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Surrounded by ponderosa forest at 7,150 feet in elevation with spectacular views of the San Francisco Peaks, The Arboretum at Flagstaff is a unique destination, specializing in increasing the understanding, appreciation and conservation of plants native to the Colorado Plateau. Home to 750 species of plants, the beautiful 200-acre property was once the home of our founder Frances McAllister. Today, the grounds consist of historic buildings, display gardens, greenhouses, and woodland trails that are family and pet friendly.

Key

-  Restrooms
-  Visitor Center & Gift Shop
-  Water Station
-  Stage
-  Parking
-  Ramada
-  Playground
-  Picnic Tables



1 Entrance Garden
This garden showcases plants that thrive in different conditions of home landscapes. Many of the species are native to Northern Arizona.

2 Walter Reichardt Courtyard Garden
Established in 1987, this gardens illustrate landscape design that uses natural hardscape materials with native and adapted plants to create a tranquil setting.

3 Frances McAllister Garden
This portion of the Courtyard Garden is dedicated to the Arboretum's founder, Frances McAllister. Many of the plantings were made by Frances when she lived on the property from the 1960s to the 1980s.

4 Karen Haskins Herb Garden
The herbs in this garden include species with medicinal, ornamental, and culinary value. This garden was installed as Frances McAllister's kitchen garden, and was dedicated in 2016 to Karen Haskins, a longtime Arboretum docent.

5 Willow Pond
This pond is a former livestock tank from the days when the property was a working ranch. It has since been widened and replanted to provide riparian habitat for wildlife.

6 Woodlands and Seasonal Mushroom Garden
This garden highlights tree species that grow in the upper elevations of the Colorado Plateau. Many species of mushrooms seasonally appear with monsoonal rains.

7 Caretaker's Cottage
This cottage was the home of the caretaker in the days when the property was a working ranch. Today, the home is a private residence.

8 Rare Species Refugia
This area displays rare and endangered species of the Colorado Plateau the Arboretum works to conserve. Due to the rarity of these plants, this garden is likely the only place the general public can see these species growing.

9 Constructed Wetlands
This feature was built as an ecological alternative to sewage treatment facilities. Micro-organisms in the plants' roots break down contaminants as it filters through the shallow ponds constructed with gravel.

10 Aspen Grove
Aspen trees create groves through sprouts from their root systems. In the fall, their leaves turn a golden-yellow color.

11 Historic Log Cabin
The log cabin was built by our founder Frances McAllister and her husband in the 1930s as a summer retreat from Los Angeles. Originally located along Route 66, the cabin was moved to the Arboretum in the 1990s. Today, the home is a private residence.

12 The Arb Nursery
Plants in this greenhouse are grown by the Arboretum and are for sale to the public. Please take your purchases to the gift shop.

13 Wildflower Meadow
Largely uncultivated, this area contains many of the native grasses and wildflowers that can be found in the meadow beyond our property.

14 Produce Garden
This garden demonstrates the techniques, composting systems and crop varieties used to grow food in high-elevation gardens.

15 Turf Demonstration Garden
This demonstration highlights low-maintenance native grass species for home lawns, that require less water and fertilizer than non-native species.

16 Blue Garden
Plants in this garden have a blue cast to their foliage. By reflecting the intense sunlight at high elevations, the blue color is an adaptation that helps plants thrive.

17 Colorado Plateau Garden
This garden displays plant species from the Colorado Plateau that are attractive in home landscapes while being adapted to our region's intense sunlight, high winds and soil conditions.

18 Wetlands Trail and Willow Wash
This area is a restored riparian habitat containing an ephemeral stream and wetland. Visitors can experience a variety of wildlife that frequent the area.

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The Horticulture Center

The Horticulture Center features a passive solar heating system and rainwater collection used to grow seedlings for our grounds, conservation, restoration and nursery programs.

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Lathe House

The lathe house is used to acclimate plants after being started in the greenhouse. During our plant sales, the area is filled with plants grown by the Arboretum.

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The Arboretum Compost Site

These piles consist of materials from our gardens and greenhouses that would otherwise end up in the landfill. The finished compost is used to improve our soil throughout our grounds.

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Solar Panels

Originally constructed to test different kinds of solar technology, these panels continue to absorb the sun's rays to produce electricity for our Horticultural Center.

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The Peaks Photo Frame

Take a memorable photo with the iconic San Francisco Peaks as a backdrop.

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Livestock Tank and Chute Viewpoint

Constructed by mounding earth along waterways, tanks like this were made by early ranches to hold water for livestock. Today, this feature provides water to wildlife including elk and pronghorn. The wooden chute was once used for loading livestock in the days when the property was a working ranch.

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Climate Change and SEGA Center

These displays showcase our partnership with The Southwest Experimental Garden Array (SEGA) research program that studies how plant species are responding to changing climate conditions.

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SEGA Gardens and NAU Research Plots

This area is used by Northern Arizona University to conduct the SEGA program and other research projects related to the ecological and evolutionary sciences.

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Research Greenhouse

This working greenhouse showcases plant propagation in action. These plants are being grown for our conservation, restoration and nursery programs.

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Milkweed Beds

This bed was created to help maintain locally adapted milkweed populations by collecting its seed and using it in restoration projects. The plants also provide larval food for the endangered monarch butterfly.

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Firewise Kiosk

This kiosk presents information about the role fire plays in forest ecosystems and the need for proper fire management in the future.

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Ponderosa Pavillion

The pavilion is used for wedding rentals and special events at the Arboretum.

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Pollinator Garden

Constructed in the shape of a butterfly, this garden displays plants that attract pollinators by producing nectar and pollen and/or serve as larval food plants.

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Shade Garden

The Shade Garden demonstrates native and adapted plants which grow in cool, deep shade to dappled sunlight, require low-to-moderate water and provide interest with their flowers and foliage.

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Water Conservation Garden

This garden showcases how home gardeners can create rockeries of drought-tolerant plants that thrive in different microclimates.

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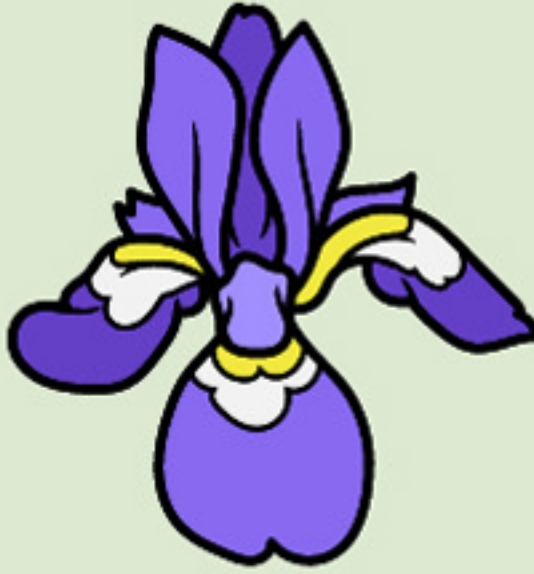
Inner and Outer Loop Trails

These trails provide a scenic walk through the ponderosa forest and meadows that are characteristic of the Colorado Plateau. Interpretive signage and photo ops occur throughout the trails. The inner loop trail is 0.6 miles and the outer loop trail is 1.2 miles. Not to scale.



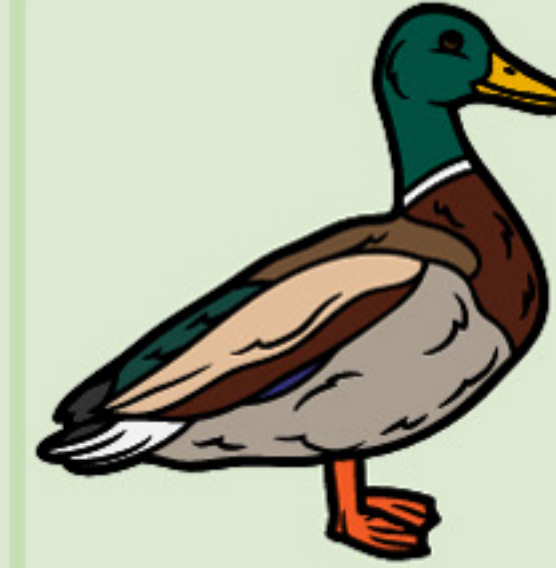
Golden Columbine
Aquilegia chrysantha

Aquilegia chrysantha can be found blooming in the Entrance Garden during the summer months.



Rocky Mountain Iris
Iris missouriensis

Iris missouriensis blooms in the Entrance Garden. It is one of our earliest bloomers, starting in May.



Mallard Duck
Anas platyrhynchos

Mallard ducks frequent Willow Pond during the summer months. They are often accompanied by their ducklings.



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea

You can find *Echinacea purpurea* blooming in the Butterfly Garden during the summer months.



Lewis flax
Linum lewisii

The flowers of *Linum lewisii* close each night and open again in the morning. Lewis flax can be found in the Wildflower Garden.



Steller's Jay
Cyanocitta stelleri

Steller's jays can be seen hopping from branch to branch in ponderosa pine trees, often in pairs.



Maximilian Sunflower
Helianthus maximiliani

Helianthus maximiliani blooms in full sun areas all around the grounds. They are most common in the late summer.



Abert's Squirrel
Sciurus aberti

Abert's squirrels are only found in ponderosa pine forests. These squirrels can be found scurrying around the grounds in search of food.



Grey Collared Chipmunk
Tamias cinereicollis

This species of chipmunk is only found in Arizona and New Mexico. These chipmunks love to snack in our Produce Garden.



Wild bergamot
Monarda fistulosa

Monarda fistulosa can be found blooming in the Entrance Garden and Research Greenhouse in the summer months.



Common Raven
Corvus corax

Common ravens are highly intelligent birds. They have a distinct call which is often heard before they are spotted.



Red-Tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis

Although a rare visitor, red-tailed hawks can sometimes be seen in the sky circling potential prey or resting on top of a ponderosa pine tree.