

Field Trip Policies & Guidelines

Prepare your students

Be sure to review the Code of Conduct. Be prepared to divide into 2 or 3 smaller groups and provide nametags for students

Litterless lunch

You are welcome to have a picnic lunch in the plaza in front of the Conservatory, but please pack out your waste. No indoor eating areas or refrigeration are provided

Arrival

Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. Make sure everyone has eaten any snacks before the scheduled start time. You will be met by VBGA staff in the plaza outside of the Conservatory at your start time. Please seat your class along the benches surrounding the fountains. If you are late, please call 604-257-8584

Washrooms

Public washrooms are available in the building on the plaza east of the Conservatory entrance

Payment

Payment is due to VBGA - *not Admissions* - within 4 weeks of booking. VBGA accepts Visa, Mastercard, cheque or cash. Membership discount does not apply to field trip fees

Cancellations

Cancellations within 4 weeks of booking receive full refund, less a \$15 administrative fee. Cancellations prior to 4 weeks of program receive 50% refund. No refund for cancellations within 4 weeks of program date

First Aid

Any first aid required must be administered by a representative from the school, and not by staff or volunteers of the Conservatory or the VBGA

Field Trip Code of Conduct

Respect plants

Enjoy, don't destroy! We invite you to smell, observe, and gently touch flowers, fruit, bark, and cones - but please don't pick anything off any plant

Respect animals

The Conservatory provides habitat for many species of birds and fish. Give them plenty of space, never touch or feed them, and try not to scare them. Look on the ground and walk slowly as birds may be below

Respect guests & staff

Respect other visitors in the Conservatory and listen carefully to staff and program leaders. Many people come to enjoy the peaceful beauty of Bloedel, so please use "inside voices" and avoid clapping or startling birds

Stay with your group

Things are more fun together! Please stay with your group at all times

Enjoy with your eyes

If you find something interesting on the ground, we invite you to explore it but please leave it where you found it

Watch your step

Please keep your feet on paths and out of the fragile garden beds

Go with the flow

Photography is welcome, but refrain from interrupting the flow of the program to take posed photos, and avoid the use of selfie sticks

Pack it out

Eating is prohibited inside the Conservatory. Please dispose of waste appropriately. Never litter, pack out what you bring in, and consider ways to limit your waste

Getting to Bloedel Conservatory

Driving Paid parking is available in the lot near the top of Queen Elizabeth Park. Free public parking is available just off W 33rd Ave on the service road heading into the park

Public transit Both #15 and #33 busses service Queen Elizabeth Park. Bloedel Conservatory is located at the top of Little Mountain

Queen Elizabeth Park

