

## Welcome!

The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum. Our collections of plants, their leaves, flowers, fruits, and labels should not be removed or disturbed. We grow again and again, to watch us grow and see our ever-changing exhibits.

## Admission

**Admission to the U.S. Botanic Garden is free.** The Conservatory and National Garden are open every day of the year from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and extended evening hours staying open until 7 p.m. from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Bartholdi Park is open every day of the year from dawn till dusk.

Our Visitor Services desk in the Conservatory lobby is staffed each day to assist you:

- Take advantage of our *Plant Explorer's Field Journal* for an educational and fun experience.
- Ask for a *Junior Botanist* kid's backpack of exploration, for ages nine and above.
- Obtain a wheelchair for use around the Conservatory. We also have outdoor wheelchairs for in gravel areas in the National Garden and Bartholdi Park.
- Find out details on upcoming tours and special programs and events at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

## Hours and Location

Visit our [Hours and Location](#) page for opening hours and directions.

## Exhibits

The U.S. Botanic offers a wide range of exhibits throughout the year. Find out what's on right now and what's coming soon.

## Photography and Sketching

Visitors are permitted to take photographs of the public areas at the U.S. Botanic Garden for personal use only, and must be taken with hand-held camera. Professional photography and such photographs is strictly prohibited.

- Hand-held film cameras, video cameras or lap easels for sketching may be used at any time, as long as they do not affect the public's enjoyment of the exhibits.
- For permission to use tripods, easels or art material containing solvents during the week, please reserve a permit in advance by contacting [Laura](#). Permits are obtained onsite at the Visitor Information Services desk in the Conservatory.
- We do not allow visitors to do photoshoots or videoshoots at the Garden.
- Please read the full [Photography and Art Policy](#) for more details.

## 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](#) page provides more information.

## Dining

There are no dining facilities at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Many months of the year, we install tables and chairs on the Conservatory Terrace, in the National Garden, and Bartholdi Park, and we invite you to bring lunch and enjoy being outdoors. The closest dining options are located at the National Museum of the American Indian, the House Office Buildings or the Capitol Visitor Center. In addition, restaurants can be found on Third Street SW, near the Federal Center SW metro station.

## Gift Shop

There is no gift shop at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Nearby gift shops are located at the Capitol Visitor Center, the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. Visit our page about them at Visiting Capitol Hill and to learn more about other places of interest across Capitol Hill.

### **Private Functions**

The U.S. Botanic Garden facilities are not available for rental for weddings or other private functions. Policies governing Congressionally sponsored events are available on the U.S. Botanic Garden website. For more information, please contact the Joint Committee on the Library. For more detailed information, please contact [Laura Anthony](#).

### **School Groups**

School groups interested in visiting the U.S. Botanic Garden, please visit our [Field Trip](#) page to plan your field trip.

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