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**Nicholls State University 2025 Mardi Gras Parking Policies**

**Lots 6, Pre-paid is $60 and Parade Day Parking Lots Are $15.00, Lot 7, Pre-Paid Camper Lot $200.00**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE BE AWARE: PARADES BEGIN AT BABINGTON HALL, THEY WILL NOT PASS IN FRONT OF MAX CHARTER SCHOOL.THEY WILL TURN UP AFTON DRIVE AND THEN TURN ON AUDUBON, AND PROCEED TO THROW, BEGINNING AT AFTON DRIVE\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Spots will be available for purchase beginning Monday, January 13, 2025.**

**Options for parking on the Nicholls Campus for parades:**

* **Free parking** – Parade-goers can park their vehicles at no charge in one of the interior campus parking lots not directly along the parade route. There are no campers allowed in these lots.
* **Pre-paid seasonal reserved parking**– Parade-goers can reserve premium parking spaces adjacent to the parade route for campers, cars, or trucks for the entire 2025 Mardi Gras season. The costs are **$60** per car/truck/van and **$200** per camper (includes 1 vehicle per camper in the assigned lot).
* **Parade-day paid parking**– Parade-goers can park their car/truck/van in designated lots adjacent to the parade route. The cost is **$15** per day per vehicle, sold on a first come-first serve basis. There are no campers allowed in these lots.
* **Vehicle must be present when pass is purchased. If vehicle leaves, spot is Forfeit. No re-entry, Non-Refundable.**
* **Lots designated for reserved and paid parking include:**
1. **Lot 7,** located across from Gouaux Hall on Alumni Drive (between Ellender and B.C. Ayo Hall on Audubon Drive), is reserved for camper parking only. Patrons in this lot will be able to view parade on Afton Drive.
2. **Lot 20**, located across from Babington Hall on Audubon Drive, and **Lot 19**, located between Audubon Drive and the Max Charter School, are reserved for cars, trucks, and vans. **Parade will not pass in front of Lot 19.**
3. **Lot 6**, located on Audubon Drive between the James Alumni House and Scholars Hall, is reserved for overflow camper parking, cars, trucks, and vans.
* **Remember, you are paying for the vehicle spot, not the landscape in front of the spot.**

All campus visitors should adhere to normal parking courtesies, such as observing handicapped zones, no parking zones, and reserved parking spaces, as some Nicholls’ employees work after normal business hours.

**Additional campus parking restrictions:**

* Vehicles are not permitted on grassy areas. Vehicles parked on grassy areas are subject to towing.
* All University buildings will be closed to the public during parade times.
* After campers are parked, the towing vehicles must be parked elsewhere (one vehicle is included with each rental of a camper space, but that vehicle will be directed to a different part of the parking lot).
* Visitors may reside in campers overnight, but tailgate parties are prohibited after 9 pm.
* Visitors may not tie or connect equipment to University property, including signs, buildings, or cables.
* Fires are not allowed.
* Glass containers are prohibited on University property.
* Port-o-lets are not permitted, nor are visitors allowed to dump human waste on University property.
* Campers are prohibited from using University water, gas, and electrical sources.
* Visitors in reserved spaces are responsible for their own garbage pickup. The University will charge clean-up fees to visitors who leave garbage behind.

Camper/RVs/ Vehicles Parking Times that have Pre-Paid:

* Lot 7 (Campers) can begin parking @ 12:00 pm -2:00 pm Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025.
* Campers/Rvs/Vehicles must vacate immediately following the parade.
* Campers can begin parking @ 12:00 pm-2:00 pm Saturday, March 1, 2025 and remain parked until March 3, 2025

**Nicholls is officially closed Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4, 2025 but the above restrictions will be enforced by University Police throughout the 2025 Mardi Gras Season.**

Premium parking spaces can be reserved by submitting a completed Mardi Gras Season Parking Pass Application along with the payment to University Police.  Information can also be requested by sending an e-mail to parking@nicholls.edu or calling Parking Services at (985) 448-4942.

 