

Manitou Days Parade FAQ's

Q: When is the Manitou Days Parade?

A: Friday, June 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in downtown White Bear Lake.

Q: What if it's raining?

A: Come on down. The parade is held rain or shine.

Q: Will there be candy?

A: Parade participants are allowed to distribute candy or promotional items safely. All efforts must be made to avoid hand to hand distribution. Therefore, distribution must be made by persons walking along the parade route. Items cannot be thrown by parade participants. **Parents, please help us out by making sure children do not walk up to a parade unit looking for candy.** Parade vehicles and floats have limited visibility and drivers cannot always see children who venture into the roadway to collect candy. **Please respect parade participants and other spectators by supervising your children at all times and maintain a comfortable social distance from those around you.**

Q: Who puts this on?

A: White Bear Events, which is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to promoting White Bear Lake, proudly coordinates Manitou Days. Email info@manitoudays.com to learn more about joining the Planning Committee!

Q: How is the parade funded?

A: Through parade sponsorships, participant, and vendor fees. The City of White Bear Lake provides logistical support including assistance from City Administration, the White Bear Lake Department of Public Works, and the White Bear Lake Police Department.

Q: Why are “No Parking” signs posted and streets closed?

A: No Parking on many downtown streets begins at 4:30 pm. The Manitou Days Parade Committee must secure line-up space for parade registrants, set-up space for vendors and clear streets for the flow of the parade.

Q: How long are the streets closed?

A: Some roads are closed at 6:00 pm and stay closed until approximately 8 p.m.

Q: Can I drive into streets closed due to parade staging and route?

A: The parade area is closed to through traffic; however, residents may drive in.

Q: Will I get a ticket?

A: Yes! Cars will be ticketed and/or towed for ignoring “No Parking” signage.

Q: Where can I park?

A: Look for a space on the west side of Highway 61. Parking lots and side streets are great options. Limited Handicapped Parking is available on 4th Street between Highway 61 and Banning Ave.

Q: Where can I view the parade?

A: From a curb or sidewalk along the entire parade route. Arrive early with a blanket or chairs to secure a prime viewing location. Be mindful of other spectators and maintain a comfortable social distance from those around you. Do not set up in the street or stand in front of a group already seated.

Q: Can I sit in the street?

A: No. The street must be kept clear for parade participants. For safety reasons, you must stay on the curb or sidewalk.

Q: What is the parade route?

A: The Manitou Days Grande Parade begins on 2nd Street at Clark Avenue. The Parade travels down 3rd Street and turns north on Banning Avenue. The Parade follows Banning Avenue for one block then turns east onto 4th Street. The Parade continues down 4th Street to Lake Avenue. At Lake Avenue, the Parade turns north and proceeds to 11th Street/West Park. Check out <https://manitoudays.com/parade/> for a map of the parade route.

Q: Who is in the Manitou Days Grande Parade?

A: Musical groups, local businesses and community groups register to participate in the Manitou Days Grande Parade. The complete parade line-up will be posted on our website <https://manitoudays.com/parade/>

Q: I'm in the parade. Where do I go?

A: Parade line-up is staged in downtown White Bear Lake. Parade orders including line-up information, staging location, and maps will be e-mailed to the contact person for all registered parade entries in June. This information will also be available on our website <https://manitoudays.com/parade/>

Q: Where are the porta potties?

A: · Porta Potties can be found at:

- 4th Street & Washington (Handicapped Accessible)
- 4th Street Between Banning & Cook
- 3rd Street & Banning
- 2nd Street & Lake Avenue
- Clark Avenue & Lake Avenue
- Clark Avenue & 2nd Street

Q: Who cleans up after the parade?

A: We all do. Please do your part to keep our city clean. Check your area for garbage upon leaving the parade. For your convenience, garbage cans are located throughout the parade route.

Q: What should I do after the parade?

A: Head down to Memorial Beach for the ever-popular Beach Dance sponsored by the White Bear Lake Rotary Club.