



The 4th of July Parade Merrimack, NH. Friday July 4th

Anheuser Bush Biergarten Merrimack, NH 11:00 AM

Event Details, Directions & Rules

This is a rain or shine event!

Today's trip miles awarded: 50 points

Today's Event: This one is pretty straight forward as we will be assembling first at the **Anheuser Bush Biergarten** parking area, at **221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack NH** and then make the short journey up the *DW Highway (Rt3)* to the **Tractor Supply mall** area (Commons Shopping Plaza) and get into side-by-side position on **Front Street** for the start of the parade.

Starting point: *Anheuser Bush Biergarten parking lot*, at the Anheuser Bush beer plant *221 Daniel Webster Highway* in Merrimack, NH. We ask that you please arrive between **11:00-11:15 AM**. We recommend that everyone use the bathroom facilities at the Biergarten as there will not be any rest room facilities available until after the parade. *The Biergarten* is scheduled to open at 11:00 AM. Upon arrival, we will check you in to acknowledge your participation and reward you the **50 trip points** for this event! After check in We will be offering **5/90 raffle tickets** (\$5 per ticket, \$20 max per couple) for those wishing to get in on the season long raffle!

* A foot note for anyone interested, **The Merrimack Rotary Club** is holding a pancake breakfast from **8:00AM to 11:00AM** in the *Merrimack High School Cafeteria*, featuring pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, on the morning of the parade! *Cost is only \$10PP and \$8 for Seniors!*

Departure: Promptly at **11:30 AM** for the short 10-minute hop over to our staging area on *Front Street* in Merrimack (see route directions) **Arrival:** Upon arrival, we will be staging for the parade in a side-by-side presession. We will be pulling all the way over to the far right in double rows, leaving room for cars and other parade participants to get by. (Also, we please ask that no one blocks any of the driveways on our right) Here we will decorate the cars for the parade (we will have some extra buntings and flags available) and be ready when the parade goes off at 1:00PM!

Parade Route: The route is approx. *1.5 miles in length* and should take around 40-45 minutes to complete. Starting on *Front Street* we will turn left onto *Daniel Webster Highway* and follow, then turn right onto *Baboosic Lake Rd* and follow until we finish up by turning left onto *O'Gara Rd* with the conclusion of the parade ending in front of the High School.

Late Lunch: Upon Completion of the parade, we will remove all the decorations while we're still at the High School area and then proceed the short distance over to the **Thirsty Moose** located at 360 D Hwy, Merrimack for a late lunch.

Haywards Ice Cream is also in the same parking lot for those wishing to partake in Ice Cream.

Have lots of fun, be safe! And we ask that you take lots of pictures during the Parade!

Below is the short list of rules and they are in place to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable parade experience! Do not glance over them; be aware of each rule and your responsibility in following them! **Our ride participant's safety and the safety of the drivers and pedestrians we encounter must always come first!**

Rules & Safety Guidelines

1. **If this is your first parade event, be cautious and stay alert!** Be aware of the car in front of you at all times. Sometimes the parade pre-session will stop for no apparent reason!
2. **Be considerate of all the parade participants, spectators and fellow members! No burn outs, and ask that you keep engine revving to a minimum and to be on your best behavior!**
3. **Today during the parade we'll be traveling at a very slow speed so stay tight to the car in front of you at all times and remain alert!**
4. **Please do not throw anything including candy out from the cars!**
5. If at any time you get separated today on the route to the staging area, just remain on the DW Hwy and catch up with the group at the designated staging area on Front St.
6. We will use **channel 5** for anyone bringing their own radios. We will have extras, but request them to all be returned at the High school at the conclusion of the parade and before departing for lunch.
7. If you **will not** be joining us at the *Thirsty Moose*, we please ask that you let us know at the High School at the conclusion of the parade to be able to give them an accurate head count.
8. **Remember, you are representing SONHC and as such we ask that you always be courteous and kind to everyone you encounter both prior to and during the parade itself and also at the restaurant!**
9. ***Have fun and enjoy the day!***

Directions

1. Depart the Biergarten, 221 Daniel Webster Highway and turn right onto the DW Hwy north.
2. Stay on the DW Hwy through the center of Merrimack and follow to the Tractor Supply mall on your right across from US Post Office and Dunkin Doughnuts on the left.
3. Turn right onto Front Street and then turn left onto Center St and follow to the end
4. At the end of Center Street, turn right onto Front Street. This is where we will stage for the parade. We will not know the exact location of where the parade officials will stage us, but assuming we will be in the same place as last year, it will be right after we turn onto Front Street.
5. Upon Completion of the parade, we will continue past the High School and turn right onto Woodbury St and go down the hill.

6. At the stop sign, turn right back onto DW Hwy and follow and the Thirsty Moose will be on your right. at 360 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack. Typically, the furthest end in of the parking lot is the least filled.