



Artist Ebony Patterson at the New York Botanical Garden Tuesday, July 11

7:15 am – Meet and board the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library.

7:30 am – Depart from the Museums' State Street lot Park with one rest stop on the way.

10:30-11 am – Estimated arrival at the **New York Botanical Garden**. We will make one rest stop en route. The New York Botanical Garden is a botanical garden and National Historic Landmark located in the Bronx, New York City. The 250-acre site's verdant landscape supports over one million living plants in extensive collections.

At your own pace, enjoy a self-guided tour of the gardens and special exhibition of sculptural and horticultural installations by visual artist Ebony G. Patterson. Featuring large glass vultures and peacocks, and casts of extinct plants, Patterson's work has long examined and experimented with the concept of the garden: depicting, realizing, and creating spaces that evoke the natural world, flowers, and landscape through a practice that uses beauty as an invitation to confront larger societal questions and concerns. The first visual artist ever to embed within the institution for an immersive residency, Patterson is working directly with NYBG's gardens and collections to form a new body of work that brings her unique perspective on formal gardens to life within the 250-acre National Historic Landmark landscape.

In addition to the gardens, you will have access to the landmark Victorian-style glass conservatory and courtyards for an immersion into the flora and horticultural habitats of several different plant species, and the Mertz Library Art Gallery featuring more of Patterson's art on view.

Lunch is on our own at one of the Botanical Garden dining options or at designated picnic areas, if you bring a lunch.

Dining Options:

Pine Tree Café – A family-friendly menu ranges from artisanal panini, Neapolitan-style pizza, and signature salads, to snacks and a full coffee bar featuring top-notch espresso and homemade pastries. \$\$

The Hudson Garden Grill – The Hudson Garden Grill is a farm-to-table restaurant spotlighting the innovative flavors of New American cuisine. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended on opentable.com. \$\$\$

3 pm – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return at 6 pm. Bottled water is provided for the return home.

Cost: \$135, Members, \$159, nonmembers; includes self-guided tour, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.