



**Hours and Admission**  
 Open daily, dawn to dusk.  
 There is no admission fee.  
 Visitor Center is open  
 daily 9 am to 4 pm.

**The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Mission**

To perpetuate and further enhance the Bellevue Botanical Garden as a learning resource in partnership with the City of Bellevue.

**The Bellevue Botanical Garden is truly a public garden,** created for and sustained by the community since its inception in 1992. The City of Bellevue owns and manages the Garden with a dedicated partner, the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, and nine other partner groups: Bellevue Utilities, East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs, Eastside Fuchsia Society, Hardy Fern Foundation, Master Gardener Foundation of King County, Northwestern Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, Northwest Perennial Alliance, Puget Sound Dahlia Association, and Washington Native Plant Society. We are guided by a master plan that directs our next steps, as we move forward to enhance this beautiful community treasure.



**Visitor Center**

Welcome! As you enter through the breezeway, be sure to pick up a map and take note of featured events. The Visitor Center complex includes the Trillium Store, the Aaron Education Center, and restrooms. Enjoy the courtyard gardens and slate water wall before heading into the Garden.

**Trillium Store**

Shopping at the Trillium Store is a fun way to support the Garden! Operated by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, all profits from the store support the Garden's mission. Stop in and sign up for membership in the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society!

**The Aaron Education Center**

The Aaron Education Center is a hub of garden programs and events. Please visit [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org) to learn about events or to register for a class or lecture.

**Shorts House**

Originally the home of Cal and Harriet Shorts, the Shorts House features an atrium surrounded by light-filled rooms. We invite you to browse the reference library, admire the view, or enjoy a picnic on the patio.

**Welcome** to the Bellevue Botanical Garden, a unique natural and community resource. Our botanical garden is a place of learning where you can enjoy and study the Northwest landscape. We are located in the heart of Bellevue, one of the largest cities in Washington State.

The Garden is an urban refuge, encompassing 53 acres of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands, natural wetlands, and wildlife. The living collections showcase plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest. As you explore the Garden, you'll discover what makes our region unique, ideas for working with the landscape to create your own beautiful garden, and ways to be responsible stewards of the Northwest environment.

In addition to the beautiful Garden, we offer classes, lectures, plant sales, and fun annual events, including Arts in the Garden each summer, and Garden d'Lights each holiday season.



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests, please phone at least 48 hours in advance: 425-452-6826 (voice) or email [bbgrentals@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bbgrentals@bellevuewa.gov). For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email [ADATitleVI.gov](mailto:ADATitleVI.gov). If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

[www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org)

Stay connected!  

**Our Garden Grows!**

The Bellevue Botanical Garden thrives because of our strong community support. The City of Bellevue provides essential public support, and the Garden flourishes through the dedicated financial and volunteer contributions of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and our nine other partner groups.



BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY



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**Map & Guide**



BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN



The earth laughs  
in flowers.

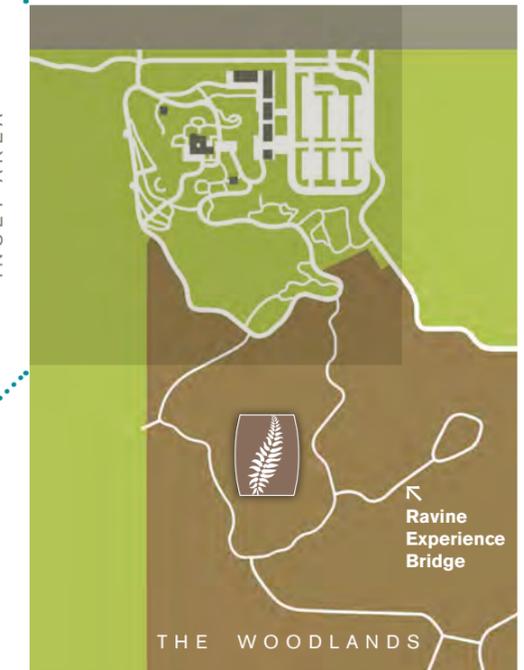
~Ralph Waldo Emerson



### Garden Guidelines

The Bellevue Botanical Garden is a special place within the Bellevue parks system. To ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone and to make the Garden a safe place for people, plants, and wildlife, remember these rules:

- Dogs and other pets are not permitted anywhere in the Garden. Service animals only are allowed. Leashed pets are welcome in nearby Wilburton Hill Park.
- Please leave all flowers, plants, fruits, seeds, leaves, and other living things for everyone to enjoy.
- Please stay on paths and lawns. Do not walk in plant beds or climb on rocks.
- Bicycles, rollerblades, and skateboards are not allowed in the Garden. Please leave them at home, or enjoy them in nearby Wilburton Hill Park.



## Our Garden



### Rill Plaza

Enclosed by the informal Tapestry Hedge, this tranquil space is the Garden's symbolic source of water—designed to provide year-round interest in a low-maintenance garden.



### Rock Garden and Iris Rain Garden

Explore the special world of tiny wildflowers, mountain hemlock, and granite outcrops in the Rock Garden, made possible by a partnership with the Northwest Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. At the base, the Iris Rain Garden filters surface water before it enters our streams and lakes.



### Urban Meadow

The Urban Meadow's dynamic displays of grasses and perennials provide food and shelter for pollinators and ever-changing color and texture through the seasons.



### Fuchsia Garden

This garden, cultivated by The Eastside Fuchsia Society, offers some of summer's most dazzling floral displays of hardy fuchsias that grow in the Pacific Northwest.



### Waterwise Garden

Landscaping choices play an important part in protecting Puget Sound's water resources and the wildlife that depend on it. This award-winning display offers rich possibilities for your home garden and a healthier environment. Sponsored by Bellevue Utilities.



### Shorts Ground Cover Garden

Take in the sights and sounds of cascading water by a lush display of ground covers. Plantings stretch out under the shade of maples and along the banks of a recreated mountain stream. Enjoy the view from Tateuchi Pavilion, made possible through the generosity of the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation.



### Perennial Border

Renowned for year-round dramatic displays, the perennial border is an example of a distinctively American-style mixed border and a living demonstration of what works best in Northwest gardens. The Northwest Perennial Alliance created and maintains this award-winning garden.



### Rhododendron Glen

This second-growth forest edge reflects the legacy of the original Shorts garden through companion plantings of rhododendrons and an extensive collection of hardy ferns maintained in partnership with the Hardy Fern Foundation.



### Yao Garden

A traditional Japanese gate leads into this contemplative garden. Developed to honor the sister city relationship between Bellevue and Yao, Japan, the garden is a blend of influences from the Pacific Rim.



### Native Discovery Garden

Discover how using native plants in home gardens, adapted to the climate and conditions of the Pacific Northwest, can be ecologically sound, beautiful, and easy. The Washington Native Plant Society and East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs assist with our native plant collections.



### The Ravine Experience & Bridge

Explore this nature trail leading to a steep-sided ravine in the forest and a magnificent suspension bridge, offering views of native understory, wildlife and second-growth forest canopy. Made possible by a gift from the RJA Foundation.



### The Woodlands

Follow the 1/3 mile Lost Meadow Trail past remnants of historic structures, through 10 acres of woodlands, meadows, and wetlands that are being restored and enhanced to create native plant communities.