

Full Moon Hike for Private Group

The *Group Full Moon Hike* differs from the regular *Full Moon Hike* only in a few logistical details, including payment, check-in, and the weather cancellation procedure.

- **Payment** is made by one person for the entire group of 25 people.
- **Check-in:** One person will be responsible for being at the gate 30 minutes before the hike start time to ensure that only people in the group are admitted. Or that person can provide Arboretum staff with a written list of attendees. The Arboretum will provide a security guard and a volunteer to facilitate check-in.
- **Cancellation:** Hikes will be held in many types of weather including light rain or snow. The Arboretum coordinator will contact the Hike contact if the weather is a concern. The Arboretum has the option to cancel in case of unsafe conditions.
- Please distribute the information below to all hike participants.

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. The group will 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.

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