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General Information

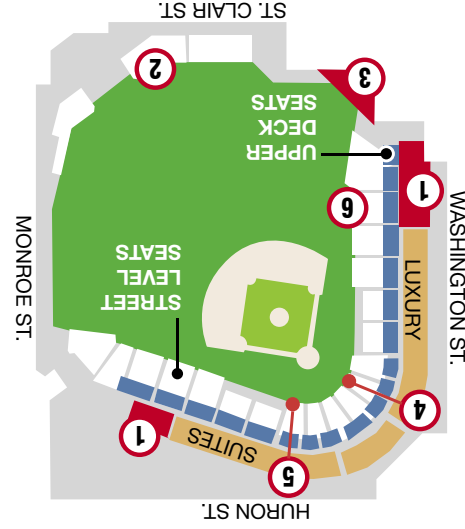
Mud Hen tickets are pretty easy to get ahead of and they cost \$9. You can visit the Swamp Shop, 406 Washington St., outside the ball park and get them there. You can buy them at the gate if the game's not sold out. Or you can order them online at www.mudhens.com or by calling 419-725-HENS.

Be sure to follow the Mud Hens all season long by reading The Blade's coverage of the team in the newspaper and online at www.toledoblade.com.

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Here's a look at a half dozen of the best seats at Fifth Third Field:

The best seats

- 1. Coop Party Deck.** These are group seating areas in left and right field and a great place to stretch out.
- 2. Section 121.** Picnic tables in the Home Run Picnic Terraces make this a prime spot to catch a ball or a bite to eat.
- 3. Section 221, Row A, Seat 1.** ESPN.com rated these seats – dubbed The Roost – as the best in the right field area in the minor leagues.
- 4. Section 112 Row B, Seat 8.** This puts you roughly 60 feet behind home plate and teaches you that curveballs are not optical illusions.
- 5. Section 108, Row B, Seat 8.** Want to chat with a player on deck? This is the spot to do it, although he probably won't answer.
- 6. Section 118, Row A, Seat 15.** Pay attention because you're close to the field and a foul ball might come whistling your way.

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Places to park

Within a quarter-mile of Fifth Third Field in downtown Toledo there are 6,623 parking spaces, according to the Mud Hens, so it's usually not a problem finding a spot. Just bring a \$10 bill and you'll find a place and have a few dollars left over.

Parking in city spots after 5 p.m. is free, so that's an option.

Parking maps are available at www.mudhens.com.

TARTA operates the Muddy Shuttle, which takes people to and from the game for just a dollar. There are about a dozen locations to catch one of the buses and you simply drive or walk there and the bus will take you to the game, and back.

The Muddy Shuttle

Here's where you can catch the Muddy Shuttle:

MAUMEE: St. Luke's Hospital, the Lucas County Recreation Center.

TOLEDO: Alexis Road Meijer, Miracle Mile Shopping Center, Southland Shopping Center, Westfield Franklin Park Mall, Westgate Sears.

PERRYSBURG: River Place Shopping Center, Country Charm Shopping Center.

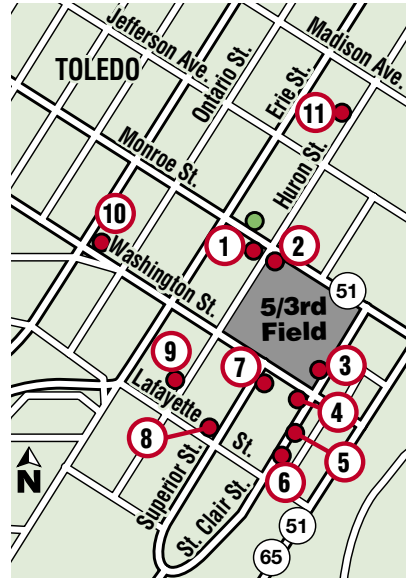
ROSSFORD: All-Saints Catholic Church.

SYLVANIA: Centennial Terrace, St. Joseph Church.

WATERVILLE: Waterville Plaza.

Restaurants around the Hen House

A number of dining options have popped up within quick walking distance of Fifth Third Field.



- 1. The Blarney Irish Pub,** 601 Monroe St., 419-418-2339, www.theblarneyirishpub.com.
 - 2. Pizza Papalis,** 519 Monroe St., 419-244-7722, www.pizzapapalis.com.
 - 3. Fricker's,** 19 N. St. Clair St., 419-244-9464, www.frickers.com.
 - 4. Jed's at the Yard,** 2. S. St. Clair St.
 - 5. Home Slice Pizza,** 28 S. St. Clair St., 419-724-7437, www.myspace.com/homeslicepizza.
 - 6. Downtown Latte,** 44 S. St. Clair St., 419-243-6032, www.downtownlatte.com.
 - 7. Packo's at the Park,** 7 S. Superior St., 419-246-1111, www.tonypackos.com.
 - 8. Spaghetti Warehouse,** 42, S. Superior St., 419-255-5038, www.meatballs.com.
 - 9. Grumpy's,** 34 S. Huron St., 419-241-6728, www.grumpys.net.
 - 10. Easy Street Cafe,** 822 Washington St., 419-255-0010, www.easystreetcafe.net.
 - 11. Sidelines at the Arena,** 233 N. Huron St., 419-244-5151, www.sidelinesportseater.com.
- **Table Forty-4** (Soon to open)