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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

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1 Millard’s Crossing Historic Village

This reconstructed historic village of original 19th century structures is landscaped with traditional plants.

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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.



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3 Pineywoods Native Plant Center

Learn about conservation and use of native plants in the landscape. Two miles of accessible trails wind through the Lady Bird Johnson demonstration garden and diverse habitats including dry uplands, a marsh and mature bottomland hardwood forest. Bring your binoculars to view over 100 species of birds that live or migrate through this garden.

4 Jim and Beth Kingham Children’s Garden

Enjoy a picnic at the timber frame pavilion while you observe busy pollinators working on the bright flowers planted here.

5 SFA Recreational Trails and Gardens

Run, hike or walk through this 68–acre forest on paved trails. For the more adventurous, unpaved mountain biking trails are available to explore.

6 Gayla Mize Garden

Nestled in the shade of tall pines are more than 2,000 plants, including deciduous azaleas, rhododendrons, Japanese maples, camellias, hydrangeas and new evergreen azalea varieties. The seven–course labyrinth enhances your contemplative stroll through this garden.

7 Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden

The largest azalea garden in Texas features 1.25 miles of accessible trails and a vast collection of azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas, Japanese maples, boxwoods and other specialty plants. This garden is beautiful year–round with peak azalea bloom usually in March. General parking is available behind Johnson Coliseum, and accessible parking is available in the garden.

8 SFA Mast Arboretum

Dedicated to testing and promoting a diverse collection of plants for the landscape industry, this 10–acre green space boasts more than 7,500 different plants and features 20 theme gardens.

9 Sprout Garden

SFA horticulture students create and maintain this vegetable garden as part of their coursework. A variety of unique and colorful vegetables from the garden are offered at the Sprout Market, held on Thursdays from 11am–1 pm. Sprout is a garden for tangible growth—germinating seeds, nurturing plants and growing minds.

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 Phillipe antique roses.



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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.

Larry Bruce Gardens
(936) 655–4025
3198 County Road 4600, 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	July Pick–Your–Own Peaches, Plums, Blueberries & Blackberries
April SFA Spring Garden Gala Earth Day Celebration Farmers’ Market Spring Fling	October Fall Azalea & Tree Sale SFA Fabulous Fall Festival Farmers’ Market Fall Fling
May Master Gardeners Plant Sale	November Fall Foliage Trails
June Texas Blueberry Festival Pick–Your–Own Peaches, Plums, Blueberries & Blackberries	

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.

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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 baldcypress, 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 Dieberg sage and maiden grass.

16 Jimmy Hinds Park

A dramatic circle of weeping bald cypress, nationally known as Treehenge, is the central feature of this garden. Enjoy the developing orchard, currently planted with sixty–six varieties of muscadine grapes.

17 Golden Garden

The shaded area behind the Nacogdoches Senior Center is a perfect spot to read a book, enjoy the azaleas and set off on walking trails. A community planting area in front of the building is available for rent by seniors who want to grow and share vegetables.

18 Ab’s Park

The late Dr. Francis Abernethy’s favorite spot on Banita Creek is now a charming pocket park planted with native perennials. An original sculpture by Jeffie Brewer honors his work in the Nacogdoches community.

19 El Camino Real de los Tejas Demonstration Garden

Located on the grounds of the Stone Fort Museum in the heart of SFA’s campus, this garden interprets the native and introduced vegetation used by travelers along the El Camino Real. It is a living laboratory and research tool on domestic and native vegetation associated with the trail.

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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