YOUR visit to Cheekwood!
Cheekwood is a 55-acre Botanical Garden and Museum of Art located in Nashville.

What is a botanical garden? How is it different from a park?

What is a museum? What types of objects might be found in a museum?
A brief history of Cheekwood

• Cheekwood is the former home of Leslie Cheek and Mabel Wood Cheek, who bought the property and had the mansion built in 1929.

• They hired an architect named Bryant Fleming to design the 30,000 square foot mansion and formal gardens.

• They moved into their new home in 1933. Leslie passed away 2 years later. In 1944, Mabel gave the home to their daughter and her husband, Huldah and Walter Sharp.

• In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp gave Cheekwood to become a museum and botanical garden.

• In 1960, Cheekwood opened to the public.

How did Cheekwood get its name?

How many years has Cheekwood been open to the public?
This is the entrance to Cheekwood. On the next slide, you will see a map of our property including the entrance to The Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail.
Groups touring the Sculpture Trail typically park in Lot D. Please review your confirmation materials before you arrive so you know where your group should plan to park.
The Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail is a place where contemporary sculpture by internationally recognized artists is integrated into reclaimed woodland. Its wood-chip paths are rugged and more than one mile long.

*Students are encouraged to wear sneakers or hiking shoes and bring water during warm months.

What will you see on the Sculpture Trail?

Here is a sneak peek...
Steeple Dance

Frank Morbillo

What is a ‘steeple?’

How do you think it would feel to stand inside the three structures?
Glass Bridge
Siah Armajani

This artist considers himself neither a sculptor or an architect, wishing only to “find a way to make life better and easier for everyone.” What do you think he means by this? Would you consider him an artist, sculptor or architect?
Crawling Lady Hare
Sophie Ryder

Imagine where *Crawling Lady Hare* is going. What will she do when she gets there? How tall do you think she would be if she stood up?
Garden and Museum Etiquette

We ask all visitors to follow Museum and Garden Etiquette when visiting Cheekwood.

• When walking through the gardens or Sculpture Trail, please stay on the paths for your own safety and the protection of the plant collections.

• Please do not touch the plants or artwork.

• Many varieties of wildlife and insects make their homes at Cheekwood. Please do not disturb these valuable members of our ecosystem.

• Speak in a normal ‘inside’ voice. Please do not disturb other visitors in the museum or garden by yelling or shouting. However, you may always ask questions of the Cheekwood staff, guides or docents.
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• Stay with your group. Cheekwood is large, and it is easy to get distracted. We do not want anyone to get separated from their group.

• You are welcome to take pictures in the gardens or on the Sculpture Trail, but photography in the museum is not permitted.

• During your visit to the museum, pencils are allowed in the galleries. Pens, markers and crayons are not allowed. Please leave backpacks or large bags on the bus. Bulky objects might bump a work of art and damage it.
We look forward to seeing you soon!