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- ★ *Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens*
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- *Fearrington Gardens*
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919-515-3132
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- *Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens*
919-834-6264
- *North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences*
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- *Flora Macdonald Gardens*
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- ▲ *Chinqua-Penn Plantation*
800-948-0947

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For local visitor info:
800-332-2343

- *Elizabeth Holmes Hurley Park*
704-638-4459

- *Hamlin Sensory Garden at the Waterworks Visual Arts Center*
704-636-1882

WILKESBORO

For local visitor info:
336-838-8662

- ▲ *Wilkes Community College Gardens*
336-838-6294

WILMINGTON

For local visitor info:
800-222-4757

- ▲ *Airlie Gardens*
910-452-6393
- *Bellamy Mansion Museum Garden*
910-251-3700
- *Burgwin-Wright House Gardens*
910-762-0570
- ▲ *New Hanover County Extension Service Arboretum*
910-452-6393

- *UNC-Wilmington Arboretum*
910-962-4177

WILSON

For local visitor info:
800-497-7398

- *The Wilson Rose Garden*
252-399-2261

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For local visitor info:
252-794-4277

- *Historic Hope Plantation*
252-794-3140

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For local visitor info:
800-795-SAND

- ★ *Orton Plantation Gardens*
910-371-6851

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800-331-7018

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336-924-8191

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- ★ *Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University*
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- ▲ **Regional Treasures:** These gardens are perfect destinations for day trips and are not to be missed when you're passing by.
- **Small Gardens of Note:** Any of these lovely sites is worthy of visiting whenever you're in the vicinity.

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For local visitor info:
800-626-2672

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800-488-0444

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For local visitor info:
800-257-1300

★ **Biltmore Estate**
800-543-2961

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828-252-5190

★ **The NC Arboretum**
828-665-2492

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800-545-9238

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For local visitor info:
800-849-9994

★ **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden**
704-825-4490

BOONE

For local visitor info:
800-852-9506

■ **The Daniel Boone Native Gardens**
828-264-6390

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For local visitor info:
888-968-2060

★ **NC Botanical Garden and Coker Arboretum**
919-962-0522

CHARLOTTE

For local visitor info:
800-231-4636

■ **Hezekiah Alexander Homesite**
704-568-1774

▲ **UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens**
704-547-4055

▲ **Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary**
704-331-0664

CHEROKEE

For local visitor info:
800-438-1601

■ **Cherokee Botanical Garden and Nature Trail**
828-497-2315 or 828-497-2111

CHIMNEY ROCK

For local visitor info:
800-849-5998, 800-257-1300 or 828-625-2725

▲ **Chimney Rock Park**
800-277-9611

CLEMMONS

For local visitor info:
800-331-7018

■ **Tanglewood Park**
336-778-6300

CLYDE

For local visitor info:
800-334-9036

▲ **The Campus Arboretum of Haywood Community College**
828-627-2821 or 828-627-4640

CONCORD

For local visitor info:
800-848-3740

■ **Historic Mill Hill Plantation Gardens**
704-786-3990

■ **Memorial Garden**
704-782-6106

DAVIDSON

For local visitor info:
704-892-1922

■ **Davidson College Arboretum**
704-892-2676

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For local visitor info:
800-446-8604

■ **Magic Wings Butterfly House of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science**
919-220-5429

★ **The Sarah P. Duke Gardens**
919-684-3698

EDENTON

For local visitor info:
800-775-0111

■ **Cupola House Garden**
252-482-2637

FAYETTEVILLE

For local visitor info:
800-255-8217

▲ **Cape Fear Botanical Garden**
910-486-0221

FREMONT

For local visitor info:
919-734-2241

■ **Charles B. Aycock Birthplace**
919-242-5581

GERMANTON

For local visitor info:
336-983-9308

■ **Bauxwood Garden**
336-595-4034

GREENSBORO

For local visitor info:
800-344-2282

■ **Greensboro Gardens**
336-373-2199

HALIFAX

For local visitor info:
800-522-4282

■ **Historic Halifax**
252-583-7191

KURE BEACH


For local visitor info:
800-222-4757

■ **NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**
910-458-8257

MANTEO

For local visitor info:
800-446-6262

★ **Elizabethan Gardens**
252-473-3234



*Can it be any surprise
that a place known for
its natural wonders is
home to wondrous
gardens? From North
Carolina's gentle Blue
Ridge and Great Smoky
Mountains, across the
state's rich heartland, all
the way to its spectacular
coast, nature has blessed
this land with a
fertile touch. Here, the
gardener's skilled hand*

*creates pure delight.
Famed formal gardens
and more modest works
of cultivation beckon
you to look and linger.
We hope you'll become
acquainted with our
state's signature gardens,
regional treasures and
smaller gardens of note.
And we welcome you to
enjoy their resplendent
beauty whenever you
visit North Carolina.*

Once taller than the Alps, North Carolina's granite and greenstone mountains have had about 200 million years to soften into lovely layers of fog-shrouded ranges. No wonder their flora and fauna appear to be the fruits of a primordial garden. Throughout the region, changes in altitude create great differences in both temperature and rainfall, engendering a lush variety of plant life. For the gardener and visitor alike, this is a singular paradise.



Biltmore Estate®

Biltmore Estate® America's largest private home, George Vanderbilt's incomparable chateau, boasts stunning grounds to match. Millions of flowers wind throughout a

series of gardens and terraces, all masterfully planned by Frederick Law Olmsted who also designed New York's Central Park. Seventy-five acres of landscaped gardens, grounds and park include the formal Walled

Garden with its beautiful pattern beds, the Azalea Garden featuring one of the nation's largest collections of azaleas, and the Rose Garden with its turn-of-the-

century varieties.

Wander beneath the Library Terrace arbors, visit the Conservatory which provides flowers for Biltmore House, and, with a bit of a hike, see the Bass Pond and Waterfall. Narcissus, azaleas, flowering cherries, Dutch Iris and over 50,000 tulips are the heralds of spring-time, and Festival of Flowers celebrates the period from early April through early May. Late spring and summer yield abundant roses and rhododendron plus a wide array of annuals.



Rhododendron along the Blue Ridge Parkway

Chrysanthemums and autumn mountain foliage bring the growing season to a beautiful close.

The North Carolina Arboretum Nestled within the Bent Creek Experimental Forest and surrounded by the Pisgah National Forest,

to mountain gardeners. Meanwhile, melodious Bent Creek will invite you to relax along the Natural Garden Trail.

You'll also want to visit the 4.5-acre National Native Azalea Repository as well as a state-of-the-art greenhouse



The North Carolina Arboretum

the North Carolina Arboretum is an extraordinary treasure. This arboretum, established in 1986, is already a major regional and international resource and a favorite of gardeners, scholars and all who love the outdoors. Throughout 426 acres, you can enjoy a Stream Garden, Quilt Garden, Outdoor Events Garden and the Heritage Garden which reflects Southern Appalachian culture. The Plants of Promise Garden is of special interest

complex and adjacent container nursery. Here, rare and endangered species are cultivated in partnership with the national Center for Plant Conservation. In addition, the complex is home to one of only two public bonsai displays in the Southeastern U.S. The arboretum is dedicated to cultivating connections between people and plants, and formal and informal educational opportunities are offered throughout the year.

In the most unexpected places, you'll discover special finds that make it well worth lingering here.

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville Designed by nationally known landscape architect Doan Ogden, these elegant gardens are located on 10 acres next to the University of North Carolina at Asheville and feature plants and flowers native to the Southern Appalachians. Woodland trails and naturalized areas allow you to

observe over 700 marked species. Special features include a Garden for the Blind, an Azalea Garden, a Sycamore Area and a Botany Center.

The Campus Arboretum of Haywood Community College As designed by Doan Ogden, this unique arboretum creates the college's landscape and



Wilkes Community College Gardens

features collections including the Rhododendron Garden, the Freedlander Dahlia Garden, and the Class of '74 Rose Garden.



The Botanical Gardens at Asheville

You'll enjoy generous plantings of spring bulbs and summer flowers and take pleasure in a sizable woodland area with over 1,000 trees and many nature trails.

Chimney Rock Park

Within this exceptional preserve, an accessible trail system follows the natural lay of the land, from the top of Chimney Rock Mountain, to deep forests, to the top and bottom of the



Crested Dwarf Iris along the Blue Ridge Parkway

spectacular waterfall featured in the film "The Last of the Mohicans." Natural growth is unusually diverse since it ranges from cove forests to bare rock outcroppings, and includes rare and endangered varieties.

Wilkes

Community

College Gardens

All who come here will be enchanted by the Vernon and Louise Deal Native Garden with its bird feeding and nesting program and the Eddy Merle Watson Memorial Garden for the Senses with braille labeling.

You'll also want to visit the Sara Mills Japanese Garden, the Conifer Garden, and the Ruth V. Colvard Gardens with 800 All-American Roses. In addition, you can hike along Moravian Creek.

Gardens of the Mountains

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ASHEVILLE

Biltmore Estate®

George Vanderbilt's incomparable Gilded Age gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmsted
 Fee: Yes
 Location: Hwy. 25, just north of Exit 50 or 50B off I-40
 Contact: 800-543-2961; www.biltmore.com

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville

Doan Ogden design displaying plants and flowers of the Southern Appalachians
 Fee: No
 Location: Weaver Blvd. near the UNC-Asheville Exit off US 19-23
 Contact: 828-252-5190



The Botanical Gardens at Asheville

The North Carolina Arboretum

The 426-acre regional and international resource celebrating the Southern Appalachian landscape
 Fee: For special workshops only
 Location: Blue Ridge Pkwy. Milepost 393 (off Hwy. 191)
 Contact: 828-665-2492; www.ncarboretum.org



Chimney Rock Park



Richmond Hill Inn

ASHEVILLE, continued

Richmond Hill Inn

Splendid period-style gardens surrounding a grand Victorian mansion

Fee: No

Location: Near Hwy. 251/UNC-Asheville Exit off Hwy. 19-23

Contact: 800-545-9238; www.richmondhillinn.com

For local visitor information call the Asheville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-257-1300.

BOONE

The Daniel Boone Native Gardens

Twelve separate gardens in a special preserve designed by Doan Ogden

Fee: Yes

Location: Off Hwy. 421, 321, 221 and I05 Extension

Contact: 828-264-6390

For local visitor information call the Boone Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-852-9506.

CHEROKEE

Cherokee Botanical Garden and Nature Trail

Herbs and vegetables of the Cherokee Indians in the 18th-century Oconaluftee Village

Fee: No

Location: Cherokee Indian Reservation off US 441
Contact: 828-497-2315 or 828-497-2111;

www.dnet.net/~cheratt

For local visitor information call Cherokee Tribal Travel & Promotion at 800-438-1601.

CHIMNEY ROCK

Chimney Rock Park

Botanical diversity from mountaintop to forest to a spectacular waterfall

Fee: Yes

Location: Hwy. 64 and 74A

Contact: 800-277-9611; www.chimneyrockpark.com

For local visitor information call Rutherford County Tourism Development at 800-849-5998, the Asheville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-257-1300, or Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce at 828-625-2725.

WILKESBORO

Wilkes Community College Gardens

Outstanding theme gardens winding through the college campus

Fee: No

Location: Collegiate Dr. near Exit 268 off Hwy. 421

Contact: 336-838-6294; www.wilkes.cc.nc.us.com

For local visitor information call the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce at 336-838-8662.

CLYDE

The Campus Arboretum of Haywood Community College

Doan Ogden design creating this varied and exceptional college landscape

Fee: No

Location: Jones Cove Rd. off Hwy. 19-23

Contact: 828-627-2821 or 828-627-4640

For local visitor information call the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority at 800-334-9036.



White and Red Wake Robin in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Spring in the Heartland leaves no doubt why the dogwood is the state flower of North Carolina. The hearty clay soil here nourishes most anything that blossoms. Meanwhile, the temperate climate creates a hospitable home for flora and fauna, as well as for the land's famed golden-leafed tobacco. Across this low, rolling plain which is also called the Piedmont, the sheer number of sumptuous gardens is a testament to generous fertility.



Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Brilliant color washes across broad expanses, and intoxicating scents draw you near in this garden created by Geoffrey Rausch. Four distinct gardens, vine-laden pergolas and no fewer than a dozen fountains are nestled among forests and meadows. Tended perennials, tropical plantings and heirloom varieties offer one surprise after another over

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

more than 100 acres. Showing off native species, a half-mile Woodland Trail winds through peaceful, shaded grounds.

A favorite regional attraction for a number of years, this garden has recently undergone major expansion. Now, a vast Perennial Garden offers breathtaking profusion segmented into four outdoor

Cottage Garden with vintage varieties. And an elegant Visitor Pavilion welcomes all. An annual symposium, wildflower walks, symphony concerts, plant sales and bird-watching opportunities are among regular events.

The JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University The only public facility in the world fully dedicated to collecting, propagating and distributing worthy plants, this arboretum which was founded in 1976 has already changed the southeastern landscape. Its plant introduction program puts new plants in the hands of arboretum members and nurserymen. Visitors will be fascinated by this environment which is a model for horticultural excellence.

rooms. Its designers are Edith Eddleman and Doug Ruhren, known for unsurpassed color combinations. Plants are changed quarterly to accentuate the fall and winter appeal of the Four Seasons Garden. Fountains flow into a serene channel between a Canal Garden with tropical palms and a

In addition, you'll be impressed by its beauty. A 450-foot-long



Old Salem



Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

perennial border, designed by Edith Eddleman, has been called “an epic border, a heroic event in landscape architecture” by British landscape architect Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe. In addition, you can walk among the world’s finest collections of redbuds, magnolias and styrax. The Klein-Pringle White Garden, the Finley Rose Garden, the Japanese Garden and Lath House for shade plants round out a rich experience. Annual events include May’s Gala in the Garden and, in October, the distribution of rare plants which are given away to members.

North Carolina Botanical Garden and Coker Arboretum
Enjoyable and informative, the

Botanical Garden is dedicated to conservation, education, research and public service. Created by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, its nearly 600 acres feature the state’s native plants. You’ll be fascinated as you move between the Coastal Plain, Piedmont and Mountain habitat gardens. And you’ll want to view the shade garden, fern collection, native perennial borders with rare plants, and aquatic collection. From late September through November, sculptures are placed among the plant collections.

A part of the Botanical Garden is the Coker Arboretum which is located separately on

the campus at Chapel Hill. Almost 100 years old, it was developed by Dr. W.C. Coker, the university’s first professor of botany, who transformed the site into an outdoor classroom for the study of native trees, shrubs and vines and later added many East Asian woody plants. A favorite element within this lovely setting is a recently reconstructed arbor with vines such as the native wisteria.

Old Salem Thanks to the meticulous record-keeping of this area’s Moravian settlers, today’s gardens at Old Salem are impressively authentic. In fact, these are the best-documented, restored community gardens in America. The town of Old Salem itself was established in 1766, and its gardens were a source of both sustenance and pleasure to the inhabitants. Today, many gardens have been re-created on their original sites and are

planted with the same varieties of vegetables, ornamentals and herbs noted in historic records.

Plants of interest extend well beyond Old Salem’s many garden squares. Old cultivars of fruit trees grace orchards all around the town. Vine-covered fences demarcate the property lines laid out over two centuries ago. And native trees have been lovingly re-established throughout the historic district. You’ll want to allow ample time for a leisurely tour of this village and its gardens where pleasure and practicality are beautifully blended.

Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University The height of elegance, these gardens were originally a part of the estate of Richard Joshua Reynolds and his wife, Katharine Smith Reynolds. At their center is a four-acre formal garden whose plans were drawn around 1918 by Philadelphia landscape architect Thomas Sears. Its



Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University



Sandhills Horticultural Gardens

rectilinear design is divided into a northern half featuring perennials and roses and a southern half displaying vegetables and fruits in a decorative design. The formal garden is surrounded by 125 acres of open fields and forests with nature trails.



North Carolina Botanical Garden

Theme gardens range from the East and West Rose Gardens to the Pink and White Garden and the Blue and Yellow Garden. Elsewhere, exotic trees, peonies, herbs and even berries are given

prominence. Architectural features include the white stucco columns of two pergolas, a domed conservatory, brick-capped stucco walls, wooden shelters and arbors, slate walkways and fountains. Benches invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the intent of a true pleasure garden.

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Gracing the West Campus of Duke University are 55 acres of elegant landscaped and woodland gardens given by Mary Duke Biddle in honor of her mother. Central to their design are romantic Italianate Terraces, the only public design of the pioneering American landscape architect Ellen B. Shipman (1869-1950). You'll appreciate the charm of a wisteria-covered Pergola, the irregular Fishpond and beds featuring changing floral displays throughout the year.

You'll also delight in the

Blomquist Garden of Native Plants where more than 900 species and varieties are dramatically offset by woodlands. In addition, you can wander within the Asiatic Arboretum and observe the close relationship between the flora of eastern Asia and eastern North America. In all, the gardens offer five miles of allées, walks and pathways along which you can savor the restful beauty of this exceptional setting. In the spring and summer, garden concerts are a special treat.

Cape Fear Botanical Garden

An old-growth forest, thick native wildflowers, over 500 species of indigenous plants and over 2,000 varieties of cultivated plants await you. You'll want to note the Camellia Garden, Sundial Garden, Daylily Garden and Gazebo Garden bordered by perennial beds. An undisturbed forest is marked with signs identifying trees and plants, and from its trail, you'll behold the Cape Fear and Cross Creek Rivers.

Chinqua-Penn Plantation

Stunning eclecticism reflects the myriad architectural influences found in the Chinqua-Penn home commissioned in 1922. From formal European motifs to Far East accents, the garden is filled with surprises. Lush beds with perennials, bulbs and annuals, a formal rose garden and an arresting

All across this fertile plain is one tempting side trip after another.

shrub border overflow with color throughout the seasons. Designed by New York landscape architect William Harries, the 22-acre garden is a prime example of country estate grounds of the day.

Davidson College Arboretum In 1869, the Report of the Faculty to the Board of Trustees proposed "to make the Campus in its contents represent in time the forest growth of the State, and, if possible, the general botany of the region." For over a century, this vision was carefully pursued until, in 1982, the college formally established its arboretum. You'll admire its major collection of woody plants and wealth of magnificent trees.

Magic Wings Butterfly House of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science A three-story-high Tropical Butterfly Conservatory showcases rare and enchanting butterfly species of Asia, Africa, and Central and South America and their tropical habitats including beds of exotic flowers, a flowering meadow, fruit trees in a rainforest area and a stream garden. During summer months, North American butterflies are also on display. Visitors can learn about the pastime of

butterfly gardening.

North Carolina Zoological Park In this outstanding zoo where animals' natural habitats are carefully re-created, you'll be fascinated by an amazing range of plant life. Five miles of paths allow you to stroll from one environment to another, encountering plants and animals from the arctic to the tropics. Covering 500 acres among the rolling hills of the Uwharrie Mountains, the park is itself located in a lovely, peaceful setting.

Sandhills Horticultural Gardens Complementing the Sandhills Community College Landscape Gardening School, 10 distinct gardens range from the formal to the informal. You can take in the Rose Promenade with its modern varieties; the Conifer Garden; the formal Sir Walter Raleigh Garden; the Atkins Hillside Garden featuring a winding river rock stream, waterfalls and pools; the Ebersole Holly Garden; the Fruit & Vegetable Garden; the Desmond Native Wetland Trail Garden; the Hackley Woodland Garden; and the Succulent Garden.

UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens With a notable combination of outdoor and

indoor facilities, these gardens offer year-round delights. The Van Landingham Glen boasts one of the Southeast's largest rhododendron gardens. The Susie Harwood Garden includes a winter garden with blooming shrubs plus spring and summer annuals, perennials and flowering trees. And the McMillan Greenhouse displays an outstanding orchid collection. An impressive herbarium is a national resource of over 40,000 preserved plant specimens.

Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary Elizabeth and Edwin Clarkson began this garden in 1927 as a sanctuary for birds and wildlife. Its three acres of formal gardens and controlled wilderness reveal pleasing vistas, statuary, classical fountains and a reflecting pool. Wildflowers, herbs, ferns, groundcovers and vines are just a part of the profusion you'll discover. You'll also want to see both the White Rose Garden and the Rose Garden with over 120 varieties.

Gardens of the Heartland

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Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary

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Magic Wings Butterfly House of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science



Chinqua-Penn Plantation



NC Zoological Park

ASHEBORO

North Carolina Zoological Park

Re-created natural habitats in this outstanding zoo offering a glimpse of botanical life from the arctic to the tropics

Fee: Yes

Location: Zoo Parkway
(NC 159)

Contact: 800-488-0444;

www.nczoo.org

For local visitor information call the Randolph County Tourism Development Authority at 800-626-2672.

BELMONT

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

A painterly display of colors in a vast Perennial Garden, Four Seasons Garden and more

Fee: Yes

Location: New Hope Rd.
(NC 279) just north of the NC/SC state line

Contact: 704-825-4490;

www.stowegarden.org

For local visitor information call Gaston County Travel and Tourism at 800-849-9994.

CHAPEL HILL

North Carolina Botanical Garden and Coker Arboretum

Nearly 600 acres featuring the

state's native plants in a variety of collections

Fee: No

Location: Main location - Old Mason Farm Rd. near Hwy. 54; Coker Arboretum - UNC-Chapel Hill campus, next to Morehead Planetarium

Contact: 919-962-0522;

www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg

For local visitor information call the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau at 888-968-2060.

CHARLOTTE

Hezekiah Alexander Homesite

18th-century-style herb and weavers gardens on the grounds of the Revolutionary War era home that is Mecklenburg County's oldest surviving structure

Fee: Yes

Location: Intersection of Eastway and Shamrock Dr.

Contact: 704-568-1774

UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens

Outstanding indoor and outdoor environments offering year-round pleasure

Fee: Modest donation

requested from group tours

Location: Hwy. 49, northeast of Charlotte

Contact: 704-547-4055

Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary

Formal gardens and natural areas that create a serene environment for birds and other visitors

Fee: No

Location: 248 Ridgewood Ave., off Selwyn Ave.

Contact: 704-331-0664

For local visitor information call the Charlotte Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-231-4636.

CLEMMONS

Tanglewood Park

An Arboretum and Fragrance Garden with new and historical native cultivars as well as a large AARS-accredited Rose Garden with over 800 bushes and 75 varieties

Fee: Yes

Location: Hwy. 158 or I-40, Tanglewood Exit

Contact: 336-778-6300;

www.tanglewoodpark.org

For local visitor information call the Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-331-7018.

CONCORD

Historic Mill Hill

Plantation Gardens

Period-style gardens including a formal garden, white garden, secret garden and Anglo-Chinese garden and more, complementing a historic plantation home

Fee: No

Location: 7117 Stirewalt Rd.
(Hwy. 136)

Contact: 704-786-3990;

www.cabarruscvb.com



Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden

A multitude of azaleas, dogwoods, magnificent flowering cherries, and 14,000 tulips entwined through the 200-year-old cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church

Fee: No

Location: 50 Spring St. SW

Contact: 704-782-6106

For local visitor information call the Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-848-3740.

DAVIDSON

Davidson College Arboretum

A major collection of woody plants and magnificent trees beautify this classical campus

Fee: No

Location: I-77, Exit 30

Contact: 704-892-2676

For local visitor information call the N. Mecklenburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center at 704-892-1922.

DURHAM

Magic Wings Butterfly House of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science

Exotic butterflies and their tropical habitats

Fee: Yes

Location: I-85, Duke St. Exit, Murray Ave.

Contact: 919-220-5429

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Landscaped and woodland gardens on the campus of Duke University

Fee: No

Location: Duke campus off Anderson St.

Contact: 919-684-3698;

www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens

For local visitor information call the Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-446-8604.

FAYETTEVILLE

Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Old-growth forest and lush flowers and plants at the confluence of the Cape Fear and Cross Creek Rivers

Fee: Yes

Locations: 536 North Eastern Blvd. (Hwy. 301/Business 95)

Contact: 910-486-0221;

www.theartscouncil.com

(click on community partners)

For local visitor information call the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-255-8217.

FREMONT

Charles B. Aycock Birthplace

Seasonal vegetables, flowers and herbs intermingled in a typical 19th-century kitchen garden

Fee: No

Location: 70 East to 117 North to Gov. Aycock Rd.

Contact: 919-242-5581;

www.esn.net/~aycock

For local visitor information call the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce at 919-734-2241.

GERMANTON

Bauxwood Garden

Old-fashioned plants in an English-style garden



Historic Mill Hill Plantation Gardens

Fee: No

Location: JAH Rd. off Baux Mountain Rd.

Contact: 336-595-4034

For local visitor information call the King Chamber of Commerce at 336-983-9308.

GREENSBORO

Greensboro Gardens

Spectacular mass plantings of bulbs, annuals and perennials, flowering trees and shrubs, and an extensive collection of woody plants

Fee: No

Location: 1) Bicentennial Garden - Corner of Cornwallis Dr. and Hobbs Rd.; 2) Bog Garden - Corner of Hobbs Rd. and Starmount Farms Dr.; 3) Greensboro Arboretum - W. Market St. at Lindley Park

Contact: 336-373-2199;

www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/leisure

For local visitor information call the Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-344-2282.

HALIFAX

Historic Halifax

Medicinal, repellent, tea, fragrance, craft and cooking herb beds typical of the late 1700s located at the rear of the Eagle Tavern, circa 1790

Fee: No

Location: I-95, Exit 168, Corner of St. David and Dobbs Sts.

Contact: 252-583-7191

For local visitor information call the Halifax County Tourism Development Authority at 800-522-4282.

PINEHURST

Sandhills Horticultural Gardens

Twenty-seven acres of richly

varied gardens on the Sandhills Community College campus

Fee: No

Location: 2200 Airport Rd.

Contact: 910-695-3882

For local visitor information call the Convention and Visitors Bureau - Village of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen Area at 800-346-5362.

PITTSBORO

Fearrington Gardens

Formal perennial gardens, kitchen and herb gardens, three cutting gardens, white fragrant garden all yielding delightful displays of color

Fee: No

Location: US 15-501

Contact: 919-542-4000,

ext. 265; www.fearrington.com

For local visitor information call the Chatham County United Chamber of Commerce at 800-468-6242.

RALEIGH

Ellen Mordecai Garden

Antebellum kitchen garden faithfully re-created from first-hand descriptions, with seasonal vegetables and culinary and medicinal herbs, surrounded by flowers

Fee: No, if self-guided tour only

Location: Corner of Wake Forest Rd. and Mimosa St.

Contact: 919-834-4844

The JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University

A model for excellence with the nation's most effective plant introduction program

Fee: No

Location: Beryl Rd. off the I-440 Beltline near the State Fairgrounds

Contact: 919-515-3132;

http://arb.ncsu.edu



Bethabara Community Garden

Joel Lane Museum House

Beautiful period gardens found at Wake County's oldest existing dwelling which include a formal city garden and culinary and medicinal herb garden

Fee: Yes

Location: Corner of St. Mary's and W. Hargett Sts.

Contact: 919-833-3431;

www.ncneighbors.com/978/

The Martha Frank Fragrance Garden at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind

A new and emerging garden providing a sensory experience employing scent, sound and touch for sighted, blind and visually-impaired persons

Fee: No

Location: On Ashe St. between Hillsborough St. and Western Blvd.

Contact: 919-834-0686

Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens

Over 8,000 flowers surround a life-sized statue of King and a two-ton granite water monument honors 25 pioneers in civil rights and education

Fee: No

Location: 1500 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Contact: 919-834-6264;
www.king-raleigh.org

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

Home to live monarch butterflies and ruby-throated hummingbirds, the Living Conservatory re-creates a dry tropical forest complete with cacti, heliconias, orchids and dazzling red hot lips
Fee: No

Location: Downtown Raleigh at the corner of Jones and Salisbury Sts., between the State Capitol and State Legislative Buildings
Contact: 919-733-7450;
www.naturalsciences.org

Plant Delights Nursery at Juniper Level Botanical Gardens

Over 6,000 different plants aesthetically displayed in rock, aquatic, desert, shade and grotto gardens and extensive mixed borders
Fee: No

Location: 924I Sauls Rd. between NC 42 and NC 50
Contact: 919-772-4794;
www.plantdel.com

Raleigh Municipal Rose Garden

Over 60 varieties including hybrid teas, florabundas, grandifloras, English roses, miniatures, tree roses and climbers
Fee: No

Location: 301 Pogue St., off Hillsborough St.
Contact: 919-821-4579
For local visitor information call the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-849-8499.

RED SPRINGS

Flora Macdonald Gardens
Breathtaking vistas of color punctuate informal botanical gardens with their vast display of azaleas and native flora and fauna
Fee: No

Location: 201 College St.
Contact: 910-843-5000
For local visitor information call the Lumberton Visitors Bureau at 800-359-6971.

REIDSVILLE

Chinqua-Penn Plantation
An intriguing and eclectic array of flowers, plants and architectural accents
Fee: Yes

Location: 2138 Wentworth St., off Hwy. 29
Contact: 800-948-0947;
www.chinquapenn.com
For local visitor information call the Rockingham County Tourism Development Authority at 800-316-7625.

SALISBURY

Elizabeth Holmes Hurley Park
Wildflower and azalea gardens, woodlands, streams and quiet pathways over 16 acres providing a haven for wildlife
Fee: No

Location: Lake Dr. at Annandale Ave.
Contact: 704-638-4459;
www.ci.salisbury.nc.us

Hamlin Sensory Garden at the Waterworks Visual Arts Center
Highly fragrant blossoms and a lush variety of textures
Fee: No

Location: One Water St., off Kerr St.
Contact: 704-636-1882;
www.waterworks.org
For local visitor information call the Rowan County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-332-2343.

WILSON

The Wilson Rose Garden
A unique public rose garden with over 1,000 plants blooming from mid-April through October and boasting rare Old Garden Roses and the latest All-American Rose Selections
Fee: No

Location: NC 42 East, just inside US 301 Bypass
Contact: 252-399-2261;
www.wilson-nc.com (choose the Wilson Rose Garden)
For local visitor information call the Wilson Visitors Bureau at 800-497-7398.

WINSTON-SALEM

Bethabara Community Garden and Hortus Medicus (Medical Garden)
Well-documented colonial community and medical gardens
Fee: No
Location: At Bethabara and Bethania Station Rds. near US 52
Contact: 336-924-8191

Old Salem

The best-documented, restored community gardens in America, in a 1766 Moravian village
Fee: No
Location: Marked Old Salem Exits off I-40, US 52 and Business 40
Contact: 1-888-OLD-SALEM;
www.oldsalem.org

Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University

An early-20th-century formal garden designed by Thomas W. Sears, surrounded by open fields and forests
Fee: No
Location: Reynolda Village at By Way St., off Reynolda Rd.
Contact: 336-758-5593;
www.wfu.edu/gardens/
For local visitor information call the Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-331-7018.



Flora Macdonald Gardens

Just the mention of the North Carolina Coast conjures images of windswept dunes, towering lighthouses and acres of sea oats. Yet this is also a land of manicured formal gardens, masses of azaleas and unique botanical treasures such as the rare Venus's fly trap. The light, sandy soil is easily cultivated and the climate tempered by the Gulf Stream for a lengthy growing season. Anyone can well understand why the earliest settlers enthusiastically made this their home.



Orton Plantation Gardens

Elizabethan Gardens At the site of the New World's first English Colony, a most elegant, stylized garden honors those who vanished without a trace on Roanoke Island. Designed and executed by two of America's foremost landscape architects, Umberto Innocenti and Richard

Webel, the garden's artful formality befits the grandest English tradition.

Abundant bulbs, annuals, herbs, gardenias, roses, lilies, hydrangeas, hibiscus, azaleas, crape myrtle and camellias await you in this garden designed to bloom year-round. Striking features include a Sunken Garden, the Queen's Rose Garden, the Woodland & Wildlife

Garden and an Overlook Terrace. Everywhere you turn, you'll find beautiful details from a thatched 16th-century Gazebo to a period-style Gate House.

A magnificent Pompeian stone fountain is central to the garden's design, and additional

classical statuary provides exceptional accents. In contrast to the formality of the inner cultivated gardens, outer areas with natural paths invite you into the rustic serenity of the coastal forest.

Orton Plantation Gardens On the bank of the Cape Fear River, these gardens adjoin the site of rice fields that once sustained a powerful plantation. Today, peaceful gardens surround the gracious home which remains a private residence. Visitors may stroll the grounds and enjoy nearly 20 acres of meticulous plantings and natural areas where colorful displays of flowers are rivaled by the beauty of the magnificent old trees.



Elizabethan Gardens

In the 1930s, many of the gardens were laid out by landscape architect Robert Swann Sturtevant whose plans took advantage of the impressive live oaks and other native trees in constructing lawns, water scenes and pleasant walkways. Various gardens are formal or natural in design. You'll want to wander terraces to the Radial Garden, Scroll Garden, Triangle Garden, White Garden and Sun Garden. At the North Belvedere, you can view the old rice fields that are now a waterfowl refuge. In addition, you may want to visit the Colonial Cemetery on the grounds.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens The royal governor's residence and first permanent capitol of North Carolina stood only about 30 years before being destroyed by fire in 1798. Fortunately, the rebuilt palace and its breathtaking gardens have met a better fate. Here, formal Colonial Revival Gardens were

designed by Morley Jeffers Williams, an expert in 18th-century landscapes, to reflect the period's refinement. The Latham Garden is designed in the style of a cutwork parterre with scrollwork hedges defining beds and creating an ornate pattern. Nearby, you can enter the private, open-knot Green Garden. And the Kellenberger Garden illustrates how ornamentals were grown for their decorative qualities while a lovely kitchen garden displays vegetables and herbs.

But more than Colonial splendor awaits you here. Numerous gardens will enchant you with less structured 19th-century gardening styles. The Carraway Garden, Commission House Garden, Stanly House Garden, Mary Kistler Stoney Flower Garden and Dot Tyler Garden reveal how gardening evolved as it incorporated exotic plants from faraway lands. Complementing the many decorative gardens, a Wilderness Garden stretches to the Trent River.



Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens

*Lush blossoms,
old growth and
waterfront
views lure you
again and again
to wondrous
discoveries.*

Airlie Gardens Unique for their beauty and history, these waterfront gardens graced the estate of rice plantation owner Pembroke Jones. In the 1920s, they were designed by his widow Sadie Jones-Walters and R.A. Toppel, who was a landscape gardener for Kaiser Wilhelm. A stunning collection of camellias and azaleas beckons visitors in the temperate late winter and early spring. Throughout the year,

67 acres of gardens with serene pathways allow for quiet reflection and invite you to view diverse botanical species and lovely sculptures. Exquisite waterfront views make these gardens even more arresting.

New Hanover County Extension Service Arboretum A dynamic resource, this arboretum offers over 4,000 species of native and naturalized trees, shrubs and plants. In fact, it presents the most extensive collection of plant species for free public viewing in the eastern part of the state. You'll discover 43 creative themes such as a Daylily Garden, Rose Garden, Children's Garden and Camellia Garden. A Japanese Garden features an authentic teahouse, and an Aquatic Garden & Bog showcases one of the larger collections of floating plants in North Carolina. Covering six-and-a-half acres, the arboretum gives visitors a beautiful educational experience year-round.



New Hanover County Extension Service Arboretum

Gardens of the Coast

Some information about the region's signature gardens, regional treasures and small gardens of note is listed below. To learn about fees where applicable, hours, wheelchair accessibility, group rates and tours, special events and more, please call the numbers provided. Since weather conditions affect blooming times, you may also wish to call ahead to inquire about what will be in bloom for your visit.

EDENTON

Cupola House Garden

A Colonial Revival Garden designed by Donald Parker of Colonial Williamsburg, with parterres, orchard, arbor and herbs befitting the historically significant 1758 home
Fee: No

Location: Corner of Broad and Water Sts.
Contact: 252-482-2637
For local visitor information call the Edenton-Chowan Tourism Development Authority at 800-775-0111.

KURE BEACH

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Featuring natural habitats and ecosystems, including plants that can prosper at the seashore with minimal care
Fee: Yes

Location: 421 South past Carolina Beach, 2201 Fort Fisher Blvd.

Contact: 910-458-8257
For local visitor information call the Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-222-4757.

MANTEO

Elizabethan Gardens

A grand formal garden with

abundant plantings, antique statuary and ornaments, and peaceful natural areas memorializing the settlers of "The Lost Colony"

Fee: Yes

Location: Hwy. 64

Contact: 252-473-3234

For local visitor information call the Dare County Tourist Bureau at 800-446-6262.

NEW BERN

Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens

Elaborate 18th-century-style gardens befitting the royal governor's residence and first capitol of North Carolina
Fee: Yes

Location: 610 Pollock St.
Contact: 800-767-1560;
www.tryonpalace.org

For local visitor information call the Craven County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-437-5767.



Azaleas at Bald Head Island

WILMINGTON

Airlie Gardens

A 1920s garden filled with abundant camellias and azaleas and offering beautiful waterfront views
Fee: Yes

Location: Airlie Rd., just prior to crossing the Wrightsville Beach Bridge
Contact: 910-452-6393



Airlie Gardens



Cupola House Garden

***Bellamy Mansion
Museum Gardens***

Victorian elegance in gardens with year-round color, featuring a symmetrical series of elliptical and circular parterre beds

Fee: Yes

Location: Corner of 5th Ave. and Market St.

Contact: 910-251-3700;
www.presnc.org

***Burgwin-Wright
House Gardens***

18th-century-style gardens featuring a parterre garden, terraced garden and orchard at the oldest museum house in southeastern North Carolina

Fee: No

Location: 224 Market St.,

corner of 3rd and Market Sts.
Contact: 910-762-0570

***New Hanover County Extension
Service Arboretum***

Over 4,000 species of native and cultivated plants displayed in a wide variety of settings

Fee: No

Location: 6206 Oleander Dr., near Greenville Loop Rd.

Contact: 910-452-6393;
www.co.new-hanover.nc.us/
ces/cesmain.htm

UNC-Wilmington Arboretum

A 10-acre wildflower preserve, 200 acres of pine savanna, numerous wetlands and more among the rich natural resources of this campus

Fee: No

Location: South College Rd.

(Hwy. 132)

Contact: 910-962-4177

For local visitor information call the Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-222-4757.

WINDSOR

Historic Hope Plantation

Historically correct King-Bazemore House Gardens

featuring herbs, flowers and vegetables, circa 1763

Fee: Yes

Location: 132 Hope House Rd. (Hwy. 308)

Contact: 252-794-3140

For local visitor information call the Windsor Area Chamber of Commerce at 252-794-4277.

WINNABOW

Orton Plantation Gardens

Formal and natural gardens featuring displays of flowers and magnificent trees on the site of a Southern plantation

Fee: Yes

Location: Hwy. 133 between Wilmington and Southport

Contact: 910-371-6851

For local visitor information call North Carolina's Brunswick Islands at 800-795-SAND.



Elizabethan Gardens