

WHAT IS MARKET FAIR?

In the mid-1700s, The Green in Dover was the scene of autumn market fairs. Local tradespeople and travelling merchants exchanged goods, while entertainments of all sorts brought excitement to the town. Today these sights and sounds return to The Green, The Old State House, the John Bell House, and the Dover Century Club which transforms into the Market Fair Inn.

WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

Celebrate fall as they did in the 18th century! Meet living history characters, enjoy 18th-century style entertainers, watch trades & craft demonstrations, purchase hand-crafted items and period reproductions throughout the event. There is something for everyone!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Admission to Market Fair is FREE, but food and drink are available to purchase on-site. Many demonstrators and vendors will have goods for sale as well.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED?

Market Fair begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m on Saturday, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday. Stay all day or stay just a short time; you will need at least a few hours to take in everything.

IS THERE A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS?

Yes! Performances and demonstrations will be occurring throughout the entire event. Check out the schedule available in the event program handed out at the entrance and pick out what timed shows you will like best.

WILL CHILDREN ENJOY IT?

This is a perfect event for the whole family. Children and adults will enjoy all the Market Fair activities and performances.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

MARKET FAIR IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT. Be sure to dress for the weather! Most entertainments and tradespeople scheduled outdoors on The Green will move to indoor locations as noted in the program. All activities already located indoors will continue as scheduled.

WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

State Street will be closed from Water Street to North Street. Free all-day parking is available at numerous locations near the Market Fair, in the Water Street Lot, the state lots around the Capitol Complex and on Federal Street. Handicap parking is located in the Margaret O'Neill building lot.

ARE THERE PUBLIC RESTROOMS?

Public Restrooms are available in the Biggs Museum. Portable restrooms are located in the Margaret O'Neill parking lot and down Bank Lane.

WILL THERE BE SOMETHING TO EAT? Enjoy a tasty lunch or sweet treat from one of several vendors on The Green, or visit the many restaurants in town!

CAN I BRING MY PETS?

All people-friendly pets are welcome! First State Heritage Park is located in the City of Dover, so all regulations should be followed. All Pets must be on a 6ft leash.