

# **NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL 2011**



## **VISITING TEAM GUIDE**

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# **HUSKIE SOFTBALL**

**Mary M. Bell Field  
1201 Stadium Drive North  
DeKalb, IL 60115**

## **Driving Directions**

### **From the West**

From I-90: Exit onto State Route 20 East. From 20 East, take SR 47 South to SR 38. Take SR 38 West approximately 15 miles to DeKalb.

From I-88: Take Exit 92--Annie Glidden Road (toll) and go north two miles. From Glidden Rd. take SR 38 (Lincoln Highway) west to athletic facilities.

### **From the East**

From I-90: Exit onto SR 47 South. Take SR 38 West approximately 15 miles to DeKalb.

From I-88: Take Exit 92--Annie Glidden Road (toll) and go north two miles. From Glidden Rd. take SR 38 (Lincoln Highway) west to athletic facilities.

### **From the South**

From I-39: Exit I-39 to I-88 East. Travel I-88 East to Exit 92--Annie Glidden Road (toll) and go north two miles. From Glidden Rd. take SR 38 (Lincoln Highway) west to athletic facilities.

From SR 23: Travel north to SR 38 (intersection of 4th St. and Lincoln Highway in DeKalb). Turn left (West) on SR 38 and continue past the main entrance to campus, past Annie Glidden Rd.

### **From the North**

From I-39: Exit I-39 to I-88 East. Travel I-88 East to Exit 92--Annie Glidden Road (toll) and go north two miles. From Glidden Rd. take SR 38(Lincoln Highway) west to athletic facilities.

From SR 23: Travel south to SR 38 (intersection of 4th St. and Lincoln Highway in DeKalb). Turn right (West) on SR 38 and continue past the main entrance to campus, past Annie Glidden Rd.

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## Fan and Individual Car Parking Information

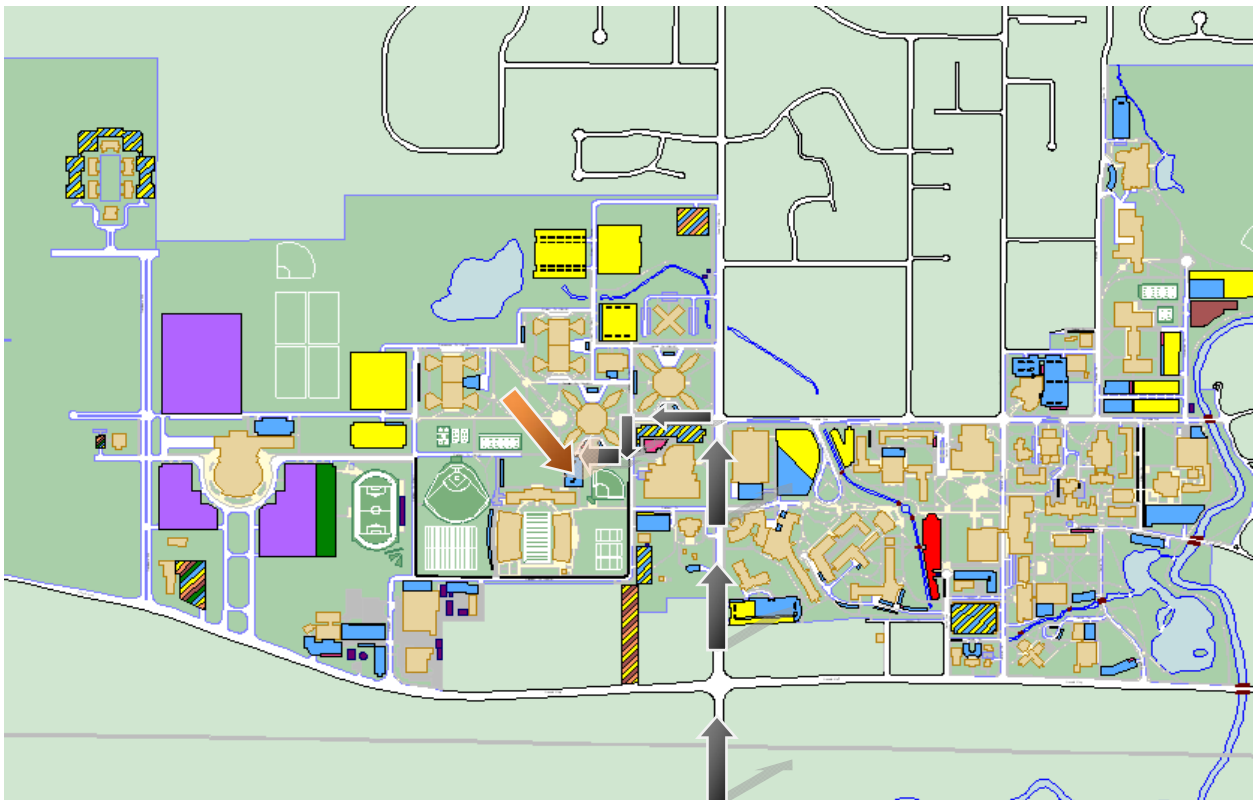
Parking is available along Stadium Drive East, in Lot 35 (adjacent to the Barsema Alumni and Visitor's Center) and Lot L.

## Bus Drop-Off and Parking Information

Busses should enter campus via Annie Glidden Road. Turn left onto Lucinda from Annie Glidden. At T-stop, turn left onto Stadium Drive East. Turn Right onto Stadium Drive North. Team busses may drop off players, coaches and equipment and park at Lot 31B. It is recommended that busses park along the curb adjacent to the Yordon Center. Please contact **Jen Clark, Assistant Director of Events, at 815.753.9590** with any questions regarding parking.

Black Arrows – Marks travel path from I-88.

Orange Arrow – Marks **game day** drop off and bus parking in Lot 31B of the Yordon Center, just west of Mary M. Bell Field.



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## **Visiting Team Locker Room**

NIU recommends that visiting teams dress at the hotel and arrive at Mary M. Bell Field in uniform. Visiting team locker rooms may be available at Huskie Stadium, located just west of Mary M. Bell Field. Towels will be provided upon request for post-game showers. Please coordinate all locker room and laundry requirements prior to your arrival on campus. For more information, contact **Josh Owens, Sports Facility Manager**, at [jtowens@niu.edu](mailto:jtowens@niu.edu) or **815.753.8409**.

## **Medical Information**

The following will be provided on the court during practices and games: water, cups, towels, ice bags and biohazard supplies. In addition, emergency equipment, including splint kit, crutches, spine board and AED are available on site. For more information or to coordinate specific medical needs, contact **Michael Schwarzer, Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer**, at [mschwarzer1@niu.edu](mailto:mschwarzer1@niu.edu) or **573.680.3797**.

The nearest hospital is Kishwaukee Community Hospital located at:

One Kish Hospital Drive  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
(815) 756-1521

## **Visiting Team Radio**

NIU Media Relations recommends that any radio requests be made no less than seven (7) days in advance. Radio personnel should be self-sufficient and provide all of their own equipment. Every attempt will be made to house visiting radio in the press box; due to space constraints this may not always be possible. For all radio requests, please contact **Joe Summins, Assistant Sports Information Director**, at [jsummins@niu.edu](mailto:jsummins@niu.edu) or **815.753.9539**.

## **Filming the Game**

If you would like to film your game, the primary locations are from the first row of the bleachers. The press box has a platform available (behind home plate, high vantage point). Battery powered cameras are strongly recommended. Your team is responsible for providing any necessary extension cords and tape to secure the cords.

## **Dining**

Please visit <http://www.niuhuskies.com/ot/dining.html> for a complete dining guide.

## **Hotels**

Please visit <http://www.niuhuskies.com/ot/hotels.html> for a complete guide to local hotels.

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## Pre-Game Format

NIU Batting Practice	11:20am	12:20pm	1:20pm	2:20pm	3:20pm
Visiting Team Batting Practice	11:56am	12:56pm	1:56pm	2:56pm	3:56pm
NIU Pre-game Infield	12:34pm	1:34pm	2:34pm	3:34pm	4:34pm
Visiting Team Pre-game infield	12:42pm	1:42pm	2:42pm	3:42pm	4:42pm
Meeting at Home Plate	12:50pm	1:50pm	2:50pm	3:50pm	4:50pm
Introduction of Players	12:55pm	1:55pm	2:55pm	3:55pm	4:55pm
National Anthem	12:57pm	1:57pm	2:57pm	3:57pm	4:57pm
Team Huddles	12:58pm	1:58pm	2:58pm	3:58pm	4:58pm
Take the Field	12:59pm	1:59pm	2:59pm	3:59pm	4:59pm
<b>PLAY BALL</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>

**Times are subject to change based on pre-game ceremonies, weather conditions, or other circumstances.**

**The pre-game format will be posted in the dugout prior to arrival.**

## Mary M. Bell Field

The Northern Illinois softball program's original diamond was located near the Anderson Hall physical education complex. The NIU women then moved to the former baseball field when that sport was curtailed in 1982. However, when baseball was reinstated in 1991, the softball program was able to start from scratch and build its current home.

Initially, the new facility consisted of enclosed dugouts, a portable press trailer, and wood bleachers down the first baseline. With each year, an addition here and an improvement there keep the complex in a progressive state.

By 1993, the current raised-aluminum bleacher seating structure behind home plate took its form. The 600-capacity grandstand features an enclosed press box with lights, electricity, and phone lines with radio and television capabilities. The public address system and the scoreboard computer are operated from that space and a reinforced roof serves as a camera deck as well. In addition, a media deck was added above the third-base dugout to create more space during the state tournament and field lighting was added to allow for night games and practices.

In the fall of 2009, Hilltopper infield surface was installed. This surface, which can be found at other top notch facilities such as DePaul University, Northwestern University and the University of Michigan, is the official playing surface of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The most unique property of the material is that it requires no water for maintenance, making it one of NIU's first green initiatives in their athletic facilities. This surface will help to limit game day cancellations due to weather because of its reaction to moisture.