



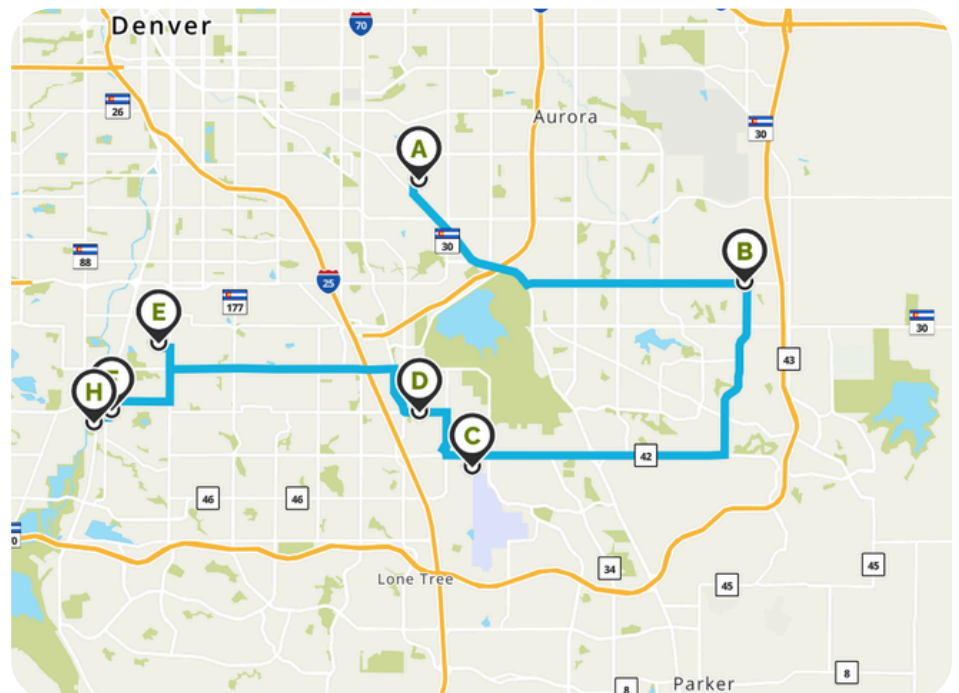
Official Tour Guide

Gardens of Distinction Garden Tour

Welcome, and thank you for registering for the Gardens of Distinction Garden Tour. The garden tour takes place from **8:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026**, and is self-guided so you can go at your own pace. Start the tour at any of the eight gardens and continue from there. Consult the map for suggested routing information or create a custom route using the addresses listed.

Each garden uses a variety of gardening approaches and techniques based on individual characteristics of the site. Arapahoe County Master Gardener volunteers will be present to answer any gardening questions, share their knowledge and discuss what makes the garden unique. Bring your gardening questions, enthusiasm and gardening attitude. For each garden visited, gain inspiration and an additional chance to enter to win the grand prize.

We look forward to seeing you there!



A Cheyenne-Arapaho Park Community Garden - 9200 E Iowa Ave, Aurora 80247

Regenerative Gardening and Soil Health

This educational and donation plot was established in 2023 and showcases various planting styles in a small area. Master gardeners cultivate tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins, leeks, and more, demonstrating that abundance can be achieved in a limited space. Regenerative practices are used to improve the soil and increase yield. After harvesting, replanting extends the growing season and maximizes production. This collaborative project includes Arapahoe County Open Spaces, Denver Urban Gardens and the Colorado Master Gardener program. In 2025, 1,158 pounds of produce were donated.

B Plains Conservation Center - 21901 E Hampden Ave, Aurora 80013

1880s Heirloom Gardening

This demonstration garden was launched in 2020 and is a collaboration between the Denver Botanic Gardens, the City of Aurora, and CSU Arapahoe County Master Gardener volunteers. Discover heirloom cultivars from the 1800s, grown for their culinary and medicinal uses. Learn easy, research-based composting methods to turn everyday scraps into rich, living soil. Herbicides and pesticides are not allowed in this no-till garden. Instead, unwanted plants are removed manually. The produce is used for educational programs, and any surplus is donated to local food banks. In 2025, the garden donated 561 pounds of produce.

C Lima Plaza Pollinator Garden - 6934 S Lima St, Centennial 80112

Where Diversity Thrives

In 2019, a passionate group of Colorado Master Gardener volunteers created the Lima Plaza Pollinator Garden, a transformative garden that showcases the beauty and diversity of low-water, native, and pollinator-friendly plants. Nearly 2,500 square feet of turf around the Arapahoe County Extension office was removed and replaced with 60 diverse species of shrubs, perennials, and ornamental grasses. This inspiring garden thrives through all four seasons and blooms in three of them. Lima Plaza is a garden that celebrates and supports the vital role of pollinators in our ecosystems.

D Silo Park - 9300 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village 80111

Grow Higher. Give Higher.

Since 2012, master gardeners have dedicated themselves to the inspiring journey of planning, planting, maintaining, and harvesting a 2,200 square-foot Silo Park garden in partnership with the City of Greenwood Village. Each year, this garden flourishes with a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers. In 2023, Greenwood Village redesigned and rebuilt the garden, introducing 19 new raised beds to enhance its beauty and bounty. Produce from garden is donated to the Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry in Greenwood Village with nearly 16,000 pounds donated since 2012.



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E Clayton Community Garden - 475 W Union Ave, Englewood 80110

Gardening with Kids and Community

Since 2021, this Colorado Master Gardener demonstration garden has been flourishing. There are nine plots for elementary students, ten community plots, and one master gardener plot, including a shared common area of fruits and herbs. Master gardeners share research-based knowledge, gardening tips and techniques, teach kids about gardening, and help them plant their gardens. Bountiful harvests of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, root crops, greens, peas, beans, and flowers are generously donated to Integrated Family Community Services and the Englewood Resource Center, resulting in 1,148 pounds of produce donated in 2025.

F Pea Patch - 2171 W Shepperd Ave, Littleton 80120

Building Community Through Gardening

Since 2011, the Arapahoe County Master Gardener program has proudly nurtured a donation garden at The Littleton Pea Patch, a cherished community garden for over 40 years. Pea Patch has focused on building long-term relationships with fellow gardeners, local students, Scout troops and food banks. The mission is to grow and donate fresh, pesticide-free produce, uplifting the local community and supporting food banks. In collaboration with fellow Pea Patch gardeners, the master gardener plot is a true inspiration with more than 2,000 pounds of fresh produce generously donated in 2025.

G Colorado Center for the Blind - 2233 W Shepperd Ave, Littleton 80120

Garden of Possibilities

Established in the early 2000s, Arapahoe County Master Gardener volunteers began collaborating with the Colorado Center for the Blind (CCB) to inspire students through gardening. CCB believes that blind individuals can achieve anything and empowers students to recognize their potential and build confidence. Master gardeners engage with students weekly in planting, weeding, and harvesting vegetables and herbs, which are used in student cooking classes. This hands-on experience nurtures creativity and independence.

Hudson Gardens - 6115 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton 80120

Embracing Microclimates

This vibrant vegetable garden began in 2000 and focuses on vegetables that thrive in the front range climate. The gardens lie along the Platte River Valley which presents unique challenges for growing vegetables as it is a cooler, shadier microclimate. Since this is a river valley, it hosts a variety of animals and insects that make it harder to grow healthy vegetables. 31 raised beds showcase unique varieties such as hops, Chinese red noodle beans, Armenian cucumbers and artichokes. Despite the odds, 2025 donations exceeded 1,000 pounds.



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