

Staging Entrance

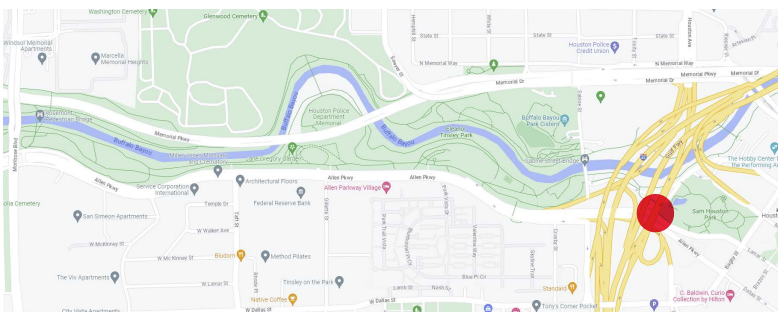


1. Most will enter from Montrose Blvd turning inbound into the outbound Allen Parkway lane. **There are SOME exceptions. See staging sheet.**
2. Please pay attention to all signs, the law enforcement officers, private security, volunteers and Pride staff directing traffic. **BE ALERT.**
3. Travel into the staging area at **5 mph** so that you can hear and see all directions clearly.
4. Once you have parked, your vehicle to the far right in its proper place, then proceed to the Pride Houston Check-In Tent underneath the overpasses on Allen Parkway.
5. You will be checked-in and then an escort will ensure your vehicle is in the proper place and order according to the staging sheet. Vehicles with any type of walkers (on the vehicle, in front of the vehicle, behind the vehicle) -- the driver will check in for the walkers too. We will show you where the walkers can gather until the parade start time. Walkers with vehicles may gather with the vehicle if they choose; however, a shaded grass staging area will be available to you also.
6. Only registered floats and vehicles will be allowed in the staging area. **NO EXTRA CARS.** If there are charter buses and/or vendors that are needed in the staging area, they will be directed toward the parking lots to the left of the staging lanes. **AT NO TIME SHOULD** an unregistered vehicle be in the staging lanes.
7. If you are having a float builder make your float please make sure they know where to go.
8. Keys must be at vehicle at all times with a designated driver. Drivers or registered individuals are responsible for staying with their vehicle from check-in time until the Parade Ends.
9. Every entry will be checked for proper paperwork and A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.
10. **ENTRIES THAT ONLY HAVE WALKERS AND NO VEHICLE WILL CHECK IN AT** Pride Houston Check-In Tent underneath the overpasses on Allen Parkway at **4:00 PM. Only one walker for the group needs to check in.**
11. Once checked in, you will be shown your area in the staging grass section. **WALKERS** do not have to remain in the staging area but **EVERYONE** must be back in the staging area by 5:30 PM for the final roll call and line-up check.



1. 6:00 PM - all parade streets and gates will close.
2. 6:30 PM - Grand Marshals should arrive. **(See Staging Sheet) All final verification checks will be completed.**
3. 7:00 PM - Parade Stage Performances will begin. We will direct and proceed the line-up from the staging area to the starting line at the intersection of Lamar and Smith St. and wait for the city **GO SIGNAL.**
4. **7:30 PM (SHARP)** parade will start rolling down Smith St. and follow the parade route.
5. The parade will proceed on Smith St. and turn right onto Walker St.
6. The parade will continue on Walker St. and turn right onto Milam St.
7. The parade will proceed on Milam St. and conclude/disband at the intersection of Milam St. and Pease St.
8. At disbanding, **all vehicles** will continue straight down Milam St. (there will be private security at Milam & Jefferson and Milam & St. Joseph Parkway to help direct and assist if you need to let walkers off your float or vehicle; walkers may disband to the left on Pease Street (toward the Metro Rail/Hub); or the right on Pease Street toward the Whitehall hotel. Please have that decision made before you reach the disband point.
9. 10:00PM - Parade will end and street clean up will begin

PRIDE CHECK IN TENT



Parade Reminders and Tips:

- Bring plenty of bottled water and light snacks. Coolers are allowed and so are wagons, etc.
- Wear sunscreen and appropriate clothing for the Houston heat. It's HOT!
- CELEBRATE AND HYDRATE. CELEBRATE AND HYDRATE.
- Bring trash bags. Clean up after yourself.
- Bring proof of your liability insurance
- Bring a copy of these staging instructions and the line-up. There's a lot happening if the answer can be found here; just read the instructions.
- **All vehicles require a fire extinguisher**
- This is a nighttime parade so bring flashlights, glow sticks, lights, lights, lights! You can't have too many lights.
- Also not required but it's been found that duct tape and zip ties come in handy
- You are able to bring small appropriately sized generators on-board your vehicles along with extension cables.
- Don't forget your battery packs to keep your devices charged
- DRIVERS CAN NOT DRINK ALCOHOL OR CONSUME ANY SUBSTANCE THAT MAY IMPAIR JUDGEMENT AND MOBILITY DURING DRIVING. No illegal substances are allowed in staging or during the parade procession.
- **Firearms are prohibited.** Please arrange private security details with Pride Houston Celebration Team beforehand.
- BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS AND THEIR SPACE.
- Also remember: Pride Houston has the right to refuse service; no refunds will be given if you are removed from the parade for attempting to bring in prohibited items or bestow any of the mentioned prohibited behaviors in your Celebration Agreement that hinder public safety or general parade safety and movement.
- Note: In cases of no-shows, removals, or late arrivals at the discretion of the Pride Houston parade staging team, the line-up is subject to changes and may grow or shrink. **DON'T BE EARLY AND DON'T BE LATE. JUST BE ON TIME. ON TIME or you forfeit your entry.**
- Plan your exit strategy. We are not responsible for towed cars or rides home.