Staff-led introduction to the Garden (groups, visiting without a docent, are required to have a staff-led introduction to the Garden so we may help to facilitate your visit. All K-12 student groups, except for organized groups due to limited space.)

Special Garden Tour Programs: Each student $7.50.
In-School Programs: $75 for one presentation or $60 each for two presentations given on the same day.

- Payment must be received by the 15th of the month prior to your tour to secure your date. Changes are allowed up to the 15th of the month prior to your date. Credit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to UC Regents.
- Paid parking is available in a UC controlled lot across the street from the Garden.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR, GROUP VISIT, OR IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Please call 510-643-7265 or email gardentours@berkeley.edu to schedule a tour or for more information.

- All docent-led tours and in-school programs must be scheduled by the 15th of the month prior to your desired date. Children’s tours require sufficient adult chaperones.
- Tours or presentations may be scheduled mornings or afternoons each day of the week except for First Closed Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 1:30 PM. These tours are not for organized groups due to limited space. The Garden’s Education staff and docents have created several self-guided tour brochures for visitor exploration through the Garden any time.
- Ethnobotanical collections include the Crops of the World Garden, Herb Garden, Chinese Medicinal Herb Garden, and the Garden of Old Roses. Glass houses contain special collections of cacti and succulents, orchids, ferns, carnivorous plants, and tropical plants.

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SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR

GARDEN TOUR FEES
Children $6.50
College Students $6.50
Adults $12
Seniors (65+) $10
For Adults and Seniors a minimum fee of $100 per group.

GARDEN TOURS

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– Parents Press, 2014

GARDEN ETIQUETTE

While in the Garden, please note: The Garden is a living museum for the public to enjoy and respect, please stay on the paths and out of the Garden beds. Do not pick, pick up or move any plant material or items in the Garden. The exception of trained service animals are prohibited.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Commercial photography is prohibited without written permission. For educational and outreach purposes, we sometimes photograph visitors. Your entry to the Garden grants permission for our use of these images (with the exception of children under 18 years of age).

ACCESSIBILITY

Due to the steep slopes and stairs, portions of the grounds may not be accessible to everyone. For more information, contact 510-643-2755 or email garden@berkeley.edu

CONTACT

200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720-5045
(midway between the UC Berkeley Memorial Stadium and Lawrence Hall of Science). Call 510-643-2755 or visit http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu for directions.

HOURS

The Garden is open from 9 am - 5 pm every day, except major holidays, and the first Tuesday of every month. Check our website for special closures. The Mather Redwood Grove and glass houses close at 4:30 pm. No entry after 4:30 pm.

ADMISSION

Check our website for current rates.

Mission Statement: To develop and maintain a diverse living collection of plants to support teaching and worldwide research in plant biology, further the conservation of plant diversity, and promote public understanding and appreciation of plants and the natural environment.
With a mission to inspire public understanding and appreciation of plants and the natural environment, docents of the UC Botanical Garden provide engaging educational tours for children and adult groups year round. These knowledgeable and enthusiastic docents have completed an intensive training program on botany, ethnobotany, ecology, specific tour topics and interpretation techniques.

Each tour is a unique experience that combines plants at their seasonal best, a variety of topics, and your group’s interests.

Children’s tours are aligned with national and state education standards. Teacher materials are provided with tours and are included with your confirmation and invoice.

All of the tours listed in this brochure can be modified for an adult audience.

**ADULT TOURS**

**Plants of the World: General Tour of the Garden**
Explore the Garden’s incredible diversity of plants from six continents, including environments as diverse as deserts, tropical forests, redwood forests, and wetlands. Each tour is a personalized experience of the Garden’s seasonal highlights and unique collections.

**Beautiful Mediterranean Gardening**
See how you can transform your garden using plants with minimal water requirements. Our unique collection from around the world provides attractive ‘waterwise’ plant candidates that will thrive in our Mediterranean climate. You will see annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees in a dazzling array of colors, forms, and textures.

**CHILDREN’S TOURS**

**PRIMARY GRADES / 60 MIN.**

**Awaken Your Senses**
Use all five senses to experience nature in the Garden. Touch, look, listen, smell, and taste as you investigate plants from around the world. Learn about roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, and the life cycles of plants.

**ALL GRADES / 60-75 MIN.**

**Discovering Flowers and Plants**
Develop your powers of observation as you explore plant communities from around the world. Why are there so many kinds of plants? How do their differences help them survive in their diverse environments? Discover the purpose of a flower – what the flower attracts, how, and why.

**Seasonal Theme options for Discovering Flowers and Plants**

- **Pollinators in the Garden**
  (Best in spring and summer)
  The bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds you can observe in the Garden are just some of the world’s 200,000 species of pollinators. Discover how insects, birds, bats, and wind are essential in the life cycles of many plants and crops.

- **Plant Travelers (Best in fall)**
  Can plants really travel? Marvel at botanical fruit and seed adaptations, such as slingshots, parachutes, hitchhikers, helicopters and other mechanisms, that propel plant seeds around the Garden.

- **Extreme Environments: Rainforests to Deserts**
  (Year-round; Best rainy winter month option)
  How have plants adapted to environments with extreme amounts of sunlight or water? Explore the plant communities of three unique glass houses: the Arid House, with one of the largest collections of cacti and succulents in the country; the Orchid, Fern and Carnivorous Plant House; and the Tropical House, where you feel as though you’re in a rainforest. The experience includes some plant favorites such as chocolate, cinnamon, coffee, and vanilla. This is a mostly indoor tour.

- **Food, Clothing, Shelter: People Using Plants**
  (Includes exhibit in March.)
  Humans depend on the use of plants to survive, prosper, and enrich our lives. Explore the Garden’s herb and crop gardens, desert and rainforest collections, and California plant communities to discover the everyday uses of plants by different peoples and cultures. Visit the Garden’s special Fiber & Dye exhibit to view the beautiful spectrum of color from plants and the natural history of clothing, paper and other fiber uses.

**Patterns in Nature: Math in the Garden**
Look closely at nature – trees, leaves, cones, cacti, ferns, flowers, honeycomb, and more. Discover geometric shapes, angles, symmetry, and patterns, even fractals and Fibonacci numbers! Learn how nature’s mathematical designs and patterns are adaptations helping plants to survive.

**Trees in the Garden**
How are trees different from other plants? How do they adapt to their environments, make food from sunlight, grow, and reproduce? In what ways are they essential to life on our planet? Visit trees from around the world, including the kinds of trees that lived when dinosaurs roamed the earth, and examples of the world’s tallest and most massive trees.

**GRADES 3 & UP / 75-90 MIN.**

**California Ecosystems and Habitats**
Visit the Garden’s outstanding collection of California native plants. Explore plant communities including alpine fells, field, chaparral, coastal dune, desert, pine-oak woodland, pygmy forest, redwood forest, serpentine, and vernal pool. Compare the characteristics that allow plants to thrive in the Golden State’s unique ecosystems.

**California Natives: Plants and People**
Explore the creative ways California Indians have used plants in their everyday lives for food, shelter, clothing, tools, fiber, medicine, even music, toys and games. Which parts of the plant were used – roots, stems, leaves, seeds, bark – and why? We’ll examine California’s native plants and replicas of Indian artifacts to discover the plant knowledge, customs, and skills of California’s earliest peoples.

**Evolution: Plants through Time**
Journey through time from a barren earth 4.5 billion years ago to the astounding diversity of plants and animals today. Examine fossil evidence and discover plants in our collection that are relics of ancient plants. See the kinds of plants dinosaurs might have eaten. Learn how plants have adapted over millions of years to a changing earth and climate, and have made it possible for other species to evolve.

**Water Ecology: Ponds & Creeks**
(Not available in winter.)
Explore the Garden’s water habitats from gently flowing creeks to still ponds. Dip nets and examine plants, insects, microorganisms and seasonal creatures such as newts and tadpoles. How are pond and creek ecosystems different? Learn about photosynthesis, decomposers, and the importance of protecting these fragile environments.

**SPECIAL GARDEN TOUR PROGRAMS**
(See Scheduling details for pricing / 45 min.)

**Botany on Your Plate**
(Pre-K – Primary)
Docents will visit your classroom with a collection of nutritious roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit, and seeds. Students will touch, smell, and taste as they learn about healthy eating and the function of each plant part. Teachers may request to keep the vegetables for class use.

**California Natives: Plants and People**
(Grades 3 & up)
Docents will visit your classroom with an interactive presentation, including native plants and replicas of artifacts used by California Indians in their everyday lives for food, shelter, clothing, tools, medicine, fiber, tools, music, toys and games.

**IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**California Natives: Plants and People**
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**Food, Clothing, Shelter: People Using Plants**
(Pre-K – Primary)
Tour our “marketplace” exhibit filled with foods first cultivated by ancient Mayan, Incan and Aztec cultures. These include corn, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, squash, peppers, amaranth, quinoa and chocolate. See them growing in our Crops of the World Garden and Tropical House. Learn the history, botany and nutritional value of these important foods with fun hands-on activities.

**Foods of the Americas**
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"The docents were lovely. The kids learned a lot and had fun. I have taken classes to the Garden for the past few years... it’s such a wonderful resource!" - Kindergarten teacher, St. Lawrence O’Toole