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## Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure

April 25-June 29, 2008

## Learn all about Charles Darwin in a New Interactive Children's Exhibit

This spring, children will explore Charles Darwin's groundbreaking work in a new exciting hands-on program at the Everett Children's Adventure Garden from April 25 to June 29, 2008. The children's program will be a major component of the *Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure* exhibition across The New York Botanical Garden.

An interactive exhibit in the Children's Adventure Garden will display plants important to the development of evolution, a re-creation of Darwin's research laboratory, and a timeline of his life. The display will include a replica of Darwin's ship, the HMS *Beagle*, which took him on a five-year voyage to South America and around the world. Children's activities include potting up a vegetable plant, creating a herbarium specimen, and investigating various bogs. At an interactive Tree of Life, focused on the oak family, children will be invited to create their own evolutionary tree to show simple relationships among different species of oak trees.

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden is a 12-acre indoor/outdoor science exploration wonderland for children. Young visitors can explore nature discovery activities, mazes, galleries, topiaries, a natural wetland, glorious gardens, and more. The Children's Adventure Garden is an ideal place for families to learn and enjoy plants and nature!

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. During *Darwin's Garden:*An Evolutionary Adventure, the Botanical Garden will be open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit <a href="https://www.nybg.org">www.nybg.org</a>

The best way to enjoy *Darwin's Garden* is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to the exhibitions, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, Tram Tour, and Evolutionary Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$7 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. Order tickets for *Darwin's Garden* in advance at <a href="https://www.nybg.org">www.nybg.org</a>

Admission to the two-part evening symposium, Darwin: 21st-Century Perspectives, on May 6 and 8 is separate: \$10 for a single session or \$16 for both. Registration is required; please call 800.322.6924 to order tickets for the symposium.

A Grounds-Only Pass to the Botanical Garden is also available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students with 1D, \$1 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 25-June 15, 4-6 p.m., admission to The New York Botanical Garden is complimentary, courtesy of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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