

GARDEN ETIQUETTE

The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens (DABG) are open to the public every day of the year. Please help us preserve a safe, peaceful, and friendly for each of our guests, and a secure habitat for our plants and wildlife, by heeding these few simple rules.

- Picking, disturbing, or removing plants or plant material (including flowers, vegetables, fruit, or seeds) or signage, plant labels, or containers, is not permitted anywhere on the Gardens property.
- Visitors are encouraged to take photographs in accordance with the DABG [Photography Guidelines](#) .
- Motor vehicles are not allowed inside the bollards but strollers, wheelchairs, and power chairs are permitted.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult. For their safety, please supervise children at all times.
- Please stay on designated pathways and mowed lawn areas at all times and do not block pathways or access for other visitors. Please do not wade or swim in the ponds, streams, or other water features.
- Benches are located throughout the Gardens for resting.
- Active sports and games, including bicycles, rollerblading, skateboarding, use of scooters and Frisbees, ball playing, and use of drones, are not permitted.
- Dogs are allowed in the Gardens as long as they are people-friendly and kept on a short leash. Any waste they produce should be collected and disposed of in the receptacles provided at the beginning of the trail.
- The wildlife in the Gardens, including fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, and insects, are protected. Please keep a respectable distance and do not harass or approach our wild residents. Fishing is not allowed.
- We ask that all visitors respect each other and refrain from loud behavior including playing music on portable devices unless using headphones.
- Picnicking is permitted at the designated area where picnic tables are provided. All we ask is that you dispose of your waste properly and please, no grilling or open fires.
- Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and discouraged in the garden areas. If you must smoke, we ask that you be respectful of other visitors and take all cigarette butts out with you.
- Protect yourself from the sun, insects, and dehydration, particularly in warmer months.
- Firearms of any kind are not permitted.
- In order to provide a distraction-free environment for our guests, we do not allow solicitation or petitioning of any kind from any outside entity on Gardens property regardless of the organization or the cause being represented.
- Please keep your personal items with you at all times and lock your vehicles. The DABG cannot be held responsible for missing items.
- Lastly, our most important rule is that you ENJOY YOUR VISIT!