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Hours

The Garden is open Tuesday–Sunday. Check bbg.org for current hours.

Tours

For information about tours and suggested itineraries, visit bbg.org/visit/tours.

Visitor Dining

Enjoy modern, vegetable-focused cuisine, plus snacks and beverages, available around the Garden.

Terrain

The retail shop offers a variety of unique plants, artisan gifts, and decor for the urban dweller and passionate plant person.

Dig Deeper

Check out classes and activities for kids and adults, in the Garden and at home, at bbg.org/learn.

BBG has roots throughout Brooklyn—learn about community gardening programs at bbg.org/community.

Contact Us

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Digital Map



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Steinhardt Conservatory This complex of display and support greenhouses holds the Garden's collection of plants that thrive in habitats ranging from the tropics to deserts.

Upper Level

A Aquatic House This display features plants that live in or near water, including tree ferns and carnivorous plants, as well as selections from BBG's extensive orchid collection.

B C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum This light-filled gallery displays a changing selection of specimens from BBG's renowned collection of artistically trained potted trees and shrubs.

C Trail of Plant Evolution Trace the emergence and development of plants on Earth and learn about the adaptations that have allowed them to thrive.

Lower Level

D Conservatory Gallery Curated exhibitions of artwork inspired by gardens, botany, and the natural world are presented year-round.

E Desert Pavilion This house features cacti and agaves from New World deserts and aloes, euphorbias, and other succulent plants from xeric regions of the Old World.

F Tropical Pavilion Plants from the Amazon Basin, African rainforests, and tropical eastern Asia grow in this lush re-creation of tropical environments.

G Warm Temperate Pavilion Adapted to the dry summers and wet winters of the Mediterranean, Australia, New Zealand, eastern Asia, South Africa, and California, the plants in this house offer year-round enjoyment, including a stunning display of winter-blooming bulbs.

Osborne Garden This semiformal Italian-style garden is enlivened by wisteria-draped pergolas and borders of crabapples and azaleas framing an emerald lawn.

Perennial Border Stroll along Lily Pool Terrace to enjoy a diverse collection of herbaceous perennial plants, bulbs, and summer-flowering shrubs and trees.

Robert W. Wilson Overlook The winding path features crape-myrtle trees, ornamental grasses, and perennials. At the top, check out wonderful views of Cherry Esplanade and the Cranford Rose Garden.

Rock Garden Winding paths lead among glacial boulders and scree mounds that shelter early-spring flowers, drought-tolerant succulents, and delicate alpine.

Rose Arc Pool This beautiful pool and fountain area is framed by roses and herbaceous perennials that attract butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

Shakespeare Garden This exuberant cottage-style garden brims with more than 80 flowers, herbs, shrubs, and trees that appear in the works of the Bard of Avon.

Shelby White and Leon Levy Water Garden This garden features plants adapted to thrive at the water's edge and a pond anchoring BBG's Water Conservation Project.

Steinberg Visitor Center This innovative and environmentally sustainable building incorporates exhibits and visitor amenities.

Tree Peony Collection This collection was presented to BBG by the people of the town of Yatsuka, Shimane Prefecture, Japan, after the events of September 11, 2001, and features impressively large, colorful flowers in May.

Elizabeth Scholtz Woodland Garden Plants for shady, dry gardens are beautifully displayed under a tall tree canopy and highlighted in an open-air walled garden.

Fragrance Garden Designed in 1955 for people who are visually impaired, the easily accessible raised beds feature scented foliage, interesting textures, and fragrant flowers and herbs for gentle touching.

Herb Garden Artful sweeps of vegetables, fruits, and herbs frame a gathering place for exploring the aesthetics, origin, and botany of plants grown for human use.

Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden In this Japanese-style garden, designed to inspire reflection and tranquility, each curve in the path reveals a stunning view of idealized nature.

Lilac Collection Over 100 lilac species and cultivars fill the air with their sweet perfume in late spring.

Lily Pool Terrace Shimmering pools and fountains feature sacred lotuses and hardy and tropical water-lilies that bloom from July through September.

Magnolia Plaza Dazzling in early spring when the fragrant blossoms are at their peak, this extraordinary magnolia collection blooms into early summer and includes many of BBG's own hybrids.

Maple Grove This area displays 16 kinds of small, uncommon Asian maples, chosen for their unique leaf shape, bark, flowers, and fall color.

Native Flora Garden This garden re-creates the diverse plant communities of the region, including deciduous woodland, kettle pond, coastal meadow, and pine barrens habitats.

A A plant's **common name** is what it is popularly called. A hyphen indicates a name is not taxonomically correct. For example, a crape-myrtle is not in the myrtle family.

B The **scientific name**, the two-part species name (genus and specific epithet) and sometimes other names, is more reliable than a common name for describing a plant.

C The standard for naming plants classifies them in Latin by **family**, genus, and species. Plants in a particular family may share certain observable characteristics, chemistry, and genetic makeup.

D The **cultivar name**, usually enclosed by single quotation marks, indicates that the plant has been selected and grown for special characteristics like color, fragrance, or growth habit.

E The **native distribution** of a plant indicates the place where it was originally found.

F The **accession number** includes the year a plant arrived at the Garden. For example, this crape-myrtle came to BBG in 1995 and that was the 127th plant added to the collection that year. Starting in 2001, accession numbers include the whole year.

Alfred T. White Memorial This amphitheater honors an original benefactor of the Garden.

Annual Border This seasonal display features beautiful spring-blooming tulips, followed by an array of flowering annuals and ornate foliage plants in the summer and fall.

Bluebell Wood More than 45,000 Spanish bluebells bloom among shady beech and birch trees in May.

Celebrity Path Inscribed stepping-stones along this shady path pay tribute to notable Brooklynites.

Cherry Walk and Cherry Esplanade In April and early May, more than 40 species and cultivars of ornamental flowering cherries make BBG one of the world's best spring blossom-viewing sites outside Japan.

Children's Garden Since 1914, children have been growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs and learning firsthand about the natural world in this fertile garden.

Composting Exhibit This display showcases methods and materials for home composting.

Conifer Collection Cone-bearing plants including pines, cedars, junipers, and a giant sequoia make up this collection.

Cranford Rose Garden This renowned collection of heritage and modern roses reaches peak bloom in May and June, with another burst in the fall.

Daffodil Hill In late March, masses of golden trumpet daffodils blaze beneath a majestic hybrid oak.

Discovery Garden In this hands-on exploration area, children and their caregivers can experience the natural world through sight, sound, smell, and touch.

A Plant Label Decoded



Welcome to Brooklyn Botanic Garden!

While visiting this museum of plants, please follow the Garden's rules:

-  Please don't touch plants, pick flowers or other plant parts, climb trees, or walk in plant beds.
-  Do not feed wildlife or release animals in the Garden.
-  Pets and emotional support animals are not permitted in the Garden. Service animals are always welcome.
-  No athletics or recreational equipment.
-  Do not smoke or vape in the Garden.
-  No outside food and beverages; please consume items purchased on-site in designated areas.
-  Sit on the grass in designated areas only. (Please see map for details.)
-  No blankets or folding chairs, please.
-  Shirt and shoes are required.
-  Use earphones for all electronic audio devices.
-  Tripods and easels are not permitted in the Japanese Garden, the Conservatory, or flower beds. Please do not block paths. Drones are prohibited.
-  Commercial and portrait photography is allowed only by prior arrangement. Visit bbg.org/photography to request a permit.

Entry into the Garden constitutes consent by the visitor to follow all Garden rules and to accept direction from the Security team. We reserve the right to escort from the grounds any individuals or groups acting in ways deemed harmful to the Garden or that impinge upon the enjoyment of the Garden by other guests.

