

# BLINK 2024 Parade

## BLINK 2024 Parade Accessibility Map

Blink 2024 will kick-off with a drone show and a parade held in The Banks area of Cincinnati along Mehring Way and the Ohio River. This will take place Thursday evening, October 17th, 2024, starting at approximately 7 pm EST.

## Seeing the Blink 2024 Parade:

**QUESTION: Is there additional accessible parking for the parade night that I can use?**

**ANSWER:** YES! Our partners at Central Riverfront Parking have agreed to allow additional Accessible Vehicle ONLY parking for more spaces at the parking garage that is located at 182 Race St. This is only for the Thursday 10/17/24. To utilize this additional parking:

1. Enter the garage from 182 Race St.
2. Proceed straight on that level until you see the elevator on your right.
3. You will see spaces with temporary signage that will have the wheelchair symbol and "Accessible Parking ONLY".
4. Park in these spaces with your government-issued accessible parking plate or placard.
5. Proceed to the elevator and up to street level.
6. This will take you to The Freedom Center.
7. Proceed across the intersection to Rosa Parks St/Ted Berry Way and follow the signs.
8. Access Team Escorts are available on the South West corner of W. Freedom and Rosa Parks St.

**QUESTION: If I use a mobility device how can I best navigate the crowds to see the parade?**

**ANSWER:** Blink 2024 is for everyone! The Accessible Viewing Area will be located on the upper level of The Banks area (the same level as the Icon Music Stage). A couple of things about these **Accessible Viewing Area** at Blink 2024:

1. These areas are intended for our patrons that use mobility devices, aides or have mobility concerns, with that in-mind we ask that you are mindful with your companions so that there is room for all Blink Access Patrons.
2. These areas are first come, first served.
3. We require anyone that will be standing to do so in the back so as not to block the view of those who are not standing.
4. This is a smoke-free and vape-free area.



BLINK Pro-Tip: Download the Parade Accessibility Map and save it to your phone as a photo, [HERE](#)

**QUESTION: How can I get to these areas if I am using a mobility device or moving at a pace different from the rest of the crowd?**

**ANSWER:** There will be Access Team Escorts at the Accessible Drop-Off and Pick-Up locations that are available to escort you through the crowd to the Accessible Viewing Area on the upper level and to the elevator to the street-level Accessible Viewing Area.

**QUESTION: What will the Access Team Escort do for me if I decide to utilize them?**

**ANSWER:** The Access Team Escort will walk in-front of you at a short distance to create a “bubble” of clear sidewalk space for you to proceed to the Accessible Viewing Areas at your own pace. Often this is helpful in crowded events.

**QUESTION: Can I still get to the Accessible Viewing Area without an Access Team Escort?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. Just look for the signs directing you to the upper level Accessible Viewing Area and the elevator to the street-level Accessible Viewing Area.

**QUESTION: Will there be accessible bathrooms that I can use at the parade?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. In addition to the bathrooms that are a permanent part of the surrounding facilities at The Banks, there will be accessible bathrooms near the upper-level Accessible Viewing Area and the street-level Accessible Viewing Area. They will be marked with signs.

**QUESTION: Will these bathrooms stay in these locations for the entire Blink festival?**

**ANSWER:** No. After Thursday night, after the parade has finished, the accessible bathrooms on the upper-level will be moved to Washington Park in the OTR zone. There are accessible bathrooms across the street to Smale Park, near the Drone Show Accessible Viewing Area.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO](mailto:HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO) AND OUR ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTOR WILL GET BACK TO YOU.**