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Witch Hazel Brightens Winter Landscape at Green Spring

Which witch is your favorite?

Pick your favorite [on the web](#), then visit it in person at [Green Spring Gardens](#).

Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria has nearly 200 witch hazels gracing its landscape. Besides producing a marvelous tour of late winter color, they play an important role in a national program. Green Spring is a part of the North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC).

The NAPCC is a network of botanical gardens and arboreta that coordinate the preservation of plants across the nation. Specifically, they protect germplasm, which is the living tissue from which new plants can grow. Each member of the network specializes in a particular plant, and they make that plant's germplasm available for research and breeding.

Green Spring, much to your benefit, specializes in witch hazels, which bloom annually from January into March. The Fairfax County Park Authority has a new web page about Green Spring's feature plant at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/witch-hazel.htm. On it, you'll find information about this remarkable shrub, its role at Green Spring and in local history, and see photos of some of Green Spring's witch hazels in bloom.

Once you've seen the web page, you'll be ready for the sight and scent of the real thing on a visit to Green Spring.

Green Spring Gardens, the Fairfax County Park Authority's public garden and historic site, is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd. in Alexandria, Va. Information about the witch hazels and the NAPCC network is available by calling Green Spring at 703-642-5173.

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