

Horticultural Gardens and Displays

In addition to the native plantings that make up the Walk Across Kentucky, Horticultural Displays 2 line the path from the Visitor Center 1 to the Horticultural Gardens 3. The Kentucky Utilities (KU) Ornamental Tree Collection and the Fruit and Nut Collection are located on the perimeter of the area 4.

These gardens and displays showcase a large and diverse variety of ornamental plants—annuals, perennials, roses, trees and shrubs—that thrive in the Bluegrass region. We partner with horticultural clubs, University of Kentucky faculty and staff, and plant breeders to provide visitors with year round color and change throughout each season.



The Arboretum is a public garden, an arboretum and a botanical garden.

The Arboretum is open from dawn to dusk, year-round, except on days of UK Football home games, when it is closed to the public. Free visitor parking and restrooms are located near the Children's Garden entrance.

Hours

July 1 to October 30, 2021

Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center	Mon-Sat 9 am - 4 pm
Kentucky Children's Garden	Wed-Sat 10 am - 5 pm

Arboretum Explorer

Learn about plants, take self-guided tours, and more with this web-based database that can be accessed on your smartphone, tablet, or desktop computer. <http://uky.arboretumexplorer.org>

Donations

While there is no admission charge, *donations are critically important to our operations and are gratefully accepted.* Learn more about donations at the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center or on our website. <http://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/donate>

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Visitor's Guide to The Arboretum State Botanical Garden of Kentucky



Welcome to The Arboretum, designated our state's official Botanical Garden in 2000. Our mission is to showcase Kentucky landscapes and serve as a resource for environmental and horticultural education, research, and conservation. Established in 1991, The Arboretum is a resource used often by University of Kentucky students, faculty and staff, Lexington residents, and visitors from across the United States and abroad.

Our grounds include the Oatts Visitor Center, the Walk Across Kentucky, The Arboretum Woods, and the Horticultural Displays and Gardens, which include a variety of plants and sculptural and water features—as well as two acres devoted to the Kentucky Children's Garden.

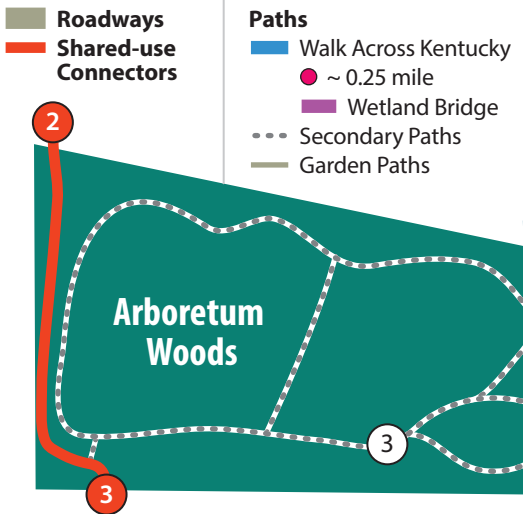
We use Arboretum Explorer to maintain records of the trees, shrubs, and vines in our collection as well as the locations of all memorial and honorary tributes on our grounds. Plants bear identification tags that list a unique accession number, botanical name, location on the grounds, and location in the wild. Annuals and perennials are identified with in-ground markers.



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**The Walk Across Kentucky
and The Arboretum Woods**

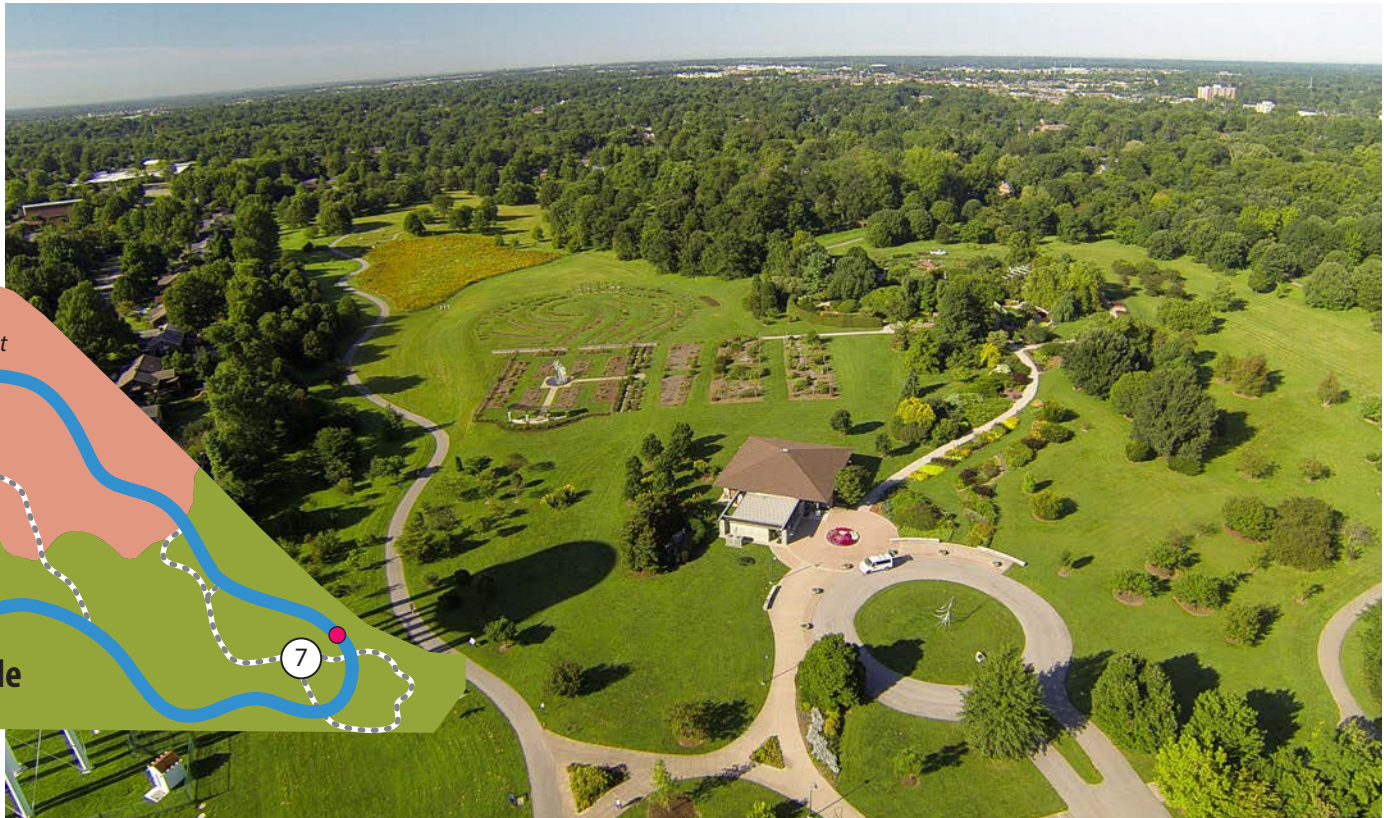
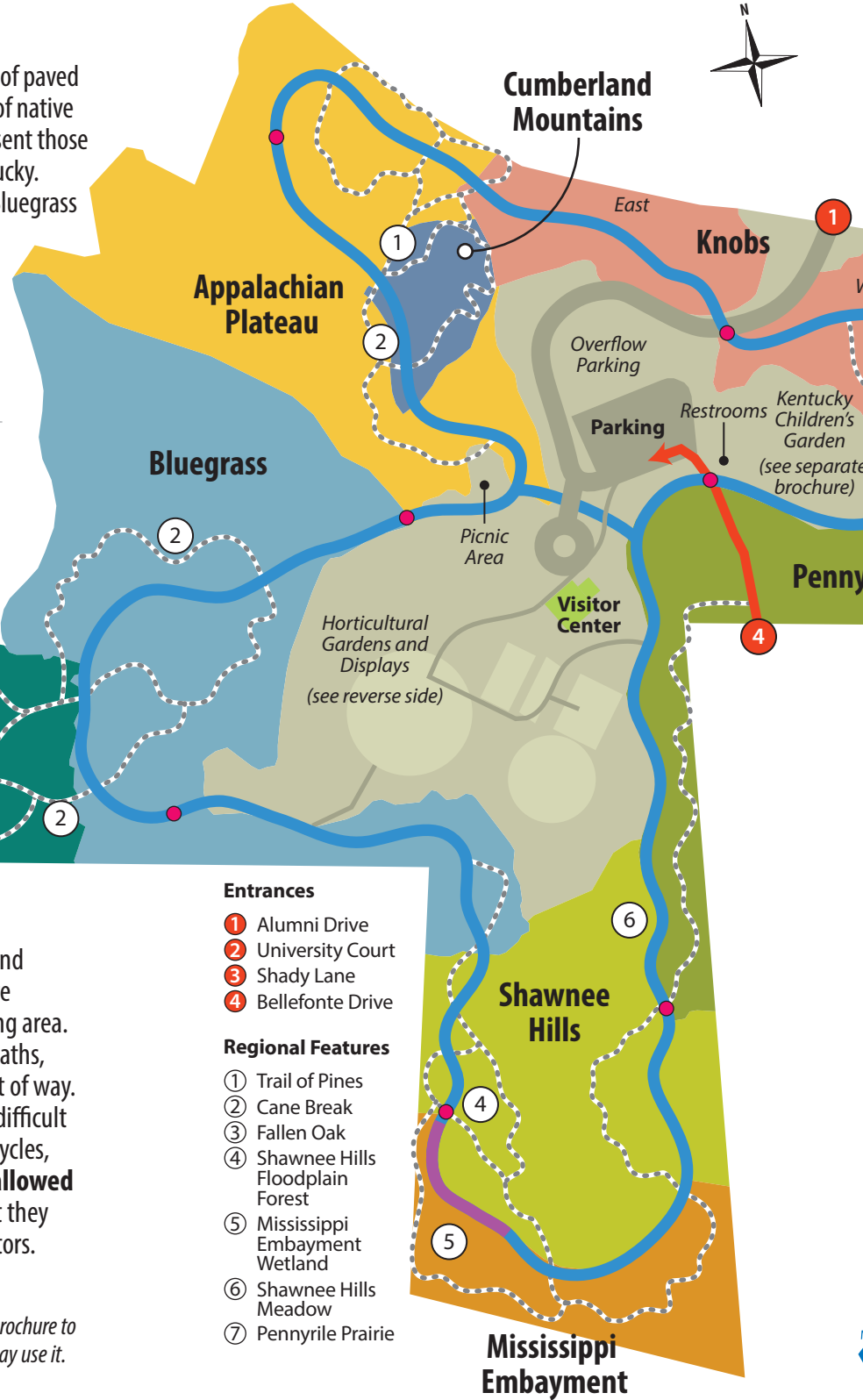
The Walk Across Kentucky is more than two miles of paved and secondary paths that wind through 65 acres of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers that represent those found in the seven physiographic regions of Kentucky. The Arboretum Woods, a 15-acre remnant Inner Bluegrass Woodland, contains more than 90 plant species, some rare, and is often used as a site for research and education. Volunteers and staff have contributed thousands of hours of time to make the Walk Across Kentucky a living representation of the flora of Kentucky.



Getting around at The Arboretum

The Arboretum has multiple types of pavement and paths that visitors may use. Motorized vehicles are restricted to the entrance roadway and the parking area. On the paved Walk Across Kentucky and garden paths, walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers share the right of way. Secondary paths are not paved and thus may be difficult for those with accessibility issues to navigate. Bicycles, skateboards, inline skates, and scooters are **not allowed** on the Walk Across Kentucky or garden paths, but they are allowed on roadways and shared-use connectors.

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A bird's-eye view of The Arboretum looking south includes the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center, the Horticultural Gardens and Displays, and the Pennyriple, Shawnee Hills, and Bluegrass regions of the Walk Across Kentucky.

The Physiographic Regions of Kentucky

Physiography, also known as geomorphology, is the study of the form and shape of the earth. The physiographic map of Kentucky closely resembles the geologic map of Kentucky, since the weathering and erosion of rock are what create the features of our landscapes. These physiographic features affect the soil type, hydrology, and climate which, in turn, determine and influence the plants found in each region. Plants from each of the seven regions of the state are represented in the Walk Across Kentucky at The Arboretum.

