



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What are the Ice Loop's hours?**

**A:** The Ice Loop is open for public skating seven days a week, between 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; just bring your own skates. Its use is available free of charge, unless the Skate Shack is open.

For a heightened skating experience, visit during the skate rental/warming house hours for a minimal fee:

- Thursday: 5-10 p.m.
- Friday: 5-10 p.m.
- Saturday: noon-10 p.m.
- Sunday: noon-6 p.m.

This is when ice skates will be available to rent and additional amenities such as hourly ice resurfacing, outdoor heaters, a warming house and concessions will be offered.

Winter break, holidays, special events and program hours will vary.

### **Q. What does it cost?**

**A:** The following fees only apply when skate rental and the warming house are open.

#### **Admission:**

- Adult (Ages 18+) \$5
- Youth (Ages 5-17) \$3
- Children (Ages 4 & under) Free

### **Skate Rentals:**

- \$3 per pair
- Bring your own skates and pay admission only

### **Season Punch Passes:**

- Buy 4 skate rentals + admission, get 1 free
- Adult (Ages 18+) \$32
- Youth (Ages 5-17) \$24

Financial support is available for those who qualify through [RecAssist](#).

### **Q: What forms of payment do you accept?**

**A:** The Ice Loop point of sale system is cashless, so card payments are required. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and AmEx.

### **Q: What size skates do you have available?**

**A:** We carry a wide range of skate sizes, including all youth sizes and adult sizes up to 13.

### **Q: How long can I skate once I'm on the Ice Loop?**

**A:** There's no time limit. If you're skating when the warming house and Skate Shack are open, your admission wristband allows you to skate for as long as you like and come and go throughout

the day. Please note, skates must be returned and re-rented if you leave the park. You will be asked to clear the ice on occasion so that the ice can be resurfaced.

**Q: Will there be skate aids available?**

**A:** Yes! Skate aids are available. Just ask an Ice Loop attendant and they'll be happy to assist.

**Q: Where can visitors park?**

**A:** The Ice Loop is located in the Central Plaza at City Square Park (1001 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marion, IA). On street parking is available surrounding the park. [Additional parking](#) is available in several City-owned lots in Uptown Marion including the former library lot (1095 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), the Marion Public Library lot (1101 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and the Marion City Hall lot (1225 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Parking is also available in the lot at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Q: What is offered for concessions and what are the price points?**

**A:** While concession offerings and prices may vary throughout the season, our current concession menu is as follows:

- Beverages - \$3
- Cappuccino - \$2  
(French Vanilla or Caramel)
- Hot Chocolate - \$2
- Chips - \$2
- Cookie of the Week - \$3
- Ice Loop Signature Cookie - \$4
- Candy Bar - \$2
- Water - \$2

**Q: How do you decide when to open or close the Ice Loop?**

**A:** We follow set weather guidelines to determine Ice Loop openings and closures. Warm temperatures, extreme cold, wind chill or unsafe ice may result in closure. Snow is cleared as quickly as

possible so we can reopen. For real-time updates, check our Facebook page or call the Weather Hotline (319-200-1274).

**Q: Do you follow school closures for weather-related decisions?**

**A:** Yes. When the Marion Independent School District and Linn-Mar Community School District cancel school or evening activities due to weather, Marion Parks and Recreation cancels its evening programs. For the safety of staff, this applies to Ice Loop. Skating will continue to be available to the public; however skate rentals and the warming house will be closed.

**Q: Can I still skate if the Skate Shack is closed?**

**A:** Yes. The Ice Loop remains available for use even when the Skate Shack and warming house are closed. Keep in mind, skating is at your own risk, and ice conditions may not be maintained or monitored during that time.

**Q: Do children need to be supervised?**

**A:** Yes. Adult supervision is required at all times. Children should not be left unattended.

**Q: Where am I allowed to walk while wearing skates?**

**A:** When not on the ice, skaters may walk only on designated rubber surfaces.

**Q: Are hockey sticks, pucks or similar equipment allowed?**

**A:** No. Hockey sticks, pucks and related equipment are prohibited on the Ice Loop.

**Q: Can I use my phone while skating?**

**A:** No. Distracted skating is not allowed, including texting, phone calls, taking photos or recording video.

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