



SIGHTSEEING MEET-UPS (Free Tours with Other ASPET Attendees/Guests)

US BOTANIC GARDEN in Washington, D.C.

When: Thursday, May 16
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Meet in the hotel lobby at 9:30 am to head to the gardens together.

Where: On National Mall at 100 Maryland Ave SW, Washington. DC 20001

About: Info at: <https://www.usbg.gov/>

Admission to the gardens is free... no ticket required

It is located on the grounds of the **United States Capitol**, and features:

- A **conservatory (greenhouse)** with fascinating exhibitions, including a tropical rainforest experience.
- A **National Garden** showcasing native plants from the mid-Atlantic Piedmont and Atlantic Coastal Plains.
- A **First Ladies' Water Garden**, a formal rose garden, and a butterfly garden.
- **Bartholdi Park**, a beautifully landscaped flower garden with a classical-style fountain designed by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi (the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty).
- **Annual orchid exhibits**, gardening classes, photography sessions, and various tours throughout the year.

Read about the U.S. Botanic Garden before you arrive! Their visitor guide which includes a map and audio tour instruction. The Guide is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish. [Choose your language to download.](#)

The Conservatory is open **10am to 5pm daily**, including weekends and holidays.

Transportation Options – see page 2

Note: ASPET is not providing transportation to these activities.

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Transportation Options to US Botanic Garden

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Metro (subway option)

About 25-30 minutes of walking plus 24 minutes riding subway – estimate 50-60 minutes total
Cost less than \$5.00 round-trip

Directions via Metro:

It is approximately a 16-18 minute walk to the **Crystal City metro station** at S. Bell Street & 18th Street South. **From the Hyatt lobby entrance**, make a left out the front door and an immediate left onto Crystal Drive. Walk about 0.7 miles to 18th Street and make a left. Go 1 block and make a right onto S. Bell Street and you'll see Metro entrance on your right.

Once on the metro, take the **Blue Line towards Largo** and get off at the **Federal Center SW Metro station**. The metro ride takes about 24 minutes.

The Gardens are approximately 0.3 miles from the Federal Center SW station, about a 7-minute walk. To get there from the station:

- When you come up the escalators, you'll be on 3rd St SW
- Turn LEFT (north) on 3rd St SW and go 2 blocks towards the National Mall
- Turn RIGHT onto Independence Ave SW and go 2 blocks towards the Capitol Building.
- Botanic Gardens are on your left.

Below are some details for walking and Metro...

Walking distance to Crystal City METRO is [approximately 20 minutes walking](#)

METRO Transit website: <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/>

How to purchase a Smart Trip Card <https://www.wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm>

Cab / Uber / Lyft Option

About 10-20 minutes by car

Cost estimated at \$20.00 each way, varies depending on traffic

Be sure to select:

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