



Dear Teacher,

We are excited to welcome you and your students here at the California Botanic Garden! To ensure your visit runs smoothly and to ensure everyone has a positive experience at our Garden, we ask all our school groups to review the documents attached to this letter prior to their visit.

Attached, you will find:

- Garden Behaviors
- Parking & Garden Maps
- Picnic Area & Details

Thank you for taking the time to review these documents and for trusting us with cultivating your student's knowledge on the wonderful California environment outside the classroom!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach us at (909) 625-8767 ext 206/245 or registrar@calbg.org.

Sincerely,

Registrar Office
California Botanic Garden
1500 N College Ave, Claremont, CA 91711



Garden Behaviors

California Botanic Garden is the largest botanic garden dedicated to California native plants. Many find our Garden to be a special place to visit and bask in the wonders of our native plants and wildlife. To help keep this a special place for everyone to enjoy, our visitors practice these Garden Behaviors.

1. Walk only on the paths at all times. Please stay clear of the garden beds to prevent trampling on our plants and do not climb our trees – which can be dangerous and harmful to both you and the tree!
2. Touch plants only when invited to by your Garden Guide. Plants have defensive adaptations that can hurt us such as thorns and spikes, but they also have non-visible defensive adaptations such as itchy sap!
3. Leave things where you found them. It's okay to take a closer look at a fallen acorn or leaf, but please be sure to leave them where you found them to not disrupt the ecosystem. That acorn is food for our squirrels and that leaf will decompose in our soil.
4. Admire animals from a distance. Our Garden is home to many animals – birds, insects, reptiles, squirrels, rabbits, bobcats, and many more! We like to admire them from a safe distance and keep our food to ourselves.
5. Enjoy some quiet time. The secret to spotting some amazing animals and hearing the birds sing is when you walk the paths with voices off. Being mindful of your noise level will allow all our living creatures a chance to enjoy the Garden.

**Thank you for taking the time to review our Garden Behaviors.
We hope to see you at our Garden soon!**



PARKING MAP

Directions (for Buses):

Travel north on N College Ave. Enter through the Front Gate, keeping to your left. Turn left at first opportunity (follow painted arrow on ground for *buses*). Park in the yellow bus zone.

Directions (for Other Cars/Vehicles):

Travel north on N College Ave. Enter through the Front Gate, keeping to your left. Continue straight. Park anywhere in the Visitor Parking Lot.

After unloading, please meet at the Meeting Spot to be greeted by Staff & Garden Guides.

Your visit to *California* BOTANIC GARDEN





LEGEND



Meeting Spot



Picnic Area

PICNIC AREA & DETAILS

At the end of your school tour, we will meet back up together as a group at the Meeting Spot. For groups that plan to have lunch at the Garden, we have picnic benches available at the Visitor Parking Lot under the oak trees. We have a few picnic benches that will fit approximately 30-40 students at a time. If you have a larger group, you may want to consider taking lunches in shifts.

As a reminder, please no feeding the animals and kindly pick up trash after yourselves. Thank you!