



## Field Trips to the U.S. Botanic Garden



## Planning Your Field Trip

SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS

You are welcome to bring your students to the U.S. Botanic Garden for a self-guided exploration of our gardens. While not required, we would like to know where you are coming from. Please click [here](#) to complete a field trip form. Click [Self-Guided Field Trips](#) to discover the many resources available to you during your field trip.

GUIDED FIELD TRIPS

**Thank you for your interest in a guided field trip to the United States Botanic Garden. We are booked for guided field trips through the end of the 2018 academic year. We would love to have you at the Garden for a Self-Guided field trip. Please review our Self-Guided options above and complete a field trip request form. \*Please start taking reservations for Summer/ Fall 2018.**

For schools visiting with 60 or fewer students, we have a number of hands-on plant science lessons to enhance your field trip experience. Click [Guided Field Trips](#) for more information.

## Field Trip Guidelines

### Arrival

For groups participating in a **guided field trip**:

- Please identify a field trip lead.
- Group leads are responsible for arriving **ten minutes** before scheduled activities.
- Group leads should report to the front desk of the main Conservatory building at 100 Maryland Ave. SW for check-in.
- After check-in, group leaders should follow directions provided by front desk staff. Groups are to remain together until greeted by our educational staff.

### Late Arrivals

- Groups participating in a **guided field trip**, arriving **thirty minutes** or more past their scheduled time, cannot be guaranteed a lesson. Please let us know if you are running late or if there are any unforeseen circumstances.

## Expectations

- Teachers and chaperones are responsible for ensuring the group's appropriate behavior throughout the entire visit.
- Students must be accompanied by an adult at all times. We recommend you break into small groups, with one adult per every six students.
- Please have your students stay on the paths at all times. This is true in our Conservatory and while visiting our outdoor gardens.
- Please stagger your visits to the restrooms to avoid overcrowding.

## Lunch Areas

- Groups are not permitted to eat in the Conservatory.
- Storage space for lunches is not available.
- Your group is welcome to eat in our outdoor garden spaces. If eating in these spaces, please bring trash bags to "pack-out" your waste. Remember that our outdoor gardens are part of our museum. Please remind students to remain on the paths at all times.

## Accessibility

The U.S. Botanic Garden strives to make its facilities and programming accessible to all visitors to ensure a successful museum visit. Our [Accessibility information](#).

## Getting to the Garden / Transportation

### School Buses

LOADING and UNLOADING of students must occur at the east curb at Garfield Circle located at 1st St SW and Maryland Ave SW (just east of the Conservatory).

### Public Transportation

The easiest way to reach us by Metrorail is by taking either the Orange, Blue, or Silver line to the Federal Center SW station. Exit the station, walk north for two blocks, cross Independence Avenue, and continue one more block to Maryland Ave. Look toward the Capitol and you will see the glass dome of the Conservatory entrance is on Maryland Avenue.

Metrobuses #32, 34, and 36 stop behind the Conservatory at Independence Ave and First Street SW. We encourage taking public transportation; you can also take a taxi.

### Parking

Metered street parking spaces are available within a few blocks of the U.S. Botanic Garden. A limited number of accessible spaces are available in front of the Conservatory on Maryland Ave SW.

### Hours and Admission

The Garden is open daily from 10 am - 5 pm. Admission is FREE.

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