



MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

Home of the Goldsmith Civic Garden Center

Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment. The 96-acre property includes 28 specialty gardens, which provide an in-depth look into various families of plants, flowers, and trees.

In an age when virtual reality is rapidly replacing real experiences, girls need to breath fresh air and play in green spaces more than ever. Girl Scouts will connect with the natural world as they participate in hands-on, outdoor learning through the Memphis Botanic Garden Fun Patch Program.

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750 Cherry Rd., Memphis, TN 38117

Central Daylight Time Hours:

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. *Last admission is at 5:30 p.m.*

Central Standard Time Hours:

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.memphisbotanicgarden.com

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Print off the Memphis Botanic Garden Fun Patch check-off sheet for your visit.** This patch is designed to be completed in a single visit.

Girl Scouts should plan for at least two hours to complete activities.

Activities do not need to be completed in order, and your troop leader or chaperon should initial the completed activities.

- **Schedule your Girl Scout troop's visit.**

If you are coming to visit the Garden as a troop, please contact the Youth Education Department at 901-636-4126 to schedule your self-guided visit in advance.

- **Special admission rates are \$4 per Girl Scout, and \$8 per adult.** Memphis Botanic Garden members must show membership card for free admission.

- **Girls must complete a minimum of 10 activities listed on the check-off sheet to earn their Memphis Botanic Garden Fun Patch.**

Memphis Botanic Garden Patches can be purchased at the Memphis Girl Scout Leadership Center's Trefoil Trunk council shop located at 717 S. White Station Rd., Suite 2, Memphis, TN 38117.



GIRL SCOUT NAME: _____ TROOP: _____

LEADER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

VISITORS' CENTER:
Pick up a map to help you along your journey, and take a stroll through the Garden's art gallery. How many pieces of artwork feature plants? How many feature flowers? Any piece that stands out as your favorite?

ROSE GARDEN:
Observe the names of the roses on display. If you created your own rose variety, what color would it be and what would you name it?

MY BIG BACKYARD:
No matter your age, spend a moment to play pretend. Act out a bird life cycle in the nest and fly up to the birdhouse at Treetop Adventure, become a sprite that tends the garden at Pixie Sticks, or climb the spider web!

IRIS GARDEN:
The Iris Garden was created in 1953 and later named what? Why do you think the park was named this? Are there any irises in bloom during your visit? If not what type of plant is in bloom?

HERB GARDEN:
In the Food and Beverage area, rub various leaves to release the fragrant scents you may recognize. Name your favorite scent. *Please remember, no picking is necessary.*

WILDFLOWER WOODLAND:
Take an unpaved trail. Look for a fungus, mushroom, plant, or insect that intrigues you. Take a photo. Later, consider uploading your Woodland photo to the iNaturalist app. Always ask an adult for help with new apps.

PREHISTORIC PLANT TRAIL:
Check out the dinosaur statues, dig pit and stone cave. Name three plants that have been around since prehistoric times. What do we call wood that has turned to stone?

BLECKEN PAVILION:
Take a moment under here to listen to the sounds of the Garden. Sit with your eyes closed. Count as many different sounds of nature as you can. Can you identify some of the sounds?

HOSTA TRAIL:
The Hosta Garden features a variety of hostas. Which one is your favorite? Hostas love the shade. If you were planting hostas at home, what area gets the most shade?

DELTA HERITAGE GARDEN:
Take a walk through the Delta Heritage Garden. Sit on the porch of the shed. Name your favorite food grown in a traditional Mid-South garden.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN:
Enjoy this beautiful area. Find and name a plant that a butterfly lays its eggs on so that the caterpillar has its favorite larval food available as soon as it hatches.

JAPANESE GARDEN:
From the top of the Red Drum Bridge, observe the two islands. Can you figure out which island is Turtle Island and which is Crane Island? *Hint: Turtle Island has a round "shell" while Crane Island has a long "neck" and "wings".*

JAPANESE GARDEN:
Find a serene location to sit and enjoy this tranquil Garden. Take a moment to create a haiku poem inspired by your observations. Remember, a haiku has three lines. The first and last line are 5 syllables and the middle line has 7.

URBAN DEMONSTRATION GARDEN:
Are there any ripe fruits in the garden? How many of these plants have you eaten? Visit our demonstration chicken coop. Can you find a rooster?

SENSORY GARDEN:
Use your sense of sight, touch, smell, and hearing to explore this garden. What is the type of bird that is a sculpture here in the fountain?

GREAT LAWN
Take a moment to run, jump, cartwheel, play tag! Then just lay on the grass and gaze up at the sky. Is it a good day to make cloud shapes?

ANYWHERE!
The Memphis Botanic Garden is home to over 170 species of trees. Find and name at least 3 different species. Feel their bark and note the leaves or buds.

ANYWHERE!
No matter the season, colors abound. Look closely for natural objects with blue, red, purple, and yellow.

