WINTER LIGHTS AT SHELBURNE MUSEUM

Social Narrative Guide



Welcome to WINTER LIGHTS AT SHELBURNE MUSEUM



I'm going to the Winter Lights at Shelburne Museum!

Winter Lights is an event when people can come to Shelburne Museum and the buildings and gardens will be decorated with lights.



When I arrive, there will be a tunnel of lights leading to the Museum Entrance. We will enter and show the staff our tickets. They will give us a map of the paths we can take to see the lights. We can also use our phone to look at a digital map.

This area may be crowded with lots of people. I will only be here for a short time.



We will exit the building and be outside. All of Winter Lights is outside. Depending on the weather, it may be cold, snowy, icy, or wet. If the weather is bad, the pathways may be icy, slippery, or uneven.

I will wear clothes and shoes that keep me warm, safe, and dry.



I can look at the map and choose where I want to go. There will be other visitors on the paths. It may be crowded. I can move to places on the path that make me feel more comfortable.

If I have questions or need help while I'm at Winter Lights, I can find a staff member. They will be wearing blue vests with reflective bands on them. They are happy to help me!



As I move through the campus, there will be different light displays. Some lights will be bright. Some lights will be dim, especially when I'm in the woods. The lights will be many different colors. Some lights will be still and some will be moving.

Some areas will have music playing. I can bring noise-canceling headphones or earbuds in case the music is too loud.



I can go visit the Train Station. The train and the station will be decorated with lights. There is also an all-gender bathroom here if I need to use it.

When I'm in this area, I might hear train noises like a train whistle and chugging. I may also see smoke coming from the train. I may hear it before I get to the Train Station.



If I want, I can go see model trains in the Diamond Barn, which is near Owl Cottage.

It will be loud in this building, with noise from the trains and music. I can wear headphones, earbuds, or step outside if it's too loud.

It may be very crowded in this room. If there are too many people, I can wait until some people leave or I can come back when there are less people there.



I can stop and look at the lights if I want. Or I can keep moving on the path. I can take some pictures and talk to my group about the lights. I can make observations about the lights.

When I'm moving from place to place, I will be careful of other people, and I will stay on the lighted pathways. If I need to take a break, I can move to the side of the path and find an uncrowded spot. There will be benches at spots along the paths. I can take a break and sit if I need to.



If I need to use the bathroom, there are three different options for me to use. There are men's/women's bathrooms at the Museum Entrance and the Weathervane Café. There are all-gender bathrooms at the Train Station. I can find these areas on the map.



I can see all the Winter Lights displays, or I can choose the ones I want to see and go to those. I can also go back to areas I really liked if I want to see them again. I will make a plan that works for me.

When I'm ready to go, I will let people in my group know and we will head back toward the Museum Entrance.

It's fun to explore the Winter Lights at Shelburne Museum. I can't wait to come back another time and experience more art!

Thank you for coming!