

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 follow those directions from garden to garden.
2. More than 40 talks will be given on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and May 5. See Garden Talks (pages 63-65) and the Native Plant Extravaganza (pages 15-17) 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 Tour's website on each garden's page. 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 80). Please ensure you have an adequate number of tickets for each adult in your group.
6. 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 69 for details.
7. The garden hosts, greeters, and garden assistants all volunteers. Please be courteous, and remember to thank them.