The San Francisco Botanical Garden

Children's Garden

The Garden's "Yes! Space" for Children and Families

Children of all ages and their families will love this area of the San Francisco Botanical Garden created especially for them! In the Children's Garden, we encourage hands-on exploration and invite children to use all their senses. Families are always welcome to bring their own toys or tools to use in the Children's Garden. See our website for information about Bean Sprouts Family Days and special events in the Children's Garden.

1. You may pick from the plants, but please leave some flowers, fruit and leaves for others to enjoy.
2. You can eat some things in the garden, but not all — ask a garden helper if you're not sure, and if in doubt, don't eat!
3. Please treat all living things with respect, from tiny worms and seedlings to scrub jays and fruit trees. You are visiting their home.
4. Have fun!!!
Getting to the Children's Garden

(Follow the directions below for a stroller-friendly 10-30 minute walk)

1. From the Main Gate, head around the right side of the Great Meadow until you see the pond.
   Count how many different colors you can find in the flowers along the way!

2. Cross the bridge over the pond and continue straight ahead under the trees.
   Look for animals that live in and around the pond – what are they doing?

3. Look for the restroom sign – make a quick stop here and fill your water bottle. (If you entered through the Friend Gate, you’ll be starting near here.)
   Listen and look for hummingbirds visiting the flowers in this area!

4. Follow the trail along the fence line to the Children’s Garden!
   Can you find a leaf as small as your thumbnail? As long as your leg? Shaped like your eye?

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