Manitou Days Parade FAQs

When is the Manitou Days Parade?
Join us for the Manitou Days Parade on Friday, June 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. in downtown White Bear Lake.

What happens if it rains?
Rain or shine, the parade will go on! So bring your umbrella and join the fun regardless of the weather.

Who organizes the parade?
Manitou Days is brought to life by White Bear Events, a volunteer-powered group dedicated to promoting White Bear Lake. Interested in helping? Email info@manitoudays.com to join the Planning Committee.

How is the parade funded?
Parade costs are covered by sponsors, participant fees, and vendor fees. The City of White Bear Lake helps out with logistics, including support from City Administration, Public Works, and the Police Department.

Why are "No Parking" signs posted and streets closed?
Starting at 4:30 p.m., parking restrictions begin on many downtown streets to provide space for parade line-up, vendors, and to keep the parade route clear.

How long are the streets closed?
Some streets close at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Can I drive into streets closed for the parade?
While the parade area is off-limits to through traffic, residents can still access their homes.

Will I get a ticket?
Yes—cars parked in violation of "No Parking" signs will be ticketed or towed.

Where can I park?
Parking is available on the west side of Highway 61, in parking lots, and on side streets. There's also limited handicapped parking on 4th Street between Highway 61 and Banning Ave.

What is the parade route?
The parade kicks off on 2nd Street at Clark Avenue, heads down 3rd Street, turns north onto Banning Avenue for a block, then east onto 4th Street, ending at Lake Avenue. The parade continues north on Lake Avenue to 11th Street/West Park. For a detailed map, visit https://manitoudays.com/parade/.

Where can I watch the parade?
Spectators are welcome along the entire parade route—just find a spot on the curb or sidewalk. Arrive early and bring a blanket or chairs for the best view. Be respectful of property owners and others, and avoid setting up in the street or blocking seated groups.

Can I sit in the street?
No—please stay on the curb or sidewalk. Keeping the street clear is important for parade safety and participants.

Will there be candy?
Yes! Parade participants may hand out candy or promotional items, but only by walking along the route. Nothing should be tossed from vehicles.

Who participates in the Manitou Days Grande Parade?
You'll see musical groups, local businesses, and community organizations marching in the parade each year. For the full parade line-up, check our website at https://manitoudays.com/parade/.

I'm in the parade. Where do I go?
Parade line-up takes place downtown. Registered participants will get line-up instructions, staging locations, and maps by email in June. The info will also be posted at https://manitoudays.com/parade/.

Where are the porta potties?
Portable restrooms are located 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

Who cleans up after the parade?

Everyone is responsible for keeping White Bear Lake beautiful! Please check your space for trash, take your belongings with you, and use the garbage cans placed along the route.

What should I do after the parade?

Head over to Memorial Beach for the much-loved Beach Dance, sponsored by the White Bear Lake Rotary Club.