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Your membership supports the gardens growing, supports lifelong learning programs, sustains our heritage of art and culture and preserves the unique biodiversity of the Lake Wales Ridge.

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THE GROUNDS OF BOK TOWER GARDENS

WELCOME TO THE GARDENS!

Bok Tower Gardens is a dynamic, engaging and enjoyable experience for people of all ages. Focus points and activities throughout the Gardens provide for leisurely strolls, enlightening moments, and engaging activities.

Established in 1929 by Edward W. Bok as a gift to the American people, the 50-acre garden was designed by noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. to be a contemplative and informal woodland setting.

Axes of forms, palms, oaks and pines fashion a lush backlight of flowering foliage and the spectacular seasonal color of azaleas, camellias and magnolias showcasing an ever-changing work of art. The 205-foot marble and coquina Singing Tower is the pinnacle of the gardens with tile mosaics, animal carvings, custom ironwork, and daily carillon concerts.

Dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge on Feb. 1, 1929, Bok Tower Gardens is a National Historic Landmark.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

• Keep the grounds and do not litter; pick up trash, place in trash can.
• Be considerate and be quiet in other visitors.
• Bok Tower Gardens is a SMOKE FREE environment. There is no smoking anywhere on the premises.
• Do not feed or handle wildlife, or pick flowers, plants or fruit.
• Keep pets on a maximum of six feet leash and must be on a leash to enter the Garden.
• Dispose of waste in proper containers.
• Casual, non-commercial photographic for personal use is permitted. Apparatus and equipment are required for commercial still photography and filming.
• Your admission ticket serves as your ticket for the Gardens to use your photo or image during your visit.
• Bicycles, skateboards, skate shoes and personal golf carts are not permitted in the Gardens. Mobility carts and wheelchairs are available at the Shop of Bok. Most areas of the Gardens are accessible except the second floor of Pinewood Estate. For additional needs, please visit the Information Desk in the Visitor Center.

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1. RIVER OF STONE

This unique pipeline pathway at the Visitor Center features a simple, flowing pattern.

2. POLLINATOR GARDEN

This garden is filled with textured flowers with petals and leaves so unique the insects can find them. Scattered throughout the meadow are "Nectar Pools" where you will see bees, butterflies and other pollinators feeding on the flowers.

3. KITCHEN GARDEN, OUTDOOR KITCHEN & ALEXANDER DISCOVERY CENTER

These areas offer fun and educational activities. See program guide for details.

4. HAMMOCO HOLLOW CHILDREN’S GARDEN

Step through our pick-nick inspired gate and into a world of adventure where young visitors discover places to climb, build, dig and create.

5. PINE RIDGE PRESERVE TRAIL

Hike through one of Florida’s most endangered ecosystems. Interpretive signs along the trail give details about the area.

6. WILD GARDEN

The Wild Garden showcases Florida native plants and wildlife in a series of ecosystems planting.

7. WETLAND BOARDWALK

Explore a 170-foot boardwalk that meanders through a re-created wetland prairie wetland.

8. WINDOW BY THE POND

Look out from this small observation into a Florida pond ecosystem. Watch as birds, reptiles, butterflies and other animals encounter in their natural habitats.

9. ENDANGERED PLANT GARDEN

This display of approximately 50 rare plants from around Florida showcases the species we are working to protect.

10. 1929 DEDICATION MONUMENT

This marble is to dedicate the creation of the Garden and wildlife sanctuary by Edward Bok and is located at the original entrance, that begins the historic garden created by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

11. PINEWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS

Step back in time to a luxurious 1930s lifestyle as you tour the 20-room Mediterranean-style winter home and gardens. An additional ticket is required for entry. The mansion is partially accessible by wheelchair.

12. REFLECTION POOL VISTA

This iconic view of the Singing Tower is the perfect place for a photo with friends or family while visiting the Gardens.

13. EXEDRA & SUNSET OVERLOOK

This iconic view of the Singing Tower’s great brass door. This marker is to dedicate the creation of the Gardens. An additional ticket is required for entry. The mansion is partially accessible by wheelchair.

14. CONCERT VIEWING AREA

View the carillonneur’s performances at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. during our live performance season. See carillon program for availability.

15. PEACE LANTERN

This Five-foot Japanese lantern is adorned with peace doves and was commissioned as a gift from Usaburo Tsujita as a tribute to Mr. Bok’s efforts toward world peace. Mr. Tsujita was an attendant of Mr. Bok in the 1920s. In 1975, aactus with only the request to be placed within sight of Mr. Bok’s grave.

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17. EDWARD W. BOK’S BURIAL SITE

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