

For a complete list of the many public gardens planted throughout Nacogdoches, scan the QR code with your smart device.



Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden is the highlight of the Nacogdoches Azalea Trail; it hosts special events and guided tours each spring. For details, visit www.NacogdochesAzaleas.com.



- 1 **Millard's Crossing Historic Village**
This reconstructed historic village of original 19th century structures is landscaped with traditional plants.
- 2 **Old University Building Rose Garden**
A formal 19th century garden blooming with period-appropriate Old Garden Roses. It includes the first China Rose in America, "Old Blush" or "Parson's Pink," introduced in 1752.
- 3 **Pineywoods Native Plant Center**
Features of this 42-acre garden on the north end of the SFA campus include Tucker Woods Trail, with more than two miles of universally accessible pathways through a native bottomland hardwood forest; the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Demonstration Garden, which grows more than 100 species native to the East Texas Pineywoods; and the Healing Memorial Garden.
- 4 **Jim and Beth Kingham Children's Garden**
The entrance of this garden is planted with bright annual flowers surrounding a timber-frame pavilion. Visitors enjoy the water feature.
- 5 **SFA Recreational Trails and Gardens**
Bike, run, hike or walk through this 68-acre forest with over 4 miles of shaded trails.
- 6 **Gayla Mize Garden**
Chinese fringe trees, deciduous hollies, deciduous azaleas, redbuds, dogwoods and camellias fill this garden.
- 7 **Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden**
The largest azalea garden in Texas, this eight-acre garden in a loblolly pine forest contains 46 planting beds, 1.25 miles of universally accessible trails and 50 benches. Explore more than 550 varieties of rhododendron, 100 varieties of camellia, more than 200 varieties of hydrangea, Japanese maples and other unique collections.
- 8 **SFA Mast Arboretum**
Dedicated to testing and promoting a diverse collection of plants for the landscape and nursery industry in the South, this 18-acre green space boasts more than 7,500 different plants and features more than 20 theme gardens.

- 9 **Sustainable Vegetable Garden**
SFA's lab gardens include small farm-production and commercial-sized plots, as well as several raised beds. Used for much of the project's fresh produce supplies local food banks.
- 10 **Liberty Memorial Garden**
Plantings along the exercise trail in Banita Creek Park North commemorate lives lost during the tragic events of 9/11.
- 11 **Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens**
The historically accurate garden surrounding this circa 1835 wood-frame house helps portray what life was like in Texas during the 1840s. Plants include fruit trees, pecan trees, sugarcane, herbs, vegetables and Louis Phillippe antique roses.
- 12 **Nacogdoches Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden**
This 7.3-acre tract on the site of the old Aqua Vitae Park includes a butterfly garden, Good Bug Garden, bulb garden, vegetable garden, Memory Walk surrounded by roses, azalea and camellia beds and several varieties of baldcypresses, maple, oak, sycamore and crapemyrtles. Its structures include a rainwater collection system, multiple benches and a gazebo.
- 13 **Sterne-Hoya House Museum and Library**
Built by Adolphus Sterne, this 1830 dogtrot style home still has many of its original features, such as a wine cellar and a sleeping loft. Crapemyrtles, Chinese parasols and dogwoods are just a few of the tree varieties growing on the property. The surrounding gardens include azaleas, hydrangeas, roses, camellias and a living espalier fence.
- 14 **Plaza Principal**
The beautifully landscaped town square is shaded by crapemyrtles, camellias and includes show-stopping azaleas. You will find a variety of other seasonally planted color throughout the year.
- 15 **Nacogdoches Railroad Depot**
Built by Southern Pacific Railways in 1911 to replace the original wooden depot, this is the only surviving passenger station on the old Houston East and West Texas rail line. The grounds feature time-period appropriate and native plants, including Autumn sage, butterfly roses, Henry Duelberg sage and maiden grass.

Welcome to the Garden Capital of Texas.

For centuries, the people who have called these lush forests home have cultivated the land, tending gardens that have nourished the body and spirit. Nacogdoches is on the site of a Caddo village occupied by a tribe whose culture centered around farming. In the 1850s, Frederick Law Olmsted, the landscape architect who designed New York's Central Park, made note of the town's gardens in his travel diary, calling them "the first exterior sign of cultivation of mind since Red River."

Today, the many gardens across Nacogdoches allow visitors to look both backwards and forwards in time. Many of our historic sites have traditional, period-appropriate landscaping that preserves the state's horticultural heritage, while the Mast Arboretum on the Stephen F. Austin State University campus is dedicated to testing and promoting new plants for the landscape and nursery industry.

The many green spaces across Nacogdoches also provide an opportunity to pause and enjoy the present. Parks offer quiet refuge from the hard edges of the modern world, and the Lanana Creek Trail links the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden to the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, allowing visitors to wander leisurely through a breathtakingly diverse collection of plants, from picturesque Japanese maples to the elegant yet hardy species native to the region.

Each of these gardens can stand alone as a peaceful oasis and a delightful attraction; collectively they serve as an example of Nacogdoches' dedication to "the thoughtful cultivation of the splendor of nature."* We hope you enjoy your visit to the many beautiful landscapes that have made our city the official Garden Capital of Texas.

* From TX HCR24 | 2013-2014 | 83rd Legislature, officially designating Nacogdoches as The Garden Capital of Texas.

In addition to our gardens, Nacogdoches has beautiful nurseries that offer a diverse collection of landscaping plants and trees, including many native and Texas-tough varieties, and a vibrant farmers' market that gives area farmers an opportunity to sell their fresh produce.



Nearby

Nacogdoches' location in the heart of the Pineywoods makes it the perfect place to plant yourself while extending your visit with a driving tour to notable East Texas gardens and farms.

Pineywoods Herb Farm

(936) 655-2416
2259 County Road 4625, Kennard
(38 miles W. of Nacogdoches)

The Lily Farm

(936) 572-1962
10056 Hwy 7 W., Center
(22 miles E. of Nacogdoches)

Plan Your Visit

Nacogdoches is a year-round destination for gardens, arts, entertainment, recreation, shopping and other special events. Check out our calendar at www.VisitNacogdoches.org for more information.

Stephen F. Austin State University hosts the SFA Gardens Lecture Series on the second Thursday of each month; for details visit sfagardens.sfasu.edu.

- March**
Azalea Trail
Farmers' Market Spring Fling
- April**
SFA Spring Garden Gala
Earth Day Celebration
- May**
Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- June**
Texas Blueberry Festival
Pick-Your-Own Peaches, Plums,
Blueberries & Blackberries

- July**
Pick-Your-Own Peaches, Plums,
Blueberries & Blackberries
- September**
Farmers' Market Fall Fling
- October**
Fall Azalea & Tree Sale
SFA Fabulous Fall Festival
- November**
Fall Foliage Trails



The skill and devotion with which the city of Nacogdoches has for many years showcased its lovely trees and flowering plants is indeed deserving of special recognition.

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