

Walk Day: What to Expect

Walk day is all about celebrating our T1D champions—here's what you need to know to make the most of the day for the T1D in your life!



Event Overview:

Once you arrive, feel free to explore the site and check everything out! There is time for teams to get settled, explore the Walk site and talk to vendors before starting the Walk. If you're living with T1D, be sure to grab your T1D identifier to show the work that you're a champion! We will kick off the event with some short announcements, our T1D Champion parade*, and then we'll be off to the Walk route. When teams return there will be activities and entertainment for walkers of all ages to keep the party going, so be sure to stick around.

Special Notes:

- Bring your Rufus the Bear and stop by the Rufus Check-Up Tent.
- Download the [Breakthrough T1D Walk App](#) for fundraising support, including check mobile deposit to expedite your offline donation processing.
- Every walker who raises \$100 earns a ticket to California's Great America for Walk Day, and a Breakthrough T1D Walk shirt which will be mailed to you.
- To expedite check-in, consider printing and signing [Great America's waiver](#) in advance.

Event Details	
Date	October 13, 2024
Time	9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Location	California's Great America - Pavilion
Address	4701 Great America Pkwy Santa Clara, CA 95054
Walk Route	The Walk will begin at 10:45AM following the opening ceremony and ribbon cutting. You can check-in as early as 9:00 a.m. <i>VIPs and Top Teams have exclusive early entry at 8:45 a.m.</i>
Length of Course	We will be walking 1.25 miles through Great America before it opens to the public! We will have a water and low blood sugar station at the halfway mark.

WALK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE



Event Schedule

8:45 AM Gates open for Top Teams and V1P participants.

9:00 AM Check-in opens for all participants.

9:00 - 10:30 AM Breakfast will be available for all participants in the indoor Pavilion.

10:00 AM Join us in the Amphitheater for our Walk program:

- Makoda's Marchers Dance Performance
- T1D Champions Parade
- Opening Ceremony
- Ribbon Cutting with East Bay Warriors and Scott Harper of Abbott

10:45 AM Walk Route through Great America opens!

11:15 AM Walk Route entrance closes. *Last time for participant entry on the Walk Route.*

11:30 AM Lunch will be available for all participants in the indoor Pavilion.

12:00 PM Great America opens to the public.

1:00 PM Walk Village closes. Event ends.

Check-In Information

When you arrive, head to the Check-In area at the Pavilion Entrance we will share everything you need to know to make the most of the day for the T1D in your life! Volunteers will be there to direct you. (All participants must be registered before entering.)

V1P Experience

Every walker who raises \$1,000 or more qualifies for V1P Status which includes all of the following...

- Special upfront parking
- Priority Check-In line
- V1P bracelet to show off on Walk Day!
- Access to the exclusive V1P Lounge
- Your name will be featured on the rolling slide show throughout the Walk Village
- Bragging rights throughout the day!

We will notify all qualified V1Ps of their status on Saturday, October 12, so look out for that email!

New Families

New families should visit the New Family Tent to meet other families and get info on Breakthrough T1D and the latest research! Look for the area with TEAL table covers!

T1D Participants

Calling all walkers with T1D!

T1D IDENTIFIERS:

Pick-up this year's T1D Identifier at the "T1D Looks Like Me" Tent right after Check-In. The 2024 T1D Identifier for T1D Champions is a blue Breakthrough T1D Warrior Wrap.

T1D CHAMPIONS PARADE:

For the second year, as part of the Opening Ceremony, we will gather ALL walkers bravely living with T1D to parade together through the Great America Amphitheater. We will honor all T1D Champions by how many years they've been a T1D Champion and cheer them on. All T1D Champions should meet us in the back area of the Amphitheater where you will find Volunteers with coordinating signs according to your years of diagnosis. We invite all our T1D Champions to join other T1Ds for the parade.

All the younger T1D Champions may be accompanied by a parent/guardian but we ask that other family & team members find a seat in the Amphitheater. There will be plenty of time after the parade for T1D Champions to make it back to their teams before the official start to ensure all families can walk the route together. Please plan for extra time on Walk Day to make sure your champion is there to get lined up with the help of our volunteers.

Food, Fun & Entertainment

Once you arrive, feel free to explore the site and check everything out! There is time for teams to get settled, explore the Walk site, and talk to vendors before starting the Walk. If you're a participant living with T1D, grab your T1D identifier to show the world that you're a champion! We will kick off the event with some short announcements, our T1D Champions Parade, and then we'll be off to the Walk Route. When teams return there will be activities and entertainment for walkers of all ages to keep the party going, so be sure to stick around.

Grab & Go breakfast items will be available inside the Pavilion until 10:00 a.m. After the Walk, we invite you to grab lunch inside the Pavilion and hang out a bit longer as our Walk Village will remain open until 1:00 pm. All food is generously donated by California's Great America. We are grateful for their support!

Team Tents

Top Teams as of October 2, 2024 will earn a private team tent on Walk Day, with a personalized team name banner. If you earn a Top Team Tent, you and your Walk Team can check in early at 8:45am! Bring decorations to decorate your tent, and/or goodies for your Walk Team!



Directions & Parking

California's Great America is located at 4701 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA. 95054

Signage and volunteers will point you in the right direction once you enter the Great America parking lot. Parking at Great America will be free before 11:30AM. If you arrive after 11:30AM, Great America will charge a \$30 parking fee.



General Driving Directions

From San Francisco

US 101 south to Great America Parkway exit (45 mi/72km);

From San Jose

US 101 north to Great America Parkway exit (3mi/5km);

From Oakland

I-880 south to 237, then west to Great America Parkway exit (45mi/72km); From Sacramento: I-80 west to I-680 south; then Highway 237 west to Great America Parkway exit (142mi/229km).

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a fundraising minimum? Nope! You can create a team and set a fundraising goal that you are comfortable with. Our staff and volunteers are here to help you reach your goals, no matter what level you set. Whether you raise \$10 or \$1,000, every dollar raised through Breakthrough T1D Walk brings us closer to cures and we can't wait to announce the total our teams have raised on Walk Day. While there is no fundraising minimum, walkers who raise \$100 or more will receive the official (and collectible) Walk t-shirt and a ticket to enter California's Great America Park for Walk Day!

Do I need to register my child/children for the walk? All participants must register and complete the online waiver. Please plan to register your child/children at the time of an adult registration.

How do I earn a t-shirt? Register for Walk and raise or donate \$100 as an individual. Once you have raised \$100, your t-shirt will be mailed directly to the address used at registration.

What if I have donations on Walk Day? We strongly encourage all donations to be turned in before Walk Day to ensure you get as many Breakthrough T1D Walk incentives as possible, including the NEW pre-event redemption items. Plus, you don't have to worry about carrying cash or checks around. We will have QR codes throughout the walk site for anyone wanting to make an online donation on Walk Day too! The NEW Breakthrough T1D Walk App provides the opportunity for mobile check deposit.

If you do have donations, please stop at the Breakthrough T1D Info Tent at the entrance of the Walk site and a volunteer will help collect those donations.

What if it rains on Walk Day? Walk is a rain or shine event, so come prepared for whatever weather is scheduled. We will do our best to monitor any severe situations should they arise.

What do I wear? Dress for comfort! Walkers will often wear jeans, athleisure wear, sneakers (or boots), sweatshirts/jackets and t-shirts! Often, team captains will create t-shirts for the whole group to wear! This makes your team easily identifiable to each other and sparks comradery. Otherwise, we recommend wearing your official Breakthrough T1D Walk t-shirt (see prizes and incentives) or an old JDRF One Walk t-shirt!

What is there to do at the Walk? We have lots of exciting things happening on Walk Day! There will be games and entertainment, as well as the opportunity to visit vendor booths, our, Activity Zone, V1P Lounge, food, and more! Walk Day is one big celebration of all of your accomplishments, and it is a great time to meet your local T1D community and make new friends! If this is your first Breakthrough T1D Walk, don't miss visiting the Breakthrough T1D Tents!

How will I turn in my cash & check donations? If you have checks, we encourage you to use the NEW Breakthrough T1D Walk app to utilize the mobile check deposit feature. Utilizing this feature will allow you to immediately see your thermometer rise and earn pre-walk day incentives. If you are unable to use the mobile app feature, you can mail them to the Breakthrough T1D office at PO Box 1535, Hagerstown, MD 21741-1535. Please include a note with your team name, and what participant to credit the donation to (if applicable). If you have cash, we suggest you convert it to a check and mail it to the office, or consider making an online donation instead.

Are there emergency services on site? Yes! We have a first-aid tent and a medical team on site to assist in the case of any emergency.

Are dogs allowed? Only service dogs are allowed at California's Great America, per their park rules.

What should I bring with me? We recommend bringing walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen, plus your reusable water bottle. If you have a team banner you decorated, or team shirts, show your team pride!

BREAKTHROUGH T1D STAFF:

Breakthrough T1D staff will be wearing TEAL Walk t-shirts on Walk Day! If you need anything at all, feel free to ask one of us or you can email Judy Parra at jparra@breakthroughT1D.org before Walk Day.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 13!

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