



**New England
Botanic Garden**
AT TOWER HILL

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Night Lights at New England Botanic Garden illuminates the winter season with its most dazzling spectacle yet

Over 1,000 visitors experience the magic of Night Lights on opening weekend

BOYLSTON, MA, November 25, 2025 – New England Botanic Garden’s highly anticipated annual winter light display, [Night Lights](#), opened Saturday, kicking off a season of illumination at the Boylston-based botanic garden. More than one thousand people visited over the weekend to take in the Garden’s signature event, this year nominated for [USA Today’s Best Botanical Garden Holiday Lists](#) list. The dazzling spectacle features more garden spaces than ever, half a million lights, and festive activities for all ages. Visitors can experience Night Lights through January 4, 2026.

As Night Lights continues, visitors can expect to be immersed in displays that celebrate nature and highlight the unique beauty of the botanic garden from stunning plant collections to dramatic architecture, and enchanting landscapes. Created in-house by a talented and creative team of staff, Night Lights displays change each year, so there is always something new and exciting for returning visitors to discover. This year’s displays, designed around the theme “Dazzling Gardens,” include an illuminated forest of tree forms, a festive fir bedecked in birdhouses, “glitter critters,” and more. Iconic features, including a 100-foot rainbow tunnel, a nostalgic model train display, and a towering tree constructed from living bromeliad plants, return to make the event magical.

In addition to the lights, visitors can enjoy an exciting lineup of festive activities at Night Lights. Roasting s’mores over fire pits, holiday shopping, and taking fun photos with family and friends, are a few. For those who are hungry, dinner with a cup of mulled wine from the onsite café, the Farmer and the Fork, while taking in the lights, will also be an experience to remember.

“We’re excited to light up the darkest months of the year with Night Lights. This event is all about celebrating the season and discovering joy both in nature and in a sense of community,” says Grace Elton, New England Botanic Garden CEO. “In addition to introducing many first-time visitors to the botanic garden, Night Lights also helps fund the Garden’s mission of connecting people and plants all year long, so we couldn’t be more grateful for the support of our visitors.”

Night Lights Food Drive

New to Night Lights this year, the Garden is partnering with the Boylston Food Pantry to host a food drive during the event. Visitors can support individuals and families from the local community by bringing a nonperishable food item to donate on any visit.

Discounts, Flex Passes, 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 looking for the flexibility to attend Night Lights any evening without making an advanced registration can purchase a Glow Together Flex Pass. This flat-rate, single use pass can be used any evening, including nights that are sold out. Also new, visitors purchasing tickets for 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. Card to Culture Discounts are also available, and free onsite parking is offered to all every evening.

Ticket Information

Tickets are on sale now. As Night Lights is a popular event, visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets early to secure their preferred date. Visit nebg.org/nightlights for full details, ticket purchasing, FAQs, and updates.

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Images and Additional Information:

View the [Night Lights 2025 Press Photo Album](#).

Check out the [Night Lights Media Fact Sheet](#) 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 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 [AAM-accredited](#) 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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