An arena night goes better when the trip home is planned before the trip there. Everyone leaves at once, and the streets around the arena fill quickly. Traveling with children changes the plan: snacks, restroom stops and a slower pace all deserve a little extra time.

Parking near the arena

Parking structures next to the arena fill early for big events, and one connects to the main concourse by an enclosed skybridge, which is welcome on a cold night. Tailgating is not allowed at the structures beside the arena.

Rates and availability change from event to event, so check the event listing before you go and arrive early if you plan to park close.

Taking the bus or streetcar

Several Milwaukee County Transit System routes stop within walking distance of the arena. The Hop streetcar is free to ride, but it does not yet serve the arena directly, so plan a short walk from the nearest stop.

Check the last trips of the night before the event, because late shows can end after some routes slow down.

Arriving on time

Arena doors typically open about an hour before the start of an event, though times vary. Arriving early gives you time to https://chicago.ghost.io/summerfest-parking-shuttles-and-getting-there-without-a-car/ clear security, find your seat and avoid the rush at the gates.

Leave room for traffic downtown, especially on nights when other events are happening nearby.

Planning the trip home

After the final buzzer or encore, the area around the arena gets busy at once. Either leave a few minutes early, or relax inside for a bit and let the first wave clear.

If someone is picking you up, agree on a meeting spot a block or two away from the main doors. A simple meeting point beats a crowded curb every time.