

## WRITING AS CLIMATE ACTION ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

This workshop will take place outdoors, in-person, with a change to indoor-outdoor in the case of inclement weather (i.e., group walk followed by indoor writing session).

We strive to make this event as accessible as possible for all participants. If you foresee or encounter a barrier not addressed here please let us know so we can update this guide and work with you to find an accommodation that works for you and/or others in the future.

**Format:** Short readings and group discussions punctuated by a series of independent writing sessions in locations throughout the David C. Lam Asian Garden. Participants should dress to spend two hours outdoors, wear shoes suitable for walking, and bring their own portable chairs, paper and writing instruments.

**Participation:** Participants can speak as much or as little as desired during group discussions; the focus will be on experimenting with different creative writing exercises and reflecting on environmental concerns and values.

**Duration:** from 10 am to 12 pm.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Public Transit:

- Route 68, stop at Stadium Rd and West Mall, westbound direction only (2-3 min walk to Garden)
- Route R4, stop on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave between Wesbrook Mall and East Mall/Ross Drive (15-20 min walk to Garden)
- Routes 25, 33, stop at Wesbrook Mall and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave (20-25 min walk to Garden)
- Routes 4, 9, 14, 25, 33, 44, 49, 84, 99, UBC Exchange (25-30 min walk to Garden)

**Accessibility Shuttle:** The nearest drop-off point is at Marine Residence (15-20 min walk to the Garden); see <https://students.ubc.ca/about-student-services/centre-for-accessibility/ubc-accessibility-shuttle/> for more information.

**Parking:** There is a pay parking lot at UBC Botanical Garden.

## WAYFINDING

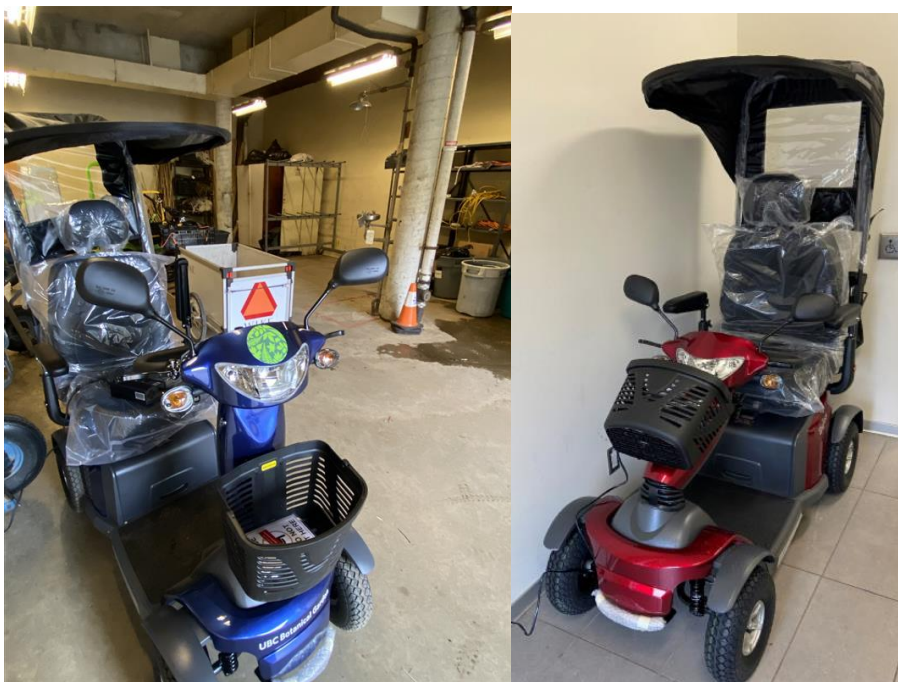
**Entry to the Garden and Reception Centre:** Participants will meet at the main entrance to the Garden, which is accessed from the boardwalk, a short (< 50 m) downhill walk from the parking lot. Attendees can also be dropped off closer to the Reception Centre

via a roundabout. The boardwalk is 2.6 m wide and is a flat wooden surface partially fitted with metal netting (1.2 m wide) to increase friction and prevent slipping. It is wheelchair and scooter accessible but may be difficult for some mobility devices like canes or crutches. If the weather is inclement, participants will meet at the Reception Centre, which is also accessed from the boardwalk (see below for more information).

**Garden Pathways:** Aside from a paved section that leads from the entrance of the Garden to the Moon Gate, garden pathways are covered in bark chips or fine gravel. Paths are sometimes a little unevenly graded, but slopes are generally modest in the David C. Lam Asian Garden.

**Benches:** There are numerous benches in the Garden. Please see the following map for an indication of their distribution: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zHDcupNhZnf1bsVx9>

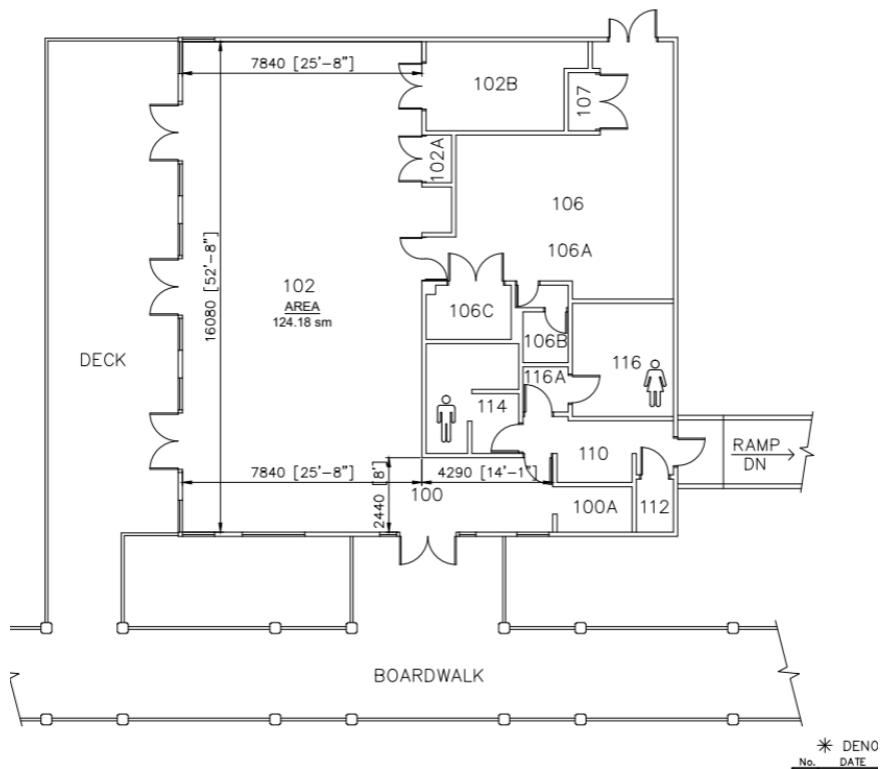
**Mobility Scooter and Golf Cart:** Two rugged mobility scooters are available on request for use by individuals with mobility challenges. These scooters are capable of traversing many of the mulched paths in the garden. In the event of multiple requests, attendees can be driven through the Garden using a golf cart.



**Washrooms:** Wheelchair accessible washrooms are accessed through an automatic door on the east side of the Reception Centre, or from inside the Reception Centre, through non-automatic doors (width 32"). Universal washrooms (both accessible and non-accessible) are available for use on request. There is also a wheelchair-accessible toilet available for use in the David C. Lam Asian Garden, though the ramp that leads to it is somewhat narrow and does not include a handrail so some users may require assistance to gain entrance. Please see link below for photo.

<https://news.ubc.ca/2025/09/ubc-launches-worlds-first-mushroom-powered-waterless-toilet/>

**Reception Centre:** The entrance to the Reception Centre is located near the main entrance of the Garden and is accessed from the western end of the boardwalk.



**For more information, please see these [videos](#) depicting entrance to the Reception Centre and Washrooms.**

## PRESENTATION MATERIALS

The workshop will feature short, non-amplified readings by the workshop host followed by group discussion. Some handouts will be available to enable participants to follow along with readings.

## SEATING

Participants will provide their own portable seating or make use of benches in the Garden (some of which are back-less).

## **SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Garden is generally a quiet and restorative space, where participants may encounter birds, insects, small mammals and other garden visitors (including children). Participants are encouraged to consider the weather and dress warmly enough to be comfortable while stationary outdoors, and to bring water if it is hot. If we are forced to move indoors, the room will be well-lit by windows; overhead lighting is adequate but not overly bright.

## **SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are permitted in the Garden and can be accommodated in the Reception Centre with prior notice.

## **CONTACTING THE WORKSHOP HOST**

We are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all participants. If you require any accommodations to fully engage in this event please let us know. We encourage you to reach out as early as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements to support your participation.

To request accommodations or ask questions about accessibility, please contact Erin Despard at [erin.despard@ubc.ca](mailto:erin.despard@ubc.ca) or by calling 604-822-4208 and requesting a call-back. All requests and communication will remain confidential.

While we have endeavoured to proactively design in accessibility, we recognize that things might not be 100% accessible for everyone, and that access needs might sometimes conflict. We are committed to collectively working with participants to create as much access as possible.