Group Tours
2020
**RBG experiences for all your senses**

**Best in Bloom**
RBG's five display gardens offer visitors an unparalleled sensory experience for every season. Whether your group are gardening experts or simply appreciates nature's beauty, a trip to the Gardens is a dream come true.

**Mediterranean Garden** — YEAR ROUND
Two landscaped levels showcasing cultivars of native and exotic Mediterranean plants, and home to the Cacti and Succulent Collection. The Breezeway entry features seasonal designs.

**David Braley & Nancy Gordon Rock Garden** — APRIL TO OCTOBER
The internationally recognized RBG Rock Garden which opened in 1931 re-opened in 2016 after a $20M renovation and expansion, and is one of North America’s top five garden experience destinations.
- New fully accessible paths
- Extensive water features and three new garden areas
- A state-of-the-art visitor centre and cafe featuring fresh and locally sourced ingredients, many found in RBG’s garden!

**Laking Garden** — MAY TO OCTOBER
Spectacular features include Iris and Peony collections, a stunning sculptural display of Clematis species and cultivars, Barbara Laking Memorial Heritage Garden, collections of hostas, ornamental grasses and season-long perennials.

**Hendrie Park** — MAY TO OCTOBER
At the heart of Hendrie Park is a pair of calming reflecting pools and a relaxing teahouse surrounded by the newly rejuvenated Rose Garden. Hendrie Park also includes the Helen M. Kippax Garden, Medicinal Garden, Lily Collection, Veggie Village 100 Mile Produce Garden, as well as The Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection.

**Arboretum** — YEAR ROUND
Delight your senses with over 700 variety of lilac species and cultivars — one of the most diverse collections in the world. The Arboretum is also home to a variety of flowering trees and shrubs, with many links to our trail system.

**Hit the Trails**
Join an RBG guide on a half-day hike through some spectacular and diverse landscapes that make this area unique. The program combines physical challenge with nature learning and can be tailored to complement desired topics, or simply left to focus on the experience and follow the participants’ curiosity.

**Holiday Traditions** featuring the RBG Train Show
NOVEMBER TO JANUARY
Experience Canada’s best botanical model train installation and weekends filled with seasonal activities including musical entertainment, local school and adult choirs, and light and model train displays.
Tour Rates

Admission:
- Adult $13.50
- Senior (65+)/Student (13–17) $11.25
- Child (4–12) $7.50

- For a guided tour, add a flat rate of $50 per guide, to your group admission (minimum 15 participants)
- Tours typically run from 1 to 2 hours
- All prices include HST and are in Canadian Funds (gratuity where applicable)
- Caregivers are admitted FREE, every paid admission (1 to 1)
- Driver and escort receive complimentary admission and bus parking is FREE

* Rates subject to change

Booking your Tour

Please follow these guidelines for booking your next group tour:
- Fifteen (15) or more people qualifies as a group tour.
- Tours must be booked at least three (3) weeks in advance of requested tour date.
- To guarantee the date requested, the group tour agreement form must be returned along with a 25% deposit. The deposit is credited to the tour’s final invoice balance.
- Final guest count and payment balance are due two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled tour date and must be in ONE form of payment, either cheque/cash/credit card. Confirmation of payment is sent to the client via email.
- Garden tour guides are scheduled based on group size. Last minute additions may affect the group’s experience. Extra lunches are subject to availability.
- RBG cannot guarantee availability of tour guides for changes made to guided tours with less than 48 hours notice.

Cancellations

There are no refunds for any guest(s) cancellations or no-shows on the day of the scheduled tour. Tours may be cancelled and/or postponed by the Gardens due to inclement weather and an alternate visit date is scheduled. If you must cancel your group tour visit, please email grouptours@rbg.ca and allow 15 working days to receive your refund.

Group Guidelines

Upon arrival, your group leader must check in with RBG Centre staff to confirm guest count for the day and receive group stamp. If your group is larger than 15 people, your group will be divided accordingly, in order to maximize the visitor experience. It is recommended that guests wear appropriate shoes and clothing for active outdoor walking.
TRAVEL DISTANCE FROM RBG CENTRE TO:

- Laking Garden = 1 km drive along Plains Rd. West
- Rock Garden = 1.75 km drive; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd.
- Arboretum = 3 km drive; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd. to Old Guelph Rd.
- The Fishway = 7 km drive, plus 0.8 km walk; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd., right on Dundurn St., right on King St., right on Macklin St., park at Princess Point, walk to Fishway (no direct vehicle access from York Blvd.)