

ROCHESTER, NY

# Flowers & Gardens

ROCHESTER - THE "FLOWER CITY"

Edwardian nurserymen, horticulturists, a famous landscape designer, and a visionary industrial philanthropist began Rochester's legacy of beauty with an international reputation for excellence as the "Flower City."

## Flowers Galore

**The Lilac Festival at Highland Park (May)** - The largest display of lilacs in North America! More than 500 lilac varieties on 1,200+ bushes. A park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. A parade. One of a kind shopping. 10K & 5K races. Concerts. Craft beverage expo. Wine & chocolate tasting. 10 days of fun. Free festival.

**George Eastman Museum's "The Dutch Connection" exhibit (February)** - Eastman ordered thousands of flowering bulbs each year. This show replicates his yearly orders right from his records.



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### Historic Gardens

**Ellwanger Garden** - A living horticultural “museum” maintained by the Landmark Society of Western New York. More than 25 beds of peonies, perennials and ancient pear trees.

**George Eastman Museum** - This famed museum replicates Kodak founder George Eastman’s seasonal gardens of 100 years ago at his East Avenue Mansion.

**Maplewood Park Rose Garden** - More than 3,000 rose bushes fill an acre of land in an urban setting.

**Genesee Country Village & Museum** - Stroll 13 heirloom gardens, from a dye garden and Shaker medicinal plot to the formal designs of Victorian times.

**Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park** - Nine exquisitely restored Edwardian gardens in Canandaigua, N.Y. A national treasure.

**The 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden Trail** - Historic sites (primarily battle sites) along the shores of Lake Ontario.

### Gardens of Learning

**Warner Castle** - Home to the Rochester Civic Garden Center. One of the largest horticultural libraries in the Northeast. Explore a “Sunken Garden” designed in 1930.

**Rochester Museum & Science Center** - Several hidden gardens, including the Garden of Fragrance.

**The Strong’s Discovery Garden** - Wander through trees, shrubs, and flowering plants that attract butterflies, birds and other wildlife. (Take a peek at enchanting fairy houses, too!)

### Year-Round Gardens

**Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden® at The Strong Museum** - home to the national museum of play. Hundreds of butterflies among tropical plants, delighting all ages.

**Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park** - A botanical treat. Tropical forests, desert plants and exotic blooms. The conservatory is over 150 years old.



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