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NYBG 5K Fun Run Returns with a New Route at the New York Botanical Garden on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Support NYBG's Scientific Work by Registering to Run or Walk the 3.1-Mile Course Through the Beautiful, Historic Landscape



Bronx, NY—Celebrate the end of Climate Week NYC with the second annual NYBG 5K Fun Run at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 8 a.m., across a 3.1-mile route that winds across roads and, new this year, the trails of the historic Thain Family Forest, one of New York City's remaining old-growth forests. Along the way, participants will pass living collections like the Judy and Michael Steinhardt Maple Collection and landmarks such as the Lillian and Amy Goldman Stone Mill, the Mertz Building, and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Participation in the 5K Fun Run directly supports NYBG's scientific work in New York and around the world to protect biodiversity and develop plant-based solutions to climate change.

Registration is now open at <https://www.nybg.org/event/nybg-5k-fun-run/>, \$55 for Members and \$65 for Non-Members. Ticket includes All-Garden Pass Admission, Run Registration, 2026 Commemorative T-Shirt, music, Meet & Greets with NYBG staff, and more. This event is rain or shine. Participants must be ages 13+. Guests not participating in the 5K Fun Run can cheer runners on as they pass by the Leon Levy Visitor Center or at the finish line with the purchase of an *All-Garden Pass*.

This run is designed in partnership with the Boogie Down Bronx Run Club (BDBRC), a collective of everyday Bronx residents whose mission is to promote wellness, inspire, and engage people of all abilities. BDBRC members will be serving as course support throughout the event.

This year's 5K course offers the best of both road and trail running, taking participants through some of the Garden's most beautiful landscapes, including a memorable stretch through the historic Thain Family Forest. The 3.1-mile route features approximately one mile of new course terrain not included last year, giving returning runners a fresh experience while maintaining breathtaking views of Garden collections and rolling elevation changes that make this run a favorite. Also new this year is a Finish Line Clock. While this event is not timed, the course is equipped with timing clocks for those who wish to track their success.

After the run, participants can gather on Daffodil Hill from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for festivities including music with Uptown Vinyl Supreme and meet-and-greets with Boogie Down Bronx Run Club and NYBG experts to learn about their important work across a range of disciplines. Don't forget to grab a 2026 NYBG 5K Fun Run commemorative T-shirt before enjoying the rest of the day at the Garden, including the current flower show and art exhibition *Flower Power*.

Participants in the NYBG 5K Fun Run also receive a 20% discount at NYBG Shop on run day, and NYBG Members combine with their savings for a 30% discount. Shop for runner favorites, including floral water bottles, NYBG socks, and more. (Please note, this NYBG Shop discount is only available on Sunday, September 27, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., in-store only. Discounts are redeemed by showing NYBG 5K Fun Run bib or ticket.) All this is included with registration.

For more information, visit <https://www.nybg.org/event/nybg-5k-fun-run/>.

About The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) has been a connective hub among people, plants, and the shared planet since 1891. For 135 years, NYBG has been rooted in the cultural fabric of New York City, in the heart of the Bronx, its greenest borough. NYBG has invited millions of visitors to make the Garden a part of their lives, exploring the joy, beauty, and respite of nature. NYBG's 250 acres are home to renowned exhibitions, immersive botanical experiences, art and music, and events with some of the most influential figures in plant and fungal science, horticulture, and the humanities. NYBG is also a steward of globally significant research collections, from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library collection to the plant and fungal specimens in the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, the largest such collection in the Western Hemisphere.

The plant people of NYBG—dedicated horticulturists, enthusiastic educators, and scientific adventurers—are committed to helping nature thrive so that humanity can thrive. They believe in their ability to make things better, teaching tens of thousands of kids and families each year about the importance of safeguarding the environment and healthy eating. Expert scientists work across the city, the nation, and the globe to document the plants and fungi of the world—and find actionable, nature-based solutions to the planet’s dual climate and biodiversity crises. With eyes always looking forward, they train the next generation of botanists, gardeners, landscape designers, and environmental stewards, ensuring a green future for all. At NYBG, it’s nature—or nowhere.

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The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458.
For more information, visit nybg.org

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