

## Tips for Visiting

Please be considerate of the Garden and of the Garden experience for all visitors.

- Stay on approved paths. Do not walk on moss or step into raked sand gardens.
- Silence your cell phone and refrain from talking on it in the Garden.
- No food or beverages, aside from water.
- No smoking, including vaping.
- No pets, only trained service animals.
- Do not touch or attempt to feed the koi.
- No paints, inks, or other staining pigments.

Help us provide an exceptional experience for everyone who walks through the Garden's gates.

## Photography Policies

As a non-profit organization we ask everyone who wishes to use images they take of the Garden for commercial purposes to purchase a Photography Membership.

- Please do not block garden views, pathways, or elements for extended periods.
- Please do not disrupt the gardeners as they work.
- The Garden does not allow portrait photography (e.g., engagement, graduation, or head shot photos).

**Thank you for visiting!** The Portland Japanese Garden is a private 501(c)(3) charitable, not-for-profit organization that receives essential funding from gate admissions, retail sales, and the tax-deductible contributions of its members and donors.

## Become a Member

Rediscover the Garden again and again. Portland Japanese Garden members enjoy special access to the Garden and its festivals, exhibitions, and workshops, as well as privileges with Garden partners and sponsors. The price of today's admission ticket can be applied to an annual membership. Memberships are tax-deductible.

### ALL MEMBERS ENJOY

- Unlimited free admission
- Member-only hours & events
- Early access to tickets or reservations
- 20% discount at Bamboo Sushi locations
- Subscription to *The Garden Path* magazine
- 10% discount at the Garden Gift Shop
- 20% off on additional admission tickets

## Tour the Garden

Learn about the intentions behind Japanese gardens with a free public tour. Contact the Garden at 503-223-1321 for tour times.

## Garden Gift Shop

The Garden Gift Shop is open all year and offers a wide selection of books, cards, art, jewelry, gifts, garden tools, décor, and more.

## Welcome

When His Excellency Nobuo Matsunaga, the former Ambassador of Japan to the United States, visited the Portland Japanese Garden, he proclaimed it to be

*"the most beautiful and authentic Japanese garden in the world outside of Japan."*

The Garden sits nestled in the West Hills of Washington Park overlooking the city and providing a tranquil, urban oasis for locals and travelers alike. Designed in 1963, it encompasses 12 acres with eight separate garden styles, and includes an authentic Tea House, meandering streams, intimate walkways, and a spectacular view of Mt. Hood.

Japanese gardens have an ancient history influenced by Shinto, Buddhist, and Taoist philosophies. Upon entering a Japanese garden the hope is to realize a sense of peace, harmony, and tranquility. Three primary elements are used in every Japanese garden design: stone, the "bones" of the landscape; water, the life-giving force; and plants, the tapestry of the four seasons.

The gardens are each asymmetrical in design and reflect nature in idealized form. Human scale is maintained throughout so that the visitor always feels part of the environment rather than being overpowered by it. This is a place to discard worldly thoughts and concerns and see oneself as a small but integral part of the universe.



### ADMISSION

Adult	\$14.95
Senior (65+)	\$12.95
Student (with ID)	\$11.95
Youth (6-17)	\$10.45
Child (5 and under)	Free

### GARDEN HOURS

Winter Hours	10am - 4pm
Summer Hours	10am - 7pm
Member-Only Hours	8am - 10am
Mondays	Open at Noon all year
Closed	Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

*The Umami Café seats its last service 30 minutes before the Garden closes*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information	(503) 223-1321
Membership	(503) 796-9180
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### STAY CONNECTED

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The Garden Path	japanesegarden.org/ thegardenpath

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## Garden Highlights

### 1 The Entry Garden

### 2 Jordan Schnitzer Japanese Arts Learning Center

Home to many of the Garden's enrichment programming including the **Cathy Rudd Cultural Corner**, the **Yanai Classroom**, the **Tanabe Gallery**, and the **Garden Gift Shop**. Public restrooms are also on the first floor.

### 3 Zagunis Castle Wall

At the west end of the Cultural Village is the Zagunis Castle Wall. The building of this medieval structure was led by Suminori Awata, a 15th-generation Japanese master stonemason using traditional hand tools and techniques; it measures 185 feet long and 18.5 feet high.

### 4 The Cultural Village

The Cultural Village houses two of our newest gardens on either side of the Courtyard: the tiny **Tsubo-Niwa** (courtyard garden) a modern urban Japanese garden style and the **Ellie M. Hill Bonsai Terrace** which features seasonally rotating specimens.

### || The Umami Café

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### 5 The Flat Garden

The Flat Garden was carefully designed to showcase the distinctive beauty of each season. The laceleaf Japanese represents autumn, while the 85 year old weeping cherry signifies spring. Winter is represented by the black pines and summer by the cool "water" of the raked gravel.

Photos: Tony Small (Cover), Michel Hersen (Snow Viewing Lantern). Map illustration: Jérôme Mireault, colagene.com

### 6 The Pavilion Gallery and City Overlook

The Pavilion Gallery is used for exhibitions and special events. Architectural features include *shoji* (translucent paper panels) and verandas that connote the integration of house and garden. On a clear day the overlook offers a spectacular view of Mt. Hood to the east.

### 7 The Tea Garden

The revered Tea Garden consists of an inner and outer garden which progressively get more rustic as they lead toward the *Kashintei Tea House*. Tea gardens were historically designed as peaceful, natural spaces to detach oneself from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The experience of walking the path to the Tea House is meant to give a sense of traveling a considerable distance: out of the city and into the mountains.

### 9 The Strolling Pond Garden

The Strolling Pond Garden consists of an Upper and a Lower Pond connected by a flowing stream. The Upper Pond features the iconic Moon Bridge, while the Lower Pond has a *Zig-Zag Bridge* which weaves through beds of Japanese irises against the backdrop of the stunning *Heavenly Falls*.

### 12 The Natural Garden

The Natural Garden is the most immersive of all the gardens. Hidden benches and waiting areas provide spaces to rest and reflect while being surrounded by nature in its idealized form. *Uneven paths and stairs*.

### 13 The Sand and Stone Garden

The Sand and Stone Garden features an important Japanese aesthetic principle known as *yohaku-no-bi*, meaning "the beauty of blank space." This openness is intended to invite contemplation.

