

# Garden Walk Etiquette

There is such a thing as garden-tour etiquette, something that's especially important when your host is letting you into their private space out of the sheer goodness of their heart.

## DO NOT

- If the sign says "Front or Front / Side" stay to the sidewalk or street to view the garden, unless the owner of the property invites you further. If the sign states "Front / Side / Back", please venture on and explore!
- Do not wear high heels or push a stroller on the grass. They're murder our lawns.
- Do not bring your dog. You wouldn't think we'd have to say that, but it has happened, and the host's somewhat territorial Jack Russell terrier was not amused.
- Don't bring young children that can't stay firmly attached to you for their safety.
- Don't ask to use washrooms unless it's a true emergency. It is not fair to ask a host to let strangers unattended into their homes, or to abandon visitors in their garden. Please visit a coffee shop, purchase an item before the next stop, and use the washroom there.
- Don't criticize the garden.
- Don't ask to use the telephone -- unless it is to dial 911.
- Don't show up right before closing time. Garden hosts will be looking forward to closing the gate and putting their feet up. On the same note, don't linger past closing time.

## DO

- Do take notes and photographs.
- Do wear a hat and/or sunscreen and/or bug repellent.
- Do ask questions.
- Do be kind. You are a guest and this isn't costing you anything.
- Do say thank you and something nice about the garden as you leave.

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