

Blink 2026 Accessibility Program FAQ

The following document is an outline of frequently asked questions about accessibility at Blink 2026. It is structured in the following sections, click on the section below:

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Getting to Blink 2026

QUESTION: Do I need a ticket to attend Blink 2026?
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/

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 spaces will be for vehicles with Accessible Parking placards or plates, for Blink Thursday-Sunday - 4 PM to Midnight. 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 Midnight) vehicles with government-issued accessible parking plates or placards will be allowed to park here without being ticketed.

These areas are:
For Ready, Set, Blink only:

Sam Adams Brewery:

Central Parkway between Findlay and Liberty

Thursday - Sunday 4 PM to Midnight:

Findlay Market:

Findlay St from Elm to Race

Downtown:

W 8th Between Walnut and Vine

The Banks

West Freedom

If you have questions **during Blink** please text "B26" to 844-556-6998 - a team member will get right back to you, real person, not AI!

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:
- Findlay and Race St
- Findlay and Central Parkway

Downtown Zone
- E 8th & Walnut St.

The Banks Zone
- Elm St & E Freedom 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 prior to Blink, please email HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO.

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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 prior to Blink, please email our Accessibility Director, Holly Maniatty, HOLLY@ALLINEVENTS.CO

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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: 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 2026 ACCESSIBILITY INFO

ABOUT BLINK 2026: 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 2026 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.

Every year is different at BLINK. For 2026, many of the installations have been placed in areas that are elevated or on a permanent paved pathway. This is intentional so the festival is accessible to everyone. Viewing Areas do still exist in some locations where the projections extend for a longer period of time.

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: You are able to see the maps with the Accessible Routes noted on them via the Blink App! 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.

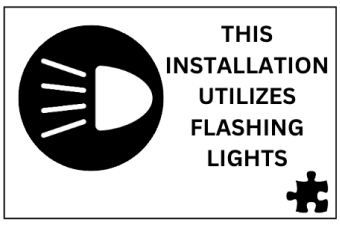
QUESTION: What will the Access Team Escort do for me if I decide to utilize them?
ANSWER: The Access Team Escort will walk in-front of you at a short distance to create a "bubble" of clear sidewalk space for you to proceed to the Accessible Viewing Areas at your own pace. Often this is helpful in crowded events. This will be available at Washington Park from the Corner of Race and 14th to the viewing area.

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:

OTR:
Music Hall Experience
Downtown:
Piatt Park
The Banks:
Upper level of Mehering Way
Black Music Walk of Fame

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:
"B26" 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.

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 Please Note: we will need a request by 10/05/26 5 PM EST

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! On the maps you will see notations for accessible restrooms. These are portable restrooms that have been added to the Blink routes. There will be accessible toilets at each of these added areas.

There will be accessible restrooms that are located at the Oasis Stations as well, they are:

Contemporary Art Center
Music Hall
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
Children's Theatre
Arnoff Center

BLINK 20924 Access Program Quick Links:

BLINK 2026 ACCESSIBILITY MAPS

BLINK 2026 PUBLIC TRANSIT INFO

BLINK 2026 CONNECTOR MAP

BLINK 2026 METRO FOR BLINK



BLINK 2026 Pro-Tip: Download the Accessibility Maps & FAQs to your phone as a photo for quick reference as you are exploring Blink.