

LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIAL NARRATIVE

Today, I am visiting Lewis Ginter!





My adult will park the car in Parking Lot B by the big building that says Visitors Center. We will enter the building through the side doors.







When I enter, it may be loud and echoey in the Visitors Center. I can wear my headphones while I wait for my adult to get our tickets. Headphones and other sensory items can be borrowed at the Lora M. Robins Library.





When we are ready, we will show our tickets to a staff member in order to enter the Garden.





There are so many things I can do at Lewis Ginter!





I can listen to the water from the fountains and the streams!









I can also smell the different types of flowers in the garden!









The Garden will look different depending on what season it is. In the spring and summer, there may be lots of colorful flowers blooming. In the fall and winter, there may be fewer plants.







There are bridges and floating docks I can walk on too. I cannot go in the water but I can look for turtles in the lake.







I will walk on the paths so as not to step on any plants. I will keep my shoes on.







If I want to rest, I can sit on a bench. There are many throughout the Garden.









In the Children's Garden, I can play in the different houses.







Next to the Children's Garden, I can look at the plants in the Children's Greenhouse.





There are hula hoops and chalk I can use nearby too!







Sometimes the Waterway is open. If the water is turned on, I can play in the water. I will follow the guidelines to be safe!





I can walk through the Hidden Tunnel. It will be dark!







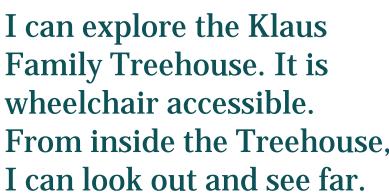
I can also play in the Activity Area and sandbox.







From inside the Treehouse,









I can read the name plates near the plants to identify them.











I can learn about the environment by reading the signs. They will teach me about why plants, animals, and water are essential to our life on Earth.









I can visit the Library in the Kelly Education Center to find a quiet space. There is a Children's Library in the back where I can read or play quietly. During storytime in the library it can be busy and loud.









I can go into the Conservatory to see tropical plants. There may be a temperature change inside. I will walk carefully because the floor may be wet.







There are certain guidelines I have to follow at Lewis Ginter in order to be respectful of all living things!



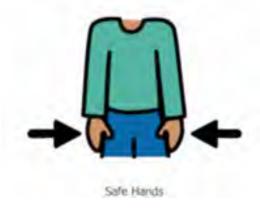


Enjoy the streams, fountains and lakes with your eyes only.



Stay on pathways.

I will use safe hands. I will not touch the plants because they may have thorns.









I will not pick the leaves or flowers. They need to stay where they are to grow.





To make following this rule easier, I can try holding a sensory item to keep my hands busy.







Some areas of the Garden might be closed for renovations. I won't enter those spaces today, but I can come back and visit them another day when they're repaired and open.







There may be workers tending to the buildings and gardens in order to keep Lewis Ginter healthy and beautiful! Please do not touch their tools or equipment.









Lewis Ginter is under construction! I may see construction equipment and construction workers. I can wear my headphones if the noise is too loud!





If I need to use the restroom, I will let my adult know. There are restrooms located throughout Lewis Ginter.











When it is time to leave, I will walk through the Visitors Center again to get to the parking lot. I can come back and visit another day!





