



Early Entry: Santa Days 2022

On December 3, 11, and 23, come see Santa early between 9am - 10am! Both tickets to Holidays at Filoli and advanced reservations for Early Entry are needed, so please get in touch at learning@filoli.org to reserve your spot.

Early Entry to Santa Days takes place an hour before Holidays at Filoli opens to the public, giving families a shorter wait time, reduced stimulation, and the opportunity to take their time with Santa. This program is meant for families of children, teenagers, and young adults with disabilities who are neurodiverse, autistic, or have other sensory processing disorders or cognitive disabilities.

How Early Entry Works:

Step 1: Book your individual Daily Admission Tickets

Step 2: Book one ticket per family for Early Entry for the same date

Step 3: Review the social narrative to get ready for your visit

Step 4: Email learning@filoli.org with any questions

Step 5: Arrive at 9am on the day of your reservation to meet Santa!

Only one Early Entry ticket is needed per family. An individual Daily Admission ticket with a corresponding date is needed for each member of the family. For example, if you are a family of five, you will need five Daily Admission tickets and one Early Entry ticket.

The attached social narrative is a stair-free route to Santa.

Early Entry Social Narrative

1. Entry Gate

Filoli's Main Gate will open at 9am. Follow the road, passing the gatehouse, and park in the main lot.



2. Main Parking Lot

The parking lot will be open for Early Entry only at this time, so there will be plenty of spots to choose from!



3. Walk to Kiosk

A blacktop path with olive trees on either side will lead from the parking lot to check in.



4. Check In

A Filoli staff member will check you in at our green ticket booth.



5. Bathroom Stop

If you need to use the bathroom, continue up the path towards the Visitor Center. Bathrooms are located on the left side once you enter the building.



6. Walk to Cart

A blacktop path with olive trees on either side will lead you to the Cart, where you can look at a map of the property.



7. Cart

At the Cart, you can pick up a map of the property.



8. London Planes

To the left of the Cart, you will follow the path between our London Plane trees and through the open gateway.



9. Clock Tower Courtyard

Through the gateway is the Clock Tower Courtyard, which will be filled with all sorts of plants.



10. Bourn Door

At the end of the Clocktower Courtyard is the Bourn Door. You'll walk through this to get to the Sunken Garden.



11. Sunken Garden

The Sunken Garden has a pond and lots of lights, which might be hard to see in the morning. You'll turn left when you see it and walk along the brick path.



12. Chartres Garden

Once you enter the Chartres Garden, you'll follow the gravel path until you pass through an arched doorway at the end.



13. Rose Garden

Through the doorway, turn right, and you'll walk up a path lined with trees. Follow this path until you reach the top, where you'll find the Woodland Garden Doorway.



13. Woodland Garden Doorway

The entrance to the Woodland Garden is an arched doorway surrounded by green leaves and hydrangeas. Walk through it to enter the Woodland Garden.



14. Woodland Court Entrance

Inside the Woodland Garden, turn right and follow the gravel path towards the Woodland Court. You'll find a ramp to walk up and see Santa.



15. Woodland Court Stage

Santa will be seated on a bright gold throne, surrounded by Christmas trees! There is a ramp to go see him, or stairs at the front of the stage. Santa's Head Elf will help introduce you to Santa if you would like.

