

Greetings Master Gardeners:

Hobcaw Barony which is an ecological and conservation center is also a research center for Clemson University which encompasses over 16,000 acres. It was the winter residence of Bernard Baruch who was financier on Wall Street back in the 1920s. He also advised four presidents including Winston Churchill and letters that he wrote can be seen inside his home which is part of the tour. Mr. Baruch's daughter, Belle, purchased all of the barony over a period of several years and at her death a foundation was created to use the land for the "purposes of teaching and/or research in forestry, marine biology, and the care and propagation of wildlife, flora and fauna in connection with colleges and/or universities in the state of South Carolina."

Tour will start promptly at 10AM and last for 2 hours. Please arrive no later than 930AM so you can get registered and ready for tour at 10AM. After the tour we can have lunch (bag lunch) at the Discovery Center on the premises. You may purchase soda from their machine or bring what you like to drink. **The fee for the Tour is \$20.00.**

This two hour bus tour requires little walking and includes highlights of Hobcaw Barony's 16,000 acres of history and ecology. A privately owned research reserve, the property represents every environment and century in the lowcountry. Naval stores, indigo, and rice production ended by 1905 when the land was purchased by Bernard Baruch. A native South Carolinian and Wall Street financier, he and other millionaires hunted ducks, deer and wild turkeys on this winter retreat. The bus stops for a tour inside his 1930 home that played host to politicians, generals and newspapermen as well as Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt.

In addition to Hobcaw House, tours include a drive by Bellefield Plantation and stables, the home of Belle Baruch who owned the property by 1956, and a drive through Friendfield Village, the last 19th century slave village on the Waccamaw Neck. We share information on coastal ecosystems, native wildlife and endangered species.

For more information: <http://www.hobcawbarony.org/>