

Full Moon Hike at the National Arboretum

The *Full Moon Hike* is a moderately strenuous hike to appreciate the beauty of the Arboretum at night. It is not a guided tour of the Arboretum collections. The group will hike approximately four miles at a brisk pace over hilly and uneven terrain for two hours with minimal stops.

To make your experience more enjoyable, please note the following guidelines:

- **Entrance for hikes will be through the R Street gate only**, off Bladensburg Road NE. The New York Avenue gate will be locked. **Note:** If you are using a GPS system to find the Arboretum, do not use our New York Ave. street address, as that will lead you to the locked gate on New York Avenue. **Enter 2400 R St. NE**, which will direct you to the R Street gate.
- There is free parking just inside the gate. Meet in the Visitor Center, which is adjacent to the parking lot.
- Please note that the Arboretum gates are locked daily at 5:00 p.m. Hike participants will be permitted to enter 30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. Hike start times vary through the year, so please check the start time of your hike.
- Please arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. The group will leave the building promptly at the hike start time. The Arboretum gate will be locked at the hike start time and no one will be allowed to enter after the program has started.
- Flashlights adapted for night vision will be carried by the guide and volunteers only. The guide will ask the group to keep talking to a minimum to enhance the experience.
- Sorry, no pets or children under 16 allowed.
- All guests must be pre-registered.
- **If you register guests, please make sure they receive the information on this page.** This will help them to be better prepared to enjoy the hike.



Weather and Cancellations

Hikes will be held in many types of weather including light rain or snow. If the Arboretum decides to cancel the hike due to threat of inclement weather or unsafe conditions on the grounds, you will be contacted the afternoon of the hike by phone or e-mail and offered a refund or an opportunity to reschedule.

Please remember that unless this event is canceled by the Arboretum, there are no refunds or exchanges within 10 calendar days of the event. For more information, please email programs.usna@ars.usda.gov.