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4th of July Weekend at Navy Pier

Come early to enjoy the Independence Day weekend festivities at Navy Pier on July 4th and 5th – gates are expected to close both days

CHICAGO – Playing host to the city’s only lakefront 4th of July fireworks show, Navy Pier is the center of Chicago’s celebration and has everything to make your holiday festive and fun! Dazzling 4th of July fireworks presented by Illinois Lottery are scheduled at 9:30 p.m. and will be bursting with red, white and blue! This show will be an extended celebration synchronized to a patriotic soundtrack. Navy Pier will also have another spectacular fireworks display on Saturday, July 5th at 10:15 p.m.

Navy Pier will see some of its biggest crowds ever this 4th and 5th of July and is expected to reach capacity sometime in the afternoon on both days when the gates will close and additional visitors will not be granted admittance. For the safety and comfort of all guests, Navy Pier urges that you plan your visit to Navy Pier accordingly. When the gates close on July 4th and 5th, guests already on the Pier are welcome to stay and enjoy the weekend fun. Navy Pier will open at 10 a.m. both days so make sure you come early on the 4th and 5th of July or visit us for one of the Pier’s other twice weekly fireworks shows every Wednesday and Saturday night through August 30.
Navy Pier’s on-site parking garages are also expected to fill on July 4th and 5th. Visitors are encouraged to **take public transportation or to park at one of Navy Pier’s three partner parking garages** that are offering a discounted rate of $15 for up to 12 hours:

- **Grand Plaza Self Park** (540 N. State) – enter from Grand or Ohio Streets
  
  o Board the Navy Pier Trolley from the west side of State Street between Grand and Illinois or on Illinois just east of State. The trolley runs from 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.

  ▪ **Present your parking ticket at the Navy Pier Guest Services desk for validation to receive the $15 discounted parking rate.**

- **Ogden Plaza Self Park** (300 E. North Water St.) – from Illinois Street turn right on New Street or McClurg and turn right on E. North Water

  o Board the Navy Pier Trolley on Illinois Street at McClurg or walk four blocks east on Illinois to Navy Pier. The trolley runs from 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.

  ▪ **Present your parking ticket at the Navy Pier Guest Services desk for validation to receive the $15 discounted parking rate.**

- **Millennium Lakeside Garage** (5 S. Columbus) – on Columbus between Monroe and Randolph

  o Board the Navy Pier Trolley from East Randolph Street. Look for signs that will provide further direction after parking. The trolley runs from 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.

  ▪ **Parking validation will be given at Millennium Lakeside Garage as you exit the Navy Pier-Millennium Lakeside Garage Trolley on your return trip to the Lakeside Garage.**

More information about the free Navy Pier Trolley can be found at: [www.navypier.com/visit_us/trolley.html](http://www.navypier.com/visit_us/trolley.html). The free Navy Pier Trolley and offsite parking are subject to availability.

Navy Pier strives to provide the safest and most fun experience to all of our guests so the following rules will be enforced this busy 4th of July weekend at Navy Pier:

- All bags are subject to inspection and large bags and backpacks are strongly discouraged. Multiple inspection points will be located throughout the Pier.

- As always, coolers, bikes, skateboards, rollerblades and skate shoes are not allowed on Navy Pier.
- Outside alcohol is prohibited.

- No pets or animals are permitted with the exception of service animals.

- Upon closure, re-entry is not permitted. If you leave Navy Pier property and the Pier closes, you are not guaranteed access back onto Navy Pier. It is recommended that all parties remain together.

- No parking, stopping or standing along adjacent streets to Navy Pier including Streeter Drive, Grand Avenue and Illinois Street.

Guests with tickets to a boat cruise, performance or reservations at a restaurant are encouraged to arrive several hours in advance of the start time and to allow extra travel time to Navy Pier. If the Pier closes due to capacity, guests with advance tickets or reservations will be directed to a tent located in North Gateway Park for further instructions.

For more information about Navy Pier, the 4th of July fireworks presented by Illinois Lottery and all of the Pier’s July 4th and 5th events and entertainment, please visit navypier.com or follow us on twitter (@NavyPier) for instant updates.

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A Chicago landmark since 1916, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing more than eight million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourist and visitor hub. For more information, visit our website at [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com)