

Mardi Gras Viewing Fundamentals

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Welcome to Mardi Gras! If you're planning on attending a parade, it doesn't matter whether you're new to it or were born into it, this is the guide for you. Here, in brief, are the basics about attending parades during America's greatest party.

The best way to view a parade is to plan ahead. The first step is to enlist your own "Krewe" of family and friends, even friends of friends, even complete strangers. Carnival is a great time to meet new people, particularly with its tradition of heavy drinking often by those who do not regularly imbibe.

Next, get to the route early to claim your own personal area. The earlier you arrive the more space you're entitled to, and it will become a valuable commodity come parade time. Here you need to make a decision, neutral ground or street side. There are also vacant lots, and unused yards that are free for the taking. Remember if it has not been sufficiently fenced off, it's fair game.

Once you have your location, mark out the boundary along with the name of your Krewe with spray paint in bold Carnival colors to claim it, then rope it off with caution tape. If you're on the street side be sure to include the sidewalk. Then you can add old sofas, port-o-lets, just about anything large, to cement your claim. You can give it a colorful name and add a sign if you like, such as the "Krewe of Chad" or "Spanktuary". Come parade day, bring all the tents, tarps, chairs, ice chests, chaise lounges, barbecue grills, and all the other similar personal effects you desire and block off all access to your personal space.

Common everyday stepladders are a great way to protect your territory and let children and adults view the parade. Be sure to place them right on the curb and even in the street if you can. Use the ricketiest you can find, fasten them together to make a palisade around your area and particularly, your section of street frontage. Don't worry about the people behind you who failed to claim their own territory. By basic Carnival rules, you claimed it, you're entitled to that spot. Don't let anyone force you to share.

If you arrive too late to claim an area, public streets, especially the intersections, are a great option. Don't worry about the traffic, they can find other ways to cross the parade route. Again, use ladders, chairs and other similar personal effects to wall off your area and block all access to your space.

Facilities along the route will be limited so if you can, get your own port-o-let. If the company will not deliver to your location, have it dropped off nearby and move it yourself. Otherwise, walls, landscaping and sheltered spaces of the adjacent homes traditionally serve as restrooms. As with most things, whatever has not been sufficiently fenced off is fair game.

Once the parade is finished, simply retrieve the items you desire, and leave about the rest. The city or locals will take care of any required clean up.

Remember these basic rules: you claim it, it's yours, if it's not protected, it's fair game, when you're finished with it, it's someone else's problem, and your sure have a great time! You're entitled to it!

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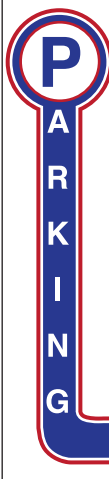


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