



LAURITZEN
GARDENS

100 Bancroft Street
Omaha, NE 68108
www.lauritzengardens.org

Seeds of Learning Fact Sheet

Thank you for your interest in visiting Lauritzen Gardens. Please read through the following information before and after booking a program.

HOURS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day
- Open until 8 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays from mid-May to mid September
- Programs are available year round
- A Seeds of Learning program is typically one hour in length
- Programming available year-round for children 3-5 years of age
- Programming available only during school break for children 6-12 years of age (ex: Spring, summer, winter, etc.)
- Topics are updated throughout the year, please check the website for details

ADMISSION

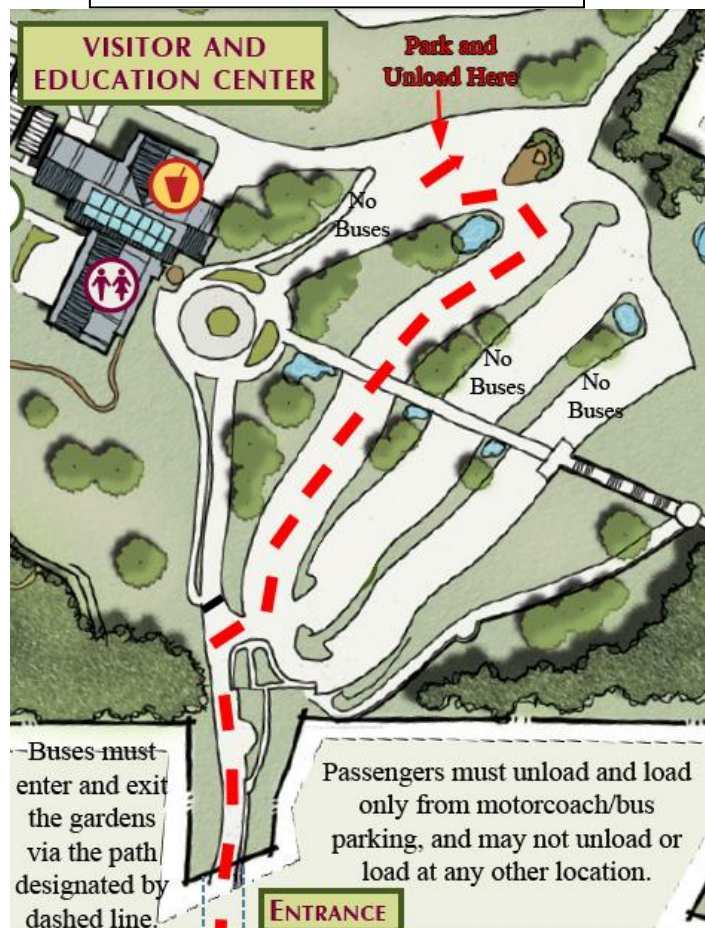
Children – 3-12 years of age:

- \$3 per student

Adults:

- One teacher or adult chaperone per group of 5 children is required and is admitted free of charge
- April through October pricing: \$7 *per adult*
- November through April pricing: \$6 *per adult*
- Complimentary admission for bus driver

Bus/Motor-Coach Parking Map



PARKING AND UNLOADING

- **Bus/motor-coach parking is available on the east end of the parking lot (see map).**
- Due to safety regulations, passengers on buses must be unloaded in bus parking area and may not unload in the circle drive in front of the Visitor and Education Center
- Buses must park facing the river, not facing the Visitor and Education Center
- Walking distance from the bus parking area to the entrance of the visitor and education center is roughly 300 feet
- Vehicles that will fit properly in regular parking stalls should park in the main portion of the parking lot, and not in bus parking
- Parking is free
- Upon arrival at Lauritzen Gardens, an employee will greet the program group

SETTING UP A PROGRAM

[Click here to submit a reservation request.](#)

Please note that a program is not reserved until you receive an email confirmation. If you have not received an email within three business days of submitting your request, call (402) 346-4002, ext. 212.

Once your request is processed, you will receive a confirmation packet via email.

- After you receive your confirmation packet, carefully review the "Confirmation of Reservation" form. Email b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org or call (402) 346-4002 ext. 212 if corrections need to be made or if you have any additional questions.
- **Please bring the program confirmation form with you on the day of your visit.**

PROGRAM CANCELLATION AND RESCHEDULING POLICY

Programs will be cancelled in severe or inclement weather; such as lightning, hail, tornados or blizzards. In the event that your program is cancelled due to weather, you will receive a full refund.

If your program needs to be rescheduled or important information regarding your program (such as tram rides, type of program, lunches, etc.) needs to be altered, acceptance by the gardens of the request(s) may only be considered official once you have received a new and updated confirmation receipt stating the rescheduled information. Verbal or written/typed conversation does not guarantee that the request(s) has been completed.

PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

- Payment may be made upon arrival or in advance
- Organizations that require billing must make arrangements with Lauritzen Gardens in advance of the program
- Payment must be made in one sum for all visitors (children and adults) involved in the program and all related activities (check, credit, or cash is accepted)
- If the attendance for your group falls below the minimum level required for your program type, guided or self-guided, the gardens reserves the right to alter or cancel your program
- Fluctuation in the number of kids that attend your program as a part of your group, may effect the number of chaperones that can be admitted at no charge
- No refunds are given once payment has been submitted

Payment by check should be addressed to:

Lauritzen Gardens
c/o: School/Youth Programs
100 Bancroft Street
Omaha, NE 68108

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

When you arrive please park and unload in the proper area(s). A staff member of Lauritzen Gardens will greet your group.

APPROPRIATE DRESS ATTIRE

The majority of the program will take place outside, so please ask your children to dress appropriately for the weather. Due to the amount of walking that may be required tennis shoes are recommended.

FINDING LAURITZEN GARDENS

From Interstate 80:

From Interstate 80, take the 13th Street exit north to Bancroft Street. Turn right (east) onto Bancroft and continue eastbound through a residential area until you reach the visitor and education center at Lauritzen Gardens.

From Downtown Omaha:

From the Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau visitor center at 10th and Farnam Street in the Old Market, follow 10th Street south to Bancroft Street. Turn left (east) onto Bancroft and continue eastbound through a residential area until you reach the visitor and education center at Lauritzen Gardens.

LUNCH AT THE GARDEN

Kenefick Park is available for lunch upon request. Kenefick Park is an outside area that is located to the south and east from the parking lot and up the stairs. **Food is not allowed in any of the garden areas.** Outside food is not allowed on garden grounds including the café. Picnicking on garden grounds and coolers are not permitted. NO space is available inside for lunch groups. If you arrange to have your lunches stored in the Visitor and Education Center, please make sure that your lunches are stored in a cooler/basket for easy transportation.

TEACHER AND CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

- Chaperones must remain with their assigned group throughout the visit and help with supervision.
- Please refrain from cell phone conversations during programs. Programs may require brisk walking.
- Strollers are not permitted in student group programs or classes. Special needs guests are exempt.

ETIQUETTE

For the enjoyment of others and the protection of the garden, we thank you for following these simple guidelines:

- Stay with your group at all times. We ask that accompanying adults do their part to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for all participants.
- Enjoy food offered in the café, however, **food is not allowed in the garden areas.** Outside food is not allowed on garden grounds including the café.

Picnicking on garden grounds and coolers are not permitted. *For School Field trips Kenefick Park is available for lunch upon request.*

- Respect each other as well as other visitors. No pushing, shoving or abuse of any kind will be permitted (including verbal abuse).
- View and smell flowers, fruits, leaves and seeds, but please leave them for others to enjoy.
- Lauritzen Gardens does not allow jogging, running, bicycles, sleds, skateboards, scooters, and roller blades or activities such as Frisbees or kites.
- Let nature's music prevail. Please avoid loud voices and noises.
- For your safety, kindly stay on the paths and sidewalks and out of water features.
- Take this opportunity to cultivate the love of the beautiful garden.

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR MORE HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR PLANNING YOUR PROGRAM

- [Map of Lauritzen Gardens](#)
- [Upcoming shows and events at Lauritzen Gardens](#)

SAFETY

Teachers and chaperones are responsible for the safety of their children. Teachers and chaperones must remain with their assigned group throughout the visit. Be especially attentive during arrival and departure when children are loading and unloading.

**LAURITZEN GARDENS
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

If injury is not life-threatening

- Seek the assistance of the nearest Lauritzen Gardens staff member
- If no staff member is close at hand, call the Lauritzen Gardens main number to request assistance
 - Call 402-346-4002
 - Press the number "0" for operator when you get the recording
 - Tell the operator where you are in the garden
 - Describe the emergency
 - This step will help gardens staff to prepare for the emergency personnel

If injury is life-threatening

- Call 911
- Inform the 911 operator that you are at Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft Street
- Inform the Lauritzen Gardens main number that you have called 911
 - Call 402-346-4002
 - Press the number "0" for operator when you get the recording
 - This step will help gardens staff to prepare for the emergency personnel

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL BRIAN KUTSCH:
b.kutsch@omahabotanicalgardens.org or (402) 346-4002, ext. 212

QUESTIONS OR UPDATES WHILE ENROUTE:

(402) 346-4002, ext. 250 (visitor and education center front desk)