HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Mobility Scooter Prohibited Areas

Guest Experience
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Notices/Prohibitions

- **The manufacturer's safety notices include:**
  - Never use the scooter while under the influence of alcohol or mind-altering substances.
  - Smoking on the scooter is strictly prohibited.
  - Avoid exposure to moisture, standing water, rain, snow, ice or salt when possible.
  - Store in a clean and dry condition.
  - Do not drive the scooter at night without proper lighting.
  - Do not remove the anti-tip wheels.
  - Keep your feet on the foot board at all times during operation.
  - Do not stand on the foot board.
  - Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts while driving.
  - Be aware of loose-fitting clothes that can become caught in the drive wheels.
  - If you will be seated in your scooter for an extended period of time, power off the scooter to prevent inadvertent movement from unexpected throttle contact.
  - Users may encounter difficult maneuvering situations such as narrow doorways, travelling up and down ramps, cornering, and travelling on uneven terrain. Be sure to lower the speed, take your time, and carefully maneuver the scooter.
  - Never put the scooter in neutral ("freewheel") mode while on an incline.
  - Drive the scooter straight up and down an incline, never backwards. Erratic movements or back and forth patters may increase the chance of tipping.
  - When operating the scooter outdoors, avoid uneven terrain, soft surfaces, tall grass, loose gravel, loose sand, fresh water, salt water, edges of streams, ponds or lakes. If you are unsure about a surface, avoid it.
  - One person per scooter! Do not give rides to additional passengers on the mobility scooter.
  - **No one under 12 years of age shall operate the mobility scooter.**

Specifications

- **Max weight:** 425 lbs.
- **Top speed:** 8 MPH
  - To operate, start at a low speed until you are comfortable with how the scooter operates before increasing your speed.

- Obstacles must be crossed with the front wheel perpendicular to the obstacle.

- Scooters shall not be used outdoors during rain or snowy conditions. If it starts raining while you are using the scooter outdoors, proceed to the nearest covered shelter until the rain stops.

Areas to Avoid

Huntsville Botanical Garden wants to afford the opportunity for anyone to enjoy the Garden, regardless of physical ability. However, it is the guest's responsibility to exercise self-awareness regarding their ability to operate the scooter appropriately and safely as well as good judgement when exploring the Garden on the scooter.

There are several areas where the scooter cannot enter and operate safely:

- If the user wishes to enter the **Mother Earth Troll Garden**, they must use the map provided with the scooter for the only entry point, path, and exit of the maze for the scooter.

  - **Note**: Entry to the Mother Earth Troll Garden **shall only be done on dry fair-weather days**. The mulched path can become muddy after it rains and the scooter cannot operate safely in those conditions.

- Scooters can be used inside the **Purdy Butterfly House**. However, please note that there are no automatic door buttons for the Anderson Education Center or the Purdy Butterfly House , and entry is best done with another person who can assist with the doors.

  - **Scooters cannot be used on the ramp to the observation deck** in the Purdy Butterfly House.

- **Scooters shall not be used on the Upper Dogwood Trail.**