



42nd Annual YANKTON SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

August 21 - 23, 2026 | Riverside Park | Yankton, SD

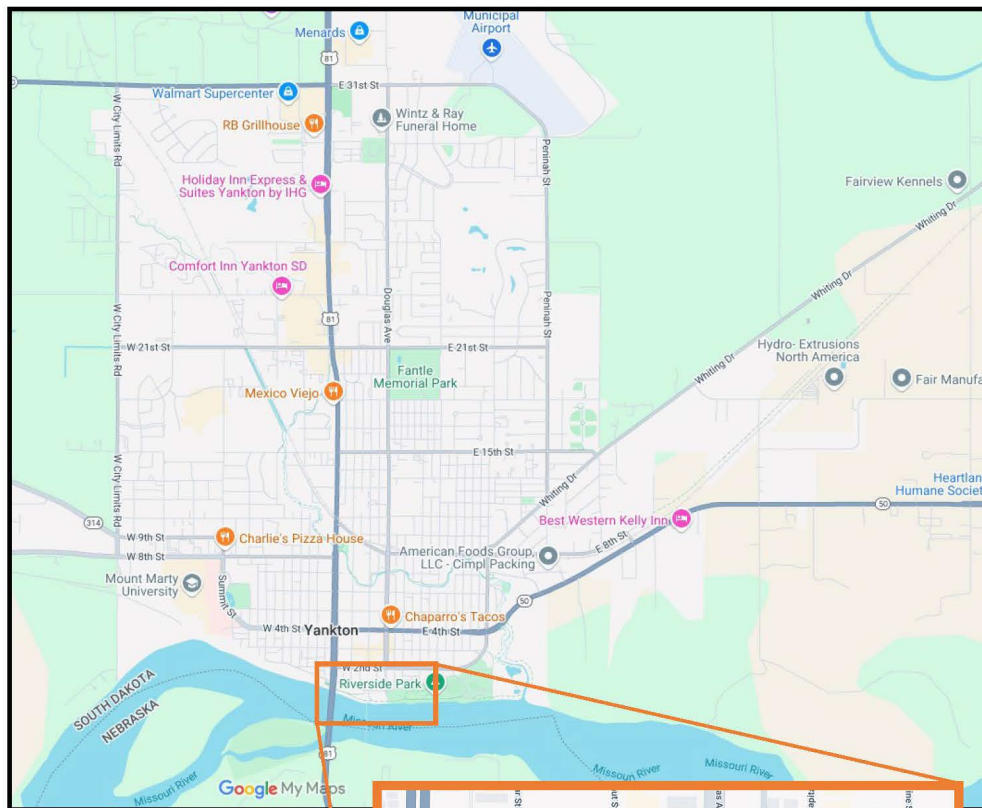
Festival Dates & Check-In Location

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- Friday, August 21st – 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, August 22nd – 9am-6pm
- Sunday, August 23rd – 9:30am-4:30pm

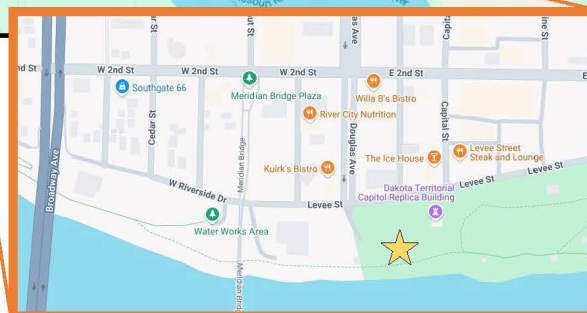
Festival Location

- West end of Riverside Park, Yankton, SD
- Park Address is 200 Levee St., however, you will be entering via the west entrance, at the corner of Douglas Ave. & Levee St.



★ Check-In is located in the west parking lot of Riverside Park.

Use the driveway at the corner of Douglas Ave. and Levee St.





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Check-In Instructions

Vendor Check-in Dates/Times

- EARLY VENDOR CHECK-IN: Friday, August 21st – 7:30am-9:00am
- **OPEN VENDOR CHECK-IN: Friday, August 21st – 9am-4pm**
- LATE VENDOR CHECK-IN: Saturday, August 22nd – 6:45am-8:30am

Early Vendor Check-in Requirements

- Early check-in is available only to vendors pulling trailers
- **Vendors must PRE-REGISTER**
- To request Early check-in, call Yankton Area Arts (605-665-9754) no later than August 19th

Check-in Procedures

- Vendors will be stopped at the entrance to the parking lot where they will need to identify themselves as vendors and the business or artist name under which they are registered.
- Next you will be directed to proceed to the official check-in station, where your vendor status will be checked.
- **Vendors must meet ALL of the following requirements to enter the park:**
 - ✓ **An account balance paid in full**
 - ✓ **Certificate of Insurance – reviewed and approved by YAA**
 - ✓ **Signed Vendor's Agreement – reviewed and approved by YAA**
- Once confirmed, you will be given a vendors' welcome packet and escorted to your spot.

Setup Guidelines – For the safety of and convenience of all vendors, we ask that you observe the following 'Rules-of-the-Road' as you unload and set up your booth:

- When unloading, stage your vehicle directly in front of your own booth space, or as close to it as possible, so not to block another vendor from accessing their booth.
- Please unload your product efficiently and then remove your vehicle from the park immediately!
- Do not block the bike path or the driving lane at the east end of the vendor booth. These must remain open for vehicle circulation and emergency access.
- Absolutely no motor homes will be allowed in the park, according to Park policy.

Booth Guidelines – For the safety of festival attendees:

- No guywires or stakes and ropes shall be used to secure your tent.
- Make sure you secure your tent with enough weight to withstand high winds.
- All product and display materials must be within your designated 12' x 12' booth space.



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Rules of Conduct

Courtesy to Neighboring Vendors:

- Generators are strongly discouraged and only allowed if pre-approved by the event organizers (Yankton Area Arts).
- Be courteous with noise levels, avoiding loud music or other annoyances.
- Keep your booth area clean and tidy. Do not impinge upon your neighbors' spaces.

Festival Rules:

- **Vendor booths must remain open during festival hours** (Saturday & Sunday).
 - Friday is optional
 - Except for medical emergencies or dangerous weather conditions
 - vendors leaving early may be barred from future events.
- **No vendor vehicles will be allowed to enter the park (for any reason)**
 - after 4:00 PM on Friday
 - after 8:00 AM on Saturday
 - before 5:00 PM on Sunday
- **Except for vendor check-in & check-out, the west parking lot will be restricted to the following uses:**
 - Handicap parking
 - Volunteer parking
 - Large-item pick up (requires a Parking Lot Pass – available at the YAA booth)
- **No pets, bikes or motor vehicles are allowed in the park, with these exceptions:**
 - Guide animals for the sight impaired
 - Vehicles operated by the festival organizers (YAA and Riverboat Days workers)
 - City of Yankton, Parks Department or contracted maintenance workers
 - Law enforcement or emergency services
 - Vendors vehicles, during check-in & check-out hours only
- **Vendors are responsible for removing their own trash:**
 - Including boxes, plastic, cardboard, zip-ties, and other booth-related items
 - Do not place these in the trash cans provided for the public's use
 - Food garbage, disposable serving ware, etc. may be deposited in the public trash receptacles
 - Plastic bottles, drink cans, etc. should be emptied and then placed in available recycling bins



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Vendor & Customer Assistance

Maps and Information

- Large vendor maps will be located around the park
- Maps and vendor lists will also be available at the YAA booth, located just east of the Capitol Building, at the west end of the park.
- An interactive vendors map is available on the Yankton Area Arts Summer Arts Festival webpage – <https://www.yanktonareaarts.org/summer-arts-festival> – or scan QR code.



Vendor Assistance:

- The Yankton Area Arts booth is located just east of the Capitol Building
- For a respite from the heat, light refreshments and/or a quick bathroom break visit the Hospitality Room. *(more information below)*
- If you are managing your booth alone and are in need of a quick break, call or text the Arts Festival Event Manager – Terri – at **360-298-8748**. She will assist you in person or send a trusted volunteer (Blue vest).

Hospitality Room

The hospitality room, located on the main floor of the historic Territorial Capitol Building, at the west end of the park, will be open to vendors during festival hours – Saturday & Sunday only. You'll find snacks, water, coffee and air conditioning! Enter through the south door.

Large Item Pickup

- For your customers' convenience, a Large Item Pick-up area will be designated at the east end of the west parking lot, near the Capitol building.
- Parking lot passes are required for access. These will be available at the YAA booth, located east of the Capitol Building at the West end of the park.

For other inquiries or assistance:

- Call or text the **Arts Festival Event Manager, Terri at 360-298-8748**
- The Information Booth is located along the north bike path, just a bit east of the amphitheater.
- Lost and Found is located at the Information Booth
- The First Aid Station is located at the east end of the park, where the north walkway approaches the parking lot.



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Safety & Security

Severe Weather:

- Listen carefully to periodic weather announcements via loudspeaker from the information booth.
- Secure your merchandise and close up your tent.
- Seek shelter as advised by emergency announcement.
- SAF volunteers will assist when necessary and appropriate.
- *USE COMMON SENSE DURING A SEVERE STORM*
- *YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US*

For other emergencies call 911.

Security:

- Limited security is provided by the festival organizers through paid services and volunteers. Though reasonable measures have been taken for after-hours security, vendors are advised to obtain insurance coverage for loss or damage.
- We also advise vendors NOT to entrust their booth to persons unknown to them. If you are alone and in need of a quick break, please look for a Yankton Area Arts trusted volunteer (typically a Board member or paid staff), wearing a blue vest. Yellow-vested volunteers, though essential to the operations of the festival, are not vouched safe for monitoring your booth.

The Legal Stuff:

Sales Tax

- Vendors are responsible for the collection and reporting of South Dakota sales tax. <https://dor.sd.gov/businesses/taxes/sales-use-tax/>
- Tax forms will be provided in your vendor check-in packet

Liability:

- Vendors may be compelled to leave, at the organizer's discretion, for reasons including:
 - Blatant disregard for festival rules and guidelines
 - Causing unsafe conditions or disruptive behavior
 - The product offered was misrepresented in the vendor's application.
- Neither Riverboat Days Committee, nor Yankton Area Arts, assume liability for losses due to theft, vandalism, weather or other occurrences beyond our control.



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Closing Day – Vendor Check-Out

- **Riverboat Days Celebration officially closes at 5:00 pm Sunday**
 - Absolutely NO VEHICLES will be allowed into the park until the festival officially closes!
- **The Arts Festival closes at 4:30pm**
 - Vendors may begin packing up their items and breaking down their tents at 4:30
 - Vendors must be cleared for check out before bringing vehicles into the park for loading
- **To reduce traffic jams in the park, we have implemented a “Cleared for Check-out” process:**
 - Vendors are expected to have all their product and display items packed and ready to go, before being cleared.
 - You are also expected to have tents, tables, etc. broken down and ready to go.
 - Exceptions may be made for tents in case of heavy rain, which will be at the Event Manager’s sole discretion.
 - SAF volunteers will be monitoring vendors progress in packing up and will give you a “Cleared for Check Out” ticket when you are deemed ready to go.
 - **No tickets will be given out until after 5pm.**
- **Check-out Procedure:**
 - After receiving your Check-out ticket, you should proceed with your vehicle to the west parking lot (same location as check-in)
 - SAF volunteers will check you ticket at the entrance, you may then join the queue to drive into the park, or you may park and walk your items out to your vehicle.
 - SAF staff and volunteers will be monitoring the parking lot and directing traffic within the park. **They are there to help with safe and orderly traffic flow. Please follow any and all directions given by them.**
 - When parking to load, **keep your vehicle off the bike path** and also avoid blocking the main north-south driving lane (at the west end of the art festival).
 - Traffic flow will be kept in a counter-clockwise direction, unless otherwise directed by YAA traffic controllers.
 - When loading is complete, return to the bike path, following the established flow of traffic.
- **Check you booth area before leaving**
 - Did you get everything?
 - All trash (including zip ties, cardboard, etc.) removed?
 - Please leave your booth and loading areas as clean as when you arrived!

***** THANK YOU for joining us for the 2026 YANKTON SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL! *****