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GARDENING RESOURCES

Read, Learn and Experience

There is a world of gardening pleasure waiting for you. Below are some of Oakland's top recommendations for information and inspiration toward your gardening pursuits. There is no particular order or preference, and we are sure there are many other recommendations.

Ten great places to visit in Ohio :

Franklin Park Conservatory: A treasure of plants and representative biomes, the world over. Changing exhibits compliment its established conservatory living displays of plants. During the growing season visit the 4 acre community garden. Two miles east of Downtown Columbus, Ohio. 614.715.8000. \$ <http://www.fpconservatory.org/>

Inniswood Botanical Gardens: Managed by The Franklin county Metro Park System, the 121 acre park unit is actually a beautiful outdoor garden display. Manicured beds contain 2000 species of annual, perennial and woody plants in tasteful landscape mixes. A great place for inspiration and education. Westerville, Ohio. 614.895.6216. http://www.inniswood.org/Visitor_info.htm

Columbus Park of Roses: A stately 13 acre park that caters to the lovers of cultivated roses. Helpful staff and beautiful grounds promise a worthwhile visit. Spectacular when in blooming season. 12,000 plants in 400 varieties and over 1000 varieties of daffodils. Voted in USA today as one of the top ten rose gardens in the world. A unit of the City of Columbus Parks and Recreation. 614.645.3337. 3901 North High St. 43214

Dawes Arboretum: East of Columbus in Licking County, this living museum of plants established on 1800 acres of rolling countryside. A professional staff updates and cares for 4500 unique taxa of woody plants. Most notable are the Japanese garden, Holly collection, conifer area and a great yearly plant sale. 800.44.DAWES. \$ <http://dawesarb.org/>

Kingwood Center: Located near Mansfield, Ohio this former estate turned public garden is a beautiful example of European garden design. A great day trip. Open after April 1. 419.522.0211. <http://www.kingwoodcenter.org/cms/>

Secret Arboretum: On the campus of Ohio State University Agricultural Research and Development Center, in Wooster, Ohio, the arboretum just celebrated its 100th birthday in 2008. A jewel in this Ohio's horticultural field hat, the arboretum is home to thousands of plant species and their cultivars, working research projects and a busy public education program. An excellent website will wet your palette. 330.263.3761. <http://secrest.osu.edu/>



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Topiary Park, A very cool park that's a study in the amazing shapes and forms that can be manicured from evergreen shrubs. Described as a 'Landscape of a Painting of a Landscape', the park is a lifesized depiction of artist George Seurat's 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grande Jatte'. Downtown at E. Town Street and Washington St.

Scioto Audubon Metro Park and Grange Insurance Audubon Center, An amazing place to visit any time of the year this birding and nature center is in the middle of 120 acres of reclaimed urban blight. Now a haven for birds and other wildlife, a must visit for all, young and old. 400-505 Whittier St. In downtown. 614.545.5475

Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, Three garden areas on the campus of The Ohio State University display over 100 species of plants, sculpture display beds and in season, trial gardens for new plant cultivars. <https://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu/>

Ohio Herb Center, Located in Gahanna, in northeast columbus , this center highlights the education and use of the many herbs of the garden. Classes and programs related to herb growing preserving and their use in all-things healthy living are emphasized. 110 Mill St, downtown Gahanna. Visit Gahanna.com

WEBSITES

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/> : Website from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on plants. Virtual info-dumps from the plant geeks of the USDA. Visit this for a deep dive into plant species.

<http://www.monrovia.com/> : A supplier of plants to Oakland Nursery, their website has good descriptions of their plant material.

<http://www.conifers.org/> : A web site for scholar level descriptions of many evergreen plants. Go to the site map to find your plant.

<http://www.davesgarden.com> : A maze of a site. Lots of places to get gardening help, blog, shop and just poke around.

<http://www.organicgardeningtips.info/> Lots of good articles on the essential elements of going organic.

<http://www.birdsandblooms.com/> Colorful and fun site with lots of ideas and inspiration.

<https://www.gardendesign.com/>. Great site for landscaping, home design and gardening information.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/> Royal Horticultural Society. A thousand years of gardening now-how from across the pond. Excellent information.

BOOKS

Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs, Michael Dirr 1997. *The standard reference for woody plants.*

The Living Landscape, Rick Darke & Douglas W. Tallamy. 2008. *A groundbreaking book on healing nature in our own backyards. Excellent reading.*

The American Woodland Garden, Rick Darke, 2003. *An award-winning book on gardening within the context of the woodland site.*



Check us out at [Oakland nursery.com](http://Oaklandnursery.com) [The Well-Tended Perennial Garden](#), Tracy DiSabato-Aust, 2006. *A very popular book on all aspects of the perennial garden.*

[Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ohio](#), Fred Hower and Alison Beck, 2004. *A colorful and informative book from one of central Ohio's own, who has spent his life working with plants. A must for the gardening library. One of a series of fine books about gardening in Ohio.*

[The Backyard Homestead, Produce All the Food You Want on 1/4 Acre](#), Carleen Madigan, 2007. *The heck with grass and shrubbery, start a micro farm on your lot. A great book on self-sufficiency and eating healthy and delicious food.*

[Hardscaping, How to use Structures, Pathways, Patios and Ornaments in your Garden](#) Keith Davitt, 2006. *If considering any kind of landscape stonework, check this book out. Beautiful landscape work featured in gardens from around the world in nicely done pictorials.*

[Continuous Color – A Month by Month Guide to Flowering Shrubs and Small Trees for a Continuous Bloom Garden](#), Pam Duthie, 2004. *272 plants that give season long garden interest by fruit flower, foliage, texture, and bark. Month by Month.*

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