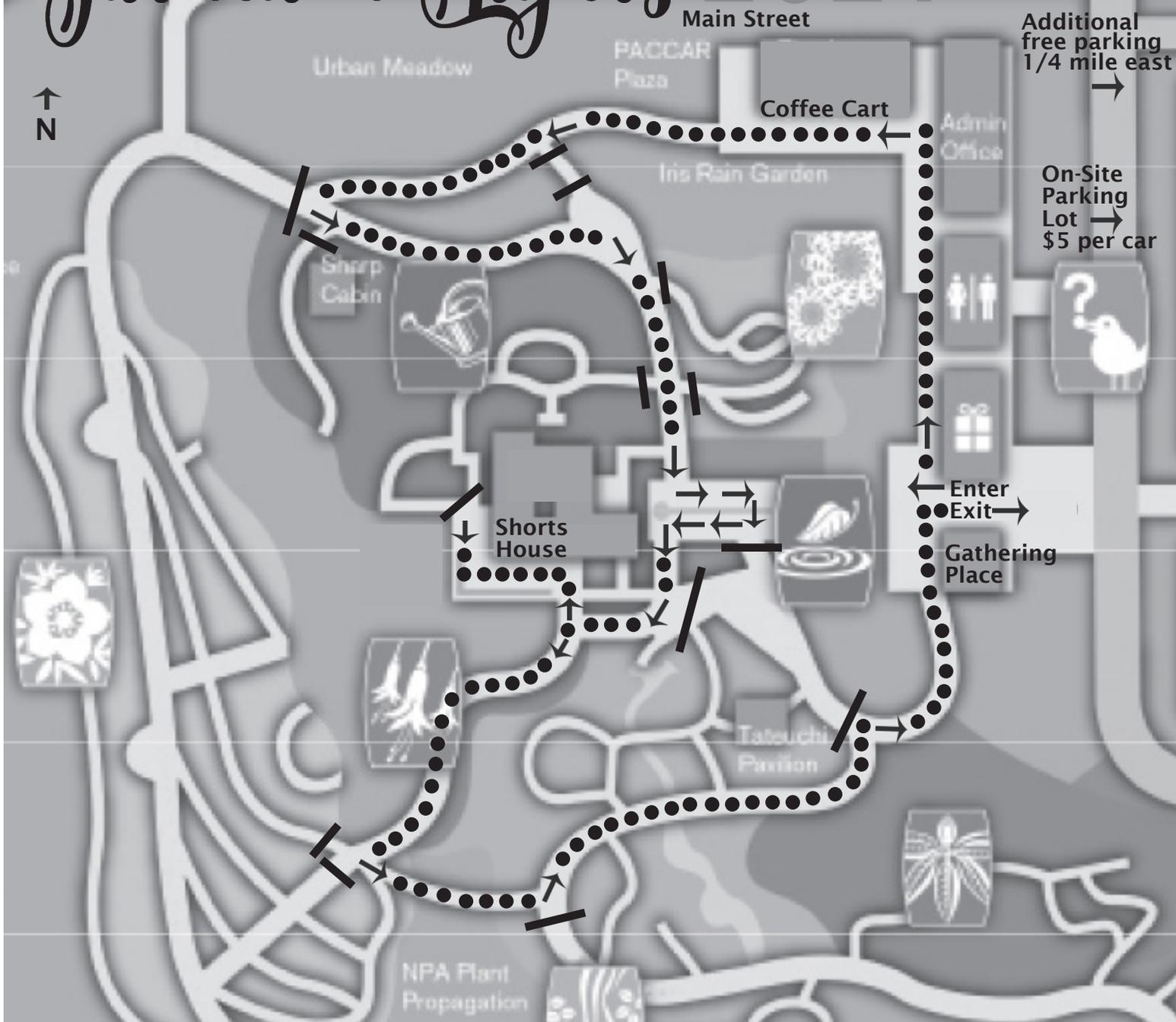


# Garden d'Lights 2021



## Find these special critters:

- Bee
- Blue Herons
- Butterflies
- Chickens
- Dragonflies
- Frog
- Ladybug
- Owl
- Peacock
- Penguin
- Rabbit
- Slug
- Snail
- Snap d'Dragon
- Spider & Web
- Turtle

The fish are visiting Nemo and Dory this year. They will return in 2022.

## Recent flowers added—how many can you find?

- Asiatic lilies—pink, red
- Forsythia—yellow
- Gladiolus—mixed
- Poppy—red
- Red-twig dogwood—red, yellow
- Salvia Hot Lips—red
- Tomatoes—red, green
- Yarrow—yellow

# Garden d'Lights Fun Facts!

- Garden d'Lights began in 1994—this is our 27th year! 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, including flowers, critters, waterfalls, and flowering trees.
- This year, about 70,000 visitors will attend Garden d'Lights over a period of 35 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 many 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 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.

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