

# FIELD TRIP WELCOME GUIDE



## FIELD TRIP VISIT OVERVIEW

Thank you for choosing Pinecrest Gardens as your field trip destination! Please refer to this guide for the best possible experience for your visit.

**All groups of 10 people or more require prior reservation and confirmation.**

### Arrival:

All groups must park in our main parking lot on site. Parking is free and open. Groups arriving by bus should drop students off at the meadow gate location (not at the main entry). Students should not be allowed off of the bus until a Pinecrest Gardens staff person greets the bus driver and group lead. Please unpack your students, coolers, lunches and any field trip materials at the meadow gate. Lunch wagons or carts are not provided by Pinecrest Gardens. Any lunch materials must be easily transported by your group.

### Check-in:

Upon arrival to the Garden, we ask that the main chaperone check in with the main office or ticket booth with a total head count. The cost of the field trip admission ranges from \$5 to \$9 per person (adults & children), and Pinecrest Gardens requires a 10 to 1 ratio of children to adult chaperones. This requirement allows 1 free chaperone for every 10 students on day of visit. Special needs groups observe a discounted rate of \$5 per person (adults & children). Self Guided groups observe the rate of \$7 per person, and Guided groups observe the rate of \$9 per person. The fee covers your stay for 4 hours in the Garden. Upon bus departure, check in with the main office or ticket booth and please be prepared with your total head count, and payment. We accept visa, MasterCard, discover, cash or check. We do not accept American Express.

### Departure:

We are a 'pack in, pack out' facility. Any materials, lunches, or items that you bring into the Garden, must leave with you upon your departure. Lunch bags, coolers, and trash should be cleaned up prior to departure. Please exit the Garden through the Main gates at the front of the facility. Bus pick up & drop is at the Meadow Gate. No plant material of any kind may be removed from the Garden.

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## FIELD TRIP RULES

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- Required chaperone ratio is 1:10. Pinecrest Gardens reserves the right to refuse entrance to groups with inadequate supervision.
- Students must be supervised by adults at all times.
- This is a historical garden, and care must be taken so that the botanical garden, structures and equipment are not damaged.
- Do not collect any leaves, flowers, fruit or plant material from the garden. The group must remain on the walking paths at all times, unless otherwise guided by a garden staff member.
- Food and beverage are prohibited in the Splash 'N Play and Zoo Areas.
- Do not feed any animals or wildlife at Pinecrest Gardens.
- Running is prohibited in all areas of the Garden, including in the Splash 'N Play area and Playground.
- If your group plans on enjoying the Splash 'N Play, please make sure that all attendees are wearing the appropriate attire (bathing suit) before entering the area. Children must be changed in a proper changing area (i.e. bathroom).
- Climbing or playing on rocks, walls, barriers, trees, art displays or areas other than the playground is prohibited.
- Lunch space must be reserved with confirmation of the Field Trip. Please limit yourself to the area you have reserved.
- Lunch wagons or carts are not provided by Pinecrest Gardens. Any lunch materials must be easily transported by your group.
- Use of any personal stereo equipment while in the garden is prohibited.
- Smoking and use of smoking devices is prohibited.
- Dispose of garbage in labeled receptacles.
- We are a multi-use facility and public space. Please be mindful of other visitors and Garden-wide events such as weddings, parties, and other school groups.
- No firearms, weapons, or outside alcohol are permitted on Garden grounds.



# GARDEN AMENITIES

As amenities of the Garden, your group will gain access to our Splash N' Play, Mini Zoo, Playground, Learning Garden and main gardens. Please note that all amenities of the Garden are available weather, maintenance and facility permitting. A picnic area can be reserved for your group upon request.

## Splash 'N Play

A water playground designed for the enjoyment of children ages 2 through 12. Splash and play is open, weather permitting from 10:00am-4:00 p.m. for groups.



## Playground & Picnic Areas

Adjacent to the picnic table area and concession, the colorful playground offers kids a wide variety of fun and exercise. Modeled after species of animals you may see in the Garden; kids will love climbing and playing these whimsical creatures! The playground is designed for students of all abilities.

## Sensory & Learning Garden

This sensory friendly space accommodates people of all abilities and features seasonal plants to delight all year long. Children can water plants, play with chalk and engage their senses!



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## Swan Lake

Swan Lake provides the perfect place to watch wildlife in a spectacular setting. Kids can sit and watch the beautiful swan as it swims across the water, the iguanas and turtles sunning themselves on the grassy bank or birds that stop to cool down at the water's edge.



## Mini Zoo

Get a chance to interact with our variety of farm animals. We have goats, mini pigs, bunnies and more. Our mini zoo is open from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weather permitting. Students will be able to view the animals weather and availability permitting. **Please do not feed our animals.**

## Botanical Gardens

Pinecrest Gardens is a lush paradise featuring both exotic and native plants, sinuous rock formations, and water features. The Gardens are listed on the National Historic Register, and The 11-acre design includes a tropical native hardwood hammock and Bald cypress slough, dry succulent gardens, palms, orchids, and diverse specimen plantings in a unique historic landscape and urban oasis.



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## POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Main Entry Building
2. *Peace Bird* by Donald Lee Seiler
3. Hardwood Hammock & Lower Garden Area
4. Parrot Jungle Historic Bird Cage
5. Solution Hole
6. Cypress Slough
7. Historical Entrance Building
8. *Reclining Woman* by Donald Lee Seiler
9. Parrot Jungle Historic Bird Cage
10. Turtle Island
11. Original Snapper Creek Waterways & Aquatic Wildlife
12. Alligator Grottos
13. *Diatom Court* by Xavier Cortada
14. *La Danse* by Alice Pittaluga
15. *Longitudinal Installation* by Xavier Cortada
16. Hammock Pavilion
17. Splash 'N Play
18. Sotloff Memorial Garden & *Friendship* by Santiago Medina
19. Banyan Tree & Upper Garden Area
20. Meadow Garden & Historic Pathways
21. Patio & Pergola House
22. Lakeview Terrace & Dry Gardens
23. Lilly Pond & *Eternity* by Santiago Medina
24. Observation Tower & *Tropical Punch* by Patsy Rodriguez
25. Picnic Areas
26. Playground & Zoo
27. Learning Garden
28. Inspiration Center
29. Whilden-Carrier Cottage
30. Colonnade
31. Mangrove forest and mural
32. Banyan Bowl
33. Hidden Garden



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# Policy and Confirmation



## **Pinecrest Gardens Field trip policy and confirmation:**

To prevent last minute cancellations and no-shows, we require signing of our policy which claims that you have acknowledged Pinecrest Gardens Field Trip rules and regulations as well as the Cancellation Policies. A school's field trip will not be confirmed until these forms have been signed and received by Pinecrest Gardens. Please turn in your forms at least 7 days prior to your field trip date. Confirmation papers emailed to:

Lacey Bray: Education and Visitor Engagement Specialist -  
lbray@pinecrestgardens.org

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If a school must cancel a scheduled field trip, the school must contact Lacey Bray, Education & Visitor Engagement Specialist immediately. All field trips must be canceled within two business days of the program. If the school does not give cancellation notice within two days of the program, the school will not be eligible for rescheduling their field trips and will no longer be considered for future bookings; with the exception of absolute emergencies. Field trip deposits are non-refundable. Pinecrest Gardens reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a field trip in the event of unpredicted maintenance, facility closures or weather.

**Weather Cancellation Policy:** In the case of extreme weather conditions (Including but not limited to tropical storms, lightning, thunder, heavy rains, flooding, extreme heat or extreme cold), Pinecrest Gardens reserves the right to cancel the program. Cancellations due to weather conditions will be made the day before or the morning of the program. A member of the Pinecrest Gardens Staff will contact the school prior to their scheduled trip, and the school will be given the opportunity to reschedule if possible.

I have read and agreed to the Pinecrest Gardens Field trip rules, regulations and cancellation policy.

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(Printed Name & School name)

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(Signature & Date of Field trip)