



Garden Etiquette

For Everyone's Enjoyment

- Photos of plants and snapshots of your visit are always welcome. Please consider sharing photos from your visit with us by email or sharing them to Olbrich's Facebook page.
- Service animals trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability are allowed; please leave pets at home. (*Therapy, emotional support, comfort, companion animals and the like do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act.*)
- Stay on the pathways and mowed lawn areas. Do not walk in the flower beds or mulched areas.
- Leave flowers, plant material, plant labels and other garden property as you found them. Do not collect, remove, or eat plant material.
- To protect Olbrich's plant collection, please don't bring plants into the Gardens.
- For your safety, please refrain from playing in, standing on, and throwing rocks into the water features.
- Refrain from feeding or handling any animals for their health and safety.
- Please do not release animals in the Conservatory. For their safety and the safety of the Bolz Conservatory animals, contact your local humane society.
- Visitors enjoy the sounds of nature - do not play musical instruments or recorded music without headphones.
- Per City of Madison ordinance, solicitation is not allowed.
- Smoking and other uses of nicotine are prohibited except in the parking lot.
- Please keep soccer, football, Frisbee, skateboarding, biking, rollerblading, jogging, and similar activities outside the Gardens. Olbrich Park has open space adjacent to Olbrich Gardens for active sports and games.



- Only bring what you need for your garden visit. Olbrich does not offer a place to store personal items. Lost and found items may be turned in to the Lobby Greeter Desk.
- No firearms or weapons are permitted on this property. Violators are considered trespassers and subject to forfeiture or arrest.
- For their safety, please supervise children at all times.

Picnicking/Food

- Picnicking and carry-in food are not permitted at Olbrich except during the summer concert series and other specific Olbrich events.
- Two picnic areas adjacent to the Visitor Center main entrance and the east parking lot are available for visitor use. An additional picnic area is available across the street in Olbrich Park alongside Lake Monona. These spaces cannot be reserved.
- Food or beverage purchased on site can be enjoyed in Olbrich's lobby.
- Only water may be consumed in the Bolz Conservatory and Schumacher Library.

Groups

- All guided and self-guided [groups \(adult, youth, school-based, colleges, and universities\)](#) must register for their visit in advance by emailing aschwoerer@cityofmadison.com or by calling 608-245-3648.
- Make group announcements and handle logistics of the visit on the bus or outside Olbrich's Visitor Center main entrance. Please avoid giving instructions or making announcements in Olbrich's Visitor Center Lobby.
- Buses should park off-site. If this is not possible, then buses should not park near the Visitor Center main entrance, but rather to the far side of the parking lot.
- All youth groups must have the required number of chaperones for their group size.



Photographers/Artists

- Art or photography groups of any size planning to draw, paint, or photograph as a group either in the Outdoor Gardens and/or indoor Bolz Conservatory must schedule their group in advance by emailing aschwoerer@cityofmadison.com or by calling 608-245-3648.
- Artists should use light, portable equipment placed only on pathways and mowed lawn areas without blocking access for other visitors.
- Use of the Gardens for commercial photography, posed/portrait photography, stock photography, and other photography that uses the Gardens as a studio or backdrop is prohibited without a permit. Posed/portrait photography and tripods are never permitted in the Bolz Conservatory. See Olbrich Gardens' [Photography Policy](#).

Meetings / Gatherings / Classes

- Please see Olbrich Gardens' [rental information](#) to plan your gathering, meeting, wedding, memorial, class, etc. Such events are subject to fees and availability of space.
- Non-school classes led by an instructor not contracted with Olbrich Botanical Gardens are not permitted. This applies to both for-profit and not-for-profit classes.

Attire

- Please be considerate and keep your shirts and shoes on. Clothing changes (including those for permitted photography) are not permitted indoors, in the restrooms, or outdoors. To inquire about space rental for clothing changes, call 608-246-4733.