Touring the Gardens

Enjoy experiencing the beauty of Sarah P. Duke Gardens on a guided tour. Trained docents weave together the story of Duke Gardens’ history and development with today’s breathtaking garden displays, garden architecture, native plant gardens, vegetable gardens and special collections.

TOUR TOPICS
Please let us know if you have a specific interest or would like to focus on one of the following topics:

- Highlights of Sarah P. Duke Gardens
- The Women of Duke Gardens
- Wildlife of Duke Gardens
- Water Features in the Gardens
- The Architectural Elements of Duke Gardens
- A Historical Walk through Duke Gardens

Walking or Trolley Tours are offered March 15–November 15. Advance notice is requested.
Walking tours are available Sunday–Friday. The minimum group tour fee of $60 allows for a maximum of 10 people. For larger groups add $6 per additional person.
Trolley tours are available Monday–Friday. Fee for a maximum of 5 people is $40 per tour.
Same-day Trolley Tours available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm on a first requested, first served basis. Please call or stop at the visitor center desk to inquire about availability. There is a limit of 5 per trolley. Fee $8 per person.

Fees: payable upon confirming reservation, via cash, check, MasterCard or Visa.
Payment for same day reservations are accepted in cash or by credit card.
Please call 919-668-1707 or email gardenseducation@duke.edu to arrange a tour.

Volunteering in the Gardens

Be a force of nature — Volunteer

Expand your knowledge of the natural world as you help connect people with the Gardens. Volunteers are essential at Sarah P. Duke Gardens, helping to create a better garden and a better community. Bring your interest, energy, knowledge and passion to Duke Gardens and help make each guest’s visit more beautiful and enriching.

Whether you are interested in gardening, visitor services, administrative support or education, volunteering at Duke Gardens is a way to give back to your community. You will meet people of similar interests, learn new skills and have fun.

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEERS:
- The satisfaction of supporting a public garden and furthering the Gardens’ mission
- Increased garden skill/knowledge
- Invitations to Gardens events
- Education discount
- Gift shop discount

If you are interested in joining the volunteer family at Duke Gardens, contact Director of Volunteer Services Chuck Hemric at (919) 668-1705 or chemric@duke.edu to schedule an interview and discuss the opportunities that interest you.