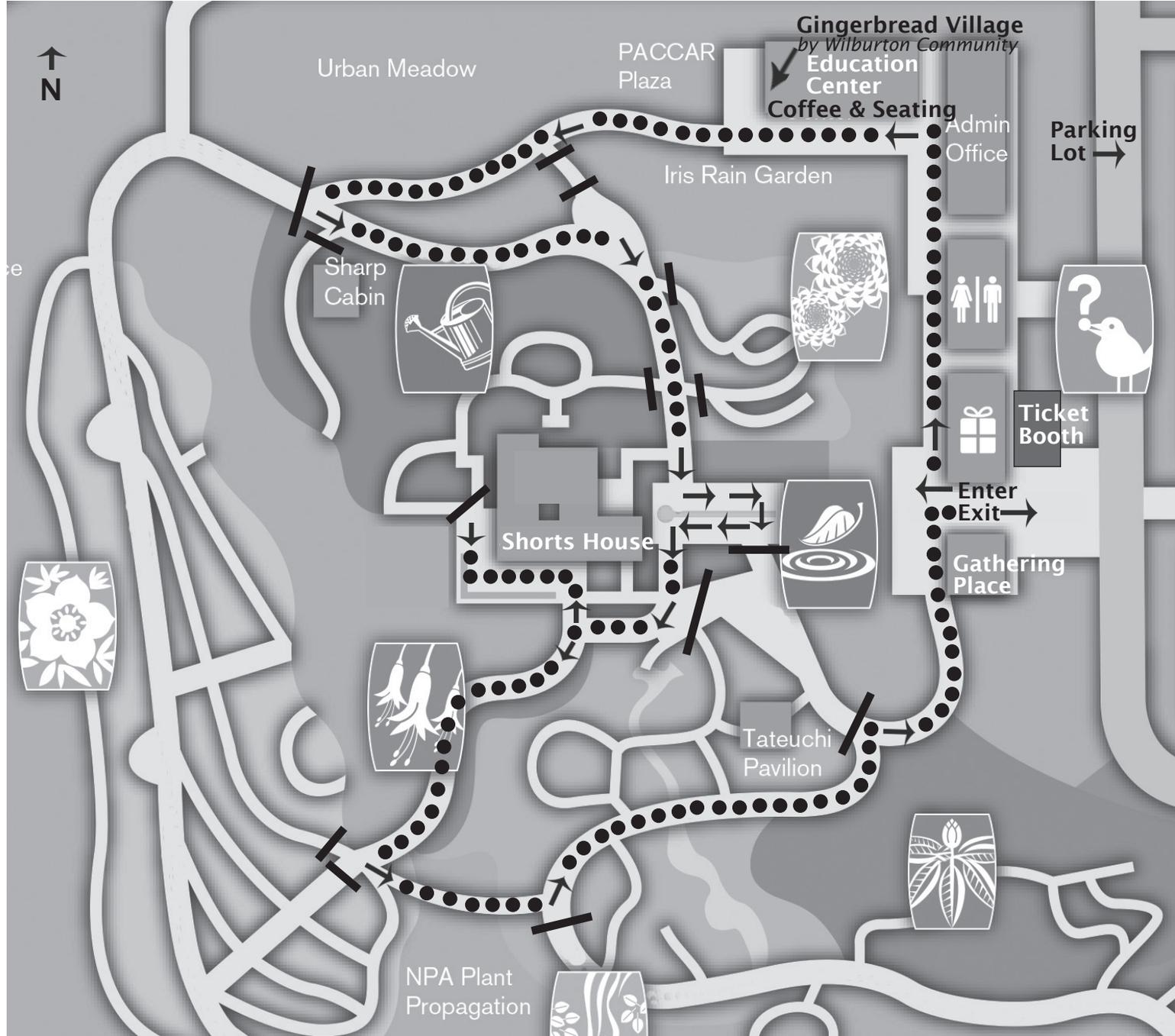


GARDEN d'LIGHTS 2018



Find these special critters:

- Blue Herons
- Butterflies
- Chickens
- Doves
- Dragonflies
- Tropical Fish
- Frog
- Honeysuckle the Bee
- Jellyfish
- Octopus
- Owl
- Peacock
- Polka Dottie the Ladybug
- Rabbit
- Sea Turtle
- Seahorse
- Slug
- Snap d'Dragon
- Spider & Web
- Starfish
- Teddy Bear
- Turtle

Recent flowers added—how many can you find?

- Purple/pink/blue Ajuga
- Pink & blue Allium
- Pink & purple Aster
- Orange/purple Canna Lily
- Orange Dahlia
- White & pink Foxglove
- Red/yellow & orange/yellow Red Hot Poker
- Yellow Skunk Cabbage

Extra Credit: You're a Garden d'Lights STAR if you can find the Geckos!

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Fun Facts!

- Garden d'Lights began in 1994. A nuclear engineer was among the volunteers who helped make it a reality. The event began as a way to encourage visitors to come to the Bellevue Botanical Garden in the winter. The first year, a handful of people came to view twinkly lights on a few rhododendrons, and purple lights on an arbor replicating a wisteria vine. Many more creations have been added over the years, and include flowers, critters, waterfalls, and flowering trees.
- This year, more than 90,000 visitors will attend Garden d'Lights over a period of 37 nights.
- More than half a million lights make up the Garden d'Lights display.
- Approximately 30 volunteers create, maintain, and install the lights over an 11-month period, using colored light strings, zip ties and rebar, with 100 more volunteers working during the event. Total volunteer time is over 6,400 hours every year.
- Two of the favorite creations are Snap d'Dragon, which is composed of 8,850 lights and took 225 volunteer hours to create; and the Poinsettia Tree, which has been rebuilt several times. The current version has 11,000 lights and took 350 volunteer hours to create.
- The Aquarium, located in the Shorts House, has 19 different features.
- The average life span of a "plant" is five years, with a few lasting up to 10 years.
- The time to create a plant is at least 2 hours, with complicated plants taking up to 40 hours. Each critter takes more than 40 hours to create.
- Installation takes more than 4 weeks, with volunteers working 6 days a week.
- This year our newest critter is Polka Dottie the Ladybug, located near Tateuchi Pavilion. This delightful critter took 64 hours to create and uses 800 lights.

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