

WELCOME TO DES MOINES

There's no shortage of adventures to have in Des Moines. Use this guidebook to map out the most sought-after destinations in the Downtown and Historic East Village neighborhoods.

Our staff is always willing to point you in the right direction. Enjoy your stay!



AC KITCHEN

European and American inspired breakfast in our hotel lobby

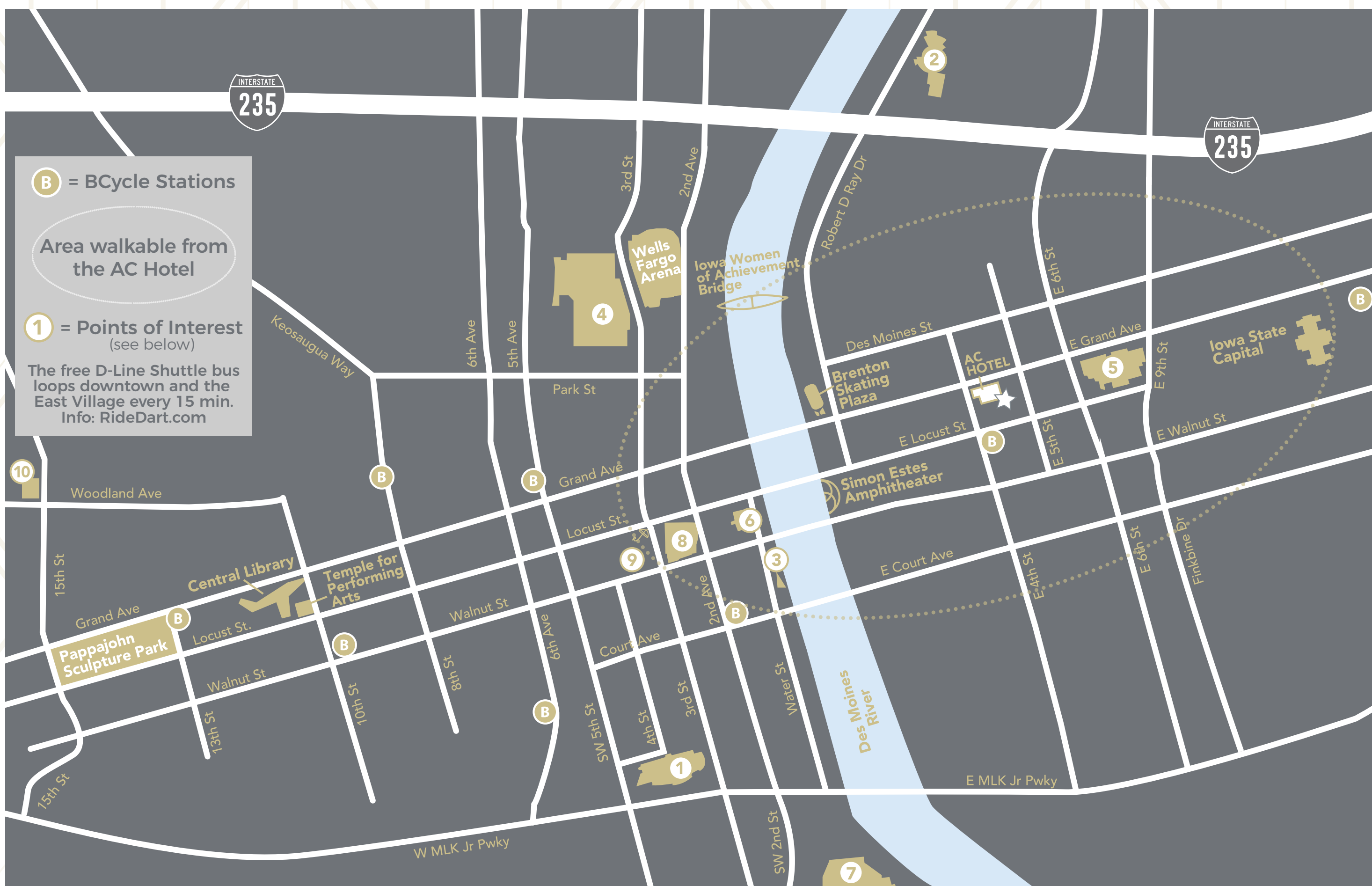
Monday - Friday | 6:30 am - 10 am
Saturday - Sunday | 7 am - 11 am



THE REPUBLIC ON GRAND

Relax in our signature indoor/outdoor sixth floor lounge, The Republic on Grand. Pair a craft cocktail with artisanal chef favorites — featuring eclectic American cuisine.

Monday - Thursday | 4 pm - 10 pm
Friday - Saturday | 2 pm - 12 am (serving food until 10 pm)
Sunday | 11 am - 9 pm



= Within walking distance of the AC Hotel

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA** — 401 W Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy | Interactive exhibits, a planetarium & IMAX cinema
- 2 BOTANICAL GARDENS** — 909 Robert D. Ray Drive | Tropical and temperate gardens, cafe & shop
- 3 PRINCIPAL RIVERWALK** — Pedestrian bridges & pathways along the Des Moines River | Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge, The Hub Spot, Brenton Skating Plaza, Union Railroad Bridge, Rotary Riverwalk Park
- 4 IOWA EVENTS CENTER** — 730 3rd St | Events complex including Iowa Hall of Pride, Hy-Vee Hall, Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, and Wells Fargo Arena
- 5 STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF IOWA** — 600 E Locust St | Exhibits, collections, and artifacts of Iowa's history — free admission
- 6 WORLD FOOD PRIZE HALL OF LAUREATES** — 100 Locust St | Grand, historic building housing a museum celebrating those who have fought hunger around the world — free guided tour schedule online
- 7 PRINCIPAL PARK** — 1 Line Dr | Minor league baseball stadium, home of the Iowa Cubs
- 8 THE CIVIC CENTER** — 221 Walnut St | Large performing arts center for touring Broadway productions, concerts & entertainment
- 9 COWLES COMMONS** — Across the street from the Civic Center | Large public art sculptures, a kid-friendly zero-depth fountain, lushly landscaped gathering spot for festivals & events
- 10 HOYT SHERMAN PLACE** — 1501 Woodland Ave | Historic home and entertainment venue — includes an art gallery and a grand theater, which hosts concerts & events

TOP CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS

FAVORITE BREAKFAST SPOTS

AMERICANA — 1312 Locust St | American contemporary food / weekend brunch | 1.5 miles

RAILROAD BILL'S DINING CAR — 621 Des Moines Street | Classic diner all-day breakfast

SCENIC ROUTE BAKERY — 350 E Locust St, Ste 104 | Light fare, coffee and pastries

THE BREAKFAST CLUB — 212 E 3rd St, Ste B | Funky brunch spot

LUNCH & DINNER FAVORITES

ALBA — 524 E 6th St | Upscale contemporary American

CENTRO — 1003 Locust St | Contemporary urban Italian

CONTINENTAL — 407 E 5th St. | American cuisine

FONG'S PIZZA — 223 4th St | Asian-inspired pizzas and tiki drinks | 0.7 miles

GATEWAY MARKET CAFÉ — 2002 Woodland Ave | Fresh, organic & local foods | 1.8 miles

HIGH LIFE LOUNGE — 200 SW 2nd St | 1960's style tavern with cuisine true to the era | 0.9 miles

LUCCA — 420 E Locust St | Prix fixe style Italian

MIYABI 9 — 512 E Grand Ave | Sushi & bento boxes

ROCA — 208 Court Ave | Eclectic small plates | 0.7 miles

SAKARI SUSHI LOUNGE — 2605 Ingersoll Ave | Sushi & Japanese eatery | 2.2 miles

SPLASH — 303 Locust St | Upscale seafood & raw oyster bar

ZOMBIE BURGER — 300 E Grand Ave | Burgers & shakes

TOP BARS

ALLEGED LEE'S | 510 E Grand Ave | Craft cocktails and local beers

BAR NICO — 428 E Locust St | Modern Mexican fare, cocktails, and late-night tacos - *Gluten-free kitchen

BELLHOP — 440 E Grand Ave | Tiki Bar

BLAZING SADDLE — 416 E 5th St | LGBTQ+ Bar

COA CANTINA — 425 E Grand Ave | Tequila bar

EL BAIT SHOP — 200 SW 2nd St | Craft beers | 0.9 miles

ERNIE'S BOONDOCK — 440 E Grand Ave, Ste A | Neighborhood Bar

IOWA TAP ROOM — 215 E 3rd St | Local craft brew

LOCUST TAP — 434 E Locust St | Neighborhood bar

PEACE TREE BREWING CO — 317 E Court Ave | Local brewery

SECRET ADMIRER — 110 SW 5th St | Neighborhood bar with patio and nice craft cocktails | 1 mile

THE NEW NORTHWESTERN — 321 E Walnut St | Cocktail and wine bar with small plates

UP DOWN — 500 E Locust St | Arcade bar

LOCAL ART

DES MOINES ART CENTER — 4700 Grand Ave | World-class art museum, free admission | 3.6 miles

STICKS GALLERY — 400 East Locust St, Ste 12 | American Craft Gallery

PAPPAJOHN SCULPTURE PARK — 1330 Grand Ave | Western Gateway Park, Downtown | 4.4 acres of contemporary sculptures | 1.2 miles

HERITAGE ART GALLERY — 111 Court Ave, Downtown | Artistic and historical exhibits | 0.6 miles

LOCAL SHOPS

AIMEE — 426 E Locust St | Upscale women's European clothing boutique

ALLSPICE — 400 E Locust St | Culinary spices

AMOUR — 518 East 6th St | Boutique lingerie & loungewear

EDEN — 418 E 6th St, Des Moines | Luxury and sustainable beauty and home goods

EPHEMERA — 505 E Locust St, Des Moines | design stationery studio

FONTENELLE — 524 E Grand Ave, Des Moines | Curated menswear and handcrafted leather goods

GOLDEN EYE — 313 E 5th St #100, Des Moines | Premium vintage and streetwear boutique

JANES — 350 E Locust St, Ste 102 | Children's store

KITCHEN COLLAGE — 430 E Locust St | Kitchen supplies

LEONA RUBY — 400 E Locust St | Jewelry boutique

MARNÉ — 350 E Locust St, Ste 101 | Sustainable + vegan boutique shopping

PORCH LIGHT — 526 E Grand Ave | Home goods, gifts, antiques

RAYGUN — 505 E Grand Ave | T-shirts, Midwest / Iowa gifts

RECLAIMED — 500 E Grand Ave | Antiques

SHE — 400 E Locust St, Ste 8 | Home goods, gifts

STORYHOUSE BOOKPUB — 505 E Grand Ave | Book store

THE DUST COLLECTIVE — 509 E 5th St, Des Moines | New clothing, premium curated vintage, antiques, home goods

VELVET COAT — 219 E Grand Ave | Luxury women's clothing

Go to catchdesmoines.com for more restaurant information

