

Christmas Lights Tour 2020

Directions

Our tour begins in Shawnee, KS and ends in Olathe, KS. If you live along the path of this Christmas Lights Tour, feel free to start your trip at the location closest to you and then continue on from there. There are directions from the last place to number 1 so that you can continue your tour until your starting point.

#1 Quivira Woods (Neighborhood)

4636 Woodstock Street, Shawnee, Kansas 66218

Most homes in this neighborhood are decorated with blow-ups, cutouts and lights. This is a great neighborhood for kids. There are three blow ups that are the biggest ones I have ever seen.

**If you want more Christmas lights set to music, see the additional options at the end. Arnott and Dowding can be seen on the way to Sar-Ko-Par Trails.

From #1 to #2: After coming out of the neighborhood, turn left (east) onto 47th street. Turn right onto Woodland Dr. Then turn left onto Shawnee Mission Parkway. Go south onto I-435. Take the 87th Street exit. Turn left onto 87th street. Right after the Lackman Dr. intersection you can turn right into a parking lot or you can continue to a little way down to the skate park and enter the park there. Just drive up to the new shelter and park area so you are close to the pond.

#2 Sar-Ko-Par Trails- Aglow (Get out and walk around)

87th Street and Lackman

All the trees around the pond are decorated with lights. It is beautiful to see the lights reflecting off the water. You can get out and walk around enjoying the beauty of the lights all around you. This one is perfect for a date night with your honey!

From #2 to #3: Turn right onto 87th Street. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Lenexa Dr. (right by the Highway 69 exit) Turn right onto W. 79th Street. Turn left onto Outlook Ln into the neighborhood.

#3 Candy Cane Lane (Neighborhood)

7900 Outlook Lane, Prairie Village, KS 66208

The houses in this neighborhood all have a Candy cane in their yard plus lots of other holiday decorations. Several of the house decorate their yards with iconic Christmas characters. This short cul-de-sac is festively decorated with a large 50-foot lighted Christmas tree as the centerpiece.

From #3 to #4: If you are able to take a left out of the neighborhood, turn left. Continue on 79th street and take a left onto Metcalf. If you are unable to turn left onto 79th, take a right onto 79th Street. Then take a right onto Nall Ave. Turn right onto 83rd street and continue to Metcalf. Take a left onto Metcalf. Once on Metcalf, continue until 101st St area. You will park across the street from Vince and Associates in the Emmanuel Baptist Church parking lot up on the hill.

#4 Vince and Associates Holiday Display (Music)

101st and Metcalf, Overland Park, KS

Tune radio to 95.5 FM

This display is set to music. Watch the height of the bushes to make sure you have a clear view or enjoy the show on the hood of your car. This light show is normally the best in sync with the music and their choice of music is always good!

From #4 to #5: Go south on Metcalf and turn right (west) onto College Blvd. Turn left onto Antioch. Neighborhood will be on your right.

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#5 Christmas Place (Neighborhood)

131st Place west of Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66213

This is by far the best neighborhood one because literally every house decorates. While there are some characters in the yard this one is very classy and just BEAUTIFUL!! Make sure you dim your lights as you go into the neighborhood and turn them back on as you pull out.

From #5 to #6 head south on Antioch back to 135th street. Turn right (west) onto 135th street. Turn Left (south) onto Switzer. The Holiday Lights at the Farmstead is located at Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead at 13800 Switzer Road. After you turn onto Switzer the Farmstead will be on your right just after the ball fields.

#6 Holiday Lights at the Farmstead (Music)

Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead 13800 Switzer Road, Overland Park, KS

Tune Radio to 90.5 FM 5-11 pm 11/26/20-1/7/2021

This one has a huge number of lights! Kind of overwhelming actually but a fun one to watch with easy parking.

From #6 to #7 go north on Antioch back to 135th street. Turn left (West) onto 135th street. Go all the way to Mur-Len Rd and turn right (north) onto Mur-Len. Turn right onto Indian Creek Parkway. The display will be on the corner and parking is tricky but this is one you will want to walk through. You can park on the street or in the business parking lot north of the display on Indian Creek Parkway.

#7 Penguin Display! (Get out and walk around)

16617 Indian Creek Parkway, Olathe, Kansas 66062

This one has an unbelievable number of blown-up penguins. It is definitely a sight to see and an experience like no other!

**If you want more neighborhood lights display, see additional options at the end. Arbor Landing and Christmas Card Lane are worth driving through if you are in the neighborhood.

From #7 to #8 Turn right onto Mur-Len Road. Turn left onto W. 127th Street. Then turn left onto E. Kansas City Rd. The community center will be on your left right after you cross Ridgeview Rd.

#8 Olathe Community Center (Get out and walk around)

1205 East Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061

Another walking park display with trees and water. Very similar to Sar-Ko-Par park display just a smaller version.

From #9 to #1: This will be your longest route without a stop. As you exit the Olathe Community Center parking lot take a left onto E. Kansas City Rd. Turn right onto N. Nelson Rd then Turn left onto E. Harold St. Turn right onto K-7 and go north until you reach W. 47th St. Turn right onto 47th Street. Turn left onto Millbrook Ct and then enjoy driving through the neighborhood. You will exit the neighborhood the same way you entered.

Total of 33 miles- 1 hour and 16 minutes to drive it straight. It would take around 4 hours to go to all 8 and spend 20 minutes at each stop or neighborhood

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Other Musical Light Display Options

Mike Arnott (Music)

12612 W. 70th Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66216

Tune radio to 107.5 FM

Turn onto 70th Street from 71st Street so the lights will be on your right.

Continue West on 70th Terrace and Dowding display will be down the same road as Arnott display on the right.

Dowding (Music)

13100 W. 70th Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66216

Round trip it is about 60 miles. It took us 4 hours to drive and watch the shows. This may be more than most families can take on in one night. Don't feel like you have to hit every single one. Pick the ones that your family will enjoy the most and make sure you take a lot of snacks!!!

Other Neighborhood Lights Display

Arbor Landing Holiday Lights (Neighborhood)

West Mur-len and 162nd Street, Olathe, KS 66062

Once you turn into the neighborhood take the 2nd right to loop around the neighborhood. There is probably more houses that decorate in this neighborhood than Christmas Place on Antioch but it isn't quite as impressive since it is not every house. It is still worth going if you want a lot of decorated house in one location.

Christmas Card Lane (Neighborhood)

West of Ridgeview and North of 151st Street Olathe, KS 66062

To go around the outside of the neighborhood: Take a left onto E. Frontier Lane. Take a right onto E. Sleepy Hollow Dr. Left onto E Butterfield Place---This neighborhood isn't as impressive as the other neighborhoods. Several of the houses do have a strong Christian theme. If you are in the neighborhood might be worth a quick drive through.

Notes

Only a handful of times have we done the tour in one night. This is possible when we start at 5:00 pm so we can be done at 9:00pm. Most years we have broken it up into 2-3 fun filled nights. These are our tried-and-true favorites. Feel free to insert or replace ours with your must-see light displays as you tour the city.

To make the night extra special bring snacks and fun drinks. We start the night with a to go supper like meat, cheese and crackers. After each stop, we bring out the next round of snacks. We try to mix in fun, special snacks with healthy ones. Water is a must but it is also important to have an extra special drink too.

[Johnson County Christmas Display](#) - This is my go-to resource from year to year to get updates on our previous favorite light displays. They give you a heads up on which ones are back and which ones are no longer available. They also give you a map of different areas of the city and what displays are worth seeing. This would be a great resource if you just want to see lights that are right around your home.

[31 Best Holiday Displays and Christmas Lights in KC](#) - each year there are several great resources that list the best displays for that year. This is one of many.