



ACCESSIBILITY AT THE PRIDE FESTIVAL

Festival Accessibility Map

- [Click here for the 2024 Festival Map.](#)
- Stay tuned for the 2024 Festival Accessibility Map. This will also be available at the Festival at the Accessibility Booth.
- [Click here for a “street-view” of the Festival grounds in 2023 to help know what to expect.](#) This view starts at the exit. [Here is a view of the Accessibility entrance and booth area.](#)

What to Expect at the San Diego Pride Festival

- The Pride Festival is a large festival with music and entertainment at five stages and additional areas, workshops, community resources, vendors, food, and more.
- The Pride Festival is located at Marston Point., Balboa Park ([6th Ave. & Laurel St.](#) and around the [Balboa Dr. loop](#))
 - An Accessible Entrance to the Festival is located at [6th Ave. & Juniper Rd.](#)
- The Festival is two days:
 - Saturday, July 20, 2024, 11 AM – 10 PM
 - Sunday, July 21, 2024, 11 AM – 9 PM
- The Festival is a ticketed event.
 - Ticket prices vary depending on when you buy them. [Click here for more information on Festival tickets.](#)
 - Guests requiring an attendant can bring in their attendant at no additional cost, but the guest must have a ticket.
 - Free or discounted tickets are available for volunteers, youth, seniors, and through other special offers. [Click here to visit our Festival Information page for more details.](#)
 - If you need to buy a pass on the day of the Festival, Weekend Passes are available for purchase in-person at the Accessible Entrance, located at [6th Ave. & Juniper Rd](#), or at the Box Office.
- ***New this Year: Cashless*** – As we continue to enhance the experience for attendees and participants at the San Diego Pride Festival in 2024, we are excited to announce our transition to a cashless event. Please note that ATMs will not be available on-site, and all official transactions at the gates, bars, and internal transactions (water & ice, etc.) will exclusively accept credit and debit cards. Exhibitors have the option to accept cash at their discretion, and we have

strongly encouraged them to be prepared to accept cards or other electronic payment methods to ensure a smooth and efficient transaction process for our guests. This shift reflects our commitment to security, efficiency, and the evolving preferences of our community. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we make this important transition. If you do not have a cashless payment option, you can purchase a VISA gift card from a nearby store.

- Our Festival Line-Up and Schedule will be announced closer to the date of the event. You can follow Pride’s social media pages or check our website to stay updated with information.
 - [Facebook \(@SanDiegoPride\)](#)
 - [Instagram \(@SanDiegoPride\)](#)
 - [Twitter \(@SanDiegoPride\)](#)
 - [Pride Website Festival Page](#)
- An Accessibility Map will be available and will highlight key accessibility-related areas, including:
 - An Accessibility Booth and Area, located inside the festival near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#), about 300 ft. straight in from the Accessible Entrance on [Juniper Rd. & 6th Ave.](#)
 - An accessible seating area for the Stonewall Stage
 - Cool Zones and Rest Areas
 - Accessible, gender-inclusive portable restrooms and hand-wash stations
 - Sensory Break Area
 - ADA Ramps
- [Click here for a “street-view” of the Festival grounds in 2023 to help know what to expect.](#) This view starts at the exit. [Here is a view of the Accessibility entrance and booth area.](#)

Entrance Policy

- Security will be conducting bag searches and will have metal detectors to enter through at the entrance.
- If you have a disability that requires you to bring a prohibited item, such as medication, food, beverages, or certain mobility devices, please enter through the Accessible Entrance and let the Security team know when you arrive. [Click here for a list of prohibited items at the Pride Festival.](#)
- If you are not able to pass through a metal detector, please let Security know, and they will provide an alternative for you.
- Groups of friends may enter through the Accessible Entrance with anyone requiring the Accessible Entrance. All guests must have a ticket or purchase a ticket at the Accessible Entrance, unless they are an attendant of a guest with a disability (see below).
- Guests requiring an attendant can bring in their attendant at no additional cost, but the guest must have a ticket.

Accessible Exit

- The usual Festival exit is at [El Prado & Balboa Dr.](#) If you are unable to make it to this exit, or would like to exit somewhere with easier access to the ADA shuttle and street, please check in at the Accessibility Booth, and say you would like to use the Accessible Exit. We will then coordinate with the Entry/Exit team to ensure you are able to exit safely.

Re-Entry Policy

- You can exit and re-enter as long as you have a valid ticket for the day you are wanting to re-enter. Make sure to get a re-entry stamp.

Service Animals

- Service animals are permitted at this event.
- Non-service animal pets and emotional support animals will not be permitted at this event.
- Service animal relief areas are any grassy or dirt areas throughout the festival that are out of the way of congested guest traffic. Waste can be discarded at any trash can throughout the festival. Doggy bags are available at the Accessibility Booth.
- Water can be provided for service animals at the Accessibility Booth. Please provide your own water bowl for your service animal.

Mobility Accessibility Information

- An Accessible Entrance to the festival is located at [6th Ave. & Juniper Rd.](#)
- The Festival is located at a park that has asphalt road, cement sidewalk, grassy areas, and dirt areas.
- The park is on a hill with a loop. A map will be posted closer to the festival date.
 - The Prism resource area near the entrance of the festival is located on a flat grassy section of the park and is about 0.1 miles long and 0.1 miles wide.
 - The loop leading through the vendor areas, resource areas, and to the different stages along Balboa Dr. is about 0.6 miles long and has a change in elevation of about 60 ft. (about a 3% grade), going downhill from the entrance to the bottom of the loop.
- ADA ramps will be installed throughout the festival to support in navigating the various areas. Each ramp has a 15' tall flag to help identify the location of an ADA ramp.
- A limited number of mobility devices will be available for use at the Festival. We encourage guests to bring their own mobility devices, if available. If you do not have your own device or find yourself needing one on the day of, we can provide one for you on a first come, first served basis. You can pick up a mobility device at the Accessibility Booth.

- Mobility Device charging stations are available at the Accessibility Area, near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#)
- An accessible seating area for the Stonewall Stage will be available. Capacity is limited to guests who require the accessible seating area and one companion.
- Cool Zones and Rest Areas will be available throughout the event. Areas with limited capacity will be limited to guests who require the accessible area and one companion.
- Accessible, gender-inclusive portable restrooms will be available throughout the event.
- ADA shuttles are available.
 - Shuttle stops include:
 - [Old Naval Hospital \(Park Blvd and Presidents Way\).](#)
 - The corner of [Essex St. and Richmond Ave](#), near the [Richmond St. and University Ave.](#) accessible seating area along the parade route.
 - Near the [Festival Accessibility Entrance \(near 6th Ave. & Juniper St.\)](#).
 - To get to the festival using the ADA shuttle, park in an ADA spot at the [Old Naval Hospital \(Park Blvd and Presidents Way\)](#), then proceed to our ADA shuttle waiting area near these spots, near the entrance to the parking lot on Presidents Way. [Click here for the approximate location of the ADA Shuttle waiting area.](#)
 - The ADA shuttle will drop off near the Accessible Entrance at [6th Ave. & Juniper Rd.](#) The stop will be less than 500 ft. from the entrance, and there will be signs and volunteers guiding you to the Accessible Entrance.
 - Festival shuttles will run from 8 AM- Midnight on Saturday, July 20th and 8 AM-11 PM on Sunday, July 21st.
 - [Click here for more information about parking and shuttles](#) or read the Transportation and Parking section below.

Sensory Accessibility Information

- A Sensory Break Area will be available at the Festival, in the Accessibility Area near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#)
- Sensory support items, including noise-reduction headphones and fidget tools will be available for use at the Festival and can be picked up at the Accessibility Booth near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#)
- The best times to come to the festival for minimal sensory input and crowds will be from 11 AM-1 PM on Saturday and 11 AM-2 PM on Sunday.
- Here are some examples of sensory stimulation that you may encounter at the Pride Festival:
 - Loud noises, including cheering, clapping, music from five stages at multiple areas throughout the event, announcements, speeches, and people talking
 - Large amounts of people

- Bright colors
- Bright and flashing lights at night
- Dancing and movement
- Vendors speaking to you and giving out items
- Scents from food vendors and other vendors and guests
- Volunteers and event coordinators are encouraged to refrain from wearing scented products at this event.
- No Smoking is allowed in Balboa Park.

Communication Accessibility Information

- American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation will be provided for all performances, as well as select presentations and workshops.
 - A detailed ASL schedule will be made available closer to the Festival date.
 - An ASL viewing area will be available for the Stonewall Stage.
- ASL Interpreters will be available for assistance in communicating with vendors and other guests. Stop by the Accessibility Booth near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#) to connect with an interpreter.
- Large print and braille schedule information will be available at the Accessibility Booth.
- Large print, braille, or other print and communication methods for our information can be made available at the Accessibility Booth with advance request. Please contact accessibility@sdpride.org or [\(619\) 289-8842](tel:6192898842) by June 14th to enhance our ability to fulfill your request.
- If you are in need of anything else to support your communication at the event, please contact accessibility@sdpride.org or [\(619\) 289-8842](tel:6192898842).

Offerings for Seniors

- [Click here to learn about offerings for Seniors at the Pride Festival](#)

Transportation and Parking

- [Click here for instructions on parking, shuttles, and public transportation to the Pride Parade and Festival.](#)
- Please note that traffic will be very congested around the Parade and Festival and any transportation will take a long time.
- ADA shuttles are available.
 - Shuttle stops include:
 - [Old Naval Hospital \(Park Blvd and Presidents Way\).](#)
 - The corner of [Essex St. and Richmond Ave.](#), near the [Richmond St. and University Ave.](#) accessible seating area along the parade route.
 - Near the [Festival Accessibility Entrance \(near 6th Ave. & Juniper St.\).](#)

- ADA shuttles will be on-call and may have long wait times.
- Festival shuttles will run from 8 AM- Midnight on Saturday, July 20th and 8 AM-11 PM on Sunday, July 21st.
- To get to the Festival Entrance:
 - Park at the [Old Naval Hospital \(Park Blvd and Presidents Way\)](#), then proceed to our ADA shuttle waiting area near these spots, near the entrance to the parking lot on Presidents Way. [Click here for the approximate location of the ADA Shuttle waiting area.](#)
 - The ADA shuttle will drop off near the Accessible Entrance at [6th Ave. & Juniper Rd.](#) The stop will be less than 500 ft. from the entrance, and there will be signs and volunteers guiding you to the Accessible Entrance.
 - Take bus #3 to [5th Ave. & Juniper St.](#) (about 500 ft. from the Accessible Entrance) or [4th Ave. & Juniper St.](#) (about 0.2 miles from the Accessible Entrance)
 - Take bus #120 to [5th Ave. & Laurel St.](#) (about 0.2 miles from the Accessible Entrance) or [4th Ave. & Laurel St.](#) (about 0.3 miles from the Accessible Entrance)
 - Take bus #11 to [1st Ave. & Juniper](#) (about 0.3 miles from the Accessible Entrance) or [1st Ave. & Ivy. St.](#) (about 0.4 miles from the Accessible Entrance)
 - If you are using [MTS Access](#), you can set your drop off location to [a location near Juniper Rd. & 6th Ave.](#) (Please note this service may be limited or unavailable at this time.)
 - [Click here to find the best transportation option for you. \(Please note street closures.\)](#)

COVID-19 Information

- San Diego Pride adheres to best-practice COVID protocols based on local, state, federal, and global health guidelines.
- As we navigate a world where COVID continues to be present, we ask that you not attend if you test positive for COVID, feel sick or ill or present any symptoms associated with COVID.
- Face coverings, vaccinations, and obtaining a negative COVID-19 test, if accessible to you, are strongly recommended for attending this event.
- This event will be outside. Guests may be in close vicinity with one another.
- Masks will be available at our Accessibility Area.
- Hand Sanitizer and Hand Wash Stations will be available throughout the event.
- Please follow all [CDC guidelines and recommendations](#) for your safety and the safety of others.

Food Information

- A variety of food trucks will be at the Festival. More information will be available closer to the event date.
- An accessible dining area, where you can sit and enjoy your food with tables & shade, will be available in the Accessibility Area, near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#)

Questions

- If you have any questions regarding accessibility at the Pride Festival before the event, please feel free to contact accessibility@sdpride.org or [\(619\) 289-8842](tel:6192898842).
- If you have any questions regarding accessibility when you are at the Pride Festival, please visit the Accessibility Booth, located inside the festival near the corner of [Juniper Rd. & Balboa Dr.](#), about 300 ft. straight in from the Accessible Entrance on [Juniper Rd. & 6th Ave.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the San Diego Pride Festival.](#)