



Visiting The Gardens at Ball 2021

Welcome to The Gardens at Ball. Our grounds in West Chicago, Illinois have been the evaluation and testing grounds for the world's wealth of horticulture since 1933. Visits to The Gardens at Ball are encouraged for customers of Ball Seed® and industry partners.

The Gardens are open to the public by appointment only, weekdays in August, between 8:00am and 4:00pm. There is no charge and tours are self-guided using a provided map. We do not have any options for guided tours. **To schedule your appointment, please call our main switchboard at 630 231-3600.**

Public visitors are not permitted into any campus building (aside from a group leader to sign-in and collect maps for the group), however we do have restrooms in The Gardens that are open during business hours. Restrooms are illustrated on the provided map. ***If entering the building to receive paper copies of the attached map, you must wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. This may change depending on current Illinois health and safety guidelines in effect at the time of your visit; current information will be posted on the entryway to Reception.***

Upon arrival, please have one person from your party come to our front desk reception for sign-in and to collect the maps. The rest of the group may wait at the entrance to The Gardens. Front desk reception is located at the 622 Town Road main entrance; parking for garden visits is in the rear of the building (see map below).

Note about elderly/handicapped visitors: Paths can be navigated with a wheelchair if the guest has their own equipment and attendant, but as a non-public garden, we do not have golf cart assistance or other handicap assistance available. There are several walking pathways, and the average visit is approximately 90 minutes. Paths are mostly on gravel from the parking lot to the garden and throughout 10 acres of landscaped gardens. Guests should be steady on their feet and able to walk at least a mile comfortably.

Hydration: It is important to bring your own beverages to stay hydrated during your visit. August days can be quite warm, and as a private garden, we do not have refreshments available. We recommend dressing appropriately for the weather including a hat for sun protection and insect repellent.

We thank you for your interest in The Gardens at Ball! Please call our main switchboard for any additional questions or concerns.



The Gardens at Ball Parking Map

