



With the bright sunshine and warm days, it must be time for the 58th Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival!

Because of the large number of Arts and Crafts dealers, Antique Vendors, Food Booths and Sponsors, there will be a major change in the time of closing the downtown streets.

Beginning at **11 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023**, Centre Street from 8th Street to Front Street will be closed to all traffic except Shrimp Festival participants. Also, **Centre St. at 2nd St. (Palace Saloon) will be closed at 8 a.m.** to all thru traffic to safely set-up the waterfront & sponsor areas.

Also closed will be North and South 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Streets from Alachua Street to Ash Street.

All vehicles must be removed from the Festival area by 12 noon. From 12 noon until 5 p.m., part of the Shrimp Festival participants will be setting up their areas for the weekend events.

All vehicles/trailers must be removed by 5 p.m. Friday, May 5th. With the anticipation of large crowds for the opening night of the Festival, the safety of pedestrians is of utmost importance.

Only pedestrian traffic will be allowed on Centre Street after 5 p.m. Friday evening.

2023 Shrimp Festival Road Closure dates & times

May 4, 2023 Thursday 6 PM till after 8 PM Parade Begins @ 6 PM.

South 8th Street will be closed from Ash Street to Centre Street to allow the parade to cross at these locations. Heavy traffic on South 8th Street & South 14th Street 2 hours before the parade and 1 hour after the parade is over.

May 5, 2023 Friday 11 AM

Centre Street will be closed. Also the side streets 1 block north and south of Centre Street for Shrimp Festival vendor setup. North 8th Street, South 8th Street & Atlantic Ave (AIA) eastbound will remain open. The traffic will remain heavy during this afternoon until later (10 PM) that evening on South 8th Street & Atlantic Ave.

May 6, 2023 Saturday 9 AM till 8 PM

The A1A corridor could become extremely heavy at times due to the construction. North 8th Street at Centre Street will be closed to thru traffic that morning and throughout the day. Heavy pedestrian traffic will be crossing many of the roadways on South 8th Street and Atlantic Ave.

May 7, 2023 Sunday 10AM till 6 PM

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Official closing time is Sunday, May 7th at 5 PM. 8th Street usually clears back up at 6 PM or 7 PM on Sunday.