

**Explore *Fabled Woods* this Fall at The Leaf
— Opening Tomorrow —**

For immediate release: Winnipeg, September 18, 2026 – Following a scheduled closure, the biomes at The Leaf will reopen tomorrow, unveiling a captivating new fall display in the Babs Asper Display House. *Fabled Woods* runs from September 19 to November 29 and invites visitors on a journey through a mysterious woodland world filled with curious plants, hidden wonders, and amazing botanical adaptations.

“Nature is full of extraordinary adaptations that can seem almost magical when we take the time to notice them,” said Gerald Dieleman, Senior Director of Horticulture, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “*Fabled Woods* encourages visitors to explore, ask questions, and uncover the fascinating ways plants survive, thrive, and interact with the world around them.”

Throughout the display, visitors will encounter species that move, mimic, communicate, and even capture prey. From carnivorous plants and fascinating mushrooms to immersive woodland scenery and unexpected discoveries around every corner, the display encourages guests to slow down, look closer, and uncover the magic hidden within the plant kingdom.

Meandering pathways lead visitors through an enchanting woodland landscape featuring dramatic rock grottoes, oversized mushroom installations, faux forest trees, a bog setting and layered plantings rich in texture, colour, and form.

Among the botanical highlights are several unusual plant species recognized for their extraordinary characteristics. Visitors can discover the sensitive plant, whose leaves fold when touched; the dancing plant, known for its subtle movements; miracle berry, which temporarily alters taste perception; and a collection of carnivorous plants including Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, and monkey cups.

Beyond the display house, guests can also explore bonsai specimens throughout The Leaf's Hartley and Heather Richardson Tropical Biome and Mediterranean Biome as part of a partnership with the Winnipeg Bonsai Society.

Fabled Woods runs from September 19 to November 29 and is included with regular Leaf admission. The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. More information can be found at assiniboinepark.ca.

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Please note that the biomes are closed September 19 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm for a private event.

Media are invited to preview this new display on Friday, September 18 ahead of its public opening. Visits may also be arranged during regular public hours of operation. Please contact us to coordinate your visit.

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