



Plan B

Rain, heat, crowds, no reservations

Protect the vibe, not the original plan.

If it rains

Slow morning at Wilbraham. Use Mad Batter / Blue Pig / Congress Hall for long meal anchors. Mall shops between showers. Check city updates for fireworks if it is July 4.

If it is too hot

Do the late brunch/lunch thing, then retreat to Wilbraham mid-afternoon. Restart at golden hour. No dumb midday death marches.

If crowds get stupid

Leave the densest Congress/Harry's zone. Use the marina earlier/longer. For fireworks, prioritize breathing room over dead-center.

If dinner falls apart

Switch to drinks + apps. Ask for bar/edge seating. Let the seat and the drink save the night.

Grease-the-wheel line

"We are happy to wait for the right seat, and we will take care of whoever helps us."

Cooney rule: do less, but do it better.