

VISITOR GUIDE & MAP



WELCOME!

Discover the beauty, diversity, and importance of plants through immersive displays that educate, inspire, and restore. The Garden is for everyone. Explore at your own pace, guided by your own curiosity.

ABOUT THE GARDEN

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is the oldest continuously operating public garden in North America and informs visitors about the importance, value, and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological significance. With more than a million visitors annually, the USBG strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices. The Garden is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

HISTORY

More than 200 years ago, George Washington had a vision for a botanic garden in the nation's new capital city. This garden would demonstrate and promote the importance of plants to the young nation. The Garden was established by Congress in 1820 and strengthened by collections from the U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838-1842). Since 1934, it has been administered through the Architect of the Capitol.

LIVING COLLECTIONS

The Garden maintains approximately 65,000 plants for exhibition, study, conservation, and exchange with other institutions. Noteworthy collections include economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and succulents, and Mid-Atlantic native plants. Several plants collected during the U.S. Exploring Expedition are still on display.



sweetbay magnolia
Magnolia virginiana

HOURS

Conservatory

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Gated Outdoor Gardens

Temporarily closed

September 16 - March 31:
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bartholdi Fountain and Gardens

Dawn to dusk daily

ACCESSIBILITY

The U.S. Botanic Garden strives to make its collection, programming, and facilities accessible to ensure a successful visit for all.

www.USBG.gov/Accessibility

PHOTOGRAPHY

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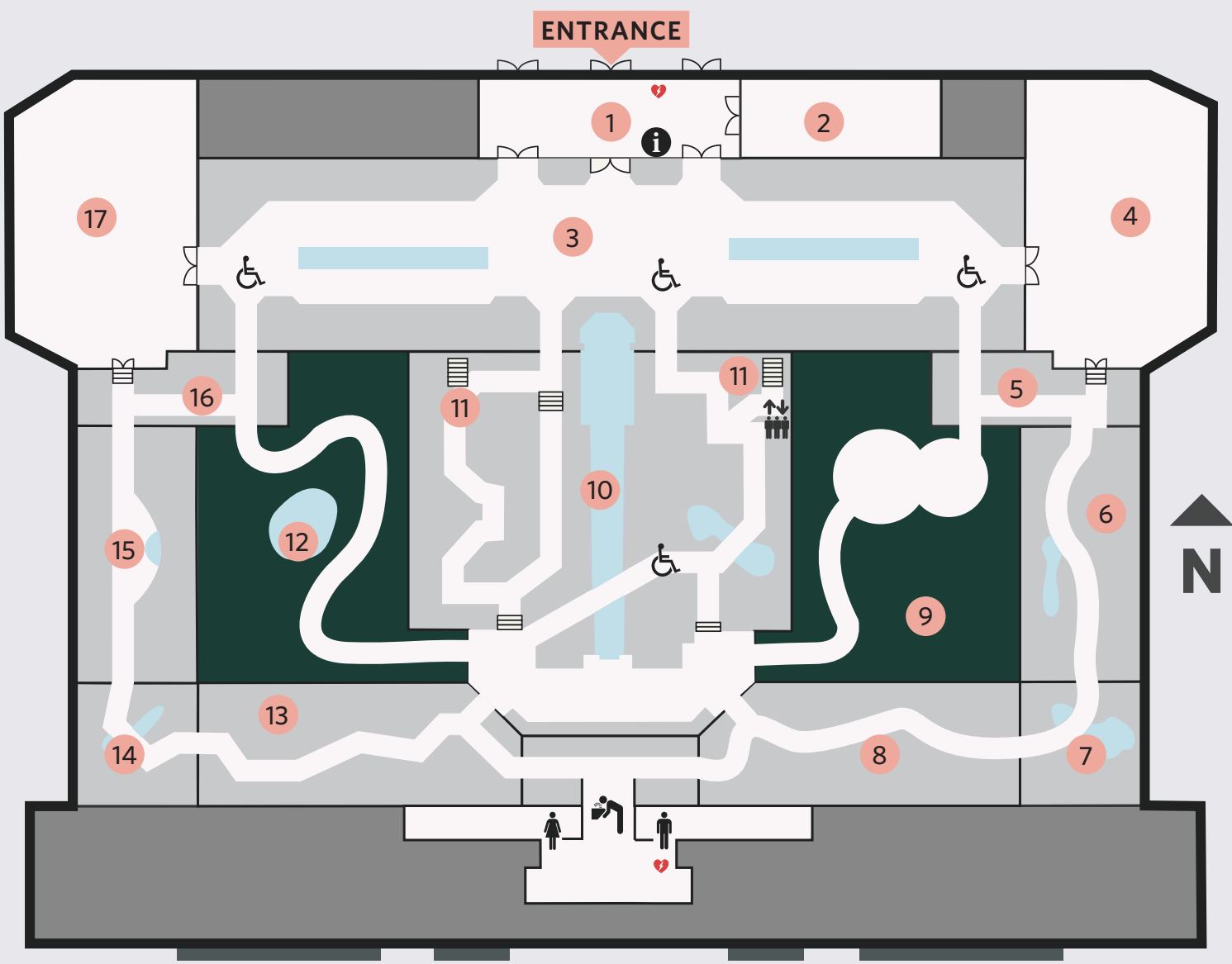
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Washington, D.C. 20001



Conservatory Map

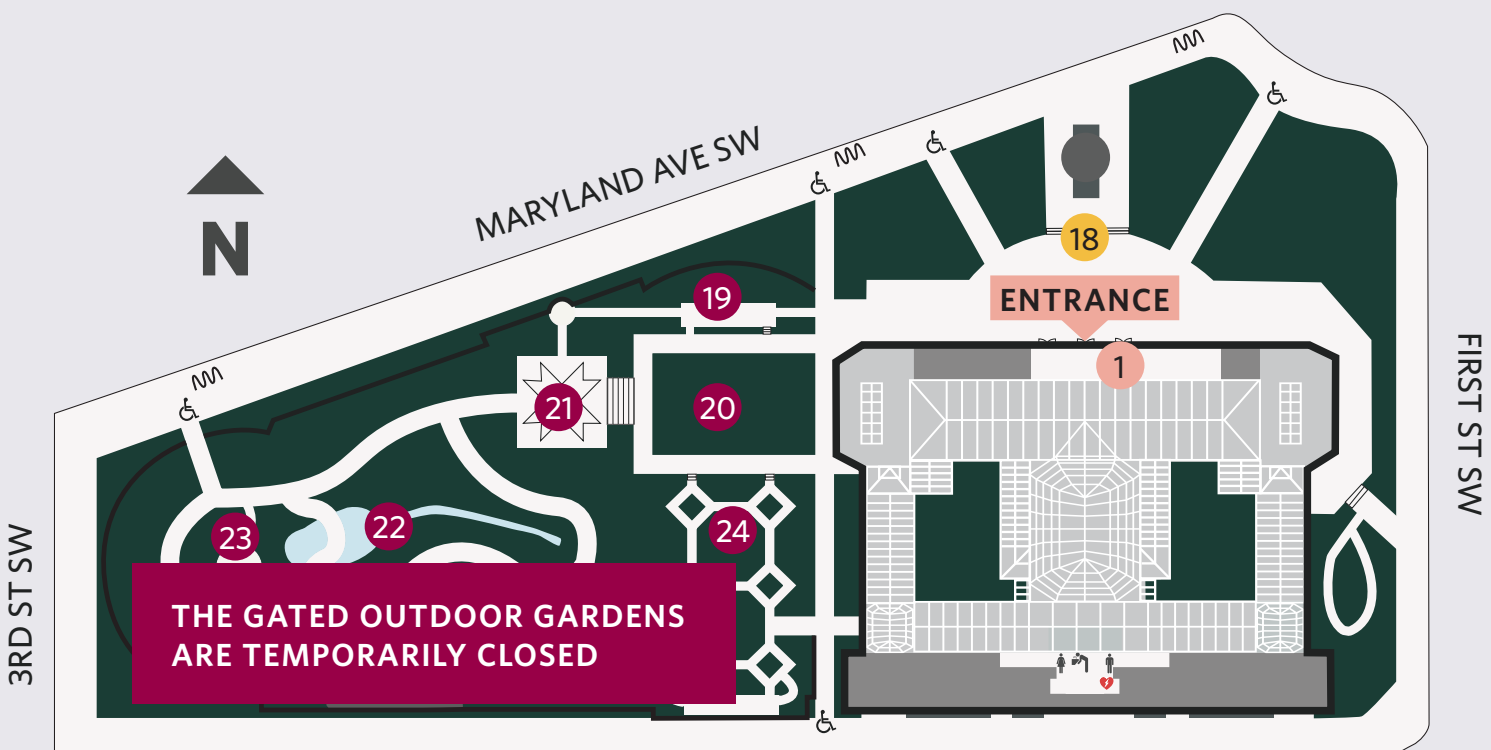
Sights, smells, sounds, and textures abound in the Conservatory. From wet tropics to deserts, our glasshouse highlights the diversity of plants worldwide. Seasonal displays and rotating exhibits showcase horticultural excellence, culturally important plants, agriculture, botanical art, conservation, and plant science.



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The outdoor gardens demonstrate ways we can live and garden in harmony with nature. Discover Bartholdi's historic *Fountain of Light and Water*, learn about growing food plants in our Kitchen Garden, enjoy beautiful horticultural displays in the Terrace Gardens, and explore Mid-Atlantic native flora in the Regional Garden.



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| bike rack | crosswalk | automated external defibrillator | |

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Madagascar periwinkle
Catharanthus roseus