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Celebrate Lilac Sunday at the Arnold Arboretum

BOSTON, MA— Join us on **Sunday, May 10, from 10am to 3pm** for the 116th celebration of **Lilac Sunday at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University**. A cherished Boston tradition, Lilac Sunday invites visitors to explore the Arboretum's renowned lilac collections and welcome spring with tours, family-friendly activities, and more. The Arboretum is always free and open to all, and due to limited street parking along its perimeter, public transportation is strongly encouraged.

Each year, Lilac Sunday showcases Boston's outdoor tree museum at the height of spring bloom. The event features ongoing tours of the Arboretum's lilacs and other plant collections, hands-on children's and Mother's Day activities, chalk artists, and—on this day only—picnicking in our 281-acre landscape. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of self-guided experiences, including a lilac tour available through the Arboretum website and its *Expeditions* app.

Begun more than a century ago to highlight the Arboretum's remarkable lilacs growing on Bussey Hill, Lilac Sunday continues to celebrate a collection now exceeding 400 plants representing 173 kinds of lilacs. [Learn more](#) about lilacs and the Arboretum's world-class holdings on our website.

- **What:** Lilac Sunday at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University ([full event schedule available online](#))
- **When:** 10:00am–3:00pm on Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day. The landscape is free and open to the public dawn to dusk year-round. Picnicking permitted on this day only.
- **Where:** Activities and tours center on the lilac collection along Bussey Hill Road, accessible from the Arborway Gate, Forest Hills Gate, and Centre Street Gate. **Street parking is extremely limited; please use public transit whenever possible.**

Founded in 1872 as the first public arboretum in North America, the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is a leading center for the study of biodiversity and a treasured Boston landscape open free to all every day. Home to one of the world's most comprehensive and well-documented collections of temperate woody plants, the Arboretum advances the understanding and appreciation of plants through research, horticulture, and educational programs for all ages.

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