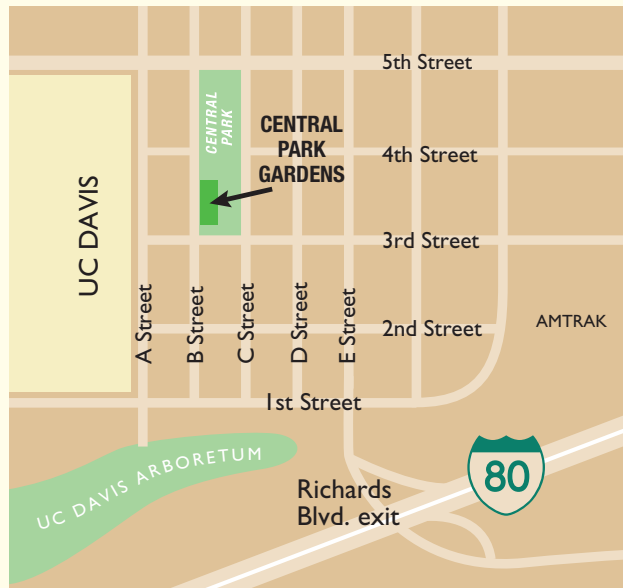


Central Park Gardens

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Learn more about gardening from our partners:

Yolo County Master Gardeners provide science-based gardening information at workshops in the garden and their information booth at the Davis Farmers Market.

ceyolo.ucdavis.edu

UC Davis Arboretum, a 96-acre public garden, offers demonstration gardens, local gardening information, and seasonal plant sales.

arboretum.ucdavis.edu

Davis Garden Club holds monthly club meetings that feature informative gardening presentations.

www.davisgardenclub.com

Davis Farm to School Connection offers volunteer opportunities for connecting kids with gardens, local food, better nutrition, and recycling.

www.davisfarmtoschool.org

City of Davis provides practical tips to home gardeners for environmental sustainability, conserving water, and preventing pollution on the Parks & General Services and Public Works website.

www.cityofdavis.org



Welcome

Welcome to Central Park Gardens, a volunteer-managed demonstration garden dedicated to sustainable gardening.

The gardens are a lovely place to relax and enjoy the flowers, share a picnic with a friend, or gather ideas and inspiration to take home.

Established in Davis' award-winning Central Park in the early 1990s, the gardens are currently maintained by community volunteers in partnership with the City of Davis. The gardeners use a variety of **environmentally-friendly techniques** to keep the gardens in top shape. Look for:

- Plant varieties that are adapted to our region and naturally resistant to pests and diseases
- Wood chip mulch that conserves soil moisture and suppresses weed growth
- Irrigation that runs deeply and infrequently to promote healthy, drought-resistant roots
- Drip systems that get the most out of every drop
- Compost that recycles nutrients and boosts soil fertility
- Plants to attract beneficial insects for natural pest control

Learn to grow your own

Yolo County Master Gardeners host free monthly gardening workshops in Central Park Gardens. Come brush up on your gardening skills and learn how to make your garden more environmentally-friendly. To find out more about upcoming educational programs, please visit the garden website.

Dig in!

The gardens are a labor of love made possible by the efforts of community volunteers of all ages and abilities. Volunteers meet fellow garden enthusiasts and gain skills and experience in a variety of gardening techniques.

Garden work days are open to anyone and held year-round in conjunction with the Davis Farmers Market. Visit the garden website for a calendar of volunteer work days and more information about group volunteer opportunities.

Help the gardens grow

Central Park Gardens can only thrive with community support. Please consider making a donation to support garden maintenance and education programs. Donations can be made on the garden website or by sending a check payable to Davis Farmers Market Foundation* to:

Central Park Gardens,
c/o DFME, P.O. Box 1813,
Davis, CA 95617.

*A 501(c)3 non-profit organization;
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Garden Guide

The gardens feature a broad variety of regionally-appropriate plants selected by Master Gardeners and UC Davis Arboretum experts for their beauty and their value for attracting wildlife, conserving water, or producing a tasty harvest. Use our informative plant labels to help identify plants and gather ideas for your own garden.



California Natives

California native plants featured in the garden have been selected for their suitability for home gardens, drought tolerance, and value for wildlife habitat.



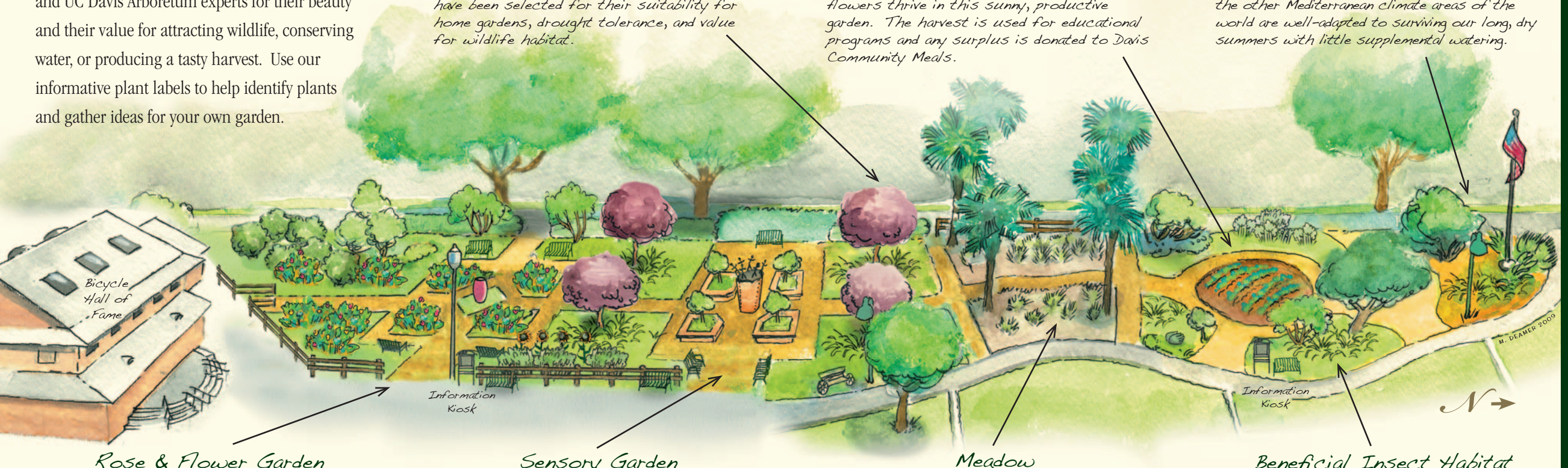
Vegetable Garden

Seasonal vegetables, fruits, herbs, and edible flowers thrive in this sunny, productive garden. The harvest is used for educational programs and any surplus is donated to Davis Community Meals.



Waterwise Garden

Many beautiful plants native to California and the other Mediterranean climate areas of the world are well-adapted to surviving our long, dry summers with little supplemental watering.



Rose & Flower Garden

A breath-taking mosaic vase sculpture by artist Mark Rivera complements this colorful garden of tried-and-true roses and flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



Sensory Garden

Stone-edged raised beds contain plantings to stimulate all the senses, including aromatic herbs, tasty fruits, and soft-textured foliage. A playful sculpture by artist Sandra Shannonhouse dominates the center of the garden.



Meadow

Native and ornamental grasses provide feathery texture and graceful movement to the garden as they sway in the breeze. The meadow demonstrates a drought-tolerant alternative to the traditional lawn.



Beneficial Insect Habitat

A variety of flowering plants provide a year-round nectar and pollen food source for beneficial insects. These garden "good guys" help prevent pest outbreaks in the vegetable garden.

