



BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

2021 Group Tour Information

Safety First: We are a COVID-compliant facility.

The Berkshire Botanical Garden welcomes groups to tour the Garden, consistent with our mission *“to fulfill the community’s need for information, education and inspiration concerning the art and science of gardening and the preservation of our local environment”*. The Garden is a 24-acre jewel in the Berkshires comprised of two dozen display gardens, all with distinct characteristics. Our gardens are designed with beauty and aesthetics in mind, highlighting plants that thrive in the Berkshires. The gardens serve as a living classroom with well-labeled plant material, and are an inspiration for all visitors. Seating is available throughout, allowing the visitor to find a shady or sunny spot to contemplate the Garden.

Berkshire Botanical Garden is a not-for-profit, membership and admission-supported educational organization. The Garden offers spectacular beauty from May to October. We suggest that you allow a minimum of an hour and a half to tour the Garden and Visitor Center.

During your visit, be sure to include these highlights:

- Historic Herb Garden, est. 1937, contains over 100 varieties of herbs.
- Enchanting Procter Garden, an old-fashioned mixed border garden.
- Pond and Rock Gardens, home to plants that thrive in specific environments.
- Towering Arboretum, a diverse selection of native and exotic tree species.
- A collection of stunning seasonal displays including fruit and vegetable beds, bulbs, annuals, grasses, vines, perennials, blooming shrubs and trees, and ground covers.

Educational Programs

BBG offers a choice of demonstrations led by our education and horticulture staff or Master Gardeners. Custom presentations or demonstrations are available for groups with advance request. If your group is interested in adding this to your Garden tour experience, please contact our Education Director to discuss availability and cost. Bridgette Stone, 413-354-8410 or bstone@berkshirebotanical.org

Group Tour Options

Group Tour special admission rates apply to groups of 10 or more with advance registration and a \$50 deposit. There is no charge for bus driver and group leader. Additional options include a guide, educational program and box lunch.

- ☼ **Self-Guided Tour:** Explore the Garden at your own pace. Scheduled daily.

Group size 10-30: \$14 per person

- 🌿 **Guided Garden Tour:** Led by experienced Garden Guides, these walking tours give an in-depth interpretation of the gardens, including seasonal highlights. Tours are 45-60 minutes, and visitors are encouraged to stay and explore on their own. Scheduled daily, subject to availability of guides.
Group size 10-30 \$14 per person plus: \$50 deposit for less than 10 ppl
\$100 deposit for 11-20 ppl
\$150 deposit for 21-30 ppl
- 🌿 **Educational Programs:** Garden staff will provide a 40-minute talk and demonstration focused on seasonal gardening topics. Topics include Container Gardens, Propagating Plants and Garden to Table Culinary Delights.
- 🌿 **Customized Programs:** Designed for groups with specific interests. For more information, please contact our Education Director: Bridgette Stone 413-354-8410
- 🌿 **Group Lunches:** Boxed lunch options are available from The Red Lion Inn. Contact us for menus and details. Picnic tables are available in the Garden and an indoor dining area is available in case of inclement weather.

To reserve a group tour, please complete the information on the last page of this document and return with deposit or full payment to: **Berkshire Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 826, Stockbridge, MA 01262.**

Additional Group Tour Information

Garden Visitors Center: Our Visitors Center offers historical and educational information about the Garden as well as gardening books, tools, gifts for home and garden, cold beverages and snacks. Allow time to browse!

Handicap Accessibility: Our terrain is generally wheelchair-friendly. Paths are crushed stone, some are slightly inclined, and heavy rainstorms can temporarily make some paths difficult to traverse.

Hours: The Garden is staffed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily; however, tours may be scheduled outside of usual hours if needed. Our visitor season extends from May 1 through Columbus Day. Limited free bus parking is available.

Payment: We accept cash, check or credit card. To reserve a group tour, a \$50 deposit is required at least one month ahead of tour date. Groups may pay in full in advance or the balance upon arrival.

Cancellation Policy: Provide a minimum of 48 hour's notice if you must cancel your visit.

Refund Policy: Deposits are non-refundable. If full payment was made in advance, 100% refund if cancelled more than 2 weeks ahead of tour, and 50% refund if cancelled between 7 and 14 days in advance of tour (less deposit). No refund for cancellations within 7 days of tour.

Location: The Garden is located in the heart of the Berkshires, at the intersection of Routes 102 & 183, 2 miles west from the center of Stockbridge and just around the corner from the Norman Rockwell Museum and Chesterwood, the summer estate and studio of American sculptor Daniel Chester French. Combined tours with these institutions can be arranged with notice.

Masks: Masks are required to be worn regardless of vaccination status.

Final Payment \$ _____

Method: Check/CC/Cash

Received: ____/____/____