

THE SITES

■ ARBORETUM

The Arboretum is a hidden gem on the shores of Lake Washington. Jointly managed by UW and the City of Seattle, its 230 acres are a dynamic assortment of plants found nowhere else – including some of the nation's most diverse collections of oaks, conifers, camellias, maples, and hollies. The Arboretum offers dazzling displays of color and fragrance to tantalize your senses year-round.



■ CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE



The **Union Bay Natural Area** is a public space, natural restoration laboratory, and an important wildlife habitat on Lake Washington. Thirty years of ongoing restoration have transformed this old landfill into meadows, woods, wetlands, and one of the best birdwatching spots in Seattle with over 200 species sighted.

Located around the Center, the **demonstration**

gardens showcase designs and plants that are attractive, sustainable, and easy to replicate at home. Come enjoy the year-round sights of the Soest Garden, the scents of the Seattle Garden Club Fragrance Garden, the intricate design of McVay Courtyard, and the tranquility of Goodfellow Grove.

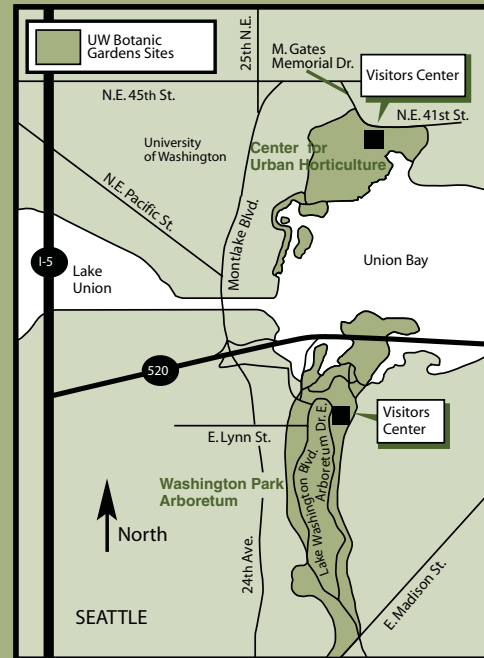


UW BOTANIC GARDENS SITES

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COLLEGE OF FOREST RESOURCES

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WHO WE ARE

The University of Washington Botanic Gardens was established in 2005 to unite the gardens and programs of the Washington Park Arboretum and Center for Urban Horticulture. As part of the College of Forest Resources, UW Botanic Gardens is an international hub for plant science and ecosystem research, teaching, and stewardship. The nationally renowned living plant collection contains over 10,000 specimens. We work to educate and inspire people to become engaged with sustainable ecosystem management.

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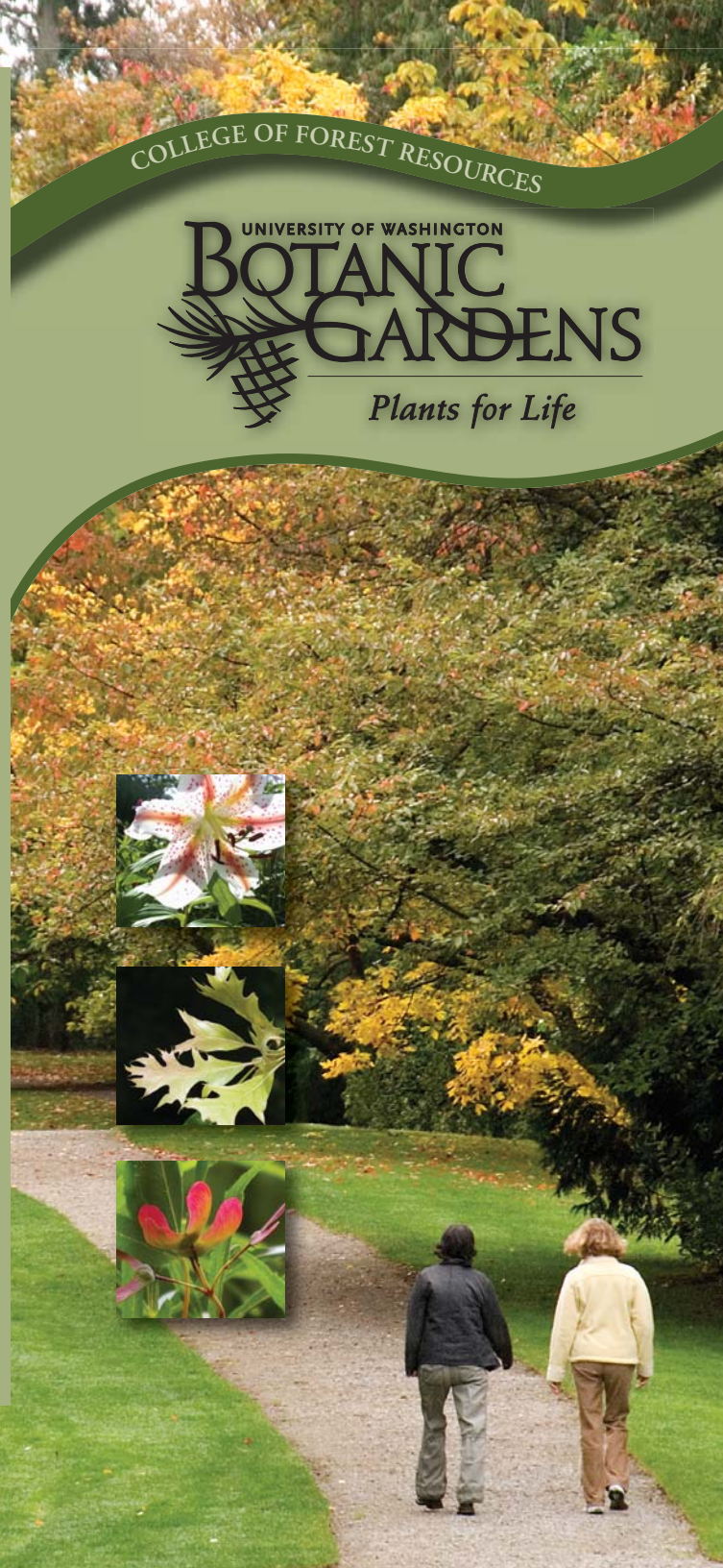
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CLASSES AND TOURS

Programs for students through the College of Forest Resources include environmental horticulture and restoration ecology, as well as a Master of Environmental Horticulture degree for developing and mid-career professionals in related fields.

Public education is at the heart of our work. The UW Botanic Gardens offers a variety of education programs for everyone, drawing on research and technical expertise from the UW and beyond to include lectures, courses, demonstrations, symposia, and tours.

We also work to involve youth and families in plant education and conservation. Each year, thousands of children come to our outdoor classrooms for specialized on-site tours, school group programs, and self-guided tours.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

■ HYDE HERBARIUM

What's that big leafy plant in my flowerbed? Herbarium staff and volunteers are here for your plant identification questions, whether you're wondering if you have an invasive species or if you want to learn the name of your favorite shrub or flower. Plant identification is free to the public.



■ MILLER LIBRARY

Miller Library has something for everyone in its collection of over 15,000 books and 200 periodicals. You do not have to be part of the UW to use the library; all are welcome to visit, talk with staff, and borrow materials. The library offers family story times, library tours, an annual used book sale, and online gardening resources.

■ PLANT ANSWER LINE

How can I deter moles from my yard? What are the best native plants for my garden? Each year, Miller Library receives 10,000 inquiries like these. The Plant Answer Line provides quick answers to your gardening questions. Call 206-UW-PLANT (897-5268) or email hortlib@u.washington.edu.



■ VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers give more than 10,000 hours of time to UW Botanic Gardens each year and participate in everything from identifying plants to leading tours. Join us to gain a new skill set and become involved with local horticulture and plant conservation. Whatever your interest, we have a role for you.



■ RENTAL PROGRAM



The rental program supports UW Botanic Gardens by providing meeting space for horticultural organizations and renting rooms to the public the Center for Urban Horticulture and the Arboretum.

Visitors to the Center for Urban Horticulture enjoy many amenities, including wireless internet access. The classrooms and halls provide space for conferences, weddings, plant sales, and more.

The Graham Visitors Center at the Arboretum also offers meeting rooms, and the surrounding arbor-covered patios create an expanded, alluring atmosphere for indoor-outdoor events such as weddings and summer parties.

Contact our Rental Program at 206-221-2500 for availability and prices.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

If you have 15 minutes

Arboretum, starting at the Graham Visitors Center

- *Tour the native woodland ferns, plants, and small trees around the Graham Visitors Center.*
- *In the fall, wander through the Arboretum's oaks section, where squirrels and acorns abound. Cross Arboretum Drive East, go up the stairs, and follow the gravel trail. In the spring, enjoy the blooms along Azalea Way.*

Center for Urban Horticulture

- *At the Soest Garden, learn how to select plants appropriate to common soil and light conditions in Pacific Northwest urban gardens.*

If you have 30 minutes or more

Arboretum, starting at the Graham Visitors Center

- *Walk north along Arboretum Drive East, cross the road, and follow the gravel trail along the shoreline. At the bridge, take a short loop trail or a longer, 1/2 mile trail leading to a large wetland.*

Center for Urban Horticulture

- *Grab your binoculars and head to the Union Bay Natural Area. You never know what birds you'll see on a lunch break or in an entire afternoon.*

Getting hot outside?

- *Head to one of the Arboretum's popular reading spots: the Woodland Garden lawn between the two ponds, the grove of giant sequoias on the west edge of North Pinetum, under the crabapple trees in the meadow behind the apiary, or beneath majestic rhododendrons in Loderi Valley.*

When the weather's not right for gardening

- *Relax in the library. Rainy days are a perfect time to browse the library's collection and find inspiration for your future gardens.*

DID YOU KNOW...

- UW Botanic Gardens contains the largest wetland complex in the City of Seattle, and Washington's only state arboretum.
- The Arboretum's plant collections include 139 endangered and threatened species and over 240 state champion trees.
- Merrill Hall, at the Center for Urban Horticulture, is a certified green building (LEED Silver).
- UWBG's Rare Plant Care and Conservation Program partners with over 20 agencies to monitor rare plant populations.
- UW Botanic Gardens participates in the Millennium Seed Bank Project, a global effort to collect and conserve seeds from 10 percent of the world's seed-bearing plants.

