

**Your Booth Number, Staggered Check In/Load In
and
Where You Will Enter Centennial Park
Thursday, April 30, 2026
Nashville, TN
2026 55th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair**

In an effort to streamline check in, reduce traffic congestion and allow for open walking paths to dolly in, we implement a staggered check in/load in schedule. **Please find a parking and traffic directional map, and an exhibitor map attached.**

Based on your booth number, you will enter the park and then drive to your load in area at one of two locations during the designated time slot. Below, please use the instructions that correspond to your booth number. **Your booth number is shown at the bottom of this email.**

IMPORTANT: No vehicles are allowed on the fair lawn or pedestrian walkways. No driving on any grass areas.

Park is open until 10:00 pm CT on Thursday, April 30, 2026. Our security police team will begin patrolling on Thursday morning and will do so through the weekend until 8:00 pm CT on Sunday.

NOTE: Early Check In – Invite Only

If you have communicated to us that you have a long vehicle footprint, you will be receiving an individual invitation allowing you to arrive for load-in on Thursday early, beginning at 6:30 am CT and you have until 9:00 am CT, regardless of your booth number. This will improve traffic flow during the day benefiting you and all the artists. If you receive the special early invite and cannot arrive that early, please check in and unload in the regular load-in time slot below that correlates to your booth number.

Check In / Load In Schedule and Where You Will Enter Centennial Park and our Fair Layout to Setup

Is your booth number a WEST or EAST booth? Important: The letter of your booth number depicts "B" for Interior Booths and "A" for Exterior Booths of the fair layout (booth number does denote east or west). See below to determine if your booth number is on the EAST side or WEST side of the fair.

We have two (2) entry points into Centennial Park for load in. Below are the booth numbers for each entry location.

WEST ENTRY

B1 to B44 will check in from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm CT (3 hours)

A1 to A40 will check in from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CT (3 hours)

B100-111 will check in from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CT (3 hours)

Entry to the Fair:

Coming from West End Ave, take 28th, 29th or 31st Ave N.

Coming from the north, take 31st Ave N. Turn onto Parman Place. Park in the designated Artist Parking. **Please see attached map.**

27th Avenue North is one-way going north beginning Thursday – Sunday.

Check In is **Walk Up** at the Welcome Tent **before** you begin unloading your vehicle.

The Check In volunteer will give you instructions as to an option to return to your car and drive up closer to the fair layout to unload your items. If you do so, please unload quickly to free that space for another artist **BEFORE** you setup your tent, displays, art.

Load out on Sunday will NOT be staggered. You may begin tearing-down your booth at 4:00 pm CT after the fair closes to the public on Sunday. You may bring your car onto 27th Avenue N (one-way) if space is available, closer to the fair layout. **Do not bring your vehicle up earlier than 5:30 pm CT, this is a strict requirement allowing for the safety of the public who are exiting the fair.**

EAST ENTRY

B45 to B99 will check in from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm CT (3 hours)

A41 to A85 will check in from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CT (3 hours)

Entry to the Fair:

Take 25th Ave N and turn into the park at **Patterson St** (you will see a Tri Star Centennial Medical Center sign and entrance that is across the street from the park). Turn left after entering the park, once in the park take a left then take a right at the stop sign (arrows will be posted) onto the asphalt service roadway. **Please see attached map.**

Park on right side of the service roadway. This road is one way going south. Pull over enough to allow vehicles to pass you. **No wheels permitted off the road. No vehicles allowed on the paved walkways leading to the fair pads and Parthenon Lawn.**

You'll dolly to your booth using one of the three paved pedestrian walkways when loading in. A volunteer will be there to give you your welcome packet showing your booth location and answer any questions you may have.

Once your items are unloaded at your booth, **BEFORE you setup your tent, displays, art, please return to your car to remove it**, continue forward (south) to exit onto 25th Ave N and park in the designated Artist Parking areas on the west side of the fair. You may find parallel parking on the 25th Ave as well. **Artist vehicles are not permitted to remain on the east service road after they have been unloaded and cannot park on the service road during the fair.**

After you have parked your car in Artist Parking, Check in at the Welcome Tent if you have any questions and to receive other information you may want or need. After checking in, walk back to your booth to continue your setup.

Load out on Sunday will NOT be staggered. You may begin tearing down your booth at 5:00 pm CT when the fair closes to the public on Sunday. **Please do not expect to drive onto the east service road until after 5:45 pm CT. Food trucks will be loading out first on the EAST side, allowing room for you to drive your vehicle onto the road. You may come line up starting at 5:30pm...but you may have a wait as you will not be able to get onto the service road until that road is cleared of food vendors.**

Note to all: If you are planning to stay overnight in your vehicle/RV/camper at the park, you are encouraged to park, as space is available, in the lot adjacent the volleyball courts by the Metro Police Department (**see map**). If you are arriving in town on Wednesday, you may spend that night there Wednesday night. Your event load-in still starts on Thursday.

I know above is a lot of information. We like to get this information to you as soon as possible so you can plan your travels and your day on Thursday, April 30th. Let us know if you have any questions and we would be glad to discuss with you.

So glad you are joining us! We'll see you soon,

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