

Be a part of GardenWalk Buffalo

There are no fancy garden criteria – no site visits, no judging, no entry fees, nothin' – all you have to do is be proud of your little spot of earth.

Deadline is May 15.

Garden Walk gardens are a key part of the largest garden tour in the U.S. and one of Buffalo Niagara's most anticipated summer happenings, drawing tens of thousands of tourists from near and far. Thank you for sharing your creativity!

Who can sign up to be a Garden Walk gardener?

You do need to be in the footprint of the Walk—from Canalside to the Amherst Street (Elmwood to Main), and from the Niagara River to Main Street. To be on GWB, your garden does not need to be perfect. It does not need to be giant. It does not need to be professionally landscaped. Gardens range from large to a few square feet—but that is OK—it is the diversity that makes the event a success.

When should I sign up?

By May 15 each year.

How should I prepare for visitors?

There's no such thing as a perfect garden, so don't panic. If there is a part of your garden you don't want visitors to enter, rope it off or put up a note. Visitors will be excited to chat. You can't talk to everyone who enters. Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. If you can't host the entire weekend, remove your sign so visitors know not to enter.

Any changes in store for 2021?

Yes! 2021's Walk will be different than any other. To ensure the health of our volunteers, visitors, and you, there will be some new guidelines to follow – including the wearing of face coverings, physical distancing, limiting numbers of people in gardens (for small gardens) and more. Once we have your email address, watch for Garden Walk Buffalo emails in the near future with more specifics. You can always reach out to organizers at info@gardenbuffaloniagara.com, or call (716) 247-5004.

What if something happens to a visitor during the Walk?

Garden Walk Buffalo has insurance to cover incidents during the event. Your homeowner's insurance also covers visitors on your property. During the 24 years of the Walk, there have been no incidents! Visitors are respectful, courteous, and extremely interested in what you've created.

Can I use Garden Walk to promote my blankety-blank or sell my such-and-such?

Garden Walk is a free event, designed to connect and inspire garden visitors. While it's tempting to use this as an opportunity to host a yard sale, art sale, or food stand, it's important to remember that the weekend is about our neighbors and our gardens.

Where do I get my sign?

Where can I ask more questions?

We're excited to invite you to the annual **Rally Party** (usually held the last Saturday of each June), open to all Garden Walk gardeners. Here, you'll have the chance to meet other gardeners, enjoy refreshments, grab a yard sign, maps and posters—and buy Garden Walk merchandise before the crowds see it. It's always a fun time, and it's a place to ask any questions you have. If we have your email, you'll get an invitation. And sometime after the Walk, usually in September, the GWB volunteers host a **Thank You Party**—a time to share stories and experiences with your new fellow Garden Walk gardening friends over drinks and refreshments!

More questions?

Email GardenWalkBuffalo@GardensBuffaloNiagara.com.

