



Irish Fest 2026 Social Narrative

What is the Twin Cities Irish Fest?

(Previously called Irish Fair of Minnesota)

This three-day event will take place from Friday, August 7th through Sunday, August 9th, 2026. The Irish Fest is a celebration of Irish heritage with live music & dancing, food & drink, family activities, and more!

The 2026 Irish Fest of Minnesota will run:

Friday, August 8th: 3 pm – 11 pm

Saturday, August 9th: 10 am – 11 pm

Sunday, August 10th: 10 am – 7:30 pm

The Irish Fest is held at Harriet Island Regional Park in St. Paul, MN. Many people attend the Irish Fest. It will be helpful to plan out how to travel to and from the event ahead of time.



Tickets for Irish Fest

GENERAL ADMISSION PRICES are for guests 13 and over.

Children 12 and under free.

Tickets will be available at the gate, subject to any capacity limits. Buy early for the best deal and beat the lines! Event goes on rain or shine.

VIP options are also available.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <https://www.twincitiesirishfest.com/tickets>

DAILY PASS - valid one day only, pick your day when you purchase

Online Purchase:

Adult: \$30

Teen (13-17): \$25

Senior (55+): \$25

WEEKEND PASS - valid for all three days of the festival weekend. Guarantee your entrance!

Online Purchase:

Adult: \$75

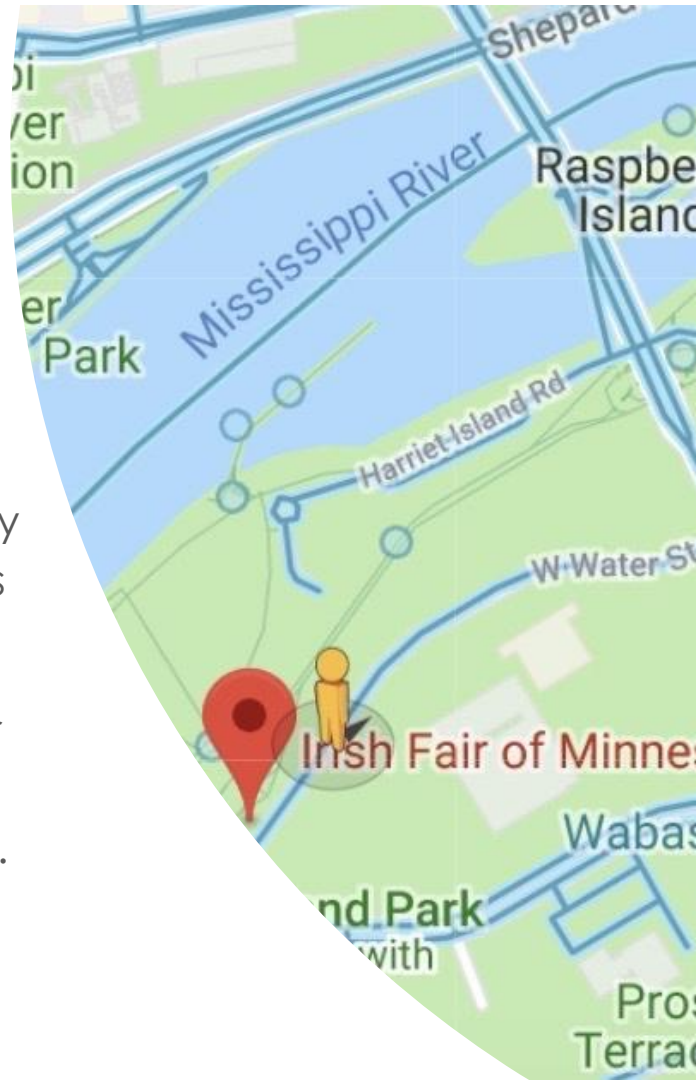
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Parking at Irish Fest

I can drive or ride with others to the Irish Fest. However, there are limited parking opportunities available. Some street parking spaces may be available along Plato Boulevard from Wabasha Street West toward Harriet Island Regional Park. Local businesses near the event may offer parking on their property for a fee. These businesses may only accept cash to park on their property.

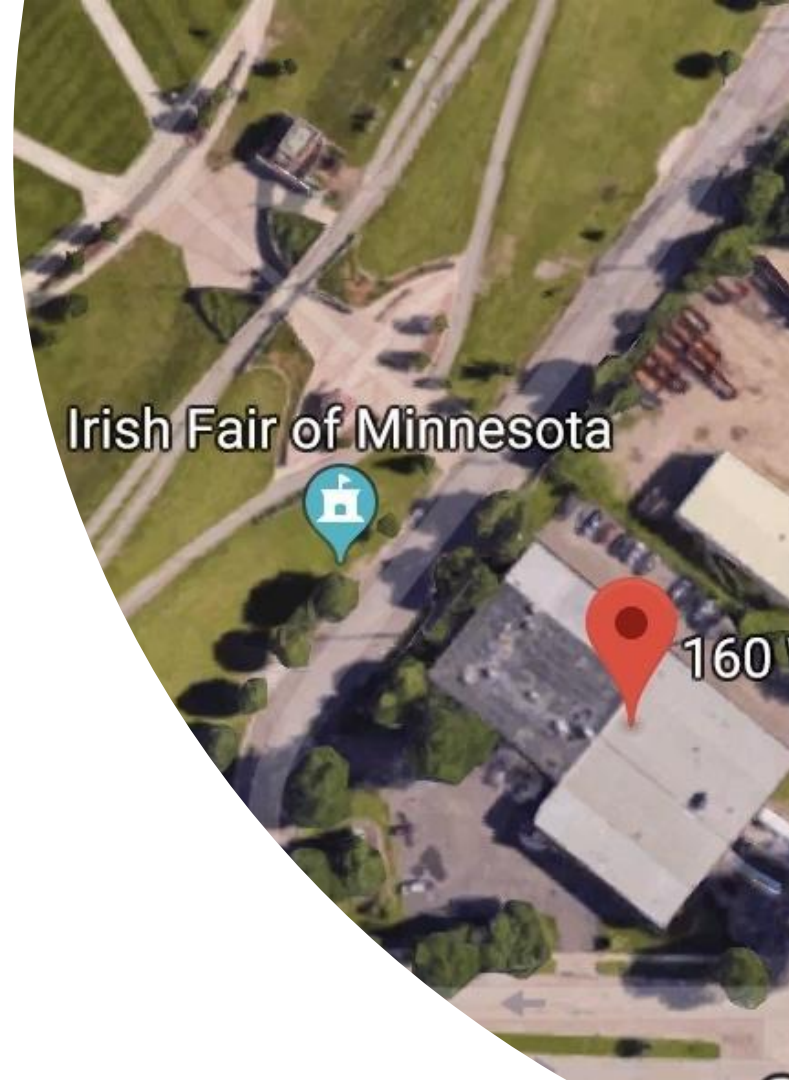
Handicap parking is available on the Northside of Water Street between Wabasha Street West and Plato Boulevard (until full). Look for the Handicap Parking signs.



Drop-Off Location

It might be easier to get dropped off at the Irish Fest. I can be dropped off at the Gateway Entrance (main entrance). The drop-off address to use is 160 West Water Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.

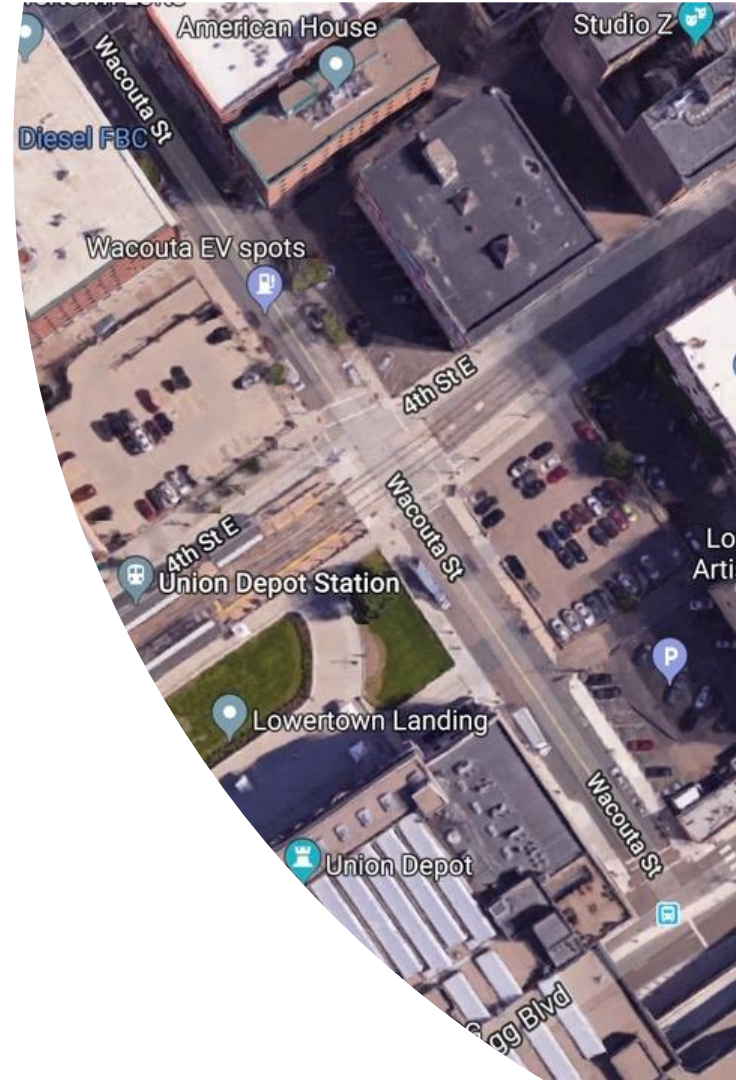
If I use Uber or Lyft services to get to the Irish Fest, I should use the address listed above: 160 West Water Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.



Public Transportation

I can also take public transit to Irish Fest.

I can visit www.metrotransit.org to determine my route.



Shuttle

The Irish Fest shuttle vans will pick up passengers on South Robert Street in St Paul between East Fillmore and South Robert St, near River Park Plaza. There will be signs posted to help me find where to go.

Shuttles will run approximately every 15-20 minutes between East Fillmore pick up location and Harriet Island's main entrance.



Bike

I can also bike to the Irish Fest. Bicycles are not allowed on the Festgrounds, so I will need to park my bike near the Gateway Entrance (main entrance) on Water Street. Bike parking will not be monitored, so I should lock my bike where allowed.





- 1 MAIN STAGE
- 2 WELCOME STAGE
sponsored by BLAZE CREDIT UNION
- 3 CELTIC JUNCTION ARTS CENTER
STAGE - inside Guinness Pub
- 4 CARA IRISH PUBS STAGE
- 5 PAVILION STAGE
sponsored by Ireland Network MN
- 6 WHISKEY TASTINGS
- 7 KIDS ZONE
sponsored by Postman Law



ADDRESS FOR TAXI/UBER/LYFT/GOOGLE:
175 WATER ST W., ST. PAUL, MN 55107

Bring your own lawn chair, blanket
and refillable water bottle.
Dogs & pets are discouraged.
NO coolers, bicycles, scooters
or skateboards allowed.

21+ ID wristbands at all beverage locations.

This is a map of the
Fest grounds.

Copies are also
available at the info
tent and at:

<https://www.twincitiesirishfest.com/lineup>

Entering the Irish Fest

When I arrive at the Irish Fest, I will enter through the Gateway Entrance on Water Street. This can be a busy area, as there may be shuttles arriving/departing and people may be getting dropped off or parking their bikes.

Many people attend the Irish Fest, so there may be times that I am in a crowd or have to stand in a line. Other people may be noisy and may smell like sunscreen, bug spray, and/or body odor. I can bring headphones or earplugs to wear to block out some of the sounds. I can also move to a different area if I need a break from people.



If I have any questions or concerns while I'm at the Irish Fest, I can visit the TCIF Store near the main entrance for assistance.

Food and Drink

There will be many vendors selling food and drink at the Irish Fest. Some vendors provide gluten-free and/or vegetarian/vegan options. Food and drink can be purchased with cash or debit/credit card.

I can review the Food & Beverage Menu ahead of time to help me plan where to eat.

Information is available at:

<https://www.twincitiesirishfest.com/lineup?tab=vendors-orgs>



Vendors

There are many vendors selling merchandise at the Irish Fest. I can look at the items for sale and make a purchase if I choose. All vendors will take cash; some will accept credit cards.





Music

There will be six stages that will have live music. The main stage is where most of the international musicians will be. It is located on the permanent structure in the park. It is also the loudest and has the most space to move around if I don't like where I am standing.



The Celtic Junction stage is inside the Guinness Pub and will also have speakers amplifying sounds and can be loud. It's often very crowded and offers less open space. If it's a hot day, the inside of the tent can be hot even though it's shaded.

Dance

Dance is an important part of the Irish Fest. There will be dance performances by local Irish dancers. Many dancers will perform, and many of them wear curly wigs and white socks. The costumes can be very sparkly!



There will be various opportunities throughout the Fest to learn social dancing. Check the Irish Fest schedule to see when and where these will occur. I can find the event schedule here:

<https://www.twincitiesirishfest.com/lineup>

Fun and Games



There will be face painting, a caricature artist and an airbrush tattoo artist! Explore the Irish Fest and see what other fun and games you can find!

There are many opportunities at the Irish Fest to watch and/or engage in fun and games. You can watch Irish sports in person on Croke Park! These sports may include rugby, road bowling, hurling and Camogie!

Accessibility

The Irish Fest welcomes individuals of all ages and abilities! If I have specific questions or concerns about accessibility, I can call 651-461-4990 or email info@irishFest.com.

Handicap parking is available on the North side of Water Street between Wabasha Street West and Plato Boulevard (until full). Look for the Handicap Parking Signs. Attendees can also be dropped off in front of the Gateway Entrance (main entrance).

Harriet Island has paved, level surfaces so wheelchair users and strollers can easily travel on the sidewalks. The grass in the park is also level to provide easy access to tents and activities.

I can bring sensory tools or other items from home to help make me comfortable while I'm at the Irish Fest. Service animals are welcome, but they recommend that pets should stay at home.

If I need a quieter place, I can visit the north side of the Cultural Experiences Pavilion along the riverfront. This is the quietest spot on the grounds.

Additional Information

Thank you for visiting the Twin Cities Irish Fest!

More information can be found online:

<https://www.twincitiesirishfest.com>

