. Benson First Friday (BFF) fills the streets and galleries with pop-up shows, live performances and immersive installations. It's a choose-your-own-adventure for the art-curious and culture-hungry.

Benson doesn't run on coffee alone — but it helps. Start the day at **Edge of the Universe**, a themed coffee bar where the drinks and decor change with every season. Shop for one-of-a-kind fashion and home finds at **Found Vintage Market**, score new reads and rare finds at **Legend Comics & Coffee**, and browse bold, thought-provoking work at **Ming Toy Gallery** and **Radial Arts Center**. **Petshop**, a shared studio and gallery space, offers artist exhibits and community events with serious edge.


Yoshitomo

When it's time to eat, diners have range. **Au Courant Regional Kitchen** serves refined, European-inspired dishes in a moody, candle-lit space. **Yoshitomo**, helmed by James Beard-nominated chef David Utterback, brings sushi with an inimitable twist. Craving comfort? Go casual with tacos at **Mas Chingon**, a kabob or biryani at **Shaheen's Authentic Afghan Cuisine**, or classic pub fare and rooftop brews at **Benson Brewery**. Vegans and gluten-free folks find a flavorful fix at **Veg.Edible**. **SET the Bar** showcases women's sports and pub fare.

Grab a seat at **Jake's Cigars & Spirits** for a stiff drink and a stiffer debate, or sample from a bloody mary lineup at **Krug Park**. Soccer fans can catch the match with a pint at **St. Andrews Pub**, while beer geeks head to **Bärchen Beer Garden** for German, Belgian and American pours in a lively communal space. Finish your night with something sweet and colorful at **Snowy Sundaes** with boba, bubble waffles and shaved ice. You just got cooler in more ways than one.


Taco Co.

# Aksarben Village

Once a racetrack that echoed with cheers and a coliseum that hosted Elvis and Nirvana, Aksarben Village still knows how to draw a crowd — now with food halls, festivals and a vibrant Sunday farmers market.

At the heart of it all is **Stinson Park**, a green space where kids run wild on the playground, yoga mats roll out at sunset and concertgoers sprawl on the lawn for free live music. From May through October, the Omaha Farmers Market takes over the streets every Sunday with more than 120 local vendors offering fresh produce, flowers, sauces, honey, eggs, meats and baked goods.

Sports fans can catch college sports action at **Baxter Arena**, home to UNO Mavericks hockey, basketball and volleyball. It also hosts live music, family shows and community events throughout the year.


Baxter Arena

Aksarben's dining scene is full of flavor. Grab Detroit-style slices at **Backlot Taphouse**, creative Indian cuisine at **Saffron Urban Indian Kitchen** or spicy tacos and margaritas at **Voodoo Taco**. **Mai Thai** serves sushi and Thai favorites, while **Herbe Sainte** brings New Orleans flair with cocktails and Creole comfort food. For a hearty plate, head to **R.U.B. Rotisserie Urban Bistro** for roasted chicken, pork or beef and sides including black beans, sweet plantains and cucumber yogurt salad. If your group can't agree on one place, roll into **Inner Rail Food Hall**, where burritos, burgers, dumplings and more share the spotlight. Grab a cocktail from **Sonny's** and enjoy the patio scene.


Voodoo Taco


Omaha Farmers Market

Hop on a **Heartland Bike Share** electric bike and cruise the nearby Keystone Trail, or stroll the shops and events that keep the neighborhood buzzing all year long — from outdoor movies and fun runs to the Omaha Film Festival in February and the Aksarben Tirc, a criterium bike race in August.

When it's time to turn in, you'll find three comfortable hotels within walking distance: **Courtyard by Marriott**, **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Residence Inn**.



Inner Rail Food Hall


Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob



# Dundee

Dundee is a neighborhood that knows how to charm — tree-lined streets, historic homes, walkable blocks and a vibe that's as family-friendly as it is artsy. You'll find locals volunteering in the community garden, pruning roses in **Memorial Park** and setting up for Dundee Day, the annual street festival. You'll also find them grabbing coffee at **Blue Line** or chatting over brunch at **Good Lookin'**, a casual spot serving elevated Midwestern comfort food.

Bring the kids. **Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob** keeps the menu simple — falafel, doner, curry fries — with kid-friendly portions and fast service. For a classic lunch, **Le Quartier Bakery & Cafe** offers freshly baked breads, hearty sandwiches and cozy bowls of soup. Just down the street, the legendary **Dundee Dell** serves pub grub and an impressive lineup of single malts and craft cocktails — come for lunch, stay for a drink.


Ooh De Lally

Don't skip dessert. **eCreamery** is an Omaha favorite with custom flavors and a certain billionaire fan. Grab a scoop and enjoy a stroll.

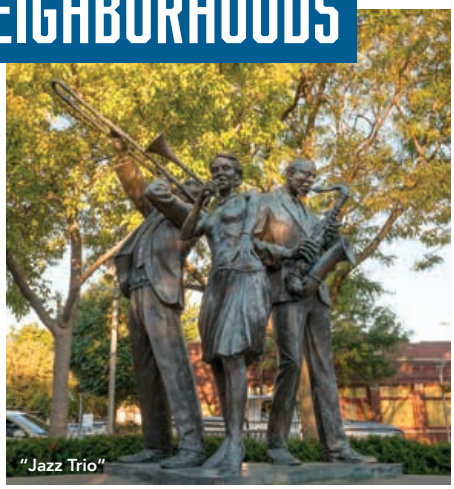
Dundee's creative streak runs deep. **Film Streams' Dundee Theater** screens indie and international films with a mission, and **Lola's**, in the same building, offers elegant bites in a cozy setting — perfect for dinner and a show. Indie rocker Conor Oberst co-owns **Pageturners Lounge**, a moody cocktail bar with live music.

The neighborhood's values show up in its offerings. **Ooh De Lally** is a mission-driven lunch and dinner spot employing formerly incarcerated individuals. **Exist Green** stocks sustainable goods and refillery options. **Albany and Avers** champions secondhand style with an eye for design.

Want a night out? Book a table at **Avoli Osteria** for northern Italian. Try the chef-driven pies and pastas at **Pitch Pizzeria**. Or head to **Goldbergs in Dundee** for a burger and a beer.

Dundee blends old-school charm with a modern mindset. Take a walk, grab a cone, see a film and settle in. You'll feel like a local before dessert.




"Jazz Trio"


Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters

# North Omaha & Florence

Rich in culture, rooted in history and alive with creative energy, North Omaha invites you to walk in the footsteps of legends, celebrate community and taste something unforgettable.

Start along North 24th Street, where jazz once poured out of the Dreamland Ballroom and icons like Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Preston Love filled the nights with music. Today, the street continues to inspire. **The Union for Contemporary Art** showcases exhibitions and performances, supports artists through studios and residencies, and offers creative programs for all ages. **Culxr House** brings the community together through open mics, music showcases, art shows and local pop-ups. **North Omaha Music and Arts (NOMA)** hosts nationally acclaimed jazz artists and offers jam sessions. And **Great Plains Black History Museum** highlights Black contributions to the region with exhibits and public programs.

Every other summer, North Omaha takes center stage during Native Omaha Days — a weeklong homecoming and cultural celebration that draws thousands. Expect live music, family events, food vendors, a beloved parade and neighborhood pride that spans generations.

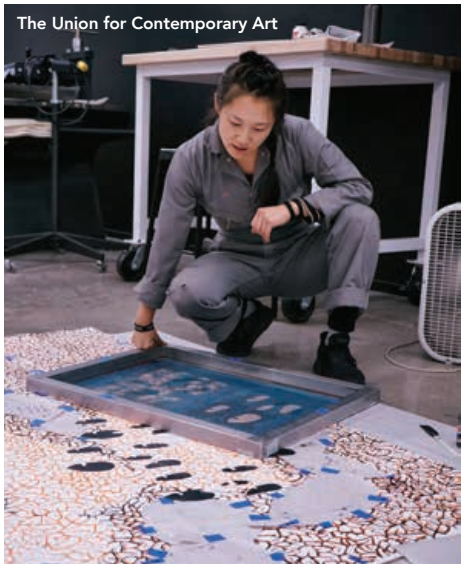
Don't miss the **Malcolm X Memorial Foundation** at 3448 Evans Street. The civil rights leader's birthplace now spans 17 acres with a visitor center, plaza, greenhouse and community garden. Future plans include a museum, education center and outdoor amphitheater.

When hunger strikes, **Big Mama's Kitchen** delivers the goods — from pig ear sandwiches to sweet potato cheesecake — inside the **Highlander Accelerator Dining Room**. Tucked in the lower level, **Hardy Coffee Co.** brews strong coffee in a light-filled space. Just up the road, **Time Out Foods** is a no-frills favorite for crispy fried chicken, burgers and shakes.


Malcolm X Memorial Foundation

Farther north in Florence, historic markers dot the landscape. Explore the **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters**, where a visitor center and museum share the story of westward-bound pioneers. **Florence Mill**, built in 1846, now hosts a Sunday farmers market in warmer months. Nearby, the **Florence Depot**, **Florence Bank** and annual Florence Days celebration offer even more ways to step into the past.

Need a bite? **Harold's Koffee House** is a classic diner serving up breakfast and lunch favorites. A few doors down, **Ramona's Mexican Restaurant** is beloved for its deep-fried burritos. And **Tussey's Casual Grill** brings bold global flavors to hearty sandwiches, pastas and salads.


The Union for Contemporary Art


Cinco de Mayo

# South Omaha

Savor salsas that bite back, admire street murals that tell immigration stories and let South Omaha sweep you off your feet — corazón first.

Historic South 24th Street pulses with life. Sidewalks brim with flower planters and colorful benches. Shopkeepers sweep their steps and greet you with warm smiles. Savory scents waft from taco trucks. Music floats from open doors. The vibe is welcoming — and proudly loud.

Look up and all around. Vibrant murals cover buildings and alleys. "Magic City" nods to South Omaha's early immigrant roots. Three more large-scale works at Plaza de la Raza honor Indigenous, Mayan and Latino communities. This neighborhood has long been a place of new beginnings — Polish, Irish, Czech, Italian, German, Mexican, Guatemalan and Salvadorean people, among others, have all made their mark here.

You'll taste those influences in every corner. Craving tacos? You've got options — **El Alamo**, **Guaca Maya**, **Isla Del Mar**, **Casa de Huarache**, **El Dorado**, **Taqueria Tijuana** and **Howard's Charro Cafe** are all flavor powerhouses. Go for fiery salsas, slow-stewed meats and piles of fresh cilantro and chopped onion. Swing by **Lithuanian Bakery** for a taste of a legendary torte. At **Donohue's Pub**, the daily specials read like a world tour — Polish cabbage rolls one day, enchiladas the next, maybe a plate of kraut and dumplings after that.

If you're here in May, don't miss Cinco de Mayo Omaha, one of the Midwest's biggest celebrations of Mexican heritage. September brings Fiestas Patrias and the whole strip hums with dancing, music and pride during Hispanic Heritage Month. Check the Visit Omaha events calendar for the latest.

Cap off your visit with a stop at **El Museo Latino**. Exhibits span Latin American art and culture, with programs from weaving and folk dance to anthropology and film. And grab a treat from **International Bakery**. ¡Vamos!


International Bakery


Howard's Charro Cafe




# Little Bohemia

Slurp a boozy ice cream float, sway to live music and discover a neighborhood where creativity flows as freely as the drinks.

Omaha's Little Bohemia is on the rise, thanks to its mix of playful nightlife, small-but-mighty shops and laid-back local flavor.

**Fizzy's Fountain & Liquors** is an adults-only soda fountain where boozy floats, slushees and ice cream cocktails share the spotlight with retro bites like fried bologna sandwiches and wedge salads. Order by phone from your table, then sip and snack amidst the kitschy, old-school decor.

For an epic concert-going experience, head to **The Admiral**. This historic 1,400-capacity music hall reopened in 2022 with a sleek new look and a stacked lineup. Catch artists like Lucinda Williams, Silversun Pickups or Polaris. Comedy fans can also see touring acts here.

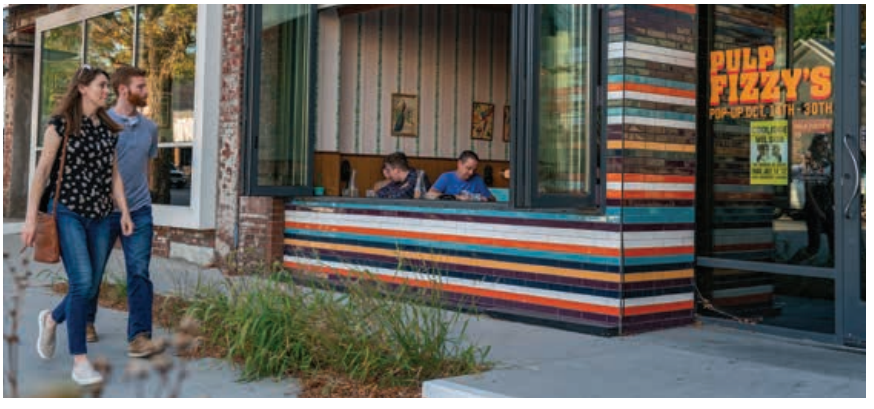

The Admiral

**Tiny House Bar** delivers big on charm. This woman-owned hangout hosts DJs, bingo nights, LGBTQ+ events and live stand-up. Seasonal cocktails, a vibey patio and cozy winter igloos make it feel like your coolest friend's backyard — if your friend also makes killer drinks. Just steps away, **The Platypus** is a low-key cocktail lounge with a warm, funky feel. Expect dim lighting, plush booths, vinyl on the turntable and a menu of well-crafted drinks. The bartenders are friendly, the playlists are eclectic and the crowd keeps things chill — it's the kind of spot where you can settle in for hours.

Craving hops or high ABV? **Lumen Beer Company** serves up craft brews in a calm, minimalist space — plus trivia nights. **Beercade 2** brings the party with 40+ vintage arcade games, 13 pinball machines and 30 rotating taps.

Pups get their own place to play at **Omaha Dog Bar**, where dogs can run leash-free on 12,000 square feet of turf while their humans sip cocktails, mocktails, beer or wine. There are snacks for all species.

For a shopping fix, hunt down a curated mix of vintage, local and handmade at **Pretty in Patina**, **Family of Things** and **Dusk Goods & Gifts**. You'll discover statement pieces and thoughtful souvenirs.



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