

Gardens at MU



1 McAlester Arboretum: Commonly known as Peace Park, this four-acre tract has more than 100 trees of 43 varieties. Future development plans include adding several genera of trees and shrubs important to the mid-Missouri region.

2 The Garden on Francis Quadrangle: This garden, which surrounds historic Francis Quadrangle, is a showcase of more than 100 hardy, herbaceous perennials. Many ornamental shrubs, trees and annual flowers are woven throughout the garden.

3 Rose Garden: The rose garden contains many of the most popular types of roses grown today, as well as some of the less familiar, yet vigorous, garden performers suitable for the home landscape. (in planning stage)

4 Ericaceous Collection: Even though Missouri can claim only one native azalea, it is one of the most popular spring-flowering shrubs in this region. This garden focuses on rhododendrons and azaleas, but also features several other plants that thrive in acidic soils. (under continuous development)

5 Ellis Perennial Garden: On the west side of Ellis Library, this garden is predominantly a collection of herbaceous perennials. It is also a popular lunch-time gathering spot.

6 Hosta Collection: The hosta is one of the most popular perennials. This garden features over 30 varieties of green, blue and variegated forms nestled in the shade of stately oaks, pines and dogwoods.

7 Memorial Union Garden: A large annual flower display flanks the two wings of the Memorial Union Tower, which was built in the 1920s to honor university students who died in World War I.

8 South Quadrangle Gardens: When complete, each of the six gardens on the South Quad's periphery will highlight a particular plant genus. Two gardens are planted: one emphasizing Siberian iris, the other lilies.

9 Bulb Display Garden: For those wishing to hurry along spring, a visit to our bulb garden will delight the eyes with its early spring bulbs, such as snowdrops, winter aconite and dog's-tooth violet. These gardens also have a display of summer flowering bulbs that change each year.

10 Daylily Garden: This collection contains over 40 varieties of daylilies that were selected and donated by the Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society. The genus name of daylily, Hemerocallis, comes from two Greek words meaning 'beauty' and 'day' as each flower lasts only one day.

11 Hydrangea Collection: With 10 different varieties, this garden shows there is more to the genus Hydrangea than the old-fashioned snowball type.

12 Butterfly Garden: Located at Eckles Hall, this garden contains many nectar-producing shrubs and perennials to which adult butterflies are attracted. (See the Butterfly Garden brochure for more details.)

Tree Trails: There are three self-guided walks designed to highlight the diversity of trees on campus. A separate brochure includes maps of the trails, walking times, and a description of each of the 115 trees.

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