

VISITING RULES OF THE HRÁDOK ARBORETUM

Dear visitors, welcome to the Hrádok Arboretum.

The Hrádok Arboretum is an important demonstration object of domestic and exotic tree species acclimatization. The area of 7 hectares is covered by more than 800 taxa of various tree species from the whole world. When visiting the Hrádok Arboretum, please bear in mind that you are moving in the area with a rare collection and natural values. Therefore, we ask you to comply with these visiting rules and generally applicable legislation.

1. The Hrádok Arboretum has been declared a protected area and a cultural monument. All visitors to the Hrádok Arboretum are obliged to comply with the provisions of applicable legislation in the field of environmental protection and the monument fund protection:
 - a) Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection
 - b) Act No. 49/2009 Coll. on the Monument Fund Protection
2. Opening hours:
 - a. The arboretum area is open for visitors daily:
 - from 7:00 to 17:00 during the winter season (from 1 November to 30 March)
 - from 7:00 to 20:00 during the summer season (from 1 April to 31 October)
 - b. The movement along the central pavement connecting Jozef Dekret Matejovie and Komenského streets is allowed from 4:00 to 23:00
 - c. From 23:00 to 4:00 the arboretum is completely closed.

Outside the opening hours, only students and school staff of the SFaWT are allowed to move around the arboretum for educational purposes. Other visitors are allowed to enter the arboretum at this time only accompanied by an employee of the Secondary Forestry and Wood Technology School of Jozef Dekret Matejovie Liptovský Hrádok (SFaWT). The administrator of the arboretum has the right to exceptionally close the area of the arboretum to the public due to their safety, if required.

3. Children under the age of seven are allowed to enter the arboretum only when accompanied by adults who are fully responsible for their activities.
4. Organized groups (schools, kindergartens, other institutions, etc.) are obliged to notify the administrator of the arboretum (Secondary Forestry and Wood Technology School of Jozef Dekret Matejovie) of their organized visit requiring a guide at least 3 working days in advance. If possible, the arboretum administrator will appoint a qualified guide. The administrator has the right to demand remuneration for the services of the guide. In accordance with the Memorandum of Cooperation among the Žilina self – governing region, Secondary Forestry and Wood Technology School of Jozef Dekret Matejovie and the town of Liptovský

Hrádok, students of schools located in Liptovský Hrádok are exempt from payment.

5. Any organized events in the premises of the arboretum shall be reported in advance to the administrator who, after consulting the competent authorities, shall approve or disapprove their realisation.
6. It is prohibited in the premises of the Hrádok Arboretum:
 - a) organise any public and private events without the consent of the administrator
 - b) collect, destroy, excavate and damage plants, shrubs and trees (including their parts – leaves, shoots, seeds, fruits), pick mushrooms, etc.
 - c) scare, catch and kill animals (birds, insects, etc.)
 - d) walk and release animals (especially dogs, sheep, goats, cattle)
 - e) move outside the marked asphalt and gravel pavements and designated rest areas
 - f) entry of all motor and non-motor vehicles (including bicycles, scooters, skateboards, skis, sledges, etc.)
 - g) smoke, consume alcoholic beverages, narcotics and psychotropic substances and also use any chemicals
 - h) light a fire
 - i) play loud recorded music, shout or otherwise harass other visitors
 - j) pollute the territory with rubbish, urine and excrement of animals and humans
 - k) carry out sports and recreational activities (e.g. camping, sledging, skiing, skating, tree climbing, cycling, playing with children outside the marked zones, etc.)
 - l) destroy, damage and relocate arboretum equipment (buildings, furniture, etc.)
 - m) carry out any other activity which could damage the values of this cultural sight and protected area
7. Every visitor of the arboretum is obliged to obey the call of SFaWT staff and members of the city police. Breach of prohibitions or failure to fulfil obligations in the interests of the arboretum protection is sanctioned according to generally binding regulations.
8. Exceptions to the visiting rules may be allowed in exceptional cases upon the written request by the school principal.

In Liptovský Hrádok on May 27, 2020

Ing. Viliam Prukner, a school principal, m.p.