

# Transgender and Non-Binary Resources:

## What is Refugerestrooms.org?

Refugerestrooms.com is free online website that helps catalog safe restrooms for Trans and Non-Binary. The database also holds information for restrooms that are accessible for those with disabilities and those who need a changing table. (see image 1)

Image 1

## About REFUGE

[Fork us and contribute on GitHub!](#)

### What is REFUGE restrooms?

Refuge Restrooms is a web application that seeks to provide safe restroom access for transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming individuals. Users can search for restrooms by proximity to a search location, add new restroom listings, as well as comment and rate existing listings.

We're trans led and seek to create a community focused not only on finding existing safe restroom access, but also advocating for transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming people's safety.

### Where did you get all this data?

The first 4500 entries are thanks to the old Safe2Pee database. The rest of our database is generated by our users. If you know of a gender neutral or safe restroom, please add it to our database!

### Why did you pick the name REFUGE?

We firmly believe that everybody has the right to use the restroom in safety and we wanted the name of our application to have a little of same dignity we want to give our users. Quite simply, we hope to provide a place of refuge in your time of need.

### What's the big deal about restrooms anyway and why do we need this resource?

One of the biggest battlefields upon which the fight for transgender rights is taking place daily are restrooms. It seems that every other week a transgender child is made the center of a national news story because they used the restroom assigned to the gender they identify with. Obviously, we believe that every transgender person should have the right to use the restroom they want to. However, we also realize that despite legislative victories in recent years regarding restroom usage, many transgender individuals still face both verbal and physical harassment simply for using the restroom. Nobody should have to face that - and that is why we created REFUGE.

### What can we do to help?

**First:** Add listings. The database is only as big as you make it. The more listings, the more comprehensive and valuable the resource can be.

**Secondly:** Spread the word. Tweet. Facebook. Blog. Whatever it is that you do, do it. Let people know about this resource.

**Thirdly:** If you know how to code, visit GitHub and let us know about a bug, suggest an improvement, or even contribute a little bit of code and help out the project. REFUGE is open source and we can't do it without you.

**Fourthly:** Donate. Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming crowd funding campaign to fund some of the technology we need to use as well as to pay our fabulous designers and engineers a little bit of money for their hard and tireless work. They have been working for free to bring this service to you and we don't want anybody to work for free. Most of the core team are transgender and underemployed at this time.

### Why is my business or organization listed?

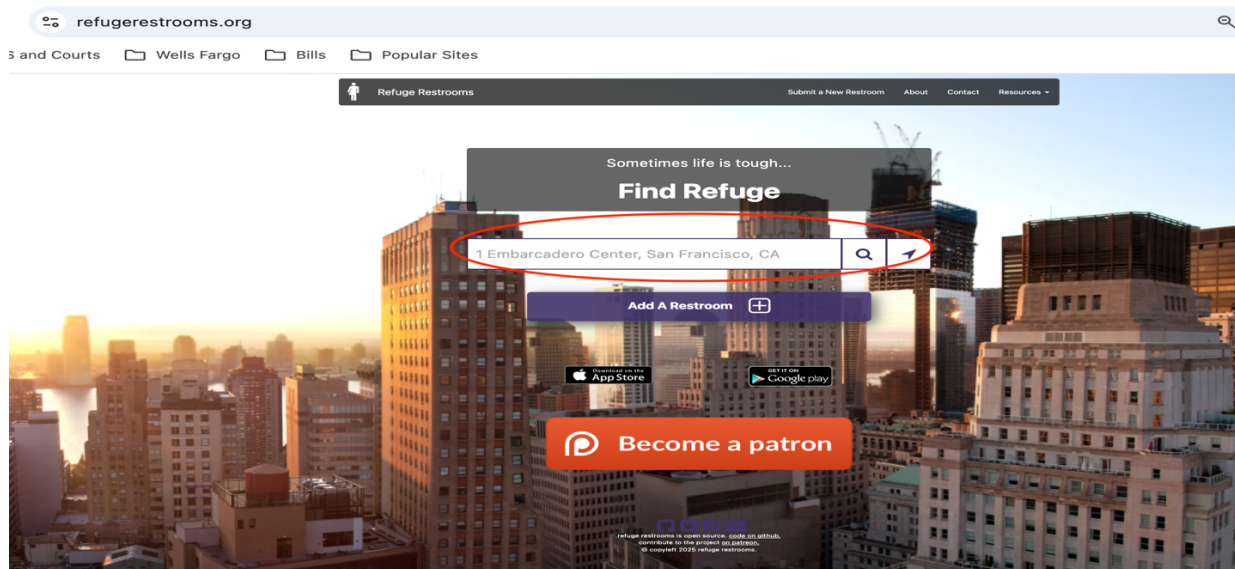
Find out more on our [Business FAQ!](#)

  
refuge restrooms is open source, code on [github](#).  
contribute to the project on [patreon](#).  
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## How to use Refugerestrooms.org?

When you go to the home page, a search field is in the middle of the page. You will need to enter in the name of the city and state to search for safe restrooms.

Image 2

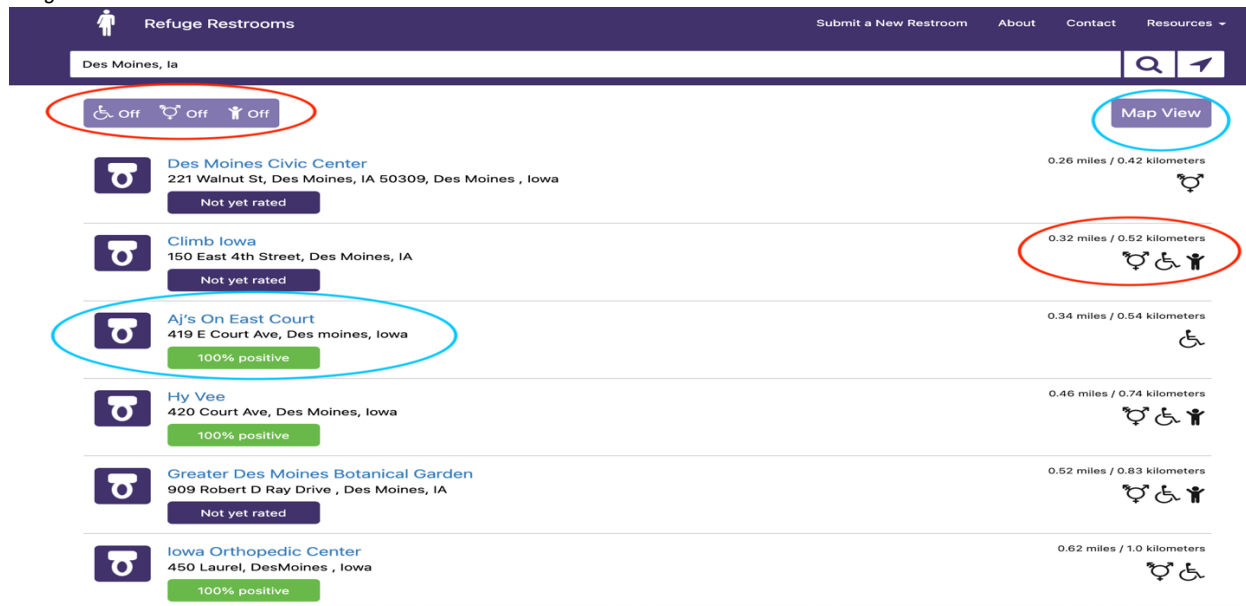


The following images shows the results when entering “Des Moines, Iowa” as an example.

The results will have list of location that have reported restrooms. Each location will have a corresponding key, map view, business address, miles from location.

The three icons represent handicap accessibility, Unisex/Gender Neutral, Changing Table as circled in red. People can rate the restroom as and where to see the location in Google Maps as circled teal. (see image 3)

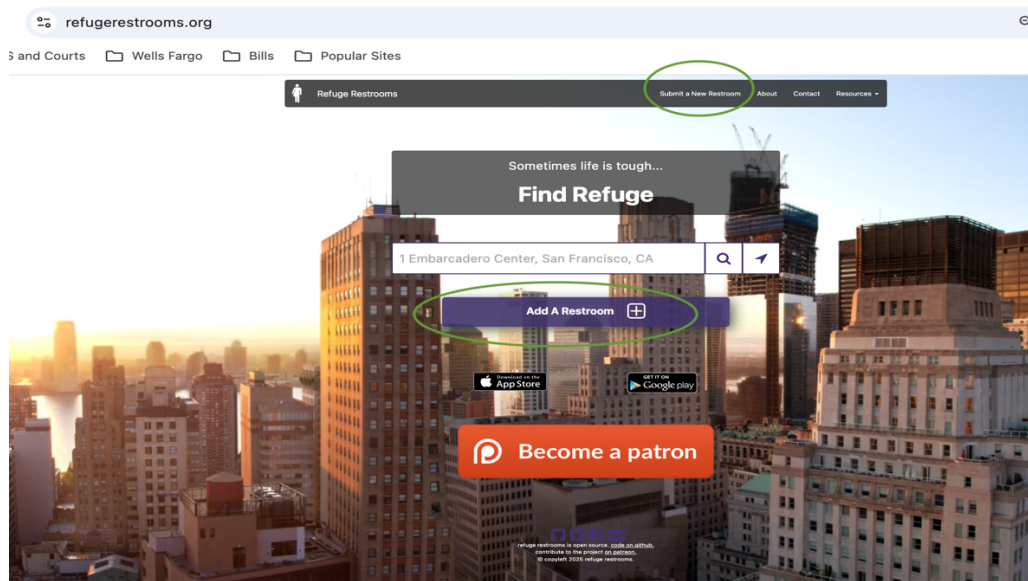
Image 3



To adjust your search for a given city to turn on Accessibility, Unisex, and/or Change Table. , tap or click on Accessibility icon, Unisex icon, or Person icon.

In your travels, you can add restrooms to the database to help others. On the top banner, you can click on “Submit a new bathroom” or go to the homepage or by clicking on “Add a restroom.” (See image 4)

Image 4



The page will reload, and an online form will appear. Fill in the information, select options for reporting the following: Accessible, Unisex, and Changing Table. If you can provide directions or helpful information about the location, city, town, etc. (See image 5)

Image 5

### Submit a restroom to our database

\* marks required field

Guess current location

\* Name

\* Street

\* City

\* State/Province

\* Country

Accessible

Not accessible

Unisex

Gendered single stall or safe place

Changing Table

No changing table

Directions

(e.g.: third floor in the back, by the dressing rooms...)

Comment

(e.g.: you have to be a "paying customer", just act like you are browsing for a bit...)

☐ I'm not a robot



Preview

Save Restroom

Unfortunately, there is not a mobile application available on Apple store or Google store (Androids). It is still a useful resource.

**How can my organization use this website?**

You can pass the information to members of your organization as a resource for those who have a physical disability, Transgender, Non-binary, and those who have children that need a changing room. You could also create a list or document that lists out safe restrooms via highways and interstates for members and guests coming to your state or city/location.

# **Refugerestroom.org Locations for the State of Iowa per the Imperial Court of Iowa.**

*(The restrooms maybe subject to change to updates to the database. Advise to double check on the website)*

## **IOWA Interstates:**

29: (North/South bound):

- Sioux City, IA ~ Casey's, 1000 Riverside Blvd. (accessible, gendered bathrooms with stalls, changing table)
- Sioux City, IA ~ 3400 Singing Hills Blvd, (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table. )
- Sioux City, IA ~ Starbucks, 4735 Sergeant Rd, (single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Sergeant Bluff, IA ~ I29 Rest stop (family bathroom, accessible)
- Missouri Valley, IA ~ I29 Rest stop (multiple single stalls in gendered bathrooms)
- Onawa, IA ~ Dairy Queen (DQ), 2805 Iowa Ave. N. (multiple single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Onawa, IA ~ Cenex Gas Station, 2715 Iowa Ave. N. (multiple single stalls in gendered bathroom, accessible)
- Onawa, IA ~ I29 Rest Stop (multiple single stalls in gendered bathrooms)
- Onawa, IA ~ Phillips 66 Gas Station, 2650 Iowa Ave. N. (multiple stalls in gendered bathroom, accessible)
- Missouri Valley, IA ~ Petro Mart Phillips 66 gas station, 1961 Lincoln Highway. (Some single stalls in the restrooms.
- Council Bluffs, IA ~ Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (single stall, accessible. 21yo+. single stalls, LGBTQ bar. Bar hours. Thurs through Saturday from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m.)
- (Iowa Hwy 34) Pacific Junction, IA ~ I35 Rest Stop. (multiple single stalls in gendered bathrooms)

35W (North/South bound):

- Northwood, IA ~ I35 Northwood Welcome Center, 4705 Wheelerwood Rd. (accessible, changing table)
- Northwood, IA ~ Jo Stop BP Gas Station with Burger King. 700 Diamond Jo Ln. (accessible, changing table)
- Northwood, IA ~ Kum & Go, 818 County Route 105. (gendered with stalls, accessible)
- Story City ~ I35 Rest Stop (family/Gender-neutral, accessible, changing table)
- Elkhart, IA ~ I35 Rest Stop (family/Gender-neutral, accessible, changing table)
- (Hwy 34) Osceola, IA ~ Pilot Travel Center, 2020 W. Clay St. (accessible, changing table)
- (Hwy 34) Osceola, IA ~ Casey's, 1706 Jeffreys Dr. (accessible, changing table)
- Osceola, IA ~ I35 Rest Stop (family bathroom per Unisex, accessible, changing table)
- Lamoni, IA ~ I35 Rest Stop (family bathroom per Unisex, accessible, changing table)

61: (North/South bound):

- BP Gas Station, 21010 (single gender stalls ~ back towards the freezer, right hand side; paying customer preferably)

74: (North/South bound):

- Bettendorf, IA ~ Starbucks, 931 Middle Road, (accessible and unisex or single gender stalls)

- Davenport, IA ~ Jujube Frozen Yogurt, 4810 Elmore Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)

75:

- Hinton, IA, Subway, 111 S. Floyd Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Dollar Store, 3120 Northern Valley Dr., (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Starbucks, 4735 Sergeant Rd, (single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Southern Hill Mall, 4400 Sergeant Rd. (single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible. Near the Food Court, next to Sam's Gyros)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Target, 5775 Sunnybrook Dr. (family bathroom, accessible)

80: (West/East bound):

- Underwood, IA ~ I80 Welcome Center and Rest Stop (family bathroom per Unisex, accessible, changing table)
- Adair, IA ~ I80 Rest stop (family bathroom)
- De Soto, IA ~ Ambro's Roadhouse, 917 Guthrie St.
- Newton, Iowa ~ Relics, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. (two single gender. Far in the back, on the right.)
- Grinnell, IA ~ IA DOT Rest Stop (family bathroom)
- Grinnell, IA ~ Walmart, 415 Industrial Ave. (Unisex, accessible, changing table)
- Grinnell, IA ~ Drake Library, 930 Park St.
- Tiffin, IA ~ IA DOT Rest Stop (family bathroom)
- Coralville, IA ~ Aldi, 2750 Heartland Drive (accessible)
- Coralville, IA ~ Coral Ridge Mall, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave. (family bathroom next to Villa Pizza)
- Coralville, IA ~ Target, 441 Coral Ridge Ave (family bathroom)
- Coralville, IA ~ Caribou Coffee, 2445 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (unisex or single gender stalls)
- Coralville, IA ~ Unitarian Universalist Society (Gender neutral individual and inclusive multi-stall gendered bathrooms. If front doors are locked, ring the doorbell.)
- Coralville, IA ~ Trader Joe's, 920 Pontseti Way (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- Wilton, IA ~ IA DOT Rest Stop (family bathroom)
- Walcott, IA ~ I80 Truckstop, 755 W. Iowa 80 Rd. (Close to Caribou Coffee > Restrooms there is a Gender-neutral bathroom stall)
- Davenport, IA ~ Scott County Administration Building, 600 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
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- Davenport IA ~ 392 Caffe, 502 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Unisex or single stall)
- Davenport, IA ~ Walmart Super Center, 3101 West Kimberly Rd. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- Davenport, IA ~ Unitarian Universalist Church, 3707 Eastern Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Bettendorf, IA ~ Kwik Star, 6910 Middle Rd. (accessible, changing table)

### **Iowa Highways:**

Hwy 3: (West or East bound)

- Humboldt, IA ~ Kum & Go, 1212 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, N. (single gender bathrooms with multiple stalls, accessible)
- (Hwy 218) Waverly, IA ~ Walmart Supercenter, 2700 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW. family bathroom, accessible)

- (Hwy 20) Dubuque, IA ~ Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- (Hwy 20) Foodie Garage Eatery, 1046 Central Ave. (accessible, changing room)
- (Hwy 20) Habits Coffee and Mini Donuts, 1072 Locust St. Unit A. (Unisex; Back left of the kitchen, You don't have to be a paying customer, but you do have to ask the employees to use it since it's in the kitchen. Owner and current employees appear to be LGBT friendly)
- (Hwy 20, 61) Kwik Stop, 2380 Central Ave. (Unisex)
- (Hwy 20) Village Inn, 1940 John F Kennedy Rd. Unisex/Gender-neutral. Paying customers only.

Hay 5 (West or East bound) or Hwy 14 (North or South bound):

- Knoxville, IA ~ Phillips 66 Gas Station ~ 306 W. Pleasant St. (single gender bathroom. Back right corner of the store, to the left of the drink fridges.
- Knoxville, IA ~ Dollar Tree ~ 861 W. Bell Ave. (accessible, single gender bathroom)

Hwy 6:

- Iowa City, IA ~ University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 200 Hawkins Dr. (2nd Floor, near Elevator E, right by adult neurology. One single stall women's restroom, one single stall gender neutral restroom.)
- Iowa City, IA ~ Theater Building, 200 N. Rivers Dr. (Room 150, in the back halls)
- Iowa City, IA ~ LGBT Resource Center, 125 Grand Avenue Ct. (Two bathrooms. On the first floor is an accessible bathroom and upstairs is an inaccessible bathroom. Hours are 2p-10p Monday - Thursday, 2p – 6p on Friday, and 5p – 10p on Sundays during the semester.0

Hwy 20:

- Sioux City, IA ~ Goodwill, 5931 Gordon Dr. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- Moline, IA ~ Casey's, 4 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Correctionville, IA ~ Dollar General, 1200 IA-31 (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Holstein, IA ~ Holstein Travel Center, 2010 Indorf Ave. (single gender bathrooms with multiple stalls, accessible)
- Early, IA ~ Casey's 2245 Karr Ave. (single gender bathrooms with multiple stalls, accessible)
- (from Hwy 169) Fort Dodge, IA, ~ Ameri Inn, 100 Kenyon Rd. (unisex, gender neutral, accessible)
- (from Hwy 169) Fort Dodge, IA ~ Subway, 109 Ave O W (single gender bathrooms with multiple stalls, accessible)
- Fort Dodge, IA ~ A Pinch of Love Café, 850 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. LGBTQ+ friendly.
- Fort Dodge, IA ~ Walmart Super Center, 3036 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. (family bathroom, accessible)
- Webster City, IA ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, 1229 Kathy Lane (accessible)
- Wellsburg, IA ~ Casey's (1 mile south from Hwy 20), (single gender stalls)
- Cedar Fall, IA ~ Village Inn, 6319 University Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Cedar Falls, IA ~ Kohl's, 5911 University Ave. (single gender stall, changing table)
- Cedar Falls, IA ~ Aldi 315 Brindilynn Blvd. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- Cedar Falls, IA ~ Cedar Falls Recreation Center, 110 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table; In entry hallway on the left (2 bathrooms); at end of hall past Fit Gym (1 bathroom). Bathrooms near entrance are open to all; you don't need to be a member or go past the check-in desk.)
- Waterloo, IA ~ Rail Station, 308 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. single stalls, LGBTQ bar. Bar hours. Thurs through Saturday from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Waterloo, IA ~ Broken Record, 315 4<sup>th</sup> St. single stalls, LGBTQ friendly bar. Tues day through Sat from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday and Monday from Noon to 2:00 a.m.

- Waterloo, IA ~ Hobby Lobby, 2711 Crossroads, Blvd. (single gender stalls, accessible; front of store)
- Waterloo, IA ~ Hy Vee, 1422 Flammang Dr. (accessible, changing table. Walk into store turn right there is a hall next to the pharmacy 3 single men's and 3 single Ladies.
- Dubuque, IA ~ Hy Vee, 3500 Dodge St. (Unisex/Gender-neutral, accessible. There is a one occupancy bathroom near the pharmacy up front in this Hy-Vee.)
- (Hwy 3) Dubuque, IA ~ Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible, changing table)
- (Hwy 3) Foodie Garage Eatery, 1046 Central Ave. (accessible, changing room)
- (Hwy 3) Village Inn, 1940 John F Kennedy Rd. Unisex/Gender-neutral. Paying customers only.
- (Hwy 3) Habits Coffee and Mini Donuts, 1072 Locust St. Unit A. (Unisex; Back left of the kitchen, You don't have to be a paying customer, but you do have to ask the employees to use it since it's in the kitchen. Owner and current employees appear to be LGBT friendly)
- (Hwy 3, 61) Kwik Stop, 2380 Central Ave. (Unisex)

#### Hwy 30:

- Marshalltown, Iowa ~ Menards 504 Iowa Ave W. (Unisex, accessible, changing table)
- Marshalltown, Iowa ~ Walmart, 2802 S. Center St. (Unisex, accessible, changing table)
- Marshalltown, Iowa ~ Mica, 1001 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Unisex, accessible, changing table)

#### Hwy 34:

- Pacific Junction, IA I29 Rest Stop. (multiple single stalls in gendered bathrooms)
- Red Oak, IA ~ Dollar General, 2010 Commerce Dr. (single gender bathrooms, accessible)
- Creston, IA ~ Dairy Queen (DQ), 201 W. Taylor St. (single gender bathrooms, accessible)
- Creston, IA ~ Quality Inn, 900 S. Summer Ave. (gender bathrooms, accessible. LGBTQA+ friendly)
- Murray, IA ~ Casey's, 702 1<sup>st</sup> St. (single gender bathrooms, accessible)
- (Hwy 34) Osceola, IA ~ Pilot Travel Center, 2020 W. Clay St. (accessible, changing table)
- (Hwy 34) Osceola, IA ~ Casey's, 1706 Jeffreys Dr. (accessible, changing table)
- Clariton, IA ~ Panda Express, 123 Grace Ave. (single gender bathrooms, accessible)
- Clariton, IA ~ Hy Vee, 2001 Court Ave. (gender bathrooms, accessible)
- Clariton, IA ~ Subway, 1700 Court Ave. (single gender bathrooms, accessible. Paying customers only)
- Ottumwa, IA ~ Taco John's, 423 Church St. (single gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Ottumwa, IA ~ Kohl's, 1100 Wildwood Dr. (single gender stall, changing table)
- Ottumwa, IA ~ Menard's, 1898 Venture Dr. (gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Ottumwa, IA ~ Walmart Super Center, 1940 Venture Dr. (family/gender-neutral, gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Batavia, IA ~ BP gas station, 100 1<sup>st</sup> St. (Gender-Neutral, accessible. gendered with stalls, accessible)
- (Hwy 34) Bloomfield, IA ~ Casey's, 206 S. Washington St. (gendered with stalls, accessible)
- (Hwy 34) Bloomfield, IA ~ Subway, 110 E. South St. (gendered with stalls, accessible. Paying customers only)

#### Hwy 61:

- Dubuque, IA ~ The Driftless, 168 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bar that hosts drag events and other pride functions. Bathroom is gendered but the bartenders are good allies.



- Dubuque, IA ~ Hillcrest Family Services, 220 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. (Unisex, accessible)
- (Hwy 3, 20) Dubuque, IA ~ Kwik Stop, 2380 Central Ave. (Unisex)
- (Hwy 52) Dubuque, IA ~ Casey's, 2699 Rockdale Rd. (accessible, several stalls in gendered bathrooms)
- Zwingle, IA ~ J & K Gas and Food, 18820 Bellevue-Cascade Rd. (Unisex, accessible, changing table)

Hwy 63:

- (Hwy 34) Bloomfield, IA ~ Casey's, 206 S. Washington St. (gendered with stalls, accessible)
- (Hwy 34) Bloomfield, IA ~ Subway, 110 E. South St. (gendered with stalls, accessible. Paying customers only)
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Hwy 75:

- Hinton, IA, Subway, 111 S. Floyd Ave. (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Dollar Store, 3120 Northern Valley Dr., (Unisex or single stall, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Starbucks, 4735 Sergeant Rd, (single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Southern Hill Mall, 4400 Sergeant Rd. (single stalls in gendered bathrooms, accessible. Near the Food Court, next to Sam's Gyros)
- Sioux City, IA ~ Target, 5775 Sunnybrook Dr. (family bathroom, accessible)

Hwy 163:

- Pella, IA ~ Smokey Row ~ (2 single gender bathroom. First floor - go past the front counter towards the back staircase, they're on the left. Both restrooms here are unisex - each is a single, smallish room with a sink and toilet.)
- Hwy 169: Fort Dodge ~ Subway 109 Ave. O W. (single gender bathrooms with multiple stalls, accessible)

Hwy 218:

- Waverly, IA ~ Get Roasted 106 W. Bremer. (single gender bathroom, accessible)
- Waverly, IA ~ Casey's, 1312 W. Bremer Ave. (single gender bathroom, accessible)

Hwy 330

- Melbourne, IA ~ Melbourne Recreation Center, 603 Main St. (single gender bathroom, accessible. Main floor: directly to the right of the front door. Basement: past the kitchen and down the hallway. This facility has a zero-tolerance policy on hate speech and violence of any kind. Staff are inclusive and some members are LGBTQIA+.)