

Fall 2023 Guided Tours for Older Adults

Milwaukee County Aging & Disabilities Services is sponsoring free guided tours of the Mitchell Park Domes, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Wehr Nature Center and the Milwaukee County Zoo this fall for older adults (60+).

Mitchell Park Domes

Thursdays 9:30-11 a.m.

September 7, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Fridays 10-11:30 a.m.

September 15

Wehr Nature Center

Mondays 1-2:00 p.m.

September 18

October 9

Milwaukee County Zoo

Mondays 1:15-2pm (Giraffes)

September 11, 18

October 9, 16

Fridays 9:45-10:45am (Elephants)

September 15, 22

October 13, 20



SIGN UP FOR A TOUR

To reserve your spot contact Domonique Klett at **(414) 391-9255** or **domonique.klett@milwaukeecountywi.gov**. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis, with limited available spots. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance of the tour date.



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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Mitchell Park Domes

Participants will spend one hour with the Park Naturalist, touring all three domes, observing what is currently in bloom, and learning about plants and trees with uniquely interesting features. Participants will have an additional 30 minutes at the end of the guided tour to visit the gift shop or revisit a dome of choice. Tours in September will feature the Dinosaur Show Dome and tours in October will feature the Fall Show Dome. All exhibits at the Domes are ADA accessible.

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Participants have the opportunity to view Milwaukee County's "Living Museum" with a 90 minute educational, docent-guided tour. Tours include the signature gardens, plant collections and wetland area. Participants will have the opportunity at the end of the guided tour to visit the gift shop. The Education and Visitor Center are ADA accessible. Garden paths are also wheelchair accessible.

Wehr Nature Center

Escape to an urban oasis and official nature center of Milwaukee County Parks. A Park Naturalist will lead a 30 minute nature walk, highlighting unique seasonal happenings in the plant and animal world. The tour will highlight accessible features such as the pier, wetland boardwalk loop trail, observation deck and bird blind. Following, participants may continue exploring, have a seat and watch wildlife, or stop in the Visitor Center to view exhibits or shop at the Nature Store. Participants can reserve an all-terrain wheelchair for use during the hike. If you have questions, contact Emily Brown at (414) 425-8550 or Emily.Brown@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

Milwaukee County Zoo

On these Wild Connections experiences, you will gain special access to the Giraffe or Elephant exhibits, learning about the herds and feeding the beautiful creatures with help of a zookeeper. Tours begin at the Administration Office. Giraffe tours are rain or shine and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Elephant tours will happen with weather from sunshine up to a light drizzle and shoes that you may not mind getting a little dirty are recommended. While both tours are accessible to participants using mobility devices, some areas of the elephant yard may be uneven in spots.

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Those enrolled in Milwaukee County Older Adult Transportation Service (OATS) can use the van service to get to the above destinations. All locations will accommodate participants using mobility devices.

For information on other program offerings visit:
county.milwaukee.gov/dhhs