Meadow Brook Hall set to reopen June 19 for self-guided touring, picnics and more

The Great Estate will welcome visitors to explore the house and grounds Fridays through Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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As part of Michigan’s Safe Start Plan related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Meadow Brook Hall will safely reopen its house and grounds for public touring beginning Friday, June 19.

“Today we are excited to share our plans to reopen the house and grounds to the public—with a number of new activities and visitor experiences. We will continue to prioritize guest safety as we welcome the community back to Meadow Brook,” said Shannon O’Berski, Director of External Relations.

Located on the campus of Oakland University, the National Historic Landmark will be open to the public for visitation and touring on Fridays through Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with last admittance at 3 p.m. Exclusive hours for vulnerable populations are Sundays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Hall will offer self-guided touring throughout all three levels of the house with special insight from a new visitor app. Meadow Brook will monitor self-guided touring to ensure physical distancing is maintained.

Outside, the gardens and grounds will offer much to enjoy, from exploring the 16 lush gardens to enjoying a picnic on the lawn. Lawn games will be set up in the Rock Garden lawn and allow for physical distancing. The garages will also be open to display The Hall’s unique collection of vintage Dodge cars.

Admission is $10 per person and $5 for children aged 6-12. Children 5 and under are free and seniors aged 62 and over are $7. Guest safety is Meadow Brook’s top priority. In order to protect the community, guests must wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and maintain physical distancing by staying 6 feet apart from others.
Meadow Brook Hall is closely monitoring emerging developments related to COVID-19 and is taking a range of measures to protect the safety and health of our community. For more information and updates about Meadow Brook’s response to COVID-19, visit meadowbrookhall.org/covid19.

Meadow Brook Hall is fully self-supporting, relying on touring and special events for the preservation and interpretation of this National Historic Landmark. For more information, call (248) 364-6200 or visit meadowbrookhall.org.

About Meadow Brook Hall

Meadow Brook Hall is the historic home built by one of the automotive aristocracy’s most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred Wilson. Constructed between 1926 and 1929, Meadow Brook Hall represents one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival style architecture in America, and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale of 88,000 square-feet. It was the center of a country estate that included 1,500 acres, numerous farm buildings, recreational facilities, several residences and formal gardens. Named a National Historic Landmark in 2012, Meadow Brook Hall strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so that visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by history. Meadow Brook Hall is located in Rochester, Mich. on the campus of Oakland University.