

Segway Tours Added to Cantigny's Recreation Choices

Weekday riding program offers a novel way to see and experience the park

WHEATON, IL, May 22, 2013 — Visitors to Cantigny now have the option of gliding through the park on a Segway. Guided tours using the personal transporters are available starting today.

"This is a fun and unusual addition to our program offerings here at Cantigny," said Laura Evans, director of visitor services. "We think there are a lot of people who have always wanted to ride a Segway but never really had the opportunity. The park is the perfect place to try one out."

Tour operator "Segway at Cantigny" will handle all aspects of the program. The vendor also conducts Segway tours in Oak Park, Illinois.

Two kinds of Segway experiences are available. The first is a 90-minute guided and narrated tour focusing on Cantigny's gardens and museums. The second option, also 90 minutes, is for those who just want to ride. In each case a trained Segway guide accompanies the riders. A typical group is one guide and four riders. Participants must be at least 14 years old.

The Cantigny tours and rides are available only in the afternoon, Monday through Friday (except on holidays). All tours and rides begin with an orientation and safety video followed by individual training on navigating and riding a Segway.

A Segway information and registration table is located inside the Cantigny Park Visitor Center. More details, including tour pricing, are online at cantignysegway.com. Reservations can be made on the website or by calling 630.926.3910.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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