

# Knoxville's Garden Tours

Knoxville offers a variety of beautiful gardens and driving trails in every section of the city.



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Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum is a 44-acre “secret garden” in East Knoxville preserved and ultimately restored for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. This site has potential significance for the cultural and horticultural history of Knoxville as well as historical data from Civil War and Native American activity on this property.

This free tour features walking trails, display gardens, unique & historic horticulture and over two miles of distinctive stone walls and timeless buildings. It is

located just five minutes from downtown Knoxville. The gardens are open daily from sunrise to sunset.

2743 Wimpole Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914



Crescent Bend House & Gardens was once the centerpiece of a working 600-acre farm. This exquisite historic home is filled with 18<sup>th</sup> century antique furniture, a collection of English silver from circa 1640 to 1820, and lovely decorative arts. Other features of the property include five magnificent fountains, nine Beautiful terraces, and manicured formal Italian gardens.

For the 1982 World's Fair, The Toms Foundation built the William Perry “Buck” Toms Memorial gardens at Crescent Bend. This three-acre formal

Italian garden includes nine terraces and five fountains that overlook the majestic crescent bend of the Tennessee River.

During the Civil War, the house was used by both Union and Confederate armies as a command center and hospital. Thousands of soldiers encamped and fought skirmishes on Crescent Bend farmland.

Crescent Bend is noteworthy for the Civil War era for possibly being a Safe house on the Underground Railroad. Descendants of the Armstrong Family have said that the hidden trapdoor beneath the main staircase led to a room where runaway slaves were sheltered.

Crescent Bend House & Gardens is open Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. It is closed on all major holidays. General admission to tour the house museum and gardens is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

2728 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919



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## Dogwood Arts Trails & Gardens

feature Knoxville's most beautiful gardens.

The Dogwood Trails showcase over 60 miles of breathtaking landscaping, rainbow-hued flowers, and blossoming trees. The scenery is available for touring and photography. Explore by way of a leisurely stroll, bicycle ride, Sunday drive, or professionally-guided bus tour.

[Dogwood Arts Festival Trails & Gardens Schedule](#)



## The University of Tennessee Gardens



The University of Tennessee Gardens is part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. More than 4,000 annuals, perennials, herbs, tropicals, trees, shrubs, vegetables, and ornamental Grasses are evaluated each year.

The gardens are planted to demonstrate each plant's ideal use in the landscape. In this Manner, visitors are not only able to see what plants thrive and flourish in the Tennessee Climate but get ideas on garden design and how to use plants in their own landscapes and Gardens as well.

The gardens are open from sunrise to sunset 7 days a week during all seasons and are free to the public.

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