



## General Arboretum Rules

- Be respectful of other visitors enjoying the space.
- To preserve the health and beauty of the trees, please **do not** pick, pull, or climb on the trees. You **may** gently touch plant parts to feel texture and smell scents. You **may** collect plant material that has fallen to the ground.
- Walking in plant beds or mulched areas is **not** allowed. Be aware of what you are stepping on.
- Balls, frisbees, and other sports equipment are **not** allowed.

## Arrival and Parking

### Buses

- Buses are not allowed to enter the gates into the landscape or drive through unless you've been given permission in advance by youth education staff.
- When arriving, drive past the gates and unload students in the designated bus drop-off zone along Arborway. Buses can park further down Arborway or on Flora Way. (see map)
- If you need special accommodation, please contact us at least a week before your visit: [childrensed@arnarb.harvard.edu](mailto:childrensed@arnarb.harvard.edu)

### Public Transportation

- The Arboretum is easily accessible from the Forest Hills T stop, and by Bus #35, #38, #39, and #51.

## Visitor Center and Restrooms

### The Visitor Center

- Open 10:00am – 4:00pm daily, located inside the Hunnewell Building.
- Here you will find a scale model of the Arboretum, seasonal highlight displays, and friendly staff who can answer questions.
- If you would like to bring students inside, plan to enter in staggered groups of 10 or less, always accompanied by a supervising adult using indoor voices.

### Bathrooms

- Open 10:00am - 4:00pm daily, located inside the Hunnewell Building.
- There are portable restrooms along Meadow Road, near the Dana Greenhouses, on Hemlock Hill Road, and on Peters Hill.

### Picnicking

- School groups may picnic on the grounds, as a special exception to our no-picnicking policy.
- Groups must carry out all trash.
- We do not have storage for lunches, nor do we have any indoor space in case of rain.

## Suggestions for a Successful Visit

We have found the following suggestions very helpful for a successful experience with children at the Arboretum.

### General Suggestions

1. Proper clothing includes closed toe, comfortable shoes, long pants and socks to pull over pants – no skin exposed.
2. Bring water.
3. Bring a waterproof tarp or mat for sitting on while visiting the grounds. An easy, inexpensive and large mat is a vinyl picnic tablecloth (the kind with flannel on the back).
4. All group leaders should have a basic first aid kit containing assorted bandages, gauze, adhesive tape, antiseptic wipes, insect bite ointment, Neosporin or other antibiotic ointment for scratches, 2 pairs non-latex gloves, and hand sanitizer.
  - Don't forget individual child medications, such as Epi-Pens
5. Make sure all adults know the plan for the field trip: where and when to meet up at the end, and carry cell phones in case of emergency.

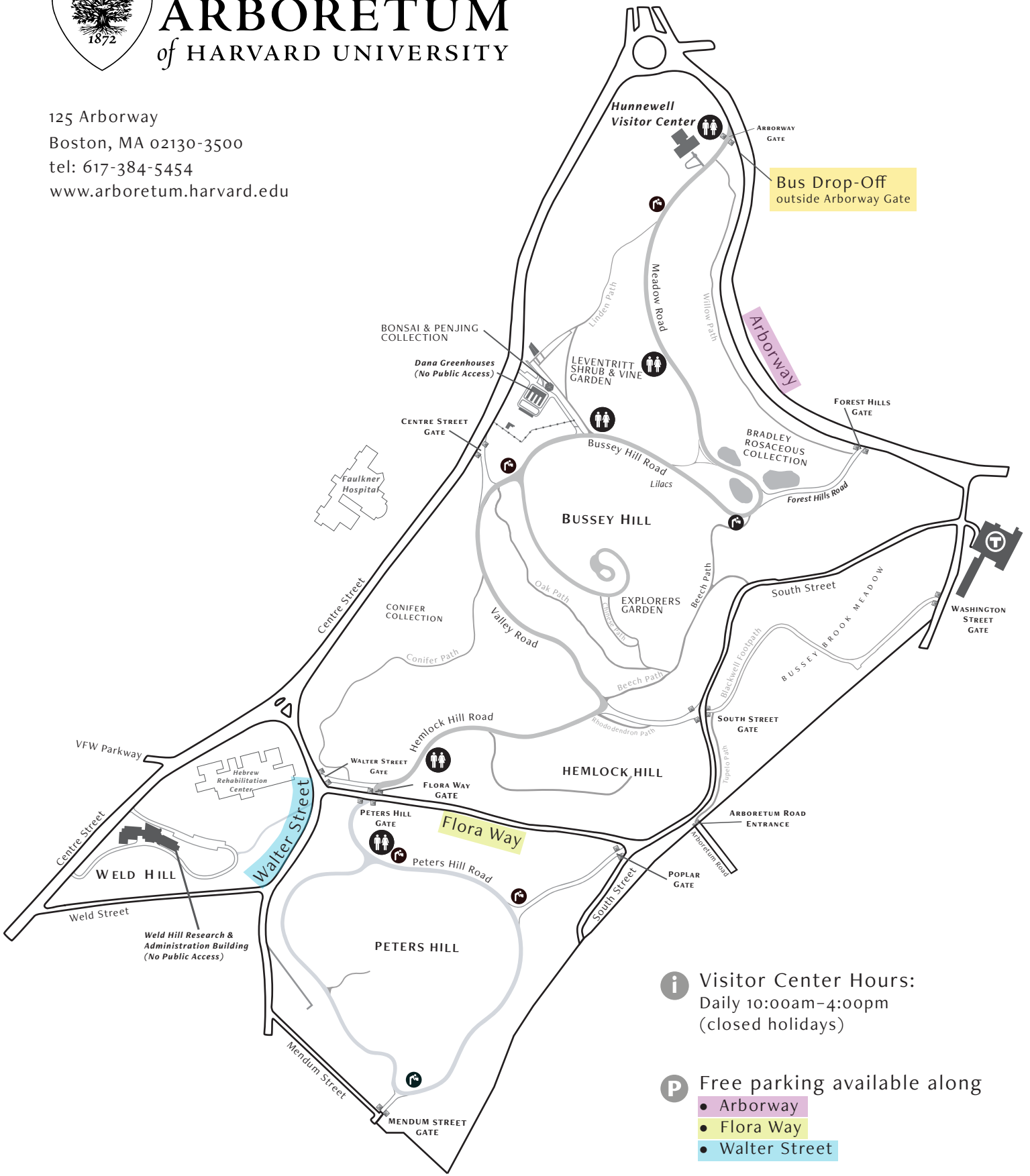
### Adults can carry a backpack containing:

- Coloring materials and paper for making observational drawings. If students have science journals, bring them to record learning.
- Tape to affix found plant material to paper next to drawing.
- Tupperware or plastic bags for collecting found material of interest.
- Bug boxes/magnifying viewers/hand lenses for close observation of small animals and plant material.
- Binoculars for observing birds, trees, across the ponds, etc.
- Field guides
- Activity sheets or other visual organizers for recording learning.
- Printed map of the Arboretum



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Bus Drop-Off  
outside Arborway Gate

**i** Visitor Center Hours:  
Daily 10:00am-4:00pm  
(closed holidays)

**P** Free parking available along  
• Arborway  
• Flora Way  
• Walter Street