

Raleigh Gardens

You can spend a whole day meandering through the allées and paths of Raleigh's public gardens—and encounter a whole range of plant life, from culinary herbs to sweet-smelling roses to magnolia trees! Have a bite at one of the Raleigh area's farm-to-fork restaurants to keep your energy level up, and at day's end, consider resting up at a Wake County hotel before setting off on your next agritourism adventure.



Raulston Arboretum

Here is a sample itinerary.

SATURDAY: Morning in West Raleigh

J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University

4415 Beryl Rd., Raleigh 27606 • 919.515.3132

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/listings/J-C-Raulston-Arboretum-at-N-C-State-University/58523/?maxshow=10>

Internationally recognized as one of the premier collections of trees and shrubs with over 6,000 different plants on display. Stroll along the stunning Perennial Border and across the rooftop garden or through the Xeric Garden, Japanese Garden, formal white garden and magnolia and conifer collections. *Free admission. Hours:* Daily, 8am-8pm (except Nov.-Mar., 8am-5pm).

SATURDAY: Noon in West Raleigh

Raleigh Municipal Rose Garden

301 Pogue St., Raleigh 27607 • 919.821.4579

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/listings/Raleigh-Municipal-Rose-Garden/58212/>

An historic garden featuring 1,200 roses of 60 different varieties blooming from late May until autumn. Seasonal flowers include bulbs, annuals, trees and shrubs. An amphitheatre for concerts and theatrical productions also is located in the garden. *Free admission. Hours:* Daily, sunrise-sunset.

SATURDAY: Lunch in West Raleigh or Downtown Raleigh

While in West Raleigh, dine at one of nearly 100 restaurants, many along Hillsborough Street (Meredith College and North Carolina State University's "college drag"), or travel into downtown Raleigh for 150+ other places to eat, including at least a dozen farm-to-fork options. Narrow your luncheon choice at www.visitraleigh.com/restaurants/.

SATURDAY: Early Afternoon just outside downtown Raleigh

Joel Lane Museum House Gardens

728 W. Hargett St., Raleigh 27603 • 919.833.3431

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/listings/Joel-Lane-Museum-House-Gardens/58389/>

Beautiful Neo-Colonial garden featuring espaliered fruit trees, pomegranate trees, a grape arbor and brick walkways. Herb garden features medicinal and culinary herbs. Docent-guided tours, which include the historic home, discuss colonial uses of herbs and some modern-day applications. *Free admission to garden only. Garden Hours:* Daily, sunrise-sunset.

SATURDAY: Late Afternoon just outside downtown Raleigh

Ellen Mordecai Garden

1 Mimosa St., Mordecai Historic Park, Raleigh 27604 • 919.857.4364

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/listings/Ellen-Mordecai-Garden/57756/>

The garden is recreated from first-hand descriptions of the Mordecai kitchen garden in the 1830s. It contains vegetables, herbs and flowers that were grown through the 19th century and is arranged in squares of raised beds. Free admission.

Hours: Daily, sunrise-sunset.