

2021 Groups & Classes Visiting The Arboretum

Thanks for your interest in taking advantage of the learning opportunities afforded on the grounds of The Arboretum. Visiting groups and classes that plan to be on the grounds must complete and submit the following form and agree to abide by our rules. Please make members of your group aware of The Arboretum's mission to showcase Kentucky landscapes and to serve as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research and conservation.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Person making request: _____ Email Address: _____

Instructor/Leader/Teacher (while at The Arboretum): _____

Instructor/Leader/Teacher cell phone number: _____

Organization/Office number: _____

UK Department name (or other organizational name): _____

Course number: _____

Course name or educational objective: _____

Date of Visit: _____ Time of Visit: _____

Number of Visitors: _____

Age Category (i.e. graduate level, undergraduate, high school, senior citizens, etc.): _____

GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY VISITING THE ARBORETUM

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The **Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center** is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Restrooms in the Visitor Center operate with the same hours.
2. **Additional restrooms** are open daily from dawn to dusk. These facilities are located near the entrance to the Kentucky Children's Garden.
3. In case of rain or inclement weather, please note that neither groups nor classes may shelter or meet inside the Visitor Center.
4. **Water fountains** are located inside the Visitor Center, near the outdoor restrooms, and next to the shed in the Home Demonstration Garden.
5. There are six **picnic tables** available on a first come-first served basis. These tables are located in shady area near the Visitor Center.
6. **Parking** is limited and carpooling is highly recommended. You may park either in our paved lot or in the grass overflow lot immediately adjacent to the paved lot. Please do not park on the grass medians, along the drive or in any unmarked spot.
7. **Buses** must park in the either of our parking lots. Please **do not park** in the circle in front of the Visitor Center or in the travel lanes.

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE

8. Per UK policy, all visitors (children and adults) **regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask or covering over the mouth and nose when inside the Visitor Center.**
9. Per UK policy, all visitors (children and adults) **MUST maintain 6 to 10 feet of physical distance from others**—students, visitors and staff. If you cannot maintain 6 to 10 feet of physical distance from others, visitors must wear a mask or covering over the mouth and nose.
10. Arboretum visitors must follow all UK policies.

AT ALL TIMES

11. Per UK guidelines, no firearms, alcohol, smoking, vaping or tobacco products are allowed.
12. Per UK guidelines, no fires, flames or grilling.
13. Prior approval must be obtained for the following:
 - a. Removal of any plant, plant part or label (fungi, soil, leaves, fruit, nuts, bark, tree coring or sampling, etc.).
 - b. Alteration of any plant, plant part or label (including hammocks in trees, tying of branches, placing items in plants, etc.).
 - c. Collection of animals and/or insects.
14. Organized training and other group activities that interfere with visitors' activities are not allowed.
15. No organized events are allowed without prior approval.
16. Dogs **must be leashed at all times**. Please pick up and dispose of dog waste in waste receptacles.
17. Please do not litter! Waste and recycling receptacles are located in multiple locations throughout The Arboretum.
18. Bicycling is allowed on the Bellefonte Drive connector path and down the entrance drive.
19. Bicycling is not allowed on the paved 2-mile path through the Walk Across Kentucky Native Plant Collection.
20. Wheelchairs and strollers are allowed on the 2-mile path. All other motorized vehicles are prohibited.
21. Wheeled vehicles such as skateboards, roller blades, and scooters are prohibited on the paved 2-mile path to ensure visitor safety.

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