Harrison Sculpture Garden Winter Tours
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the timeline for the tours?

- The Saturday, January 26 and Saturday, February 2 tours start and end in the Snyder Auditorium.
- The Sunday, January 27 and Sunday, February 3 tours start and end in the Snyder Building Tea Room.
- Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the scheduled tour start time to park, find meeting space, bathroom visits, and for a hot drinks and treat, provided as a part of the tour (in the meeting space).
- An Arboretum bus will take visitors on a short drive (10-15 minutes) to the Harrison Sculpture Garden located on Three-Mile-Drive where they will disembark.
- From there, the tour of the garden is on foot. Tours will last approximately one hour; the docent will give background on the Harrison Sculpture Garden during the trip, then lead the group on a tour.
- There will then be time for tour participants to discover on their own, take photos, etcetera.
- The docent will signal when it’s time to get back on the bus for the trip back to the Snyder Building.

Where do I park?

You will park in the usual Arboretum parking lots; the gatehouse can direct you if needed.

Can I walk in for these tours without reservations?

No, advance registrations are required for the tours.

Is this tour handicap accessible?

Yes, however the bus is not equipped for wheelchairs. Guests can drive separately and re-join tour at the Harrison Sculpture Garden. The garden does have a rather steep incline and descent.

How do we let you know that we need a wheelchair spot on the tour?

Please contact Kim Heiar at 612-301-1259 to make your reservations.

How many people will be on each tour?

There are seats for 23 people on the bus.

Is this appropriate for children?

The tour is appropriate for children, specifically those whom enjoy art, however do keep in mind that participants will be outdoors at a normally cold time of year for an hour. There are no restrooms or structures at the tour site; please plan accordingly.

Will the sidewalk at the Harrison Sculpture Garden be safe and easy to access?

Our grounds crew will do their best to make sure the sidewalk is accessible, however, it’s the time of year when ice and snow can create slippery conditions.

Who will give the tours?

Docents trained to give art tours at the Arboretum will lead your tour; they give informative, interesting tours to the public and are experienced guides.

What if there is inclement weather?

If extreme weather takes place, people who have signed up for the tour will be notified and another tour date will be designated.

How should I dress?

Please wear weather-appropriate clothing, including sensible footwear (boots). You will be outdoors for an hour without shelter; hats, gloves, suitable coats and outerwear are advised.

Is there a bathroom at the site?

There are bathrooms at the Snyder Building but not at the Harrison Sculpture Garden; please use the restroom before you board the bus.

Can I take pictures and videos?

You are welcome to take pictures and videos at the Harrison Sculpture Garden.

What are the drinks/treats included in my tour?

The Saturday tours in the mid-morning will have hot cocoa, hot water/tea, hot cider, and ice water for visitors, plus a small selection of pastries. The Sunday afternoon groups will have hot cocoa, hot water/tea, hot cider, and ice water plus a small selection of cookies and bars.

What if I have questions about this tour that are not answered here?

Please contact Kim Heiar at 612-301-1259.