



Garden Etiquette

We have established Garden Etiquette for the enjoyment and safety of visitors, and to provide a tranquil atmosphere for all while visiting The Butchart Gardens. We reserve the right to deny entry or remove any person(s) acting in contravention of our rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Smoking or Vaping is not permitted anywhere on the premises.
- Visitors must conduct themselves in a respectful manner; disruptive behavior, obscenities or activities unsuitable to The Gardens are not permitted.
- Costumes/Cosplay of any type, including historic or period dress, masks or attire that may create a distraction are not permitted as they could be mistaken for entertainers or interpreters hired by The Gardens and could detract from the experience of other visitors. Insurance and security considerations require strict adherence to this policy.
- Wedding parties, wedding photos, ceremonies, or clothing resembling wedding attire are not permitted in The Gardens, except as authorized during our Wedding Season, January 15th – March 31st.
- Quiet voices are expected in all areas of The Gardens.
- Please stay on paths and be respectful of our plants; do not step in flower beds, pick flowers or fruit.
- No alcohol is allowed on the premises; our restaurants will be pleased to serve you.
- Pets must be kept on a short leash, and under control at all times; owners are required to clean up after them.
- Wheelchairs and children's strollers are available, for a small refundable deposit, at the Information Centre; do not mistreat or use these items for any other purpose.
- By pre-arrangement through our Group Services Department, chaperones responsible for the care and control of child and youth groups may be provided with complimentary admission.
- Visitors with wider than average wheelchairs, scooters, or strollers must be patient and use extra caution as certain areas may not be easily accessible.
- Photography is welcome, but should not interfere with the enjoyment of other visitors; do not block pathways with tripods or selfie sticks. Please note that selfie sticks will be banned as of January 1, 2017.

The following activities are prohibited while visiting The Gardens,

- Throwing, catching or kicking games, running or jogging.
- Wheeled-shoes, rollerblades, bicycles, scooters, Segways, skateboards or other recreational wheeled devices.
- Use of kites or drones.
- Music or unauthorized musical performances.
- Use of flashes or selfie sticks for photographing or filming our Firework Shows.
- Distribution of any outside literature.
- Dispersal of ashes.

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