



MBBG RESERVATION POLICY

The Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden is open to the public during normal park hours. It is a demonstration garden exhibiting drought tolerant plants and is a certified nature habitat containing many CA native plants. It was created and is maintained solely by volunteers as a learning tool whose purpose is to promote MBBG's mission of resource and wildlife conservation education.

We encourage activities and gatherings consistent with the mission.

Informal use

The garden, including the benches, meditation garden deck and amphitheater may be used on a first come first serve basis by individuals and small groups. Please keep group activities to 90 minutes or less in order to allow others a turn. All our guests are expected to show reasonable care for signage, structures, paths, vegetation and wildlife. Please pick up any trash and be prepared to take it with you when you leave.

Reservations

The Garden may be reserved for special functions. A fee of \$100.00/hour is required (donations are gratefully accepted as well) and the Garden must remain open to the public. Check posted calendar or MBBG website for availability. Reservations are accepted and fees waived at the discretion of the MBBG board of directors. Formal classes and events promoting awareness of MBBG, fundraisers benefiting MBBG or promoting its mission and celebrations or recognition events related to our mission are encouraged. A qualified MBBG volunteer will attend and oversee reserved events.

Alcohol: Those wishing to serve alcohol must obtain an exception permit from the City of Manhattan Beach. Such permits may or may not be granted.

Music: Amplified sound also requires a permit from the City of Manhattan Beach.

Please be respectful of the Garden's peaceful ambiance and sensitive wildlife.

Note: The Garden's appearance is ever changing with the seasons. Those wishing to reserve in late summer or fall (August – October) should be aware that most of the plants in the Garden are in a dormant, dry state and will not be flowering. As the seasons change, dry seed heads are left on plants for wildlife consumption and for self seeding of next year. Leaves are intentionally not raked up, but rather left on the ground as natural mulch. Once the first rains of the season fall, generally in November, things begin to turn green again.

To Request a Reservation

Website: www.manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org

E-mail: Julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org

Call: 310 546-1354

Gazebos

For events such as weddings, general birthday parties (children or adult), religious ceremonies, family reunions, or other large functions, please consider reserving one of the Gazebos in Polliwog Park.

Contact Ada Valdivia at the City of Manhattan Beach Facilities Reservation desk at: (310) 802-5410.

The Garden has a busy calendar of composting and other classes, docent led tours and school field trips, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. We appreciate your interest and are always pleased to consider events and activities consistent with the promotion of earth-friendly gardening, water conservation, and habitat creation.

~ The MBBG Board of Directors 