

**Public Garden Etiquette: Be respectful and caring of the gardens you visit.**

- Smoking is not allowed in most areas
- Please dispose of waste in recycle bins when appropriate. Do not litter.
- Garden guests are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes.
- To protect the plant collections please do not stand or walk in garden beds or on rock or brick borders.
- Do not pick flowers or leaves, collect seeds, or take cuttings without permission.
- Do not take or harm any of the wildlife. Please do not feed wildlife (this includes squirrels).
- Please do not get into or play in the water features.
- Check each garden's policies concerning bringing dogs.

*Note: Mileage indicated from the Wood County Agrilife Extension building*

1. **Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Garden:** 175 Governor Hogg Parkway, Quitman, TX 75783 .2 miles  
The Wood County Arboretum covers 23 acres and includes a walking trail, gazebo, sensory garden, shade garden, a waterwise garden, numerous rose and flower beds, and the historic Stinson House, built in 1869. The gardens are open year round and are free to the public. The Stinson House is open Wednesday mornings from 9 till noon, or by appointment. The Friends of the Arboretum holds plant sales as fundraisers twice a year, in April and October.
2. **The Wildscape Gardens at the Mineola Nature Preserve:** 1860 County Road 2724, Mineola, Texas 75773 12.3 miles  
The Wildscape Gardens are designed and maintained by Wood County Master Gardeners, to highlight native plants for Texas & better gardening practices including rainwater harvesting and composting.
3. **The Tyler Botanical Garden:** 420 Rose Park Drive, **Tyler**, TX. 34.7 Miles  
This magnificent 14-acre rose garden displays more than 400 varieties. Special collections include the Heritage and Sensory Garden (antique varieties), a Memorial Garden (camellia and day lily collections), and several test gardens. The Rose Museum features exhibits and memorabilia of Tyler's rose industry and the Texas Rose Festival.
4. **Helen Lee Estate (Mrs. Lee's) Daffodil Gardens:** 21600 CR 3103 (Off County Road 3104), **Gladewater**, TX. 42.1 Miles  
This cattle ranch, showcasing 20 spectacular acres of daffodils, is open to the public during bloom season by request of Mrs. Lee in her will. The Helen Lee Daffodil Gardens in Gladewater has a limited season for viewing, so call before visiting
5. **East Texas Arboretum:** 1601 Patterson Road, **Athens**, TX 75752. 60.4 Miles

This recently developed 100-acre site, varying from marsh and swamp to dry pasture, displays both native and non-native plants. Features include a guided nature trail, an herb garden (54 varieties, 1000 plants), a bog overlook, a grasslands restoration area, and a wildflower restoration area, with more to come.

6. **Footbridge Garden Park**: Court House Square, E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. **Rusk**, TX. 77.6 Miles  
You can walk the longest footbridge in the world - 546 feet - set in a landscaped park.
  
7. **Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary**: One Nature Place, **McKinney**, TX 75069-8840. 84.9 Miles  
A 287-acre wildlife sanctuary surrounds the museum, showcasing the nature collections of Bessie Heard. The Texas Native Plant Garden includes 135 species of trees, shrubs, grasses, vines, ground covers and perennials native to Texas.
  
8. **Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden**: 8525 Garland Road, **Dallas**, TX 75218. 88.9 Miles  
This 66-acre site, combining two estates on White Rock Lake, showcases Texas trees, shrubs, vines and flowers plus plants that thrive in Texas. Exhibits include the Palmer Fern Dell, the Johnson Color Gardens, the DeGolyer House, the DeGolyer Gardens, the Woman's Garden, and the Lay Ornamental Garden.
  
9. **Texas Discovery Gardens** Fair Park, 3601 Martin Luther King Boulevard, **Dallas**, TX 75210. 91.6 Miles  
This horticultural education center offers display gardens including the Benny J. Simpson Texas Native Plant Collection, the Grand Allee du Meadows, the Kilgore Rose Garden (antique fragrant roses), the Iris Display Garden (300 varieties of bearded iris hybrids), an herb and scent garden, and perennial displays. The renovated glass Blachly Conservatory houses a rare collection of African flora.
  
10. **Cedar Ridge Preserve**: 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, **Dallas**, TX 75249. 104 Miles  
This 633 acre site, managed by Audubon Dallas, offers 10 miles of hiking trails, including the Bluestem Trail (a wildflower meadow), the Butterfly Trail (through the Mary Alice Bland Butterfly Garden), the Possum Haw Trail, the Cattail Pond Trail, the Cedar Brake Trail, the Fossil Valley Trail, the Escarpment Road Trail, the Bluebonnet Trail, and the Mulberry Trail.
  
11. **SFA Gardens**, 2900 Raguet St, **Nacogdoches**, TX 75965. 108 Miles

These gardens encompass 128 acre of native plants, trees, display gardens, and educational facilities. Gardens include Hinds Park, the Mast Arboretum, the Mize Azalea Gardens (featuring collections of camellias, azaleas, and Japanese Maples), and the Pineywoods Native Plant Center.

12. **Weston Gardens in Bloom**: 8101 Anglin Drive, **Fort Worth**, TX 76140. 121 Miles

This retail nursery's spectacular demonstration gardens are the restoration of the historic Leon Bandy Estate originally built in the 1930's and 1940's. Weston Gardens in Bloom is one of the last privately owned historic gardens, and a designated historical site for the City of Fort Worth. Special areas of the 4 acres of gardens include the antique rose garden, the lily pond, the arbor, the waterfall, the perennial garden, the shade garden and patio and the wedding court.

- Fort Worth Botanic Garden**: 3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard, **Fort Worth**, TX 76107. 127 Miles

Located in the heart of Fort Worth's cultural district, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden is the oldest major botanic garden in Texas, having been established in 1934. Long celebrated for its beautiful rose and Japanese gardens, the 120-acre FWBG contains over 2,500 species of plants and consists of twenty-three specialty gardens, including a tropical conservatory, a forest boardwalk, and a water conservation garden. In addition, the Garden contains numerous naturalized areas and vistas.

- Fort Worth Water Gardens**: 1502 Commerce Street, **Fort Worth**, TX 76102. 129 Miles

This 5.4-acre city park designed by Philip Johnson replicates a miniature mountain scene complete with rivers, waterfalls and pools and many varieties of plants and trees