

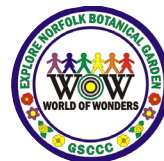


Girl Scouts®

# EXPLORE NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

[www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org)

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**GUIDELINES:** Tour the Garden using a Leader Pack or guided by a Garden Teacher. Complete at least ten of the following activities. Daisy Girl Scouts may receive a patch for participating in any activity and are not expected to complete a set number.

### Information for Leaders:

- This pack should contain everything needed to complete the Explore Norfolk Botanical Garden Council Patch. Choose 10 activities (at least 3 must be completed in the WOW Children's Garden) and plan your route on the map. There is a key provided to easily find the location of each activity.
- Begin by reminding the Girl Scouts of the guidelines for the garden:
  - a. Norfolk Botanical Garden is a museum and our plants are our collections. Like any other museum, visitors may not take home or destroy parts of the exhibits. Please do not pick flowers or climb trees.
  - b. Norfolk Botanical Garden is home to many different animals; please respect them as you would like to be respected by someone who comes to visit your house. Remember to stay safe; many of the animals bite and will protect themselves if you come too close.
- Check the front desk for public tram times.

### Each packet should contain:

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| ● Instruction guide for the leader | ● Garden maps              | ● Tropical Pavilion "Bingo"     |
| ● 10 feathers                      | ● Copies of "Adopt a Tree" | ● Measuring tape                |
| ● Tree identification books        | ● 20 pencils               | ● Pencil sharpener              |
| ● Compass                          | ● Tree Cookie              | ● Tree Growth Explanation Sheet |
1. Explore the **Tropical Pavilion**. These plants like to live in warm and wet places. Some of them have very interesting names. Play "tropical plant bingo".
  2. Walk through the **Japanese Garden** and over the bridge. What is the common name for the grass that covers most of the ground there?
  3. "Bee a Pollinator!" Visit the **Perennial Garden**. Read "What are flowers for?" to learn how flowering plants produce seeds. Use a feather to become a pollinator.
  4. Explore the **Holly Garden**. Here there are plants that do not lose their leaves in the winter, called evergreens. Also in this garden you will find sculptures of animals that make the Garden home. Name three of these.
  5. Visit the **WOW Children's Garden**
  6. Explore the **Passport Garden** using the Children's Garden map. Find each animal from the seven biomes that are represented here.
  7. Walk through the **Plant Safari**. Name one plant from each habitat; the desert, forest, grassland and wetland.
  8. Travel up **Discovery Peak**. Here you will find plants that have been important throughout history. Name five plants that you can eat or that you use to flavor food or drinks.
  9. Walk to **Exploration Circle**. Have one member of your troop stand in the middle and use her shadow to tell the time. (November through mid-March subtract an hour to factor in daylight savings time)
  10. Plant a seed using soil from the **Dirt Factory** to take home with you.
  11. South of **NATO Tower** on the path overlooking the canal you will find a telescope pointed at a large nest. Who lives here? (Hint: you will find more information about them next to the Front Desk in **Baker Hall**)
  12. Visit the **Butterfly Garden**. From the signs, learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Name three nectar plants.
  13. With the provided tree identification book visit the **Enchanted Forest**. Identify and write the names of at least five trees you find here.
  14. Use the tree adoption form to adopt a tree in our **Flowering Arboretum**.
  15. A "tree cookie" can tell us how old the tree was when it was cut down or fell. Each ring accounts for one year. Read the tree cookie and information sheet to learn why this happens. How old do you think this tree was?
  16. In the **Sensory Garden** touch and smell five plants and describe each to your buddy.