



Q: When is the Manitou Days Parade?

A: Fri., June 14 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: What is the parade route? Is it different this year?

A: The Manitou Days Grande Parade will begin on 2nd Street at Clark Avenue. The Parade will travel down 3rd Street and turns north on Banning Avenue. The Parade follows Banning Avenue for one block and turns east onto 4th Street. The Parade travels down 4th Street to Lake Avenue unless detoured. At Lake Avenue, the Parade turns north and follows Lake Avenue to 11th Street/West Park.

Parade Detour: The Parade travels down 4th Street to Stewart Ave. At Stewart, the parade turns South to Lake Avenue. Finishing at 11th Street/ West Park.

Q: Why might the route be detoured?

A: There is road construction going on in downtown White Bear Lake, and if the City decides that 4th Street (east of Stewart Avenue) is unsafe for spectators and participants, the route will be detoured. Instead of 4th Street, the parade will travel down Stewart Avenue to Lake Avenue and then continue onto 11th Street/West Park. Progress on construction will play the main role in which route will be used.

Q: How much should I plan?

A: The Manitou Days Grande Parade attracts thousands to downtown White Bear Lake so plan ahead before you head out. Traffic will be heavy. Give yourself plenty of time to drive to downtown White Bear Lake.

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 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.

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 for parade staging/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: Due to ongoing road construction in downtown White Bear Lake, we recommend on-street parking and parking lots on the west side of Highway 61. Please be mindful of no parking signs in private lots. Handicapped parking will be available on 4th Street. Otherwise, avoid parking on the east side of Highway 61, as many roads will be closed due to road construction or blocked with parade spectators.

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.

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: Who is in the Manitou Days Grande Parade?

A: The parade line-up is posted on 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 was sent to the contact person for all registered parade entries in early late May. This information is also available on manitoudays.com.

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 downtown White Bear Lake. Special thanks to Scout Troop 434 for lending a hand with clean up.

Q: What should I do after the parade?

A: Head down to Memorial Beach for the ever-popular Beach Dance with High Brow & the Shades.