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Fairchild Garden is reopening this week

Coral Gables' bucolic wonderland will welcome visitors beginning Wednesday.

Tired of circling the block for exercise? Good news: One of Miami's most popular **outdoor attractions** is reopening this week. Starting Wednesday, **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden** will allow visitors to roam its 83 acres of manicured greenspace as part of the county's phased approach to easing social-distancing. Gates will open daily, beginning May 6, from 10am to 4pm, and admission will be restricted to two-hour blocks at 10am, noon and 2pm. Only 100 people will be allowed in at once in order to heed the recommended guidelines issued by Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Elderly members can request early access on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 7 to 9am.

Tickets will need to be requested in **advance online** (another measure the park's taken to keep the experience as contactless as possible) and only members will be allowed to visit for the time being. Don't be deterred or assume you're relegated to your neighborhood strolls forever—the latter is an easy hurdle to sidestep. Those interested in year-round admission and other perks like early access to events like the annual **plant sale** and the chocolate festival, can sign up right now on Fairchild's website and start enjoying their membership immediately.

Looking for another way to get in? There's always the **option of marriage** seeing as this year's cuffing season has been extended indefinitely thanks to the lockdown.