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### **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Re-opens Permanently April 1, 2015**

Pittsburgh, PA., March 24, 2015—The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden re-opens to the public on a permanent basis on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The garden first opened to the public on August 1, 2014.

To celebrate the re-opening, a Family Activity Day is planned for Saturday, April 4. The event kicks off with an old-fashioned egg hunt for children ages 2-8 from 10-10:45 a.m. Children ages 5-11 and their accompanying adults can test their adventure skills with a nature knowledge challenge. A map and clues will help uncover the secrets of the outdoors at the garden. This event is offered all day during regular hours. Then at noon, a geocaching activity will begin for teens and adults.

On any visit to the garden, guests can enjoy:

- Three miles of groomed trails with a one-mile ADA-accessible trail.
- Family Moments play-and-discover stations to delight children and families.
- A serene lotus pond, brought back to life after decades of pollution.
- The enchanting Margaret Lawrence Simon Dogwood Meadow and Highmark white cedar gazebo.
- Historic farmstead featuring a 1700s log cabin and heritage apple orchard.

Daily hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted on the website.

Admission rates are:

Members:	Always free
Adults:	\$9.00
Seniors 62+:	\$8.00
Students with ID:	\$8.00
Children 3-18:	\$6.00
Children under 3:	Free
American Horticultural Society Members:	Free

Discounts include:

\$1 off for Allegheny County residents

\$1 off for active military

A wristband serves as a pass valid for the day. The wristband must be worn at all times while in the garden and allows visitors to leave and re-enter the same day without an additional charge.

### **About the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden**

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is transforming 460 acres of abandoned mining land into what will be the fifth largest botanic garden in the U.S. The first 60 acres are open to the public. Located just 10 miles west of Pittsburgh, PA, the garden will include 18 distinct gardens, five diverse woodland experiences, a visitor's



center, an amphitheater for outdoor concerts and performances, a celebration center to accommodate weddings and corporate events and a center for botanic research. For more information please visit [pittsburghbotanicgarden.org](http://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org).

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