

Head of the CUYAHOGA

Driving Directions to Rivergate Park

Trailer Parking & Handicap Parking will be available at Rivergate Park. Participants using a GPS should load the CRF Boathouse address into their GPS:

1785 Merwin Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113

There will also be parking at Rivergate Park for scullers who are car topping their shell. Scullers should enter through the back entrance.

Due to limited space athletes and spectators will NOT be able to park at Rivergate Park. Athletes may be dropped off but athletes and spectators should park in designated lots or streets surrounding Rivergate Park.

NOTE: MAJOR construction on the Innerbelt Bridge (I-90) through Cleveland has many exits CLOSED. The bridge is down to ONE (1) lane in certain sections. If using a GPS for assistance please note that your GPS will most likely NOT take these closures into account. Directions below will re-route around this construction where necessary.

From the West (Traveling Interstate 90 EASTBOUND):

If arriving from the west using Interstate 90

- Proceed on I-90 East to the WEST 25th street (US 42) Exit.
- Exit at West 25th street and proceed NORTH (left turn). Proceed north on West 25th street. At the Intersection of West 25th and Lorain, you should see the West Side Market on your right. Continue north. Lutheran Hospital will be on your left. Look for a RIGHT turn onto FRANKLIN.
- Turn RIGHT onto FRANKLIN. Proceed on Franklin. Look for MAJOR HOOPLES on the right hand side at the intersection of Franklin and the Columbus Road Bridge (on left).
- Turn LEFT onto the Columbus Road Bridge.
- Scullers will continue on Columbus Road. At the railroad tracks turn LEFT onto French Street. Then turn LEFT onto Fall Street. The back entrance to Rivergate Park is straight ahead.
- Trailers should make an immediate LEFT after the Bridge onto Merwin Avenue. (Sainatos Italian restaurant is on the corner). Proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park.

NOTE: West 25th street is typically busy with traffic and contains many traffic lights. This may NOT be an ideal route for trucks hauling trailers, but it should be an easy route to follow for those not familiar with Cleveland.

From the EAST (Traveling Interstate 90 WESTBOUND)

If arriving from the east using Interstate 90

NOTE: The Innerbelt Bridge through Cleveland is UNDER CONSTRUCTION. It is NOT recommended that truckers hauling trailers use the Innerbelt Bridge. Directions below provide 2 routes that re-route around this construction.

Route #1 (Exit at West 3rd Street, through downtown Cleveland to Rivergate)

- Proceed on I-90 WESTBOUND and maintain presence in RIGHT two lanes following signs for ROUTE 2 WEST. Proceed on Route 2 WEST (pass East 9th Street Exit)
- Take next exit at West 3rd Street. Cleveland Browns Stadium will be directly in front of you. Stay right on the ramp to exit to West 3rd. NOTE: This is a “shared entrance/exit” and there may be heavy traffic entering from the right depending on the time of day. Trucks hauling trailers should exercise caution if using this exit)
- At the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn LEFT onto West 3rd Street.
- Continue on West 3rd to St. Clair Avenue.
- Turn RIGHT onto St. Clair Avenue
- Proceed on St. Clair Avenue through the Warehouse District. At the intersection of St. Clair and West 9th (Brassa Restaurant on the corner) proceed FORWARD DOWN THE HILL.
- At the bottom of the hill turn LEFT on Robert Lockwood Jr Drive. This left is BEFORE the commuter rail tracks but AFTER a street that is one-way (no left turn).
- Proceed on Robert Lockwood Jr Dr to Columbus Road (The blue bridge at Carter Road will be in front of you).
- Turn RIGHT onto Columbus Road.
- Scullers: Columbus Road will turn into Center Street. After the Sunoco station make a LEFT onto Fall Street. Take Fall Street to the back entrance of Rivergate Park.
- Trailers should turn LEFT onto Columbus Road just before the Sunoco station. (yes, this is how the roads are marked!)
- Proceed on Columbus Road to Merwin Ave. (Sainatos on corner; Columbus Road Bridge directly ahead).
- Turn RIGHT onto Merwin Road and proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park

Route #2 (Exit at West 28th Street, through Ohio City Neighborhood)

- Proceed on I-90 WESTBOUND and maintain presence in RIGHT two lanes following signs for ROUTE 2 WEST. Proceed on Route 2 WEST (pass East 9th Street Exit, pass West 3rd Street Exit and onto the Main Avenue Bridge)
- Take exit at West 28th Street. THIS IS A LEFT HAND EXIT. THE RAMP IS SHORT. Please slow down prior to exiting. Trucks hauling trailers should exercise caution if using this exit.
- At the end of the ramp, turn LEFT onto West 28th Street.
- Proceed on West 28th to Church Street (1st stop sign after traffic light at Detroit Rd).
- Turn LEFT onto Church.
- Proceed to West 25th. (next intersection)
- Turn RIGHT onto West 25th.
- Take the FIRST LEFT onto Franklin.
- Follow Franklin to Columbus Road (Major Hooples Bar on your right and Columbus Road Bridge on your left).
- Turn LEFT onto the Columbus Road Bridge.
- Scullers will continue on Columbus Road. At the railroad tracks turn LEFT onto French Street. Then turn LEFT onto Fall Street. The back entrance to Rivergate Park is straight ahead.
- Trailers should make an immediate LEFT after the Bridge onto Merwin Avenue. (Sainatos Italian restaurant is on the corner). Proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park.

From Interstate 480 (east or west bound)

If arriving on Interstate 480,

- Proceed on Interstate 480 to the Jennings Freeway (Rt 176). Follow Rt. 176 North. Exit at West 14th street (Steelyard Commons shopping center on your right). There is a ROUNDABOUT (traffic circle) at this exit. Trucks hauling trailers should be aware of this if using this route. Proceed counterclockwise around the traffic circle and follow the sign for West 14th street (north only).
- Proceed NORTH on West 14th. Within a short distance you should see a BP Gas station on the left. Continue north to the intersection of West 14th and WILEY
- Turn LEFT onto Wiley. Proceed forward past Scranton, past the Cleveland APL, down a hill and then up a hill to Columbus Road. Wiley dead-ends at Columbus.
- Turn RIGHT onto Columbus Road
- Proceed forward on Columbus Road past Abbey and down the hill. Columbus Road Bridge directly ahead. (Major Hooples on left). Proceed forward across the bridge.
- Scullers will continue on Columbus Road. At the railroad tracks turn LEFT onto French Street. Then turn LEFT onto Fall Street. The back entrance to Rivergate Park is straight ahead.
- Trailers should make an immediate LEFT after the Bridge onto Merwin Avenue. (Sainatos Italian restaurant is on the corner). Proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park.

From the SOUTH (Traveling Interstate 71 NORTHBOUND)

If arriving from the south using Interstate 71,

- Proceed on I-71 North to the WEST 14th street exit. There is a ROUNDABOUT (traffic circle) at this exit. Trucks hauling trailers should be aware of this if using this route. Proceed counterclockwise around the traffic circle and follow the sign for West 14th street (north only).
- Proceed NORTH on West 14th. Within a short distance you should see a BP Gas station on the left. Continue north to the intersection of West 14th and WILEY
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- Turn RIGHT onto Columbus Road
- Proceed forward on Columbus Road past Abbey and down the hill. Columbus Road Bridge directly ahead. (Major Hooples on left). Proceed forward across the bridge.
- Scullers will continue on Columbus Road. At the railroad tracks turn LEFT onto French Street. Then turn LEFT onto Fall Street. The back entrance to Rivergate Park is straight ahead.
- Trailers should make an immediate LEFT after the Bridge onto Merwin Avenue. (Sainatos Italian restaurant is on the corner). Proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park.

From the SOUTH (Traveling Interstate 77 NORTHBOUND)

If arriving from the south using Interstate 77

NOTE: Due to construction on the INNERBELT Bridge the ramp from 77 NORTH to I-90 WEST is CLOSED. Directions below will re-route to around this closure.

- Proceed on I-77 North.
- Exit at HARVARD Road.
- Turn LEFT onto Harvard Road.
- Proceed on Harvard Road. Veer right onto the HARVARD-DENISON bridge.

- Immediately after the bridge is an entrance to the Jennings Freeway (Rt. 176).
- Follow signs for Jennings Freeway/Rt. 176 NORTH. (Right turn onto ramp after the bridge)
- Follow 176 North. Exit at West 14th street (Steelyard Commons shopping center on your right). There is a ROUNDABOUT (traffic circle) at this exit. Trucks hauling trailers should be aware of this if using this route. Proceed counterclockwise around the traffic circle and follow the sign for West 14th street (north only).
- Proceed NORTH on West 14th. Within a short distance you should see a BP Gas station on the left. Continue north to the intersection of West 14th and WILEY
- Turn LEFT onto Wiley. Proceed forward past Scranton, past the Cleveland APL, down a hill and then up a hill to Columbus Road. Wiley dead ends at Columbus Road.
- Turn RIGHT onto Columbus Road
- Proceed forward on Columbus Road past Abbey and down the hill. Columbus Road Bridge directly ahead. (Major Hooples on left). Proceed forward across the bridge.
- Scullers will continue on Columbus Road. At the railroad tracks turn LEFT onto French Street. Then turn LEFT onto Fall Street. The back entrance to Rivergate Park is straight ahead.
- Trailers should make an immediate LEFT after the Bridge onto Merwin Avenue. (Sainatos Italian restaurant is on the corner). Proceed forward to the main entrance of Rivergate Park.

Directions to Athlete and Spectator Parking

Athletes/family/friends/Spectators should park in designated lots or streets surrounding Rivergate Park.

Designated Lot:

From Rivergate Park turn left onto Columbus Road. Proceed on Columbus Road towards Center Street (Sunoco station on the corner). There will be large parking lot on the RIGHT as you approach Center Street. This will be a designated lot for HOTC parking. There will also be parking available at the Sunoco lot across the street at the Sunoco gas station.

Street Parking:

There will be limited on street parking available on Columbus Road between the Columbus Road Bridge and Center Street (Sunoco station on corner). Parking is at your own risk. Please observe railroad lines and posted signs. These are WORKING RAILROAD LINES.

There will also be limited street parking along FRANKLIN Avenue/CARTER Road.

From Rivergate Park turn right onto the COLUMBUS ROAD Bridge.

At Major Hooples Bar turn RIGHT ONTO FRANKLIN or TURN LEFT ONTO CARTER Road. Park in open spaces along the side of the road. Parking is at your own risk.

Other streets where parking can be found include: Fall St, French St, Leonard Ave, West Ave, & Merwin Ave. There are also metered spots on Center Street. Parking is at your own risk. Follow all street signs and posted parking rates.

Please note: REMOVE or RELOCATE all valuables. DO NOT leave items such as GPS devices, MP3 players, cell phones or anything of any value IN SIGHT. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE. Cleveland Rowing Foundation is not responsible for any items lost or stolen from your vehicle.