

Driving Directions to Tropicana Dome from Lakewood Ranch High School

Lakewood Ranch High School is located in Bradenton Florida, about 2 miles east of I-75, just north of Route 70. As you leave the school parking lot(s), the best choice of routes is to go South for about ½ mile on Lakewood Ranch Blvd to the main east-west street, Oneco- Myakka City Road (State Route 70). Then turn right (west), and travel for about 2 miles, keeping to the right. Take I-75 Northbound. Continue about 10 miles. Keep to the right and Exit onto I-275 North (toll) towards St. Petersburg.

OPTION – If traffic is heavy southbound on Lakewood Ranch Road, it is possible to go Northbound on Lakewood Ranch Road for approximately 4 miles to State Route 64, and then turn West (left) on State Route 64, following it to Interstate 75. However, this alternative requires driving a long distance on streets with low posted speed limits, and it is a less desirable route to I-75 in most cases.

Cross the Tampa Bay Bridge (toll bridge) and continue North. You have two options for approaching the Tropicana Dome. The most direct option, which has signage above the expressway, is to take I-175. Most signage will direct you to exit onto I-175. If you choose I-175, stay to the right, and take the 8th Street/9th Street (Tropicana Dome) Exit. Cross Martin Luther King Drive and turn left on 8th Street (one-way northbound), and left again on 3rd Avenue. 3rd Avenue will cross back over Martin Luther King and become Tropicana Drive, leading you directly into the stadium parking

If the traffic is heavy, you may find it more convenient to take Exit 20 (31st Street). If you choose this option, at the end of the ramp, turn left (north). Continue about 6 blocks to 5th Avenue South. Turn right on 5th Avenue South.

Drive past the Tropicana Dome, which will be on your left. Although you could turn left onto Martin Luther King Drive (unless restricted due to traffic), we recommend that instead, you cross Martin Luther King Drive and go one additional block to 8th Street. Turn left on 8th Street (one-way northbound), and left again on 3rd Avenue. 3rd Avenue will cross back over Martin Luther King Drive and become Tropicana Drive, leading you directly into the stadium parking areas.

Total driving time – 38 – 45 Minutes depending on traffic

Total Miles – 36 Miles

Caution: Allow extra driving time. There may be quite a few cars, trucks, and buses on the same route today, and the logistics of parking your vehicle(s) will add to the time necessary for transition to the new site. Also, in the event of extremely high winds, an alternate route may be recommended for large vehicles. If this is necessary, the FMBC Staff will advise you on the day of the show.