



Welcome to Green Spring Gardens

A Fairfax County Park Authority public garden and historic site.

Stroll the gardens and natural areas, discover the resources at the Horticulture Center, and explore the history of Green Spring.

Gardens

Explore themed gardens featuring year-round displays of plants and horticultural methods suited to Northern Virginia.



Historic Green Spring

The 1784 Historic House is the focal point of Historic Green Spring. In 1970, the last private owners, Michael and Belinda Straight, deeded the house and 18 acres to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

In 1942, two American masters of design, Colonial Revival architect Walter Macomber and pioneer landscape designer Beatrix Farrand, redesigned the house and the landscape surrounding it. As a result, Historic Green Spring is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Education

Green Spring Gardens offers programs for adults, children and families. Lectures, workshops, teas, tastings and tours invite you to learn about nature, horticulture and history. Visit the Horticulture Center to learn about programs, volunteer opportunities, and resources.



Join the **Friends of Green Spring (FROGS)** to support the gardens and educational programs. Members receive an electronic newsletter, calendar and discounts at Green Spring shops and participating nurseries and gardens.

To become a **FROG**, visit the Horticulture Center or call 703-642-5173.

Rules and Guidelines

For your safety and for the protection of the gardens, please remember:

- Respect the grounds. All plants and animals are protected by Park Authority policy.
- Please keep the wild in our wildlife and refrain from feeding them.
- Leave all plants, leaves, seeds, fruit, vegetables and animals where you find them. Please do not touch or pick.
- Stay on the designated path and avoid stepping in the garden beds, which causes plant damage.
- Recreational activities such as ball games and kite-flying cause damage to plants and trees and are prohibited. Balloons are an environmental hazard and are prohibited.
- Paths are specifically designed for pedestrian use. Prohibited activities include cycling, rollerblades, motorized toys and scooters.
- Fishing, swimming, wading and ice skating are prohibited in the ponds and stream.
- Your dog is welcome at Green Spring. Fairfax County leash laws apply, and waste must be picked up.
- Alcohol and fires are prohibited on the grounds unless permitted by the Park Authority.
- **Advance reservations for weddings, parties, groups and commercial photography are required at 703-642-5173.** Permits are also required for professional photography.

Thank you!

Hours

Gardens open dawn to dusk. Gate locks at 5 p.m.

Horticulture Center

Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun., Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Historic House

Wed.-Sun., Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Hours change for county holidays.



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| 1 Horticulture Center and Glasshouse | 10 Edible Garden | 19 Entrance Walk |
| 2 Front Garden | 11 Shrub Border | 20 Spring House Overlook |
| 3 Garden Gate Plant Shop | 12 Historic House Garden | 21 Spring House |
| 4 Rock Garden | 13 Arbor Garden | 22 Ruin |
| 5 Dry Garden | 14 Historic House | 23 Ponds |
| 6 Swale Garden | 15 Naturalistic Garden | 24 Overflow Parking |
| 7 Children's Garden | 16 Moongate & Serenity Garden | 25 Maintenance Areas – Staff Only |
| 8 Townhouse Gardens | 17 Gazebo Garden | |
| 9 Virginia Native Plant Trail | 18 Welcome Garden | |

Map Key

-  Paved Paths
-  Roads
-  Fencing
-  Parking
-  ADA Parking
-  Restrooms
-  Water Fountain
-  Gazebo
-  Pond
-  Gate
-  Unpaved Paths
-  Steep Slope



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See our National Witch Hazel Collection

Green Spring Gardens is home to more than 100 different witch hazels. The collection of native and Asian species and hybrids is recognized by the *Plant Collections Network of the American Public Gardens Association*.

