



## **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade**

### **Participant/Volunteer Information**

#### **Parade Overview**

Step-off: 10:00 AM at Plymouth Rock. Route: South from Plymouth Rock, up Water St., north on Main St., ending at Nelson St. (Old Benny's Plaza). Check-in begins at 7:30 AM at Town Wharf, Plymouth, MA.

#### **Broadcast Note**

The parade is broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5. Please follow all coordinator and volunteer directions. Violations of dress code, timing, or conduct may result in removal.

#### **Check-In Locations**

1. Parade Participants and Volunteer Check -In Booth: 5 Town Wharf, Plymouth, MA 02360. From Route 3, take Exit 15A (US-44 East), continue 1.1 miles, follow N. Park Ave, then take the 2nd exit at the roundabout onto Town Wharf.
2. General Information Booth: 0 Brewster St (walk-up only; no vehicle access).

#### **Parking & Drop-Off**

Quick drop-off at Town Wharf, then park nearby (Cabby Shack, East Bay Grill, Nelson Park area). Pay-to-park lots: \$2/hr kiosk or \$1.50/hr via Passport Parking App. Free parking and early exit available at Holmes Field (Robbins Rd.).

Buses & trucks: Park at Leo F. DeMarsh Boat Ramp (185 Water St.) behind East Bay Grill. Horse groups and antique/military vehicles will receive separate instructions.

#### **Line-Up & Marching**

Arrive by 7:30 AM. Check in immediately. Sponsors/banner carriers wear black pants, dark shoes, and clean matching tops (no jeans). Historical or themed costumes must be pre-approved. Lineup by 9:15 AM, step-off readiness by 9:40 AM. Keep areas clean. Restrooms provided.

## **Parade Stops**

There are 15 planned stops of 1 minute or more during the parade. Maximum stop time is 4 minutes. It is important to adhere to the “Turkey Signage” of the stopping and starting accordingly. When the turkey signs are held up by the assigned volunteers, forward progress immediately stops. When the signs are down, progress continues.

## **Parade Rules**

No candy, pamphlets, or political messaging. Do not stop to perform or walk through the TV broadcast area unless part of a performing unit. Maintain 25 feet between groups. Avoid loud noises near horses. No unauthorized vehicles. Follow coordinator directions and keep moving.

## **Road Closures**

7:00 AM–End: Water St. (Union St. to Town Wharf Rotary), Brewster, Howland, Chilton, and Memorial Streets.

8:30 AM–End: Main St. Extension to Court St., ending at Nelson St. (Old Benny’s) and Holmes Field area.

## **Final Reminders**

Follow instructions from coordinators and police. Cars left on the parade route will be ticketed or towed. Non-compliance may prevent future participation.

Thank you for helping make America’s Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration a success!

## 2025 Parade Participant Map

Refer to the map below for check-in locations, parking, and parade route overview.

