



November 1, 2023 update

Re: Town of Munster, 2024 Centennial Park parking

In 2022, the Town of Munster Parks and Recreation department implemented a pay to park system at Centennial Park, in Munster. This system went live on June 21, 2022, at both the north parking lot (900 North Centennial Drive) and the south parking lot (1005 South Centennial Drive). The system was also in place from April 1-October 31, 2023.

As planned, the parking fees ended as of November 1, 2023. Parking is free for any user in the months of November, December, January, February, and March. The next pay to park season is effective April 1 – October 31, 2024, meaning that a vehicle entering the park at that time of year is required to pay the parking fees, have an annual pass, or leave the park within 15 minutes of entering.

Visitors can pay to park via the parking meters in either lot or by using the 'ParkByApp' system on a smartphone. Both systems only accept credit/debit cards for payment. You can also call the phone number on the sign posted in the parking lot to pay using a credit card. The regular rates are \$2/hour, \$5/day, or \$120/vehicle for the calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31 annually). There is also a convenience fee of 50 cents per transaction when paying via the app. Visitors using the golf course or driving range can validate their parking inside the Centennial Park Pro Shop during regular business hours. Upon entering you have 15 minutes to either pay via the app, at the meter, by calling the phone number, or exit the parking lot. Otherwise, you run the risk of receiving a violation. Fees and validation should be done immediately after parking to avoid violations. Fees are non-refundable and not prorated. Management of the parking system is done by Asta Parking Inc. Parking violations are mailed directly to the registered vehicle owner from Professional Parking Management. No physical ticket is placed on the vehicle for a violation.

Town of Munster residents are allowed to register two vehicles per household for the year. All households need to register so your current information is in the system. Registration in 2023 will not be forwarded for the 2024 season. Registration for 2024 can be done online at www.centennialparkvehiclereg.com beginning March 1, 2024. Verification process will be different in 2024. Names and addresses will be confirmed via a license plate lookup form from the State Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2721. All applications will be reviewed for meeting all requirements. Applicants will receive either a confirmation email or a denial email (with additional instruction) for each license plate submitted. Until a confirmation approval email is received by the applicant, parking fees would need to be paid to avoid receiving a parking violation notice. We urge Munster residents to register your two vehicles early if you're planning to visit the park. Make

sure to check your inbox and your spam folder for your approval or denial email. No email will be sent until your registration has been either fully approved or denied.

The parking system uses license plate reading technology at the entrance and exits of the two parking lots to verify a vehicle has paid or has the season pass. Enforcement will begin promptly on April 1, 2024.

Members of the Centennial Park dog park and Centennial Park Golf Course are both allowed to register for one free vehicle for the year. Registration for the 2024 season for those members can be done after March 1, 2024. Contact the park office for the registration website for your membership.

Special hourly and daily parking rates may occur depending on events in the area or at the park.

Rentals of facilities at Centennial Park will have information forwarded to the renter prior to the facility rental. A QR code will be sent and guests seeking exemption from parking fees for that event must scan the QR code and enter their license plates for free parking for the day of the event. QR codes are only good for the day of the event and are sent to the individual reserving the facility the week prior to the rental. Make sure to tell your guests not to pay for parking if you have a QR code for them to scan (which validates their parking for your rental). Parking fees are non-refundable.

Parking for the park in private parking at neighboring developments is strongly discouraged. Parking in other lots and using the park could have consequences including the choice by the owner of those lots to ticket, boot, or tow a vehicle.

Park visitors walking or riding a bike to the park do not pay any parking fees.

Further questions regarding the pay to park system at Centennial Park can be directed to Munster Parks and Recreation at (219) 836-7275.

