

FAQ'S
California Native Plant Society
Spring Garden Tour 2022



1. I don't think I will have time to see all the gardens in one day.

Private gardens open at 9:00 am and close promptly at 4:00 pm. People can see the 5 featured gardens plus a few FYI's comfortably in a day. The La Mesa/Mt Helix gardens are all very close by so you can see many or all of them in a short time.

Go to "*Gardens at a Glance*" on page 12-13 in the tour booklet for a summary of garden features you may be interested in. Read the descriptions of gardens and prioritize what you are most interested in seeing. As you plan your tour, take time to visit the gardens. If you find something you enjoy, take a few extra moments, and savor the experience. Less can be more if you do it right.

NOTE: Keep in mind that the Front Yard Inspiration (FYI) Gardens are available anytime for viewing, so you can fit them in after the tour, if you don't have time on the tour day. *Some FYI Garden owners will be present part of the day at their gardens if you would like a more personal view of their garden on tour day.*

2. Are restrooms available on the Tour?

The gardens do not host bathroom facilities. Ask garden owners or docents where the nearest bathrooms can be found or go to nearby public restaurants, parks, coffee houses and gas stations. Bathroom facilities are available at the Water Conservation Garden.

3. How much walking is involved on the Tour?

The amount of walking is variable from minimal to a lot. Please read the descriptions in the tour booklet to gain some insight as to how much walking is involved for each garden. Gardens that are small and front yard only require minimal walking. Gardens that are large require more walking and there are some that have slopes and not handicap accessible or amenable to strollers.

4. Do I do this tour on my own or is there a guide?

The tour is self-guided. The Tour Booklet you are receiving describes the gardens and addresses and includes an overview map showing where all the gardens are located. There are docents at each private garden and at the Water Conservation Garden to

answer your questions. Most of the garden owners are on hand to also answer your questions.

5. What if it rains? Do I get a refund on my ticket?

No. Gardeners love a good rain. The Garden Tour goes on rain or shine.

6. May I bring my pet with me while I go on the Garden Tour?

We love fur babies but leave your pets at home! We also recommend that you do not bring a pet and leave it in the car. Only service dogs with clear service identification are allowed in gardens with their owners.

**Water Conservation Garden Highlights:
Book, Seed & Plant Sale**

12122 Cuyamaca College Dr West, El Cajon, CA 92019

- The Water Conservation Garden will have a variety of related books, posters, and California native plant seeds available.
- Two artists will be painting and selling native plant related artwork with part of the proceeds benefiting CNPS San Diego.
- MOOSA CREEK NURSERY will be selling specially selected California native plants that are some of the easiest to grow successfully in your native garden from 9 am-3 pm.

7. Can I join the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) at the event?

Yes! CNPS is giving a 40% discount for new members who sign up during the tour available at Garden #6, The Water Conservation Garden. You can also purchase memberships online anytime at <https://www.cnpsd.org/>.

Enjoy!

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