

Parade FAQ's

Q: When is the Manitou Days Parade?

A: Friday, June 16 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: Most parade participants distribute candy or promotional items. Distribution will 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 may not see children who venture into the roadway to collect candy. **Please respect parade participants and other spectators by supervising your children at all times.**

Q: Who puts this on?

A: The Parade Committee is part of White Bear Events, a volunteer-run organization dedicated to promoting White Bear Lake. New volunteers are always welcome.

Q: How is the parade funded?

A: Through parade sponsorships, participant and vendor fees. The City of White Bear Lake supplies tactical support including assistance from City Administration as well as 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: 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: “No Parking” signs are posted as early as noon. Some streets are blocked beginning at 3 p.m. 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 can 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.

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. Parade concessionaires and local restaurants offer food and beverages while you wait.

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 Parade begins on Second Street at Clark Avenue, traveling down Third Street and turning north on Banning Avenue. The parade follows Banning for one block and turns east onto Fourth Street, then travels down Fourth to Lake Avenue. At Lake, the parade turns north to 11th Street/West Park. Parade units will disband in the side streets around West Park. The staging area for the line-up will be on Clark, Lake, First and Second.

Q: Who is in the Manitou Days Grande Parade?

A: The complete parade line-up will also be posted on our website manitoudays.com

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 (which is your parade number and division assignment), staging location, special information and a map will be e-mailed to the contact person for all registered parade entries in early June. This information will also be available on our website manitoudays.com

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 downtown White Bear Lake.

Q: What should I do after the parade?

A: Head down to Memorial Beach for the ever-popular Beach Dance.