



About the Tour

You are free to visit any of the gardens at your leisure, and in any order you wish on the appointed day. Please respect the privacy of each tour site.

Visit only on the appointed day within the designated time period. Colorado Master Gardeners and/or homeowners will be onsite at each garden to answer questions. A water-wise resource handout and biographies about each garden will be available. Note: Many plants are labeled.

Parking is available at each location. Please do not block driveways and remember to be respectful of neighboring properties as well. The tour homes are not open to the public, only the gardens. Please be sure to plan your restroom breaks accordingly.

Thank you for joining us! Enjoy the tour!

2022 Locations:

Public Gardens

Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center
River Campus (formerly the Nature Center)
5200 Nature Center Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81003

Pueblo West Xeriscape
Demo Garden at Cattail Crossing
253 S McCulloch Blvd.
Pueblo West, CO 81007

SECWCD Xeriscape Garden
31717 United Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81001

Lake Pueblo State Park Visitor's Center
640 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81005

Private Gardens

184 E Encanto Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007

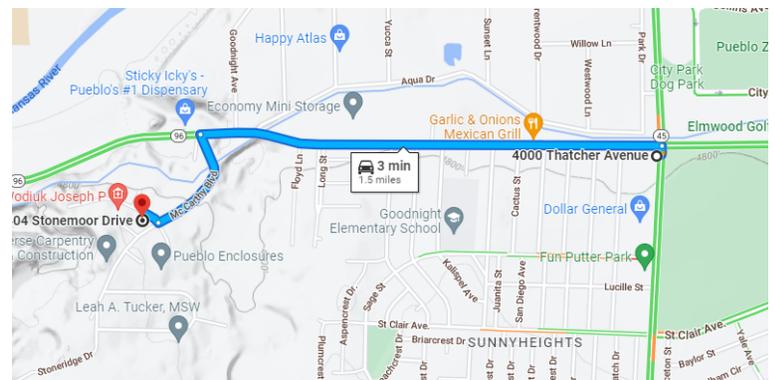
5404 Stonemoor Dr.
Pueblo, CO 81005



Suggested Route: Locations and Directions

Private Garden
5404 Stonemoor Dr.
Pueblo, CO 81005

Driving Directions: From Thatcher and Pueblo Blvd., head west on Thatcher for 1.1 miles. Turn left onto McCarthy Blvd (signs for Stonemoor Hills). Turn right on Stonemoor Dr. The home will be on the left.



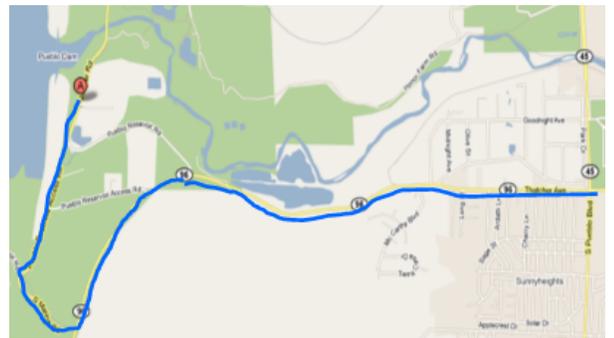
When the property was purchased in 2003, the yard was entirely bluegrass, with an in-ground sprinkler system. The full sun exposure, the slope of the yard and bluegrass were not a good choice for the Pueblo climate. Over the next five years, the grass was gradually removed, and the sprinkler system was adapted to provide drip system watering, as well as a few remaining pop-up sprinklers for large areas. Buffalo grass seed was planted in the center section in June 2011, perennials were planted and divided over the years, as well as a few ornamental grasses. The area between the original property and the neighboring property was landscaped in 2019, 4 planting beds were sectioned off, two staircases were built and the unique “Old Window Greenhouse” was constructed. Planting of the new area was begun in June 2019 and has been ongoing since. Mulch was from trees that were trimmed on both properties. The gardens continue to evolve, with new plants, removing plants that have grown too big. The gardens are a joint effort with the neighbor creating a park-like setting joining the two properties.



Locations and Directions

**Lake Pueblo State Park Visitor's Center
640 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81005**

Driving Directions: From Pueblo Blvd. (Hwy 45) turn west on Thatcher (Hwy 96) and go approximately 4 miles to the entrance of Lake Pueblo State Park (South Marina Road). Turn right into the park to the visitor's center which is on the right-hand side just before the marina entrance.



No state parks pass is required if you enter the park from the south side. Visitor Center is a red brick building, with parking areas, overlooking the South Marina.

The Pueblo Reservoir State Park garden was started in 2010 as a demonstration of the plants and habitats found within the park boundaries. The original garden, located to the west of the visitor center entrance, was designed and installed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff, Colorado Master Gardeners (CMGs) and students from Pueblo West and Rye High Schools. This garden includes a berm for native cactus, a large variety of native grasses, and a water channel that harvests water from the roof and distributes it to two of the three gardens.

In 2018, a grant was obtained by the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society (AVAS) to fund pollinator gardens at the park. After considering several sites, it was determined that adding the new beds at the visitor center would make them easily accessible for educational programs, to the general public and to volunteers who would design, install and maintain the gardens. In 2019, four large garden beds were prepared and installed around the existing lawn. Since then, additional flower beds (2020), a grass garden (2021) and a shrub border (2022) have been installed.

Of the 70+ species planted in the gardens, over 90% are native to southeastern Colorado and the majority of those can be found somewhere on the Pueblo Reservoir State Park or Wildlife Area. Other species are native to western Colorado and were chosen for their value to native pollinators.

The gardens are maintained by a group of 8 Colorado Parks and Wildlife volunteers who share a passion for native plants. The group is developing a notebook of photos and descriptions of common plants in the garden and around the park, which can be viewed in the visitor center.



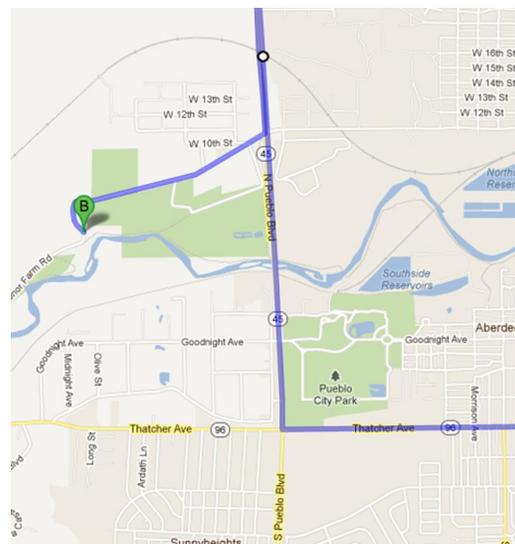
Locations and Directions

**Nature & Wildlife Discovery Center
River Campus (formerly the Nature Center)
5200 Nature Center Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81003**

Driving Directions: From I 25 take Exit 101 and proceed west on Hwy 50 to Pueblo Blvd., turn left onto Pueblo Blvd. Turn right on W. 11th which becomes Nature Center Road. Proceed approx. 1 mile.

From Thatcher Ave. (Hwy 96 West) go north on Pueblo Blvd. to stop light at bottom of bridge and turn left onto W. 11th which becomes Nature Center Road. Proceed approx. 1 mile.

Parking area will be on the left. Ask the tour host for a parking pass for free parking for tour guests.



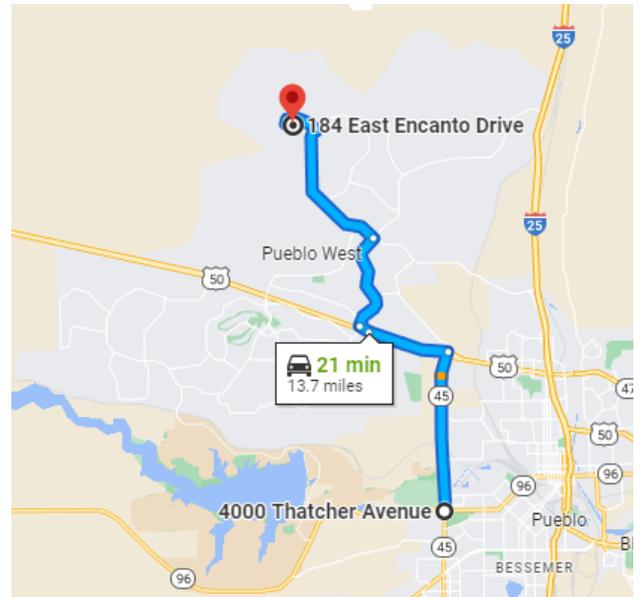
The Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo has a Plant Select® Demonstration Garden. These gardens were built in 2005 after a brick plaza was installed. The beds were created between the parking lot and the nature center buildings, the River Trail passes through it. The garden presently contains seven beds that display shrubs, ornamental grasses, perennials, cacti, and succulents. This garden is carefully designed to showcase a “sense of place” in a Southwest style. In 2010 the garden won the Plant Select® Showcase Garden Award. The garden is open seven days a week and is a nice spot to begin a walk along the river on the River Trail.



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**Private Garden
184 E. Encanto Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007**

Driving Directions: From Highway 50, turn north on N. Purcell Blvd. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto E. Platteville Blvd. for 3.6 miles. Turn left on E. Hastings Ave. for .8 mile. Turn left onto N. Galena Dr., then left on N. Encanto Dr. The home will be on the right.



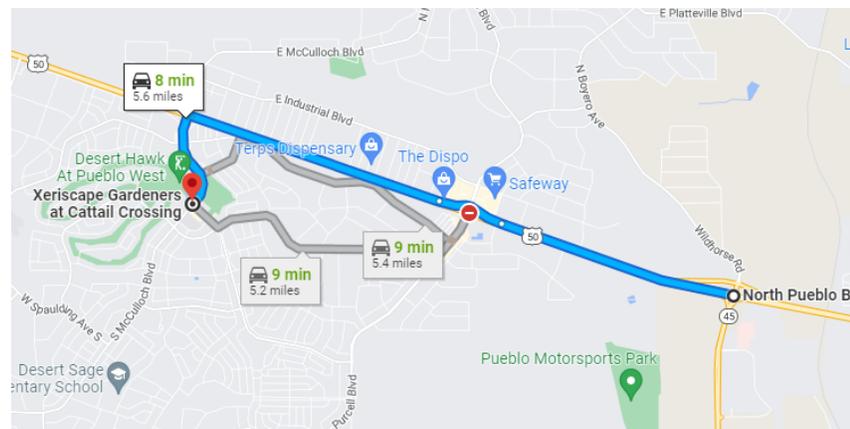
A must-see stop on the tour! The homeowners have every inch of their large property landscaped, with something new to see around every corner. There are many water-wise areas (some even unirrigated!) mixed with more traditional plantings, which highlight the technique of hydro zoning perfectly. All areas are mulched and drip irrigation is installed making it a very efficient garden. A beautiful dry stream bed makes good use of precipitation that falls. As an added bonus, check out their attached greenhouse and several vegetable gardens as well.



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Demonstration Garden at Cattail Crossing 253 S. McCulloch Blvd. Pueblo West, CO 81007

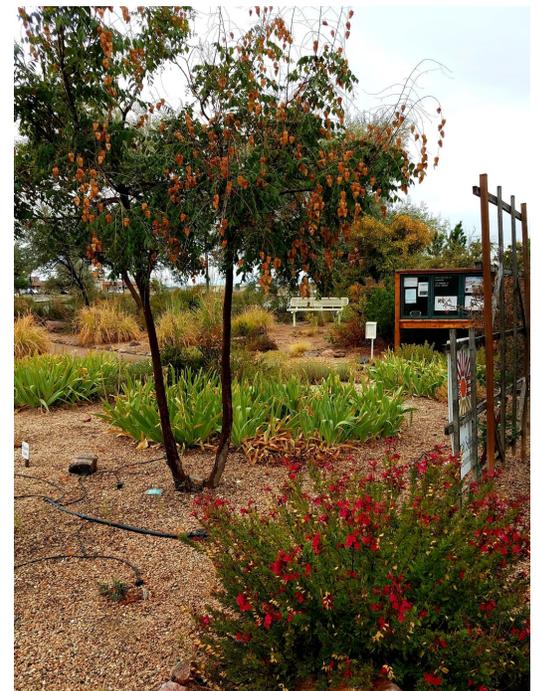
Driving Directions: At US Hwy 50 and S. McCulloch (traffic light), turn south onto South McCulloch Blvd. Proceed 0.8 mile to Joe Martinez Blvd. Turn right and continue to the Desert Hawk Golf Course parking lot. Cattail Crossing and the garden are on the right.



Established in 2005, this water-wise demonstration garden was installed and is maintained by the Pueblo West Community Xeriscape Gardeners.

The garden has several hydro-zones ranging from moderate to very low and showcases ways to achieve a colorful, year-round landscape with plants best suited and adaptable to Pueblo West. You will be inspired by the over 400 flowers, shrubs, and trees that thrive in the gardens.

Volunteers are welcome and meet at the garden most Friday mornings during the growing season to plant, weed, water, and maintain the gardens.





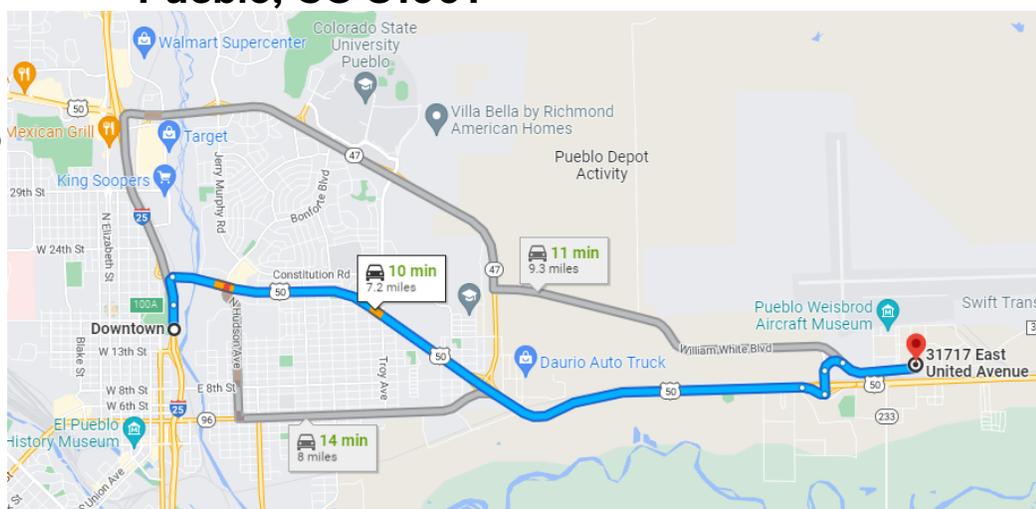
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Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (SECWCD) Demonstration Xeriscape Garden

31717 United Ave.

Pueblo, CO 81001

Driving Directions: The Demonstration Xeriscape Garden is located in the Pueblo Airport Industrial Park. From Highway 50 East take the Pueblo Memorial Airport exit north to United Avenue. Turn east on United Avenue, approximately one half mile to the corner of Reyes Avenue.



The three-acre Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (SECWCD) Demonstration Xeriscape Garden has earned the distinction of being both a Plant Select and a Habitat Hero Garden. The garden contains an experimental grass plot area with ten different types of turfgrass. Native grass lawns also surround the garden, which demonstrate the characteristics of various lawn seed mixes. The garden showcases many beautiful plants that flourish in southeastern Colorado and the principles of xeriscaping are demonstrated throughout. There are many native plants used in the garden as well as regionally adapted ones. Throughout the garden, birds and native pollinators are encouraged and protected by providing shelter, food sources, and water for them. You may also see checkered whiptail lizards, foxes, and rabbits while strolling around the SECWCD Demonstration Xeriscape Garden.



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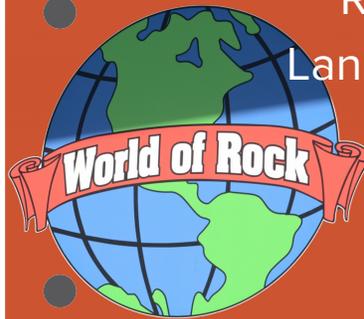


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