TOUR POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND FEES

Docent-led tours are scheduled through the Arboretum by our public programs manager, Timothy Gould. You may contact him via email (t.w.gould@psu.edu) or telephone (814-865-4262).

1) DOCENT-GUIDED TOURS FOR UNIVERSITY AFFILIATES (NO FEE)

Tours are available by reservation for University-affiliated groups.

These tours are available on a limited basis from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, subject to the availability of volunteers. Groups must request a tour guide at least two weeks prior to their visit. Reservations are taken on a first-come basis. A minimum of 8 people is required for a group tour, and groups larger than 20 will be divided between two or more guides. If a group needs to cancel or reschedule a guided tour, the organizer should notify the Arboretum as soon as possible, preferably at least 48 hours before the tour.

2) DOCENT-GUIDED TOURS (FEE-BASED)

Tours of approximately 60 minutes are also available by appointment for a nonrefundable fee of $60 for groups of up to 20 individuals. These tours are available on a limited basis, subject to the availability of volunteers. Tours may be arranged for larger groups at a fee of $60 for each increment of 20 persons.

Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will provide appropriate supervision.

Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance and the nonrefundable fee must be received no less than ten days before the tour. Once a fee has been determined for the size of the group and the tour has been confirmed by the Arboretum’s public programs manager, please make a check payable to The Arboretum at Penn State and mail the check to the following address:

The Arboretum at Penn State  
Attention: Timothy W. Gould  
The Pennsylvania State University  
209 Forest Resources Building  
University Park PA 16802-3604

3) PARKING

There is limited parking in the Arboretum’s lot. Visitors must park large vehicles such as motor coaches and school buses at the Porter North parking lot on Porter Road near Beaver Stadium. A map showing this lot is available here: https://arboretum.psu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Arboretum-Bus-Dropoff-to-Porter-North-Parking-Lot.pdf