

Lights of the Ozarks

2021 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is The Lights of the Ozarks?

The Lights of the Ozarks is a holiday celebration of lights in Fayetteville, AR, that begins with a 6:00 p.m. holiday parade on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving, and continues to illuminate the Historic Square through New Year's Day at 1:00 a.m. There are holiday activities, festive music, and vendors on the downtown square each night during Lights of the Ozarks.

Q: How many lights are there on the Historic Square?

The City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department begins installation in October of approximately 500,000 thousand LED lights, and spends over 2000 hours doing so.

Q: Is there a cost to see the lights?

Lights of the Ozarks is a free, public display. All are welcome to see the lights.

Q: Where can I park?

A PDF map of downtown parking is here: <https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2327/Map-of-Downtown-Business-District-PDF?bidId=>

Q: When is the Lighting Night Parade?

The Lighting Night Parade is on Friday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to apply to be in the parade, complete the parade application on our website. It is \$30 to have a float in the Lighting Night Parade.

Q: What types of vendors will be considered?

Experience Fayetteville welcomes applications from those wanting to sell food and beverage or provide entertainment on the Fayetteville square during Lights of The Ozarks. Vendors may apply for the full six-week season or for select weekends. Please reach out to Community Engagement Manager at cbell@experiencefayetteville.com if you are interested in vending at Lights of the Ozarks.

Q: Are not-for-profit groups required to pay the parade fee?

Yes. Experience Fayetteville establishes a budget-friendly fee for all our vendors and parade participants.

Q: Will the parade be cancelled if it rains?

This is a RAIN OR SHINE event. In case of severe weather, a decision will be made by noon day of.

Q: Are public restrooms available?

Yes! Public restrooms are available nightly until 10:00 p.m. in the Fayetteville Town Center. The Fayetteville Town Center is located on the south side of the square off of the FTC plaza. Exterior restroom doors are located on the East terrace.

Q: When is Santa coming?

Visits with Santa are scheduled for the following dates below. There is no cost to meet or take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

- Friday 11.19.21 (Light night) 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Thursday 12.9.21 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday 12.10.21 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 12.11.21 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Thursday 12.16.21 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
- Friday 12.17.21 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 12.18.21 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Q: Where should I eat?

In addition to our onsite vendors, there are many great dining options around the square! For views of the Lights, visit Cheers at the OPO, Tula, and Tiny Tim's. Just a short stroll away, enjoy cuisine from Hugo's, Big Box Karaoke, Vetro 1925, Taste of Thai, Xuma Kitchen, and Damgoode Pies. Check out our Visitor's Guide for a full list of local restaurants.

Q: I lost something at Lights of the Ozarks! How can I get it back?

Contact Experience Fayetteville at info@experiencefayetteville.com or call 479-521-5776 to inquire about lost & found items. We will keep items up to 30 days.

Q: Can I bring my dog?

Well behaved pets on a leash are welcome Lights of The Ozarks. Don't forget to pick up after your dog. You can find doggy pick up bags on the southwest corner of the square.