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Mark Your Calendars for the Most Dazzling Winter Light Display of the Season

Tickets for Night Lights at New England Botanic Garden go on sale October 24 with early access for Garden members on October 15

Boylston, MA, October 8, 2025 – New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is thrilled to present Night Lights: Dazzling Gardens, a one-of-a-kind seasonal spectacle of lights with festive experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy. Running daily from November 22, 2025, to January 4, 2026, Night Lights illuminates the unique beauty of the botanic garden's outdoor and indoor spaces and invites visitors to revel in the wonder of the winter season with friends and family, and half a million lights.

"Night Lights is pure magic," says New England Botanic Garden CEO Grace Elton. "We illuminate the darkest months of the year with dazzling displays that celebrate nature in winter and inspire a sense of joy in togetherness."

Last year, 70,000 people from across the region made Night Lights part of their winter celebrations. Ticket sales begin October 15 for Garden members and October 24 for the general public. What to expect:

Bright, Bold, and Full of Dazzle

This year, Night Lights: Dazzling Gardens spans eight distinct formal garden spaces, two subtropical conservatories, and the Garden's Visitors Center. The artfully crafted light displays incorporate a record number of lights. The botanic garden's star features, from towering trees to captivating landscapes and dramatic architecture, take center stage. Night Lights displays, designed in-house by the Garden's talented staff, change each year, so there is always something new and exciting for return visitors to discover.

Diwali Lights Kick Off

For the second year in a row, the Night Lights season kicks off with a special celebration of Diwali, the 'Festival of Lights,' hosted in partnership with the India Society of Worcester. During Diwali Lights on November 22, visitors can enjoy a wonderful evening of Indian cultural programs, delicious Indian food, shopping local vendors, henna, and more among half a million lights. Limited tickets are available.

Festive Experiences Return

Along with its spectacular light displays, Night Lights brings back beloved holiday activities that visitors have come to cherish. Enjoy festive treats, including s'mores and cider doughnuts, and seasonal drinks to keep warm while strolling through the enchanting landscapes. Holiday shopping in the Garden Shop, a model train display, themed costume nights, and cozy fire pits make the experience even more memorable.

Discounts, Value Hours, and Free Parking

Garden members receive a 25 percent discount on tickets and 50 percent off on tickets purchased for the evenings of December 1, 2, and 3 (while supplies last!). New this year, visitors purchasing tickets on standard rate evenings can enjoy a 20 percent discount on tickets selected for 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. timeslots. This Value Hours discount is available to Garden members and non-members. Free onsite parking is also available to all every evening.

Ticket Information

Ticket sales begin on October 15 for New England Botanic Garden members and on October 24 for the general public. As Night Lights is a highly popular event, visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets early to secure their preferred date. Guests should not miss their chance to be part of this extraordinary experience.

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Images and Additional Information:

View the Night Lights 2025 Press Photo Album.

Check out the <u>Night Lights Fact Sheet</u> for interesting info about how the event has evolved over the years.

About New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is a nonprofit organization located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. A regional destination, the Garden is operated on nearly 200 acres by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and is open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, educational programs, private events, weddings, exhibitions, and more. In 2023, New England Botanic Garden was voted "Top Botanic Garden in the U.S." by *TravelAwaits*. New England Botanic Garden is an <u>AAM-accredited</u> museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants and creates opportunities for visitors to experience the wonder of plants, learn about the natural world, and make joyful connections. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden including its history, mission, and its staff at www.nebg.org.

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Event & Ticketing Info

Visit <u>nebg.org/nightlights</u> for full details, ticket purchase, FAQs, and updates.