Stop 101 Kid’s Tour – Welcome & Intro

Plants grow in every part of the world, but we don’t always pay very much attention to them. Maybe that’s because they just sort of hang around in one place and don’t jump up and down screaming like monkeys in the zoo. But that doesn’t mean they aren’t interesting!

What about the mystery of how plants manage to survive in the desert? Or how does a rubber tree turn into tires for your family car? And what about the story of that man-eating plant, the Venus Flytrap? Well, okay… I mean, “fly” eating plant!

That’s what’s so great about a Botanic garden like the one here at Smith. It’s been around for more than 100 years, and that’s a long time to be collecting plants. I’m glad you came to visit today, because inside these greenhouses, you’ll find plants from all over the world. Some you might know about, and others, well, it just might be your first time getting up close and personal with them. Now, that could be interesting!

Let’s get started. Head into one of the greenhouses, look for the yellow signs with the symbol of the loudspeaker, then press the number that’s on the sign. Oh, and don’t forget, the floors in the greenhouses may be slippery, so please watch your step and use the handrails if you need to. Enjoy the program, and remember to return your audio wand to the reception desk when you have completed your tour!