

Galaxy of Lights Walking Nights FAQ's

Q: Can you purchase Walking Night tickets in advance?

A: Yes, of course! Please visit the Shoppe at the Garden or our Admission Desk to purchase tickets in advance

Q: Do you walk or drive?

A: This is such a great question and the answer is BOTH! Our walking nights are a MUST! Walking nights begin Nov. 10 – 13, and continue Nov. 16 – 21. On November 13 and 20 only, your favorite pooch can come enjoy the lights with you! Driving nights begin the Friday night after Thanksgiving and continue thru Dec 31st. (Please note, there are no driving nights on Thanksgiving, November 27 for the Galaxy 5k, and November 28 for the Galaxy 3k Holiday Dash).

Q: Where is the entrance to Galaxy of Lights?

A: The entrance is off of Bob Wallace near I565 on Phantom Rd. Just look for the BIG “Enter Here” signs. We used to enter through the Garden’s entrance, but it got to be a real traffic nightmare. The U.S. Space and Rocket Center has so graciously allowed us to move through some of their property to keep traffic safe and off Bob Wallace. Be sure to enjoy the view of Aviators Challenge as you pass through!

Q: How long do walking nights last?

A: Walking nights begin at 5:30pm and the last admission is taken at 8:00 pm. It’s an almost 2 mile walk, so you can spend anywhere from an hour or two to walk through (depends on how long you sit for some hot chocolate and cookies). Walking nights begin Nov. 10 – 13, and continue Nov. 16 – 21. On November 13 and 20 only, your favorite pooch can come enjoy the lights with you!

Q: Can we bring dogs to Walking Nights?

A: Our dog walking nights are Monday, November 13 and Monday, November 20. Some of the four-legged guests come dressed as their own “Galaxy of Lights” and only add to the entertainment. At only \$1 per pooch, how can you not bring them to exercise and enjoy the atmosphere?

Q: How much does it cost to do the Walking Nights?

A: Admission for walking nights are as follows: Garden Member Adults \$6.00, Garden Member Children (3+) \$3.00. Non-member prices, Adults \$7.00, Children (3+) \$4.00. Children 2 and under are free. Dogs are welcome on November 13 and November 20 for \$1.00 per pooch. Be sure to bring your membership card, because as always, Garden members’ hot chocolate and cookies are on us! 😊

Q: Are the paths stroller/wagon/wheelchair accessible?

A: Yes, our paths are a mix of compacted gravel and paved areas (lots of new paved areas this year). There are one or two hills, but every year the number of strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs never seem to mind.

Q: Can you drive through Walking Nights?

A: No, silly, our driving nights begin on Friday, November 24th. ☺ The only wheels allowed on walking nights are strollers, wagons, and wheel chairs. The Walking trail is approximately 1.5 miles with lots of opportunity to stop for refreshments.

Q: Will Santa be there during Walking Nights?

A: YES! Mrs. Claus always allows Santa to visit the Garden during Walking Nights! We have arranged for his arrival every evening, and he's so sweet, that he stays until every child gets to whisper their most wanted list in his ear. WARNING: He knows if you've been bad or good...he knows!

Q: Will there be hot chocolate and cookies?

A: You bet and even some "spirited" coffee if you should fancy some!

Q: Will the Shoppe at the Garden be open during walking nights?

A: Sure! We even gift wrap all your presents for free. Stop in and see all of our great holiday selections!

Q: Can you walk off the path and take selfies with the lights?

A: Please, NO! Although we understand our quick social media driven world or the need to share your experience with others, please remain on the lit paths! There are guide wires and posts that hold up our displays that are not always visible at night, not to mention uneven areas that could pose a threat to walkers. We've seen some great photos/videos taken from the path. You are welcome to share your (on the path) pics with us on social media. Follow us on Twitter (@hsvbg), Facebook, and Instagram (@hsvgarden). We love to share your photos of people enjoying the hard work of volunteers!
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