

#### PRE-VISIT GUIDE FOR VISITORS WITH SENSORY SENSITIVITIES

Peace, Love & Lights, a family-friendly drive-thru experience, returns to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts for its second year on **Nov. 19th – Jan. 2nd**. Experience the Bethel Woods grounds from the comfort of your car, just turn off your headlights and follow the magical glow! There is nothing else quite like this holiday light event in the area.

This year, our light show is **bigger** and **brighter** than last year with exciting displays like **Candy Cane Lane**, **Snowflake Alley**, **Enchanted Forest**, **Groovy Way**, **Holidays Around the World**, and **New York**!

While the displays and themed areas may be captivating for some, we know that they can also be overwhelming for visitors with sensory sensitivities. We hope that this guide will be a helpful resource for you as your plan your visit.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Nightly | Until January 2, 2022 Sunday – Thursday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM | Friday & Saturday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM Sullivan 180 Walk-Thru Mondays will take place weekly. **NO** drive-thru will occur on Mondays.







Tickets for the holiday light show can be purchased at the **Bethel Woods Box Office** window, located to the left of the Museum entrance. Tickets can also be purchased online at <u>BethelWoodsCenter.org</u>, or at the entry gate upon arrival from the comfort of your car. Tickets can be used anytime between 5:00 – 9:00 PM on Sunday – Thursday and 5:00 – 10 PM on Friday & Saturday, only on the date you purchased them for. On Walk-Thru Mondays, the last entry is 7:30 pm.

\*Guests who bring a new unwrapped toy will receive complimentary admission for one adult. This offer is only available at the gate on Monday only.

#### THE ROUTE

The holiday light show route is **1.7 miles** long and takes approximately **30-35 minutes** to drive thru. There may be a wait prior to admission depending on the traffic queue. If you would like to expedite your experience, you may want to consider purchasing a **Dasher Pass** (Fri. & Sat. only) that will allow you to skip the line and be admitted to the show through a "fast lane". Make note that a Bethel Woods staff person will approach your car at the entry gate to greet you, take your ticket, and deliver snacks if desired.

We ask that drivers turn off their headlights for optimal viewing of the displays and to make the experience more enjoyable for those in front of you. Please observe all signs and directions along the route and **remain inside your vehicle at all times** for your safety and the safety of other patrons.

Please note that the Walk-Thru route (Mondays) is an unpaved, gravel road and is dimly lit.

#### **LIGHTS**

Please be advised that many of our holiday light displays have moving, flashing lights.

#### SOUND

The soundtrack for your experience is optional. Upon entry, you will be able to tune your car radio to a special Peace, Love & Lights station (107.7 fm) to listen to family-friendly holiday music. Feel free to adjust the volume for your passengers as needed.

# Public Areas

#### **PARKING**

Parking is located in the main lot across the street from The Museum. Limited handicap parking is available in the drop-off circle adjacent to The Museum, but there is overflow handicap parking across Hurd Road.



#### **BATHROOMS**

There are **no bathrooms along the Peace, Love & Lights route**. Bathrooms are located inside The Museum building on the lower level. Bethel Woods features specially-adapted restroom facilities for guests who use wheelchairs. Please note, however, that The Museum building will be **closed** on the following nights: **Dec. 2, 11, 12, 19**. Porta Potties will available at the Holiday Hub.

#### **HOLIDAY HUB**

Open Sunday – Thursday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM | Friday & Saturday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM | Free Admission

The Holiday Hub is an area on the upper campus of Bethel Woods that guests can visit outside of their cars after they have driven thru the light show. The Hub will include a **lit-up sleigh photo opportunity**, **Musical Mega Trees**, **a concession area**, **seating**, and **fire pits**.

Note that the large-scale Mega Trees have moving/flashing lights set to music. Additionally, The Hub can become quite crowded and noisy, especially on dates that the Holiday Market will be operating. If you would like to experience the Holiday Hub when it is less busy, you may want to consider visiting on a non-market day.









Our Holiday Market will take place in **Market Shed 2** and feature a wonderful **new** selection of food and craft vendors **each weekend**. On Market days, the entire Holiday Hub will open **early** to the public at **2:00 PM** instead of 5:00 PM.

#### DINNER WITH SANTA IN THE EVENT GALLERY

7 Dinners | Dec. 3 – 4 | 9 – 10 | 16 – 17 – 18 5:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **Admission**

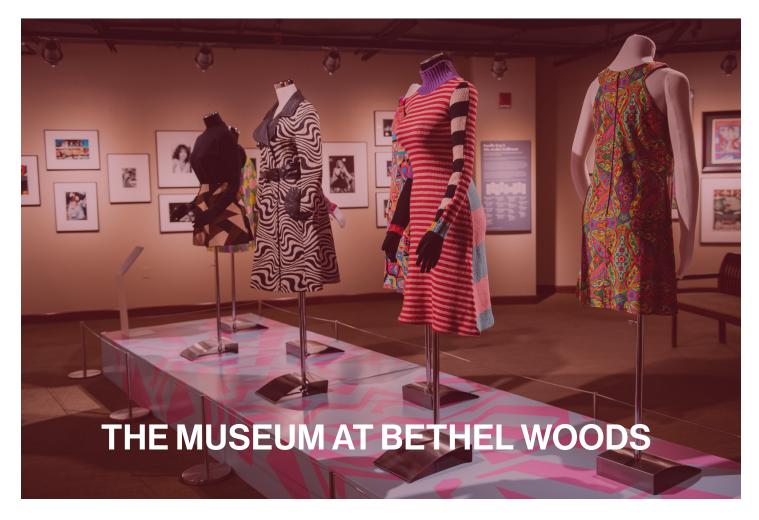
Adults: \$50 | Children: \$25

Santa Claus is coming to town, and to your table! Drop in anytime from 5:00 – 8:00 PM to enjoy dinner featuring full-service food stations in the festive and feautiful event gallery. Make note that Santa may visit your table or approach your child to spread some holiday cheer.









Experience the award-winning, multi-media exhibit 'The Story of Woodstock and the Sixties' and travel through the tumultuous decade that culminated with the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair right here in Bethel, NY. The Museum's Main Exhibition is located on the first floor. The Special Exhibition is located on the lower level. Please make note that some of sound and lighting features of the Main Exhibition may be triggering for a person with sensory sensitivities. A Sensory Map and Social Narrative can be downloaded on our website in advance to help you plan for and navigate the Museum comfortably.

Copies of these resources are available at the Welcome Desk on any day that you may visit. To download the pre-visit resources, please visit: www.bethelwoodscenter.org/visit/accessibility.

#### MUSEUM HOURS DURING PEACE, LOVE & LIGHTS

November 19 – January 2

Sunday - Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM | Friday & Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

**Holiday Hours** 

November 26, December 25 & 31, January 1 | 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Admission (Online | In-Person)

Adults: \$17 | \$19.69

Seniors (65+): \$15 | \$17

Youth (6 - 18): \$8 | \$10

Children 5 & Under: Free

#### Special Exhibit Only

All Ages: \$5

\*After 5pm: \$5 per person (includes Main Exhibit Only)
Valid with Peace, Love & Lights tickets for same day. Must be purchased in person.



During Sensory-Friendly Museum Days, individuals of all ages with autism, complex developmental disabilities, or sensory sensitivities are welcome to experience our Main Exhibit, gift shop, and cafe during special early-morning hours before the museum opens to the general public. The museum's lighting and sound features are augmented, there is a designated 'Quiet Space', and trained staff are on-hand to guide visitors through their experience.



We are committed to making **Bethel Woods** an **accessible place for everyone**. We are dedicated to ensuring the **full integration** of individuals with disabilities who use our facilities.

To learn more about our efforts to make our exhibits, activities, and events as inclusive and accessible as possible for all visitors please visit: <a href="https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/accessibility">www.bethelwoodscenter.org/accessibility</a>.

