TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ADA Parking

$32.95 in advance, $37.95 at the event

For people who have state-issued disabled parking credentials, two parking lots are available at the Fleet Science Center on Space Theater Way, and at the Natural History Museum on Village Place, both of which are adjacent to the El Prado event area. Spaces are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

You must display a valid hanging placard or license plate to access the parking area.

ASL Services

The Spreckels Organ Pavilion stage will feature ASL translation from 6 PM – 10 PM on Friday, December 4, and 6 PM– 10 PM on Saturday, December 5.

Access to Venues in Balboa Park

Here are some tips for accessing various locations during December Nights. Long entry lines and crowds of people can be expected.

Balboa Park Visitors Center at the House of Hospitality

Ground level access is available at the northeast entrance.

Bea Evenson Fountain

There are ramps on the north and south sides of El Prado to access the fountain area (adjacent to the Fleet Science Center).

Civic Dance Arts at Casa del Prado

Entrances without stairs are located on the north side of the building, with easiest access from Village Place sidewalk. There is an elevator to the second floor and the performances are visible from the balcony on the second floor. Evening shows are approximately 30 minutes long. Earlier shows are less crowded.

International Cottages

The main entrance and all activities are at ground level.

Fleet Science Center

Main entrances are at ground level, and there is an elevator in the museum to access exhibits on the 2nd floor.

San Diego Zoo

Zoo Drive in front of the San Diego Zoo Administration Building also features several free disabled parking spaces.

Family Zone at the Municipal Gym

Sloped sidewalks provide access to the area; some cottages have a stair a their entrance. The International Spirits Garden will be on a grass-covered slope, and an attendant or aide is strongly recommended.

Institute of Contemporary Art

The ground level lobby will be open during the event, accessed from El Prado.

Japanese Friendship Garden

Upper garden access only during the event.

Marrie Hitchcock Puppet Theater

The main entrance is at ground level, with a gentle slope inside of the theater.

Museum of Us

Visitors can enter the Museum using the ramp at the front entrance and use exit the east exit on the ground floor. An elevator to the 2nd level is also available.

Mingei International Museum

All entrances are accessible, and there is an elevator to access the upper gallery level.

The Old Globe

The main plaza featuring the Grinch Christmas tree will be at ground level.

Panama 66

Ground level access is at main entrance from the Plaza de Panama. at the House of Hospitality – Ground level access is available at the northeast entrance.

San Diego Air and Space Museum

All exhibits are on the ground floor.

San Diego Automotive Museum

Wheelchair access is available through center/regular entrance for guest plus one attendant.

San Diego Floral Association

Christmas Tree Display at Casa del Prado - Entrances without stairs are located on the north side of the building, with easiest access from Village Place sidewalk. The display is in room 101 and is accessible.

San Diego Railroad Museum

Enter at Casa de Balboa – Use the elevator inside of the building at the East entrance (near the San Diego History Center) to access the lower level where the Model Railroad Museum is located. The galleries and facilities are accessible for wheelchairs, mobility aids, and other power-driven mobility devices, with safety railing and access ramps.