



# BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

## 2019 Group Tour Information

Berkshire Botanical Garden warmly welcomes tour groups, 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 15-acre jewel in the Berkshires comprised of 25 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 visitors to find a shady or sunny spot to relax and 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, Center House, and Visitor Center.

During your visit, be sure to include these garden 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.
- The new topiary collection recently donated to the Garden and considered one of the finest collections of topiaries in North America. It includes 21 large, custom-designed topiaries in nine different vignettes.

Indoors, BBG’s newly renovated and expanded Center House, one of the oldest structures in Stockbridge features a “living wall” entryway, exhibition space, a classroom and teaching kitchen, and a horticultural library for members. The Center House Leonhardt Galleries will feature Asian-inspired art by contemporary abstract painter Nancy Lorenz from June 1 – September 30.

## Special 2019 Events

Throughout the year, the Garden organizes several special events. You may want to plan a visit for one of these weekends during 2019; however, guided Garden tours will not be available at these times. Self-guided audio tours are available every day throughout the season.

- Bulb Show — March 4 - March 22
- May 4 & 5 — Daffodil Show
- June 1 – September 30 — Asian-inspired art by contemporary abstract painter Nancy Lorenz
- June 8 — Official opening of *Lucy's Garden*, a permanent collection of 21 topiaries
- Plant Sale — May 10 & 11
- Grow Show and Contained Exuberance — August 10 & 11
- Harvest Festival — October 12 & 13
- Holiday Marketplace — December 7 & 8

We look forward to welcoming you at Berkshire Botanical Garden!

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PO Box 826  
5 West Stockbridge Road (intersection of Routes 102 & 183)  
Stockbridge, MA 01262

## 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 the bus driver and group leader. Limited free bus parking is available. Additional options include a tour guide, custom programming and box lunch.

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

Group size 10-29: \$12 per person

Group size 30 or more: \$11 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 10-29: \$13 per person

Group size 30 or more: \$12 per person

**Customized Programs:** Designed for groups with specific interests. For more information, contact our Education Director, Chris Wellens, at 413-298-3926 ext. 20.

**School Group Tours:** BBG provides discounted rates for teachers wishing to bring their class on a field trip. Contact the Education Department at 413-298-3926 ext. 20.

**Group Lunches:** A variety of boxed lunch options are available from local venues. 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 Visitor 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; however, paths are crushed stone, some are inclined, and heavy rainstorms can temporarily make some paths difficult to traverse.

**Hours:** The Garden is staffed from 9:00am to 5:00pm daily. Tours may be scheduled outside of usual hours if needed. Our visitor season extends from May 1 through Columbus Day.

**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 hours 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, 5 West Stockbridge Road, at the intersection of Routes 102 & 183, in Stockbridge, MA. This is 2 miles west of 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 can be arranged with notice.

**GROUP TOUR AGREEMENT & RESERVATION FORM**

Reservations are required in advance, and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the information below and return with deposit. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt.

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Via: Bus/Van/Car(s)

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #:Home/Work: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone#: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**MY GROUP WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE:** (See Tour Options for cost)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Self-Guided Tour:** # in Group \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guided Tour:** # in Group \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Customized Program** (please call for details), additional deposit of \$50 is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Send Box Lunch information** for my group

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required for tour reservations. Full payment may be made in advance or balance upon arrival. We accept cash, check or credit card. Please make check payable to Berkshire Botanical Garden and return with this signed form to: P.O. Box 826, Stockbridge, MA 01262. Please call 413-298-3926 ext. 10 or email info@berkshirebotanical.org with any questions.

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Signature of Tour Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ( ) Visa ( ) MC ( ) AmEx ( ) Discover Deposit Paid:\$\_\_\_\_\_

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Final Payment \$\_\_\_\_\_ Method: Check/CC/Cash Received: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_