

Path Renovation & Revised Garden Tour Routes

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In line with Hillwood's continuing commitment to sustainability, the black asphalt paths in the gardens will be replaced with a porous paving material called Porous Pave. Over the course of four weeks and completed in two phases, the western paths of the garden will be closed to the public during the renovations. Read on for more details regarding the renovation timeline, temporary adjustments to the garden tour routes, and project overview.

Renovation Timeline

- **August 21-September 18:** The estimated timeline to complete the path renovations.
- **August 21-September 4:** The Four Seasons Overlook/Friendship Walk will be closed to the public.
- **September 5:** Four Seasons Overlook/Friendship Walk reopens.
- **August 21-September 18:** The Rose Garden will only be accessible by stairs.

Temporary Garden Tour Routes

Due to the path renovations, the garden tours will be limited to two tour routes/two docents per tour. The newly revised tour route "B" will serve as the ADA route. During the run of the renovations, if visitors are unable to use the steps leading from the putting green into the rose garden, please discuss the rose garden from the putting green patio.

- [Click here to view the September 1-3 temporary garden tour routes.](#) The garden tour will not include the Four Seasons Overlook/Friendship Walk, resulting in a 51-minute garden tour.
- [Click here to view the September 5-18 temporary garden tour routes.](#) Starting on September 5, the Four Seasons Overlook/Friendship Walk will reopen and be added back to the garden tour, returning to a 60-minute tour.

Project Overview

Porous Pave is made of recycled rubber chips and stone which leave spaces in the material for water to pass through. This reduces storm water runoff which is a serious concern in the DMV and lessens erosion in the gardens, especially when we have large rain events. This is also a safe and efficient way to bring back the historic red coloring of those paths. With the Porous Pave, the dye is right in the product and doesn't have to be repainted.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we make these exciting improvements to the gardens. Hillwood will keep the volunteers abreast if we anticipate any changes to the renovation timeline.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach me at the contact information below.

Thank you,

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