

Holland Waterfront Celtic Festival & Highland Games

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- The Festival is at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 1286 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, MI 49424.
- The dates are Friday, June 26, 7PM -11 PM & Saturday, June 27, 9AM to 11:00PM. All activities will take place “rain or shine” except during severe weather. No refunds if portions are cancelled due to weather.
- There is plenty of **free parking** for attendees and volunteers immediately to the east of the festival site. Enter **GATE 1 (Dog Park/Skate Park)**. Do not enter at the main entry (Gate 2). The spots on the west end of this grassy lot are reserved for vehicles with a state-issued disability parking placard or license plate. The West Ottawa Lakeshore Dragons Rugby Team will assist with parking.
- Walk westward *inside the parking lot* to the festival entry. Do **NOT** walk along Ottawa Beach Road!
- Ottawa County Sheriff Deputies and festival security will patrol the grounds throughout the entire event.
- The Friday, June 26 Cèilidh gate opens at 4:00 PM. This is a concert in a giant “Irish Pub Tent” (not a traditional call and response Cèilidh) Live music starts at 4:30 PM and continues until the 11:00 PM Park Twp. noise ordinance kicks in. You must be 21 or older to enter the grounds on Friday. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Get a baby sitter. 😊 Food & alcohol will be available for purchase. (Numerous food vendors will be there!)
- The Saturday, June 27 Festival gate opens at 9:00 AM. The admission fee applies to everyone 16 & over. **Those 15 and under are free on Saturday**. The festival closes at 11:00PM. If you scan your ticket or show your wristband from Friday evening, your Saturday return admission is **FREE!**
- Tickets are available through the link on our website. Please download the tickets to your phone, **or** print your ticket and bring it with you, **or** have the email confirmation QR code ready for scanning on your mobile device. All tickets will be scanned. Pay-at-the-gate admission also is available. We take all credit & debit cards or cash. No checks at the gate.
- Wristbands will be issued to everyone to help us obtain an accurate attendance count.
- IDs will be scanned to obtain a further “21 & Over” wristband which will be mandatory for all alcohol purchases. No alcohol may be purchased without a “21 and Over” wristband. No exceptions.
- Although we have lots of chairs and benches, you may bring a “camp”, “lawn” or “bag” chair to set up to watch music, dance, or the Highland Games. An umbrella may be handy for rain or sun! No large coolers.
- **Service animals only**. From Michigan.gov:
“What is a service animal? A service animal is a dog... individually trained to do work or perform tasks that are directly related to and mitigate the handler’s disability. A service animal may be trained to navigate for someone who is blind, retrieve items for someone in a wheelchair, or lead someone with PTSD to a safe location during an episode. All other species of animal, trained or untrained, are not recognized as service animals in Michigan and are not required to be admitted into covered entities under the ADA such as grocery stores, state and local government facilities, hotels, hospitals, etc.” (This includes festivals.)
- No coolers, flasks, etc. Our Michigan liquor license is on the line! You may bring a refillable water bottle. There is plenty of beer, whiskey, wine, hard seltzer, soft drinks, and water for sale on site. We have numerous food and drink vendors as well.
- Please use trash bins. Help keep our festival clean and safe!
- The Fairgrounds has a large permanent restroom facility to the east of our Irish Pub tent. Please utilize them first! Also, 12 Porta-Jons additional are located throughout the festival grounds.
- The Lost & Found (people and items) is located at the Festival Headquarters Tent.
- First Aid is available in the First Aid Tent.
- Attendees automatically give consent to the use of their photographs in future promotional materials without further authorizations.