

Festival Parking (New!)

To increase safety and speed up the process of exiting the festival after Main Stage ends, festival parking has been divided into two lots:

Festival West Parking, accessible from Highway 59;
and Festival East Parking, accessible from Highway 206.

The lots have two separate entrances/exits, which will eliminate the need for these two streams of traffic to merge as they enter or exit the parking area.

“West comes and goes West, East comes and goes East”

The simplest way to think of the new process is if you enter the park from the West Gate (PTH59) you will park in the West Lot and leave by the West Gate (PTH59). If you enter the park from the East Gate (PR206) you park in the East Lot and leave via the East Gate (PR206).

Entering the Festival Grounds

Arriving at the Festival from PTH 59:

- Enter by the West Gate
- Turn south on to South Drive (follow the signs)
- Follow South Drive until it meets Festival Drive – turn right.
- Follow Festival Drive until you see the signs for the Festival Parking West
 - Our Traffic volunteers will direct you to the entrance to use if need be.
- Enter Festival West Parking

Our Traffic volunteers will assist you in finding a place to park. Please follow their directions. 😊

Arriving at the Festival from PR206:

- Enter by the East Gate
- You are on Festival Drive and will see the sign for Festival Parking East almost immediately.
 - Our Traffic volunteers will direct you to the entrance to use if need be.
- Enter Festival East Parking

Our Traffic volunteers will assist you in finding a place to park. Please follow their directions. 😊

Exiting the Festival Grounds

In the past, we had all the vehicles leave Festival Parking by a single exit, turning left and right as needed. This caused huge back ups.

By having two parking areas and two exits, we can have traffic flowing smoothly both west and east at the same time as the two lines of traffic will never meet. **“West goes West, East goes East.”** A delay in one line will not affect traffic going in the other direction.

Our trained traffic volunteers have a procedure in place to ensure safety for everyone and to speed up exit at the end of the night. They will also be stopping cross-traffic to allow as many vehicles out of the lots as possible at any one time.

Please follow the instructions of traffic volunteers.

If you follow these simple steps and their directions you will “go with the flow” and get out quicker and safer than if you try and blaze your own trail.

Departing from Festival West Parking:

- As you depart the lot turn LEFT on to Festival Drive.
- Continue west until you meet North Drive; turn RIGHT.
- Follow North Drive until you exit the West Gate:
 - PTH59 South will take you towards Winnipeg
 - PTH59 North will take you towards Selkirk

Departing from Festival East Parking:

- As you depart the lot turn RIGHT on to Festival Drive.
- Exit the East Gate:
 - PR206 South will take you towards Winnipeg
 - PR206 North will take you towards Selkirk

Traffic departing by the East Gate will be assisted by the RCMP at the Festival Drive/PR206 intersection. Please use your turn signal to indicate the way you wish to turn and follow their directions.

Accessible Parking

For individuals who require accessible parking, it is located in Festival West Parking close to the Main Gate. When you enter Festival West Parking drive down the road you enter almost to the end and turn right down the last parking lane. Continue all the way down to the Accessible Parking Area where our traffic volunteer will confirm you have a Manitoba Parking Permit (or similar province/state placard) and help you find a spot. If you don't require these spots we ask that you respect the needs of other patrons who do and park elsewhere.

While it is possible to get to Accessible Parking from the East Gate/PR206 it is SIGNIFICANTLY easier if you enter Birds Hill Park from the West Gate/PTH 59.