YOUR visit to Cheekwood!

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?

Do you think anyone still lives at Cheekwood?
When you arrive at Cheekwood…

What will you see?

Here is a sneak peek!
This is the entrance to Cheekwood.

We are so happy that you and your class are coming to visit! On the next slide, you will see a map of our property.
This is the **Robertson Ellis Color Garden**.

Why do you think this garden is called the Color Garden? Does this garden always look like the picture below? Why or why not?
This is the **Japanese Garden.**

This garden is named *Shōmu’en.* What do you think this means in Japanese?
This is the **Herb Garden.**

What is an herb? What types of herbs do you think you will see in this garden?
This is the **Howe Garden**.

This garden once belonged to a woman named Cora Howe. It was moved across Nashville to Cheekwood. What steps would you need to take to move a garden?
This is the **Museum of Art**.

It is the former home of Leslie Cheek and Mabel Wood Cheek, who bought the property and had the mansion built in 1929. Today, you can visit the house and see Cheekwood’s permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.
Self-guided groups typically park in Lots B or D. Please review your confirmation materials before you arrive so you know where your group should plan to park.

Maps can be picked up in the Visitor Services building.
Garden and Museum Etiquette

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

What is etiquette?

Why is good etiquette important?

What type of behavior do you think is expected of you when you visit Cheekwood?
Garden and Museum Etiquette

When walking through the gardens, please stay on the paths for your own safety and the protection of the plant collections.
Garden and Museum Etiquette

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.
Garden and Museum Etiquette

Speak in a normal ‘inside’ voice. Please do not disturb other visitors in the garden or museum by yelling or shouting. However, you may always ask questions of the Cheekwood staff.
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.
Garden and Museum Etiquette

You are welcome to take pictures in the gardens, but photography in the museum is not permitted.
Garden and Museum Etiquette

If you visit 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!

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