

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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School Programs Elementary Learners

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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!

Elementary– Grades 2-4

Using qualities of fragrance, texture, and taste, plants directly affect their surroundings. Students follow their noses to investigate the science of plant attraction for people and pollinators. Plants with features like texture and scent will be highlighted in a hands-on mystery activity connecting recognition skills with sense of touch and smell.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Idea 1-6

Flew the Coop!

Elementary– Grades 2-4

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

What Goes Around, Comes Around

Elementary– Grades 2-4

Students unearth how even the smallest wild and plant life can make a big recycling difference. People's role in environmental sustainability and garden composting will be explored. "Upcycled" materials will help create unique student art pieces that reflect the wonder of Nature's recycling capabilities.

NYS Learning Standards

LS 4 The Physical Setting Key Ideas 1-7

Welcome to the PollenNation

Elementary– Grades 2-4

Discover the buzz behind the science of pollination while observing resident birds, bees, and butterflies in the Gardens. Exciting adaptations, environmental benefits, and the role of nocturnal pollinators will be discussed. The visit ends with a sensory buzzer craft that is sure to "bee" a hit!

NYS Learning Standards:

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

Patterns in Nature

Elementary– Grades 2-4

Natural patterns in objects like beehives, flowers, and spider webs have tricky qualities that aid them in survival. Using observation books, students expose the secrets behind design qualities like nectar guides that help plants and wildlife everyday. Complete the challenge by creating your own one of a kind pattern to benefit a plant or animal.

NYS Learning Standards

LS 4 The Physical Setting Key Idea 1,3

LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 1-6

Dash Through the Decades

Elementary– Grades 2-4

Experience Phipps' family life first hand as you time travel back to early 1900s Westbury House. Read family letters, play games of the period, and view photo album pages to get the inside scoop on Gold Coast history. Complete a hands-on artifact team challenge to discover the purposes of selected mystery objects from over 100 years ago.

NYS Learning Standards:

LS 1 US and NY History Key Ideas 1-4

**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
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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.