



UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA
BOTANICAL GARDEN
at BERKELEY

The UC Botanical Garden is a non-profit research garden and museum for the University of California at Berkeley, having a notably diverse plant collection including many rare and endangered plants. Established in 1890, the Garden, which is open to the public year round, has over 12,000 taxa from around the world, cultivated by region in naturalistic landscapes over its 34 acres.

Dear Tour Group:

Thank you for scheduling a docent-led tour of the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley. Your invoice and directions to the Garden are enclosed. Everyone must stay on the paths at all times, must not break off, collect or eat plant parts and must observe all Garden rules as posted throughout the Garden.

DOCENTS (Tour Guides): Your group will be hosted by Garden Volunteer Docents. They are very knowledgeable and eager to share what they know.

ARRIVAL TIME: Plan on arriving 15 minutes before your tour begins. Tours begin promptly at arranged time. Late arrivals will result in an abbreviated or canceled tour. Tours are generally one hour long, unless otherwise indicated on the tour brochure. If you think you may be late, call the Garden Kiosk immediately at 510-642-7082.

PARKING: Park in the University parking lot which is about 50 yards up the hill and across the road from the Garden entrance. Parking is \$1 per hour, payable at either of two parking meters installed in the lot. Allow a minimum of two hours for parking. Be mindful of the time; the lot is patrolled regularly by UC Parking & Transportation.

MOBILITY ISSUES / SPECIAL NEEDS: If a member of your group has mobility issues or special needs, please notify the Tour Coordinator ahead of time so that we may help facilitate your visit. Available at gardentours@berkeley.edu or (510) 643-7265.

WHAT TO WEAR: Since weather in Strawberry Canyon can be unpredictable, jackets or sweaters are a good idea. The site is hilly with many unpaved paths. Wear sturdy walking shoes.

WEATHER: Your group will be given a tour, rain or shine. Rain ponchos are provided if needed.

CANCELLATIONS: Please let us know ASAP if you must cancel your visit. This will allow us to accommodate groups on our waiting list. See invoice for refund policy. If you think you may be late, call the Garden Kiosk immediately at 510-642-7082.

INFORMATION: Contact the Volunteer & Tour Coordinator, weekdays 9 am to 5 pm at 510-643-7265 or gardentours@berkeley.edu.



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We're Glad You're Here! The University of California Botanical Garden is a living museum; it is not a park or recreational space. This research garden is famous for its diverse collection of plants - many of them rare and endangered in the wild.

For everyone's enjoyment of the Garden, for your safety, the comfort of others and the protection of the Garden, please adhere to the following rules:

- **Stay on the designated paths and out of the planting beds. Do not climb trees, boulders or walls.**
- ***Do not pick, pick up or move, anything.* View and enjoy the flowers, fruits, seeds and leaves, but leave everything for others to enjoy too.**
- **Supervise children carefully. Horseplay and running in the Garden, including the Mather Redwood Grove, are not permitted.**
- **Do not eat plants or fruits. Many plants are poisonous.**
- **Do not disturb the wildlife.**
- **Enjoy your picnic only at a picnic table, bench or on the lawn.**
- **No smoking in the Garden - indoors and outdoors.**
- **No fires of any kind are allowed in the Garden.**
- **No animals, other than service animals, are allowed in the Garden or in the buildings.**
- **Use recycling and garbage containers. Garbage bags are available at the entrance Kiosk.**
- **No sporting equipment or sports activities are allowed in the Garden.**
- **Professional photographers must obtain a permit from the entrance Kiosk before photographing the Garden.**
- **No playing of musical instruments is allowed. Use sound equipment only with earphones in the Garden.**
- **Artists should not block pathway access for other visitors. Keep easels and chairs out of planting beds. Use trash receptacles for disposal of paints or any waste water. Be mindful that the main loop is used for vehicular traffic.**

Thank you!



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Directions to UC Botanical Garden

From Interstate 80

- Take **University Avenue Exit** toward the hills until it dead ends at Oxford Street
- Turn Left on **Oxford Street** and travel to the Second Stoplight
- Turn Right on **Hearst Avenue** and travel to the Third Stoplight
- Turn Right on **Gayley/La Loma Road** and travel to the First Stop Sign
- Turn Left on **Stadium Rim Way** and travel to the Second Stop Sign
- Turn Left on **Centennial Drive** (Garden address is 200 Centennial Drive)
- The Garden entrance is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile up Centennial Drive on the Right at a Stoplight
- The Parking lot entrance is just past the stoplight on the Left hand side

From Walnut Creek

- Take **Fish Ranch Rd. Exit from Highway 24**
- Follow signs towards **Tilden Park**, until you reach a stop sign at the top.
- Turn Right on **Grizzly Peak Blvd**
- Turn Left on **Centennial Dr**
(Look for sign to Lawrence Hall of Science and U.C. Botanical Garden)
- Go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the Botanical Garden, past the Lawrence Hall of Science.
- The Parking lot entrance is on right-hand side, just before Garden entrance on the left.

From Dwight Way

- Take **Dwight Way east**, past Piedmont
- Turn Left on **Prospect**
- Turn Right on **Centennial Dr**
- The Garden entrance is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile up Centennial Drive on the Right at a Stoplight
- The Parking lot entrance is just past the stoplight on the Left hand side

UC parking fee is \$1 per hour

The Garden is closed the First Tuesday of every month

For more information, call (510) 642-7082



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Parking Machine Payment Instructions

NOTE: You cannot add time until your time has run out.

1. Enter your license plate number on keypad, then press enter.
2. Pay with either cash or credit card. Accepts nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar coins, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, & \$20 dollar bills. Accepts American Express, Mastercard, and Visa.

- **NOTE: NO CHANGE IS GIVEN**

- If you are paying with credit card: insert your card face-

up and remove quickly. Press buttons (Add \$0.25, Add \$1, Max Time) to add time.

3. Press **green** button to complete the transaction and print public parking ticket.
4. Collect receipt
You do not need to place receipt on dash.

Please note:

The UC Parking and Transportation department operates this lot and the parking machine. If you have problems or questions, please notify the UC Botanical Garden Entrance Kiosk.