

Grand Island, Nebraska

Fonner Park



Grand Island Nebraska

Positioned over the water-rich Ogallala Aquifer, Nebraska is one of the most productive places on earth. In the heart of Nebraska, Grand Island has rightfully grown into the agricultural showcase of our state, playing host to some of the most significant shows and events in the country.

Here you will find Fonner Park, where the springtime tradition of Thoroughbred horse racing is held, as well as the Nebraska State Fair and countless livestock and ag-based trade shows. Grand Island is also home to Husker Harvest Days, Stuhr Museum and the University of Nebraska's Raising Nebraska modern agricultural showcase.

Grand Island was settled a few miles north of the Platte River in 1857 by German immigrants, built on a foundation of railroads and agriculture. To this day we proudly build combines, grain bins and have a massive food production capacity.

Our history is rich, but we're not stuck in the past – far from it.

Our city is connected by the popular downtown Railside District with its abundant food and shopping options. There you can experience a festive atmosphere at the Hear Grand Island summer concert series or amazing and diverse cultures in one of our many ethnic owned restaurants.

At Stuhr Museum, you can walk in the footsteps of our first native residents and pioneers to see first hand what it was like to live in the 1890s. Stuhr Museum's Railroad Town features homes and businesses from the era. Another must see is the Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center, where you can hike trails and witness first hand the incredible sights and sounds of the sandhill crane migration. Nearly one million cranes rest, feed, and congregate on the Platte River each spring while migrating north. Everyone is welcome at the annual Nebraska State Fair, which is an amazing showcase of who we are as Nebraskans.

We're connected too. The Central Nebraska Regional Airport offers service to Dallas, Las Vegas and Phoenix. By road, Interstate 80 provides easy access for vehicle travelers from across the country. We invite you to visit and explore.



VisitGrandIsland.com | 308-382-4400



MILEAGE FROM GRAND ISLAND

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| Chicago, IL | 599 miles |
| Dallas, TX | 636 miles |
| Denver, CO | 397 miles |
| Kansas City, MO | 287 miles |
| St. Paul, MN | 446 miles |
| Oklahoma City, OK | 433 miles |
| Omaha, NE | 145 miles |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 800 miles |
| St. Louis, MO | 536 miles |

50,000
city residents

1,841
feet above sea level

Climate

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| Summer | Avg high 87°, low 64° |
| Autumn | Avg high 64°, low 39° |
| Winter | Avg high 32°, low 12° |
| Spring | Avg high 62°, low 38° |
| Precip | Annual avg. 24.9" |

Introduction to Fonner Park



Fonner Park, located just off Interstate 80 in Grand Island, is Central Nebraska's entertainment destination. A year-round facility, Fonner Park is host to numerous annual events including livestock shows, trade shows, the Hall County Fair, the Nebraska State Fair and various other meetings and conventions.

The heart of Fonner Park is the springtime tradition of live Thoroughbred horse racing which runs from mid-February through early May. During the live meet, a host of special events such as craft shows, family activities, concerts, recreational shows, and sporting events are planned to enhance the racing experience. The Finish Line Restaurant, located below the grandstand, is open all year long. The restaurant features a full menu, live draw Keno, simulcast horse racing from across the nation and televisions featuring all your favorite sports and teams. Hours are from 11:00 am until 1:00 am Monday through Saturday and 11:00 am until 10:00 pm on Sunday.

Centrally located on the 240 acre Fonner Park campus is the Heartland Events Center which is the hub for much of the activity that takes place at Fonner Park and Grand Island throughout each year. Concerts, entertainment, sporting events, conventions and trade shows are all held annually in the Heartland Events Center's Eihusen Arena, offering 30,000 square feet of floor space, up to 7,500 seats, locker rooms and meeting space adjacent to the arena. The Bosselman Conference Center, located within the Heartland Events Center, provides 8,000 square feet of premier space for meetings, wedding receptions, and organizational banquets of all types and sizes. The conference center may be configured as one large room or five separate rooms and includes the latest audio and video equipment, complete with full-service catering and bar service.

The Nebraska State Fair moved to Grand Island and Fonner Park in 2010. This move initiated the construction of over a half million square feet of state-of-the-art exhibition space, cattle and small animal barns, a show arena, and an indoor/outdoor pavilion. National Livestock Shows and agricultural trade shows have emerged as a strong market for these facilities. The Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (GILCA) was organized in 2015 to oversee and coordinate the livestock events. In 2017, the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show and Purple Ribbon Auction relocated to Fonner Park.

Visit our website for full details of all facilities on the Fonner Park campus.

FonnerPark.com | HeartlandEventsCenter.com | GILCA.org

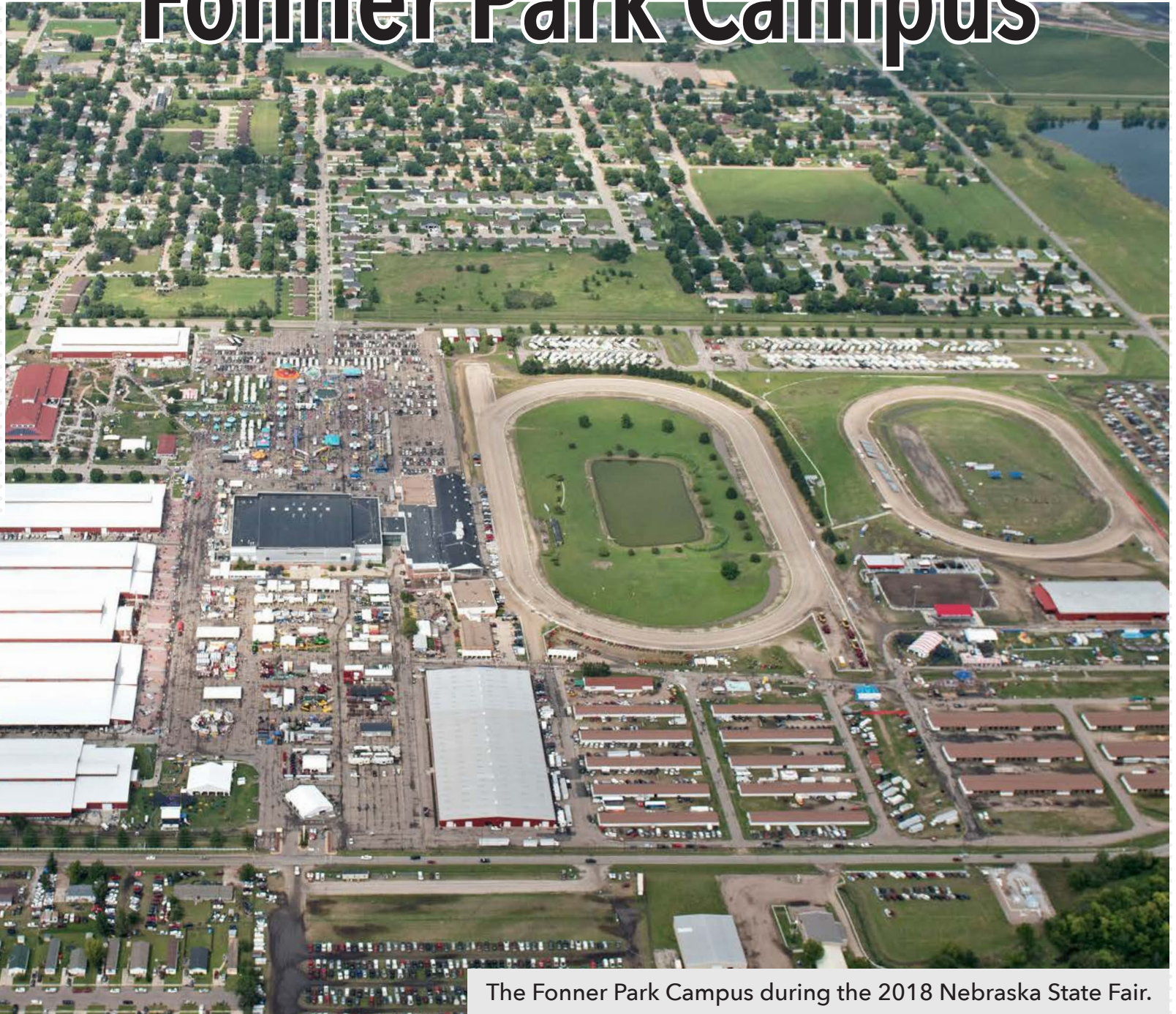
Fonner Park Campus



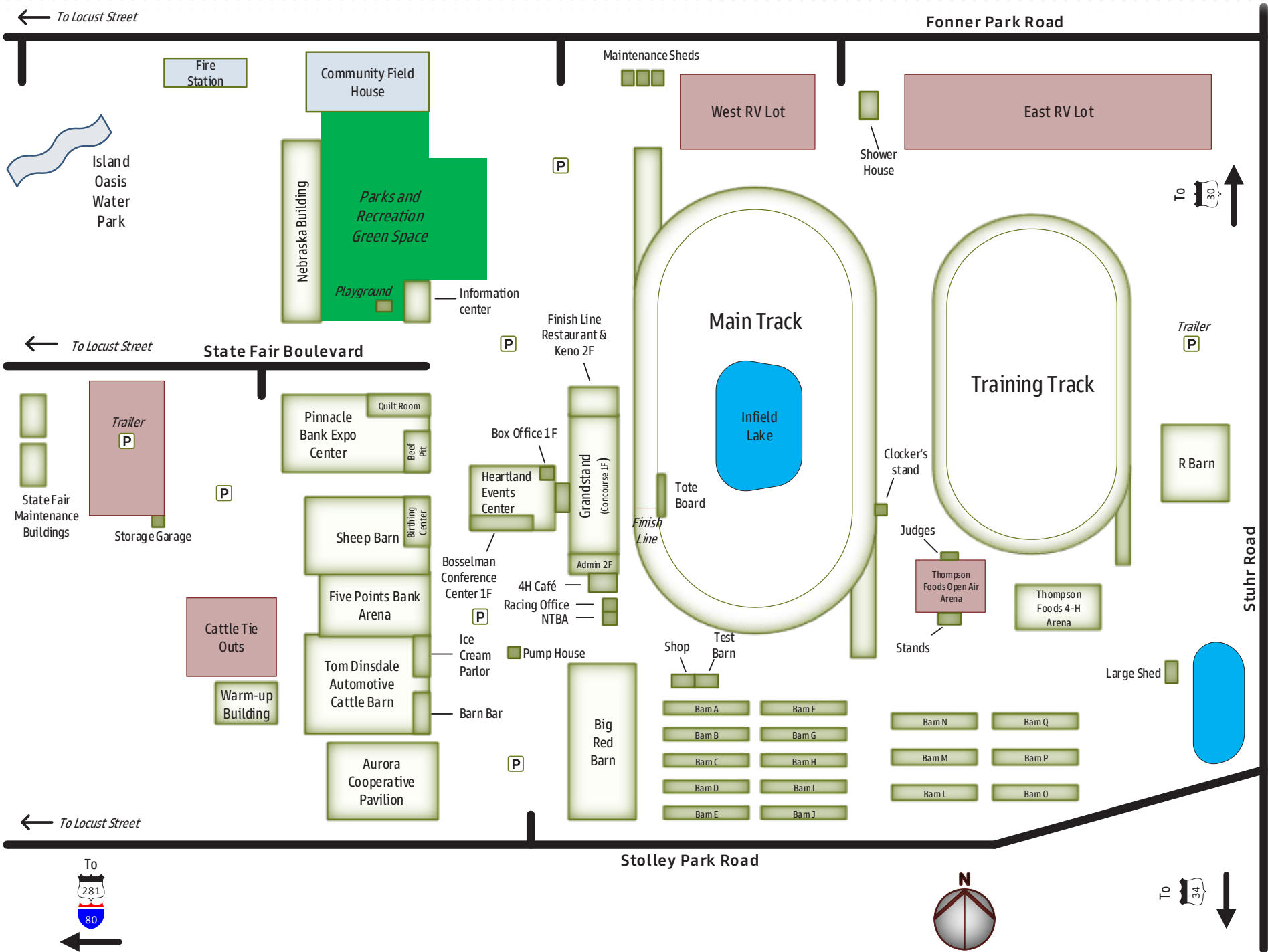
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The Fonner Park Campus during the 2018 Nebraska State Fair.



The Nebraska springtime tradition

*“Every 22 minutes the
place goes berserk.”*

*-Chris Kotulak
Fonner Park CEO*

Horsing is the rudder that steers the ship at Fonner Park. It is also the horsepower that propels a Thoroughbred racing season, an appreciative city of Grand Island and the community of Central Nebraska.

An eleven-week meet begins annually in late February and concludes on a jam-packed first Saturday in May for a festive Kentucky Derby celebration. Racing revelers can enjoy the vibe of a nostalgic grandstand and clubhouse that routinely sells out every Saturday, and typically involves live music after the races. Be sure to check FonnerPark.com for an updated list of the many special promotion days that might include ethnic food days, family days, a petting zoo or possibly camel, ostrich and even zany T-Rex racing. A full-service sports bar featuring nationwide simulcasting and keno wagering is open daily.



***Celebrating the
heart & soul of
Nebraska - youth
and agriculture.***

The Nebraska State Fair

The Nebraska State Fair is an annual 11-day event that is held at the end of August through early September each year, ending on Labor Day. The fair is hosted at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Fair offers insights into the unique culture of Nebraska. It is built on 150 years of tradition and showcases the talent, products and people of Nebraska with an emphasis on 4-H and FFA. Here, Nebraskans come together to experience the latest technological advancements in agriculture, first-class entertainment and the most delectable and extraordinary food the state has to offer. Like many state fairs, the Nebraska State Fair includes a competitive livestock exhibition, farming equipment trade show, and competitions in other fields, such as handmade crafts and baked goods.



Heartland Events Center & Bosselman Conference Center

Host your next event at the Heartland Events Center and Bosselman Conference Center where hospitality is our trademark. Amenities are abundant including one-stop-shop meeting planning services and on-site catering designed to make your event a success.

- 30,000 square feet of arena space
- 6,000 permanent seats, 1,500 portable seats
- Climate controlled
- PA system, Daktronics scoreboard
- Locker and meeting rooms, concession stands
- Wi-Fi
- Four corner digital screens



MULTIPURPOSE VENUE

The Eihusen Arena in the Heartland Events Center is the hub for activity at Fonner Park and in Grand Island.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Heartland Events Center's arena hosts multiple family friendly events each year.



CONCERTS

The Eihusen Arena in the Heartland Events Center has concert seating for up to 7,500 people.

Heartland Events Center & Bosselman Conference Center

*"Fonner Park makes
Grand Island a better place."
- Gary Rosacker
GI Businessman*



COMPETITIONS

The Eihusen Arena in the Heartland Events Center is the home of the State High School Cheer & Dance competition.



SPORT COURTS

The Eihusen Arena is the host site for multiple sporting events including Heartland Hoops every February.



ATHLETIC TOURNAMENTS

The Heartland Events Center hosts basketball, volleyball, wrestling and boxing regularly.



EXHIBITION SPORTS

The Heartland Events Center hosts multiple sporting competitions including college sports and Husker volleyball.



FORMAL EVENTS

The conference center provides a professional setting for a variety of events including wedding receptions and large banquets.



MEETING SPACE

The conference center accommodates stand-alone meeting space or may be used as space for breakouts, conferences and conventions.



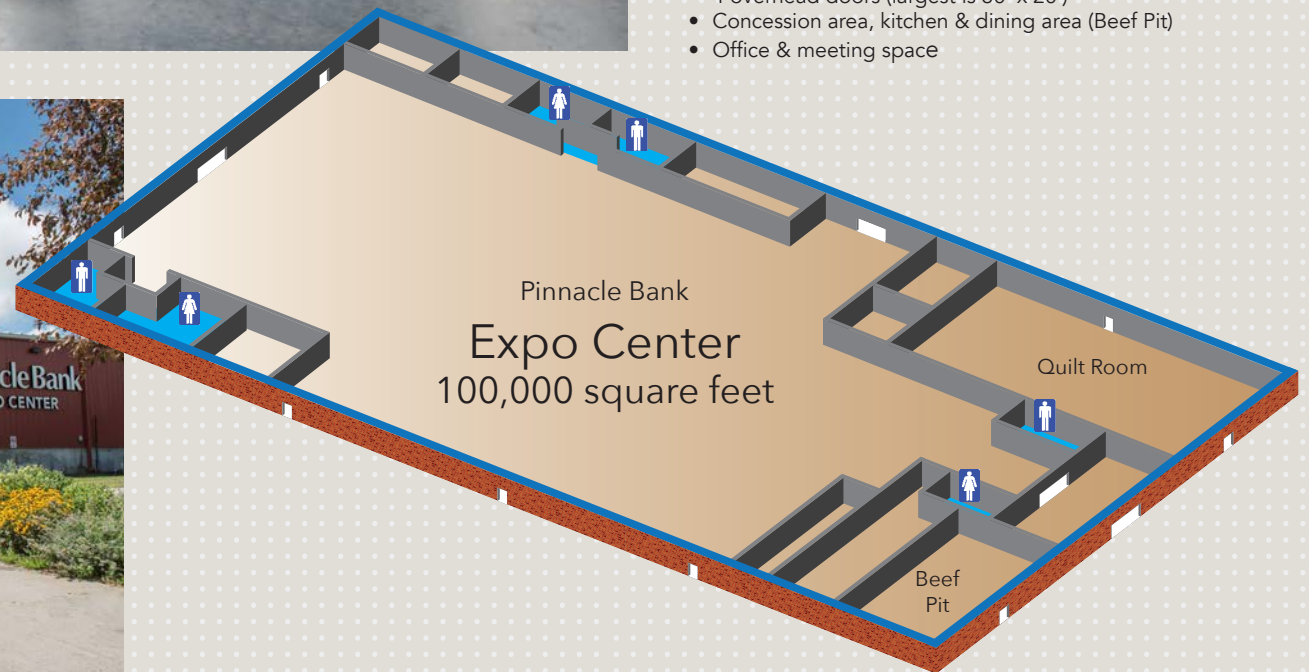
Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

This 100,000 square foot building is situated on the Fonner Park campus across from the Heartland Events Center and next to the Sheep Barn. This building has hosted the roar of both animatronic dinosaurs and combines thanks to large overhead doors. Sporting events, dog shows, and academic competitions have also made good use of the space. Car shows, ag conventions, trade shows, and fundraisers such as large banquets make this one of the most popular facilities at Fonner Park.

In addition to the open exposition space, it offers a smaller exhibition room and a dining room with a kitchen. Smaller meeting rooms are available.

100,000 square feet (224' x 450')

- Climate controlled
- Trade show area (350+ booths)
- 270+ 20 amp drop-down electrical outlets plus limited 220v
- 4 overhead doors (largest is 30' x 20')
- Concession area, kitchen & dining area (Beef Pit)
- Office & meeting space





EASY ACCESS

The Pinnacle Bank Expo Center provides easy access for large events and equipment move in with multiple overhead doors and one oversized door.



TRADE SHOWS

Easy access and an abundance of drop down electrical cords provide prime space for trade show activities.

Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

"At Fonner Park there are no strangers, only friends I've not met yet."

*-Dianne Willey
Fonner Park Sales & Marketing Director*



NATIONAL SHOWS

Trade shows, dog shows, and car and gun shows are annual events in the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center among others.



QUILT ROOM

Named for its use during the state fair, this room offers flexibility for use for meetings, training events and banquets or small trade shows.

Photo courtesy of the Nebraska State Fair



ATHLETIC EVENTS

The expo center easily accommodates many types of athletic events such as wrestling tournaments and boxing bouts.



SHOOTING SPORTS

The Pinnacle Bank Expo Center is utilized during the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships each summer.



ACADEMIC EVENTS

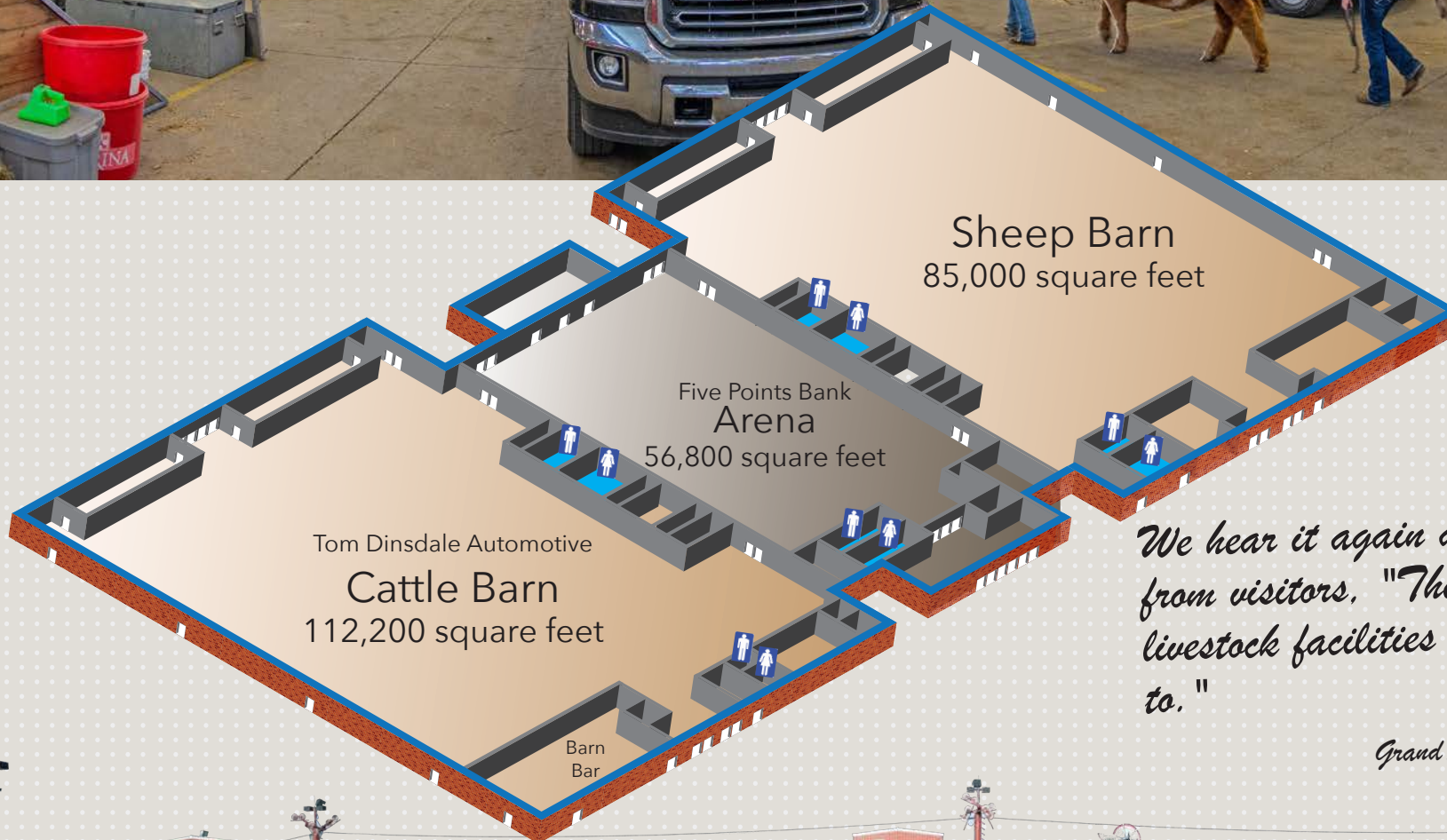
Flexible space and electrical drops make this a perfect fit for the SkillsUSA competitions each spring.



ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Pinnacle Bank Expo Center is often utilized in conjunction with other facilities for larger events.

Ag Showplace of the Midwest



We hear it again and again from visitors. "These are the best livestock facilities I've ever been to."

*- Brad Mellema
Grand Island Tourism Director*



Tom Dinsdale Automotive Cattle Barn

A premier livestock facility, 1,350 cattle can be housed in this building at a time – with two wash bays for up to 70 cattle each. The building's 112,000 square feet can be used for almost anything.

The Barn Bar features a large dining room including a patio area, a bar and a serving counter. Opposite the Barn Bar is the Milking Parlor, where dairy cows are milked during demonstrations at the Nebraska State Fair. Next to the milking parlor is, of course, a small ice cream parlor open daily during the fair and for special events.

112,200 square feet (285' x 382')

- Premier ventilation system with Big Ass Fans
- Concrete flooring
- Rock Bottom Tie Stalls for 1,350 cattle
- High definition color video screen
- Wi-Fi
- 1,200 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets
- Drive-through loading/unloading aisle
- Wash racks, two units for 70 head each
- 15 overhead doors for easy access
- Secured outdoor tie-out area



LIVESTOCK SHOWPLACE

National and regional shows held each year bring cattle and many other smaller livestock to Fonner Park.



EQUINE EVENTS

The livestock facility can be converted to stalls and a warm-up arena for equine events.

Five Points Bank Show Arena

Connected to the cattle and sheep barns, the Five Points Bank Arena is the pinnacle of livestock showing convenience. This heated and cooled space has seating for 2,200 along with a VIP lounge overlooking the show arena.

Events the arena hosts include livestock shows, draft horse shows, tractor auctions and rodeos, but it may be configured for just about anything.

56,800 square feet (312' x 218')

- Show arena measures 115' x 215' with dirt
- Concrete floor
- Concession & ticket area
- Climate controlled
- Seating for 2,200
- 34' x 12' high definition color video screen
- Wi-Fi
- 10,000 watt digital, 4-quad sound system
- VIP lounge overlooking the arena
- Office space 40' x 70' (four offices with a large common area)



LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Five Points Bank Arena provides a premier showcase for livestock judging, including a VIP lounge and 34' screen.



DRAFT HORSES

Draft horse performances are one of the many entertainment events held in the Five Points Bank Arena.

Sheep Barn

Much more than just a barn, this space speaks loudly **don't limit your plans to sheep**. The sheep barn is heated and can be used comfortably during the winter months. This space goes way beyond livestock.

A small room at the front of the barn is used as a birthing pavilion during the Nebraska State Fair.

85,000 square feet (232' x 382')

- Premier ventilation system with Big Ass Fans and radiant heat
- Concrete flooring
- Portable 6' x 6' pens for 1,600+ animals
- High definition color video screen
- Wi-Fi
- 900 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets
- Drive-through loading/unloading aisle
- Wash racks, two units for 60 head each
- 15 overhead doors for easy access
- Four offices
- Birthing Pavillion (2,019 sq. ft.)



WASH RACKS

The wash racks in the Sheep Barn and Tom Dinsdale Cattle Barn are a livestock show person's dream come true!



COMPETITIONS

The Sheep Barn is heated and is an adaptable space used year-round for livestock events, ag events and trade shows.



Aurora Cooperative Pavilion

An adaptable space, the Aurora Cooperative Pavilion offers an arena for all types of events and a covered area used for livestock pens.

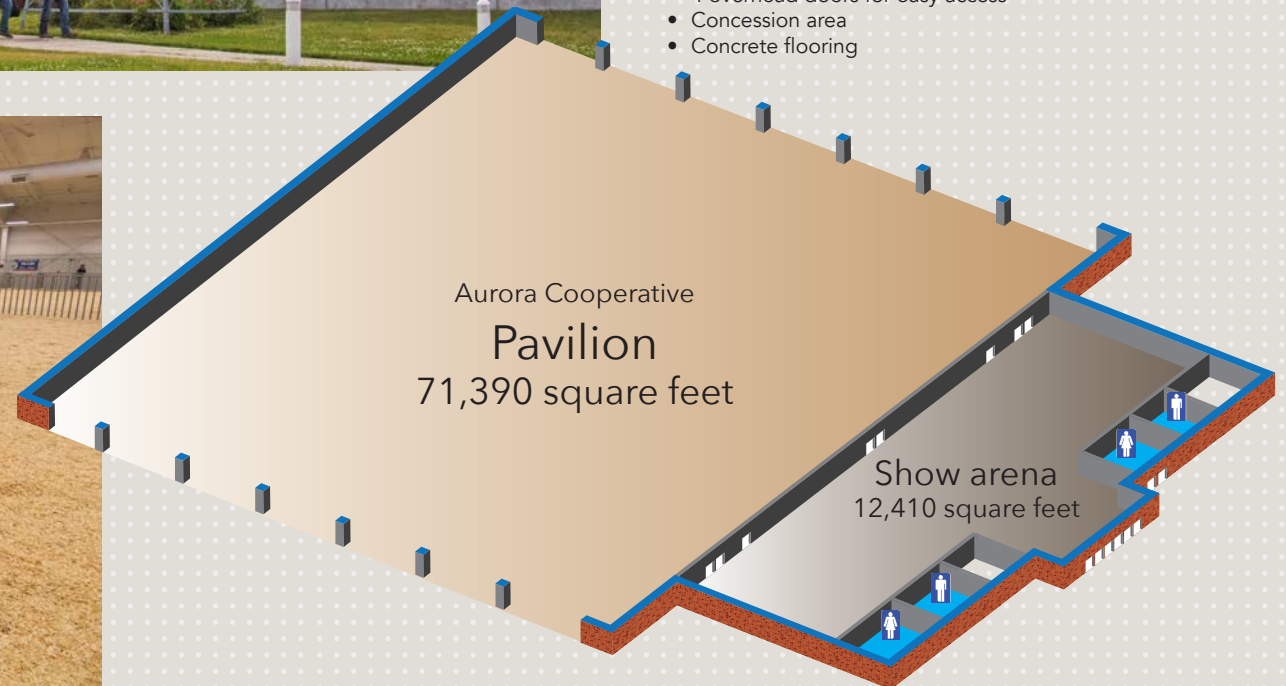
The arena includes a large high definition screen and is used for more than just showing livestock. Wedding receptions are common in this facility, and it has also been used regularly for roller derby bouts. The arena space – and the pavilion space – can be set up for just about anything to accommodate your group needs.

Pavilion: 71,390 square feet

- Portable 6' x 6' pens for 1,600+ livestock
- 330 20 amp drop-down electrical outlets
- Wash pens for 50+ head

Show Arena: 12,410 square feet (170' x 73')

- Climate controlled
- Offices with Wi-Fi capability
- High definition color video screen
- 4 overhead doors for easy access
- Concession area
- Concrete flooring





BANQUETS

The Aurora Cooperative Pavilion offers open space for any type of event. It has become a favorite for wedding receptions.



TRADE SHOWS

In addition to hosting livestock events, the pavilion also hosts craft shows, trade shows, auctions and large equipment training.



SPORTING EVENTS

The Aurora Cooperative Pavilion has been home to roller derby bouts, boxing, and new product launches.



LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The open-air pavilion provides space for a large number of small animal pens or livestock stalls.

Thompson Arenas



The Thompson Foods Indoor and Open Air Arenas are the finest equine center in central Nebraska. Each year the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show is held in Grand Island.

The 60,000 square foot Thompson Foods Open Air Arena is a state-of-the-art equine arena featuring covered grandstand seating for 750 spectators and is fully ADA compliant. Modern amenities include Priefert holding pens, bucking and roping chutes, livestock shade structure and an announcer's booth with electrical hookups and storage room. Additional amenities include high quality lighting, professional grade sound system and ample parking.

Thompson Foods 4-H Indoor Arena: 100' x 180'

- 1,200 seats
- Show office & announcer stand
- Show Arena 102' x 210'

Thompson Foods Open Air Arena: 166' x 246'

- Covered seating for 750

Horse Barns

- 1,200 permanent stalls



Photo courtesy of the Nebraska State Fair



Fonner Park Campground

The campground is available exclusively for events taking place at Fonner Park.

- Wi-Fi
- 30 amp & 50 amp at each site

160 RV Pads

- 129 full service on concrete - water/sewer/electrical
- 2 on concrete - water/electrical
- 29 unpaved
- \$30 per night (2020 rate)

Bathouse

- Lighted
- Concrete floor
- Heated
- Office
- 5 Restrooms/showers
 - 4 toilet/sink/shower combos
 - 1 toilet/sink/shower combo/handicap accessible
- 110v outlets inside bathhouse office
- 110v outlets inside each restroom/shower combo
- Handicap Accessible



WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Center, at the front gate of Fonner Park, offers four service windows, large restrooms, and a first aid/nursing station.

OTHER CAMPING PADS HOOKUPS

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| Bader Memorial Park 898 Bader Park Rd (Chapman) • 308-986-2522 | 24 | Yes |
| Cheyenne State Recreation Area I-80 Exit 300 | na | na |
| Firefly Meadows I-80 Exit 300, Wood River • 308-583-2256 | 30 | Yes |
| Grand Island KOA I-80 Exit 318 • 800-562-0850 | 62 | Yes |
| Hall County Park 3138 W Schimmer Dr • 308-385-5087 | 19 | Yes |
| Heartland Public Shooting Park 6788 W Husker Hwy • 308-385-5048 | 9 | Yes |
| Mormon Island SRA I-80 and Hwy 281 • 402-471-1414 / 308-385-6211 | 73 | Yes |

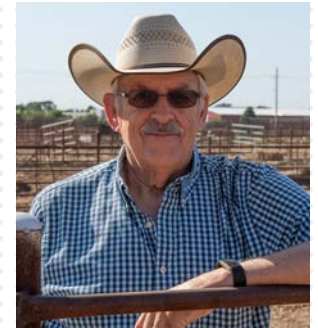


VIP LOUNGE

Premier seating for special guests during events taking place in the Five Points Bank Arena. Bar service and catering accommodations available.

The Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (GILCA) works to promote year-round use of the world-class livestock show facilities in the heart of the Midwest at Fonner Park.

Situated in the thriving city of Grand Island, Nebraska, Fonner Park offers all the amenities of large metropolitan areas, with the comfort and ease of a small community. We are proud to be the home of the AKSARBEN Stock Show.



Bill Angell

Livestock Show Director

970-396-5594

bdmange@comcast.net



Fonner Park Food Service



Fonner Keno & Finish Line Restaurant

Live draw keno – playing seven days a week – housed within the full service Finish Line Restaurant is a win-win for every sports enthusiast. Over 160 televisions simulcasting from all major course tracks across the nation, and other televised sporting events. Whether you enjoy betting the ponies, playing Keno or watching football, basketball, golf or other sporting events, this is the sports lovers dream come true!



Chances "R" & Fonner Catering

Catering service is available for events as small as ten people or large events in excess of 5,000.

- Chances "R", a favorite central Nebraska restaurant, provides catering service for the Heartland Events Center and other large events held on the Fonner Park campus.
- Fonner Park catering provides service for smaller events (approximately 100 or less) held on the campus.
- Fonner Park provides concessions and all bar service for events held at Fonner Park.
- Approved food truck vendors may be another option for exceptionally large events.

Please visit with your sales representative for applicable options for your event.



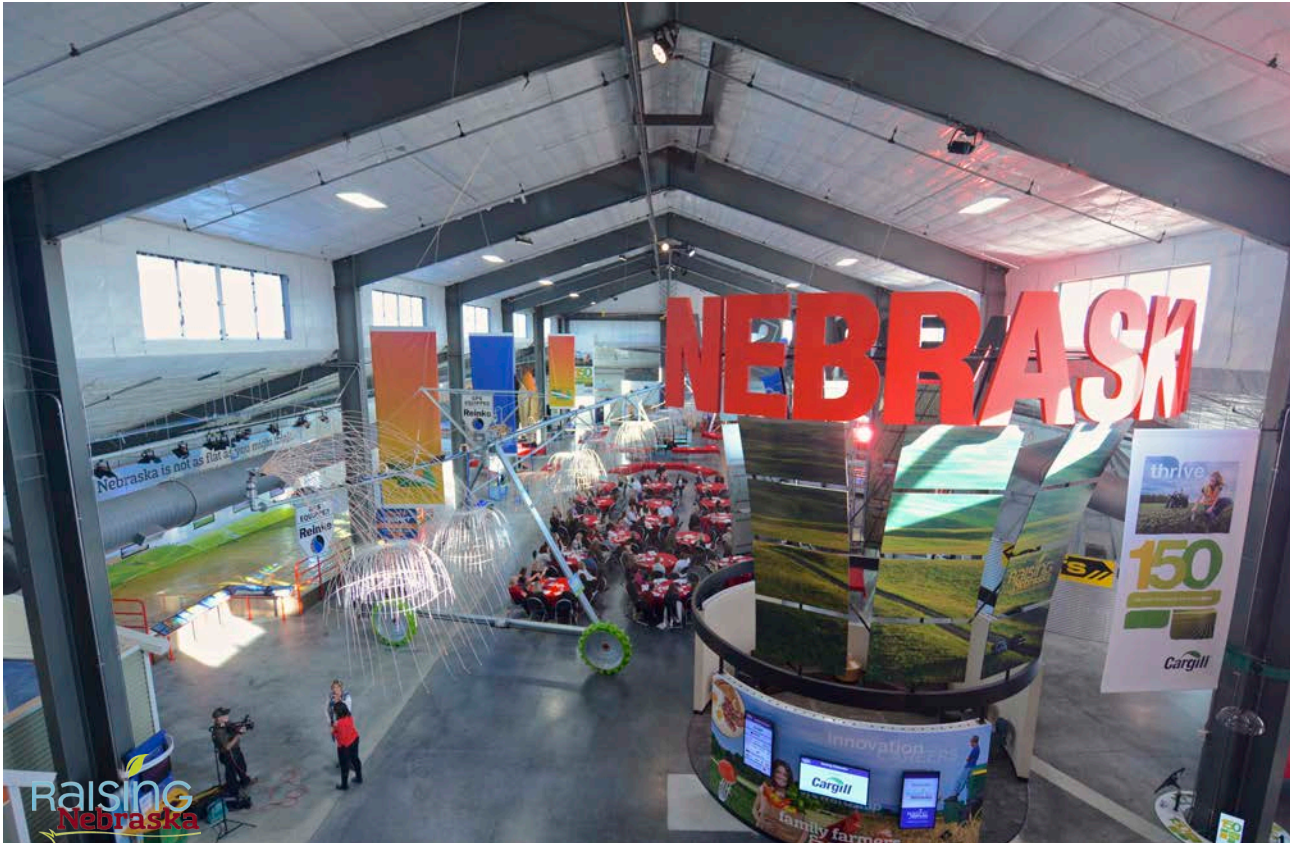
THE FINISH LINE

Located in the heart of the Fonner Park Campus with a sports bar atmosphere and full menu with daily specials



THE BARN BAR

A favorite watering hole during the Nebraska State Fair and livestock events. This space also hosts private parties and casual wedding receptions.



Nebraska Building

Located on the Fonner Park campus, the Nebraska Building is the home of the Nebraska State Fair offices in addition to exhibits that are open to the public.

Raising Nebraska

This interactive experience spans every inch of its 25,000 square feet, focusing on where Nebraska agriculture is today and how the state is positioned for global leadership in feeding the world. It is designed to let people see agriculture from every angle: from water conservation to soil health, from animal well being to food safety, from invention to innovation, from economic impact to global hunger.

- Interactive exhibits
- Small theater room
- Commercial kitchen

Nebraska Game and Parks

- Archery range for groups if arranged in advance
- Playground with treehouse and outdoor learning center

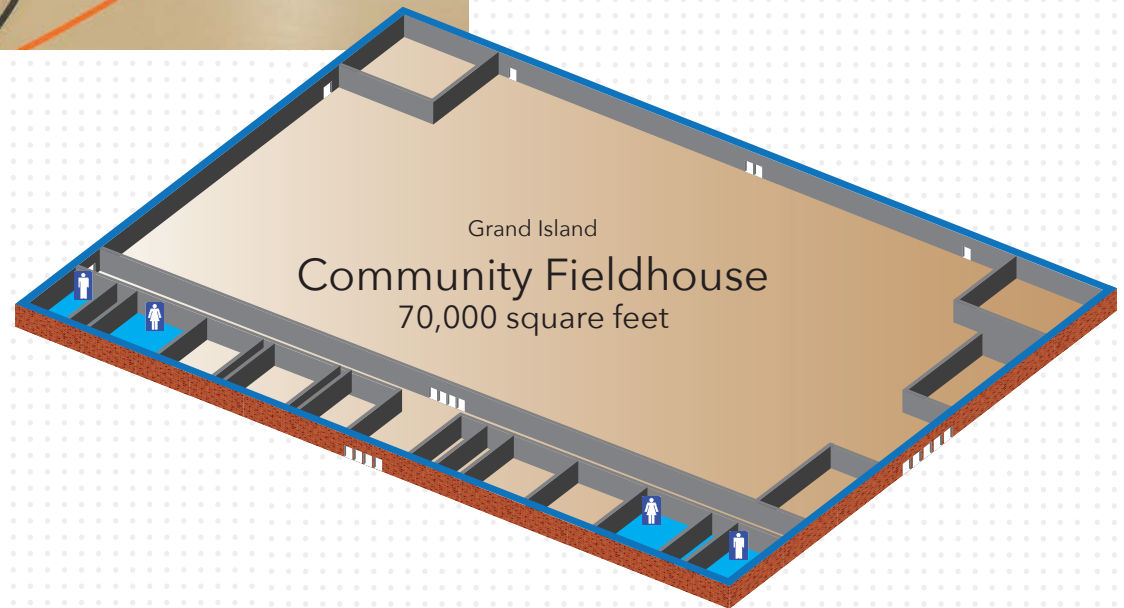




Community Fieldhouse

The Grand Island Community Fieldhouse is operated by the city of Grand Island and is available October-July. The 70,000 square-foot facility hosts city leagues for a variety of sports from archery to flag football, and can also be used for tournaments that aren't a part of the local parks and recreation programs.

- Climate controlled
- Basketball, volleyball, batting cages, soccer fields, and pickleball courts
- 4 overhead doors (largest is 20' wide)
- Concession area, kitchen & dining area
- 3 meeting rooms



AROUND TOWN: TRANSPORTATION



Airports

Central Nebraska Rgnl. Airport (GRI)

(Pictured) Grand Island • Flights to Dallas, Phoenix, and Las Vegas

Nearby

Kearney Regional Airport (EAR)

(45 miles west) • Flights to Chicago and Denver

Lincoln Regional Airport (LNK)

(90 miles east) • Flights to Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, and Minneapolis

Omaha's Eppley Airfield (OMA)

(150 miles east) • Direct flights to 18 destinations

Car Rentals

Budget Rent-A-Car

3215 N Hwy 281 • 308-381-7100 • BudgetNebraska.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

920 N Diers Ave • 308-381-6300 • Enterprise.com

Hertz

Airport • 308-384-4741 • Hertz.com

MSAS/A & A Leasing

703 W 2nd • 308-384-3073 • MSASauto.com

Thrifty Car Rental

Airport • 308-382-4392 • ThriftyNE.com

Uber and Lyft

Check apps for availability



ARRIVE RAILSIDE

The streets in downtown were originally platted to parallel the railroad tracks. As the city grew, planners decided new roads would point true north. All parking is free.

HIKE-BIKE TRAILS

Sixteen miles of paved, off-street trails offer hikers and cyclists transportation and recreation throughout the city. Hikers and mountain bikers can explore the hills along the Platte River east of town at Gjerloff Prairie.

AN ISLAND IN NEBRASKA?

There are many islands, in fact, on the braided Platte River. Grand Island was named for La Grande Isle, an island in the river that was named by French fur trappers in the mid-1800s.

Central Nebraska Regional Airport
Nebraska National Guard

FONNER PARK
The Nebraska Springtime Tradition
GRAND ISLAND, NE



Grand Island
Tourism

AROUND TOWN: LODGING



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877-315-8273
BestWestern.com



504 N Diers Ave
308-384-9777
GrandIsland.HamptonInn.com



3021 S Locust St
308-384-4100



3333 Ramada Rd
308-384-5150
StayBoarders.com



3404 W Faidley Ave
308-675-1118
HIExpress.com



2114 W 2nd St
800-285-2240



3205 S Locust St
800-766-1706
RodewayInn.com



859 Allen Dr
308-381-7000
ihg.com/Candlewood



2311 S Locust St
800-646-6869
IslandInnGI.com



1716 Diers Ave
308-381-8111
SleepInn.com



3535 W State St
308-381-7788
ComfortInn.com



3051 S Locust St
308-382-9280
MainstaySuites.com



228 Lake St
308-833-7100
ChoiceHotels.com/comfort-suites



7301 Bosselman Ave
308-384-6666
Motel6.com



2603 S Locust St
308-384-4380
Super8.com



7830 S Hwy 281
308-384-5006
DaysInn.com



7838 S Hwy 281
308-384-7770
QualityInn.com



1311 S Locust St
308-382-5003
Travelodge.com



2620 Diers Ave
308-384-8624
DIGrandIsland.com



2503 S Locust St
308-384-1330
Wyndham.com/hotels/52416



7501 S Hwy 281
308-381-0111
USAInn.net



805 Allen Dr
308-381-8980
Marriott.com



507 W 2nd St
308-384-1000



**Grand Island offers
1,900 hotel rooms.**

AROUND TOWN: FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tommy Gunz 1607 S. Locust St.

This speakeasy-themed bistro serves top-end foods while sending guests back to the early 20th century with its atmosphere.



Prairie Pride Brewing Co. 115 E. South Front St.

Brewing right here in Grand Island's Railside district, this taproom is a great place to unwind at the end of the day.



40 North Tap + Grill 520 W. 3rd St.

An upscale dining experience, 40 North makes everything from scratch and the bar serves locally brewed beers.



Grand Island offers cuisine from around the world. Nearly 130 restaurants are ready to please your palate.

Local Flavors

Fuji Steakhouse

1004 Diers Ave

McKinney's Irish Pub

123 W 3rd St

Runza

Very Nebraskan, two locations in Grand Island

Sin City Grill

410 W 3rd St

Wave Pizza Company 107 N. Walnut St.

This local pizza place sports a broken-down beach shack theme to go along with its made-from-scratch and hand-tossed pizzas.



Texas T-Bone 1600 S. Locust St.

A casual steakhouse, no need to step over the peanut shells. All of Texas T-Bone's steaks are cut in their own kitchen every day.



AROUND TOWN: *EVENTS*

Spring Migration 1-80 Exit 305 • CraneTrust.org

People from around the world visit Grand Island – home to the spring migration of the sandhill cranes – one of Earth's great migrations.



Nebraska State Fair 501 E. Fonner Park Rd. • StateFair.org

This late August event is so much more than agriculture. Come for the food, concerts, and the midway. And, of course, the animals.



Hall County Fair 107 N. Walnut St.

The Hall County Fair is where Fonner Park got its start. This 4-H tradition continues every July with agriculture, music, and a midway.



Horse Racing 700 E. Stolley Park Rd. • FonnerPark.com

Thoroughbreds have raced at Fonner Park for more than 60 years. Be a part of the tradition every year from late February through early May.



Farm Show 9000 W. Husker Hwy • HuskerHarvestDays.com

The world's largest totally irrigated farm show brings live demonstrations and cutting edge farm technology to Grand Island every September.



More Events

Concerts: Hear Grand Island

FREE, Friday evenings during the summer • Facebook.com/HearGI/

Craft Brew & Sausage Fest

Late summer • GIBrewFest.com

Livestock Show: Aksarben

Late September • AksarbenStockShow.com

Nebraska's Junk Jaunt

Late September • JunkJaunt.com

Parade: Harvest of Harmony

First Saturday in October • Facebook.com/harvestharmony/

AROUND TOWN: ATTRACTIONS

Dog Park L.E. Ray Park & Lake • 3315 S. Blaine St

This relaxing and peaceful park offers separate areas for small and large dogs. Man's best friend can jump into the water at the beach or cruise around a trail.



Stuhr Museum 3133 W. Highway 34 • StuhrMuseum.org

Stuhr Museum's 200 acres tells the story of early pioneers through spectacular architecture and a railroad town staffed by historic interpreters.



The Railside District 201 W. 3rd St.

This historic downtown boasts unique shopping, local restaurants, breweries, and an art-deco movie theater.



More Attractions

1930s Movie House

The Grand Theater • 316 W 3rd St

Axe Throwing & Archery Tag

Axe Holes • 2300 N Webb Rd

Fred's Flying Circus

504 E 4th St

Nature Center

Crane Trust • Interstate 80 Exit 305

Raising Nebraska

Raising Nebraska • 501 E Fonner Park Rd

Island Oasis 321 E. Fonner Park Rd • Grand-Island.com/Oasis

More than six acres of refreshing family fun! Brave the wave pool, relax in the lazy river, or race down one of six large water slides.



Shopping Railside District & Merchandise Mile

In addition to being a regional shopping hub, Grand Island is home to numerous boutiques, antique shops, Conestoga Mall and Northwest Commons.



AROUND TOWN: RECREATION

Heartland Public Shooting Park 6788 W. Husker Hwy

Enjoy lighted skeet and trap ranges - including bunker trap - sporting clays ranges, and rifle/pistol ranges to 600 yards.



Mormon Island Interstate 80 Exit 312

This state recreation area offers RV and tent camping, swimming, no-wake boating, and fishing right off of Interstate 80.



Veterans Athletic Complex 2820 N. Broadwell Ave

This recently developed ball field complex features 10 softball fields alongside 12 acres of soccer fields. A playground, lake, and splash pad are also nearby.



Hike & Bike Trails Parks and Rec, 308-385-5444 ext 290

Grand Island offers nearly 15 miles of paved, off-street trails with more to come in the very near future.



Golf Courses Grand Island City Limits

Three 18-hole golf courses and one 9-hole course offer golfers a variety of options inside the Grand Island city limits.



Family Fun

Bowling

Westside Lanes • 112 Kaufman Ave

Disc Golf & Miniature Train

Stolley Park • 2103 W Stolley Park Rd

Indoor Driving Range

Bearded Buffalo Golf • 217 E Stolley Park Rd

Roller Skating & Mini Golf

Skate Island • 2310 N Webb Rd

Skate Park

Pier Park & Lake • 500 S Oak St

Trampoline Park

Spring City • 2300 N Webb Rd

Event Planning Services

Grand Island Tourism is here to help with your event. Whether you're an experienced meeting planner or putting an event together for the first time. We have resources available for gatherings of all sizes, from an association with 50 members to livestock shows that need space for 5,000 animals.

- Dignitary welcomes and ceremonial color guard
- Financial bid incentive opportunities
- Grand Island Sports Council support
- Press release to regional media outlets
- Arrange citywide hotel room blocks
- Registration services including name tags
- Site selection services
- Specialized city maps
- Transportation planning services (motorcoach)
- Volunteer recruitment
- Welcome bags with information and pens



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Case New Holland 3445 W. Stolley Park Rd

Case New Holland, or CNH Industrial, builds combine harvesters, combine heads, windrowers and stack cruisers that help keep Americans fed.



AGI MFS 2928 East U.S. Hwy 30

Protecting the quality of grain and ensuring the safety of the people who handle it, AGI MFS is a manufacturer of grain storage and handling systems.



Hornady Manufacturing 3625 W. Old Potash Hwy

This innovative family operation has focused on quality while producing ammunition for sport and hunting since 1949.



Corporate Tours

Grand Island Tourism works regularly with businesses and organizations that offer tours of their facilities.

Grand Island is a center of industry and agriculture. Businesses such as Hornady Manufacturing, AGI MFS, and Case New Holland showcase American ingenuity and quality.



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