Gift Shop

Hours
Hours of operation vary by season
- Spring, Summer & Fall:
  Daily, 9 am - 4 pm
- Winter (November - February):
  Monday through Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm
For up-to-date hours, call 815-965-8146 or visit www.klehm.org.

Daily Admission
- $8 per adult
- $5 per senior citizen (age 62+)
- $5 per child (age 4 - 18)
- FREE for children age 0 - 3, Klehm members, and visitors with state-issued EBT cards
*For more information, visit www.klehm.org/museums-for-all/

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The History of Klehm
Klehm owes its unique collection of mature trees and shrubs to the site’s nearly 100 year history, beginning as a tree nursery.

- 1923 to 1968: William Lincoln Taylor, a landscape architect, owned Reedford Nurseries on this site with his brothers Everett and George. The Taylor brothers planted seeds and cuttings from around the world.
- 1968 to 1985: When the Taylor brothers retired, they sold their nursery and its tree-filled land to Carl Klehm who continued the business with his sons. In 1985, the Klehm brothers donated the land to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve to be used as an arboretum named after their parents, Carl G. and Log Klehm.
- 1989: The Winnebago County Forest Preserve offered use of the site to the Northern Illinois Botanical Society—and Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden grew from the legacies left by two families of nurserymen.

As you walk Klehm’s grounds, see if you can spot the old nursery tree configurations!

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Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden is truly a one-of-a-kind destination. Thanks to our special history, the beautiful landscapes, rare trees, themed gardens and gently winding paths and trails throughout our 155-acres, there is something for everyone to explore.

A visit to the Nancy Olson Children’s Garden and it’s Kid’s Creek natural play water feature and splash pad is sure to delight young and old alike. Be sure to take in the view from the observation tower!

And don’t forget to stop by our Visitors Center to browse the great selection of hand-selected items available in our Gift Shop!
The Gift Shop can be found in the Visitors Center and is stocked with Klehm branded merchandise, apparel and souvenirs, along with books, as well as unique and specialty items. Klehm members receive a 10% discount on all purchases made in Klehm’s Gift Shop.

Restrooms and water fountains with bottle fillers can be found in the Visitors Center and on the south side of the Clarcor Pavilion. A soft drink vending machine is also located in the Visitors Center.

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