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Thank you for your interest in the Full Moon Hike

The Full Moon Hike is an extremely popular program at the National Arboretum. This is a moderately strenuous hike to appreciate the beauty of the arboretum at night and is not a guided tour of the arboretum collections. **The group will hike approximately five miles at a brisk pace over hilly and uneven terrain for two hours with minimal stops.** Please be sure that you and your guests are comfortable with this level of activity. If you are uncertain, please call us at 202-245-4521 and we will provide more details and discuss options.

To make your experience more enjoyable, please note the following guidelines:

- **Entrance will be through the R Street gate only** (off Bladensburg Road). Free parking is available just inside the gate.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the hike. The group will leave the building promptly at the start time. The arboretum gate will be locked at the hike start time and no one will be allowed to enter after the program has started. The arboretum gates are locked daily at 5:00 p.m. and will reopen to hikers 30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. Note that hike start times vary.
- **If you plan to register a guest, please make sure they receive this information.** This will help them to be better prepared to enjoy the hike.
- Flashlights adapted for night vision will be carried by the guide and volunteers only. The guide will ask the group to keep talking to a minimum to enhance the experience.
- We recommend that you wear sturdy walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Sorry, no pets or children under 16 allowed.

Weather and Cancellations

Hikes will be held in all types of weather including light rain or snow. If the arboretum cancels the hike due to inclement weather, you will be contacted by phone or email the afternoon of the hike and offered a refund or an opportunity to reschedule. For more information, please call (202) 245-4521.

US National Arboretum Refund Policy: A full refund will be provided for cancellations received no later than 10 days prior to the program date and for events canceled by the U.S. National Arboretum. Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the U.S. National Arboretum is required to obtain a Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number when writing a check, including refund checks. We do not reschedule missed programs.



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