

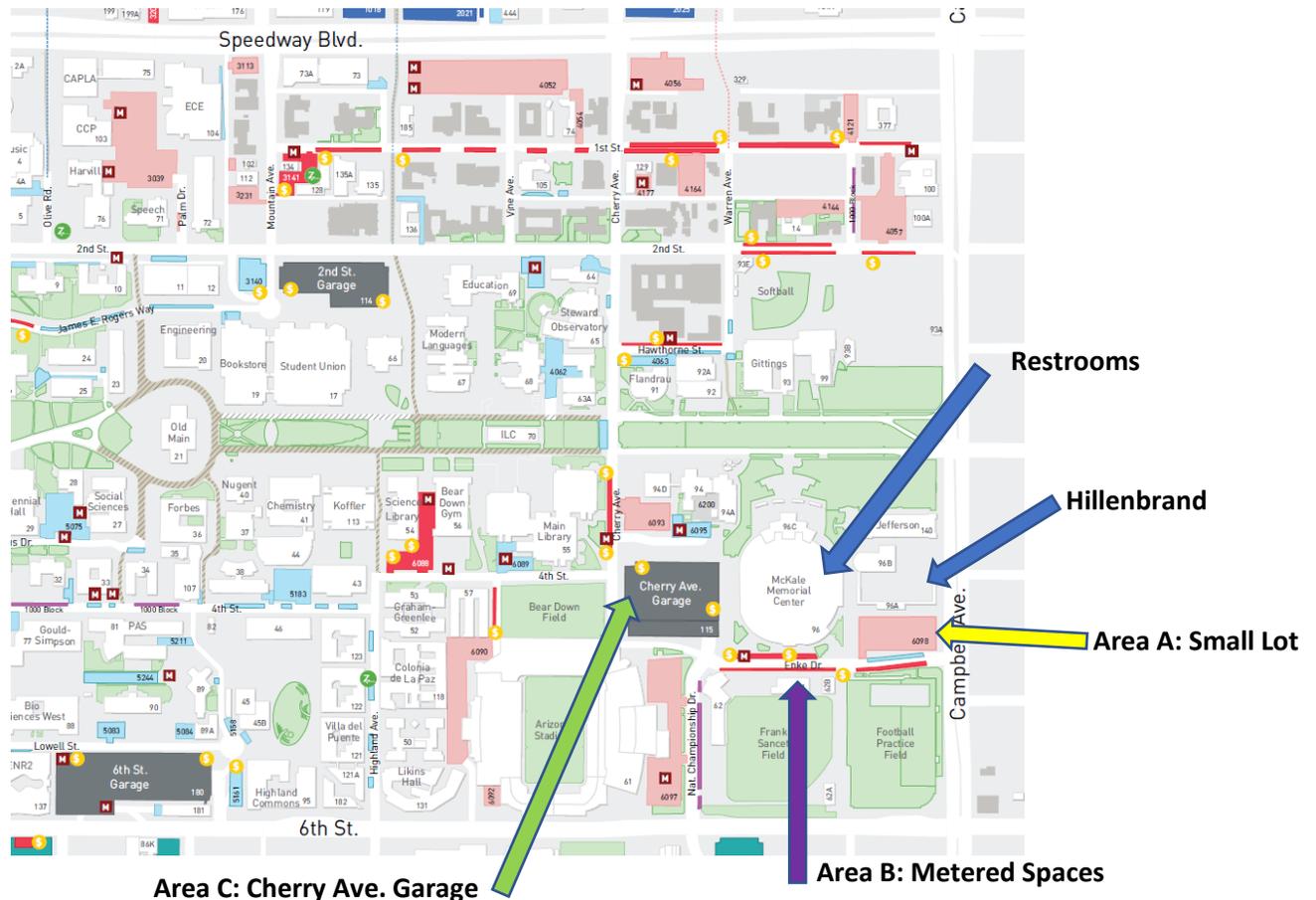
FORD MEET INFORMATION

Tips for a GREAT meet at Hillenbrand Aquatics Center

Parking:

Please note that the small parking lot immediately outside of Hillenbrand Aquatics Center (Area A on map) is restricted to permit holders only during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8AM-5PM, excluding holidays). Ticketing does frequently occur for violators during these periods. Parking is free and available to all after hours, on weekends and on holidays, except as otherwise noted by reservation signs in the lot. This lot should be used for swimmer drop-off and parking for coaches/officials only. Congestion becomes dangerous for swimmers and drivers, so please exercise caution!

Recommended parking areas include any metered spaces along Enke Drive or in front of McKale Arena (Area B on map), or in the multi-level Cherry Ave. parking garage (Area C on map). Fees may apply and will be noted in each zone. Please allow extra time for getting to the pool and consider bringing a wagon to help transport gear!



Spectator Viewing

Hillenbrand Aquatics Center is a **closed deck** swimming facility to ensure everyone's safety and security. This means that only swimmers and volunteers (in current session), officials, and coaches will be allowed on deck. Please clearly display your coach/official ID at all times. All other spectators and guests are invited to sit in the covered grandstand viewing bleachers or in camp chairs in the team tent areas.

Team Tents

Our Arizona sun can be very warm, so we encourage you to bring pop-up canopies or tents for your swimmers and families. Note that maximum tent size is 10'x10' and must be anchored on all four corners by strong cords and heavy weights (e.g. 5-gallon bucket full of water). Tent skeletons may be left between sessions and overnight, however we ask that you remove the cloth canopy and stow it securely when you are not there. If you leave camp chairs or other equipment, please break them down and store securely to prevent blowing into the pool.

Restrooms

Hillenbrand has male and female locker rooms available on the deck for swimmers, coaches and officials only. All other guests should use the restroom facilities next door in McKale Arena. These large, air-conditioned facilities are less than 1500 ft. away from the viewing areas and easily accessible via a ramp walkway.

Disabled Parking, Accessible Seating and Restrooms

There are clearly-marked disabled parking spaces at the northwest corner of the small parking lot in front of Hillenbrand (see Area A). Note that the upper-level spectator areas require a short climb up stairs. We regret there is not elevator access to this area, however, there is a special accessible seating area and restroom for our disabled guests. Simply enter through the main Hillenbrand lobby doors and let the meet marshals know if you need assistance.

Swimmer Staging/Shepherding

With a closed deck, we like to offer help for our younger swimmers to make sure they get to the right block for the right race, every time! For our younger swimmers participating in the 50M races, please gather near the bulkhead before you swim. Our volunteer Shepherds will help organize and escort these young swimmers to their block. Just listen for the announcer to notify you when it is time to gather!

Concessions & Food Trucks

Concessions will be available throughout the meet for basic snack and water. Food trucks will be parked nearby on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for delicious, hand-crafted meals. A variety of local restaurants within walking distance can supplement your mealtime cravings! Cash and credit cards accepted.