

Planning Your Day

1. Prior to the tour decide which gardens you would like to visit. (Four to six gardens are a comfortable number to see in one day.) Then use your smartphone or GPS to navigate between gardens. You may want to temporarily add each address to your smartphone contacts ahead of time to make for quick navigating the day of the tour. Alternatively, consult a mapping website such as maps.google.com and print directions from garden to garden.
2. Nearly forty talks will be given on Sunday, May 7. Additional talks will be offered on Saturday, May 6, at some of the native plant nurseries. See Garden Talks (pages 63-66) and the Native Plant Extravaganza (pages 10-13) for details.
3. Print out the plant lists for the gardens you will visit and bring them with you. This will enable you to note plants you find particularly appealing. Plant lists are on the website at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net. Plant lists are **not** available at the gardens.
4. On the day of the tour wear comfortable shoes, bring a hat, and be prepared to walk a block or two to get into the busy gardens. Walk or bike to garden clusters if you can.
5. Each adult entering a garden must provide a garden entry ticket. (Children 16 and under will not need tickets.) The garden guide contains twenty tickets (found on page 71). Please ensure you have an adequate number of tickets for each adult in your group.
6. If you have an electronic version of the garden guide you must print out the page of tickets that will be e-mailed to you, and present these tickets in order to enter the gardens.
7. A number of landscape designers with gardens on this year's tour are offering discount consultations to tour participants. See Find a Designer on page 74 for details.
8. The garden hosts, greeters, and garden assistants all volunteers. Please be courteous, and remember to thank them.



Our local native red fescue (*Festuca rubra* 'Molate Point') swirls around a stone seat; wildflowers add a touch of playful color.
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