



Thursday, July 10, 2003

Meadow Brook Hall part of garden/home tour

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During the kick-off weekend July 12 and 13, visitors will enjoy several extras including garden volunteers answering questions and discussing their work in the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and Cranbrook and complimentary audio tours of the gardens and grounds at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

Garden and home tour times vary by location as follows:

Meadow Brook Hall Self-guided garden tours are available Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guided tours of the hall are offered Monday through Saturday at 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Both the gardens and grounds will be closed to tours on Sunday, Aug. 3, due to the Concours d'Elegance.

Cranbrook House and Gardens The gardens are open for self-guided tours Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. House tours are only available on Sundays. Both the gardens and grounds will be closed to tours on July 27.

Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Tours of the gardens are available Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. House tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. No tours are available on Mondays.

Tickets for the Glorious Gardens of the Historic Homes are available at all three locations and can be purchased for \$20, which allows one admission to each location.

For more information, contact Meadow Brook Hall at (248) 370-3140, Cranbrook House and Gardens at (248) 645-3147, or the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House at (323) 884-4222.

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