

Media Advisory

Royal Botanical Gardens opens outdoor gardens to General Admission starting Friday, June 5

BURLINGTON ON, June 3, 2020 – As part of a phased reopening, Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) will be opening its outdoor garden areas to the public beginning Friday, June 5. Garden areas include Hendrie Park, Laking Garden, David Braley and Nancy Gordon Rock Garden and the Arboretum and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admission at 4 p.m.), seven days a week.

RBG is welcoming its community to experience the beauty of the Gardens in a safe and respectful manner as it continues a phased reopening by providing access to these celebrated outdoor gardens. RBG Centre and the Rock Garden Visitor Centre will be open only to provide access to garden areas. Building amenities and areas such as the Mediterranean Garden remain closed to the public.

Hours and Admission Rates

Hours:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admission at 4 p.m.), 7 days a week

Admission:

Adult: \$18

Senior/Student: \$15

Child (4-12): \$10

Family rate (2 adults and up to 2 children under 18): \$40

RBG Members: FREE

(parking is included in general admission)

RBG recognizes the importance of connecting with nature during these times, however the safety of all guests, staff and volunteers remains a top priority, and as such access to each outdoor garden area will be provided through the following measures:

- **Admission at entry is limited to debit and credit transactions.** General admission tickets are available online at rbg.ca but no priority access will be given to a pre-purchased ticket.
- **Express lines for members will be available** at RBG Centre (access to Hendrie Park only), Rock Garden and Arboretum entrances.
- Please follow the directions of all parking signs to prevent crowding.
- For everyone's safety, please **follow the guidance of all directional and social distancing signage**, and instructions for washroom safety, while making your way through each garden area.

- **Some areas within each garden will remain closed** to foot traffic in order to prevent crowding.
- As RBG is a popular attraction during this time of year, and with added safety protocols, we appreciate our visitors' patience and understanding as we may experience longer than usual wait times.
- **Last admission to each outdoor garden area will be 4 p.m.**
- Dogs are permitted and must always be leashed. Please clean up after your pet.
- **RBG will be offering a light “grab and go” menu** at the David Braley and Nancy Gordon Rock Garden (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) as well as the Turner Pavilion Teahouse at Hendrie Park (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- For health and safety of our visitors, hand washing and sanitizing stations and washroom facilities accessible from the outdoors will be available on site. RBG staff and volunteers will be following safety protocols and wearing PPE and recommend that our visitors do the same.

Please see the [full re-opening FAQ at rbg.ca](#) for more detailed information.

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) is the largest botanical garden in Canada, a National Historic Site, and registered charitable organization with a mandate to bring together people, plants and nature.

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