



2023 Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General Event FAQs

- **When is the event?**
 - Saturday, June 3, 2023 from noon-5pm
 - Parade begins at noon and is expected to last 60-90 minutes
 - Festival begins at noon and ends at 5pm

- **Where should I park?**
 - RECOMMENDED PARKING: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium - \$10 for all day parking, enter through Gate 5 located at 511 Taylor Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401. Free shuttle service will be provided courtesy of Annapolis Pride and Chesapeake Charters from 8am to 6pm - [find parking map and free shuttle information here](#).
 - Other parking options:
 - [Park Place Garage](#) - One Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401
 - [Knighton Garage](#) - 1A Colonial Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401
 - [Gott's Court Garage](#) - 25 Northwest Street , Annapolis, MD 21401
 - [Whitmore Garage](#) - 25 Clay Street Annapolis, MD 21401
 - [Calvert Street Garage](#) - 19 St Johns St, Annapolis, MD 21401
 - Please note the Hillman Garage is closed for renovations. To see the complete list of parking options in the Downtown Annapolis area, visit:
 - <https://accessannapolis.com/visiting-downtown/>
 - <https://www.annapolisparking.com>

- **Does it cost anything to attend?**
 - The event is FREE and open to the public.

- **Is it family friendly?**
 - Yes! This is a family-friendly event that is suitable for all ages.

- **What is the best place to watch the parade?**
 - The best place to watch the parade is near the review stand where floats will be announced. The review stand will be set up at the [Graduate Annapolis Hotel](#) located at 126 West Street.
 - The parade can also be watched anywhere along the route which will be free of parked cars and is roughly .5 miles and follows West. St. from Amos Garrett Blvd. to Calvert St., ending at Calvert and Clay Streets.

- **Are pets allowed?**
 - Other than service animals we strongly recommend leaving pets at home. Even a mild day in June with the strong summer sun results in extremely hot pavement temperatures. An air temperature of 77°F can cause an asphalt temperature of 125°F, hot enough to burn your pet's paws. Learn more about the [dangers of hot asphalt here.](#)

- **What happens if it rains?**
 - The Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival is a rain or shine event. If the weather is extreme we will communicate appropriately. Please [join our email list](#) and follow us on social media @annapolispride to receive alerts.
 - If a rain shower occurs during the event our volunteers and security will alert participants in advance and recommend seeking shelter in one of the adjacent parking garages until the rain passes.
 - Download the [Prepare Me Annapolis App](#) to receive alerts from the City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management.
 - [Android App](#)
Requires Android 4.1 and up
 - [iPhone App](#)
Requires iOS 9.0 or later
 - OR text PRIDE22 to 38276 to receive alerts the day of the event

- **Are there other events happening on Pride weekend?**
 - Yes! There are tons of events for all ages before, during and after the parade and festival. [Check out our community calendar here.](#)

Parade Marcher and Participant FAQs:

- **Where and when do I check-in for the parade?**
 - Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (801 Chase St, Annapolis, MD 21401). Enter via Carraway Ln. Staggered check-in begins at 9:30am and all groups must check-in by 11:30am. Groups will be notified the week prior of their designated check-in time.

- **Where should I park if I am participating in the parade?**

- Limited parking is available at Maryland Hall.
 - The closest parking garage is [Park Place Garage](#) located at One Park Place.
 - USNA Stadium - \$10 for all day parking, enter through Gate 5 located at 511 Taylor Ave. Free shuttle service will be provided courtesy of Annapolis Pride - more details coming soon.
 - To see the complete list of parking options in the Downtown Annapolis area, visit: <https://www.annapolisparking.com>
- **Where is the parade route and how long is it?**
 - The parade route is roughly .5 miles and follows West. St. from Amos Garrett Blvd. to Calvert St., ending at Calvert and Clay streets.
 - **Can we throw things to spectators?**
 - No throwing to spectators, items must be handed to spectators. Safety is our top priority and we appreciate your cooperation.

Festival Vendor and Participant FAQs:

- **Is there designated parking for vendors?**
 - Vendors are encouraged to arrive between 9-10am to find parking in the nearby parking garages. The recommended parking garages are listed below:
 - [Whitmore Garage](#)
 - [Calvert Street Garage](#)
 - To see the complete list of parking options in the Downtown Annapolis area, visit: <https://www.annapolisparking.com>.
- **What time should I arrive to set up?**
 - Vendor set up begins at 9am and should be completed by 11am. Please do not arrive before 9am to set up.
- **What time should we plan to break down?**
 - Vendors are expected to attend the entire event which is scheduled to end at 5pm. Vendors who break down early may not be allowed to participate in future events.
- **What is the location of our vendor space?**
 - Booth assignments will be shared prior to the event with a detailed festival map. Each vendor will be assigned a booth number that corresponds to the festival map. Please note that booth assignments are subject to change without notice due to circumstances beyond our control.
- **How do I find our spot?**
 - A detailed festival map will be provided prior to the event with vendor locations. Volunteers and security personnel will be able to assist the morning of the event to find your vendor space.

- **Is there a power source available?**
 - Unfortunately, since the event is outside we are not able to provide a power source.

- **Will there be water available?**
 - We encourage people to bring their own reusable water bottles and we will have two refillable water stations at the event. Additionally, volunteers will be handing out water.