

Butterfly Pavilion Ticket Information

Ticket Prices

Adults (13-59): \$7.50

Seniors (60+): \$7

Children (2 to 12): \$6.50

Tuesdays: Free

Timed entry tickets are required for the Butterfly Pavilion including Free Tuesdays.

Regular Hours:

First timed entry: 10:15 am

Last timed entry: 5:00 pm

Where can I buy tickets for the Butterfly Pavilion?

Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the National Museum of Natural History. Please note that non-refundable (\$2.00) handling charges apply for tickets purchased online.

At the Museum, tickets can be purchased at either of the ticket desks:

- On the first floor, at the Information Desk within the Museum Rotunda
- On the second floor, off the Rotunda and above the Mammals Hall, adjacent to the Butterfly Pavilion entrance.

Please review your order carefully prior to purchasing tickets; all tickets purchased are final sale. **Refunds and exchanges are prohibited.**

How far in advance can I purchase tickets?

General admission tickets may be purchased up to a month in advance.

Are there any times when the Pavilion is free?

The Butterfly Pavilion is free every Tuesday but **timed-entry tickets are required**. These tickets are available **only** at the Ticket Desk located on the second floor outside of the entrance to the Butterfly Pavilion.

Tickets are available beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. The Pavilion opens at 10:15 a.m., and the final entry is at 5:00 p.m. Pavilion capacity is limited; it is advisable to come early to secure tickets.

Are there special rates for groups?

Yes. The Natural History Museum offers special rates to groups of 10 or more with at least a two-week advanced reservation. The special group rate tickets are not available for day-of purchases.

Please call 202-633-7516, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (ET), for more information or to book your trip.

Special Note for Groups of Students and Children

Every 10 students or children admitted into the Butterfly Pavilion must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is the group capacity of the Pavilion?

The Pavilion capacity is limited. To avoid overcrowding, visitors are not admitted until their designated time; if some visitors from the previous time slot are still in the Pavilion, new visitors will be admitted up to the maximum. As visitors leave, those remaining for the designated time slot will be admitted. New visitors are not allowed into the space before their designated entry time.

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I purchased tickets online. Do I need to pick them up?

No. Advance purchase tickets should be printed at home or displayed on a mobile device. Complete instructions for downloading and printing tickets will be emailed in your initial email confirmation after purchasing tickets.

What if I am delayed in arriving at the Museum? Can I still enter if it is after my scheduled entry time?

We do our best to accommodate late arrivals, if space is available. Should you arrive after your designated entry time, please see one of the Visitor Experience Associates stationed right outside the Butterfly Pavilion Desk on the second floor.

I lost my ticket, what can I do?

If you misplaced the hard copy of your tickets, you can reprint them using the instructions found in your initial email confirmation. Each timed pass has a unique entry code and can only be used once.

What accessibility services are available for visitors with disabilities?

The Butterfly Pavilion is wheelchair accessible.

Elevators are located just inside the entrances from the National Mall and Constitution Avenue.

Service Animals are welcome within the Pavilion, but must remain under the handler's control at all times. A service animal will be asked to leave the Pavilion should they destroy the living plants or butterflies.

For more information on accessibility at Natural History, including parking, entrances, food services and more, please visit our [Accessibility Website](#).

Can strollers or tripods be used in the Pavilion?

Strollers and tripods are not permitted inside the Pavilion. Young, stroller-age children may walk through with supervision, or be carried. Strollers may be left outside the entrance of the Butterfly Pavilion at owner's risk.