

Adult Group Planning Kit

GARDENS

Please review these materials prior to arrival to ensure an enjoyable and successful visit to Cantigny.

To book your group visit please contact Liz Omura at 630.260.8265 or email LOmura@Cantigny.org.

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THE BASICS

THE PARK

Located at 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton, Illinois, Cantigny's 500-acre park offers educational and recreational experiences through visits to the formal gardens, Visitors Center and our two museums: the Robert R. McCormick Museum and the Cantigny First Division Museum.

THE GARDENS

On first impression, the beauty and tranquility of Cantigny Gardens will take your breath away. Nestled among 29 acres are beautiful landscapes that showcase the life cycles of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals in stunning displays. But the gardens are more than just a pretty face. They are an inspiration, teaching amateur and professional gardeners alike the practicality and beauty of plant species that perform well in a Midwest climate.

The Idea Garden was designed for the amateur garden in all of us and seeks to educate and inspire creativity. This one-acre garden includes multiple sections that change from year to year and season to season. With more than 300 varieties of vegetables, herbs, shrubs and flowers, the Idea Garden is sure to spark an interest in young and old alike.

PARKING FEE

\$5 per car or van weekdays between 10am-5pm,
\$2 per car or van between 5pm-sunset (4pm-sunset
Nov 1- Apr 30)
\$20 per Limousine
\$40 per Trolley/Mini Bus
\$80 Large Bus

HOURS

Grounds: Mon-Sun, 9am-Sunset, Nov 1 - Apr 30
(Closed January), Mon-Sun, 7am-Sunset, May 1 - Oct 31

The museums are open Tuesday—Sunday and closed on Mondays. The entire park is closed in January. In February, the park is open Friday-Sunday only.

Lunch is served in Le Jardin, April–October, seven days a week from 11 am– 2 pm. Reservations are required for groups. (See pages 3 and 4 for details and reservation information.)

Adult Group Tours are also available for the McCormick Museum and First Division Museum. Contact our registrar at 630.260.8162 or email TJacobson@Cantigny.org.

GROUP SIZE

Guided Garden Tours can be arranged for groups of 10 guests or more. To help us plan for your visit, we request that group reservations be made at least two weeks in advance.

TOUR TIMES

Tours are available upon request. We will work with your group and accommodate all requests to the best of our ability.

PAYMENT

Payment must be received upon receipt of confirmation notice. Payment by check can be made to: Cantigny Park.

Groups of 25 or less: \$25
Groups of 26–50: \$50
Groups of 51–75: \$75
Groups of 76–100: \$100.
Accepted forms of payment; check/money order, cash or credit card.

All money generated from garden tours will be used for additional garden programming.

ACCESSIBILITY

Our garden paths are predominately accessible with strollers and wheelchairs but some areas will have limited accessibility. If your group may have special needs please notify us when registering your group.





ONCE YOU ARRIVE

UPON ARRIVAL

- Check-in at the front gate and the guard will verify your reservation and collect your parking fee. If you arrive on a mini-bus or full size bus, the guard will direct the bus driver to the drop-off zone in front of the Visitors Center. Your bus driver will temporarily park in front of the Visitors Center (designated bus pick-up and drop-off zone) and guests will disembark the bus. Cars and vans should park in the public parking lot in front of the Visitors Center.
- A Horticulture representative will meet your group at the Visitors Center and start your tour.

Think Green

Cantigny is proud to be part of the international “green” initiative for a healthier planet. We are dedicated to doing everything we can to make our Earth a safer and healthier place to live now and for generations to come.

BUSES: Please ask your bus driver to park and TURN OFF their bus after dropping off the passengers. Cantigny’s parking lots are no-idle zones. In following with House Bill 4782, stationary diesel vehicles of more than 8,000 pounds may not idle for more than 10 minutes. The exceptions to that rule are when it is below 32 or above 80 degrees outside or during an emergency.

RECYCLE: Please utilize the recycling bins throughout the park when disposing of recyclable materials. limited accessibility. If your group may have special needs please notify us when registering your group.

Restrooms are located in the Visitors Center, Bertie’s, both museums, the Education Center and the picnic area.



IN ADDITION TO YOUR GARDEN VISIT

CANTIGNY SHOP

Your trip to Cantigny would not be complete without a visit to the Cantigny Shop. Browse around and look at the many unique and garden-related items, souvenirs and gifts. You will also find flowers grown in the Cantigny Greenhouse for sale, providing you an opportunity to take home a bit of Cantigny’s beauty. Cash, checks and all major credit cards accepted.

CANTIGNY MUSEUMS

The Robert R. McCormick Museum is an historic house museum that depicts the country home of a family that made the Chicago Tribune the “World’s Greatest Newspaper.” Built in 1896 for Joseph Medill, the house and grounds, known as Red Oak Farm, first passed to Joseph’s daughter Katherine and then to her youngest son, Robert Rutherford.

Robert and his first wife Amy used the house first as a summer home and later as their permanent residence. They renamed the estate “Cantigny” to honor the French village where Robert served with the First Division in World War I. For more information, hours and reservation details, please visit Cantigny.org.

The First Division Museum is an interactive and immersive museum honoring our military. It depicts American history as seen through the eyes of the First Infantry Division. For more information, visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.



DINING OPTIONS

LE JARDIN & BERTIES COFFEE SHOP

Cantigny is proud to offer daily lunch service at Le Jardin Restaurant, adjacent to the Visitors Center. Take advantage of the beautiful view of Cantigny's lush gardens, from our dining room or patio. Choose from a variety of specialty lunch items our award winning culinary team has created for you.

A few steps from Le Jardin is Bertie's Coffee Shop. Bertie's offers a satisfying selection of coffee, teas, smoothies, ice cream and fresh pastries.

Lunch is served seven days a week April- October, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please find the group menu for Le Jardin on pg 4. For reservations, please call 630 260 8260.

RED OAK ROOM (GROUPS OF 50 OR MORE)

The Red Oak Room is available for groups only throughout the year. The dining room, with a panoramic view of the golf course, coupled with the finest in freshly prepared cuisine are the basis for a notable dining experience. View the full menu through the Cantigny Events Guide at Cantigny.org.

The Red Oak Room is located in the Clubhouse at Cantigny Golf, 27 W 270 Mack Road- a five minute drive from Cantigny Park. From Cantigny Park to Cantigny Golf: Left out of park onto Winfield Road, left at light onto Mack Road, left into golf entrance. From Cantigny Golf to Cantigny Park: Right out of golf club onto Mack Road, right at light onto Winfield Road, right into Cantigny Park.

For group reservations at the Red Oak Room, please call 630 260 8101. The Red Oak Room is only available for groups of 50 or more.

BOXED LUNCHES & PICNICKING

The picnic area, seating 300, is available to groups. The picnic grounds are strictly first-come, first-serve. Restrooms, trash collection and recycling bins are located in the picnic area. We are unable to store sack lunches for groups. All lunches must either be left in your vehicles or carried in leak-proof sacks.

Boxed lunches are available for purchase through Le Jardin. Please call 630 260 8260 to place a box lunch order.

Boxed Lunch Options | \$13.50 each - includes sandwich, apple, jumbo cookie, and chips. (Drink not included.)

Roast Turkey Breast on multi grain bread

Ham on sourdough bread

Turkey Pastrami and Swiss Cheese on rye bread

Italian Sub with Capicola, Hard Salami, Smoked Ham, Pepperoni, and Provolone Cheese - on Hogi bread

Grilled Vegetables on sourdough bread





LE JARDIN MENU

SALADS

Strawberry Chicken Salad

Mixed greens, sliced strawberries, goat cheese and candied walnuts tossed with our strawberry balsamic vinaigrette and topped with sliced, grilled chicken breast. \$11 Without chicken | \$9

Chicken Caesar Salad

Chopped Romaine lettuce tossed with shaved Parmesan, peppered croutons and our in-house made Caesar dressing and topped with sliced, grilled chicken breast. \$11 Without chicken | \$9

SANDWICHES | Served with Kettle Chips

Chicken Salad

Grilled chicken breast, fresh grapes and dried cranberries tossed with mayonnaise and fresh herbs, served on a croissant. | \$10

Soup & Sandwich

½ of our Country Club sandwich made with in-house roasted turkey, ham, thick cut bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise layered together on herb focaccia bread and served with a cup of soup. | \$9

1/3 Pound Steak Burger

Char grilled, certified Angus steak burger served on a toasted brioche roll with lettuce, tomatoes, pickle and onions on the side. | \$8 Add American, Swiss, Cheddar or Herbes de Provence cheese for | \$1

BBQ Pork

Our in-house smoked pulled pork finished with our BBQ sauce and served on a toasted brioche roll. | \$8

Bacon and Parmesan Encrusted Chicken

Balsamic vinaigrette and sliced tomatoes served on crusty Italian bread. | \$10

ENTREES | Served with roll, butter, coffee or tea and Apple Pie for dessert.

Roast Turkey

Roast turkey breast with roasted apple and sage dressing, buttermilk whipped potatoes, parisian carrots and haricot vert. | \$17.95

Baked Tilapia

Coated with herbed bread crumbs and served with rice pilaf, broccoli and a lemon artichoke cream sauce. | \$18.95

Pomegranate Chicken

Grilled breast of chicken, with rice pilaf, grilled asparagus spears, a blend of roasted mushrooms and draped in a piquant pomegranate sauce. | \$16.95

London Broil

Marinated grilled steak, draped with sherry mushroom sauce and served with whipped potatoes and asparagus spears. | \$21.95

Groups of 20 or more are required to choose up to two meals to be served. The group coordinator must submit the menu, guaranteed guest count and count of each meal one week prior to the lunch. When multiple entrées are served, the group coordinator is required to provide a place card for each guest to display in front of each place setting.

GARDEN TOUR APPLICATION

CONTACT AND GROUP INFORMATION

First Name:		Last Name:	
Email Address:		Daytime Phone:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Group Name:			
Type of Use:		Number of Attendees	

DATE REQUEST

Preferred Date	1st Choice		Preferred Time	1st Choice	
	2nd Choice			2nd Choice	
	3rd Choice			3rd Choice	

FEEES

Groups 25 or less:	\$25	Tour requests are processed in the order in which they are received. You will receive confirmation materials via email once your request and payment have been processed. <i>Note: Your registration is not confirmed until you receive confirmation.</i>
Groups 26-50:	\$50	
Groups 51-75:	\$75	
Groups 76-100	\$100	

PAYMENT

Visa	Mastercard	Discover	American Express
Credit Card #:			
Expiration Date:		CVV Code:	
Cardholder Name:			
Amount:		Date:	
Signature:			
Check/Money Order #:			

Mail or fax completed form

MAIL Cantigny Park Attn: Liz Omura 1s151 Winfield Road Wheaton, IL 60189	Make check or money order payable to: Cantigny Park Phone: 630.260.8265 Fax: 630.260.8138	FAX Cantigny Park Group Garden Tour Attn: Liz Omura 630.260.8138
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I have read and understand the Cantigny Park Adult Group Garden Tour Guidelines and agree that our group/organization will follow them. I will inform and explain the guidelines to all participants. All organizations and individuals taking a tour of Cantigny Gardens shall hold Cantigny Park and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation harmless for any action or sut by any person or persons injured or occasioned by use of the park, or by any other person or organization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for choosing Cantigny Park. We look forward to your visit!