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Chicago's Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum

THE NINTH ANNUAL “Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum” will return to a walking experience with five new lighting features, including a special *Human+Nature* display. Last year’s Illumination was adapted to a driving experience due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Visitors will be surrounded by color as they walk amid interactive lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter. This one-of-a-kind spectacle of color, light, and sound has welcomed more than 1.3 million guests since 2013, making this a top holiday travel destination across the region.

From Nov. 20 through Jan. 2, 2022, guests can explore 50 acres of the Arboretum’s majestic trees. The exhibition takes guests on a journey along a one-mile, paved walking path amid festive music and lighting effects that highlight the beauty of trees in winter. Along the route, guests can warm up by a crackling fire and roast marshmallows for

s’mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage.

This year’s new experiences include:

- A lighting display of *Hallow*, the iconic sculpture by artist Daniel Popper in the Arboretum’s *Human+Nature* exhibition.
- Enchanted Gateway, a new entry portal of glowing lights leading to Meadow Lake.
- Festival of Lanterns, where guests walk under 150 colorful lanterns at the top of Frost Hil
- Golden Glade, a meadow of lights at the top of the Conifer trail.
- Winter Radiance, a new path leading back to the Visitor Center featuring colorful reeds.

TICKET INFORMATION

Illumination tickets go on sale Oct. 1. Members receive early-bird pricing through Oct. 31. Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$24 per person. Children under age 2 will be admitted free of charge.

Illumination sponsor ComEd is offering a 20%

discount for a limited number of non-member Illumination tickets on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays using the code COMEDLIGHTS2021 at checkout (see the mortonarb.org website for specific dates). The offer is valid for up to four tickets per transaction and is subject to availability.


Timed tickets may be purchased online beginning Oct. 1 at mortonarb.org, in person at the Arboretum Visitor Center during operating hours or on-site each night of Illumination, as tickets remain available. The Arboretum recommends purchasing tickets in advance, in the event an evening may be sold out. Questions about the event can be directed to the Ticket Line at 630-725-2066.

Illumination will open each evening at 4:30 p.m., with last entry at 8:30 p.m. Lights go out at 9:30 p.m. The exhibition is closed Nov. 22, 25 (Thanksgiving) and 29, and December 6, 13, 24 (Christmas Eve) and 25 (Christmas Day).



The 9th annual Illumination is a perfect melding of nature + technology + art for a safe holiday outing.

ABOUT THE MORTON ARBORETUM

The Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized tree-focused botanical garden and research center near Chicago in Lisle, Illinois. Its 1,700 acres include specialty tree and plant collections, nine miles of roads and 16 miles of hiking trails, a Children's Garden, educational programs, and a Visitor Center. Information about exhibitions, events, and admission is available at mortonarb.org. 



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