

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## HANK AARON STATE TRAIL TO CLOSE DURING STATE FAIR

**WEST ALLIS, Wis.** – June 27, 2023 – With safety continuing to be a top priority for Wisconsin State Fair Park officials, they are once again working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to facilitate the closing of the Hank Aaron State Trail between S. 76<sup>th</sup> St. and S. 84<sup>th</sup> St. during the 2023 Wisconsin State Fair, Aug. 3-13.

The Hank Aaron State Trail runs east/west and passes over State Fair Park north of W. Schlinger Ave. west of the Fair Park, Fifth Street within the Fair Park and W. Pierce St. east of the Fair Park. In recent years, State Fair Park Management and Police have worked diligently to secure the entire perimeter of the Fair Park by adding metal detectors at all admission entrances, installing more secure fencing, instituting bag size restrictions, and reconfiguring gates, entrances, and exits. Allowing an elevated trail that runs directly over visitors and vendors at State Fair Park to stay open during the State Fair severely compromises this secure perimeter.

“While we understand the closure of the Hank Aaron State Trail presents challenges for the many loyal users of the trail, we appreciate the DNR’s support and the public’s understanding of why the portion of the trail that crosses over State Fair Park cannot remain open during the 11 days of the Wisconsin State Fair,” said John Yingling, Chairman of the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board of Directors. “This closure is critical to ensuring that the perimeter of State Fair Park is fully secured and will help us with our goal of providing a safe and enjoyable visit to the more than one million visitors the State Fair welcome each year.”

The attached map outlines the recommended alternative routes in both directions; however, it is understood that various routes may be utilized based on preference and destination. In advance of the closure, which will begin on Aug. 3, State Fair Park staff will post signage on the trail about the closure dates and alternate routes. State Fair Park will also be adding additional striping for bike lanes in both direction on North St. (Adler), which runs between the State Fair Park North Parking lot and the UScellular Main Entrance. Additional information can be found online at [WiStateFair.com](http://WiStateFair.com) and [DNR.Wisconsin.gov](http://DNR.Wisconsin.gov).

Public inquiries and concerns may be directed to State Fair Park Police at 608.843.1093.

### About the Wisconsin State Fair

The 2023 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by UScellular, will take place Aug. 3 – 13. The State Fair offers a unique experience to all who attend and is an exceptional value. Enjoy dozens of FREE entertainment stages, exciting rides and games in SpinCity, thousands of animals, endless family activities, events, contests, shopping vendors, and culinary delights. For more information, visit [WiStateFair.com](http://WiStateFair.com) or follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WiStateFair), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/WiStateFair), and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/WiStateFair).

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