



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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10 Ways to Make the Most of Your *Holiday Train Show* Experience

Since its inception 18 years ago, more than 1 million visitors have entered The New York Botanical Garden's jewel-like glasshouse, the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, to marvel at model trains traversing replicas of New York landmarks created from plant parts in the *Holiday Train Show*. Experts at the Botanical Garden make the following recommendations for a most enjoyable visit to the *Holiday Train Show*—one of the most eagerly anticipated family traditions of the holiday season—which runs November 21, 2009, through January 10, 2010:

1. Avoid standing in line at the gate. Purchase your tickets online at www.nybg.org and reserve early.
2. Christmas week is traditionally the busiest time at the *Holiday Train Show*. Plan your visit for the days before and after the December 26–January 3 crowds—and you will also save money on ticket prices.
3. Evening viewing of the *Holiday Train Show* with twinkling lights in the “crystal palace” is in a word, magical. Plan your non-peak day visit for about 4 p.m. and prepare to be enchanted.
4. Become a Garden Member to take advantage of discounted tickets and Members-Only *Holiday Train Show* viewing opportunities.
5. Avoid traffic and take the train to the trains. There's a Metro-North Railroad stop just across the street from the Botanical Garden gate. The ride takes about 20 minutes from Grand Central Terminal.
6. The Garden has adopted a timed ticket system to better serve visitors. However, be advised that due to the popularity of the *Holiday Train Show*, visitors may experience a delay upon entering the exhibition based on crowd flow through the show.
7. *Holiday Train Show* tickets are sold in 15-minute blocks to facilitate visitor entry into the Conservatory, but that doesn't mean you have only 15 minutes to enjoy the show. Arrive at the Garden about 30 minutes before your scheduled time to get on the grounds and queued-up for the entry time on your ticket.
8. Strollers are encouraged on the Garden grounds, but are not permitted in the Conservatory and must be parked in a designated area. Bring along the baby carrier for transporting little ones through the show.
9. Be aware that the *Holiday Train Show* and all related events at the Garden are rain or shine. There are no ticket refunds or exchanges.
10. Don't miss the interactive *Gingerbread Adventures* program in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden before or after viewing the *Holiday Train Show*.

For more information on the *Holiday Train Show* and all of The New York Botanical Garden's offerings this season, and to purchase tickets, visit the Web site at www.nybg.org.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS: During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 21, 2009–January 10, 2010, The New York Botanical Garden will be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. Closed all day on December 25. Closing at 3 p.m. on December 4 and 24. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during the holiday week: November 27, 28, 29, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 3, 9, 10.

PRICING:

NON-HOLIDAY: Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children \$10.

HOLIDAY WEEK (December 26 – January 3): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children \$15.

Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and will be available online beginning November 2 at www.nybg.org

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Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. Contact Group Tours, 718.817.8687.

Bank of America credit, ATM, or debit cardholders: Purchase one full-priced adult ticket to the *Holiday Train Show* and get the second adult ticket at 50% off. Weekdays only 11/24/09 through 12/24/09. Other restrictions may apply. See Web site for details.

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