

A review of our trip to the New York Botanical Garden's exhibit:
Darwin's Garden

Today we headed off to the NY Botanical Garden's new exhibit: Darwin's Garden. We had a great time there, although the fact that it was 94°F and felt like 98°F hurt a little. Pheww.. it was hot! Anyway, now I've got that over with, I shall chronicle our day at the Darwin's Garden exhibit.

To start our day, we went to the Haupt Conservatory where there was a whole collection of plants and signs showing their place in Darwin's Tree of Life. There was a jungle habitat (where sprinklers sprinkled water on you and hopefully the plants), a desert habitat (which was hot because they had the windows open), a room full of water plants, carnivorous plants and much, much more. There was even a room of Darwin's experiments, where I drew a Fox Glove plant and peered inside a pitcher plant with a magnifying glass.

When we were done at the conservatory, we had lunch at their picnic area. After lunch, we strolled down a woodland path, across a bridge where we could see a waterfall and through a field of roses (in the blazing hot sun!). We did this to get to a building where there was a room where plants were arranged in order of “first plant-like things” to “the newest plants”. It was cool, but a bit far to travel just for that one room. They may be opening more rooms there, I don't know.

After that we went to the library, where there was an exhibit with Charles Darwin's books, writings and drawings. We had to travel in the elevator to get to as there were no stairs (I've never welcomed an elevator more). I really enjoyed it. Although Charles Darwin was no great artist, he got the point across with his pictures. When we went downstairs, we saw a really interesting exhibit. Unfortunately, we were all getting tired and overheated, and we decided to go. It would have been nice to see it under different circumstances.

I really enjoyed my trip to the New York Botanical Gardens exhibit: Darwin's Garden. I hope I can go again sometime (when it's a bit cooler!).