
Media Contacts:

Jeff Reiter
Cantigny Park
630.260.8218

jreiter@mccormickfoundation.org

CANTIGNY JOINS ADMISSION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Museums for All offers discounted access to park attractions and special events

Wheaton, Ill., April 10, 2018 — The First Division Museum and McCormick House, Cantigny Park’s two museums, announced their participation in Museums for All—a national initiative of the Association of Children’s Museums and the Institute of Museum and Library Services—to encourage individuals and families of all backgrounds to visit the park’s museums and other attractions.

Museums for All applies to Cantigny’s parking fee because the park’s museums, gardens and most events are already free admission. Families may now visit the park for just \$1 by presenting a state-issued Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card or Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program card. The discounted rate is for one vehicle with up to eight passengers.

Cantigny Park’s regular daily parking fee is \$5. The daily fee on Saturdays and Sundays, May through September, is \$10.

“Museums for All aligns perfectly with what our benefactor, Robert R. McCormick, intended for Cantigny,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “He envisioned this property being open to all, with a strong educational component. We want as many people as possible to benefit from Colonel McCormick’s generous gift.”

In addition to the \$1 daily rate, a Museums for All annual rate is available for \$10 to those who qualify. Ticketed events, fee-based programs, paid tours and discounts at Bertie’s Bistro, Cantigny Shop and Cantigny Golf are not included in Museums for All.

In addition to Museums for All, Cantigny Park offers several other free or discounted admission programs:

- Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month
- Free admission (and other benefits) every day for active-duty military and veterans who join the complimentary Cantigny Honor Club
- Free admission on Armed Forces Day, McCormick Day, Constitution Day and Veterans Day

Museums for All program participants near Cantigny Park include Aurora Regional Fire Museum, DuPage Children's Museum, Morton Arboretum and Naper Settlement. A complete list is available online at childrensmuseum.org.

###

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.