



The Ruth Bancroft Garden Group Tour Information

General Information: Guided group tours of The Ruth Bancroft Garden are available Wednesday through Saturday by appointment for 10 or more people. The tours focus on the history and development of the garden, the plant collection, and water-wise gardening. Tours usually last about an hour to an hour and a half, and plants are for sale after the tour. We schedule one docent per 15 guests, so that everyone can hear and see the docent while touring the garden comfortably. This means that larger groups may be divided. For groups there is a required minimum of 10 people. Children's groups and school classes do not apply and must be scheduled separately through our Education Coordinator.

Cost: \$10 regular admission, \$7 for 65+ and students with an ID. Free for: Members of The RBG, Garden Conservancy and American Horticultural Society, Children under 12, and caregivers of a disabled person. Our free admission of the first Tuesday of the month does not apply to group tours.

The contact person who is organizing the group tour is responsible for collecting tour fees and should make a single group payment to the docent at the beginning of the tour (less the deposit; please bring deposit receipt). We accept cash or check.

Deposit: Upon scheduling your group tour, a deposit is due to confirm your reservation. The deposit is \$50 for bus groups, \$25 for non-bus groups. You will be mailed a receipt, which you should bring with you to the tour. If you cancel the tour at least 14 days in advance, the deposit will be reimbursed in full. Should you need to reschedule, we can apply your deposit to the new tour date. Mail to: The Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek CA 94598.

Headcount: A final headcount is due two weeks before the tour so that we are able to prepare our docents for your group.

Tour Buses: Bus groups are welcome to visit the garden. We do ask that the bus motors remain off during the tour. There are public parking lots nearby if you need to keep the bus running.

To schedule your group tour: Contact Howard Rudiger at (925) 934-6552 or info@ruthbancroftgarden.org.