



2023 Great Lakes Trade Exposition

Section Driving Directions & Parking Information

Exposition Location

DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Parking:

There are several options for parking in downtown Grand Rapids:

- DeVos Place – convenient parking located under the convention center. Access to the parking lot is on Michigan Street and Lyon Street.
- Self-parking in the Amway Grand Parking Ramp – located on the corner of Pearl Street and Monroe Avenue.
- Valet parking for registered Amway Hotel guests located in the motor lobby off of the Pearl Street entrance. The hotel does have parking available for oversized vehicles.
- Oversized vehicles will be directed to our assigned parking lot by the DeVos Place Security. Please know that the parking lots in the downtown Grand Rapids area are considered “Park and Lock” lots. These are unsecured lots and the City of Grand Rapids nor the MNLA cannot be held responsible for damage to, or the contents of, your vehicle.

Driving directions and the two options we have for exhibitors to move-in:

Option 1: Loading docks for off-loading of material with a forklift—you must start on Scribner Street for staging.

Option 2: Park beneath the DeVos Place and utilize the Freight Elevator to hand carry up booth material.

1) For exhibitors planning to use the loading docks and need to have their booth materials off-loaded with a forklift:

- All booth spaces in the exhibit hall have been broken up into three specific, three-hour time-slots, which start at 7:30 a.m. and run until 4:30 p.m. The exhibit hall layout and corresponding move-in times are in the Move-in/Move-out Information section. We have indicated move-in time slots by area. To find your move-in time, simply go to the booth space you have been assigned, see what area you are in and check the legend for that areas’ time slot.
- Please refer to the **Driving Directions for Exhibitors Planning to Use the Loading Docks** and plan to arrive on Scribner St. for staging to get in to the loading docks.
- We would appreciate it if you are able to move-in at the time we have assigned to you. If you are unable to make the assigned time, please email Amy Upton at Amy@MNLA.org

or call Amy at (517) 381-0437 prior to January 13th so that I may make the appropriate changes for you.

- In an effort to expedite your move-in to DeVos Place, we'll have move-in helpers available to unload and take your items to your booth space(s). **Therefore, exhibitors WILL NOT be allowed to leave their vehicles unattended in the loading dock area.**
- For your safety, convenience, and to save time please make sure your materials can be off-loaded onto the loading dock by fork lifts from the back of your truck.

Move-in procedures are as follows:

You must start on Scribner St. to move in to the 2023 GLTE using the loading docks.

As you drive onto Scribner St. look for the DeVos Place Security. They'll have a master list indicating your move-in time and what booth you are exhibiting in. Once you check-in with security they'll either give you a pass and direct you over to DeVos Place and a move-in door or they'll place you in a staging line and send you over as the move-in doors become available. Please stay with your vehicle while it is in line and also while it is being unloaded. As soon as you have unloaded, please move immediately so that the next vehicle in line can enter the dock or ramp.

For your safety, convenience, and to save time please make sure your materials can be offloaded onto the loading dock by fork lifts from the back of your truck.

2) Park underneath the Exhibit Hall and hand carry up booth material (for exhibitors NOT needing to use the loading docks for move-in):

- You can park underneath the DeVos Place and use the Freight Elevator to get your booth items up into the Exhibit Halls. The Freight Elevator opens at the back of Exhibit Hall B.
- Please refer to the **Driving Directions for Exhibitors NOT Needing to Use the Loading Docks** as you can drive directly to DeVos Place and into the DeVos Place parking ramp (located underneath DeVos Place) to bring your items up into the Exhibit Halls via the Service Elevators.

Driving Directions

– Driving Directions, for Exhibitors Planning to Use the Loading Docks, to the staging line on Scribner St.:

From the North:

Travel US-131 South.

1. The best exit is Pearl Street.
2. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Pearl, then take a quick left onto Scribner St.
3. Proceed to the security guard posted at the end of Scribner St. for staging of GLTE Exhibitor move-in.

From the East:

Travel I-96 West to I-196 West.

1. Use the Ottawa/Downtown Exit (77C).
2. Proceed southbound on Ottawa to Pearl street.
3. Turn right on Pearl St. and proceed west 1/2 mile and over the river to Scribner St.
4. Turn right on Scribner St. and proceed to the security guard posted at the end of Scribner St. for staging of GLTE Exhibitor move-in.

From the West:

From Muskegon:

Travel I-96 East to US-131 South.

1. The best exit is Pearl Street.
2. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Pearl, then a quick left onto Scribner St.
3. Proceed to the security guard posted at the end of Scribner St. for staging of GLTE Exhibitor move-in.

From Holland:

Travel I-196 East to US-131 South.

1. Bear right to Pearl St. turn left on Pearl
2. Turn left onto Pearl, then take a quick left onto Scribner St.
3. Proceed to the security guard posted at the end of Scribner St. for staging of GLTE Exhibitor move-in.

From the South:

Travel US-131 North.

1. The best exit is Pearl Street.
2. At the end of the ramp go straight onto Scribner St.
3. Proceed to the security guard posted at the end of Scribner St. for staging of GLTE Exhibitor move-in.

—Driving Directions, for Exhibitors NOT Needing to Use the Loading Docks, to DeVos Place (Address: 303 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49503):

From the North:

Travel US-131 South.

1. Take Pearl Street (exit 85B).
2. Turn left onto Pearl St. then left a quick left onto Scribner St.
3. Take Scribner to Bridge St., then make a right onto Bridge St.
4. DeVos Place parking ramp will be on your right.

From the South:

Travel US-131 North.

1. Take Pearl Street (exit 85B).
2. At the end of the ramp continue straight ahead onto Scribner St.
3. Take Scribner to Bridge St., then make a right onto Bridge St.
4. DeVos Place parking ramp will be on your right.

From the East:

Travel I-96 West to I-196 Downtown (exit 37).

1. Take the Ottawa/Downtown Exit (77C).
2. Turn right onto Michigan at the bottom of the ramp.
3. DeVos Place parking ramp will be on your left just past Monroe.

From the West:

Travel I-196 East.

1. Take the Ottawa/Downtown Exit (77C).
2. Turn right onto Michigan at the bottom of the ramp.
3. DeVos Place parking ramp will be on your left just past Monroe.