

NOTICE: The South Carolina Botanical Garden will be opening to visitors for TRAIL USE ONLY.

The South Carolina Botanical Garden (SCBG) will be opening the trails and outdoor exhibits to the general public beginning Monday, May 4, 2020. The hours of operation during the first phase of our opening will be 9:00 AM till sunset until further notice. Guests are required to adhere to social distancing guidelines provided by SCDHEC, the CDC and Clemson University. SCBG staff and the Clemson University Police Department will be monitoring the visitation to ensure that we are operating at a reduced capacity and visitors are in compliance at this time. Park only in spaces that are open, not in spaces that have traffic cones. Do not remove or otherwise disrupt cones that have been placed in parking spaces. If the SCBG reaches its capacity the gates will be closed until spaces become available. We are limiting parking to half of the designated spaces and parking areas will be available at the caboose parking lot on the left after entering the main entrance gate and the parking lot downhill from the Bob Campbell Geology Museum and SCBG Visitors Center. All Visitor facilities will remain closed at this time (The SCBG Visitors Center, the Bob Campbell Geology Museum, Hayden Conference Center and Hanover House, and all public restrooms). The picnic area will remain closed until further notice.

Botanical Garden Drive will be open from the main entrance gate off Perimeter Rd. to the large parking lot below the Bob Campbell Geology Museum. The drive through the Arboretum to the Hanover House and Hayden Conference Center will be closed to vehicular traffic and there will be no parking in those locations. The SCBG will be operating with only horticultural grounds staff present. Please do not approach or interact with staff you might see in the garden, they are not visitor services representatives.

If you need emergency assistance during your visit, please call the Clemson University Police Department at: 864-656-2222. There will be no Visitor Services staff to assist you at the SCBG.

Things to remember when visiting the SCBG

- Stay home if you are sick or think you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.
- There are NO PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES OPEN - please time your visit wisely.
- Bring hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol as soap and water are not available on site.
- There will be no water fountains or other potable water available.
- Maintain social distancing at all times, maintain at least 6 feet of distance between you and other visitors that are not members of your household. Do not congregate with other families or visitors and do not approach others during your visit. Wear a cloth covering over your nose and mouth.
- ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AND RESTRICTED TO TRAILS WHERE THEY ARE PERMITTED. Do not allow your pets approach other visitors.
- There are no picnic facilities open at the SCBG.
- Stay on designated trails during your visit.
- Contact the Clemson University Police Department or call (911) if you have an emergency (864-656-2222).

Additional information and updates on Clemson University's response and policy, can be found at [**Clemson.edu/coronavirus**](https://clemson.edu/coronavirus).