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GARDEN AREAS

1 LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

A combined effort between MSU and local landscape businesses to include educational programming for the homeowner and professional alike, concerning plant ID, cultural practices and Integrated Pest Management.

2 HOSTA GARDEN

A collection of over 40 hostas and their garden companions.

3 FARMHOUSE ENTRANCE

This area has a variety of plants designed to beautify the farmhouse entrance throughout the year.

4 HERITAGE GARDEN

The majority of varieties in this cottage garden/farmyard planting were in cultivation prior to the turn of the century.

5 ROCK LEDGE GARDEN

A quiet grotto filled with a variety of plants to make for a peaceful moment.

6 ROSE GARDEN

A collection of over 200 roses including: Old Garden Roses, Shrub, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Florabundas, Climbers and Miniature Roses.

7 FARMHOUSE - PRIVATE RESIDENCE

This beautiful collection of perennials & annuals was created and is maintained by the Tollgate Farm Manager and his family.

8 DRY RIVER BED / SHADE GARDEN

Created as a respite for the eyes, falling between the intense hues of the Enabling Garden and the vibrant beginnings of the Rose Garden.

9 ENABLING GARDEN

This container garden is a colorful and functional display of alternate gardening methods for persons with special physical needs.

10 ENTRANCE BEDS

An ongoing kaleidoscope of color greets the Tollgate visitor.

11 OFFICE BEDS

A creative combination of perennials and annuals.

12 RAIN GARDEN

This garden is not only beautiful but also functional. It is designed to capture rain water and slowly release the moisture to the plants in the garden.

13 XERISCAPE

“Xeros” being Greek for “dry”, the Xeriscape garden is an example of a water-wise garden. It was established with drought tolerant plants which are adapted to sandy soils.

14 ACTIVITY CENTER

15 ACTIVITY PAVILION

16 CHILDREN'S GARDEN

This garden features multiple child oriented themes.

17 NURSERY

A holding area for plant sales as well as propagation and stock.

18 COMMUNITY GARDENS AND PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY GARDEN

These garden areas are available to the public for lease. This area also contains a large garden dedicated to producing food for the hungry.

19 CONSTRUCTED WETLAND

This garden demonstrates the creative use of wet areas in the landscape while still maintaining a natural environmental balance.

20 ARBORETUM

This area consists of over 5 acres of tree and shrub species commonly found in Michigan Landscapes.

21 HORSE CORRAL

22 VOLUNTEER TOOL SHED

23 ROAD TO THE SUGAR SHACK

24 SAKURA GARDEN

Ornamental Japanese Cherry Trees

Tollgate Gardens Public Hours

Monday through Saturday
from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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