



# Blink 2024 Accessibility Program FAQ

The following document is an outline of frequently asked questions about accessibility at blink 2024. It is structured in five sections, click on the section below:

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**BLINK PARADE Accessibility FAQ Coming Soon!  
Check back later this week!**

# Getting to Blink 2024

**QUESTION: Do I need a ticket to attend Blink 2024?**

**ANSWER:** No, Blink is a free event hosted by The Cincinnati Chamber of commerce to celebrate art and the beautiful city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**QUESTION: Will there be accessible parking at the festival?**

**ANSWER:** There is no dedicated standard or accessible parking for Blink as it happens across many neighborhoods and street blocks. That being said there are many parking areas that will be open, pay to park, in each zone of the festival.

There is an option to reserve parking, to explore that option please go to:

<https://www.blinkcincinnati.com/reserve-parking>

If you are looking for other parking options, here are some resources:

<https://www.lazparking.com/> and

<https://www.visitcincy.com/plan-your-visit/transportation/parking/>

**Please Note: The elevator on Rosa Parks St is not in-service. After Thursday's parade, if you would like to view the installations that are in Smale Park, you will need to park at one of the lots that are on Merhering Way or in the Brady Center and take the elevator to the street level and cross Mehring Way to Smale Park.**

**ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING:** Our partners at The City of Cincinnati and CPD have allowed Blink to have a couple additional areas that will be parking for "Accessible Vehicles Only" These areas are:

Findlay Market:

Race St. from Henry to Findlay.

These spaces will be marked with the standard parking ban notices from CPD and a sign that says "Accessible Parking Only". During the hours of blink 4 pm to 1130 pm, vehicles with government-issued accessible parking plates or placards will be allowed to park here without being ticketed.



Downtown:

Groton Place Parking Lot has partnered with Blink to make this lot "Accessible Parking Only" for Blink. You will see the same signage. Some spaces will be blocked off for month parkers - any openspaces are for vehicles with government-issued accessible parking plates or placards.

The Banks

West Freedom, from Race to Rosa Parks. These spaces will be marked with the standard parking ban notices from CPD and a sign that says "Accessible Parking Only". During the hours of blink 4 pm to 11:30 pm, vehicles with government-issued accessible parking plates or placards will be allowed to park here without being ticketed.

**QUESTION: Is there an accessible drop-off and pick-up for patrons that use mobility devices?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. There are several Accessible Drop-Off and Pick-Up locations throughout the entire festival. These drop-off and pick-up points are located near or at road closures for the event. They are intended for those patrons that have a Government-Issued Accessible Parking Placard or Plate.

When you approach the drop-off and pick-up location, please do so **slowly**. There will be a CPD officer at the intersection, make sure your placard or plate is clearly visible. Disembark your vehicle safely and allow the driver to exit by proceeding on the nearest open street to a parking area to meet you after they have parked, following the direction of CPD.

The Accessible Drop-Off and Pick-Up Locations are listed here by zone:

Findlay Market Zone:

[Central Parkway and West Elder  
Vine St and Liberty St.](#)

Over the Rhine Zone:

[Vine St and Liberty St.  
13th St. and Vine St.](#)

Downtown Zone

[Garfield Pl. and Race St.  
E 3rd & Walnut St.](#)

The Banks Zone

[W. Freedom Way & Rosa Parks St.](#)

Covington Zone

[East 3rd St. and Scott St.  
148 Riverside Pl.  
East 7th and Scott St](#)

Newport Zone

[1 Levee Way](#)



BLINK Pro-Tip: Click on the locations above and add them to your Google Map on your phone so you have quick access to them even if your cell service is spotty

If you have questions about the parking or the drop-off points, please email [HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO](mailto:HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO).

**QUESTION: How will I know I am at the right place for an Accessible Drop-Off and Pick-Up?**

**ANSWER:** You will see these signs to direct you to the location, they will have arrows to follow:



When you have reached the entrance to the drop off location you will see these signs:



If you have any questions regarding these Accessible Drop-Off and Pick-Up locations please email our Accessibility Director, Holly Maniatty, [HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO](mailto:HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO)

**QUESTION: Can I bring my Service Animal with me to Blink?**

**ANSWER:** Blink is an exciting event that captures light, sound and movement to connect us all through the power of art. This means that there will be a lot happening at each installation and along the way. There will be a lot of people on the streets enjoying this event. We respectfully request that **only** service animals accompany our patrons at Blink. Please leave all pets at home.

**QUESTION: Are there Service Animal Relief Areas at Blink?**

**ANSWER:** Yes, there will be service animal relief areas at Blink. They will be indicated with a sign:



Your Service Animal is a trained professional and Blink respects your decision on where to allow your animal relief. We **do** ask that you clean up after your animal.

# EXPERIENCING BLINK

## GENERAL BLINK 2024 ACCESSIBILITY INFO

**ABOUT BLINK 2024:** Blink is a festival that combines the history of Cincinnati with beauty of art, light and sound. This event has grown to become the nation's largest immersive event! There are light, projection and mural artists from all over the world coming to enhance the beauty of this city. They are creating a unique once and a lifetime experience for our patrons.

Blink has worked closely with the artists and engineers to ensure that accessibility and aspects of universal design are integrated into every installation.

You will see that there are some installations on the Blink 2024 Accessibility Maps that note there is an Accessible Viewing Area. These are areas designated for patrons with disabilities to have an area to view the installation at your own pace. Some of the installations are meant to be viewed over a set period of time & some are designed to be viewed quickly or at a glance.

**QUESTION: How can I figure out the best route to see the installations that is best for me with accessibility and mobility in mind?**

**ANSWER:** Blink utilizes our great and historic city of Cincinnati. This means that some of the streets have shown their age. Our Access Team has combed through the zones and designated a route that is the most accessible with mobility in mind. This means that it travels over closed streets, utilizes curb cuts and has wider areas for movement. You can see these paths of travel by looking at the Accessibility Maps that will be posted later this week.

**QUESTION: How will I be able to tell if I am on one of the accessible routes when I am at Blink?**

**ANSWER:** There will be signage, posted high, that will guide you along the path, look for these signs with arrows directing you:



They will have arrows directing you along the easiest path of travel in all directions.

**QUESTION: If I use a mobility device or aide does it mean that I can only use these routes?**

**ANSWER:** No. You can use whatever route or path you would like to view the art. These are designated as the "most accessible" and take advantage of the closed streets, best sidewalk conditions and curb cuts. Please make a decision that fits your needs best.

The Blink Access Team will also be posting signs for the general public to be mindful of keeping pathways clear and not blocking views. Additionally there will be chalk highlights on any surface of the Accessible Route that may pose a hazard - keep your eyes peeled.

**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 locations noted in the map for each zone. that are available to escort you through the crowd to the Accessible Viewing Areas. You can find these Access Team Escorts by looking for this sign, they will be wearing high-visibility vests:



There will be Access Team Escorts available at:  
Findlay Market at both ends under the signs  
Asian Asanti Night Market at both ends under the signs  
Washington Park at the intersection of 14th & Race St.

**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: Which installations will have an accessible viewing area?**

**ANSWER:** The Accessibility Maps will be coming out later this week and the viewing areas will be noted on the maps.

They are also listed here by zone:

**Findlay Market:**

Projection #10: London Police Mural

**OTR:**

Unique Attraction # 16: Skate Spot

Projection #30: Music Hall Experience

Projection #39: The American Building Experience

Asha Fashion Show

**Downtown:**

Projection #42: Future Facades

Projection #44: Feel It

Light Installation #48: MAPP

**The Banks:**

Light Installation #65: Fantastic Fountain

Light Installation #66: Paraluna

Light Installation #68: Heart of Glass

Nightly Drone Shows

**Lytle Park:**

Light Installation #66: Dome of Reflection

**Covington:**

Projection #81: Gateway Center

Light Installation #84: Barter Boat

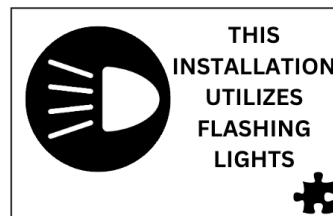
Nightly Drone Show

**QUESTION: If there is not an Accessible Viewing Area at an installation does that mean that it is not accessible?**

**ANSWER:** No! Blink has worked with the artists and engineers to ensure that the installations are accessible. This means that there will be space around the installation to navigate with a mobility device or aide. If the installation utilizes sound or flashing lights that is noted on the Accessibility Map and also there are signs in place indicating this at the installation.

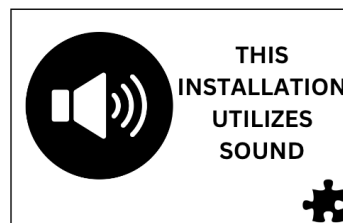
**QUESTION: If I am sensitive to flashing lights does that mean that Blink is not for me?**

**ANSWER:** No. Blink features light based installations, murals and projection pieces. Some of these will have flashing lights. They will be indicated with the installation information and on the Blink maps. Please make a decision that is safe for you by looking at the maps prior to viewing the art. Approaching the installation you will see signs indicating flashing lights that look like this:



**QUESTION: I am sensitive to loud/pulsating sounds, does that mean Blink is not for me?**

**ANSWER:** No. Some of the installations will have accompanying sound effects. These are noted on the Blink maps and at the installation information. Please be sure to check out the Blink maps and signage before viewing the art work. Approaching the installation you will see signs that indicate loud or pulsating sounds that look like this:



**QUESTION: Blink is so spread out all over the city, what if I need to ask the Access Team a question?**

**ANSWER:** The Access Team is staffed by ALL IN EVENTS. We offer live patron support via text. If you have a question and need assistance while you are at Blink, please text:

"Blink" to **844-556-6998**. One of our staff members will answer you via text. This will be available on festival days from 6 pm to 11 pm.

We will also have members of the Access Team stationed in each zone. They will be in high-visibility vests and wearing a blinking teal light on their left shoulder.

**QUESTION: What if I want to request an ASL Interpreter for one of the events that is happening during Blink?**

**ANSWER:** Please check our events lists, [HERE](#). If there is something that you would like to have interpreted, please email: [HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO](mailto:HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO) Please Note: we will need at least 72-hours notice.

**QUESTION: Are the restaurants and businesses that are along the routes accessible?**

**ANSWER:** We cannot guarantee that all the businesses and restaurants will be accessible, but in the OTR and FINDLAY zones keep an eye out for the symbol below, this will indicate our Access Team was able to do a quick walk-through for physical accessibility and it is compliant for entry/exit access and restroom access.



**QUESTION: Are there accessible restrooms at Blink?**

**ANSWER:** Yes! At every location noted on the map where there are standard units there will also be accessible units at each end. Look for the signs.



# BLINK 2024 ACCESSIBILITY INFO BY ZONE

## FINDLAY MARKET ZONE Accessibility Map coming soon!

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[Central Parkway and West Elder](#)  
[Vine St and Liberty St.](#)

### ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE ONLY PARKING:

[On Race St, From Henry to Findlay](#)

### ACCESS TEAM ESCORTS:

Findlay Market: Access Team Escorts will be stationed at both ends of Findlay Market, they will be wearing high-visibility vests and stationed near the Access Escort signs.

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Projection #10: London Police Mural

### ACCESSIBLE BATHROOMS:

Located with all portable toilets just North of Findlay Market. Accessible units at each end. Look for signs.

## OTR ZONE Accessibility Map coming soon!

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[Vine St and Liberty St.](#)  
[13th St and Vine St.](#)

### ACCESS TEAM ESCORTS:

Washington Park: Access Team Escorts will be stationed at the corner of 14th St. & Race St. they will be wearing high-visibility vests and stationed near the Access Escort signs.

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Unique Attraction # 16: Skate Spot  
Projection #30: Music Hall Experience  
Projection #39: The American Building Experience  
Asha Fashion Show

### ACCESSIBLE BATHROOMS:

There will be additional accessible bathrooms in Washington Park, they will be near the gazebo and lantern installation, follow the signs.

### MOBILITY DEVICE CHARGING:

There will be a tent near the accessible bathrooms in Washington Park intended for an area of rest and mobility device charging.

## **DOWNTOWN ZONE Accessibility Map coming soon!**

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[Race St and Garfield Place](#)  
[E 3rd & Walnut St.](#)

### ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING:

Groton Place Parking Lot has partnered with Blink to make this lot “Accessible Parking Only” for Blink. You will see the same signage. Some spaces will be blocked off for month parkers - any openspaces are for vehicles with government-issued accessible parking plates or placards.

### ACCESS TEAM ESCORTS:

Asian Asanti Night Market: Access Team Escorts will be stationed at both ends of Asian Asanti Night Market, they will be wearing high-visibility vests and stationed near the Access Escort signs.

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Projection #42: Future Facades  
Projection #44: Feel It  
Light Installation #48: MAPP

ACCESSIBLE BATHROOMS: They will be located with the standard units Accessible units at each end. Look for signs.

## **THE BANKS Accessibility Map coming soon!**

**Please Note:** The elevator on Rosa Parks is out of service. In order to park and see the installations in Smale Park you will need to park in one of the lots on Mehring Way or in The Brady Center and use that elevator to proceed to street level, across the street to the park.

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[W. Freedom Way & Rosa Parks St.](#)

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Light Installation #65: Fantastic Fountain  
Light Installation #66: Paraluna  
Light Installation #68: Heart of Glass  
Nightly Drone Shows  
AGAR Stage

### ACCESSIBLE BATHROOMS:

Located near the Drone Show viewing area in Smale Park. Accessible units at the ends, look for signs

## **COVINGTON ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[East 3rd St. and Scott St.](#)  
[148 Riverside Pl.](#)  
[East 7th and Scott St](#)

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Projection #81: Gateway Center  
Nightly Drone Show

## **NEWPORT ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

### ACCESSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

[1 Levee Way](#)

### ACCESSIBLE PARKING:

There is a garage on 1 Levee Way that has ample accessible parking and elevators.

### ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS:

Light Installation #94: Aqua Olimpia

## **BLINK QUICK LINKS:**

**BLINK 2024 PARADE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 GENERAL INFORMATION MAP**

**BLINK 2024 FINDLAY ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 OTR ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 DOWNTOWN ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 THE BANKS ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 COVINGTON ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 NEWPORT ZONE ACCESSIBILITY MAP**

**BLINK 2024 METRO STOPS**

**BLINK 2024 CONNECTOR MAP**

**BLINK 2024 Pro-Tip: Download the Accessibility Maps to your phone as a photo for quick reference as you are exploring Blink.**

