



# SCHOOL GROUP & FIELD TRIP POLICIES

**We welcome organized School Groups and Field Trips  
October 15 - April 15 only** (No school field trips accepted after April 16)

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and based on availability  
For Reservations contact Group Services 250-652-4422 or [groupres@butchartgardens.com](mailto:groupres@butchartgardens.com)

Visits restricted to **maximum 2 hours**  
Maximum group size 60 students | Chaperone requirement **1 adult per 10 students**  
Based on the 1:10 ratio we will provide complimentary chaperone admission

**This policy must be distributed to all accompanying teachers and chaperones prior to visit.**

The Butchart Gardens welcomes visitors from around the world who come to enjoy the splendor and tranquility of The Gardens. Please remember we are a Private Display Garden and **not a playground or park**. It is important for all students and chaperones to understand our expectations; appropriate behavior is expected otherwise your group may be asked to leave.

- ▶ The chaperone's role is to manage & supervise their group while on property.
- ▶ Administrators, teachers, and chaperones will be provided with identification badges which are to be displayed at all times while at The Gardens. Please return badges prior to departure.
- ▶ Groups must break up into smaller units of 10 or less prior to entering through the turnstiles. Each smaller group must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.
- ▶ Stagger each group through the entrance and maintain adequate spacing between each group throughout The Gardens.
- ▶ Chaperones must remain with their group at all times during the visit (this includes the gift shop, restaurants & carousel areas).
- ▶ The Gardens' Etiquette:
  - Groups must be courteous and respectful of all visitors
  - Talk quietly to maintain the tranquility of The Gardens
  - No backpacks permitted in The Gardens except for medical reason
  - No outside meals to be consumed in The Gardens. (Small snacks are permitted in designated areas only, coordinated in advance). Water fountains are located throughout for your convenience
  - No blocking of pathways or congregating in public squares is permitted. Walk and remain on the paths at all times. Do not climb on statues or other garden fixtures or in flower beds
  - No running, no catching or throwing games
  - Music, musical instruments, and performances of any kind are not permitted
  - Groups are not permitted to participate in scavenger hunts as they are too disruptive to other visitors

**Thank you for your cooperation to ensure all visitors enjoy their time at The Butchart Gardens**

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