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ENCHANTING HOLIDAY MEMORIES FOR ALL, AND FOR ALL A GOOD NIGHT

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Ga. Rock City's Enchanted Garden of Lights has delighted guests for over two decades as this holiday tradition returns with almost a million LED lights and unmatched holiday memory-making beginning Nov. 17. The gardens' daytime splendor transforms into a winter wonderland for its 23rd year displaying more than 30 holiday scenes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly through Jan. 6.

"New this season along The Magic Forest section of the Enchanted Trail, is an immersive journey through dancing trees," said Will Jackson, senior manager of innovation for Rock City. "We partnered with local musician, Tryezz, to develop an original score for this part of the Lights. This new enhancement really speaks to an aspect of our ongoing art initiative here at Rock City Gardens where we make an intentional effort to support local artists and the local arts community."

Guests can create their own holiday adventure as they enter through the historic roundhouse gates onto the North Pole Highway and choose which themed path to venture on first. The four "realms of wonder" include Arctic Kingdom, Magic Forest, Yule Town and North Pole Village!

Meet classic Christmas characters like Santa and his elves, Mrs. Claus, Frosty the Snowman, Jack Frost and Inara the ice queen. Kids can also collect a stamp in their adventure passport that offers activities and coupons! Nightly entertainers are also performing in the North Pole Lodge, as well as select nights at Starbucks.

Along the Enchanted Trail in the Arctic Kingdom, Blizzard's Pass leads to icy gardens with lighted penguins fishing and animatronic polar bears. The Magic Forest features new, original music through the Dancing Trees and the beloved Fairyland Caverns. Yule Town is the traditional route through the trail, displaying a classic vintage theme with the Legends of Christmas, which showcases symbolic meanings behind classic holiday icons. And North Pole Village hosts Santa and Mrs. Claus where comfort and joy await! Kids can enjoy decorating Christmas stockings and gingerbread cookies while warming up with some hot cocoa.

Discounted tickets to the Lights are offered Mondays through Thursdays. The Enchanted Garden of Lights is closed Christmas Eve night and reopens on Christmas Day at 6 p.m. For more info, visit <u>www.seerockcity.com/lights</u>.

Rock City Gardens is proud to partner annually with Ronald McDonald House Charities, giving a portion of each ticket sold to benefit local families whose children are hospitalized. For more info on this organization and how to help, visit rmhchattanooga.com.

Rock City is one of the south's most popular natural attractions. Known for its unique geological and botanical wonders, the enchanted, 4,100-foot walking trail is a true marvel of nature featuring massive ancient rock formations, a 140-foot waterfall that cascades down Lookout Mountain and the Swing-A-Long Bridge that spans nearly 200 feet.

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