

Festival OF LIGHT



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Festival of Light?

The Festival of Light is a lighting event for all the family. Come and visit Mowbray park as it is transformed in to a winter wonderland with a range of lighting features, illuminated street theatre characters, music performances, live reindeer (on selected dates), and more!

2. When is the Festival of Light?

The event will be open every Thursday to Sunday from Thursday 21 November to Sunday 22 December 2019.

3. Where is the Festival of Light

The event will take place in Mowbray Park Sunderland city centre.

4. What time is the Festival of Light open and what time is the last admission?

The event will open at 4pm each day and the last admission is 8pm. The event will close at 9pm.

5. Is Mowbray Park suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs?

Yes. Mowbray Park is fully accessible for pushchairs and wheelchair users.

6. Will there be toilets and baby changing facilities available at the event?

Yes. Portable toilets including accessible units and baby changing facilities will be available.

7. Will there be food and drink outlets in the event?

Yes. There will be a range of food and drinks available to enjoy once you are in the event.

8. Can I bring my own food and drink into the park?

Yes. Soft drinks and food can be brought into the park. Alcohol is not permitted. We ask visitors to consider the wildlife within the park and to reduce the number of disposable plastics they bring in. Please always use our waste and recycling units located throughout the park and please do not litter.

9. Will my tickets and bags be checked when I enter the Festival of Light?

Yes. Your tickets will be scanned on entry and random bag searches will also take place.

10. Will Mowbray Park be open as usual during the day?

Yes. Monday to Wednesday the park will be open as normal. Thursday to Sunday the park will close at approximately 3pm each day in preparation for visitors entering the park at 4pm.

11. Can I bring my dog to the event?

Yes. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times.

12. Can I bring a bicycle in to the event?

As we are expecting high volumes of visitors, we unfortunately cannot permit bicycles to be brought in to the event.

13. Where can I find out more about the event?

Website: www.christmasinsunderland.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/seeitdoitsunderland

Twitter: @SeeitDoitSund

14. Is there anything else to do in the city centre when I visit the Festival of Light?

Yes. A fantastic range of events and attractions will be held in the city centre as part of Christmas in Sunderland programme, including an ice rink on Keel Square and Hadrian's Tipi on Crowtree Road, just outside of the Bridges Shopping Centre.

Visitors can also enjoy a range of shops, restaurants and bars while visiting the city.

Please visit www.christmasinsunderland.co.uk for further details and to plan your day and evening out, while here in Sunderland.

15. Will there be a fun fair and big wheel at the seafront like last year?

No. There will be no activities at the seafront but there will be a fun fair next to the tipi in the city centre as part of the Christmas in Sunderland offer.

16. Will Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens be open during the Festival of Light?

Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens will operate normal open/close times throughout the event. Please visit www.sunderlandculture.org.uk for details.

The Museum Shop will be open until 9pm each night of the event.

17. Who can I contact if I have a question about the event?

Please email events@sunderland.gov.uk or call 07500 552 085 if you have any questions about the event.