Artist's Garden: The Flowers of Monet Social Story

A social story is a written story to help prepare people for an experience.

Today, we are going to the Artist's Garden at the Garfield Park Conservatory. We can’t wait to see the flowers!

To get to the garden, I walk with my family or group across the grass to the entrance. There is a tent by the gate where we check in. We all are wearing masks to keep each other safe. If I’m in a mobility device, a staff person will show me how to get into the garden without having to go over the grass.

The garden has many paths and we can choose where to go. We walk across the grass in any direction we like, and we find light brown, rocky pathways to follow.
The flowers are beautiful and some people take their time to look at them. There are signs to read if people want to learn more.

There are apple trees and pumpkin plants in the garden!

On some paths, the plants are large and it’s hard to pass without touching them. We can touch the plants, or choose a different path. I make sure to stay with my group so I don’t get lost.
There are benches in different parts of the garden if we need to take a break. Other people might walk around us at the benches, and if it’s busy there may be loud noises from other people.

There are chairs on the north side of the garden that people can move. This is a good place to take a quiet break.

My visit will be only 30 minutes. If we made a reservation at the Outdoor Gardens, we might walk over there. We’ll leave from the same entrance, and walk through the grass back to the sidewalk.