

Template for a Written Lesson Plan for a Garden Tour
2019 Garden Docent Training
Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

(Note: sections above the line are not spoken to visitors; they are only expressed in writing by the docent.)

Audience: Intelligent, curious adults with little to no knowledge of the tour's subjects

Objective: As a result of participating in this tour, visitors will be better able to:

1. Describe/Discuss/Identify (feel free to choose one of these words & complete the rest of the sentence)
2. Describe/Discuss/Identify (feel free to choose one of these words & complete the rest of the sentence)

Tour Path: A (could also be B or C)

Theme:

(Note: sections below are spoken to visitors.)

Introduction, aka Advance Organizer (find out what visitors already know, give a brief overview, and introduce the theme):

Hook Question:

Motor Court (5 minutes, including the above introduction)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Cutting Garden (5 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Lunar Lawn (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

French Parterre (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Rose Garden (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Friendship Walk/Four Seasons Overlook (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Putting Green (5 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to next room

Japanese-style Garden (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

Design

Transition from Design to Features

Features

Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today

MMP/Museum Today

Transition to Conclusion

Conclusion (a summary of the experience):

Concluding question assessing visitors' take-aways:

Sources: list those consulted