

Mission Statement



Old Westbury Gardens

seeks to inspire appreciation and knowledge of the best qualities exemplified in the American country estate of the early 20th century through faithful preservation of its landscape and gardens, architecture and collections.

Directions

Old Westbury Gardens is located in Old Westbury, Long Island, between the Long Island Expressway (I-495) and Jericho Turnpike (NY Route 25), approximately 20 miles (40 minutes) east of New York City. All buses and trucks must enter at 60 Post Road. Enter "000" at the call box, introduce yourself and the operator will permit entry.

From New York City: Long Island Expressway east to Exit 39—Glen Cove Road. Continue east on the service road. At the fourth light, turn right onto Post Road. The bus/service entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the right side (60 Post Road).

From Eastern Long Island: Long Island Expressway west to Exit 40W—Jericho Turnpike, Rte 25. Continue west on Jericho Turnpike for approximately 2 miles. Turn right, at Westbury High School, onto Post Road. The service/bus entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the left (60 Post Road).

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Educational Programs

Every season holds the promise of education and growth at

Old Westbury Gardens

Follow Your Nose...And Eyes...And Ears!

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Students will explore nature with all of their senses. A color and shape hike through the Gardens will encourage children's observation and identification abilities. Plants with features like texture and scent will be highlighted in a mystery activity connecting recognition skills with sense of touch.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Idea 1

Plants Are Like People?

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Learn about the parts of a plant and life cycle stages through games and hands-on activities. Find out how plants are like people while discussing their basic needs, like water, air, nutrients, and the sun. Plant your own plant pal to bring the lesson home.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 4 Physical Setting Key Idea 4

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 1, 3-6

A TreeMendous Tale

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Learn the basics of tree identification by studying leaves, seeds, bark, twigs, scent, and fruit. Discover how we age a tree from the inside out through the unique story a tree ring tells. Students will learn basic tree structures and their functions through games and will create a "tree cookie" representing their own lives.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 4 Physical Setting Key Idea 2

LS 4 Living Environment Key Ideas 1, 3-6

Listen to the Land

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Although they speak a different language, plants do try to communicate with us. Travel the Gardens and work in teams to decode secret pictograms about the everyday habits of plants. Students test hands-on seed pod and water activities to learn more about how gardeners can help plants meet their needs.

NYS Learning Standards

LS 4 The Physical Setting Key Idea 2

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 3-7

Flew the Coop!

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Stroll Old Westbury Gardens habitats to encounter some of the ways we identify local bird species using our five senses. Observe and decide why birds make their homes amongst our acres. Benefits of feathered friends like pest control and seed scattering will be discussed and reinforced through an Identifier activity and hands-on craft.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 1, 3,5-6

Seeds for Thought

Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade

Join our hands-on discovery to find the many ways that seeds aid the lives of people and wildlife every day. Learn how the staple is a sown source for survival serving as a plant origin, local food source, and more and find how wildlife depend on seeds during change of seasons. Celebrate seeds with a take home seed mosaic craft.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 6 The Living Environment Key Ideas 3, 5-6

**Educational programs
can be altered to relate to specific
class lesson plans or grade levels
upon request.**

Guided Tours

Tours through Westbury House and gardens are presented by educators and seasoned docents. Enjoy nature walks on trails throughout 200 acres. Explore scenic woodlands, gardens, an enchanting Thatched Cottage, ponds, lakes, and wide-open spaces throughout the former estate of the J.S. Phipps family. Tour Westbury House, a magnificent Charles II-style mansion, filled with fine antique furniture, art, and decorative arts.

General Information

Picnic or enjoy refreshments in the Gardens' outdoor café.

All tours and educational programs must be booked in advance. Please contact
Lisa Reichenberger
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to register for any tour or program.

Fees: \$9 for students and chaperones;
teachers and teacher's aides admitted free
of charge.
\$125 program minimum required.