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Explore Portland!



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I Am Going To The Lan Su Chinese Garden!
A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit This Beautiful Space.
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The Lan Su Chinese Garden is a beautiful park in downtown Portland. The garden is built around a large pond that is full of fish!



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**People come from all over to enjoy this beautiful space.
Let's go to the Lan Su Chinese Garden!**

This is where you buy your tickets.



Behind the ticket area there is also a store in case you want to buy a postcard or a souvenir.

This is the main entrance. There are rules to follow once you go through this gate!



The rules here are very simple. They want you to walk, use a quiet voice and to stay on the walkways!

This school class is following their tour guide. She will tell them all about the Lan Su Chinese Garden.



It is important that you stay with your group at the garden!

Just inside the gate is a basket with a plant guide. It will tell you all about the unusual plants you will see. There are also maps of the garden if you want to use one!



The garden is made up of small walled gardens and buildings. Each garden has different rocks, plants and features.



In between each garden is a doorway, an arch or a bridge to cross. This is why you should stay close to your group. Once they go through an archway it is hard to see them!



This pavilion is out over the water.



These students are having a great time on the pavilion over the water.



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Here is one of the buildings in the garden. Notice the roof and the dragon up at the top!



The inside of the buildings have many antiques and works of art. The guide is reminding students not to touch!



**These students are doing a great job of following the rules!
They are using quiet voices and are keeping their hands to
themselves.**



**When you go back outside there are many flowers to see.
These were my favorites!**



Remember to stay on the path!

These students needed a break. There are many places to sit at the Chinese Garden and relax.



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This is a tea house. If you have money you can stop here for a snack or to get something to drink.



Right past the tea house is a drinking fountain if you want to have some water.



When you leave the garden you will come out through the same place you went in. These students did a great job at the garden. I hope you have fun too!



Don't throw your litter on the ground! Put it in the garbage can!



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Ability Guidebooks are step-by-step instructions on how to access community destinations. For many people with autism and neuro-diversity, new situations can cause stress and discomfort. Ability Guidebooks help prepare people for new experiences. This is why we emphasize the places to sit and areas to relax.

This books will also help general education teachers prepare their students for a field trip to the Lan Su Chinese Gardens.



Can You Translate?

If you or your class can translate this book into any other languages we would love to hear from you!

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Brett Bigham is the 2014 Oregon State Teacher of the Year and began making Ability Guidebooks to help his own students. There are now more than 170 books in forty countries and six languages! Brett was awarded the National Education Association Excellence in Education award and is the only Oregon special education teacher to win that award. He was named an NEA Foundation Global Fellow in 2015 and 2018 and the Mugu International Foundation recently awarded him with their Global Innovator Award.

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