



Field Trips to the U.S. Botanic Garden



Planning Your Field Trip

Guided Field Trips are fully booked for the 2016/2017 academic school year. Please explore our [Self-Guided Field Trip](#) page.

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 more about your group. [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

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](#) to learn more.

Before you arrive

Chaperones

One adult chaperone is recommended for every six students.

Field Trip Etiquette

We need your help in protecting our living plant museum:

- Every student under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- We recommend you break into small groups with one adult per six students and that each group start in a different location of the Garden. Adult chaperones must accompany all students at all times.
- 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.

We have plants from around the world in our collection. We are a living collection. Please remind your students to:

- Enjoy the plants with their eyes and to not touch the plants or objects on display

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](#).

Food

We encourage schools to have their lunch prior to arrival or after your Garden visit, due to having very limited outdoor space and no indoor space for eating.

Hours and Admission

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

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. 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.

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