



Field Trip to the US Botanical Gardens Orchids Exhibit

Have you ever wanted to photograph rare orchids from around the world? If so, you will be interested in this camera club field trip! On March 15, from 12:00-3:00 pm the camera club will sponsor a field trip for all skill levels to the US Botanical Gardens to photograph orchids (<https://www.usbg.gov/exhibits>). The Botanical Gardens Orchid Spectrum will include thousands of orchids of every shape, color, and size, including many that are rarely seen. You will have the opportunity to not only see these many orchids, but to also make beautiful photographs. Since we will be going on a weekday, there should hopefully be relatively few people viewing the orchids, which will make photography and viewing easier.

We are limited to a **maximum of 6 people** with tripods, so if you are interested in going, let Cathrine Sasek know as soon as possible. Also, since parking is tight, those who plan to drive should try to carpool. If you would like to carpool and can drive, please let Cathrine know. If you can't drive, but would like to carpool, let Cathrine know that as well. For those taking metro, the closest station is Federal Center SW.

We will meet at the entrance to the US Botanical Gardens Conservatory at 11:45 noon (a map can be found at: <https://www.usbg.gov/sites/default/files/images/areamap.jpg>). Note that we will need to check in to bring our tripods into the botanical garden. The address for the conservatory is 100 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20001. There is no admission charge.

There is no food allowed in the gardens, so you should eat lunch before coming (or have a late breakfast). Water and restrooms are available.

If you are interested in going, email Cathrine at chloe.hayley@msn.com (note that my email address has changed.)

Date and Time: March 15 from 11:45-3:00 pm

Where to Meet: entrance to US Botanical Gardens Conservatory, 100 Maryland Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20001

Recommended equipment:

- Tripod
- Camera & camera manual
- Macro lens or extension tubes
- Close-up flash (not necessary if you don't have one)

