

Adult Group Tour Planning Kit



Please review these materials prior to your visit to ensure an enjoyable and successful visit to Cantigny.

To book an adult group visit please call: 630 260 8162 or email TJacobson@Cantigny.org

The Basics

The Park

Located at 1 S 151 Winfield Road in Wheaton, Illinois, Cantigny's 500-acre park offers educational and recreational experiences through visits to the formal gardens, Visitors Center and our two museums: the Robert R. McCormick Museum and the Cantigny First Division Museum.

Parking Fee

\$5 per car or van (less than 17 person capacity) weekdays between 10am-5pm, \$2 per car or van between 7-10 am and 5pm-sunset (9-10 am and 4pm-sunset Nov 1– Apr 30), \$40 per large van or mini-bus (18-35 person capacity) and \$80 per bus or motor coach (36 + person capacity).

Hours

Grounds: Mon-Sun, 9am-Sunset, Nov 1 - Apr 30 (Closed January), Mon-Sun, 7am-Sunset, May 1 - Oct 31
The museums are closed on Mondays, but the park is open and available for self guided visits to the gardens and grounds. The entire park is closed in January. In February, the park is open Friday-Sunday only. Lunch is served in Le Jardin, April –October, seven days a week from 11 am– 2 pm. Reservations are required for groups. See pages 3 and 4 for more detailed lunch information.

Adult groups visiting both museums should allow at least 2 1/2 hours to visit both museums and walk between them. Additional time should be included to explore the grounds, gardens and tank park or to eat lunch. See example itineraries on page 5.

Group Size

Adult groups of less than 10 people do not require a reservation, but are encouraged to make one. Groups over 10 people must make a reservation and schedule their guided tour of the McCormick Museum. The total number of people allowed per guided tour is 50. Larger groups may reserve two back-to-back tours. (Tours of the First Division Museum are self-guided.)

We suggest that large groups visiting both museums divide into groups of 50 people or less. One group begins at the First Division Museum and the other group begins at the Robert R. McCormick Museum. Each group completes their first tour and then visits the other museum for their second tour.

Tour Times

Full guided tours of the Robert R. McCormick Museum, viewing all 27 rooms, leave on the hour between 10:00 and 3:00. Full tours require the climbing of five flights of stairs and last approximately one hour.

First floor only tours of the Robert R. McCormick Museum leave on the half hour between 10:30 and 3:30. First floor only tours are wheelchair accessible, do not involve any stair climbing and last approximately 30 minutes.

During the months of June, July and August, reservations for group tours will not be accepted for tour times 1:00 pm and later, due to high visitation. During those months the tour times available for group tours will be 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm.

The First Division Museum is self-guided and fully accessible. We suggest giving your group at least one hour to explore the museum.

Accessibility

The Visitors Center and First Division Museum are fully accessible. The Robert R. McCormick Museum has a ramped entrance to the first floor for wheelchairs and will provide a first floor only tour for any visitor unable to climb stairs.

♿ A wheelchair accessible tram is available for transportation between buildings, if needed.

Once You Arrive

- Upon arrival, you will check-in at the front gate and the guard will verify your reservation and collect your parking fee. If you arrive on a mini-bus or full size bus, the guard will direct the bus driver to the drop-off zone in front of the Visitors Center. Your bus driver will temporarily park in front of the Visitors Center (designated bus pick-up and drop-off zone) and guests will disembark the bus. Cars and vans should park in the public parking lot in front of the Visitors Center.
- You will not have a docent or park representative meet you at the Visitors Center, but our guest services volunteer, at the kiosk, can assist you if you have questions.
- We recommend your group start their visit watching the 8-minute introductory film in the theater in the Visitors Center. After the film, make sure guests or group leaders have a map of the park (pick up a Visitors Guide at the kiosk desk) and know their tour times. Please arrive at the museums at your scheduled tour times.
- Cantigny offers a tram service for guests needing or wanting a ride from one destination to another. The tram service is available from any building by asking an employee to call for it.

Think Green

Cantigny is proud to be part of the international “green” initiative for a healthier planet. We are dedicated to doing everything we can to make our Earth a safer and healthier place to live now and for generations to come.

Please ask your bus driver to park and TURN OFF their bus after dropping off the passengers.

Cantigny’s parking lots are no-idle zones. In following with House Bill 4782, stationary diesel vehicles of more than 8,000 pounds may not idle for more than 10 minutes. The exceptions to that rule are when it is below 32 or above 80 degrees outside or during an emergency.



i Restrooms are located in the Visitors Center, Bertie’s, both museums, the Outdoor Education Center and the picnic area.

In Addition to Your Museum Visits

Gift Shop

Your trip to Cantigny cannot be complete without a visit to our Gift Shop. Browse around and look at the many one-of-a-kind items, souvenirs and gifts. You will also find flowers grown in the Cantigny Greenhouse for sale, providing you an opportunity to take home a bit of Cantigny's beauty. Cash, checks and all major credit cards accepted.

Cantigny Gardens

Overload your senses with the stunning sights, tranquil sounds and aromatic scents of Cantigny’s 40-acre Formal Gardens. Created by renowned landscape architect Franz Lipp, enjoy the views of this horticultural masterpiece that include annual and perennial flowers, ground covers, flowering bulbs, and a variety of shrubs and trees from the Midwest.



Idea Garden, Herb Garden 'Big Ten Colors'

The Idea Garden, featuring a herb garden, fruit and vegetable gardens and creative flower beds and plantings including a giant chess board and Loch Ness Monster topiary is also a feast the senses. Be sure to stroll through the Rose Garden as well, where you will find 55 varieties of roses.

Our nature trail is open for hiking. The wood chip trail is approximately 2 1/2 miles long. A map of the trail can be found inside the Visitors Guide.

Tank Park

The First Division Foundation has 11 tanks in the tank park in front of and alongside of the First Division Museum, as well as an Armored Personnel Carrier and three artillery pieces. They are all inoperable displays of United States Army equipment. Visitors are encouraged to climb on the tanks and experience them up close. Each tank is labeled with a sign indicating the type of tank, it’s weight, years of usage, and number of crew members.

i Be sure to stop by the information kiosk in the Visitors Center to learn about current and upcoming special events and pick up park maps and brochures.

Lunch at Le Jardin

Cantigny is proud to offer daily lunch service at Le Jardin Restaurant, adjacent to the Visitors Center. Take advantage of the beautiful view of Cantigny's lush gardens, from our dining room or patio. Choose from a variety of specialty lunch items our award winning culinary team has created for you.



A few steps from Le Jardin is Bertie's Gourmet Coffee Shop. Bertie's has a satisfying selection of coffee, teas, smoothies, ice cream and fresh pastries.

Lunch is served seven days a week April– October, from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm. Please find the group menu for Le Jardin on pg 4. **For reservations, please call 630 260 8260.**

Boxed Lunches and Picnicking at Cantigny

The picnic area, seating 300, is available to groups. The picnic grounds are strictly first-come, first-serve. Restrooms, trash collection and recycling bins are located in the picnic area. We are unable to store sack lunches for groups. All lunches must either be left in your vehicles or carried in leak-proof sacks.

Boxed lunches are available for purchase through Le Jardin. **Please call 630 260 8260 to place a box lunch order.**

Boxed Lunch Options

\$11.50 each - includes a sandwich, apple, jumbo cookie, and chips. (Drink not included.)

Roast Turkey Breast – on multi grain bread

Ham – on sourdough bread

Turkey Pastrami and Swiss Cheese – on rye bread

Italian Sub with Capicola, Hard Salami, Smoked Ham, Pepperoni, and Provolone Cheese – on Hogi bread

Grilled Vegetables – on sourdough bread

Lunch at the Red Oak Room at Cantigny (Groups of 50 or more)

The Red Oak Room invites you to join them throughout the year. The dining room, with a panoramic view of the golf course, coupled with the finest in freshly prepared cuisine are the basis for a notable dining experience. View the full menu through the Cantigny Events Guide at www.Cantigny.org.



For group reservations at the Red Oak Room, please call 630 260 8101. The Red Oak Room is only available for groups of 50 or more.

The Red Oak Room is located in the Clubhouse at Cantigny Golf, 27 W 270 Mack Road– a five minute drive from Cantigny Park. From Cantigny Park to Cantigny Golf: Left out of park onto Winfield Road, left at light onto Mack Road, left into golf entrance. From Cantigny Golf to Cantigny Park: Right out of golf club onto Mack Road, right at light onto Winfield Road, right into Cantigny Park.



Groups of 20 or more are required to choose up to two meals to be served. The group coordinator must submit the menu, guaranteed guest count and count of each meal one week prior to the lunch. When multiple entrées are served, the group coordinator is required to provide a place card for each guest to display in front of each place setting. The place cards should clearly display the guests' meal choice with a code of colors or shapes to ensure the correct entrées are served in a professional manner.

Salads and sandwiches are served ala carte without beverage or dessert.

SALADS

Strawberry Chicken Salad – Mixed greens tossed with grilled chicken, sliced strawberries, goat cheese, candied walnuts and strawberry balsamic dressing. \$9.95
Without chicken \$7.95

Caesar Salad – Assorted greens, featuring Cantigny oak leaf lettuce, shredded parmesan cheese, house-made seasoned croutons, cherry tomatoes, classic Caesar dressing and grilled chicken breast. \$9.95
Without chicken \$6.50

Chicken Salad – Grilled breast of chicken salad served in a pineapple boat with a side of fresh seasonal fruit. \$8.50

Tuna Salad – Albacore tuna served in a pineapple boat with a side of fresh seasonal fruit. \$8.50

SANDWICHES *Served with Kettle Chips*

Smoked Turkey & Swiss – Served on thick Vienna wheat berry bread with lettuce, tomato and mayo. \$6.95

Tomato Caprese – Fresh mozzarella, basil and tomatoes marinated with aged balsamic, olive oil, onions and parmesan on grilled Tuscan roll. \$7.50

Soup & Sandwich – ½ of our Country Club sandwich made with in house roasted turkey, ham, slab bacon, lettuce and tomato layered together on herb focaccia bread served with a cup of soup. \$7.95

1/3 Pound Steak Burger – Char grilled steak burger served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomatoes and onions. \$6.95
Add cheese \$7.95

The Cantigny Burger – Our ½ pound steak burger char grilled to your specifications. Served on a pretzel roll with your choice of American, Swiss, Cheddar, Monterey Jack and Provolone cheese. \$9.95

Red Oak BBQ Pulled Pork – Our dry rubbed, in-house smoked pork finished to order with our homemade BBQ sauce and served on a toasted bun. \$6.95

NY Steak & Horseradish Cheddar Melt – Thin sliced whole roasted NY strip loin, topped with horseradish cheddar cheese, and caramelized onions. Served on grilled sour dough with mayo. \$7.95

Mahi-Mahi Sandwich – Line caught, key lime marinated grilled Mahi served with mango chutney cole slaw on a toasted ciabatta roll with mango mayo. \$8.95

Buffalo Chicken Ranch Wrap - Mixed greens, diced tomato, celery, Monterey Jack cheese and ranch dressing tossed with Buffalo chicken in a jalapeno cheese tortilla. \$5.25

Buffalo Shrimp Ranch Wrap - Mixed greens, diced tomato, celery, Monterey Jack cheese and ranch dressing tossed with Buffalo shrimp in a jalapeno cheese tortilla. \$5.50

Wisconsin Bratwurst – Grilled to order with caramelized onions. \$4.00

Chicago Hot Dog – Jumbo Red Hot Chicago all beef hot dog. \$3.00

ENTREES

Served with rolls, butter, coffee or tea and Four Berry Pie for dessert.

ROAST TURKEY Roast turkey breast with roasted apple and sage dressing, buttermilk whipped potatoes, Parisian carrots and haricot vert. \$15.95

POTATO CRUSTED SALMON Farm-raised Atlantic salmon, presented in a crisp potato crust, accompanied by spinach, sautéed with onion, garlic and white wine. Finished with a lobster sauce. \$19.95

POMEGRANATE CHICKEN Grilled breast of chicken, with rice pilaf, grilled asparagus spears and a blend of roasted mushrooms. Draped with a piquant pomegranate sauce. \$14.95

LONDON BROIL Marinated grilled steak, draped with sherry mushroom sauce. Served with whipped potatoes and vegetable Napoleon. \$17.95

Reservations: call 630 260 8260

Located within Cantigny's Visitors Center
1s151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL 60189

Hours: April– October, Monday – Sunday, 11am to 2pm
Private parties

Evening banquets up to 250

www.Cantigny.org

Example Itineraries & Additional Information

NEW! If your group is booking through a tour company or if you are affiliated with a company or organization, please provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance at least 2 weeks prior to your field trip. We are no longer requiring a Hold Harmless agreement but we are asking for a Certificate of Insurance in its place.

It is recommended to plan at least three hours to visit Cantigny. This will allow adequate time to visit both museums as well as the gardens and grounds. Please allow additional time for lunch. We understand that oftentimes tour groups are on a tight schedule and may have less than three hours available. Please review the itineraries below, outlining example schedules for two hours or more.

2 – 2 ½ hours- less than 50 people

10:00-10:15 arrival – Bus/ van drops off at Visitors Center, group is greeted by a staff member and directed into the Visitors Center. Group leader is given an envelope of tickets for the McCormick Museum tour. Group may watch the short introductory movie about the park in the Visitors Center theater *only if time permits!*

10:15– 10:30 Walk to McCormick Museum. Ask staff member or volunteer at the information desk to call the tram if guests need a ride.

10:30- 11:15 Guided tour of the first floor of the McCormick Museum

11:15-12:00 Walk to First Division Museum for a self guided tour or explore the gardens/grounds

12:00- meet back at the Visitors Center for departure

2 – 2 ½ hours- more than 50 people

10:00-10:15 arrival – Bus/ van drops off at Visitors Center, group is greeted by a staff member and directed into the Visitors Center. Group leader is given an envelope of tickets for the McCormick Museum tours. Group may watch the short introductory movie about the park in the Visitors Center theater *only if time permits!* Divide into two groups.

10:15– 10:30– Walk to museums. Ask staff member or volunteer at the information desk to call the tram if guests need a ride.

10:30- 11:15

Group 1- Guided tour of the first floor of the McCormick Museum

Group 2- Self guided tour of the First Division Museum

11:15-11:30 Walk to second museum

11:30- 12:15

Group 2- Guided tour of the first floor of the McCormick Museum

Group 1- Self guided tour of the First Division Museum

12:15- 12:30- Walk back to the Visitors Center for departure

3-4 hours– Any size group

Additional time will allow for the option of full house tours and time for the gardens as well as lunch at Le Jardin. Lunch is typically one hour and advanced reservations are required.