About Us

There are four seasons of education and growth at Old Westbury Gardens.

Guided, hands-on Garden programs are designed in conjunction with NYS Curriculum Standards & are led by seasoned environmental educators. Lessons allow the over 200 acre property to act as an extension of a teacher’s classroom creating concrete counterparts to traditional academics—Natural Science, Art, Social Science, English & History.

Directions

Old Westbury Gardens is located in Old Westbury on Long Island, between the LI Expressway (I-495) & Jericho Turnpike (NY Route 25), approximately 20 miles east of New York City. All buses and trucks must enter at 60 Post Road.

From New York City:
LI Expressway east to exit 39–Glen Cove Road. Continue east on the service road. At the fourth light, turn right onto Post Road. The bus/service entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the right side (60 Post Road).

From Eastern Long Island:
LI Expressway west to exit 40W–Jericho Turnpike, Rte. 25. Continue west on Jericho Turnpike for approximately 2 miles. Turn right at Westbury High School onto Post Road. The bus/service entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the left side (60 Post Road).

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**Education Programs**

Education programs can be tailored to fit the needs of current class lesson plans upon request.

**Follow Your Nose…Eyes…and Ears!**
Discover the many ways to explore your five senses through nature. Students build observation and identification skills through a hands-on Gardens tour. Textured and scented plants are highlighted in a mystery activity connecting recognition skills with sense of touch. Students plant an edible flower to bring the lesson home.

*NYS Learning Standard:
LS 4 The Living Environment Key Idea 1

**Plants are like People?**
Did you know- plants are just like us? Discover a plant’s basic needs, parts and life cycle stages through Gardens games and hands-on activities. Learn how the environment thrives with their help. Students will meet and plant a “Plant Pal” to take home.

*NYS Learning Standard:
LS 4 The Physical Setting Key Idea 4
LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 1, 3-6

**Seeds for Thought**
Whether the start of new plant life or a local food source, seed benefits are endless. Join us for a Gardens hike to investigate the many ways seeds aid the lives of people. Find out how wildlife depend on seeds with the changing seasons and celebrate seeds with a Sunflower Seed Mosaic craft to take home.

*NYS Learning Standard:
LS 6 The Living Environment Key Ideas 3, 5-6

**Wonders in the Woods**
How many stories can be found in the forest? Hear how trees work on a lake trail walk studying leaves, bark, other parts and functions. Stop, look and listen to a stump’s unique rings and learn the tale it tells from the inside out. Students craft a paper “tree cookie” to represent the importance of their own life stories.

*NYS Learning Standard:
LS 4 The Physical Setting Key Idea 2
LS 4 The Living Environment Key Ideas 1, 3-6

**General Information**

All group tours and education programs must be booked in advance. An outdoor public picnic area is available for lunch directly following programs, weather permitting.

**Fees**

- $9 Students and Chaperones
- Teachers and Aides are free
- $125 program minimum to book
- Double program discount available

**Contact**

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