



Sri Mukambika Mahadeva Hindu Shrine

श्री मूकाम्बिका महादेव हिंदू मन्दिरः



August 30, 2025

Community Guidelines

Update from Board Meeting August 28, 2025

- Operational Hours:** The temple will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 11AM-1PM for Darshan. Starting October, we also want to keep the temple open during some evening hours on the weekend. Note that we rely on community volunteers to open and close the temple, therefore, the hours are subject to change based on volunteer availability. If you'd like to see the temple open longer, consider joining the volunteer team:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KxycWN91Wx6HLhe3wDIANm>
- Puja procedures:** You're welcome to perform personal puja in the temple. You may offer flowers, Akshata, Kumkum, and Chandan in a plate (not directly on the deities) just like we did at the shrine. Clean the Akshata before leaving to avoid attracting pests. You may offer food during puja in containers with lids, however, don't leave any edibles in the sanctum after puja. Eating food is NOT allowed in the sanctum, so please don't serve the food inside the sanctum or keep it on open plates. If you light wick lamps for arati, please be mindful of the flammables like the wooden structures, cloth curtains, etc. **ALSO MAKE SURE THAT THESE LAMPS/LIGHTS ARE PUT OFF AND NO EMBERS AND/OR HOT SPOTS ARE LEFT BEFORE LEAVING.**
- Rental Policy:** The board will consider and approve temple rental requests on a one-on-one basis depending on the purpose and number of people. For questions, reach out to our Board at board@wvhindutemple.org.

4. **We welcome ALL:** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring children to the Temple. Please ensure that you take care of your family's safety and well-being since we do not have babysitters available at the temple.
5. **Housekeeping:** Treat the Temple as your home. Keep it clean. If you do find unwanted stuff around (garbage), please help clean up the place. If you notice we are short on supply or want to suggest supplies to make the operations smoother, please contact one of the board members at board@wvhindutemple.org.
6. **Dress Code:** Use your judgement to dress modestly and respectfully when visiting the temple, such as wearing clothes that cover your shoulder and knees. We encourage you to wear traditional Indian clothing, but it is not required.
7. **Shoes:** Shoes are permitted in the restrooms ONLY. All other spaces—including the sanctum, kitchen, and other rooms—are shoe-free zones. Please use the shoe rack to keep your footwear. Please do not leave shoes and sandals on the floor.

*The board will add and/or modify community guidelines based on need and community feedback. Please check the most recent guidelines on the bulletin board in the temple.

Shared on behalf of the SMMHS Board,
Communications Coordinator

The Board: All members of the SMMHS Board

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