

IPPS-ER 2011: Louisville, KY
Pre- Conference Tour: Wednesday, October 19, 2011

We will enjoy a full day pre-conference tour that starts with breakfast at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel from 7:00-8:15 AM. Buses will leave at 8:30 with a 20 minute drive to the first stop:



Floyds Fork Greenway (21st Century Parks) Louisville, KY.

This is the largest new urban park project currently under way in the US. It is a portion of what will become a 117-mile continuous green loop around the city of Louisville. The Floyds Fork section is the first new construction and includes some interesting plant material/planting initiatives including production and planting of local-provenance woody plant material and large-scale planting of local provenance native cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*).

Our next stop will be **Buffalo Trace** bourbon distillery in Frankfort, KY. Buffalo Trace is one of the oldest distilleries in the nation, producing a range of Kentucky bourbons and other related products. We'll tour the historic distillery, have lunch on the grounds and enjoy a one-of-a-kind tasting. The gift shop at the end of the tour is sure to be a highlight.



A very quick drive will take us to **Wilson's Nursery** in Frankfort, KY. Wilson's is one of Kentucky's most successful nursery/garden center operations. It offers mixed production and wholesale field growing complemented by an in-town greenhouse/propagation/retail center, newly opened onsite café and extensive merchandising areas.

The final stop of the day will be **Rose Hill Greenhouses** in Eminence, KY. Rose Hill is a large-scale modern production greenhouse operation with in-house propagation and all the mechanical complements including flat/pot fillers, robotic transplanters etc.

We plan to arrive back at the Seelbach Hotel by 4:45 PM – just in time for the Welcome Reception with appetizers and a cash bar. Following the reception from 5:00-7:00 PM, you have the night to yourself to have dinner on your own in lively downtown Louisville.

