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Rosa Parks Circle

135 Monroe Center St. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

The park occupies a block corner in the center of Downtown Grand Rapids. The park is located in front of the entrance to the Grand Rapids Art Museum. The property is dedicated to Rosa Louise Parks, with a large bronze statue standing at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Monroe Center Street. The main attraction is the Amphitheater, a large circular plaza composed of concentric ramps in front of an elevated covered stage. The ramps provide access onto the stage. Paved paths wind outward from the amphitheater, snaking around berms to the surrounding sidewalks of the block.



There are metered on-street parking spaces available along the north side of Monroe Center Street on the north side of the block. There is additional metered on-street parking along the north side of Louis Street on the south side of the block. There are no designated accessible on-street parking spaces near the park property.

There is an intersection at the southwest corner of the park, with painted brick crosswalks, curb ramps and detectible warning plates. There are perpendicular style curb ramps. The detectible warning plates do not directly face the curb ramps on the other side of the street.

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There is a mid-block crosswalk on the north side of the property. The crosswalk is a faintly contrasting brick, across a brick paved street. There are perpendicular style curb ramps. Only the curb ramp on the park side of the crossing has detectible warning. There are no audible cues for crossing the street at this intersection. The curb ramp and detectible warning plates directly face the other

curb ramp across the street.

There is an intersection at the northwest corner of the park, with painted brick crosswalks, curb ramps, and detectible warning plates. The intersection is a hub for three streets: Monroe Avenue, Monroe Center, and Pearl Street. There are diagonal style curb ramps. There are no audible cues for crossing the street at this intersection. The detectible warning plates curve to follow the curb, and only partially face the other curb ramp across the street.

There is a men's and women's multi-user restroom building near the Amphitheater. There are designated accessible stalls present.

There is bench seating available along the paths winding around the property. There is also seasonal table with chair seating in the Amphitheater. During the winter season, the tables are removed to make way for an ice rink in front of the stage.