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Thank you for your interest in our Full Moon Hikes for groups.

The Group Hike is an opportunity to reserve a hike for a private group of 25 people. The registration and payment will be submitted by one person.

To make your experience more enjoyable, please note the following guidelines and share them with all of the group members:

- Please remember that this is a **moderately strenuous hike** to appreciate the beauty of the arboretum at night and 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.
- **Entrance will be through the R Street gate only** (off Bladensburg Road). Free parking is available just inside the gate. Ask guests not to use a GPS to find the arboretum, as that will lead them to the New York Avenue gate, which will be closed.
- Ask your guests to arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. The group will leave the building promptly at the 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. The arboretum gates are locked daily at 5:00 p.m. and will reopen to hikers 30 minutes prior to the start of the hike. **(Hike start times vary, so please check your time.)**
- **Please make sure that everyone in the group receives this information.** This will help them to be better prepared to enjoy the hike.
- 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.
- We recommend that you wear sturdy walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Sorry, no pets or children under 16 allowed.

Weather and Cancellations

Hikes will be held in all types of weather including light rain or snow. If the arboretum cancels the hike due to inclement weather, you will be contacted by phone or email on the afternoon of the hike. The rain date for group hikes is the following night. If another rain date is needed, it will be the night following the first rain date. If the hike is cancelled on both rain dates, a refund will be provided. For more information, please call (202) 245-4521.

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