

Garvan Woodland Points of Interest Gardens

- The **Pratt Welcome Center** greets visitors, offering a beautiful orientation space, setting the mood for the gardens with its stone walls and exposed cypress post and beam structural supports and ceilings. The Magnolia Room featuring monthly art exhibits, the GardenShop, and restrooms are located here.
- The Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Garden and Learning Center presents an ancient Asian art in a new light. Unusual vertical sandstone slabs function as backdrops and square boulders of Ouachita quartzite sandstone make spectacular display pedestals. A small, yet diverse collection of dwarf pines, elms, azaleas, junipers and other plant subjects are trained in traditional bonsai and penjing styles.
- The **Garden of the Pine Wind** is a four-acre, majestic rock and stream garden. Ranked as the fifth best Japanese garden in North America, main features include the Sunrise Bridge, the Joy Manning Scott Bridge of the Full Moon, the Wallace/Walker Floating Cloud Bridge, four cascades, a waterfall, and a half-acre Koi Pond. Designed by David Slawson, a nationally-recognized expert in Asian art and garden design, the Garden of the Pine Wind features over 300 varieties of Asian ornamental plants, 60 types of Japanese and other Asian maples, as well as Oriental dogwoods. Over 40 giant-flowered tree peonies and hundreds of azaleas complement the maple collection's attractive spring foliage.
- The **Southern Inspiration Garden** represents a collaborative project between local garden clubs, master gardeners, and plant societies; it is a lovely space brimming with creative ideas using plants suited for the Southern US. View locally-adapted roses, unusual perennials and shrubs, and other iconic Southern garden plants.
- The **Camellia Trail** features selections of each major group of these popular winter flowering shrubs, including higo, sasanqua, japonica, and reticulata. From September through May, visitors may observe examples of all the major colors and forms of these beautiful evergreens. Also visitors may enjoy English laurel, fall-blooming hardy cyclamen and other woodland bulbs, wildflowers, and annual color borders planted along the trail.
- The **Perry Wildflower Overlook** provides a western destination in the main garden with sweeping views of Lake Hamilton, including towering Mt. Riante in the distance. The 1,500 square-foot flagstone terrace overlooks a one-acre planting of more than 40 different varieties of wildflowers, which is still "growing" with new varieties added each year.
- Old Brick Hill, made from brick manufactured in 1885 and salvaged from the chimney on the boiler at the Wisconsin-Arkansas Lumber Company, was the final feature of original tours of the Gardens before returning to the lakeside dock. The autumn leaves pattern in which the bricks are laid is a special feature designed by Verna Garvan.
- (18) Warren's Woodland Walk, named for long-time Garvan brick mill employee Warren Bankson, leads through the Gardens to Camellia Trail, Daffodil Hill, and Singing Springs Gorge. Many varieties of azaleas and thousands of companion plants are among the original plantings by Mrs. Garvan that line the quarter-mile route.
- **21** Millsap Canopy Bridge offers views of Singing Springs Gorge from atop its dramatic 20-foot-high, serpentine walk that transports visitors over yet another breathtaking water feature. Enjoy spectacular views in a canopy of oak, hickory, pine, and ash trees. Native wildlife such as deer, fox, and squirrel can sometimes be spotted along this vantage point on the northwestern side of the Gardens.
- 23 Three Sisters of Amity Daffodil Hill is home to over 300 varieties of daffodils, in addition to blue anemones and Roman hyacinths for additional color and fragrance.
- The **Garvan Pavilion** was designed by internationally-recognized architects E. Fay Jones and Maurice Jennings. This stunning, open-air redwood and sandstone structure features a one-of-a-kind, faceted steel and

- glass ceiling centered around a classical oculus. This traditional "window in the ceiling" serves as the focal point of a flower-like composition unfolding overhead. The pavilion stands as a perfect complement to its woodland surroundings and is a natural setting for weddings, receptions, meetings and parties.
- The Flowering Border features nearly 10,000 square feet of mixed floral displays set off by the Ellen Edmondson Great Lawn of zoysia grass. Adapted from English mixed perennial borders, it serves as an introduction to plant collections from around the world. Typically the most colorful and photographed area of the Gardens, it houses varying seasonal displays including Dutch tulips, summer annuals, fall chrysanthemums, and other brightly colored foliage plants, as well as the best trees and shrubs for American gardens from Europe and Central Asia.
- 31 The **Chipmunk Café** is open March through mid-November from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu features gourmet salads, wraps, and specialty sandwiches. All food is made to order using only the freshest ingredients, seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as the café's own special seasonings and dressings. *The Chipmunk Café is operated by an outside vendor contracted to operate in the Garden.*
- The Evans Children's Adventure Garden features a 450-foot long, 20-foot tall access bridge that provides a bird's eye view of the venue, along with outstanding lake and woodland views. This enchanting garden features a waterfall, man-made cave for exploration, crawdad hole, and a maze comprised of more than 3,200 tons of native Arkansas boulders.
- The **Bob and Sunny Evans Tree House** opened in 2018. More than just a playhouse, it offers over 600 sq. feet of interpretive learning space focusing on dendrology, or the study of trees. From the Root Plaza below to the 3-level Tree House, children of all ages can explore while learning about how trees grow and their specific functions in the earth's environment.
- The Hixson Nature Preserve features 45 acres of natural Ouachita woodland and is home to over 120 species of birds as diverse as the bald eagle, pileated woodpecker, and tufted titmouse. The Lowland Boardwalk features towering pin oak, water oak, gum, and cypress trees. Interpretive displays on the boardwalk explain the woodland ecosystems. On the western end of the peninsula, Mrs. Garvan's planned homesite is found.
- Anthony Chapel a world-renowned glass chapel, designed by Fayette-ville architects Maurice Jennings and David McKee. The chapel features soaring columns and fan vaulting of southern yellow pine. A complex truss system mimics the branches of surrounding trees as it allows the use of light, structural members, making the 60-foot high roof seem to be a part of the trees. As visitors gaze past hand-crafted sconces of oak and yellow art glass, the 55-foot tall glass windows and oversize skylights offer virtually uninterrupted views of the surrounding woodlands. The Evans Celebration Garden, Millsap Bride's Hall, Evans Groom's Quarters, and Anthony Family Carillon complete Garvan Woodland Gardens' wedding complex.

