Our Visit to Naples Botanical Garden
Notes for parents, teachers, and other caregivers

General sensory considerations
• If your child has issues with weather conditions such as heat or rain, they may need to be prepared.
• Bugs (bees, mosquitoes, wasps, butterflies) are all around. If a child has fears, you may want to prepare him or her and explain that the bugs are busy doing their jobs and won’t bother us if we don’t bother them!
• You may see a snake – garden staff will come remove it from contained areas such as the Butterfly Garden.

Potential behavior considerations
• The following page provides rules that apply to the entire garden. Each Garden section in the remaining pages will include rules that apply to that area.
• The Brazilian Garden, Children’s Garden boardwalk, Water Garden, Asian Garden, River of Grass, and Preserve have water areas that may be tempting for wading or throwing things. An alternate area where going in the water is OK would be the water fountains in the Children’s Garden.
• There may be a wait to get in butterfly garden and water play area (limit of 12 people in the water fountain at a time). You will see a clock on pages where there may be a wait.

• The Garden Café is only available November-April. If this will be an issue, children may need preparation.
• Areas where it is OK to touch plants will be indicated by this symbol:
• Areas where it is not OK to touch will be indicated by this:

Safety considerations
• It is very easy for a child to get lost in the garden. If your child likes to wander, you will want to keep an extra eye on him/her.
• Keeping hydrated. There are water coolers around the garden. They are marked on the pages for each section with this symbol: 
• See above comments on water areas. The Brazilian Gardens especially have water at sidewalk-level that would be very easy to walk into.
• Remember to bring sunscreen!
Here are some rules for the whole garden:

We can look, but we cannot take plants, bugs, or animals home with us.

We can look, but we cannot take flowers, seeds, nuts or other things that drop from bushes or trees.

We may see, but we cannot take garden tools or objects.

We can enjoy looking at water in the ponds, waterfalls, and other areas, but we cannot drink or go into the water, unless we see signs that it is OK.

See the Children’s Garden section. There are drinking fountains and coolers around the garden.

We can look but we cannot climb trees or on the outside of structures.

If we see wildlife we will not go near so we will be safe and the animals and birds will be safe too. What is wildlife? Wildlife means animals, birds, fish and other creatures that live in nature. They are not pets. Some examples are snakes, alligators, ducks, tortoises, birds, and deer.

We will not feed, harass, or disturb alligators.
This page and the next page show the map we will get when we buy our tickets.
Garden Map
GARDENS with LATITUDE

Welcome To Naples Botanical Garden

Between the 26th latitude north where Naples is situated, and the 26th latitude south are some of the world’s most diverse plant communities and interesting cultures. Our subtropical location gives us the unique opportunity to showcase gardens that represent countries and regions from between these latitudes as they encircle the globe including Asia, Brazil, the Caribbean and Florida.

Garden Guidelines

Hours: Open every day 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sorry no non-checks.

Admission: Members - free, $12.95 adults, $7.95 children, 3 & under free.

Snacks: Available in the Vario’s Center & at the Garden Café Cart (Nov - April).

Scooter Rentals: Available for guests who need mobility assistance on a first come first served basis.

Photography: Professional photography allowed by appointment only.

Daily Tours: Every day at 11:00 a.m. (Nov - April) • Group Tours: Schedule your group tours with our office and take advantage of special pricing and boxed lunches.

Smoking: Strictly prohibited throughout the Garden except in posted areas.

Events: Visit our website or download our mobile app for a list of daily events and our monthly calendar.

Plant Interaction: Please do not touch or remove plant material unless specifically approved by supervising Garden Staff.

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This sign says: Please no outside food or beverage. This means we leave our food and drinks at home or in the car. When the Garden Café cart is open, we can buy food and drinks to enjoy while we visit the Garden. There are lots of water stations with free water around the Garden. On the map and in this story, water stations are where you see this:
We will see this sign when we enter the Garden. What do those symbols mean?

- No smoking
- No alcohol
- No pets
- No guns
- No rollerblading
- No glass
We will enter the Garden through the Visitor Center
We will see water coolers in several areas. They are indicated on the map and in this story with this symbol:

It will be important to drink lots of water while we are walking through the Garden.
We can throw our trash in the trash cans.

We can throw water bottles or soda cans in the RECYCLE bins.
The rest rooms are near the Children’s Garden.
We will see signs in a lot of places to help us if we get lost.
Here are things we can do in the Children’s Garden: play in the water fountains, climb the tree house and fire tower, see butterflies in the butterfly house, walk on the boardwalk, see the waterfall and cave, draw with sidewalk chalk, beach sand, shell mound, climb the net crawl, discover the hidden garden.

Here are the rules in the Children’s Garden:
• All children must be with a grownup.
• We will stay on the paths, and walk, not run. The paths might be slippery if they are wet!
• We can climb in the tree house or net crawl with hands and feet. We cannot climb trees or rocks.
• During dog-walking hours, our pets can walk in some parts of the garden, but they can’t walk in the Children’s Garden.
• We can walk on the stepping stones in the cypress swamp.
• We can draw only on the sidewalk at the chalk station.
• Touching plants is OK in the Children’s Garden, but we can’t take plants, bugs or animals home.
In hot weather, we can play in the water fountain. We will follow the rules so everybody can enjoy the water!

**Water fountain rules:**
- This water is not for drinking!
- We will take a shower in our bathing suits before we go in the water fountain.
- We can’t take food and drinks in the fountain area.
- We will keep animals and glass away from the fountain area so everyone will be safe!
- Very young children need swim diapers in the fountain. We can buy swim diapers in the Garden store.
- If I have a sick tummy, I can’t go in the fountain. I can come back and play in the water another day when I feel better.
- If there are already 12 children playing in the water fountains, I will wait my turn. Only 12 kids at a time in the fountain!
We will see some mailboxes. What are they for? Open one and look inside. Maybe we will find a scavenger hunt game!
We can stand on this floating raft. It will move up and down, but it won’t float away!
OK to climb on these – use hands and feet!

Not OK to climb on this!
Rules for the Butterfly Garden:

• All children must be with a grownup.
• We will close the doors after we walk through.
• We will not chase or touch the butterflies or caterpillars or chrysalids.
• We can look, but we cannot pick flowers.
• We will look and be sure no butterflies are on our clothes before we leave the butterfly house.
Brazilian Garden

Brazilian Garden

Brazili is the land of abundance and diversity.

Pods showing flowers to the 

The indigenous people of Brazil use these plants for traditional medicine and food.
We will see a beautiful, huge waterfall and so many pretty flowers. We will look but not pick flowers and we will not play or step in the water.
Careful!
Watch our step!
We can use the hammocks, play drums in the Chattel House, and play bocce ball on the lawn.
Boardwalks might be slippery if they are wet. Walk carefully!
The sign says we can’t walk past the chain to the ruins.

OK to walk path to this shrine
We cannot pick up flowers from the ground.
The sign says we must be careful and not feed or bother alligators.

OK to look!
Not OK to pick!
We can gently touch the plants to find out if they are soft or rough.
We can walk the labyrinth and strike the gong with the provided mallet.

Labyrinth = like a big puzzle
Gong = rings like a big bell
Mallet = like a big drum stick

We can look but we cannot play in the water or climb on this fountain.
When it is time to go, we will walk back to the visitor center and exit the Garden. Maybe we will shop for gifts in the store. If we can’t shop for gifts today, maybe we can another day.

Thank you Naples Botanical Garden for a great day in the Garden!

See you again next time...